
"Odd hand, my last," remarked
one of the bridge players. He was a one of the
good-lokig fatr man, with an eye-
glass. who was not too much nbglass who was not too much nb-
sorbed in has game to find time to
glanco at the girl tn white who sat glange at the girl in white who ght
on the opposite side of him. She
 the man by her side. Ho looked thk
a satlor, a man wwh a keen, nlert
face, and far-seelng eyes. They face, and far-seeng eyes. Thas
talked in low tones between the "What a good game!" sald one of
the men, as they rose. He stifled yawn, looktng at the clock. Yes," replled the man wth was 10
fellow. The hostess klanced suddeniy a the clock. "My dear people.
claimed, "If any of us mean
 late. Georgo has probably gone to
sloep In the smoking room. Evie ni
you bored to death playlng cards?
oren The girl in white smlled demirr
1y. "No, thanks, dear", the roption
inettly. She did not look bored. They moved tato the hall, wher
there was a keen but siltat couypu ton between the sillor ant the ma
whth the eyghass to Mght and han
the camles. Both turned at the tio candles. Both turnod at the
same moment to the girn tn white,
"Good-night,' she sath softly an topartlally to thom both.
The two other men who had boen
playlng bridge had goys down the playing bridge had goue down th
corridor to the amolitha room an
their host. A whistled chorus of "Of course 1 don't know, but 1
guess,".came back soffly to the two
men lett in the thill The mea eft in the hinl. The wompn
sockes sounded faintly upstalrs, with
pe soft rustle of thetr frocks, the soft rustle of thelr frocks. The
sintors eyes suddenly met those of
othe other man, and his hold out hils
hand.
"Good-night, old mann,". he sald:
.."." Eotng to turn in." He went up stalra whisthing.
In her own room the हtrl was
Texding a letter, a long letter th a it, and then suddenly threw it into the fre. The flames curled round
the sheet. Some words stood out the sheet. Some words stood out
very distinctly.
told me and of course he 2naw. 'I's quite privato, and not to
be breathed a word about, yet. But be breathed a word about, yet, But,
ho zald ht's almost certaln that-" tho flames burned out the name
wwill get the money. And such a pilee He is to have a wire to-morword" $\ldots$. The letter burned up
quickly. itew gray ashes dropped qutekly. A few gray ashes dropped
Into the grate. Outside an owl hooted mounnfully. The gir shivered,
looking nervousty over her shoulder. looking nervous!y over her shoulder.
Threo words stlli stood out distinctly They all came in from hunting the their day. There was the usual search on the hall table for tele-
grams, or second-post letters. The nan with the eyeglass took up an
orange envelope. He looked his tall. utralght best in plnk, mud-splashed
as he was. He read the telogram aod an enger light came into his
eses. He gathered up his letters. with one quick glance at the girl, Come niong, Evie, let's go and
change," sald her hostess. She Hnked
Eer arm in the firl's and they walked togother the the fri's, and they of the remembered a message to be glven,
nd turned back into the hall agan.
Oniy the sallor was there as she phased through. He was gazing at
tho grtrcase whitch the giri was as-
condig.

 the firo, until the hall, staring into her, hand and was apio of letters in
boing to the post
Somithtas sing

violently.
for oh, no." Ho Jooked at hor
fone puzzled moment, and her
eye foll before hta. She looked very
young and pretty. The anillor latd
the telegratn on the mantelplece, bo.
hind the loudd ticking clook. TTen he
took the grit's hand. . . "But 1 am so very sorry," she was Buying, r
gretfully, a few momenth later. solder wth the eyeglass was com-
thg downtatras, spitk-and-span, and
aell-brushed They drank thetr hoalth tha evening at dinner, and every on sallor, too, though his congratula-
Hons were briet. After dtneer tuere the man with the eyeglass spoke. They ohaffed him, and called htin ruit said what a thtng it was to have, ud then died conveniently an odd look of contemptuou to hersolf what hostoss wa glrr had what a mercy it
forc the right ays liked him beew, 1 supposo,'
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