

By SIR ROBERT PEEL

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SYNOPSIS. Arsold Hopetoun, a clerk on a small sal-ry in the foreign office at London, is on-gaged to be married, to handsome Beila to keep up appearances in very reduced to here a the set in the same to appear to to the same to the same to appear to appear to appear to the same to the same to appear to appear to appear to the same are both still sure of yourselves, it can be announced to the world. Does that satisfy you?" SYNOPSIS. "It delights me," declared Arnold, truthfully, "It is most generous of you, I thank you deeply, sir," you. I thank you deeply, sir." "Then." said Lord Drillingham, "go out to Kitty, who is doubtless impa-tient to see you! And if you will be so good pull down that blind first; I think I could manage a nap if I tried." Arnold found her in the morning-room, and seized both er hands and wrung them most brilliant of diplomatists! How did you do it She smiled cordially.

PART II.

It was three-quarters of an hour befor they rose, and he had had to ex-haust all his eloquence to gain the desired result. Still it was gained now Kate gave him her hand and they turned back towards, the house together

Well, I will help you," she said: "but mind, whether papa consents or not, nobody is to know! It is to be a strictly private 'engagement' while it lasts. Papa, you and 1- nobody else must hear of it."

"Oh, of course not." he said, gratefully. "I am immensely obliged to you, Kate; you are doing me an enormous rvice that I shall never forget." "When shall I speak to him?" asked

When shall I speak to him. Askes the girl. "It is for you to decide," she re-minded him. "I have promised compli-ance, and, I will play my part to him properly-you can depend on me-but the plan of action is yours; you direct the affair, remember?

the affair, remember!" "Yes," he said. "Well, I should speak to him as soon as I go, I think. I sup-pose it would be better for me to go first, wouldn't it? If he is indignant, and—well, if he absolutely refuses to entertain my pretensions, I would rath-er hear of it by letter—It would be less awkward." ticipate any lack of zeal on papa's part now. To my own knowledge he has written two letters about you already." awkward.

"And it will give him time to think it "Yes, I fancy you had better go first. I will confess my "wild adoration" after your departure." your departure."

He looked at her anxiously. "You'll throw a little warmth into it?" he questioned. "Your tone doesn't sound ardent just now."

"Oh. this is between ourselves. To papa I shall be as sentimental as you can desire. Well, look here; go back to town tonight and I will write to you to-

You will pile it up?"

"I will plie it up, as you call it, earn-estly. Don't have any misgivings about me. If the plan fails, it will not be through any fault of mine, I assure in a primitive cake shop. you.

in a primitive cake shop. "This is a very good idea," said Kate, looking at him across the table. "It's funny I've never done it before—and I've walked into the place a hundred times. What do you think of it? Do you give your 'divinity' ginger beer and penny buns?" "No-no." he said "She_no." "You're a brick!" he said. "I shall be on tenter-hooks till I hear from you. And let me thank you in Bella's name as well as my own. You are being quite a benevolent fairy, Kate; it is splendid of you!" He was in truth confident of success

In imagination he already saw himself walking up the nave of St. George's, Hanover square, with Miss Carstairs in her bridal dress; and on the journey up to Euston he decided where they would live, and if they should have a flat or a house, and many other details

which were premature. The morrow passed without any let-ter reaching him from his fellow-conspirator, but on the next day but one he received two notes which brought his heart up into his throat.

I am beginning to forget you're a wo-The first was from Miss Kate an-nouncing that her father had taken man. the oth the news

"Best of cousins!" he exclaimed.

"I'm glad to have served yon," she said. "And I don't think you need nn-

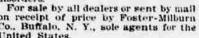
"You-you treasure! Kate, I should like to wire the glorious news to Bella. Will you stroll as far as the station?" "With plensure," she said, "If you don't want to intrust the message to a

open hearin, which one month was above tons, rail and stab, were beyond all pre-vious figures. Extensive preparations are being made at the flaub colliery at Luzerne borough prior to starting work. A large tresile is being erected from the mountain side to the head of the breaker. Over this coal will be conveyed from the tunnels in the mountains. The breaker is being fitted with all the latest machinery. The new tunnet, which was recently started, is being pushed rapidly and under capa-ble management will no doubt send out a lot of coal. Everything will soon be in readiness to make a start and a num-ber of miners and others are looking for ward with anxiety to that time. Philadelphia Stockholder: An attempt is being made to make the stock of the Scranton Traction company active in the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. The first mortgage bonds of the company are quite generally held in this city, and are re-garded as good as any dealt in here. The earnings of the company are excellent, and are likely to increase rather than otherwise. The territory covered is pro-ductive of stability of earning. Cost of operation, moreover, is comparatively nom-inal, with the Item of coal hardly a fac-tor. The management very wisely makes full statements of the company ser-tons at frequent intervals, and thus in-vites confidence. In a paper on the economical equipment servant. Wait two seconds while a put on my hat. You may claim your excited spirits with a cigarette if you He did, nor was she much longer than two seconds. Passionately in love as he was, he could not help re-membering that he lady of his abdoration always kept him waiting twenty minutes under similar circumstances. Now that he plot has been carried out, his embarrassment in the matter had vanished, and he found himself talking to his coustn as frankly about it as if she had been Miss Carstairs her-self. They extended their stroll into a neighboring village, and had ginger beer and penny buns hot from the oven be a meight has only only on the oven

tail statements of the company's opera-tions at frequent intervals, and thus in-vites confidence. In a paper on the economical equipment and operating of power houses for street naliways, by H. S. Newton, of Syracuse, it is stated that at Syracuse the best coal was found to be anthracite buckwheat, costing on board cars delivered at the station \$2.5 per gross ton. Dust anthra-che was found to sift through the bars; when mixed with an equal quantity of soft coal it worked well, but necessitated the help of an extra man as mixer, and it is not so economically fired. Thirteen tons of buckwheat per day are used, where it was necessary to use seventeen or eighteen tons of the mixture. The coal handling business at Coxton is rushing. Orders have been issued to for-ward all coal westward as rapidly as pos-sible, on account, it is staid, of an ex-pected increase in coal rates on the west-ern toads.

pected increase in coal rates on the west-ern roads. William T. Lacey, formerly a foreman at the Keystone colliery at Miner's Mills, but lately engaged in mine contracting at South Wilkes-Barre, where he reades, has accepted the position of inside fore-man at Miner & Co.'s Westminster colliery near Yatesylle, and entered upon his du-ties on Friday. Work has been in progress for some time past on a new fan at the Hoyt shaft of

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inte Goes to the Station with Hopetonn

from Lord Drillingham himself asking him to go down to Deercourt again.

Hopetoun positively trembled with suspense. Neither epistle vouchsafed any precise information, and it was impossible to determine what the term "fairly well" might signify. He derived the most encouragement from his uncle's invitation (though even that inight be only a courteous preliminary to a snub), and after a flying visit to Hampstead he took his courage in both hands and bought another railway

Lord Drillingham was in the library arrived, and Arnold, disappointed in his expectation of having a word with Klitty first, entered with trepidation.

"Good morning, sir," he said, "this is very kind of you. I won't affect to be ignorant that my cousin has told you of our love for each other, and I thank you for your letter."

Drillingham waved a white hand to-wards an arm-chair.

"Let us chat," he said. "Katé has Let us criat, he said. Kate has surprised me very much. I had no idea of this, none at all? Yes, I am sur-prised, and, you won't mind my say-ing. Arnold, that I am not exactly overjoyed?" "Naturally," said his nephew; "no

could not hope for you to be overjoyed.' His fairnes was delicious.

"As a man of the world you see it Kate might have married anybody--I say 'anybody' advisedly. I know that Lady Damer will resent this attachment

fadly Damer will resent this attachment of hers bitterly. It is not what we looked for-no, no!" He paused, and delicately flicked off the ash from his cigar. "At the same time," he continued, while Hopetoun gazed at him helplessly, "at the same time Kate is a girl of remarkably strong sense. She resembles the Drillinghams in both ways—her intellect, and in her beauty I ammot disposed to thwart Kate."

"You are ver good," said Hopetoun. "I like you, too-1 am very fond of you, my boy, as I think you know, i and indeavoring to serve you officially-1 want to see you make your way in the world.

Then you do not refuse? 1-I may

hope?" "What I propose is this. Take a few "What I propose is this. Take a few months, both of you, to make certain you have not mistaken your own minds. In the mennihe the matter need not be made public, and I will con-tinue my efforts on your behalf. Com**down** here as often as you like, see each other as much as you like after you return to town. It can be an en-

sugement to all intents and purpo present, and by and by if you



"No-no," he said. "She-no," It was curious, but it had pust oc-curred to him that Bella would not have

thought such a proceeding comme il faut, or even possible. If he had sug-gested taking her into a village baker's

and there sitting down between a bas-ket and a pile of loaves, she would

have thought he was joking "No," he said, "I suppose it was an unconscious reminiscence of tramps |

used to have with a fellow I lived with

before I was engaged. You have proved yourself such a jolly 'chum.' Kitty, that

Miss Drillingham laughed.

Taim beginning to longer you're a wo're a server a lance mane of an at heaving and entered upon his duy of "Since the world was created." she said. "did ever a fiance make such a horrible statement on the first day of the engagement before."
Hopetoun laughed too, but a little confusedly. "You understand what i mean." he exclaimed: "it is a compliment, and I appreciate it. I should like to be a chum of yours. Arnold! I don't know if it's the secret bond of sin that is drawing us together, but I find you quite nice this morning "more companibable than usual."
"I flatter myself." said Hopetoun, "that you always found me nice, or i would never have had the pluck to asky your co-operation as I did."
"Nice, oh, yes; but there is 'nice' an dimense." "Nice, oh, yes; but there is 'nice' and 'nice. It's one of our words, you know-men don't realize its richness a bit. There is 'nice' that means." repeated Hopetoun, "That means a dear hoy." It all deepends on the inflection."
"And am I of the second and superior niceness?' May I dare to think I am considered 'a dear boy." "You may arrive at it if you persents in the old fan. Should the inflection."
"You may arrive at it if you persents in the source to open or close the doors leading to the late from the should be infine to open at an and yilkes a sit to the second and superior niceness?' May I dare to think I am considered 'a dear boy." "You may arrive at it if you persents in the possible? Arnold, Yue enjoyed the gorgeous repast more than any thing Fve eaten for ycars, and it cost if possible to change from using the more than any thing Fve eaten for ycars, and it cost if the one? The thene? You persent for the any if you persents is the one of the engine house will enable the the possible? Arnold, Yue enjoyed the porter will work together is such be desired. In a Wilkes-Barre shaft a some and the proce of the any for the any thing Fve eaten for ycars, and it cost

thing I've eaten for years, and it cost

eight pence! Wonderful" They had spoilt their appetite for luncheon, but the meal was a cheerful one, notwithstanding. Drillingham, re-

desired. In a Wilkes-Barre shaft a some-what similar arrangement is proving very satisfactory. The new fan will be an important addition to the equipment to the Hoyt shaft, and its operation is be-ing watched with interest by the com-pany's officials. The fan has been in operation for several days, in order to get the machinery working smoothly, but has not yet been connected with the shaft.

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listened to their account of the morn-ing's walk with amusement, observing

that Kate was qualifying herself for an

"I hope you don't find it wearisome," he said. "I'm afraid while I'm down here, you will be expected to see rather

room.

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Would surely bisagree. From the San Francisco Chronicle. A man was on trial in Lake county re-cently on a charge of grand larceny. He was accused of stealing a hog. An old rancher whose interest in the case was due to the fact that he owned a big drove of hogs, listened attentively to the impanel-ling of the jury, and then left the court room with undisguised disgust. "What's the matter, Sam?" inquired an attorney.

attorney. "The jury's goin' to disagree," he de-clared emphatically. "What makes you think so?" "Think? I don't thing anything about I know it I know I

"Well, then, how do you know it?" "Well, they've got six hog men that raise hogs and four men that I know has stole hogs on that jury, an' nobody ever know'd a hog raiser an' a hog thief as would agree on a hog case.

At the Horse Show.

I Suppose You Ought to Stay a Week." First Horse-What the deuce did you shy or just as we passed the judges' stand, for just as we passed the judges' stand. That loses us the ribbon. Second Horse--I didn't shy. I turned around to look at Chollie Van Antwerp's buttonhole. I couldn't make out whether it was made of carnations or horseradish. -Harper's Bazar. freshed by his siesta, and the termination of the parental responsibility which had so suddenly been put upon him, was lighthearted and jocular. He

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conomical menage, and that no man could complain of a wife who was con-tented with buns and ginger beer. Some little embarrasment was caused by his remark, but not unpleasant embarrass-ment. Later he suggested that the two young people would readily excuse him if he went for a canter during the after-noon, and Hopetoun began to be in-wardly lickled by the position of af-fairs, although he already foresaw that an apology would be due from him to his putative betrothed. He made it at once, as soon as he conomical menage, and that no man could complain of a wife who was con-He made it at once, as soon as he found themselves alone in the billiard

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a good deal of me." "I fear that's unavoidable," she re-turned, demurely." But then, when the people come, you'll have to go away, or everybody will suspect and chatter." "Why, yes, of course," said Hopetonn; "I didn't think of that. When do your first hatch arrive." Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the "Why, yes, of course," said Hopetoun; "I didn't think of that. When do your first batch arrive?" "Not for nearly a month. Still, you

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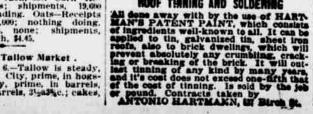
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