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## In The Fog

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The table. But their faces gave evidenco of no onter ewotion than of ofdinary interest.
"Tie. "It was a neecklace of diamonds. I was told to take them to the the
 am a Queen's Messenger," be adde
"Oh, I see," exclaimed Sir An "Oh, I see," exclaimed Sir Andrew in a tone of relief. "And vou
say that this same rrineess ZZichy, one of the victims of this doublo murder, endeavored to rob you of-of-that cigar case", Men
"And the Czarinis's diamonds," answered the Queen's Mesenger imperturbabl. "Tt's not much of a story, but it gives you an idea of
the weman's character. The robbery took place between Paris and
then The Baronet interrupted him with an abrupt movement. " no," he cried, shaking his head in protest. "Do not tempt, me
feally cannot listen. I must be at the House in ten minutes," really cannot listen. I must be at the House in ten mintes,
IT am sors," said the Queent Messenge. He turned to those
seated about him. "I wonder if the other gentemen"- he inguired seated about him. "I wonder if the other gentlemen" - he inguired
tentatively. There was a chorus of polite murmurs, and the Queens
 sip from his glass. $\Delta t$ the, same moment the servant to whom the man
with the black pearl had spoken, slipped a p piece of paper into his land. He glaneed at itat, frowned, and threw it a under the table.
The servant bowed to the Baronet
"Teur hansom bowed to thating, Sir Sir Andrew. Queen's Messenger. "It was a present from the Queen of England
to celebne" to celebrate"- The Beronet gave an exclamation of angry annosance. ${ }^{\text {IN }}$ pon my word, this is most proroking," he interrupted. "I
really ought not to stay. But I certaing mean to hear this." Ho
Ho turned irritably wo the servant.
manded and we wansom to wait", he com-
an manded, and, with an air of a boy who is playing truant, slipped
geilltily int his chair
The genteman with the black pearl smiled blandly, and rapped The genteman with the black pearl smiled blandy, and rapped
upon the eatle.
"Order, gentemen," he said. "Order for the story of the Queen's Messenger and the Czarinas's diamonds."


HE necklace was a present from the Queen of Eng
land to the Czarina of Russia," began the Queen
 that the Russian Ambassador in Paris was to pro-
ceed to Noscow for that ceremony, and $I$ was to him. But when $I$ reached Paris $I$ found he had not the expected $m$ me people asked $\not$ me to leave the necklace with them at the Embasss, but I had been charged to get a receipt for it from the Ambasadoror him-
seeff; so I started at once for Nice. The fact that Monte carro is not two thousand miles from Nice may have had someding to do wit
making me carry out my instructions so caref lulls.
 I don't hnow, but $I$ can gress. As you have just heard, she was at
one time appy in the serviee of the Russian goverment. And atter
they dismised her she kept up her acquaintance with many of the


 not also known something which $I$ supposed no one else in the world mew but myseif and one other man. And, curioust enough, the
ther man was a Queens Mesenger too, and a friend of mine. You
must thow that up to the time of this robery T had alwass concealed

 meeretly searched for it, zo he puts it in a torn envelope and stick it it
up where any one can see it on his mantel shef. The result it that


 fif cigarettes, and orders to conrt dresesmakers. Sometimes we know mhat wo are carrying and sometimes wo do not. If it is a large sum
of money or a treaty, they generaly toll us. Bat, as a rule, we have
 We naturally take just as great care of it as though we knew it held freres carry the official packeges ita a despateth-box, which is just oan




 . parroses I bought a new one, exactly like it for my cigars. But to
avoid mistakee, I had my initals placed on both sides of the new one, and the moment I tocched the



