The Telegram.

By Hon. Mary Cavendish.

"Odd hand, my last," remarked one of the bridge players. He was a good-looking fair man, with an eyeglass, who was not too much absorbed in his game to find time to glance at the girl in white who sat on the opposite side of him. She seemed to have a great deal to say to the man by her side. He looked like a sailor, a man with a keen, alert face, and far-seeing eyes. They talked in low tones between the plays. The game went on.

"What a good game!" said one of the men, as they rose. He stifled a yawn, looking at the clock.

"Yes," replied the man with the eyeglass, absently. "Good game." He was looking towards the girl and

The hostess glanced suddenly at the clock. "My dear people," she exclaimed, "if any of us mean to hunt to-morrow we ought to go to our little beds. I had no idea it was so late. George has probably gone to sleep in the smoking room. Evic are you bored to death playing cards?" The girl in white smiled demure-

mettly. She did not look bored, They moved into the hall, where there was a keen but silent competition between the sailor and the man with the eyeglass to light and hand the candles. Both turned at the same moment to the girl in white.

ly. "No, thanks, dear," she replied

"Good-night,' she said softly and tenpartially to them both. The two other men who had been playing bridge had gone down the corridor to the smoking room and their host. A whistled chorus of

"Of course I don't know, but I guess," came back softly to the two men left in the hall. The women's voices sounded faintly upstairs, with the soft rustle of their frocks. The sailor's eyes suddenly met those of the other man, and he held out his

"Good-night, old man," he said; "I'm going to turn in." He went up stairs whistling.

In her own room the girl was reading a letter, a long letter in a feminine hand. She read and re-read it, and then suddenly threw it into the fire. The flames curled round the sheet. Some words stood out very distinctly.

told me and of course he knews. It's quite private, and not to be breathed a word about, yet. But he said it's almost certain that-" the flames burned out the name-"will get the money. And such a pile! He is to have a wire to-morrow. Be sure and not breathe a word" . . . The letter burned up quickly. A few gray ashes dropped into the grate. Outside an owl hooted mournfully. The girl shivered, looking nervously over her shoulder. Three words still stood out distinctly on the charred sheet: "Such a pile"

They all came in from hunting the next evening, tired and pleased with their day. There was the usual search on the hall table for telegrams, or second-post letters. The man with the eyeglass took up an orange envelope. He looked his tall, straight best in pink, mud-splashed as he was. He read the telegram, and an enger light came into his eyes. He gathered up his letters, with one quick glance at the girl, and went upstairs.

'Come along, Evie, let's go and change," said her hostess. She linked her arm in the girl's, and they walked together to the foot of the wide staircase. But she suddenly remembered a message to be given, and turned back into the hall again. Only the sailor was there as she passed through. He was gazing at the staircase which the girl was ascending. At the top he paused, stooped, and picked up something it lcoked like an envelope. She passed on to her room quickly. The sailor's straight brows were knit together. He sat on in the hall, staring into the fire, until the girl came down again. She held a pile of letters in her hand and was going to the post Something surely fluttered from her fingers as she passed him. He stooped and picked up an orange envelope. A name stood out legibly.

violently. "I? Oh, no." He looked at her for one puzzled moment, and her eyes fell before his. She looked very young and pretty. The sailor laid the telegram on the mantelplece, behind the loud-ticking clock. Then he took the girl's hand. . . . "But I am so very sorry," she was saying, regretfully, a few moments later. The soldler with the eyeglass was coming downstairs, spick-and-span, and well-brushed. The sailor left the

"You dropped this?" he said in-

terrogatively. She started, coloring

They drank their health that evening at dinner, and every one said how pleased they were. The sailor, too, though his congratulations were brief. After dinner there was another announcement to make The man with the eyeglass spoke.

They chaffed him, and called him tio richest commoner in England, and said what a thing it was to have so unknown uncle who made forand then died conveniently in bush. And when the sailor's next met those of the girl, there an odd look of contemptuous in them. But Evi'e hostess was inving to herself what a mercy it the girl had chosen the right ways liked him best, I suppose, she romarked to her husband the next

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"I never deliberately consider financial questions at night, but I do find that sometimes-and this may be after a most completely comfortable evening-financial questions obtrude themselves upon me after I have gone to bed.

To stave off .hese unpleasant questions and enable myself to forget them so that I could go to sleep I have tried various familiar methods; I have got out of bed and stood up to make myself tired; I have recalled and dwelt on pleasant journeys; I have counted from one up to a million, more or less; I have said the alphabet backward over and over again; I have tried many things; but do you know what in my case I find most efficacious? It is a story that I tell to myself about how I am going to become comfortably rich and thus free from all financial troubles. "It took me a considerable time to build up this story in such comfortable shape that it just suited me, so that it seemed natural; like something that might have happened, you understand, and then I filled in the amount that was coming to me, making that enough so that the income from it would be sufficient to provide for all ordinary wants and as well as for a few modest luxuries, including a little travel-a pleasant prospect to dwell upon. And by the time I had this story completely built up it took me some time to tell it to myself, with that snug little fortune that was to save me from all financial worry coming in at the end.

"And then when those money questions used to pounce on me after I'd gone to bed and threaten to keep me awake I'd start off and tell myself that story, as in truth I have done many times. And sometimes I'd have to tell it to myself two or three times over in succession to drive away the spectre and then again once would do, that money coming in at the end of it soothing me to sleep, and then I have sometimes even not been compelled to tell it all through once; I have fallen asleep before I had finished it, before I got to the money, so sure was I that it was coming to me."-New York Sun.

Giart Records.

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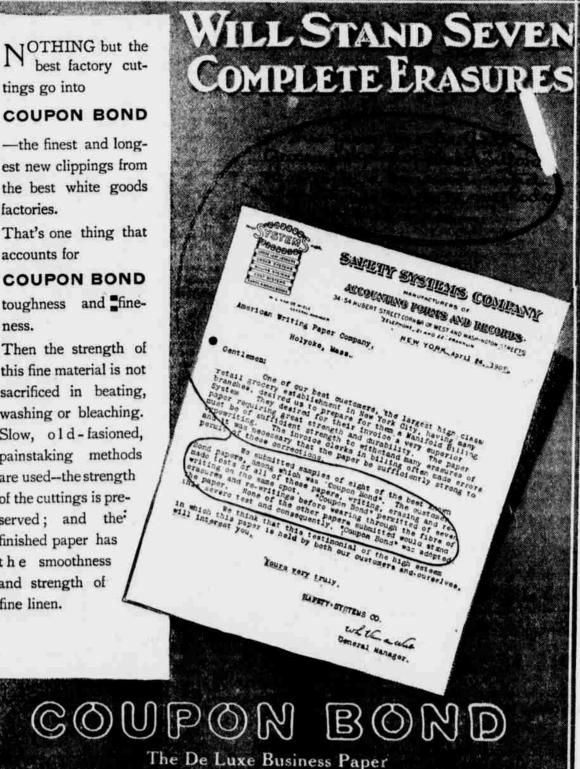
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