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"Impossible!"

"Well, your excellency," stammered

"You foot!" whispered Danilo in

Kish, "I happen to know M. de Joll-

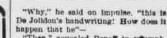


CHAPTER III. The Garden Fete.

HE gardens of Mme. Sonis Sa-dowa's villa, just outside Paris, were gayly decorated for a lawn fete. The grounds were dotted with hughing groups of brigh-ly dressed men and women, for Sonia had particularly requested that all bet Marsovian expests wear their pictur-Marsovian guests wear their pictureque native costume, and the result was a veritable kalerloscopic carnival of color, a perfect riot of gorgeous bues and striking figures,

Ambassador Popoff, his long, lenn Antuassador Popoff, his long, lean figure draped in vivid green, was pac-ing the alleys of the garden near this entrance gate, pausing nervously now and again to scan hat arrivals in secarch of some one. At length he de-arried the man he sought. Nish was just busiling into the grounds, and the ambassador at once beckoned to him. "Now, then, Mr. Nish," cried Popoff as soon as the little clerk had sham-

at busiling into the grounds, and the abassador at once beckoned to bim. Now, then, Mr. Nish." cried Popoff soon as the little clerk had sham-ed within earshot, "I told you to eareful."



"Why," he said on impulse, "this is De Jolidon's hundwriting! How does it happen that he"--"Then," squealed Popoff in refinmph, "It is Mme. Nova Kovitch he loves The whole thing is absurdly simple when a brain like mine is brought to hear on it?"

Dear on it?" Delighted with his own astituteness, the ambassador pattered off to join the other guests, leaving Danilo, fan in hand, blankly facing the astounded lik-tie sloet. tle clerk.

"Nish," observed the prince, "do you

"Nish." observed the prince, "do you suppose it's possible De Jolidon can be in love with Mme. Nova Kovitch as well as with Mme. Nova Kovitch as "Td-Ud like to think so." murmured Nish as he started fattafully off in the wake of his chief. "Id like to think so. It-it would disk it less serchasive, less of a monopoly. And to think his excellency never recognized his own wife's fail Where ignorance is bliss why read up on divorce haws?" Laying the fan on a nearby table. Danilo was turning away whon a voice behind him called mockingly: "Still is retroat? So you are afraid of me?" "Wby impossible, pray? I think I have as good oyes as any man. I think, sir. I can detect love when I toks at the widow-why man. I don't know a single thing that doesn't point toward his being in love with her. I"-If"-"If I may say so, your excellency," put in Nish, shuffling nervously, "I think I could tell you of a "single" thing, or, rather," he added, chuckling, "when I say "single' I mean 'married."" "Mr. Nish," interrupted Popolf, "If you can stop wriggling around like an instrinted centiped long wrough to talk plaining, will you do me the honor to put your blitherings into plain words?" "Well, your excellence," stammard.

ef me" e Whirling about, the prince faced Sonin She was bewitchingly pretty in the black and gold Marsovian dress that showed to fullest advantage every willowy line of her figure. "This hot retrasting," he contradicted, "only skirmishing in fight cavalry faching."

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"And you are going away like that? Ob. you stupid man!" "I can't tail what you mean," he an

Kish, "I happen to know M. de Joll-don is altready head over heels in love with a lady who has a busband. He"---"Mr. Nish." thundered Popoff, "you are demenning yourself to the con-temptible act of talking scandal! Are you sware of that Mr. Nish? If so, go on talking it and tell me who she is."

"And I shan't tell what I mean," he an "And I shan't tell what I mean," she rejoined. "By the way," she added. "Bow do you happen to be here? You declined my haviation." "The here," he replied bluntly, "be-cause I'm making it my business to set fild of your Franchises to show."

cause i'm making it my business to get rid of every Frenchinan who shows signs of, proposing to you." "But why?" she asked in wonder. "For my own amusement; that's sil." "You-you don't happen to be in love

Noting that Danilo's back was to-ward her, she furtively lifted the fan to her lips and kissed the written words. Then as she restored it to the table she whispered: "Just the same, I'll make him say it. He shall?"

"Have you nothing to say to me, "Have you nothing to say to me, prince?" she asked "Only one thing goodby!" "Goodby!" she achoed. "You're-you're not going?"

"I leave Parts tomorrow morningby the first train-forever!"

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"But you promised. And now, I sup-pose I shall never see you again, for when I'm married I shall five in Paris." "I thought you were more patriotic," he sighted. "It seems hard that you should turn your back on your native land, marry a Frenchman and settle hore." hore.

"Yet It is what I have decided." she answered. "This is probably the last time I shall wear our native costume or dance our wild national dances. To-day's fets is a sort of farewell to old times.

"No: our dances and costumes would "No; our dances and costumes would not appeal to a Frenchman. Who is it you are going to marry?" "The engagement isa't announced yet." she evaded. "Then." he roturned, with a sbrug. "I suppose I shall never know, for I leave early tomorrow."

"And you won't dance at my wedding?

ding?" "I've told you I would not." "If you wont," she cried, a sudden inspiration flashing through her mind and lighting her pale face to dazzing beauty. "dance with me now." She stretched out her slender white arms with an allurement that no mor-

tal man could restat.



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ALL HER MARSOVIAN GUESTS WORE THEIR PICTURESQUE NATIVE COSTUMES.

bring Prince Danilo here and not to leave him for an iostant until"---"He wouldn't let me stay " explained Nish. "He says he won't come. He's giving a party--if 1 may say so, a "And for the sake of a lot of pleas, ure seeking killers the prince refuses to obey my orders and come to Mme.

"Then," decided the annuassaor, " and when I find when I find when I find when I find when a shall sonia's?"

"You're very, very rude!" she re-proved. "But sincesyou doa't love me you ought to be able to give me good advice about accepting a man I really

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"Oh!" growled Danflo, chagrined. "Then it was a voluntary

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over the many offers of marriage she has rejected, infer that she will snap at the first fellow who comes along. When a critic is unjustly severe in

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ment, inter that you are seeing the favor, not he. When you hear an American lauding the institutions and customs of Euroye and speaking slightingly of the United States, infer that he will never be

"Are you," asked counsel, "acquaint-ed with the symptoms of concussion of the brain?"

"I am." "Then let us take a concrete case. If my learned friend, counsel for the defense, and myself were to bang our heads together, should we get concus-sion of the brain?"

They Were Quits.

They Were Guita. A city fellow while hunting went out into the country one day and lost his way, and as he was standing by a crossroad he saw a farmer a little way off. He waiked over to the farm-er and said, "Say, Pat, which road leads to the station?" "How do you know my name is Pat?" saked the farmer. "I guessed it," said the fal-tow. "Well," replied the farmer, "then guess the way to the station."-Judge's Library.

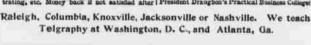
When a man fails to keep an appoint-ment, infer that you are seeking the

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When you hear a spinster gushing

| Yes, your excellency. He positively uses to come And when I say sitively' refuses I.— Here he is now!" hanklo, respicadent in the uniform of dersovian capital of hussars, stroll- nonchalantly forward, with a care- s nod that quite ignored the ambas- hor's giare of reproof at his inte- set. The second second second second I understand, prince," began Popoli dig, "that you positively refused to by my" So I did, so I did," assented Danilo wrfully. "But at the last moment I unged my mind and my clothes, and 's I am. I've postponed my party an hour or so. You see, I remem- red my promise to help you scare ay from the wilow any Frenchman os seemed harlined to make love to a, That's why I came." | The annowand of drew an Fody Inf. "Last night at the embassy bull," said he, "Nova Koritch, who used to be one of my attaches, brought me tais. He was crazy with jeakons, He'd just picked up the fan; said it was his wife's and that some man had written 'I love you' ou one of the sticks. He was going home to beat his wife and make her confess who the villain was when I persuaded my wife to are poor Mine. Nors Koritch by pretaining the fan was her own. Ah hut my wife is a born diplomation Nove Kovitch was convinced, and it poorseted the fan tor future reference. Fandle too, the armer from Papers. | to treat hack. When it is told about the clubs that you are the most popular poker player, infor that-you are losing all the money. When a man flatters you, infer that he inkes yon for a fool who is easily worked. When an acquaintance whispers soft- ly in your car some dark cret, infer that he has spread it all over town. Who you lose your job, infer that it regultres a search warrant to find a friendNew York Press. His "Character." There is a story of a Scotch gentle- man who had to dismiss his gardener | THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE NOMAL SINCE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE. Maintained by the State for the Education of the Women of N. Carolina Four regular courses leading to Degrees. Special Courses offered in Teacher Training. Music, Manual Arts and Domestic Science and in the Commercial Department. Free Tuition to those who agree to teach in the schools of North Carolina. Béard, laundry, tuition and all other expenses, including use of textbooks, \$170.00 a year. For free tuition students, \$125.00 a | |
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| where do you expect to regard? With the most dangerous sultor, o is he? Well," replied Poroff confidentially, o had my eye on her, and it scenes that he follow'- | | tecture. The neglected fan lying on the table rangint Sonin * ere. She picked it up uity and oversed it. The worder *1 have rout" and her pare Conta + sh5 placese at tecture. *1 and sectors *1 at the sectors of the later of the sectors of the s | | THE CONDERD |
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