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BULL DOG DRUMMOND.
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"Your candor is as refreshing," he answered genially, "as your similes are apt. I shudder to think of that poor little fly, Mr. Peterson, especially with your chanfeur grinding his gears to pieces." He held open the door for his visitor, and followed him into the passage. At the other end stood Denny, ostentatiously dusting a book-shelf, and Peterson glanced at him casually. It was characteristic of the man that no trace of annoyance showed on his face. He might have been an ordinary visitor taking his leave.

And then suddenly from the room outside which Denny was dusting there came a low monning and an incoherent babble. A quick frown passed over Drummond's face, and Peterson regarded him thoughtfully

"An invalid in the house?" he remarked. "How inconvenient for you!" He taid his hand for a moment on the soldier's arm. "I sadly fear you're going to make a fool of yourself. And it will be such a pity." He turned, toward the stairs. "Don't bother, please; I can find my own way out."

THREE

Hugh turned back into his own room, and lighting a particularly noisy pipe, sat down in his own special chair. He was under no delusions as to the risks he was running. Underrating his opponent had never head a fault of his, either in the ring or in France, and he had no intention of beginning now. The man who could abduct an American millionaire, and drug him till he was little better than a baby, and then use a thumbscrew to enforce his wishes, was not likely to prove over-scrupulous in the future.

After a while he began dalf-unconsciously to talk aloud to himself, "Two alternatives, old buck," he remarked, stabbing the air with his pipe. "One—give the Potts bird up at Berners street; two—do not. Number one—out of court at once. Preposterous—absurd. Therefore—number two holds the field." He rang the bell.

"James," he said, as the door opened, "take a piece of paper and a pencil—if there's one with a point and sit down at the table. I'm going to think, and I'd hate to miss out anything."

His servant complied, and for a while stience reigned.

"First," remarked Drummond, "put down—They know where Potts is." Two—They will try to get Potts."
"Yes, etr." answered Denny writing

"Three—They will not get Potts."
Now, James, you've got to do something else. Itise and with your wellknown stealth approach the window,
and see if the watcher still watcheth
without."

The servant took a prolonged survey, and finally announced that he falled to see him.
"Then that proves coordinated that

"Then that proves conclusively that he's there," said Hugh. "Write it down, James: Font—'Owing to the watcher without, Potts cannot leave the house without being seen.' Five—'Potts must leave the house without being seen.' I want him, James, I want him all to myself. He shall go to my cottage on the river, and you shall look after him."

"Yes, sir," returned James dutifully. "And in order to get him there, we niust get rid of the watcher without. How can we get rid of the bird—how can we, James, I ask you? Why, by giving him nothing further to watch for. Once let him think that Potts is no longer within, unless he's an imbecile he will no longer remain without. Now trot along over, James, and give my compliments to Mr. Darrell. Ask him to come in and see me for a moment. Say I'm thinking and daren't move."

James rose obediently, and Drummond heard him cross over the passage to the other suite of rooms that lay on the same floor. Then he heard the murmur of voices, and shortly afterward his servant returned.

"He is in his bath, sir, but he'll come over as soon as he's finished." He delivered the message and stood waiting. "Anything more, sir?"

"Yes, James. I feel certain that there's a lot. But just to carry on with, I'll have another glass of beer."

As the door closed, Drummond rose and started to pace up and down the room. The plan he had in his mind was simple, but he was a man who believed in simplicity.

"Peterson will not come himself nor will our one and only Henry. Potts has not been long in the country, which is all to the good. And if it falls—we shan't be any worse off than we are now. Luck—that's all; sind the more you tempt her, the kinder she is." He was still talking gently to himself when Peter Darrell strolled into the room.

"Can this thing be true, old boy," remarked the newcomer, "I hear you're in the throes of a brain-storm."
"I am, Peter. I want you to help

"All that I have, dear old flick, is yours for the asking. What can I do?"
"Well, first of all, I want you to come along and see the household pet." He piloted Darrell along the passage to the American's room, and opened the door. The millionaire looked at them dazedly from the pillows, and Darrell stared back in startled surprise.

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