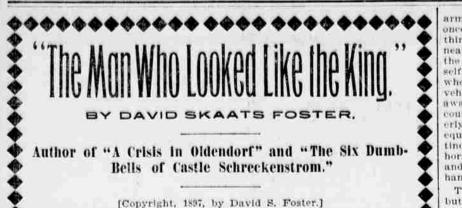
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SYNOPSIS.

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Stuyvesant Perkins, an American traveling in Germany, learns that his fortune has been lost, and starts on foot for Ham While crossing the Bavarian from tier, he meets one August von Dunke heim, of Munich, who informs Perkin that he is anxious to disappear, on account of his resemblance to the king. Von Dunkelheim persuades Perkins to assume hi personality, in exchange for 2,500 marks Perkins is soon after arrested by the Bavarian police, for an offense commit ted by von Dunkelheim, and staken to Munich. He is informed that his supposed wife can obtain his release, but that she insists on his leaving the prison with her. He is allowed to obtain a look at her. She proves to be a large, elderly woman, of un-attractive appearance. Perkins is let out of prison that night. He escapes the wife. von Dunkelheim appearing and his wife carrying him off by force in a carriage. Perkins falls asleep in the electric coupe of the king, and wakes in the king's room, for whom he has been mistaken, new palace servants having been engaged the day before. He then realizes that it was the king whom Frau von Dunkelheim car-ried off, Perkins resolves to rescue the king. Meanwhile he is called upon to sup press discontent in the chamber of deputities and among the royal guard. He decides to appease the latter by broaching for them an immense tun of beer at Munich. He gives the order to the king's new secretary, Muller, who appears of the scene. Perkins, as king, gives audience to a beautiful young girl, Valeska you Englehard, whose relatives are trying to coerce her into marrying an old general Von Rabenstein. Perkins assures her of the king's protection, and he and Muller take her home in the electrical coupe.

. PART V.

In this street there was quite a crowd of people who were watching the marching of a body of troops, I did not know what they were doing at first. but, Miller remarking something about the fine appearance of the royal guard, it occurred to me that it was the very procession which I myself had set in motion and that the operation of emptying the great tun of Munich beer had been begun. It was now about five o'clock, and the soldiers who were now passing us had made about four rounds, and had consequently swallowed about two liters or quarts to the man. They certainly looked it. They came on with a joyous and eager swinging step, and now and then I heard the shout among them: "Long live the king!"

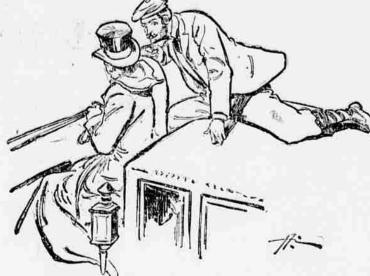
The house of Valeske's aunt was in the Ludwig suburb, outside of the Sendlinger gate. The natural approach to it, of course, was by the Sendlinger strasse. I was glad of this, because it strasse we were again confronted with ouche, relinquished the lever to Muller would take us past the house of Cuni- that everlasting procession of the royal daylight, for I intended to make an or nine times.

ters. It had the look, truly, of a prison, and its melancholy and well-fortified appearance, while boding ill for our enterprise, made us more anxious to be

gin it without delay. A few minutes afterward we passed through the Sendlinger gates and arrived at our destination in the Ludwig's suburb. My parting with Valeska was hour. hard to bear. I had become, in that short space of time, monstrously found of her, and, from the nature of things. I could, of course, never expect to see her more.

"Your majesty will surely take tea with us?" said she, with a pleading look upon her mournful and charming face. 'Another time, Fraulein von Englehard," I replied; though I knew that I was lying. "Au revolr, and may Heaven protect you!"

reverently. In a moment more 1 felt cumstances, I would have enjoyed it



HELD MULLER'S LARGE MEERSCHAUM PIPE AGAINST HIS HEAD.

that I should have to clasp her to me. | hugely. My thoughts now, however,

the box, and we were off. It was wonderful how well I adapted myself to the vehicle. It obeyed my slightest will. The hand upon the dial in front of me, besides the voltage, indicated the rate of speed at which the coupe was running; provision being made for a velocity as high as 25 miles an hour. Twice or thrice I made a spurt and went at full speed. What a revelation it would have been to the son of Nimshi!

gunde von Dunkelheim. I wished to guards. It was now six o'clock, and abductor's carriage, I seized the coachreconnoiter this house while it was yet they must have made the circuit eight | man by the collar, plunged myself down

arms, into the carriage; which was at once driven furiously away. 'The whole thing had been done so quickly and neatly that the few pedestrians within the street had not noticed it. She, her-self, had been so utterly surprised that when it occurred to her to cry out the vehicle was already a long distance away. It had gone down the Sendlinger ountry road, which takes a southeastthe rly direction, from the city. Of the quipage itself, she recollected no disspectable speed. inclive features, save that one of the norses was white and then other bay

and that the coachman had a yellow handkerchief wound round his neck. These were meager clews to follow. but I bundled the old lady into the coupe, and we started in pursuit of the barouche at a breakneck rate of speed. It was a quarter of seven when the unfortunate girl had been stolen. and it was now a quarter past the hour.

They could not very well travel at a greater rate than eight miles an hour, consequently they had four miles the start of us. By half past seven they love? would have traveled two miles further, or six miles in all. At that point would certainly overtake them, as I had pulled the lever around to its full-

est extent, and we were plunging along at the rate of twenty-five miles an neck It was a fine macadamized road, and all the conditions were favorable for tion? the greatest amount of speed. We had,

however, to cross several bridges and to dodge quite a number of vehicles. The result being that many times we rode upon two wheels only, and twice or thrice we richochetted along for some distance upon one wheel alone our seat being at an angle of forty-five

degrees with the road. It was very 1 raised her soft hand and kissed it exhibitating and, under ordinary cir-



I, therefore, tore myself away, mounted were of nothing but Valeska, When it still lacked two minutes of

the half hour we overhauled an equipage which seemed to answer Frau Reinhold's description. It was getting quite dark, but there was still light enough to see that it was aheavy, closecovered barouche, that one horse was white and the other bay and that the driver wore the yellow handkerchief around his neck. This threefold combination made me quite sure of my ground. Diminishing the speed of my When we arrived in the Theatiner coupe, I came up close behind the bar-

by his side and held Muller's large assault upon it that very night, and to I now noticed that a great many out- meerschaum pipe against his head.

We had determined to take the ladies directly to the palace, and to leave them there, under the charge of Gottfried Johannes, while we stormed the castle of Cunigunde, and rescued his majesty. I had not forgotten, by any melee. means, this all important enterprise; and, though there was no longer neces sity for such momentum as we had used solutely nothing out of him in the way pursuit of von Rabenstein, I whirled the carriage along at a very re-

My intimacy with Valeska was rendered closer, more confidential and more amicable by the delightfully cozy and agreeable situation in which we

now found ourselves, "Why is it," said I, "that you were so unalterably opposed to the general's suit? The match would be a brilliant one for almost any girl. Can it be that you entertained a prior affection for some one else?" "No, your majesty."

"Do you mean to tell me, Fraulein Valeska, that you have never been in

"I did not say that, your majesty." "Then you confess, child, that you are in love with some one?" The artless and amiable creature hung her head, and a very rosy hue mantled her lovely cheek and perfect

"Valeska, fair one, tell me, does not the insensible clod return thy affec-

"I do not know, your majesty," she answered, faintly, "He might, perhaps, if things were different. He is so immeasurably removed from me by wealth and rank that it is, cass! impos-

sible for him to think of me." "But suppose, girl, that all his rank and power had vanished; that he had HER WRATH WASINDISCRIBABLE

suddenly became poor and humble, thing was in readiness for his majes ty's reception, and that there were no would you love him still?" loiterers in the rear passage way-so "I would love him though he were a beggar," cried Valeska, with enthusithat we might bring him into the palace incognito and without occasioning any

After we had set down Valeska and publicity or scandal. her aunt at the palace, and just as we I then ran the carriage around to the private entrance, and waited for Muller to come down. Several minutes passed were preparing to start upon our adventurous expedition. I was handed a note by Gottfried Johannes. It was and he did not appear. I got down from the box, and looked into the window of the coupe. I could not see very disfrom my prime minister Count Von Lowenkopf, and read as follows: "The tinctly; so I opened the door. To my enthusiasm of the troops is unpreceastonishment, the vehicle was empty dented. The chamber has already His majesty had jumped from the cargranted the tax. Your minister for forriage, while it was in transit, and had eign affairs has concluded a settlement of the Von Dunkelheim affair escaped. This then, was the outcome of all my heroic endeavors. with the Lusatian envoy upon the most While I was thinking how foolish he favorable terms, without paying him a had been several forms closed around guiden, and the beer is not all gone

yet. Long live your majesty." I naturally felt somewhat elated at the success of my stratagem and was a little proud that I had shown such genius in affairs of government. Mountng once more the box of our matchles: coupe, I set free the electric fluid and in a few minutes we had arrived at the house in the Sendlinger strasse opposite the Church of St. Johannes; the house which we had so much reason to suppose was even now the prison of among them, was seated. the unfortunate monarch.

Muller was for breaking into the had arrested me, "this is the man." house through some window in the rear. "Yes," said I, "and get four years for burglary. I know a way worth two be alone with the prisoner. of that.

The sill of the house door was but a few inches above the level of the sidewalk. The wheels of our carriage had pneumatic tires, and, projecting beyond the wheels, in front of the vehicle, there was a sort of rubber buffer or bumper

of great solidity. I gave the guiding formation, upheaval and reversal, in my life before. All the day, my feelings wheel a slight twist to the right, the coupe shot obliquely across the street. and my imagination had been upon an passed over the curb, traversed the heroic plane. I now found that I had and clambered up over the top of the sidewalk and crashed against the been nothing more than the plaything heavy door. The effect was all that I of the king, and that my achievements wished for. The door fell inward in instead of being heroic, inclined rather splinters; screams came from the into the ridiculous. terior of the mansion, and the pedes-

I recollected how I had patronized trians who were upon the street began Muller, and ordered him about, and to hasten toward the scene. I got wondered what he would now do to me down from the box and was just in for it. After the apartment had been cleared

having to us such heroic measures with the Lord's annointed. But what could I do? My business was to rescue ing him, and I had done it in spite of himthe self. Muller had done nothing but laugh from the very commencement of the Even when we arrived at the palace he was still so convulsed with inward merriment that I could get ab-

of counsel. It was really oulte aggravating, and I was much annoyed by it. majerty, "and may you both live rong I had Muller get down and enter the palace, by the front and main partico, as I wished him to see to it that every-

have to give it to you without the ask-

way nothing loth.

than a hundred thousand thalers, so Saying this, he arose and pushed back neither of you will starve. Herr Per-kins, you will call tomorrow upon my portieres from a doorway at one side of the chamber, and led into the room Valeska von Englehard, and treasurer, and he will pay you thirty thousand marks, in lieu of the three placed her hand in mine. A winning thousand which you, today, employed smile was upon her lips and a tender. In my service. You see that I am not, light in her eyes, and I knew that she by any means, so hard up as that old dotard, von Lowenkopf, would make Take her, Herr Perkins," said his me out."

THE END.

and happily. Her dot amounts to more







liberate, if it lay within my power, siders had joined themselves to the "If you speak," said I, from durance vile and from the own- troops and were marching with them. the top of your head off." er's unbearable attentions his Chris-tian majesty, Ernest Wilhelm, the shouts of "Hoch der Koenig!" "His have been placed in quite a predica-First.

I was determined now to unbosom myself to Muller. There was nothing to be gained by longer keeping up the Imposture, and I wished to enlist him. heart and soul, in my enterprise, When we had entered that long and delightful avenue and were gliding along at | On this account we were constrained to | over the hedge at the side of the road, a ten-mile pace over the smooth asphalt I turned to the secretary and said:

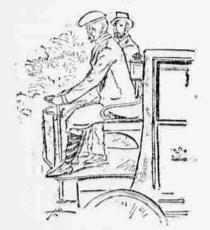
"Herr Muller, I have a secret to communicate to you. Prepare for one of the greatest surprises of your life, 1 crowd before us, and we quickly took am not the king,"

'I thought that you were not." said he, without betraying the least astonishment.

"Since when, did you come to that conclusion?" I asked.

"From the beginning," he answered. I looked at him curiously. Here was a man whom I could never understand. He did not manifest the least interest or emotion about the matter. It was evidently all the same to him, whether 1 was Stuyvesant Perkins, esquire, or his majesty, Ernest Wilhelm,

I now swore him, by the most binding oaths, to secrecy; and then narrated to him, in as few words as possible, the whole course of events, from the time



"FROM THE BEGINNING," HE AN-SWERED.

I met von Dunkelheim, to the moment when I awoke and found myself a monarch. He agreed with me as to the pernicious effects of allowing the story of the king's absence to become public, and, furthermore, pledged himself to aid me, with heart and hand, in my attempt, that night, to free his majesty from the power of the too affectionate Cunigunde

"Herr Perkins," said he, "you are a good fellow, and an honest man. You are a stranger; but you are accomplishprodigies in the king's behalf. If all his subjects were like you, his king-dom would be a unique one. There would be nothing at all like it upon the face of the earth. Believe me, when I say that I am sorry, from the bottom of my heart, that you are not really and indeed the king. You have a peculiar genius for the business, a genius which lacking with most of the crowned heads of Europe."

We were passing, just at that moment, the church of St. Johannes. glanced at the building across the way, and saw that there was but one house. which could be said to be perfectly opposite the church. It was, without doubt, the castle of the redoubtable amazon. It was an ancient brick edifice, all of the front windows of which were closed with heavy wooden shutsprang, with the struggling girl in his how to do so.

majesty forever!" and "Down with the ment. I took the reins from him and

deputies!" "It is wonderful what three thousand marks will do," thought I. As we came around by the bank, to get into the street of the Hof garten, we found the crowd so dense that it was remain perfectly immovable for the bet- | The carriage door opened and a large, ter part of an hour. Finally there was soldierly, middle-aged man got out. I a movement of the populace toward the was on the ground to meet him as he square of Maximilian Joseph. For a moment there was an opening in the

advantage of Mt, and in two or three minutes found ourselves in the rear of the palce, at the small private entrance which we had previously used. It was now almost seven o'clock in the evening and the darkness was beginning to set tle down. We found Gottfried Johannes waiting for us upon the steps.

"Your majesty is wanted immediately at the telephone!" he cried. "Take me to it." said I. He led me through a long, dimly lighted corridor and into a small office

took down the receiver and applied it to my car. "Hello!" said L

"Hello! your majesty," same back in a shrill female voice. "Who is talking?" said I.

"He has gone off with her, your majesty!" shrieked the voice. "Who has gone off with whom, and what is it to me?" I shouted.

"It was half an hour ago, and I have een trying to call up your majesty ver since." "Well, who are you, and what do you

want me to do about it?" "Can your majesty not save her?"

"Save her?" I shouted back, in des peration. "Save whom?" "My niece, Valeska, your majesty.

Did I not say he had run off with

It dawned upon me that I was talking with Frau Reinhold, and that she was conveying to me the information that my angelic protege had been, in some manner abducted by the villainous Von Rubenstein. 1 was so overpowered by the intelligence that I expressed myself comewhat emphatical

"Oh! oh! your majesty. How can our majesty talk so horribly?" "I will be with you in less than a marter of an hour," said I.

With that I put up the receiver and hastened out. I found Secretary Muller smoking a pipe upon the box of the coupe, I took my place beside him, and immediately put the vehicle in mo

tion. I chose the back streets, and avoiding the more crowded thoroughfares, arrived at the dwelling of Frau Reinholdt in less time than I had promised her. On the way, I told Muller what had happened. He did not show the least surprise, but entered in sank into my arms. to my plans, cooly and as a matter of ourse. He was truly a singular in-

dividual. covered her strength and spirits. 1 now We found Frau Reinhold in great dis found how buoyant and elastic was her tress of mind. She informed us that nature, as I saw her, in a few moments, about three-fourths of an hour after pass from a state of frantic despair, to ve had left them, her nleee and she

one of cheerful and mischlevous gayety. had stepped from the house, with the She even insisted upon riding with m intention of visiting an apothecary's upon the box of the coupe; and I was in a quandary as to how I should disshop in the neighborhood. As they passed a closely-covered barouche pose of Muller; until I found that it was which was drawn up at the curb, the all one with him, whether he rode upon door of it suddenly opened, Gen. von the box, or upon the inside, with the old Rabenstein darted out upon the walk. lady. He was truly an accommodating threw some sort of a blanket over the person, and I would have liked to adhead and shoulders of Valeska. and vance him in some way, if I had known

He spoke not. Otherwise, I would

said I, "I will bl

brought the horses to a standstill. "Get down" I commanded "and make yourself scarce. The further you go the better you will find the air. He leaped down to the ground with utterly impossible to force a passage, alacrity and in a twinkling disappeared

came forth.

PART VI. "What is the matter?" he bellowed.

"Are you General von Rabenstein?" asked. "Yes I am," he replied. "You were," said I, as I gave him s

terrible blow with my whole weight back of it. He dropped to the earth and lay there ery peacefully, and in the most comfortable position. I went to the door

of the general's carriage, and met Val-eska just stepping out. She was ex-

time to meet the enraged Cunigunde in . the doorway. Her wrath was indeof all but his majesty and myself, he scribable and her vocabulary complete looked at me gravely for a moment of two, and then began to laugh, just as he had laughed upon the coupe. 1 was and ornate. Behind her commanding and wildly-gesticulating figure I caught a glimpse of a familiar but somewhat not so much vexed about it now, as I was then. I took it for a happy augury pale and emaciated face. It was undoubtedly that of the poor captive "Herr Perkins," said he, at length when he had laughed until he was pur king. ple in the face, "you are a most excel-

"Madame," said I, taking off my hat. lent young mart and you mean well, 'your house is on fire. The flames are but I cannot laugh like this all the yen now coming through the roof. time. I would die of it. Were it not This is the new chemical engine. Get for this I would keep you always near together at once your valuables and me in the palace. As it is, you may ask jewels, as we are about to flood the of me any reward you will, for the hon-

house." A moment she was resolute. Then half and for the amusement you have she turned and rushed into the back of

given me." the house. I opened the door of the coupe, made a dash into the hallway for his majesty, and dragged him first," said I, "to be so kind as to give me an explanation of the supposed retoward the entrance. To my surprise, semblance between Herr von Dunkelhe resisted my good offices, so that I was heim and your majesty obliged to use considerable force. He now began to fight and struggle like a yon Dunkelheim is the worst liar in

madman, and at the same time showed all Europe. He lied about the resem such strength that I began to despair tremely pale, and her blue eyes were of getting him out before Cunigunde's

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SHE SANK INTO MY ARMS.

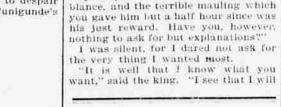
the depths of the vehicle.

car of Juggernaut.

moment.

Under the influence of my consoling

and reassuring words, she quickly re-



est efforts you have put forth in my be-

"I would like to ask your majesty

"The explenation is," he replied, "that



and gets drunk. Few men realize what it is that makes a woman cross, fretful, and nervous. If they did, they would see to it nervous. If they did, they would see to it that their wives took proper care of the health of the organs distinctly feminine, and resorted to the proper remedy to make them strong and healthy in a womanly way. The best medicine for nervous, fretful, irritable women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It goes to and corrects the cause. It acts directly on the feminine or-ganism and restores it to natural health and vigor. It soothes infiammation and cor-rects all weakening drains. It will make a rects all weakening drains. It will make a sick woman well, and a fretful, cross woman happy and anitable. It prepares a woman for the duties of motherhood, and taken for the duties of motherhood, and taken during the expectant period makes baby's coming easy and almost painless. Women who wish to know more about this great remedy should write to its discoverer. Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting the state of the st

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wide with fright. When she saw me, [return. The crowd and the tumult outshe gave a contented little sigh, and side were increasing.

There was no help for it. I at once put into execution the famous tackle, for which I was so renowned when I played in our eleven at college. squeezed the breath out of his body doubled him up, flung him over my shoulder, made a rush for the street,

and flung him, almost senseless into To slam the door shut, mount the box and turn the lever was the work of a It was none to soon. Several of the bystanders caught hold of the wheels. Two or three of them turned complete somersaults by doing

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