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(Continued.)

He winked waggishly at the tall, fair man, with quite unexpected results. For that individual suddenly picked him up by the seat of his trousers and his coat collar, and cast him unceremoniously into his littered den underneath the stairs. The door was shut upon Andre and his anguished outcry, the key turned in the lock and withdrawn. His assailant pocketed it, and then departed with the dark, black-bearded man, who had looked on unmoved.

CHAPTER XVII.

BLACK DIRCK ADOPTS STRONG MEASURES.

"Well?" Arendsen asked, in no pleasant tone, as Seager and he set off at a smart pace down the street. He had not understood much of the conversation which had taken place, but inferred from that worthy's treatment of the over-voluble Andre that their visit had been in vain, that the girl had again eluded them.

He and his ally had also made assiduous search for her since they had left the Hotel du Palais. They had secured convenient quarters on the Isle de la Cite, and then scoured Paris, systematically, but without result until that afternoon, when he had suddenly been inspired to call by himself on the two old maids in the Avenue Marceau, to see what he could find out from them on his own account. There were only three days left in which to win or lose the enormous stake for which he was now prepared to back Seager to a finish. Great had been his elation, therefore when he had met the girl herself leaving the Misses Winters'.

He had cursed bitterly afterwards, in the first place because he had not taken his accomplice with him, and then because he had not trusted her to tell the truth when she had at length and with unfeigned reluctance given him her address for her over-affecting cousin. Had he not wasted time in tracking her thereto, he might still have got Seager to the spot in time to intercept her. As it was, it had cost him so long to discover that untrustworthy wanderer, that she had escaped them again in the interim. It was very galling to have been so near success to be once more baffled.

"Well?" he asked wrathfully. "What is doing? Did you find out?"

"She's gone off with the Duc des Roves," snapped Seager, his voice no less vicious. "I don't suppose she knows that he's one of the great est scoundrels unhung. I'm going to get her back from him, and, if he'll only stand up to me, I'll break his noble neck with a great deal of pleasure. Here's a cab. Yes, I know where I'm going. Don't you interfere."

Them that, Arendsen could get no more out of him, but was content in searing him thus spurred to action. Lately, and fretting under repeated failure, he had been drinking a good deal again, was in too dangerous a mood to stand nagging. Silence obtained between them during the long drive from the Rue des Trois Freres to the Faubourg St. Germain. Seager knew that the Duc des Roves had his hotel somewhere within the city, and meant to seek him out there. The cabby could be trusted to take them to it.

He did so, and would have turned into the carriage entrance of the great mansion on the Boulevard but that two stalwart men in the ducal livery sprang forward and seized the horse's head.

"Is this the place?" Seager asked, and jumped out. "Pay the cab off, Arendsen," he ordered, over his shoulder, and walked up to the nearest gate-keeper.

"I want to see the Duc des Roves," he said abruptly.

A more conciliatory manner would probably have evoked a pleasant reply. He would have been informed that M. le Duc might be found at his town address, in the Rue St. Honore. As it was the man responded with equal brevity.

"That is impossible."

"Then it must be made possible," Seager insisted hotly. "I've come to see him and see him I will."

"You are welcome to wait."

Wanting Arendsen had dismissed the cab and confronted the other official, with whom he exchanged a few words in such French as he could command.

"Don't lose your rag!" he called over to his companion. "The Duc's not at home. It's not him we want anyway."

It did not soothe Seager to think that he had been made a fool of by

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## AN OUTBREAK IN IRELAND

The Redmondites and O'Brienites Are Settling Their Differences in so Fierce a Fashion that the Police Had to Shoot.

Newmarket, Ireland, May 30—One man is dead, a dozen are seriously wounded, while several hundred persons are nursing bruises today as the result of the most violent crash that has yet occurred between the Irish followers of Wm. O'Brien, leader of the United Irish League, and John Redmond, head of the Irish Nationalists.

The fight took place last night, and resulted from an attempt of a Redmondite to address a meeting here, this town being an O'Brien stronghold. The fight was waged so bitterly that the police finally fired on the mob, killing one of the belligerents, and wounding several.

Many houses were badly damaged

a mere lackey. But he gulped his anger down for the time being.

"If the Duc isn't in," he said more smoothly, "I'll see Miss Lorraine."

"That is also impossible," said the man stubbornly, but his companion was more polite.

"There is no such person here," he asserted.

Their joint reply enraged Seager beyond measure.

"Stand aside," he commanded, and made as if he would have pushed past between them, ignoring all Arendsen's cautions.

The gate-keepers had been instructed that no one should enter except by express permission of the Duchesse. They did not hesitate to withstand this irritable, overbearing foreigner. He struck at one and a fracas began which ended in his being ignominiously ejected, while Arendsen once more looked on inactively, not thinking it worth his while to interfere further. Then the great gates were rolled into place and their two guardians disappeared within the gate-lodge to rid themselves of the traces of the conflict.

Arendsen went across to the gutter in which their aggressor was lying, half stunned, and, having first revived him by the old deep-sea method of biting one of his thumbs savagely, got him on his feet again. When Seager recovered his senses he would have forthwith besieged the hotel des Roves, but his confederate at last succeeded in restraining him from such immediate folly, and they were still swearing hoarsely at one another when there stepped forward from the shadow of a near-by tree a stout, sharp-featured individual who made some essay to soothe them.

(To Be Continued.)

## JAIL SYSTEM CRITICIZED

The Method of Dealing with Drunkards is Wrong—Local Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to Deal with Subject

Toronto, May 30—The Police Court and jail system as a means of dealing with the drunkards were severely criticised by Mr. R. Hart in an address before the spring assembly of the local chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Saturday evening. The meeting which was held in St. Aidan's church, was well attended.

"It is only trifling with the problem to fine a man for drunkenness, and it is a great wrong to the man if he has no money to send him to herd with criminals at the jail," said Mr. Hart, who is agent for the Society for the Reformation of Inebriates. He urged an agitation on behalf of a jail farm and a medical home for the treatment of drunkards.

The subject is to be brought before the attention of the local chapters. The other speakers at the evening meeting were the Rev. Canon Powell, and Mr. Joseph H. Cleal.

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in the melee. Clubs, fists, and stones were the chief weapons used, and cracked heads were the order of the night.

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Redmond is severely blamed for planning a speaking tour among O'Brien's constituency. Further trouble is expected.

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Montreal Magistrate Decides that a Mother May Use Blows to Protect Daughter if Necessary.

Montreal, May 31—A mother has a perfect right to use violence to protect her daughter from an unsuited suitor. If she hurts the young man the latter has no redress from Judge Lanctot. Joseph Leblanc, twenty-one was paying a good deal of attention to young Alice Desourdy, 583 Albert Street. He called on her a number of times, but both father and mother objected. He was told to get away from the house several times. Mr. Desourdy met his daughter walking with the young man and he took her home. Then Mrs. Desourdy took a walk, met the rejected Romeo and slapped his face hard. The young man had Mrs. Desourdy arrested. She related her story to Judge Lanctot in court, said that the young man had no prospect whatever, that he was not the kind of son-in-law she would care to look after, and that he was quite undesirable. She wound up by saying that she would slap his face again, should he come around the daughter.

"Madam" said the judge "you acted in the right way, and I am surprised at the audacity of this young man, who only got part of what he deserved. Young man, you should be ashamed of yourself, and I wonder you dare show yourself here."

"Your Honor" tried the youth—"Silence and listen to what I say. You must leave that girl quiet. I forbid you to bother her or her parents any more. Mrs. Desourdy acted as a true and good mother should act in protecting what is more than riches to her, the honor of her child."

## THE "EVIL EYE" IN TURKEY

Turkish women, even the most enlightened of them, are very superstitious. To praise a baby to its mother is all you'll life is worth, should the baby happen to fall ill afterward, says Mrs. Kenneth Brown, in the Metropolitan Magazine. And in parentheses it may be said then, some people would not consider it an unimixed ill if the same superstition against praising children—believed by their fond mothers to be prodigies of infantile virtue—should creep into America.)

The evil eye is the most common belief, and little children who may be dressed in the height of European fashion otherwise will wear beneath the brim of their hats a piece of garlic or other potent charm against the evil eye. Nifsay Hanoum, a woman not only well educated, but possessed of an unusual mind, had four children. They were faultlessly dressed in imported English clothes, but each of them wore some trinket against the evil eye. I teased her about it, and she protested that it was not her doing. "The slaves put them on, and I do not wish to hurt their feelings by taking them off," she said.

I resolved to test her enlightenment and the next time I saw the baby with her I exclaimed: "What a lovely little creature!"

"You wretch!" she cried. "Spit on that child at once."

I laughed at her manifest terror, but hastened to add: "I do not think her lovely in the least; for she has red hair and feckles and a pug nose—but I wanted to find out whether it was you or the slaves who put that garlic on your babies."

She shrugged her shoulders. "The slaves did it; but I suppose I do in the bottom of my heart believe in the evil eye. It is in the blood."

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