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able.

Spencer godded.

without them.

"Just so!" he murmured.

"Yes," Lord Runton answered, "but

hey were all in code. I happen to

know that, because the postmaster

explained that he was afraid that be

must have made some mistake, as the

nessage was incomprchensible. Field-

ng only laughed and gave the man a

sovereign. The message was abso-

utely correct, he declared. He told

me afterward that whenever he was

speculating he always coded his mes-

anges, and it seemed perfectly reason-

"This morning," Lord Runton con-

inued, "Mr. Fielding rather upset our plans. We were all to have spent the

day at the duke's and diped there.

There was a big shoot for the men, as

ou know. At breakfast time, however,

Mr. Fielding announced that he had a

man coming over with a motor car

from Norwich for them to try and beg-

ged to be excused. So we had to go

"De Rothe was staying with me, as

you know, and just before we started

he had a telegram that a messenger

from the embassy was on his way

down. He hesitated for some time as

to whether he ought not to stay at

home so as to be here when he ar

rived, but we persuaded him to come

with us and promised to send him back

after luncheon. When we got to Ches-

tow, however, the wind had become a

gale, and it was impossible to shoot

decently. De Rothe was a little un-

easy all the time, I could see, so he

and I and a few of the others returned

here, and the rest went up to Chestow,

Just as we arrived Fielding passed us

in a great motor car, with his daughter

behind. When we got to the house Do

Rathe inquired for the messenger. He

was told that he was in Mr. Fielding's

sitting room, but when we got there

we found the door locked, and through

the key hole we could hear a man

groaning. We broke the door in and

found De Rothe's messenger half un-

conscious and a rifled dispatch box

upon the floor. He has given us no

coherent account of what has happen-

rought the first one up himself and

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eave of their bost and hostess. Remember, I never knew Phyllis Poynton. You did. Ask yourself whether she is the sort or young person to obtain hospitality under false pretenses and then abuse it-to associate berself in a fraud with a self confessed rob-

"The idea," Pelham said quietly, "is "While we are on the subject," Spencer remarked, drawing the cigarettes

toward him, "may I ask you a few questions, Mr. Pelham? For instance, had Miss Poynton any relations in France?" "Not to my knowledge," Pelham an-

"I have known both her and her brother for a great many years, and I never heard either of them mention any." "Why did she go to Parls, then?"

"To meet her brother." "And why did he go abroad?" "It was a whim, I think-just a desire to see a few foreign countries be-

fore he settled down to live the life of country gentleman." "You believe that he had no other

"I think I may go so far as to say that I am sure of it," Pelham an-"One more question," Spencer added. intervening. But the question remain-

ed unasked. The butler had opened the dining room door and was announcing Lord Runton. Duncombe rose to his feet in surprise. For the moment a sudden fear drew the color from his cheeks. He looked apprehensively toward his unexpected visitor. Lord Runton, however, showed no signs of any great dis-

composure. He was wearing his ordinary dinner clothes and in reply to Duncombe's first question assured him that he had dined. "I will try a glass of your port, if I may, George," he declared. "Thanks!" The butler had wheeled a chair up to the table for him and left the room. Lord Runton filled his glass and sent the decanter round. Then he turned

toward Spencer, to whom he had just been introduced. "Mr. Spencer," he said, "my visit tonight was mainly to you. I dare say you are aware that a somewhat unpleasant thing has happened at my house. My people tell me that you called there this morning and inquired

for Mr. Fielding." Spencer nodded. "Quite true," he answered. "I called, but did not see him. He appears to have left somewhat hurriedly while I

"You did not even catch a glimpse of him?" "No. "You know Mr. Fielding by sight, I

"I have seen him in Paris once or twice." Spencer answered. "You will not think me impertinent for asking you these questions, I am sure," Lord Runton continued apolo-

getically, "but could you describe Mr. Fielding to me?" "Certainly," Spencer answered. "He is tall and thin, wears glasses, was clean shaven, bald and limped a little."

Lord Runton nodded. "Thank you," he said. "I presume that your visit this morning was one of courtesy. You are acquainted with Mr. Fielding?"

"I have not that pleasure," Spencer answered. "I am afraid I must confess that my visit was purely one of curiosity."

"Curiosity?" Lord Runton repeated. "Exactly. Do you mind passing those excellent cigarettes of yours, Dun-

Lord Runton hesitated for a moment, He was conscious of a certain restraint in Spencer's answers. Suddenly he turned toward him.

"Mr. Spencer," he said, "may I ask if you are Mr. Jarvis Spencer of the Daily Messenger, the Mr. Spencer who was mentioned in connection with the investigations into the Lawson es-

tates?" Spencer nodded. "Yes," he said; "I am that person," "Then," Lord Runton continued, "I want to tell you exactly what happened today in my house and to ask your advice. May 17"

"If our host has no objection," Spencer answered, glancing toward Pel-"None whatever," Duncombe answered, also glancing toward Pelham.

There was a moment's silence. Pelham raised his head. "If Lord Runton desires it, I will withdraw," he said slowly. "At the same time I must confess that I, too, am interested in this matter. If Lord

Runton has no objection to my presence I should like to remain. My discretion goes without saying." Duncombe moved uneasily in his chair. His eyes sought Spencer's for ruidance, but found his bead averted.

Lord Runton raised his eyebrows slightly at what he considered a some what vulgar curiosity, but his reply was prompt. "You are a friend of Duncombe's Mr. Pelham," he said, "and that is

enough. I have to ask not only you, but all three of you, to consider what I am going to tell you as absolutely They all signified their assent. Lord

"Mr. and Miss Fielding came to me with letters from my brother and with many convincing proofs of their iden-We none of us had the slightest havior was exactly what it should have been. Nothing about them excited remark in any way, except the unusual number of telegrams and telephone messages which Mr. Fielding was always receiving. That, however, was quite in accord with our ideas of an American business man and didn't seem to us in the least remarkable."

"The telegrams were delivered through a neighboring office?" Speacer asked

"No; a letter," Lord Runton answered. "De Rothe says very little, but I never saw a man so broken up. He has left for London tonight."

"The matter is in the hands of the police, of course?" Spencer asked. Lord Runton shook his head.

"De Rothe took me into his room and locked the door a few minutes after we had discovered what had happened. He implored me to keep the whole affair from the press and from publicity in any form. His whole career was at stake, he said, and very much more than his career. All that we could do was to follow Mr. Fielding and drag him back by force if we could. Even then he had little hope of recovering the letter. We did our best, but of course we had no chance. Mr. Fielding and his daughter simply drove off. De Rothe is dealing with the affair in his own way."

"It is a most extraordinary story, Spencer said quietly,

Lord Runton turned toward him. "I have treated you with confidence "Will you tell Mr. Spencer," he said. me now why you called at my house t see Mr. Fielding today?" Spencer hesitated, but only for a mo

"Certainly," he said. "I came be ause I knew that Mr. Fielding was halfway to America and his daughter

in Russia. Some friends of mine were curious to know whom your guest mild be."

Pelham raised his head. "You lied to me, then!" he exclaimed "I had as much right to lie to you," pencer answered calmly, "as you had ask me questions. I had"-

He stopped short in the middle of his sentence. The faces of the three men were a study in varying expressions. From some other part of the house there came to them the sound of a woman's sudden cry of terror-the cry of woman who had awakened suddenly to look into the face of death. Dun combe's uplifted glass fell with a crast upon the table. The red wine trickled across the tablecloth.

#### [TO BE CONTINUED.]

The Truth About Starving. Novelists write a lot of nonsen about the extreme suffering that accompanies starvation. It is all poppy cock, says Dillon Wallace in the Outing Magazine. Any healthy person, with a normal appetite, after missing two or three meals is as hungry as he ever gets. After awhile there is a sense of weakness that grows on one, and this increases with the days. Then there comes a desire for a great deal of sleep, a sort of lassitude that is not unpleasant, and this desire become ed yet, but it is quite certain that he more pronounced as the weakness was attacked and robbed by Mr. Field- grows. The end is always in sleep.

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time nor ability to complete his ing: and instead of denouncing their education. Necessity required him movement as many unwise men bim to go to work. The first year did he treated them with kindness after going home he cultivated a and sympathy, dissuading them crop, then clerked in a store, and in from leaving the Democratic party, 1867 began merchandising for him- but never denouncing them. In the self. He prospered, made friends country immediately contiguous to of his customers, and many of the Clayton. Populism never made any men who began to trade with him headway and one of the reasons for forty years ago are still his custom. this was the wise and kindly manner ers and friends.

merchandising, he is still a large in his denunciation of the movement and active farmer. He is not mere- Six or eight years before he had

during the crop season a visitor would be apt to find him in the field actually carrying on large, active, the farmers were then staggering. and sucessful farming operations. And so well informed does he keep himself on market prices of farm products, that many will recall that during recent years he has published cotton letters that contained wholesome advice to the farmers | He came to the State Convention in with regard to holding their cotton. This advice has proved to be well founded, and there is no estimating the money it saved the farmers of Ashley Horne, of this place, is a expressing their gratitude to him.

He was one of the officers of the to state what manner of man he is. what on the plan of the bonded ware-Association.

counsellor.

He has always been a strict, regumanhood volunteered as a private lar and organization Democrat. He in the Confederate army, and fol- has voted the Democatic tickets as

In the early 90's, when Populism was making such headway among mattox. His record as a soldier is the people he opposed it, but he understood the hard conditions After the war he had neither the under which the farmers were sufferin which the farmers were treated by As a farmer and as a business Mr. Horne and other Democrats. man he has been successful, and he Af er the fusion of Populism and has also embarked in other lines of Republicanism carried the State, business. Now he is regarded as and when many Democrats felt that one of the most successful men in it would be best for us to make the State. While he has other some arrangement with the Popularge lines and is engaged in bank- lists by which the State could be reing, insurance, manufacturing, deemed, Mr. Horne was outspoken

dealing with the Populist, for he understood the burden under which But in 1898 he had no sympathy for any movement looking to a fusion with Butler, Russell and Thompson. He was outspoken in denouncing any such proposition, 1898 and threw his whole influence in favor of a straight fight. If there is one idea in Mr. Horne's

mind, or if there is one motive in the State and they were not slow in his life which predominates over all others, it is his opposition and hatred of monopolies and combines. He has always stood for the individual and in favor of the freest competition. He does not believe in any law which gives one man an advantage over another, and he believes that any agreement between two or more men, or two or more companies to restrict competition, or to create a monopoly is a crime against human rights and ought to be punished in the severest manner. He is a practical trust fighter. Not a trust-buster on paper, but a man who has systematically and earnestly tought monopolies in the only way he found it practical to fight

When the cotton oil industry became important he was one of the men who organized the first cotton oil mill in Raleigh. When he ascertained that the American Cotton Oil Company had obtained control of that mill be sold every dollar of his stock and retired. When it appeared that the fertilizer business was going into the hands of large concerns, he was one of the people who helped to organize the Caraleigh Phosphate and Fertilizer Works near the City of Raleigh.

Propositions were made to buy that mill out. Mr. Horne opposed it and offered to become responsible for the future of the mill himself provided it was kept independent. A few years ago when it appeared that the American Cotton Oil Company and the Southern Cotton Oil Company would control the cotton seed market of the South, and that they possibly might combine and regulate prices, namediately Mr. Horse assisted in the building of an independent mill at Clayton, which mill is now owned and controlled by Clayton people and run independently. It provides an independent market for seed and furnishes, independent of other companies fertilizers.

He is president of the Clayton Oil Mills. - In 1902, many North Carolina mills favored going into a combination, so as to effect, it was said, large economy. The proposition was made to Mr. Horne to bave the Clayton mills included in the merger. He declined to submit the proposition to the stockholders. The fate of that merger justified the wisdom of his course. He was one of the first men to

advocate the formation of home insurance companies, both fire and life, and thus stop the outflow of North Carolina money for fire insurance. He was one of the early stockholders of the North Carolina Home, and is an officer and director in a number of successful life and fire insurance comp anies.

One of the rules of his business life is to give the preference, where practicable to do so,, to local and independent companies, rather than to foreign companies and large combinations of capital. As far as it is possible to do so, he taboos trusts and monopolies. From the purchase of the oil which lubricates his machinery to the placing of material upon his property, he always gives the preference to local

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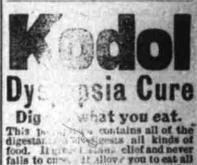
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