

CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

If you were asking that service of mest Haddon it is possible that he gish do it. But it you are asking mest Haddon to stoop to dishonormanquerade in a character to which has no right.—

right—" Haddon will still do that

faced each other. Our eyes n defiance. Will beat against an aggressive purpose against ra resistance. Again I saw beautiful lips curve in a cruel the eyes burn with a baneful

as she so confident of her prey! she think that I should fall so a victim to her basilisk mile? o, she erred worfully. Her beauty me absolutely unnoved. Rather epelled. The savage nature of tigress showed too plainly in that

at least you will listen to my

yes," I replied alowly, gazing gatrially at the flickering logs, "I libten to your plan. Like your-remember, when you have lot for remember, when you have lot all, the armed truce may be followed by you always give warning to rytchms before you tray them?" demanded, both contemptuous and form.

oor opened. Dr. Starva shuf-ithily into the room. She met rustful glance with perfect

froid.

nd our visitor, this brave Captam
ear" she demanded lightly. "Is
s persistent as at Vitnaut"
h, he annoys me, this brave capsmeered Starva. "He comes
to ask foolial questions. But I
er him; yes, I answer him this
For tonight, at least, we shall
peace."

Inne. For to-night, it reast, we share peace.

Not yithout trepidation I thought of the shuffing feet and the shout. Dr. the shuffing feet and the shout. Dr. the shuffing feet and the shout. Dr. the shuffing feet and the

wholent methods of that period I might be less fascinated.

'Dr. Starva again seated himself at his instrument. Madame do Varnier accompanied him as if nothing un-usual had happened.

I tooked thoughtfully at this danger-ous couple. The morrow promised much. The three of us were at cross-parposes. Each was playing his de-perate game. Which of us was to commer?

quer?
was not long before the little concame to an end. The enthusiasm
Dr. Siarra was not proof against
emotions of the past hour. Canwere rung for. I bade them both
uiet good night, and followed the
tey who preceded me to my cham-

her. I welcomed the hours of sleep. To-morrow my nerves would need to be steady. But the surprises of the day were to be followed by atill another. On my pillow was a folded piece of paper. It was a message: I could not doubt that. But when I had read it I was completely mystified in two par-

Who had placed the message on my

fllow?
Did the sepder really believe that I rass Sir Mortimer?
"If Sir Mortimer Brett will call at the Grand hotel to-morrow at ten for fr. Robinson Locke, Sir Mortimer will called the section are of importance."
That was the message.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

The Mysterious Signal.

Bo Locks, as well as Forbes, had traced us to Alterhoften! Was their arrival here, so soon after ourselves, merely a coincidence? Or could they have traveled together? Locks had certainly given me to understand that he had never seen Sir Mortimer or his mother and sister. Nor had I reason to suppose that he knew the king's messenger—at least two days ago. If if were true that he had not know them error to the had met nose of these people previous to my leaving Lucerne, if it were true that he did not know them now—what could have brought Locks hither?

One of three things might have happened to me them the have brought save beautiful and the seeding a view of the vi

One of three things might have hap-pessed:
Locke may have been keeping a vig-tient watch on the movements of the Countess Sarahoff.
Captain Probes might have traced us here yesterday and have Joined forces with Locke.
Or Locke may have been watching me, rather than Madame 6e Varnier, and have posted after me, rather than after herself and for companion.
It required little imagination to rea-sian out the affair.
Two thay ago he had seen me con-versing on apparently inlimate terms both the Countess Sarahoff, a note-

prious adventuress. He came to my hetel to warm me against her; I had received his warnings lighty esough. That very evening I diped with the first of the light was unsendered to the processor of the second of the company of Dr. Starra, whom he must have often seen with her at Locerona. The knowledge of these facts would bring him to the scene at Vitiman.

And theaf The most startling discoveries might be his.

"Agay that he had actually traced me as far as Vitiman. He would have minde inquiries yesterday for Ernest Haddon. From whom else could be make these lequiries but the concerge? And he would pleara—what? The mysterious secret that it was an of Frest Haddon. From whom else could be make these lequiries but the concerge? And he would pleara—what? The mysterious secret that it was an of Frest Haddon. From whom else could be make these lequiries but the concerge? And he would pleara—what? The mysterious secret that it was an of Frest Haddon. Yes, the conceings the first of the first the truth would fash on him. He would then that I had altered the hotel the evening before, that I had occupied the suite of Sir Mortimer Fact, the truth would fash on him. He would then be forced to one or two conceinsions: either that I was a great fool to be so guilleless a victim, or that I was a sealous and ambitious diplomat was sealous

Tarnier's story. Afterwards, event unat shape their course as they would flut it was impossible to sleep again; he glare of the light was unedur ble. The noise of the river Aare semed to rise in a steady creaming.



She Looked About Vaguely, Then Toward the Chatcau Walls.

uch more cunning rogue than he had

much more cunning rogue than he had thought.
But the note I had found so, strangiyon my pillow had given no inkling of his suspicions, if he had any. That was to be expected. If Sir Mortimer, or rather myself, falled to keep the appointment, he would draw his own conclusions. And having drawn them, while the would storm the chateaut for the truth. If, as seemed most likely, he had joined forces with Captain Forbes, he would realize the need of immediate action.

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ate action.

What with interview between myself and Madame de Varnier, Locke, and Forbes, the day promised to be exciting. There might, I thought with infanite dread, be yet another interview. For if Forbes and Locke had succeeded in tracing us to Alterhoffen why should not Helena Brett and her mother?

I looked at my watch. I had slept soundly, leiled to sleep by the temptious little stream below. It was now ten o'clock. The sun was shining brightly into my room. I could see the stream below. It was now ten o'clock. The sun was shining brightly into his my room. I could see the little stream below. It was now ten o'clock. The sun was shining brightly into he was a more little little with the more little little with the more little little with the more my chamber entered with coffee. There was none so litely to have brought the note as he. I was tempted to test the suspicion. It might be convenient to avail myself or his services. If my suspicion were true. But I decided to make no allusion to it. For the present I had no need of the max, and if he were ignorant of the existence of the note I should risk much by making him the viser. I said, raising myself on my elbow to poss out my coffee. "Is she up yeir"

Then Toward the Chatsau Walls.

I salary had-been increased because he had mastered two of the most difficult languages in the world. That fact also proved that he owed his promotion not so much to influence at Clean as a common to the comm

one had fallen e shout had not could be sure of apposite side of his, because on the opposite side of he Airs was a narrow esplanade. Senches were placed at intervals, and here were beds of flowers to break the monotony of the gravel walt. The seplanade was deserted but for one per-non, a woman, and she was sented, her paranol shaleding her from the out-ind from my view. Again I heard the shout, and still again. I listened, breathless. But the appriserous erry was no longer re-presentations of the sentent sentent sentent.

peated.
Puzzled, I stood at the window, lear-ing far out, but I could discover sign of no person at such of the windows as I could command. My glance full idly to the woman sunning herself on the opposite bank. And as I looked, a

idly to the woman summing hereal? on the opposite bank. And al I looked, a tiny shaft of light arrested my attention.

It was scarcely larger than my hand, but it beened endowed with eithin telligence. For it moved, it danced. And always in the direction of the woman with the paratol.

Now it crawled slowly along the graveled walk in a direct line from the river bank toward her. Now it burned, a shining mark, motionless. Then it darried about in circles, and always close to the woman as if to engage her attention. A minuta, five minutes passed, while I watched the control of the contr

## CHAPTER XIX.

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The Startling Message.
She had looked up, only to be bitnded by the dancing flame. She held her hands before her eyes. The fame persistently annoyed her. She mored from her seat. It pursued her.

Again she looked up; and even from this height I could see that she was frowning in her angor and annoyases. She seated herself at another bessel. But she could not shake off her formentor. It no longer beat on her face and person; it moved steady towardher, then traveled along the path of the promenade; trespassed into the garden of a cottage; shot by the cottage itself; halted at a huge wooden algaboard, on which was inacribed a long advertisement in Preach precialming the exalted merits of a Swiss chocolate.

It signaged tremulously across the

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It signaged tremulously across the signboard. It paused at a capital lebter I. Helean had watched it curiously ustil it disappeared into the garden. Then she had lost interest in its movements, and had once more scinned anxiously the chateau opposite. Patiently and persistently the little beam of light repeated its antica. Again it moved, swritly this time-tet he signboard, and now she turned in her seat and watched it until it again paused at the letter I. Twice the mirror was flashed on the billboard; twice it pased at the letter I. It disappeared, to reappear at A. From A. It darted swittly to M. Asother pause and sgain it vanished. Once more at pointed to A; once more it pointed to A; once more it come more at pointed to A; once more it is considered as if seeking a letter. After some hesitation the mirror's redection fell on P. Thence it shot to R. Again, it was fire a letter with it has settled on I. Once more at selected S. Thence in quick succession came O. N. R. T. AM. A PRISONER," It had apolled.

But while Helena and I were sill staring at the board, the shatt of light darted in feverish haste from lettee to letter until It had spelled another "FO-R-B-E-S."

faily described. The cocked hat was been considered in fewerish haste from lettee too back part eleven inches, the cockade plain buillong-jold tassels, edging of black cetrich feather—I skipped that, too. I was not interested in millimer. But presently my eye wandered to this paragraph. I began to read it not without uneariness:

"Official Act of Parliament to prevent a Disclosure of Documents and Information: Any person found guilty of a breach of official trust; of publicing or obtaining under failes pre itenses papers of Batis, and formation: any person interfering with His Majestry Diplomatic Berrants in their official butiness; and the second of high treason. Any person interfering with His Majestry Diplomatic Berrants in their official butiness; and the second of the se

THE GROCERY CLUB

SAWYER'S REPORT OF AN

mersville, Ark., is inclined to Think That in the German Agreement Kalzer Bill Has Successfully Worked a Con Came on Our Teddy.

Our club met in Sy Joses grocery store has might pursuant to its nat ral tendencies. A quorum was present—quorum in our club consistin of two or more members present who don't agree on anything that may come up. Several members was abeat' cause they hadn't come up with the "ready-come down", for their na's week's groceries.

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"Im Jackson, who used to least the sign of the late of groceries are the sign of the con; and that it indicated that Klaier." Blift had worked a con game of the word consignin, "one and the word consignin, and the word consigning the late of the late of

streak of pork this fall.

Going to Make Matters Better?
The dispatches tell us that 91 head of low a steers sold at soven cents a pound, or \$35 a head, in Chicago a few days ago, Cletting the must be dispared to the control of the

MAY BE MOVING TOO FAST.

Have the love Republicans already elected their delegate-a-thery to the National Convention of 1987. Is A. R. Cummins among the number elected? It would seem so, for Governor Cummins has lately amounced his intention to see to it personally that a piedge of immediate tariff revision is incorporated in the platform. We had not heard that a state convention had been held in love and that Mr. Cummins had been chosen once of the delegates for next year. Is not the governor then counting his chickens before they are hatched? May not the Republicans of flows decide not you will be seen that the second of the delegates for next year. Is not the governor then counting his chickens before they are hatched? May not the Republicans of flows decide not you will be seen to be seen to

Ideal convention on the question of tariff revision.

Printers Ars influenced.
Some apprehension in expressed regarding the effect of the German agreement upon the printing and publishing business. The Engrever and Electrotyper of August I raises the question whether the 'Export price' provision may not be so manipulated as to allow the Germans to do a great deal more in the way of composition and plate canting for the American market, than they have ever before the control of the

THE RIGHT THING TO DO.



tariff concessions that will sauge; vermany."

Thomas Jefferson: "We must do nothing of the sort. Let me repeat what I wrote on that subject in 1793: "Where a nation imposes high duties on our productions or prohibits them altogether, it may be proper for us to do the same by theirs; first burdening-those productions which they bring here in competition with our own of the same kind, selecting next such manufactures as we fake from them in greatest quantity and which at the same time we could the subsect them in greatest quantity and which at the same time we could the assact furnish to ourselves or obtain from other countries. Imposing on them duties lighter at first, but heavier and heavier afterward, as other channels of supply open. Such duties having the effect of addirect encouragement to domestic manufactures of the same kind, may induce the manufacturer to come himself into the states, where a cheaper subsistence, equal laws and a vent for his wares, free of duty, may insure him the highest profits from his skill and industry.

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Can Cut Our Duttes Inc Two.
If all the German exporters can arrange to do their own valving at our custom houses they cannot only secure a reduction in duly amounting to 30 per cent, but they can cut-out all the secure as th