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## IN THE FOG

Richard Harding Davis copyricht. 1901. By robert howard russeli.
$\square$ HE Grill is the club most dificilt of aceess in tho
world. To be placed on its rolls distinguishes the
 a vacant Garter or had been caricatured in "Vaniy
Fair."
Men Men who belogy to the Grill Club never me
tion nthat fact. II you were to ask one of the which clubs he frequents, he will name all save thas onatiocular one
He is afraid if he told you he belonged to the Grill, that it would He is afraid if he
sound likike bosting. sound like boasting.
The Grill Club dates back to the days when Shakespeare's The
tre stood on the present site of the "Times" office. It has a golde
Cill

 The Grill enjogs the distinction of having blackballed, without
pointical prejudie, a Prime Ainister of each party. At the same sit
ting at which one of these fell, it eleected, on account of his brogue

 an honorary member-only foreigners may be honorary members
he said, as he signee his first wine card, "T would rather see my name on that than on a picture in the Lounre,"
At which Quiller remarked " "That is

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lause the only men who cem
_ave been dead fifty years,"
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On the night atter the great fog of 1997 . there were five mem.
bers in the Club, four of them busy with supper and one readivi

front of the freplace. Therr is only one room to the Club, and one
longtale. At the far end of the roo the frifof the errill glows red
tno, when the fat falls, blazes int fame, and at the other there is
broad bow window of diamond panees, whieh looks down upon
And, when the fat falls, blazes into fame, and at the other there is a
brod bow window of diamond panes, whieh looks down upon the
street. The four men at the table were strangers to each other, but as


隹, which does not tolerate visitors, would have counted them as
ot tor the frrst time, and without the form of an introdoction. But
it the etiquette and tradition of the Grill, that whoever enters it

must speak with whoover he finds there. It is to enforce this rule
that there is but one olog table, and whether there are twenty men at
it or two, the waiters, supporting the rule, will piace them side by side
it or two, the wiaters, supporting the rule, will place them side by side
geror this reason the four strangers at anper were seated to-
gether, with the canides grouped about them, snd the long length
gether, with the canildes gruuped about them, and the long length of
the table cutting a white path through the outer gloom
the table cutting a white path through the outer gloom. I repar") siad the gentenan wwith the black pearl stud, "that
"I repeat") said the egenteman with the black pearl stud, "that
the days for romantic adventure and deeds of of oolish daring have
paseed, and that the fault lies with ourselves. Woyges to the pald
passed, and that the faull lies with ourselves. Voyages to the pole I
do not catalogue as adventures. That African explorer, young Chet

ney, who turned up yesterday after he mas supposed to have died in
Uganda, did nothing adventurous. H made maps and explored the
sources of river. He was in constant danger, but the presence of
sources of rivers. He was in constant danger, but the presence of
dagner deoss on constiute avdenture. Were that so, the chemist who
studies high explosives or who
studies high explosives, or who inveritigetes deady phe poisomsst papses
through adventures daily. No, 'adventures are for the sadventurous,
through adventures daily. No, 'adventures are for the adventurous',
But one no longer ventures. The spirit of it has died of inertia. Wi,

for instanne, members of this Club have, at the sword's point, disputed
the
the proper scanning of one of Pop's's couplets. Over so weighty a
mattor as spilled Burgundy on a gentlemans cuff, ,en men fought
across this table, each with his rapier in one hand and a conde in the

concerned but two of them. The eight others engaged because they
were men of 'spirit'. They were, indeed, tho fiftst gentlemene of the
day. To-night, were you to spill Burgundy on my cuff were pou even
day. To-night, were you to spill Burgundy on my cuff, were you eren
to insult me grosily, these gentlemen would not consider it incumbent
to insult me grossis, these gentlemen would not consider it incumbent
upon them to kill eacho hther. They would separate us, and to-morrow
morning appear as witnesee sint
morning appear as witneses against ws at Bow Street. We have herow
tonight in the persons of Sir Andrew and myself, an illustration of
to-night, in the persons of Sir
how the ways have clanged."
The men around thanged., table turned and glanced toward the gentle
man in front of the freplace. He was an elderly and somewhat portly
person, with a kindly, wrinkled countenance, which wore contitinually
a mailo of almost chidisish confidenco and good-nature. It was a face
which the illustreted

brows were knit with interest.
"Now, were this the eighteenti century," continued the gentle

would have him boond and agaged and thrown into a sedan chair.
The watch would not interfere, the passers by would take to their
heels, my hired bullies and ruffins would eover to
heels, my hired bullies and rufinans would convey him to some lonely
spot where we would guard him until morning. Noththing would come
of it exeent added repurt
of it, except added reputation to myself as as agentloman of adventurous
spirit, and possibly an essay in the 5 TT Alter')



The gentleman with the black pearl shrugged his shoulders.
It would prevent him speaking in the
Ionssa
to-night.





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