reading of this last dip of paper had ceased all movement and remained as stationary as though it had been paratyzed.

"A charge which, as yet, is nothing but a charge," observed the coroner. "But evidence is not wanting," he went on, "that Mr. Hildreth is not at home at this present time, but is somewhere in this region, as will be seen by the following telegram from the superintendent of the Toledo police:"

"Party mentioned not in Toledo, Left for the hast on the midnight train of Wednesday the 27th Inst. When last heard from was in Albany. He has been living fast and is well known to be in pocuniary difficulties proposition as here. difficulties, necessitating a large and immediate amount of money. Further parties

ulars by letter," "That, gentlemen, I received last night. To day," he continued, taking up the telegram that had just come in, "the following

"Frosh advices. Man you are in search of talked of suicide at his cinh the other night. Seemed in a desperate way and said that if something did not soon happen he should be a lost man. Horseflesh and unfortunate spoulations have ruined him. They are it will take all he will ultimately "And below:

"Suspected that he has been in your

A or six was approaching council the cornor. This, to the skilled eyes of Mr. Byrd, was no longer doubtful. Even if he had not observed the wondering glances east in that direction by persons who could see the owner of that now immovable elbow, right, by the elect expression which had now taken the place of the stolid and indifferent look which had hitherto characterinal the face of the man he believed to be a detective.

A panther about to spring could not have A partier about to spring could not have looked more threatening, and the wonder was, that there were he more to observe this exciting by play. Yet the panther did not spring, and the enquiry went on.

"The witness I now propose to call," amounced the caroner, "is the proprietar of the Eastern Reicl. Ah, here he is. Mr.

Symonds, have you brought your register for the past week?" Yes, sir," answered the new comer. with a good deal of therry in his manner and an embargassed look about him, which convinced Mr. Hyrd that the words in regard to whose origin he had been so doubtful that morning, had been real words and no

" Have you entertained at your house this week any guest who professed to come from

began the witness, in a stammering sort of way, "We have always a great house, but I don't recollect any special one The registered himself as coming from

"You, however, always expect your mests to put their names in your book?" Ven air

the register, spoke up and asked:

" Smith ! Smith ! Oh, yes, the gentle | and that At this point a slight disturbance took

place. It was occasioned by the thick-set from dwelling upon possibilities which, muter other circumstances, he would have leap, however, but a decidedly comic one, and had for its end and aim the recovery of "And did you see Mrs. Clemmens?" the a handkerchief which he had taken from his pocket at the moment when the witness aftered the name of Smith, and, by a weless flourish in opening it, third it from his hand to the floor, At least, so the amused throng interpreted the sud-den dive which he made, and the heedless haste that caused him to trip or the gentleman's hat that stood on the floor, causing it to fall and another hand-kerchief to tumble out. Ent Mr. Hyrd, who had a detective's insight into the whole matter, saw something more than appeared in the profuse apologies which the their set man male, and the arrejed minner in waich he gathered up the handkerchief and stood looking at them before returning one to his pocket and the other to its place in the confloman's bat. Nor was Mr. dived at all

repeating. "And came yesterday? Why, then, did you look so embarrassed when I

"Oh well ah, stammered the man, " because he was there once before, though his name is not registered but mee in the . to

useless to attempt to keep stlener.

How did you know, then, that he was

there? Ind you see him or talk to him?" And what did you say ?"

He asked me for directions to a certain house, and I gave thom. "Whose house?
"The Widow Clommons, str."
Ah, light at last! The long-sought-for witness had been found!

"He asked you for directions to the house of Widow Clemmens. At what time At about half past ofeven in the morn-

The very hour.
"And did he leave then?"
"And did he leave then?"

"You, sir; after taking a glass of brandy."

"And did you not see him again ?"

"Not till vesterday, sir."

"Ah, and at what time did you see him

yesterday?"
"At hoddine, sir. He came with other arrivals on the 5 o'clock train; but I was away all the afternoon and did not see him till I went into the bar room in the evening."
"Well, and what passed between you

"Not much, sir. I asked if he was going and with us, and when he said 'Yes.' I inquired if he had registered his name. He replied 'No.' At which I pointed to the book, and he wrote his name down and then out ap states with me to his room.

"Did you make no allusions to the murder!"
"Well, sir, I did make some attempt that way, for I was enrious to know what sook him to the Widow Clemmens' house, but he smithed me so quickly. I concluded to had my tengue and not trouble myself any farther about the matter."

And do you mean to say you haven't told any one that an unknown man had been at your house on the morning of the murder inquiring after the widow?"

"You shr. I am a poor man, and believe the party out of all sort of messes. Policy employ that much of me, gentlemen."

may have convinced him that policy can be

"And now," said Dr. Tredwell, "what sort of a man is this Clement Smith ?" "He is a gentleman, sir, and not at all the sort of person with whom you would be likely to connect any unpleasant suspicion."
"We are not talking about suspicions!
This conteman, you say is still at some This gentleman, you say, is still at your

'Yes, sir, or was at breakfast-time. I have not seen him since." We will have to call Mr. Smith as a witness," declared the coroner, turning to the officer at his side. "Go and see if you cannot bring him as soon as you did are

But here a voice spoke up full and loud

from the other room. "It is not necessary, sir. A witness you will consider more desirable is in the build-And the thick set man showed himing." And the thick set man showed himself for an instant to the coroner, then walking back, deliberately laid his hand on the elbow, which for so longs time had been the centre of Mr. Hyrd's wondering conjectures. In an instant the fine, gentlemanly figure of the stranger, whom he had seen the night before in the terr room, appeared with a bound from behind the jame, and pansing excitedly before the man, now felly discovered to all around as a detective, asked

him, in shaking tones of suppressed terror "I will tell you," was the ready assur-

the coroner and jury. With a glance that for some reason disturbed Mr. Byed in his newly acquired complacency, the contieman stalked hur-riedly forward and took his stand in the door way leading into the room occupied by the persons mentioned.
"Now," he evied, "what have you to

itus the detective, who had advanced behind him, still refrained from replying, though he gave a quick look at the coroner, which led that functionary to glance at the hotel-keeper and instantly ask

"You know this gontleman?"
"It is Mr. ('lement Smith."

"I think you are mistaken; I should call him now Mr. Gonverneur Hildreth!" With a start and a face grown as suddenly White as it had but an instant before been red, the gentleman turned and surveyed the defective from head to foot, saying, in a tone of mock politeness: And why, if you please? I have never

been introduced to you that I remember. "No," rejoined the detective, taking from his pocket the handkerchief which he had previously put there, and presenting it to the other with a bow, "but have read the monogram upon your handkerchief, and it happens to be-

"Enough!" interrupted the other in a stern if not disdainful voice. "I see I have been the victim of espionage." hanghilly up to the coroner and exclaimed : " I am tionverneur Hildreth, and I come many men from the West stopping at our from Totale. Now, what is it you have to

## CHAPTER IX.

CHOSE CALCULATIONS. The coroner, who appeared to be as much One of the jury, who was looking over startled as any one at the result of the day's ter, spoke up and asked proceedings, examined the witness into his is this Clement Smith, who writes motives for coming East. He acknowlhimself down here as coming from To edged that he undertook the journey solely ledo" man who came yesterday. He He whether she was really in as strong and is at the hotel new, he added, with an atchealthy a condition as he had always been tempt at ease, transparent as it was futile. told; his pecuniary embarrassments being At this near a which disturbance took such that he could not prevent his mind from dwelling upon possibilities which,

" And did you see Mrs. Clemmens?" the coroner inchired

"When ?" "On Theaday, sir; about noon," "You acmit, then, that you were in the widow's house a few minutes before the fatal blow was struck?"

There was doggedness in the tone, and doggedness in the look that accompanied its Did you approach the widow's house by the read and enter into it by means of the front door overlooking the lane?"

" And did you meet no one in the lane, or are no one at the windows of any of the homeon as you came be?"

astonished to observe that the stand which and what was the result of the interview his fellow detective in replacing the hat, he whoch you had with Mrs. Clemmens?" had taken pains to put it so far to one side that the gentleman would be obliged to rise I learned nothing from Mrs. Clemmens, and come around the corner in order to said that she was well and hearty, obtain it.

"Now at the hotel?" the corner was and ten for all hint that her conversation or

the poke almost with a tone of resentment; his eyes glowed darkly and a thrill o horror sped through the room as if they felt that the murderer himself afford before

You will tell me what was said in this "He was? And on what day?"

"On Funday," asserted the man, with who who you were; and, if so, the sudden decision of one who sees it is wention any words of anger passed between

Mrs. Clemmens was evidently a woman "The day of the murder?"
"Yes, sir."
"And why is his name not on the book at that time if he came to your house and put up?"
"Hecause he did not put up; he merely called in, as it were, and did not take a meat or hire a room."

Mrs. Clemmens was evidently a woman of some spirit." said he, forcing out his words with sullen desperation. "She may have used sharp language; I believe indeed said in the she had no ille, and she told me she had no ille, and and Do you want a man to disgrace himself in your presence?" he suddenly flashed out, oring-ing under the gaze of the many curious and

insympathetic eyes fixed upon him.

Int the coroner recommended the witness to be calm, and without waiting for the witness to recover himself asked again:

"What did the widow say, and with what words did you leave?"

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"The widow said she abominated drugs, and never took them. I replied that she made a great mistake, if she had any ailments. Upon which she retorted that she had no ailment, and politely showed me the door. I do not remember that anything else passed between us."

"In what room was the conversation held, and by what door did you come in and go out?"

"I came in by the front door, and we stood in that room" pointing to the attingroom, from which he had just issued.
"Stood? Did you not ut down?" Stood all the time, and in that room t

Mr. Hildreth's way of uttering this word had been any thing but pleasant, a low murmur began to eddy through the rooms. "Gentlemen, silence!" commanded the

which you have just pointed?'

or one.

"You say," he declared, "that in coming through the lane you encountered no one. Was this equally true of your return?"

"Yes, sir; I believe so. I don't remember. I was not looking up," was the slightly confused reply.

"You passed, however, through the lane, and entered the main street by the usual sath?"

"Yes."
"And where did you go then?"
"To the depat."

"To Albany, where I left my traps."
"You took the noon train, then?" "Which leaves precisely five minutes

after 12 ?"

"Did you buy a ticket at the office ?" "I did not have time,"

"Ah, the train was at the station Mr. Hildreth did not reply ; he had evidently been driven almost to the end of his

when you arrived there, Mr. Hildreth?" "I do not see why it can interest you to know," the witness retorted; "but since you insist, I will tell you that it was just going out, and that I had to run to reach it, and only got a foothold upon the platform of the rear car at the risk of my life."

He looked as if he wished it had been at the cost of his life, and compressed his lips and moved restlessly from side to side as if the battery of eyes levelled upon his face were so many points of red-hot steel burning into his brain.

fint the coroner, intent upon his duty, re-leased not one jot of the steady hold he had taken upon his victim.

"Mr. Hildreth," said he, "your position as the only person who acknowledges him-self to have been in this honse during the half-hour that preceded the assault, makes every thing you can tell us in reference to your visit of the highest importance. Was

Giving a dreary shake of the head, he

the admission was in his favor, but he went back to his old bravado, and haughtily lifted his back

haughtily lifted his head.
"You have said that Mrs. Clemmens was think so? Any expression of annoyance on her part at the interruption in her work which your errand had caused her, or merely the expression of her face and the general way she had of speaking?

"The latter, I think, though she did use a harsh word or two when she showed me

the door. " And raised her voice ?"

"Mr. Hildreth, intimated the coroner, rising, "will you be kind enough to step life." with me into the adjoining room ? I should like the attention of the jury," Dr. Tredwell signified, as he passed through

"I wish you tell me new," the coroner demanded of Mr. Hildreth, "where it was you stood during your interview with Mrs. Cleamens, and, if possible, take the very position now which you held at that time. There are too many persons here," the

"The people present will step back," de clared the coroner; "you will have ne trouble in taking your stand on the spot you occupied the other day." 'Here, then !" exclaimed the young man,

taking a position near the centre of the And the widow "Stood there."

Facing you?" "I see," intimated the coroner, pointing towards the windows. "Her back was te the yard while you stood with your face toward it." Then with a quick motion, summening the witness back into the other room, asked, amid the breathless attention of the crowd, whom this bit of by play had wrought up to expectation: "Did you observe any one go around to the back door while you stood there, and go away again without attempting to knock?"

Mr. Hildroth knitted his brow and seemed "Answer," persisted the coroner; "it is

not a question that requires thought." "Well, then, I did not," cried the witness, looking the other directly in the eye. "You did not see a tramp come into the yard, walk around to the kitchen door, wait a moment as if hesitating whether he would rap, and then turn and come back again without doing so?"

' No, sir." The coroner drew a piece of paper before him and began figuring on it. Karnestly, almost wildly, the young man watched him, drawing a deep breath and turning quite pale as the other pansed and looked up. ' Yet," affirmed the coroner, as if no delay had occurred since he received his last answer, "suel a person did approach the house while you were in it, and if you had stood where you say, you must have seen

It was a vital thrust, a relentless presentation of fact, and as such shook the witness

out of his lately acquired composure.

"Sir," he protested, a tremor of undisguised anxiety finding way into his voice,

"I do not see how you make that all ont.

What proof have you that this tramp of which you speak came to the house while I was in it? Could be not have come before? Or, what was better, could be not have come after?"

The ringing tone with which the last question was put startled everybody. No such sounds had issued from his lips before. Had he caught a glimpse of hope or was he driven to an extremity in his defence that forced him to assert himself?

"It is only a matter of subtraction and addition, Mr. Hildreth. You have said that addition, Mr. Hildreth. You have said that upon quitting this house you went directly to the depot, where you arrived barely in time to jump on the train as it was leaving the station. Now, to walk from this place to the depot at any pace you would be likely to use, would occupy—well, let us say seven minutes. At two minutes before 12, then, you were still in the house. Well! "he cjaculated, interrupting himself as the other opened his lips, "have you anything to say?"

'No," was the dejected and hesitating The coroner at once resumed :

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"But at five minutes before 12, Mr. Hildreth, walked into the widow's yard. Now, allowing only two minutes for your interview with that lady, the conclusion remains that you were in the house when he came up to it. Yet you declare that, although you steed in full view of the yard, you did not see him."

"You figure closer than an extraord."

you steed in rail view of the yard, you did not see him."

"You figure closer than an astronomer calculating an celipse," burst from the young man's lips in a flash of that resolution which had for the last few minutes animated him. "How do you know your witnesses have been so exact to a second when they say this and that of the goings and comings you are pleased to put into an arithmetical problem. A minute or two one way or the other would make a said discrepancy in your calculations. Mr. Coroner."

"I know it," assented Dr. Tredwell, quietly ignoring the other's heat; "but if the jury will remember, there were four witnesses, at least, who testified to the striking of the town clock just as the tramp finally issued from the lane, and one witness, of well-known accuracy in masters of detail who declared on outh that she had just dropped her eyes from that same clock when she observed the tramp go into the widow's sate, and that it was five minutes to twelve

exactly. But, lest I do seem too nice in my calculations," the coroner inexorably pursued, "I will take the trouble of putting it another way. At what time did you leave the hotel, Mr. Hildreth?"

"I don't know," was the testy response. "Well, I can tell you," the coroner assured him. "It was about twenty mimutes to twelve, or possibly earlier, but no later. My reason for saying this, is that Mrs. Dayton's children next door were out playing in front of this house for some few minutes previous to the time the tramp came into the lane. As you did not see them you must have arrived here before they began their game, and that, at the least calculation, would make the time as carly as a quarter to 12."
"Well, and what if it was?"

and the interview was just as you say, a mere interchange of a dozen words or so, that could not possibly have occupied more than three minutes ; where were you during all the rest of the time that must have clapsed after you finished your interview and the moment you left the house?"

visibly and bowed his head as if a stroke of as to the fact of her possessing a clue to the vital force had descended upon it, while the crime.
veins swelled on his forched so powerfully "The

that more than one parson present dropped distinctly the stamp of guilt. "You leve not answered," intimated the coro ex atter a moment of silent waiting.

anything that would lead you to suppose there was any one beside her and yourself bound to all the tenth. Gentlemen, I did not leave the wistom's house as immediately as I said. I stayed for fully five minutes or slowly answered:

"There may have been somebody else in the house, I don't know; but if so, I didn't that him or see him. I thought we were alone."

The frankness with which he made

doing?" Mr. Hildrith replied humbly, "I was

spirited woman. Now, what made you thinking. But scarcely had the words left his lips, than a fresh flame of feeling started up within him, and looking from juryman to juryman he passionately exclaimed: "You consider that acknowledgment suspicious. You wonder why a man should give a few minutes to thought after the conclusion of an interview that terminated all hope. I wonder at it now myself. I wonder I did not go straight out of the house

trayed the real desperation of his mind at the critical moment when the widows life

hung in the balance. Whatever I did or of whatever I was thinking, one thing I here declare to be true, and that is, that I did not see the widow again after she left my side and wentback to her kitchen in the rear of the house. The hand that struck her may have been lifted while I stood in the hall, but if so, I did not know it, nor can I tell you now who

It was the first attempt at direct dis- appearance. avowal which he had made, and it had its effect. The coroner softened a trifle of his the detective's natural inference. And with austerity and the jurymen glanted at each other relieved. But the weight of suspicion against this young man was too heavy, and eigar in the shadow of the thick bushes that his manner had been too unfortunate for this effect to last long. Gladly as many would In an have been to credit this denial, it was no the bell. longer possible to do so without question, and he seemed to feel this and do his best to accept the situation with patience.

May I ask," said a juryman, "why you came back to Sibley, after having left "I heard of the death of this woman, and

my surprise caused me to return." "Terough the newspapers

"And you were surprised."
"I was astounded; I felt as if I had received a blow myself, and could not cest till I had come back where I could learn the full particulars."

you to the inquest to-day?" The inryman looked at him astonished; so did the rest. His manner was so changed, his answers so prompt and ring-

And what was it," broke in the coroner. "that led you to register yourself at the hotel under a false name?" "I scarcely know. Perhaps I thought that, under the circumstances, it would be

better for me not to use my own." "In other words, you were afraid?" exclaimed the coroner.

It was a word to make the weakest of men start. Mr. Hildreth flushed till it looked as if the veins would burst on his

forehead, but he made no other reply than a proud and angry look and a short "I was not aware of fear; though, to be sure, I had no premonition of the treatment I should be called upon to suffer here

doubtful, and looked from man to man of the jury as if he would question their feelthis vital subject. Mr. Hildreth suddenly drew himself erect, and a gleam shot from his eyes that, for the first time, revealed him as a man of latent pluck and

"Gentlemen, you have not said you consider me guilty of this crime, but you evidently harbor the suspicion. I do not wonder; my own words have given me away, and any man would find it difficult to believe in my innocence after what has been testified to in this place. Do you hesitate, then. The shock of finding myself suspected of a horrible murder is passed. I am willing to be arrested. Indeed, after what has here taken place. I not only am willing but anxious. place, I not only am willing but anxious. I want to be tried, if only to prove to the world my complete and entire innocence."

The effect of this speech, uttered at a

noment so critical, may be easily imagined. all the impressible people present at once signified their belief in his honesty, and gave him looks of sympathy, if not approval; while the cooler and possibly the more indicious of his auditors calmiy weighed these assertions against the evidence that had been advanced, and finding the result unsatisfactory, shook their heads as if un-

Mr. Byrd, who from the attitude of the coroner could not fail to see Mr. Hildreth was looked upon with suspicion that would ultimately end with arrest, gave up his position at the window and quietly stole

evidence given seemed to suggest.

The fact was, he wanted to think. Detective though he was and accustomed to the bravado with which every sort of oriminal will turn to meet their fate when fully driven to bay, there had been something in the final manner of this desperate but evidently cultured gentleman, which had impressed him against his own will, and made him question whether the suspected man was not rather the victim of a series of extraordinary circumstances, than the selfish and brutal criminal which the avidence given exempt to magnet.

Not that Mr. Byrd ever allowed his generous heart to blind him to the plain language of facts. His secret and not to be smothered doubts in another direction were proof enough for this. But with those doubts still holding possession of his mind, he could not feel so sure of Mr. Hildreth's

guilt.

"If only the superintendent had not left it to my judgment to interfere," thought he, pacing the streets with ever-increasing uneasiness, "the responsibility would have been shifted from my shoulders, and I would be a shifted from my shoulders, and I would be a shifted from my shoulders, and I would be a shifted from my shoulders, and I would be a shifted from my shoulders, and I would be a shifted from my shoulders, and I would be a shifted from my shoulders, and I would be a shifted from my should be a shifted from my have left the young man to his fate in peace. But now I would be criminally at fault if I were to let him drift hopelessly to his doom, when by a lift of my finger I might possibly turn the attention of justice toward

the real culprit." "Mr. Hildreth," continued the coroner, Yet the making up of his mind to inter-fere was a torture to Horace Byrd. If he and did not leave it till two minutes before, was not conscious of any love for Imogane Dare, he was sufficiently under the dominion of her extraordinary fascinations to feel that any movement on his part toward the

to the rack of public enquiry and suspicion. It was a knock-down question. The He wished to subject Miss Pare to a new aristocratic looking young centleman cringed test, and win for himself absolute certainty

The possibility of innocence on her part is even greater than on that of Mr. Hildreth," he considered, "and nothing, not even the peril of those dearest to me, could justify me in shifting the weight of suspicion from a guiltless man to an equally He finally sought Mr. Ferris, and asked for some errand thas would take him to Mr.

I have a great admiration for that gentleman and would like to make his acquaintance," he remarked carelessly, hiding his true purpose under his usual nonchalant tones. "But I do not want to seem to be pushing myself forward; so if you could give me some papers to carry to him, I should feel very much obliged."

Mr. Ferris easily provided the detective with the errand he sought. Mr. Byrd at once started for the lawyer's house. The walk succeeded in quieting his pulses and calming down the fierce excitement which had held him under its control ever since he had taken the determination to

Ringing the bell of the rambling old mansion, a respectful looking negro servant came

to the door. 'Is Mr. Orcutt in?" he asked; "or, if Miss Dare? I have a message from Mr. Ferris and would be glad to see one of This, in order to ascertain at a word if the

lady was at home. Miss Dare is not in," was the civil response, "and Mr. Orcutt is very busily engaged; but if you will step into the par-, I will tell him you are here." No, returned the disappointed detec tive, handing her the note he held in his

hand. " If your master is busy, I will not disturb him. And turning away, he went lowly down the steps. If I only knew where she was gone!" e mattered, bitterly.

But he did not consider himself in a position to ask. Hearing the gate suddenly click, he looked p. diet. w advancing toward him a young not a peculiarly spruce and elegant

grew against the house. In an instant the young stranger had rung "Is Miss Dare in?" was the inquiry, ut-

"No, sir, She is spending a few days with Miss Tremaine, was the clear and satisfactory reply. "Shall I tell her you have 'No. I will call myself at Miss Tremaine's, rejoined the gentleman. And he sauntered easily off, followed by the envious

tered in loud and cheery tones.

thoughts of Mr. Byrd. "Miss Tremaine," repeated the latter, musingly. "Who knows Miss Tremaine?" While he was asking himself this question, the voice of the young man rose melodiously in a scrap of old song, and instantly Mr. Byrd recognized in the seeming stranger the well-known tenor singer of the church he had himself attended the

Sunday before—a gentleman, too, to whom he had been introduced by Mr. Ferris. To increase his pace, overtake the young man, recall himself to his attention, and join him in his quick walk down the street, was the work of a moment. The natural sequence followed. Mr. Byrd made himself so agreeable that by the time they arrived at Miss Tremaine's the other felt loath to part with him, and it resulted in his being

urged to join this chance acquaintance in Nothing could have pleased Mr. Byrd better. So he at once accompanied his new friend into the house of the unknown Miss Tremaine. He found it lit up as for guests. All the rooms on the ground floor were open, and in one of them he could discern a lashing and coquettish young miss holding

court over a cluster of eager swains.
"Ah, I forgot," exclaimed Mr. Byrd's campanion, whose name, by-the-way was night. She is the daughter of one of the rofessors of the High School. Every Thursday evening she throws her house open for callers, and the youth of the academy are only too eager to avail themselves of the opportunity of coming here Miss Dare despises boys, and in all likeli-hood we shall have her entirely to our-

selves." A quick pang contracted the breast of Mr. Byrd. If this easy, almost rakish, fellew at his side but knew the hideous errand which brought him to this house,

what a scene would have ensued!

Before he realized that he was fully committed to this venture, he found himself in the parlor bowing before the naive and laughing eyed Miss Tremaine, who rose to receive him with all theairy graciousness of

receive him with all the airy graciousness of a finished coquette.

Miss Dare was not visible, and Mr. Byrd was just wondering if he would be called upon to enter into a sustained conversation with his pretty hostess, when a deep, rich voice was heard in the adjoining room, and, looking up, he saw the stately figure he so longed and yet dreaded to encounter, advancing toward them through the open door. She was very pale, and, to Mr. Byrd's eyes, looked thoroughly worn out, if not ill. Yet, she bore herself with a steadiness that was evidently the result of her will; but Mr. Byrd too truly discovered that her thoughts were far away from the scene of mirth and pleasure in which she found herself.

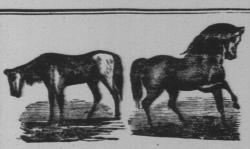
"You see I have presumed to follow you, Miss Dare," was the greeting with which Mr. Duryea hailed her approach. And he immediately became so engrossed with his gallantries he forgot to introduce his com-

Mr. Byrd was rather relieved this. He was not yet ready submit her to the test he consider necessary to the proper understanding of situation.

situation.

He preferred to talk to Miss Tremaine, and this he continued to de till the young fellows as his side, one by one, edged away, leaving no one in that portion of the reem but himself and Miss Tremaine, Mr. Duryes

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