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## THE BRAHMIN'S GIFT

## CHAPTER L.

this veracious chronicle-I was a bachelor of 35, with a private income which averaged £900 a year. I rented a pretty maisonette, just outside the old-fashioned and aristocratic town of Dereminster. My modest establishment consisted of two women servants, a man and a boy. I kept a well for an amateur. Finally my name was as Horace Sparkinson.

Let the reader note that I say my name was Horace Sparkinson. What it is now, and how it came to be what it 18, it will be my object in these pages to elucidate. A suite of rooms in London would have

been far more to my liking than vegetating in a dead-alive hole like Dereminster, but I was impelled to settle there for the time be-ing, after my long sojourn abroad, by two powerful reasons, either of which in itself would have sufficed to induce me to act as I had. Reason number one was that my had. Reason number one was that my bachelor uncle, Mr. Matthew Chidley, a retired Liverpool merchant, lived at Blairwas 75 years old and in failing health, and it was only fit and proper that he should have his sister's son at hand in case of anything happening to him; besides which, there was a horde of harpy cousins and half-cousins ready to swoop down upon him like a troop of vultures had I not been on the spot to keep them at arm's length. I cannot conscientiously say that I was a favorite with the old man, but neither, so far as I knew, was anyone else. However, I dined with him every Sunday, and that was something in my favor. "Nobody could truthfully say, Sparky, that you're ornamental," he would sometimes that way of his which took care never to resent, "and I don't know that you're of much use in the world, know that you're of much use in the world, is the to act as a watch-dog and keep lated the wish, before I found myself in my uncle's library-so called. The old man uncle's library-so called. The old man uncle's library-so called at his writing table with an open uld sometimes remark with a suigger, in

be the making up of his mind as to whom and in what proportions, he should bequeath his money. I had it in a whisper from Ship-ton, his lawyer, that he had made three different wills in the course of the year, and that even then he was meditating a lourth. I was surely justified in hoping that I, his sister's son, who suffered a hebdomadal mariyrdom under the lash of his tongue, which spared nothing and nobody, was not forgotten in the documents in question.

My reason number two, for pitching my tent at Dereminster, was because I was madly in love with Ida Meredith, whose acquaintance I had made at Nice in the course of the preceding winter. Ida, who was of age, and possessed of 3,000 a year in her own right, lived with her uncle, Mr. Ralph Timbrell, and his wife, at Fernside, a charming country house, about two miles out of the town.

It would be disingenuous on my part to say that at the beginning of our acquaint-ance my pursuit of her was not influenced by a knowledge of her income (derived from authentic sources), but when I came to know her better I learnt to love her for herself alone; indeed, I can safely aver that there was a time when if she had not been worth a shilling, I should almost have been prepared-I say almost-to ask her to be-

She wrote verses-of a sort-and brimmed over with all kinds of romantic, high-flown notions, but au fond she had a vein of natur-al shrewdness which saved her, if at times only by a hair-breadth, from overpassing the thin line which, as often as not, is all that serves to divide common sense from absurdity

was a certain element of risk connected At that time-to-wit, at the beginning of bis varacions chemicle. I was a bachelor to climinate. For instance, if I have nanced to stay away from my earthly tabernacle for too long a time, I might on my return, have found it as dead in reality as it was to all seeming; the pulses of life, which beat with but faint insistence while spirit and body were dissevered, might have come to a traditill have into a home and standstill, leaving me without a home, and, being unsanctified by death, under comcouple of horses and rode regularly to hounds during the seasen. I was also an adept at fly-fishing, and played the violin fairly well for an amateur. Finally my name was In was on the third evening after the doctors had given me up that an irresistible

longing came over me to exercise once more, and for the last time, this mysterious gift. I was utterly sick of lying on my pallet with nothing to do but commune with my own thoughts, which, of a truth, were of the most somber hue. I felt that I should like to look on Ida once more, though it were in

disturbed till I awake of my own accord." Ten minutes later I had slipped out of my tired Liverpool merchant, lived at Blair-field, on the outskirts of Dereminster. He sheds its skin, and was standing, a disembodied shade, on the threshold of my own house. It was a frosty evening and the stars glinted like points of cold flame. Two seconds later a slight exercise of will-power set me down in the drawing-room at Fern-Ids, as usual, had three or four young

men fluttering around her. Never had her eyes looked more unclouded, never had her laugh rung out more musically and joyously, never had I seen her more apt at persifiage and repartee. Poor fool that I had been, to dream that she would waste more than a passing thought on such a disagreeable subject as a dying man! The cold, still surface of a lake, over which the shadow of a cloudlet has passed, without lingering, is not more unruffled than she

was seated at his writing table with an open bag of money before him. With trembling fingers, he was counting the sovereigns into little piles, of 20 each, and arranging them in front of him. His puckered face would

have made a fine study for a picture of mingled greed and cunning. It was the in-dex of his soul. No need to linger there. wish-and I was gone. I was next at Millinghan, a large manucturing center in the north of England, fully 200 miles from Dereminster, where lived an old chum, whom I thought I should like

to take a peep at for the last time. My friend Dennis lay prone on the hearth-rug of his sitting room, sleeping the stertorous sleep of one who had indulged, not wisely, but too well. Was that the hideous Lethe in which his bright intellect was about to extinguish itself! I turned away with a shudder of mingled pity and

As I stood on the steps of my friend's lodgings, debating as to whither I should go next, I became aware of another disembodied shade, like myself, who issued from a house a few doors up the street, and, without becoming aware of my propinquity, a second later was gone. My curi-osity was excited. Who, and what, was my fellow visitant to No Man's Land? which, I may here remark, I had found to be by no more an demind of hilter to its be by no means so devoid of visitors as, in my ignorance, I had at first deemed it to be.

Quite a number of people besides myself, hailing from various points of the compass, were in possession of the same secret which the Brahmin had imparted to me, and availed themselves, in a greater or lesser degree, of its dangerous privileges. But, indeed, it could matter nothing to me who or what the stranger I had just seen might

absurdity. Ida liked me—or rather, she liked my company. I was clever, accomplished, well-read, and, as times go, a fairly good conversationalist. But, alas! I was very there to await the inevitable end, which a tew short hours would now bring to pass. tew short hours would now bring to pass. Still, having a little time to spare, I might as well gratify my curiosity for the last time. Next instant I was standing in the room which the stranger had so recently quitted. It was the unpretentious domicile of one who was both a bachelor and a student; indeed, I may say at once that its occupant, Percival Daubeny, was a promising young surgeon, who had lately taken his degree, and was temporarily attached to the Millingham town hospital. The door was locked, and on a sofa lay stretched his body in the state of coma (so to speak) in which he had left it to await his return. It was the body of one of the handsomest young men it had ever been my fortune to set eyes on. As I stood gazing at it I could not help reflecting what a different lot mine might have been had I but possessed one tithe of this young fellow's good looks. Following on that thought came another, or rather a suggestion, one of those subtle whispers-whether emanating from within or without who shall say?-which nine times out of ten are the first tentative suggestions to wrong doing. "Why not grasp the chance to wrong doing. Why not grasp the character which fate has put in your way," ran the whisper, "and take possession of this body while its owner is away? To go back to your own body simply means that you will be dead and buried in a week from now." And then a series of dazzling possibilities flashed across my mental retina, chief and foremost among which I discerned firstly, that by so doing I should secure for myself a fresh lease of life, and secondly, that henceforth, instead of posturing before the world as one of the ugliest of my kind, I should gladden its eyes with a face and form which might, without exaggeration, be likened to those of a modern Antinous. Was it in the power of mortal to resist such temptation? It was certainly not in my power to do so. With such a chance held out to me, hesitation would have been the acme of folly. Five minutes later, the recumbent body on the sofa opened its eyes, yawned, sat up, shook and stretched itself, then rose, and, crossing the room, stared at itself in the chimney glass. It was the body of Percival Daubeny re-animated by the shade of Hornee Sparkinson. Admirable conjunction! As I stared at my exceedingly handsome self, I felt an intoxication of spirit, a mental exhibitation, such I had never experienced before. Involuntarily I likened myself to another Faust after the transformation scene. I had been incarnated anew, and the world was all before me where to choose. But it would be as well to get away before Daubeny returned to claim his property-I might have said his lost property. Not that I had anything to dread from his return, or that he could interfere with me in any way, still-then an unpleasant thought forced itself upon me. In ceasing to be Horace Sparkinson, I had cut off all my sources of income, without being able to appropriate in lieu of them any revenues which might pertain to Daubeny; besides which, a certain amount of ready money was an abso-lute necesity. It was with a little justifiable auxiety that I proceeded to investigate sun-dry receptacles in the room one after an-other. At length in one of the drawers of a duvenport I found a pocketbook containing. 50 pounds in notes. To have felt any scruple about taking the money would been pre-posterous in the extreme. To the real Daubeny, so long as he remained in his present dis-embodied state, bank notes were of no more use than so many withered leaves, while to the new Daubeny they were a matter of vital consequence. Behind the door hung a fur-lined over-cost, and in the adjoining bed room I found a silver-mounted dressing case, both of which would prove admirable adjuncts to my new personality. When I had added to them Daubeny's hat and umbrella, and had ascertained the time by Daubeny's gold repeater, I was ready to take my departure. I had turned down the lamp and opened the door, when a waft of ice-cold air smote me

for the few moments it lasted as if apprehended at first, began to assume form

for the few moments it lasted as if it could be caused by nothing less than the hand of Desth. But it passed, and I was quickly myself again. I recognized at once what it was that had oo startled me; it was Daubeny's shade come back to resume its mortal tenement. But the tenement was no longer vacant! "I pity you, my good fellow, I do, honor bright," I said aloud; "but self-preservs-tion is the first law of nature, and I had no option but to do as I have done. Take my advice, which is, that you follow my exback to resume its mortal tenement. But the tenement was no longer vacantl "I pity you, my good fellow, I do, honor bright," I said aloud; "but self-preserva-tion is the first law of nature, and I had no option but to do as I have done. Take my advice, which is, that you follow my ex-ample. By diligent searching you will doubtless be able to find some other fellow's domicile lett empty for tha time being, as advice, which is, that you follow my example. By diligent searching you will doubtless be able to find some other fellow's domicile leit empty for the time being, as you left yours, which you will be able to appropriate and make your own. You have my sincere wishes that your quest may prove a fortunate one. Adien, cher monsieur—I trust that you are too much the gentleman to bear me any malice." I got out of the house without being ob-I got out of the house without being ob-served. Hailing the first cab I came across,

I was driven to the railway station and be-fore daybreak next morning was in London. CHAPTER II.

There was nothing for it but to whistle my scruples down the wind and seize the oc-action boldly by the hilt, regardless of what After spending a couple of days in town, where I laid in a stock of clothes, and other might follow. Without troubling the reader with unnecindispensables and had the beard and moustache of Mr. Percival Daubeny removed by the razor, thereby imparting quite a differcertain night, or morning rather, between 2 and 3 o'clock, I found myselt in my uncle's dressing room, built into the wall of which ent character to his face, I went down to Dereminster, and took up my quarters at was the safe in which he kept his money and other valuables. the "George and Dragon." the best hotel in the town, entering my name in the register As soon as my uncle's peaceful snoring had assured me that he was asleep, I stole as "Mr. Evan Onslow of London." Three days after my arrival I had the unique forward into his bedroom, in which a nightexperience of being a looker - on at my own funeral-or rather at the funeral light was burning, and possessed myself of the key of the safe, which was always placed overnight on a small table within reach of Horace Sparkinson. That gentleman, of his hand. On getting back to his dress-ing room I opened the slide of my darkwho had been fatally injured in the hunting field, had been found dead in bed, having antern and went down on one knee in front passed quietly away in his sleep. On the

same day I read in the newspapers an account headed, "Mysterious Disappearance of a Surgeon at Millingham." He was spoken of as being a young man of excep-tional promise in his profession, and no ad-equate motive seemed forthcoming which would serve to account for so strange a pro-ceeding on his part. I felt sincerely sorry for him, and if I could have benefited him in any way, I would gladly have done so.

My one burning desire now was to be revenged on Ida Menteith for her rejection of me, or rather of the Horace Sparkinson who was now supposed to be dead and buried; but first of all it was requisite that Mr. Evan Onslow should obtain an intro-

duction to her. Among other frequenters of the billiard room at the "George," was a callow youth of good family of the name of Ford, who, from a casual remark overheard by me, I found to be well acquainted with Miss Menteith, and that, in fact, she, together with her uncle and aunt, were frequent visi-tors at his mother's house. To this young man I attached myself. I put him up to several "wrinkles" at billiards, practicing an hour with him in private every morning. I initiated him into the mysteries of ecarte and poker, I told him stories of lite in London and Paris which caused him to open his guileless blue eyes very wide indeed, and above all, I took care not to win his money, or whenever I did, I so arranged matters that he should not fail to win it back at our next meeting. The re-

sult was that in less than a month after making his acquaintance, Mr. Evan Onslow was bonored with an invitation to the din-ner, to be followed by a ball, given by his mother in honor of his coming of age. There, as I had fully expected I should, I met Miss Menteith, accompanied by Mr. Timbrell and his wife. An introduction followed in due course, and I was fortunate enough to secure three dances with Ida. When all was over, and I handed her into her uncle's brougham, I did not fail to favor her with a tender pressure of the fingers and a flashing glance from mes beaux yeux. Her eyes met mine for a moment and then dropped before their ardor in what I felt to be no simulated confusion. After that I knew the rest would be plain sailing.

Not many days passed before I received an invitation to dine at Fernside. I took care to pay assiduous court to both uncle and aunt, and as most of their little likes and dislikes were known to me of old, I was able to play on them without the trouble of having to find them out beforehand. So taken were they with me that, after my sec-ond visit, I might have spent half my time at Fernside had I been so minded. Nor did I experience any more difficulty in dealing with Ida. All ber idiosyncracies were patent to me and I could strike any chord at will, feeling sure what the response would be. "I have never met any one with such an intuitive knowledge of me as you seem to have," she said to me one day, with a little uneasy laugh. "You seem to know my fancies and foibles almost as well as I know them myself." One trait in especial I had not orgotten, which was her, by no means uncommon, weakness for good-looking men, and Evan Onslow was far and away the portance. was, whether the man who stole the port-manteau, or the man from whom it was stolen, was the author of the Briarfield tragedy. That night was passed by me in one of the

cells of the Dereminster police station. Next morning I was hauled before the

beach of magistrates and remanded; in the result, a week later, I was committed, in the my trial at the next county assizes, on the double charge of robbery and murder, the fellow who stole my portmanteau having been able to prove that he was in another part of the country on the night of the burglary. By the advice of the man-of-law whose services I had retained I reserved my the whole of his wealth go to endow some defense, although what line of defense that would avail anything it behooved me adopt was "hidden in the deep obscure. Suppose I were to confess everything ex-actly as it happened, would any jury be-lieve my statement? Granting, however, that they did believe it, although I might stincts took arms against it; I recoiled from the prospect with a shudder. And yet, on the other hand; was I to run the risk of los-ing the only woman I had ever loved and three thousand a year to boot, for lack of a few paltry pounds? The thought was intolerable. These was nothing for it but to whistle my manage to save my neck, it would only be at the expense of a life-long term of penal

servitude. Here was a scurvy trick for fate to play a man who, only a few days before, had been looking forward to wed a beautiful girl and £3,000 a year into the bargain. The assizes were not due for six weeks. By the end of a fortnight I felt as if the horrible monotony of prison life was slowly but

surely eating sway my brain. I had not ventured to exercise my gift of essary details, it is enough to say that on a dissociating my spirit from my body since I had assumed the role of Evan Onslow. I

was too well satisfied with my quarters, and too much afraid of having the tables turned on me after a similar tashion, to allow of my venturing on so serious a task. Now, how ever, that I was a prisoner, friendless and alone, with a charge hanging over me which, if it did not consign me to the gallows, would at least cut me off forever irom all that makes existence endurable, the case was altogether different. The temptation was strong upon me to escape, if only for an hour or two, from my death-in-life exist-ence. One night I yielded to it. Even if

of the safe, thinking to open it without difficulty; but, much to my disgust, I found that the lock was covered by a brass flap which fastened with a catch, and a couple of minutes passed before I found out the anyone were to seize upon and take possession of the body of Evan Onslow it would be a poor bargain for him, bearing rick of it and succeeded in laying bare the in mind the fact that, at the same time, he would be under the compulsion to take the risk of whatever penalties the law might

could not blame him, and yet I experienc

he was able to prove a complete alibi. How

lock. After that the rest was easy. The bolts yielded noislessly to the key, after which the door opened almost of its choose to enforce against the person in quesown accord. My hand was in the act of tion. I lay down on my pallet and willed the change, which came about in due course. Whither I went and what I saw during my

caused me to turn my head. Framed by the doorway, and glaring at me with eyes like those of a wolf robbed of its cubs, stood my uncle's long, lean figure clothed in his winter the brief absence from my fleshly tenement, is not to the purpose of this narrative. I was back in my cell in little over an hour, but only to find that the tables had indeed been turned upon me nightshirt. "Robber-double-distilled scroundrel-

thief!" he shrieked in his quavering, highpitched voice. "You shall not escape me." Speaking thus, he made a dash for the bellrope, but I was too quick for him. Next instant we had closed in a desperate

struggle, his object being to rouse the house, and mine to hinder him from doing so. The old man was very wiry and much stronger than I could have believed possible. One of his arms encircled my neck in a grip which half choked me, while he panted and snarled in my car like some wild animal. To and fro we reeled, I forcing him, foot by foot, further from the bell rope. The only light was that shed by my lantern, which I had placed on the floor close by the safe.

Then all at once my uncle's strength seemed to unaccountably desert him, it may have been from failure of the heart; in any case, his legs gave way under him, and he

case, his legs gave way under him, and he sank to the floor, dragging me with him. We were close to the fireplace, and in fall-ing his head struck against a sharp point of one of the steel "dogs" inside the fender. When I had succeeded in loosing his grip of me and had risen to my feet, I saw that a thin stream of blood was trickling from under his head. I stooped and felt his under his head. I stooped and leit his pulse, and as it was still fluttering, I con-cluded that he had merely fainted and would presently come round. I must do what I had come to do, and get away before he recovered consciousness, In the safe I found a bag of sovereigns,

at the trial and deposed on oath that on the night of the robbery and supposed murder, Evan Onslow was in their company at a seaport 200 miles away. They were alto-gether unaware that Daubeny had a twin brother, who had landed from abroad only a which I pocketed without scruple, but beyond that there was nothing save a heap of documents, which would have been valueless to me. Stay, though; in one corner there gleamed a ring-a splendid cat's eye set with brilliants-which I had occasionally few hours previously, and that it was with him they had played billiards, and had afterwards spent a pleasantly convivial evening. The awkward question still remained—if seen my uncle wear, but never without coveting it. I had a weakness for jewelry, and the bar did it come to pass that waistcoat pocket. After a last look at my uncle, in whose limbs I noticed a tremor which I took to be an indication of returncent, eashbag dead man's ring and were found in the portmanteau stolen from the hotel? To this Daubeny pleaded through ng consciousness, I rang a peal on the bell loud enough to rouse every sleeper in the house, then I hurried from the room by way his counsel that there was no proof whatever connecting him with the articles in questio of the French window, and dropping from the balcony to the ground I stole through the shrubbery and thence to the outlying that he had never seen either of them till they were shown to him by the police, that the cash bag must have been put into the portmanteau by the man who stole the latter, which theory would also account for his posfields. A couple of days later I quietly resave himself from poverty. What pretense of a reason is set up for the order does not appeared at the "George" with my bag and umbrella. I had previously given out, both session of the ring, and that, although the exactly appear. There has been a revival of several harsh to the hotel people and the inmates of Fern-side, that I had been called away to London man might, as stated, have been 50 miles away, on the night of the Briarfield incident laws that would serve the purpose of the for a few days on a matter of special imthere was no proof that he had not received prosecution. One regulation was that no Hebrew could possess property formerly owned by a monastery, that being considboth the ring and the bag from the real au-But before getting back to Dereminster I thor of the outrage in question. 'The jury accepted the views thus pro-pounded and Daubeny was acquitted. As to whether he went back to Millingham, had read in the newspapers an account of the burglary at Briarfield, and was inexered a horrible piece of desceration. But Dr. Spivak and B. Harris, of 338 Spruce As ressibly shocked to learn that my uncle street, who know the family and youch for and if so, in what way he accounted for his had died without having ever recovered conlisappearance, and the fact of his having the truth of the statements mention othe sciousness, and that the coroner's jury had brought in a verdict of "wilful murder regulations which would explain it. It lived for several months in another tow and under a fictitious name, I have never against some person or persons unknown." To me such a verdict seemed utterly protaken the trouble to inquire. And now to return to myself and the posterous, knowing, as I did, that my strange predicament to which I was reuncle's death was purely the result of acc duced, which was that of a homeless shade. ent. I felt sorry for the old boy, although wandering forlorn through the realms o space-a condition of things from which a Hebrew." he had so often rasped me cruelly with his tongue in days gone by. The bag taken by me contained £80 in gold and a few pounds there was no escape until I should succeed in re-incarnating my disembodied ego. Of in silver. It was a miserably inadequate my long wanderings to and fro with that in 50 miles of the frontier, and the result is hanl to have run such a risk for, object ever in view, the recital would only that every Russian paper contains and to have resulted in consequences so weary you. tragic; but even so, it was the only portion statements that so many were expelled from Whenever I succeeded in finding certain towns along the frontier. This process of driving them out of the frontier of my uncle's wealth which would ever empty tenement awaiting the return of its accrue to me. owner, it was always either that of a man owns into the interior is going on rapidly. Now that I was in funds again there was decrepit with years, whose earthly pilno reason why I should not seize the first opportunity which might present itself of Many who can afford to travel any other grimage had nearly run to its close, or else way than afoot are emigrating. that of some Eastern fakeer, or mystic, One motive assigned for this action, which oposing to Ida. Consequently it was not without a sense of disappointment that, on reaching Fernside, I found she had gone on a visit to some friends. Her uncle and aunt whose habits and mode of life would have seems to lack any motive but that of malibeen utterly abhorrent to me even supposing cious persecution, is that they are a danger-ous element near the borders in case of war. me to have been acquainted with his language, and to have been able to play received me as cordially as ever, which went Another explanation lies in the fact that his role without detection as an impostor. some way toward consoling me for her At length there came a day when an onabsence. A lew days later something happortunity offered itself, of which, although pened which, not only annoyed me greatly, but had far-reaching cousequences such as it was impossible at the time to foresee. The smaller of my two portmanteaus was stolen by some one who had obtained access it was far, very ar, from being what I would have chosen, I did not hesitate to avail myself. Know then, O reader, who that their poverty and misery are entirely caused by the pernicious presence of the Hebrews. The expansion of dezens of thrifty ones from a small town makes business for their less thrifty, less may have followed my narrative thus lar, that should you wish to make the jurther to my room during my absence from the acquaintance of the whilom, Horace Spark- sober and less industrious competitors and Fortunately there was no money in ion, you will find him in the person of it. I having changed the greater part of my gold into notes, which, for safety, I carried about my person. Due notice was given Ephraim Saggers, a middle-aged old "clo" man, who lives a lonely life in a frowsy, regulations tending in this direction prevent a Jewish shoemaker from selling shoes un-less they are made by himself. A watchevil-smelling garret within a bowshot of the of the robbery to the police, and there, as far as I was concerned, I expected the mat-Minories, Do you think it possible that you can more than faintly imagine maker can sell his own watches, but he canter would end. A week had passed, when not buy and sell watches. what my thoughts are as I sit of a night For refusing of neglecting to doff their one afternoon I was waited on by two police hats to the officials and gentry they receive officers, one of whom, producing the cat's eye ring which had been my uncle's, de-manded to know whether it was not my brooding over my handful of fire with the ghosts o: the dead past crowding thickly due punishment, and it is announced in a July copy of the Novorossusky Telegraph that for such offenses they may no longer around me? N. B .- Ephriam Saggers deals in all property. kinds of cast-off wearing apparel. Cash down and no questions asked.-Belgravia, have the usual trials, but their punishmen No sooner had he put the question than it shall be at the discretion of the minor magis flashed across me what had happened, and, trates before whom the offender is dragged. in an instant, I was on my guard. Taking the ring in my fingers, I turned it over as it to examine it. "No," I said, "it is certainly not my property; I wish it were. I never, to my knowledge, set eyes on it till this mo-SNAILS FOR CONSUMPTIVES Word has just come to Mr. Harris that in the town of Mohilieff the head of the gentry The Vineyards of France Furnish a Pretty Lively Market in London. secently called the Hebrews of the town ment. But why do you ask such a ques-Pall Mall Budget. ) a meeting. He then proceeded to read them tion?" a long lecture about their duties. For an Snails are largely consumed by consump-Without answering me, he pulled out of hour he rebuked and insulted them about tives in England who can afford them. Of his pocket the canvas bag which had held my uncle's money, and had his initials stamped on it. "Perhaps you will say that you have never seen this before?" he re-marked drily. "That I certainly never their habits and behavior, his charges being course they are imported. The best come about nothing and no one in particular. The sum total of the offense seemed to be from the vinevards of France, and for this reason they are considered especially fine. their shortcomings in making obeisances They are certainly a luxury, for a tin of doffing their hats and generally paying rehave," was my reply, "and now, perhaps, you will explain why I am-honored with spect to their superiors. They must be more humble. In conclusion he said that he anails cost 4s 6d. Frogs' hind legs are eaten in larger quantities than is generalty this' visit?" would select a few of the most prominent in supposed. You can't tell them from a bit His explanation, part of which I could their numbers to punish as an example to of chicken; and no doubt a good many guess already, was to the effect that the ring had been offered at a pawnbroker's by the the others of the town. He then dispersed people who are not careful about consulting the menu at swell dinners eat them as such. them in a lordly way. After the meeting the Hebrews held a council and decided to send a committee to the Mayor to inquire in man who stole my portmanteau; the Another novelty for epicures, is crayfish tails. These are little things like shrimps, broker, having recognized it, owing to the description of it which had been circulated, what they had offended. He refused to reand are used for flavoring all sorts of disl had detained the man and sent for the po-lice. The man had at once confessed that ceive the committee, and the correspondence concludes by stating that the Hebrews of soups, sauces, and vegetables. Boned larks in aspic jelly sounds well. The young just as I was on the eve of proposing to a the ring was in the stolen portmanteau young lady worth £3,000 a year. Even if Ida were to agree to a secret marriage, I had at the cloakroom of a certain rail-Mohilieffare talking of leaving for America. The Hebrew young men are forced to serve in the army, but compelled to remain bachelors who lounge through life in chambers off Piecadilly go in for these potted no longer the wherewithal to deiray the ex- way terminus, where he had lodged it immethings. They are convenient. in the ranks no matter how valorous their intely after his arrival in town, first taking services. In only the medical service, in APPETITE is generally restored to deli-cate children by the use of Dr. D. Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge; and not only an appetite, but strength and vigor as well. Sold by the ring out of it, but leaving the rest of its searched, the empty cash bag was found towed away in one corner of it. The question that which they excel, have they ever been given a military title, except in cases of certain ones whose wealth and influence made it advantageous. While the Hebrew Polyakoff, the railroad king of Russis, is given a title, The question that now required to be solved | all druggists.

THE CZAR'S CRUELTY Toward the Hebrews Confirmed in Letters to This Country.

SNUBBED, ROBBED AND EXILED.

They Must Dance to Any Tune Which Suits -a Russian's Fancy.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE REPRESSIVE LAWS

The letters and papers from Bussian Israelites to their relatives in Philadelphia daily bring fresh instances of the systematic persecution of the race by the Czar's petty fficials. The Russians in this city are reeiving appeals from their cuelly burdened orethren for tickets of deliverance from the hand of the oppressor.

The extent of the persecution in the everyday affairs of life among the down-trodden race would surpass belief if the stories were Abstract of the Repressive Laws About to not established beyond a doubt by letters direct from many victims independently corroborating each other. These letters show that it was not enough that the Government should place every obstacle in the way of a Hebrew rising to any place of prominence or honor, in civil or military office, but that things have come to that pass where thriving citizens of this faith can be harassed and driven from their homes, that they can be lawfully robbed of their property, re-stricted in the honest business they may wish to engage in, thrust out of thei in public conveyances, and literally kicked and spat upon like curs in the very streets. small towns in the category of country vil-

lages, and expelled the Jews from those In Russia there is a law to sustain the towns. In this manner the number of suf-Russian who enters a street car, finds every Russian who enters a street car, indus every seat taken, and who taps an Israelite on the shoulder and says: "Here, Jew, give up your seat!" That is done in Kischenoff, a city of over 100,000 inhabitants, in Southern ferers from the edict is greatly augmented. Tens of thousands of souls will be thus rendered homeless. These laws, known as the "May Laws," were promulgated in 1882, Russia, is shown by letters received in Philbut were never put into force until the presadelphia, says the Inquirer of that city. One of them is written to M. L. Blitzstein, ent year. who keeps a cigar store at Fourth and Lom bard streets. The letter is written in beauti ful Hebrew style, which proves the writer' culture. Among other things it says:

culture. Among other things it says: Some few days ago a circular wassent around to the various local officials to the effect that if any "Jid" (Russian for Jew) riding in a street car is occupying a seat and a Christian enters who can find no vacancy the "Jid" is bound to give up his seat. And if the "Jid" refuses then the Christian can lodge a complaint against him with the gendarms who will enter it on a protocol and ths "Jid" will be punished by banishment from the four neighboring dis-tricts (corresponding to counties). Likewise if a "Jid" and a Christian quarrel in the street, and the latter has two winesses to testify that the "Jid" insulted him, then the offense isgun-ished under the same rule. It needs no telling that each of us is envying those who have left Bussia. while I was away. Instead of being stretched on his pallet, as I had left him, a faintly breathing and all but inanimate frame, I found Evan Onslow, or, to speak more accurately, Percival Daubeny, slowly pacing his cell with folded arms in sombre meditation. Daubeny, for he it was, who had probably been almost continuously on pelled the watch for the opportunity I had at length afforded him, had not failed to take advantage of it. He had treated me a/ter the same fashion in which I had treated him, and, when all was said and done, he had merely reclaimed his own property. I Russia

The name of the writer of that letter was in the copy of this article until two friends of the oppressed Russian begged that the name be withheld. They feared that he a vindictive pleasure (for so is poor human nature constituted) from knowing that, in all likelihood, he would, in the course of a would be traced out in Russia and made the victim of revengeful persecution by the few weeks, either be hanged or condemned Czar's official minions before he can get away from Kischenoff. The main purpose to life-long imprisonment. But nothing of the sort happened to him. Percival Dau-beny was a long-headed fellow, and he made a bold stand for life and liberty. of the letter was to ask for tickets to bring him to America. They will be sent.

The regulations about street quarrels When his trial came on (of course under make it easy for any three loungers or the name and personality of Evan Onslow) roughs to abuse any Hebrew they happen to meet, get into a fight and then two of them was it done? you will probably ask. The can readily swear that the inoffensive one gave the insult and have him sent out of the four districts, which would be an equivsecret was carefully kept, but it was one which I, in my then impersonal condition, was able to fathom without much difficulty. alent to prohibiting a Philadelphian from living here or in Chester, Delaware, Mont-Quite half a dozen witnesses came forward gomery and Bucks counties.

STEALING PROPERTY BY LAW A Russian named Sussman, who has been pelled. in Philadelphia only a few months, has just received a letter from his brother, Isaac Sussman, of Raden, a Russian town near have achieved great success, will in future be closed to Jewish students. A faw has althe Armenian frontier. Sussman owns a house and ground worth \$2,000, and three months before June 6, the date of his letter, he received notice from the chief city ready been put in force requiring the special sanction of the Minister of the Interior before a Jew, qualified by examination, ma official that he must sell out his property in practice. Since the promulgation of the law not a single sanction has been given, and it six months. The poor man sold out his furniture and goods and sent his family to is understood that none will be given. America, and remained there himself to try KEPT OUT OF PROEESSIONS. to sell his house. The official order being made public, no Russian will pay him any Seventh-Jews are henceforth prohibited thing for the property until the time is up, when he is forced to sell it for a song or see from tollowing the professions of engineer of army doctor, or from filling any Government it confiscated. Three months have passed, and he is wondering what on earth to do to post, however subordinate. In the days of the Emperor Nicholas it

the other side of the paper which makes the

announcement, tells of seven families ex-pelled from a certain small village. HANDICAPPED IN SCIENCE. The success of the Hebrews in higher sci-entific pursuits was effectually cut off by an order which reduces the percentage of those who may be admitted to the higher instituwho may be admitted to the higher institu-tion of learning almost to zero. The result is that after spending eight years, as they must, in schools graduating to what would be our central high school, only a one hun-dredtn part of the Jewish graduates can ever get into a college of medicine or engi-neering. The last copy of the *Voschod* tells of the lite of M. Rabbinowich, who was driven to despair, starvation and suicide by this rule. Out of respect for Jewish scientists in Russia and diarespect for the oppression of Russia and disrespect for the oppression of the Jews, the last medical congress refused to meet in St. Petersburg. It is on account of the revival of the

THE CZAR'S EDICT.

be Enforced.

the country as they come.

meanest forms of Russian persecution of the Jews that an influx to America is looked e most elegant form THE LAXATIVE AND NUTRITIOUS JUICE for, and the Jewish Alliance is about to call OF THEa mass meeting to further the movement to prepare a plan of distributing them over

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Second-Jews have hitherto been allowed by law to reside in only 16 of the counties (gubernia) of Russis. But the law has not been enforced against Jewish merchants in many important commercial centers outside those provinces, such as Riga, Libau, Rostoff, etc.; for, by a Ministerial circular 8 1 4 225 Blacking 15 15/225-15 14 of 1880, Jews long established in such towns were permitted to remain there unmolested. CHILDREN The law is now to be strictly enforced, and, by a recent Ministerial order, all Jews, LEARN numbering many thousands of families, settled outside the 16 counties, are to be ex-ECONOMY. ARTISANS RENDERED HOMELESS.

Third-Jewish artisans who in like manner had, under the law of 1865, been permitted to settle temporarily in places outside the 16 counties are now to be expelled from those places. Tens of thousands of artisans with their families will, it is said, be affected by this edict, and rendered h PSR

Fourth-Jews are no longer to be allowed Wolff's ACMEBlacking to be in any way connected with mines or mining industry, nor even to hold shares in any mine you save one pair of Shoes a year, and a bottle at 15 cents lasts three months, for how many years blacking will one year's saving in shoe Leather pay?

Fith-The Jews will henceforth be prectically debarred from partaking of any educational advantages, whether in schools gymnasia or universities. Hitherto they have been allowed admission subject to the limitation that their number should not exceed 5 per cent of the total number of students. Secret instructions have already been sent requiring the reduction of this small percentage to still lower limits, and from many of the higher educational institutions all Jewish students have been ex-

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From the London Times.] First-Jews throughout Russia (and in eluding Russian Poland) must henceforth reside in towns only, and not in the country, No Jew will any longer be permitted to own land or even to farm land. All Jewish landowners, farmers and agricultural laborers

will thus be expelled from their village homes, and unless they have saved the means of subsistence, will be reduced to beggary. To intensity the severity of this edict, and widen its scope, the Government officials have included many hundreds of

MUST STAND IN CARS.

plain-looking; indeed, there were not wanting some, chiefly my rivals in Ida's good graces, who averred that I was absolutely ugly. Hulf-n-dozen times had I been on the verge of proposing, when the remembrance of my ill-favored looks caused me, at the last moment, to shrink from the ordeal. I used to grind my teeth with impotent rage, while watching the good-looking, rage, while empty-headed popinjays who red round her, and noting what apparent pleasure she fluttered with used to accept their fatuous flatteries and fulsome compliments, although teeling sure in my heart that she laughed at and de spised each and all of them.

At length there came a day when I took my courage in both hands, and told her what she could have hardly have failed to guess long before. Well, I was rejected, nd that in a way which left no room for hope in the luture. Some women's "No," is not intended to be taken as final; in the heart of it, carefully wrapped up, like a sugar-plum in a cracker, lurks its exact opposite, but not so with Ida. "I like and respect you, Mr. Sparkinson, but nothing would induce me to become your wife." she said, and I knew she meant it. looked at my reflection in the glass I could not wonder at her decision. It was an impossibility for any woman to love such a semi-satvr as I.

It was about a week later that I came to grief in the hunting-field. I was in one of those moods when a man takes everything as it comes without regard to consequences My horse failed to clear a . leap which knowing what he could and could not do, it was madness on my part to put him at. fell together, he rolling a-top of me. I was carried home on an extemporised stretcher. The doctors examined me: it was a case of the spine; there was no hope One of the medicos gave me three days, the other opined that I might possibly linger a week; in any case I was doomed. I was paralyzed from the loins downwards, and suffered no pain, which was something to be thankful for. My mind had never been clearer; I was periectly calm and composed, and already felt myself looking at life and its interests from an altogether impersonal point of view, and as if I were a visitant from some other planet. One thought, and only one, had still a flavor of earthly bitterness. a flavor of earthly bitterness "Is Ids sorry for what has happened to me?" I asked myself again and again. Will any tinge of regret mingle with her brief memory of me alter I am gone?"

I now come to a phase of my experiences of which I have not hitherto made men-

During my stay in India, some years be fore I settled at Dereminster, it fell to my lot to be the means of saving the life of certain Brahmin, a man who lived in the odor of sanctity, and was popularly credited with being a deitary of divers of the strange secrets and mysteries, said to be handed down from one generation to another, of the priests of the culte of which he was so eminent a professor, and guarded more jealously than life itself from the knowledge of the outside world. Be that as it may, my Brahmin, who proved anything but ungrateful for the service I had done him, taught me one secret, as to which I used often to think alterward, that it would have been better for me if I had been left in ignorance.

What he taught me was, to dissociate my inner self-my ego-my spiritual essence (call it by whatever name you please) from that mortal coil, the body; to exist apart from it for a certain space, and to Te my fleshly touement when it pleased me so to do. Of the mode by which this strange gift could be made available . not my purpose here to speak; it is enough to say that, to a large extent, it depended on the recipient's capability for bringing to bear an amount of will force which probably not one person in 10,000 is endowed with. As it happens, I possess the power in question; had I not, the Brahmin's secret would have availed nothing so far as I was concerned. and I not, the Brahmin's secret would have availed nothing so far as I was concerned. Such as it was, it was a gift which I had rarely cared to avail myself of; there

handsomest man who had ever paid court to her. She was fast caught in the foils, she who

had caught so many in her time and had such scant mercy on her victims. My intention had been to cause Ida to fall in love with me, and then to treat her as she had treated Horace Sparkinson, but as time went on and I was more and more in her company, I fell under the old enchantment, and all thought or desire for revenge faded out of my mind; I felt only that I loved her and that the one purpose of my life was to make her mine

All this time I was living at the "George," passing as a great gentleman of means and leisure. Once I had secured the entree to ociety, nobody seemed to trouble themselves about my antecedents, or cared to question me as to which branch of the Onslows my people belonged to. I was young and handsome, and had the nack of making myself agreeable, and having slipped in among them, they were quite willing to take me at my own valuation But, however pleasant all this might be and was, it did not blind me to the fact that when I should propose to Ida, as I had fully

made up my mind to do, it was imperative that I should be in a position to answer whatever questions might be put to me having reterence to my means, connections, and standing in society. As far as Ida herself was concerned, I had no fear. She had one of those romantically impulsive dispositions which led some women to derive a supreme delight from knowing that the man they love owes everything to them. If only when they give him themselves, they can at the same time lift him from poverty to a'fluence, the joy of the generous creatures knows no bounds. But with Mr. Timbrell it would be altogether different. Simple minded though he was in many ways, he was a man of business, and he would un-doubtedly put questions to me which I might find it difficult to answer with a due regard to the facts of the case. Here was dilemma out of which I was puzzled to find a way of escape. I was burning to propose to Ida and yet I was to take premier pas which is said to cost so much, being exceedingly doubtful where it

might land me. If only I could persuade Ida to agree to a secret marriage! Another disagreeable circumstance was that, about this time. I began to fall short of money. Daubeny's £50 had melted down to £10, and I knew not where to look for a replenishment of my purse. Horace Sparkinson being dead and buried, it was out of the question that he should claim his dividends or draw a cheque on his bankers.

This was a contingency I had not foreseen when I so precipitately and engerly took on myself the person-ality of the young surgeon. It was awkward, deucededly awkward. Never till now had I known the meaning of the term "hard up," and the experience was not an agreeable one. Something must be done and that without delay. It would be ridiculous and worse to be turned out of my hotel penses of such an escapade. It was a most preposterous predicament to find oneself in, and at the same time one of the most mad dening. Of a truth something must be done. But what? Then by degrees a certain notion, dimly

was a subject of reproach to the Russian Jews that they were allitraders and not producers. That reproach has since been wined away, and now an enormous propor-tion have become skilled artisans, agriculturists and professional men, all adding largely to the wealth of the Empire. But under the new repressive laws all this communal progress is to be reversed-the artisan, the farmer and profes

sional man are all to be ruined, and thos who survive the persecution must become traders in the over-crowded towns. eans, in Dr. Spivak's opinion, that the It is estimated that the total number of

low prohibiting Hebrews from holding any persons who will be expelled from their property whatsoever is being enforced. At least it is enforced in every sense where it omes under the new law will not be far from 1,000,000. The consequent migration and the congestion of the starving fugitives snits the officials for any reason to drive out in those cities where Jews will still be al lowed to dwell will be so dangerous, and possibly so pestilential in its results, that only one object can be contemplated by the EXPELLING THEM FROM TOWNS. Another law which is now revived is that which prohibits Israelites from living withinstigators of these persecutions, namely, the total extermination of the 4,000,000

Jews of Russia. FATHER OF FOUR SONS.

## He Wished to Experiment With the Thim blerigger for Their Benefit.

New York Sun. 1 We were waiting at the depot at Texarkana when a young man pulled out a thimblerigging outfit and began to call for bets the Government is ever at work trying to against his game. If it was against the law pacity the growing discontent of the Russian no one intertered with him, and in a few masses, whose minds are perverted to believe minutes he had worked up quite an excitement. I was with a friend from Buffalo and we were not "in." However, as we sat apart from the crowd a benign and benevo lent looking man about 50 years old came over to us and said: "times are good" again for awhile. Other

"Gentlemen, I am Mr. Jones, of St. Louis. I have four sons. This is a wicked, wicked world, and I take every precaution to guide them in right paths. I have heard of this source heard of this game, but never saw it before. ] want to play it-just a little. I shall lose, of course, and that will make a strong point for me when warning my boys against such temptations. I can prove to them that it is a skin game.

"Well, I have no small money. If you could change a \$20-bill for me I think I'd lose about \$5 for the benefit of my boys." The Buffalo man said he'd be only too happy to oblige, and he gave him four

"Well?"

HIGH-HANDED OUTRAGES.

and the second

The benevolent Mr. Jones disappeared at once, but we didn't worry about that. It was only when my friend went; to the ticket office and had the \$20 thrown back at him as n. g. that we went out to look for the benign father of four sons. The earth had swallowed him up.



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