

SYNOPSIS.

The American consul to Barscheit, a principality of Europe, tells how the veigning grand duke had tried to find a husband for his rebellious niece, the Princess Hildegarde, finally decreeing hat she wed the Prince of Opopelkinn, an ugly old widower, ruler of the neighboring principality. Though he had been in the country for six months the American consul had never seen-the princess. While horseback riding in the country night overtakes him and he seeks accommodation in a dilapidated old castle. In the finds two women and an old servitor, who feed him and his horse. One announces herself as the Princess Hildegarde, the other as the Hon. Betty Moore of England. The princess insists that he remain as a witness to a meeting to be held in the castle that night.

CHAPTER III .- Continued.

"Must! My presence here ought not to be known to any one. When you witness that which shall take place here to-night, you will under-stand." Her tone lost its evenness; it trembled and became a bit wild.
"In what manner may I be of serve

ice to your highness?" I asked pleasantly, laying aside my gloves and crop again. "I can easily give you my word of honor as a gentleman not to report your presence here; but if I am forced to remain, I certainly demand-

"Desire," she corrected, the old fire

Thank you. I desire, then, to know the full reason; for I can not be a party to anything which may reflect upon the consulate. For myself, I do not care." What hare-brained escapade was now in the air?
"You have heard that I am to marry

the Prince of Doppelkinn?" she began I nodded.

"Doubtless you have also heard of my determination not to marry him? she went on.

Again I nodded. Well, I am not going to marry

I was seized with the desire to laugh but dared not. What had all this to

do with my detention in the castle?
"Betty," said the princess, turning imploringly to her companiou (what a change!), "you tell him.

The Honorable Betty drew

(Had they kidnapped old Doppelkinn? I wondered.)

"I can not tell him," cried her highness miserably, "I simply can not. You must do it, Betty. It is now absolutely necessary that he should know everything; it is absolutely vital that he be present. Perhaps keaven has sent him. Do you understand? Now, tell him!"

And, wonders to behold! she who but a few minutes gone had been a princess in everything, cold, seeing, tranquil, she fled from the room. (Decidedly this was growing interesting. What had they done?) Thus, the Honorable Betty Moore and his excellency, the American consul at Barscheit, were left staring into each other er's eyes fully a minute.

"You will, of course, pledge me your word of honor?" She who had recently been timid now become cool and even-pulsed.

"If in pledging it I am asked to do nothing to discredit my office. I am not an independent individual,"—smiling to put her more at ease. (I haven't the least doubt that I would have committed any sort of folly had she required it of me.)

You have my word, sir, that you will be asked to do nothing dishonorable. On the other hand, you will confer a great favor upon her highness, who is in deep trouble and is seeking a way to escape it."

"Command me," said I promptly.
"Her highness is being forced into

marriage with a man who is old enough to be her grandfather. She holds him in horror, and will go to any length to make this marriage an impossibility. For my part, I have tried to convince her of the futility of resisting her royal uncle's will." (Sensible little Britisher!) "What she is about to do will be known only to four persons, one of whom is a downright rascal."

A rascal?" slipped my lips, halfunconsciously. "I trust that I haven't given you that impression," (A rascal? The plot was

impression at all."

My vanity expanded under the genial warmth of this knowl- her chin tilted aggressively. edge. It was quite possible that she looked upon me favorably.

To proceed. There is to be a kind of mock marriage here contight, and you are to witness it." She watched

I frowned

marriage but the filling out of a bogus

"I do not understand at all." "You have heard of Hermann Steinbock, a cashiered officer?' I understand that he is the

rascal to whom you refer."
"Well, this certificate is to be filled

out completely. To outwit the duke, her highness commits-" 'A forgery.

"It is a terrible thing to do, but she has gone too far to withdraw now. She is to become the wife of Her-mann Steinbock. She wishes to show the certificate to the duke.'

"But the banns have not been made public.'

That does not matter." "But why detain me?" I was grow-ing restless. It was all folly, and no

good would come of it. "It is necessary that a gentleman should be present. The caretaker is not a gentleman. I have said that Steinbock is a rascal. As I review the events, I begin to look upon your arrival as timely. Steinbock is not a reliable quantity."

"I begin to perceive."

to leave the country."
"But the priest's signature, the no-

tary's seal, the iron-clad formalities which attend all these things!" I stammered.
"You will recollect that her high-

ness is a princess of the blood. Seldom is she refused anything in Barscheit." She went to a small secretary and produced a certificate, duly sealed and signed. There lacked nothing but Steinbock's name.

"But the rascal will boast about it!

He may blackmail all of you. He may convince the public that he has really

married her highness."

"I think not. We have not moved in this blindly. Steinbock we know to have forged the name of the minister mood: of finance. We hold this sword above his head. And if he should speak or boast of it, your word would hold of the Honorable Betty's chair, and greater weight than his. Do you unher arm rested lightly but affectionderstand now?'

Yes, I understand. But I believe that I am genuinely sorry to have We all listened intently. The sound

"Patience! Not literally a mock pass an opinion upon your highness' arriage but the filling out of a bogus actions," I replied, with excusable

"Excellent!" she exclaimed. "I have grown weary of sycophants. You are not afraid of me at all."

"Not in the slightest degree," I declared.

"You will not regret what you are about to do. I can make it very please ant for you in Barscheit—or very un-pleasant." But this threatening supplement was made harmless by the ac companying smile.

"May I offer the advice of rather a worldly man?" "Well?"

"When Steinbock comes bid him go about his business.'

The Honorable Betty nodded approvingly, but her highness shrugged. "Since you are decided," and I owed. "Now, what time does this bowed.

fellow put in his appearance?" Her highness beamed upon the Honorable Betty. "I like the way he says 'this fellow;' it reassures me. He is due at nine o'clock; that is to say, in half an hour. I will give you these directions. I do not wish Steinbock to know of your presence here. You will "He is to receive 1,000 crowns for hide in the salon, close to the por-his part in the ceremony; then he is tieres, within call. Moreover, I shall have to impose upon you the disagree-able duty of playing the listener. Let nothing escape your ear or your eye. I am not certain of this fellow Stein-

bock, though I hold a sword above his "But where are your men?" I asked. She smiled. "There is no one here but Leopold.

"Your highness to meet Steinbock alone?

"I have no fear of him; he knows who I am.

"Everything shall be done as you wish." I secretly hoped I might have the opportunity to punch Steinbock's

"Thank you." The transition of her moods always left me in wonder. "Play something; it is impossible to talk." She perched herself on the broad arm ately on her shoulder.



"'Your Highness Sees That I Am Prompt.'"

blundered into this castle to-night." "Oh, if you lack courage!" care-

lessly. I laughed. "I am not afraid of 20 Steinbocks.

Her laughter echoed mine. "Come, By the way, I believe I do not know your name."

"Warrington-Arthur Warrington." "That is a very good English name, and a gentleman possessing it will never leave two women in a predica-ment like this. You will understand that we dare not trust any one at Relative to her highness, the duke succeeds in bribing all.'

"But a rascal like Steinbock!" "I know,"-a bit wearily.

"It is pardonable to say that I believe her highness has been very foolish."

The girl made a gesture which conceded the fact. "It is too late to retreat, as I have told you. Steinbock is already on the way. We must trust him. But you?"

haven't "After all, what does a consulate I added amount to?"

"Your highness!" she called. eagerly. (A lassal the princess returned. She looked thickening to formidable opaqueness.)

"No, no!" she cried hastily, with a true with a mixture of flerceness and defiance, humility and supplication. I "No, no!" she cried hashly, that defiance, humility and supprecation. I fash of summer on her lips. (What is more charming than an English had always supposed her to be a sort of hobbledehoy; instead, she was one thousand the summer of those rare creatures who possess all the varying moods of the sex. I
"He knows all?" asked her highness,

"Everything."

"What must you think of me?" There was that in her highness' tone said. tone which dared me to express any opinion that was not totally compli-

"I am not sufficiently well-born tu

of beating hoofs came distinctly. single horseman was galloping along the highway toward the castle. The sound grew nearer and nearer; presently it ceased. I rose quietly.

"It is time I hid myself, for doubtless this rider is the man.'

The princess paled for a moment, while her companion nervously plucked

at the edges of her handkerchief. "Go," said the former, "and be watch ful.'

I then took up my position behind the portieres. Truly I had stumbled into an adventure; but how to stumble out again? If the duke got wind of it, it would mean my recall, and I was of a mind, just then, that I was going to be particularly fond of Barscheit.

All was silent. A door closed, and then came the tread of feet. I peered through the portieres shortly to see the entrance of two men, one of whom was the old caretaker. His companion was a dark, handsome fellow, of Hungarian gypsy type. There was a devil-may-care air about him that fitted him well. It was Steinbock. He was dressed with scrupulous care, in spite of the fact that he wore riding clothes It is possible that he recognized the importance of the event. One did not write one's name under a princess' sig-nature every day, even in mockery. There was a half-smile on his face that

"Your highness sees that I am prompt,"—uncovering.

"It is well. Let us proceed at once to conclude the matter in hand," "Wholly at your service!"

(Hang the fellow's impudence! How dared he use that jovial tone?) (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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SURELY HAD PRIZE FLY.

Money Invested in Incubator Was Not All Lost.

Poultney Bigelow, the brilliant author and journalist, said the other day of the chicken farm that he is about to set up at Malden:

"I hope to succeed with this farm. I hope our experiences won't too closely resemble that of my old friend Horatio Rogers. Rash Rogers lived in the suburbs. On the suburban train one morning he said to me with a sour

"I've got something nobody else has

got, Mr. Bigelow.'
"'Have you, Rash?' said I. 'What Is it?

Well, said Rogers, 'I bought a \$50 incubator last month, put \$15 worth of eggs in it, and hatched out a blubottle fly.

'He frowned, then sighed. "'Yes,' he said, 'I've got the only \$65 bluebottle fly in the world.'"

Remarkable Photography. Photography has caught the fast-est express train in motion by means of the cinematograph, and it also shows the growth of a flower. A bud which bursts into bloom in, say, 16 days, is exposed to a camera every 15 minutes during the 16 days, and when the pictures developed from the films are assembled in order in the moving picture machine, the observer may see, to his delight, all in a minor two, the gradual breaking of the bud—the blossoms open, close by night and reopen in the morning, the leaves grow under the eye, the sta-

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peep from cover, and, finally,

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"I have a friend who says he doesn't eat much through the day," remarked the woman, "but every now and then he takes a little nip to comfort himself, I suppose, for not eating. He says it's very good for a man who is on the shady side of 50 to take little nips of something strengthening

through the day."
"You tell him frum me," said the Kentucky colonel, "that when ge gits to be on the shady side of the sixties, it'll ben ot only good fuh him, but it will be absolutely necessary to his existence.'

TRANSFORMATIONS.

Curious Results When Coffee Drinking Is Abandoned.

It is almost as hard for an old coffee toper to quit the use of coffee as it is for a whisky or tobacco fiend to break off, except that the coffee user can quit coffee and take up Postum without any feeling of a loss of the morning beverage, for when Postum is well boiled and served with cream, it is really better in point of flavor than most of the coffee served nowadays. and to the taste of the connoisseur it is like the flavor of fine, mild Java. A great transformation takes place

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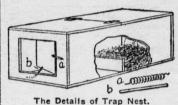
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HOMEMADE TRAP NEST.

Trap Nest which Works as Well as More Elaborate Ones.

Seven years ago I devised a trap nest which is simple and works well. I can find no fault with it that does not apply to any other kind, writes a correspondent of Farm and Home. The constant attention they require is more than I care to give, so I do not use them now. They are simple of construction and anybody with eyes and hands can make them. The first and hands can make them. thing is a box 13 or 14 inches wide and deep and two feet long. Nail a three or four inch board across cen ter on bottom to retain nesting material. Cut an opening in one end eight inches square and make the door 7x8 inches. Nail some small



hinges on inside to hang the door Get some small spring wire and turn some springs, a, on a half inch spin-dle, 2½ or three inches long. Fasten one end to the door, the other to side, so that when the door is pushed in the spring will be strong enough to

pull it back shut. Fasten with two short nails or screws a piece of rat spring, b, like those used in corsets at the opposite side of door on the floor of nest box. Raise this spring and have it just long enough to prop the door twothirds open. Have a little notch cut in door to hold it up. When the hen pushes her way into the nest the door will relieve this spring and when the hen steps into nest compartment the door closes. Put on a check door will not swing out. Hinge a cover on top of other end of box to gather the eggs and take the hen out Don't make these boxes tight but leave plenty of change of air. Look at them every hour when the hens are busy

SOME BEE DON'TS.

If You Let Them "Slide" They Will Disappoint You.

Don't forget that there is a winter

Don't forget that it will soon be

Don't forget that bees cannot live through the winter on beeswax and

Don't forget to see that they have something more substantial. Don't forget that the sooner you do

it the better it can be done. Don't think that because you have only a few colonies of bees they do not need attention.

Don't think that, if they do need it

any old time before Christmas will do to fix them up. Don't think that you haven't time

just now. Don't think that you can't leave the plowing or the roots for a few

Don't think that the bees have plenty of honey for winter, unless you know they have—unless you have seen it or given it to them, or felt the weight of it.

Live bees are worth money; dead bees are not. Remember that bees are living animals—or insects—and if they haven't enough of the proper food to keep them alive they will die. The fact that you can give them their winter's supply of food all at once (if they haven't already got it for themselves) is no excuse for not giving it to them at the proper time. Look them up. If they haven't a laying queen and enough honey for winter, see that they are "put right." The sooner the better. Do it now.

POULTRY PICKINGS.

Birds cannot tell their feelings, hence we must judge and prescribe from symptoms alone,

The causes of malignant colds are filth, dampness, drafts, neglect and improper food. Ducks seldom become broody

geese are apt to become broody after laving the first litter. Eggs from yearling ducks hatch well, but geese must be about three years old to show strong fertility.

A cockerel can be distinguished from a pullet at three months of age, as he will be crowing by that time. Do not make the hen's nest too deep so that the hen will have to jump down on the eggs in getting on

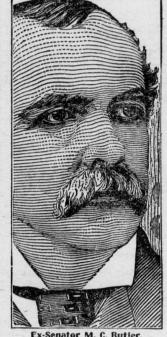
When a fowl sneezes, waters slightly at eyes and nostrils and dumps it has a common cold, not regarded as a germ disease.

The pullets hatched in March will make good layers for the late fall, and then they can be handled so they will lay all winter. Don't depend on any secret system

of breeding layers. If you don't know your flock well enough to select the layers to breed from your case is Be sure conditions are favorable, then apply the hatchet to the hen that persists in striking every time

the price of eggs advances.

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