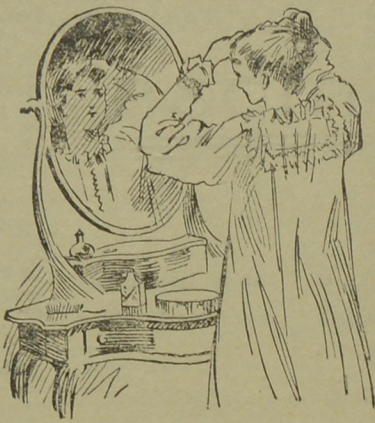


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DOCTOR JACK

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(Continued.)

He bends over the little hand and kisses it in a true cavalier style. Mercedes looks at him with her heart in her eyes, as though this little action has aroused a false hope in her breast; then, seeing no change in his face, the wistful look turns to one of keen disappointment, and tearing her hand from his clasp, she opens the door of the room, and is gone.

Jack is left in even a more disturbed frame of mind than before. He does not know, he cannot tell what Mercedes will do. The spirit that moves her may be for good or evil. She has said she will simply leave him to his fate, but who can guess what a woman of her electric nature, once madly in love, may not attempt?

He can hardly understand what it is has caused him to put aside the temptation—any man would be flattered by the love of such a royally beautiful woman, and yet Jack has been able to resist the subtle charm. Where is the talisman that has saved him?

Almost unconsciously he puts his hand into his pocket, and draws something out, upon which he gazes long and earnestly. It is the portrait of Avis Morton, and since he has met the original, Jack finds a new charm in the picture.

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Thus he mutters to himself, and presses the dumb counterfeited resemblance of Avis to his lips after the manner of all foolish lovers. Had Mercedes witnessed the action she would have been possessed with a mad desire to tear the photograph to bits, and perhaps scratch his eyes out in the bargain, for who can account for the vagaries of a woman who has stooped to conquer and been repulsed?

Sleep is not to be thought of—the plot thickens, and morning is near at hand—the time of action, when they shall make a move, and open up the enemy's masked battery if they have one.

As Doctor Jack walks to the window and glances out, he sees a faint light in the east that tells him the night is spent and dawn at hand. He watches it grow broader slowly but surely, while the magic lights of the carousing city become pale under the influence of the coming day. The cohorts of darkness seem to gather for a last final effort in the rear of the great buildings, which are in a line

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with Jack's vision, but steadily advance the battalions of the sun, the skirmishers are already entering the city, and before their invincible onset the last remnant of the king of darkness' forces are sent flying in rout.

So the day opens—the sun begins to make his appearance—masks vanish from the streets, and something of business begins, although little unnecessary work will be done in Madrid during the festival time.

Jack bethinks himself of breakfast, and goes down to see about it. He knows the value of a few silver reals, judiciously placed, and thus avoids much of the friction that most travellers meet with in a Spanish fonda. Hence his meal, simple as it is, consisting of eggs, toast, and tea, is soon ready, and he does it justice.

All the while his thoughts are flying to other scenes—he wonders, whether Larry has carried out his instructions to the letter, and if the ladies are ready to depart. Much depends on this scheme being carried out thoroughly, and there are so many chances of something happening to throw a wheel out of gear, that the American is not a little worried.

His anxiety causes him to finally leave the table. Consulting his time-piece he finds it a quarter to eight. Then he goes out, and is lucky enough to engage a vehicle. From the man he learns all about distances, then has his portmanteau brought down.

"To the Fonda Peninsular in hot haste," he says to the driver, and the latter, having already been heavily fed, with the prospect of more ahead, does not let his animals sleep on the way.

Many heads are thrust out of windows—the good people of Madrid believe every fresh rush or bustle on the street nowadays announces the coming of some new spectacle, and they are determined to keep well posted.

So the hotel is soon reached—there is beginning to be a show of life around it, as the American leaps from his carriage and enters. Another moment and he has cornered the proper functionary who serves as a clerk, and of whom he asks whether Miss Morton has gone.

The other leisurely surveys him, and begins to talk in a rambling way about finding out; but Jack knows what that means—an interminable wait—precious minutes lost, and nothing gained when the servant finally returns. Time is too valuable to be allowed to slip so easily. He knows that this party is like the rest, and the jingle of a few reals will make him awaken. Speedily they pass from his own hand into the itching palm of the clerk, and the effect on that party is quite surprising. He becomes aroused at once like a man who must now think for himself, makes a grand, heroic effort, and then glows with triumph, just as the excited pullet cackles after laying her first egg. Jack thinks.

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