

DOCTOR JACK

By St. George Rathborne.

(Continued.)

He enjoys standing there and comparing these two types of beauty. It is astonishing how changed his ideas have become since meeting Avis. Previous to that he thought Mercedes the loveliest woman he had ever set eyes on; now her beauty is dimmed, and by a Yankee girl, who makes no pretensions in the line. Doctor Jack awakens to the fact that there is more in expression than mere beauty of contour.

They chat for a few minutes on general subjects. To travellers there is always a host of things of which they can talk. The pasha says little, and devotes that to the ladies, completely ignoring Jack, who watches the Turk out of the corner of his eye, and grates his teeth to see the avardous manner in which he surveys Avis Morton, as though he would give her weight in gold to convey her to his harem.

Jack's gloomy thoughts are interrupted. "There she is—naughty Madame Sophie, and as I suspected, dear Larry is with her. How well he looks." With a sinking of the heart Doctor Jack turns his head to look upon the man whom he has already set down as his most formidable rival.

CHAPTER VI.

Somewhat in his mind Jack has pictured Cousin Larry as a good-humoured, giant, handsome, and ready to anticipate the every wish of his fair relative. He has known before now of cousins being brought up together like brother and sister, and finally discovering that the world was too small to keep them asunder; and although he has no reason for believing this is a similar case, the notion appears to have entered his head.

There they come, making gestures that they have seen Avis, which she returns eagerly, the crowd separating them. Under such circumstances it



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is only right that the giant should elbow a passage through for the lady in his charge, but as Jack looks and gazes, he sees it is the latter who throws her weight against the barrier—she is the entering wedge that divides the crowd.

Cousin Larry does not loom up at all. He is concealed behind the ample figure of the madam, but Jack has already sighted him, and an amused smile creeps over his sun-burned face, giving place to the look of concern.

On an acquaintance of fifteen minutes this is getting to be a very serious business with him, but then he has been carrying that photograph around with him, and that might in a measure account for the milk in the cocoanut.

In another minute Madame Sophie rushes up breathless, and hugs Avis with as much enthusiasm as though they had been parted six months or a year.

"You naughty girl! I began to think you had eloped with some one. My heart was in agony until I sighted you. Ah! pasha, is it you? I remember meeting you in London. Permit me to introduce my nephew, Larry."

Larry is a genuine New York dude, small in figure, natty in dress, effeminate in appearance, with his hair parted in the centre, sporting an eyeglass, a heavy cane, and all the well-known paraphernalia of the dude.

Jack is at first inclined to think him a fool, but accustomed to looking beneath the surface, he fancies he sees something there that Larry hides beneath his foppish exterior. Perhaps the stubborn qualities of which Avis has already spoken are not the only good ones he possesses. At any rate, now that his inward fears of Cousin Larry as a rival are set at rest, Jack fancies he may endure the dude, even like him, for his sake.

Naturally Madame Sophie looks toward the others as if desiring an introduction, which Avis readily gives.

"You are the gentleman who upheld the honour of the starchy flag today. I shake hands with you because I adore a brave man," says the stout matron, warmly, and Jack starts as he hears the identical words that sent him over the barrier into the arena, "but Avis calls you Doctor Jack."

Is that your last name, or have you another?"

"My full name is Jack Evans." While he speaks it the American watches the face of Avis, and is satisfied at the little start she gives, proving conclusively that the name is familiar to her. She looks at him with renewed interest, a quick scanning look it is, mixed with a little wonder.

Jack is chatting and laughing with Larry, whose affected drawl and English ways are quite amusing. The pasha excuses himself, and walks away, but Jack notices that he speaks a low word to Mercedes as he passes, and that lovely woman shrugs her shoulders in a very Frenchy fashion.

It is Jack's desire to learn where the American ladies are stopping, so he puts the question to Madame Sophie, who replies that they have the best rooms at the Fonda Peninsular, near the centre of the city, where its life is daily seen in the grand plaza known as the Puerta del Sol.

Mercedes is plainly uneasy. She looks often upon Cousin Larry, who stands sucking his cane, and saying little beyond "hah. Jove!" and evidently the Spanish beauty seems to think he is some new beast on exhibition. Truth to tell, Larry's face is extraordinarily shaped, and shows a lack of human qualities, more resembling the head of a fox, from which reason Jack judges that he possesses some of the cunning of that animal.

As he is Mercedes' cavalier, he must obey her wishes, besides, he can see Avis again, and what he has to say to her will keep, as it is better suited to the privacy of an hotel parlour than the publicity of the museum.

The girl is watching him. She has never once taken her eyes off his face, since he mentioned his full name, and there is an eager, wistful look in those blue orbs, as though she longs to ask something and dares not.

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An English soldier rode up to his general. "Sir," he asked, "may we cut them off? I think we can just do it."

The scouts picked up their ears. The general reflected. "All right," he said. "You may try." It was a race from the beginning. They reached the knoll to find a squad of Boers there before them.

"Too late!" said the British leader steadily. "Back to the other knoll! Gallop!"

"Then," says Mr. Churchill, "the musketry crashed out, and the swish and whirr of bullets filled the air. I dismounted. Now I put my foot into the stirrup. The horse, terrified at the noise, plunged wildly. The saddle turned, and the animal broke away.

"Most of the scouts were already 200 yards off. I was alone, on foot, at the closest range, a mile from cover of any kind. I turned and ran for my life from the Boer marksmen, and I thought as I ran, 'Here at last I take it.'"

"Suddenly as I fled I saw a scout. He came from the left across my track, a tall man on a pale horse. 'Give me a stirrup!' I shouted.

"To my surprise he stopped at once. 'Yes,' he said shortly. 'In a moment I found myself behind him on the saddle. Then we rode. I put my arms about him to catch a grip of the mane. My hand dabbled in blood. The horse was hard hit, but, like a gallant beast, he extended himself nobly. The pursuing bullets piped and whistled overhead, but the race was going longer.

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