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"Yes, we received all your letters, Mr. New—Mr. Quantance," said he, having been presented to Mrs. Quantance and as soon as he could bring himself to give over bowing before her beauty, escape from his obvious enchantment to the dry details of business again. "The Bank is perfectly satisfied, and your old account will be transferred to the new one at once. Will you please record your usual signature here."

"Stephen Quantance!" Quite so. I thank you. No, not at all—it's a pleasure. An account for Mrs. Quantance? We shall be only too pleased. You sign here, Mrs. Quantance, just under your husband's name. Mr. Quantance's cheque on ourselves for a thousand dollars as first deposit. Quite so. I thank you."

He handed the blushing bride her own private pass-book and a sum folio containing checks. And he was still bowing delighted when Quantance betwought himself of the diamonds. These were promptly produced, and delivered into his own hands.

She looked down, entranced, at the lambent, rose-colored stones, one in each pink palm.

"Oh, Stephen!" she cried in a low, and tremulous voice, looking up at him, "they're far too splendid for me! You should have married a princess."

"He has," ejaculated the banker, before he could recollect himself, and drew back in direct confusion. Quantance grinned most amiably in his direction.

"Here, give them to me," he requested, and tucked them into one of his waistcoat pockets. "We'll take them to Tiffany's in the morning, and have them set. And meantime we must get something to eat, somewhere—"

He regarded his wife for a moment with smiling nonchalance, and, "Wait here half a minute," said he. "I'll be back before you can miss me."

"Keep my wife in safe deposit for me," he called to the banker, as he hurried off to carry out the fortuitous inspiration which had come to him.

"We want something to eat, somewhere not too dull," he remarked to himself as he made for the telephone booth. "And we can't do better than dip into Martin's, eh?"

"By the way, Mr. New—Mr. Quantance, we have some letters for you," the banker informed him blandly when he returned. "I had almost forgotten—but—here they are."

"Thanks," said Quantance, stuffing them hastily into a coat-pocket. "Much obliged to you. Good night. Come on, Dagmar. It's dinner time."

She bade the man of money goodbye and was handed into a cab at the door by her most impetuous husband.

"Martin's," said he to the cabby, and they were whirled off down the avenue through a snow-shower which made their shelter the snugger within.

"You don't mind, do you, dear?" he asked as they drew up at their destination.

"Not with you, Stephen," she replied happily, "and tonight. But we mustn't be very late or Fanchette will think we are lost. And—we must really be less extravagant after this, mustn't we?"

"We will," he assented, laughing, and led her in.

A waiter sprang toward them as they crossed the threshold of the same room in which they had met, unknown to each other and under such widely different auspices, a few short months before.

"The same table, sir?" he suggested breathlessly, and urged them with eager hands in the direction of his own domain.

Quantance regarded him quizzically.

"I did the waiting the last time I was here," he remarked, "and your shiftlessness very nearly cost me—my train."

"Yes, sir? I'm very sorry, sir," said the man, satisfied that all would go well. "But you did catch it, sir, in the end, didn't you?"

Quantance frowned and smiled and sat down, understanding the double intent of the question accompanied by an ingratiating smirk. And it happened thus that he no longer sat opposite an empty chair and alone, but face to face and at one with the girl he had not dared to speak to then.

The atmosphere of Upper Bohemia was redolent of ambrosia now, and Quantance found the insouciant gaiety of its inhabitants much more infectious than formerly.

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London, 28.—In the Commons today Mr. Asquith said he hoped the declaration bill would be regarded as uncontroversial. The present declaration could not fail to be offensive, not only to Roman Catholics but also to the sovereign. They were proposing a substitute declaration which, instead of singling out for repudiation a cherished doctrine of the Roman Catholic church, affirmed that the sovereign was faithful.

Loud cheers greeted the first reading which carried 383 to 42, of the declaration bill this evening.

Premier Asquith introduced the bill in a crisp, lucid style, briefly surveying the history of the declaration. He pointed out that curiously enough at its inception in 1678, and four years afterwards, it had nothing whatever to do with the accession to the throne, and the sovereign was not required to take it, but the declaration was taken by all the members of both Houses and those described as sworn subjects of the sovereign. In 1700, when the declaration, which was originally framed for a different purpose and for an entirely different class of person, it was introduced to protect the crown.

The declaration was framed in a time of great popular excitement under the belief that a great conspiracy had been hatched to murder the sovereign, subvert the Protestant religion and destroy the liberties of the people.

He said no candid person would deny that the circumstances in all materially respects had vitally changed since then, moreover, the Roman Catholic subjects of the crown had grown enormously in numbers and strength, and no one now doubted their loyalty or supposed their loyalty required to be hedged around by a special safeguard. He pointed out the offensiveness of the declaration to the sovereign himself. It was well known that the late king found it a most repugnant duty to have to utter this preposterous formula directed against so many of his loyal subjects. There were other statutes existing safeguarding the Protestant faith and the Protestant succession to the throne.

The Premier said the bill proposed show off fair faces, white arms and shoulders, bright eyes. Soft music swelled and ebbed on the fragrant air the echoes of the men's mirth, women's light laughter, blending harmoniously with it. For there was the land of the lotus, where it was always sunshine and summer, where night is ven as day.

Quantance started as his wife spoke.

"Of the last time," he answered, squaring his shoulders again. "We've come through the mill since then, sweetheart, but—thank God! we're none the worse."

"Walter! We want some dinner—the best you can do, only don't bother us. And bring us a bottle of that same Burgundy, will you. It's a lucky bin."

All they said to each other over that meal concerns themselves only. But it may be stated, that when it was over and Quantance had ordered coffee, a special brew to be made according to methods imparted to him by a merchant from Mocha whom he had once met on his travels, they both fell silent, looking about them with eyes that were very friendly and well disposed toward the others there. And they were still sunk in such wordless contentment when a cheery voice recalled them from the clouds.

"H'lo, Quantance!" it said, and they looked up swiftly at the grey-haired individual in very correct evening dress who had come forward and stopped beside them.

(To Be Continued.)

did not get rid of the declaration altogether, but the substitute for it was one which would involve the declaration of the sovereign's personal belief in terms which could not possibly give offense to any of His Majesty's subjects.

AN AMENDED OATH.

Mr. Asquith said the declaration proposed was:

"I do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify and declare that I am a faithful member of the Protestant reformed church by law established in England, and I will, according to the true intent of the enactments to secure the Protestant succession to the throne of my realm, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law."

Mr. Asquith thought those words could not give offence to Catholics, and from a Protestant point of view they carried them the whole length they required.

He appealed to the House not to indulge in any acrimonious discussion until there had been an opportunity for the new declaration to be studied before the second reading.

Mr. Balfour joined in the premier's appeal to defer the inevitable discussion until the second reading of the bill. He thought the change ought to be made if they could absolutely safeguard the Protestant succession, in order to remove any offence to the king's loyal subjects.

John Redmond, who welcomed the bill, said the Catholics would challenge no steps considered necessary to secure the Protestantism of the sovereign and the Protestant succession to the throne. The proposed alteration would remove something which was unjust to members of one church.

Captain Craig opposed the proposal because of the church of Rome's claim to temporal as well as spiritual power. Opposition also came from Sir Cory W. Moore, Agar Robartes and Neil Primrose, whilst several other members in the course of brief speeches gave the bill support.

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