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Excuse my interrupting," said Miss irant, bought Tom's circumst to rant, I brought Tom's cigar-case which out of his pocket on the sofa." "A mere excuse, Tom," whispered Spen-

) ws from to Miss Durant turned to go, but Spencer ernal manner etained her by saying : etallieu ace talking of you, Miss Darant, o noble action 1: 13 you came in . rge and publi

grous thought "Yes," said her lover; "Jack has been etting me into a few of the secrets of his rofession. It seems he's a great mesmerist, life are tomi we have pron. nd was saying that you were a capital sub-

sincere so los "Am I? I've never been mesmerized in that their fir v life. What is it like?" The simplest thing in the world,' said ncy naturally

pencer. "You only drop off into a kind of the world in "And then the mesmerist makes you do hen he like

tat he likes," added Tom.
"How curious! I should like to try it," r turn rebel

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sketched you said Tom [desperately, "fire empty: Abe

amy was quite ready. Following Spencer's rections, she seated herself in a chair and ed her eyes steadily on a small disk which e placed on the wall. "You'll be sure and wake me afterward?"

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making too Amy settled down to the operation, with he remark that it was like being photouneasy is th

Wilkinson stood behind her, anxiously inity; a gor ratching the progress of the experiment, ear conscient tile Spencer began making slow passes. t policy; an "When you feel drowsy let your eyes

se," he said quietly. It to eradica la a very short time Amy seemed to be as never be seling the influence of the operator, her cation. The res closed, and she appeared to be fast

Is she off?" whispered Tom. than what I think so, but we will leave her a few noments and make quite sure." "Can she hear what we say ?" pleased th

I'm half ashamed about it," said Tom; who impos word I don't think she really atest concer ares about Bartlett." which he h Wait a few minutes and you will know

e is most progressian. After a few moments more and a powerful hours by the or two, Spencer gently opened her eyes,

se, and were quite fixed. "Inere she is, you see," he said to Tom. y accomplis our time the "Are you certain she's off?"

reply Spencer gave her aar a pinch. only for he "You see she is absolutely unconscious," ; who stan tesail; "You might cut off her arm and ng to reason the would not feel it. What shall I ask

"Very well; I'll make her believe she is the Kestertons' dance. Miss Durant!" Yes," replied Amy dreamily. in you hear what I say?"

"Do you know who I am ?'

"You ought to know my voice," said dy artists, geneer. "I'm Tom Wilkinson." "I say, Jack—" interrupted Tom. "hut up! Have you enjoyed the even-

> "Very much," was the eager reply. "Have you danced with Mr. Bartlett to-

"les, several times, and I'm engaged to am for another waltz. "An, I see him coming," said Spencer;

I must resign you, I suppose." "Now," he whispered to Tom, "Quick, here's your chance; I'll make her believe Joure Burtlett."

Iom came forward. "Can I speak in my natural voice?" he of Consta

"Yes; but try and talk intelligently, like mation at Bartlett. But Tom could only make a few vapid coservations, till Spencer told him to begin seventy is dataing, as he was making Amy believe the s 70,575,4 Faltz had begun. Tom put his arm around reased about waist and slowly moved her round the

> havn't often had this pleasure tosight," he said, speaking in his character of

Oh, how can you say so, Mr. Bartlett; tals is the third waltz you've had." Tom looked daggers at Spencer, who en-

ouraged him by a look to go on. alone in "Aren't you afraid Mr. Wilkinson will be 000 per 3 f London

"Ua, let him be if he likes," said Amy; don't let us talk about him; let's talk and the ra about something pleasant." gross val "You dare to-" burst out Tom; but eyes on her. will be £3

pencer put his hand over his mouth and 2,06J. To dragged him away. You had better leave it to me, if you can't control yourself," he said. "I must

make her believe that I am Bartlett." "You had better take care what you are doing." muttered Tom angrily.

We must carry it through now its startsaid Spencer.

He led Amy to her chair, and willing that the should believe the dance ended, let her

"My dear Miss Dorant," he said to her, how it pains me to see you engaged to such an unappreciative man as Wilkinson."

100 villain !" cried Tom, "are you going by try and prejudice her against me before

"Will you be quiet? I'm Bartlett now, "He is not a model lover, I acknowledge,"

"Ah if I only had the happiness of show-Spanes how I could appreciate you," said

"But lon, Mr. Bartlett, are not the only The two friends exchanged glances. What was coming out next?

"Golon," said Tom resolutely. "Who else is there?" asked Spencer "Do you like him very much?"

"Yes, but don't tell Tom." "No, I won't. Who is it?" "It's Jack Spencer.

"Jack Spencer!" he exclaimed. "I!" "You! No; you are Mr. Bartlett." "Yes, yes, of course I am," said Spencer. He turned to Tom. "I think we had better

stop now," he said. "Go on," replied Tom; "I insist. Ask her if she has danced with you to-night." Spencer obeyed.

"Only twice," was the sorrowful reply. "Tom," said Spencer, "it's all a delusiona mistake. I only danced with her once the whole evening."

"Don't attempt to deny it," cried Tom. "You yourself told me she must speak the

"But she isn't-"

"Go on! Wait a moment; make her believe that I am you. No nonsense, now." Tom looked threateningly. Spencer obey. ed, wondering what would be the result.

Wilkinson at once began. Evidently his mind was made up. "Mr. Bartlett's a nice fellow-isn't he, Amy?"

'Yes, but not so nice as you, Mr. Spen-

"Tom," sa'd Spencer, "she doesn't mean "Silence!" was Tom's reply.

He continued to talk in his assumed character of Spencer, the real owner of the "I've not seen you much lately," said

"No; Tom is so jealous. I say, Jack, do you remember that lovely walk by moonlight last week ?"

Spencer could not stand this. "Tom, on my honor," he said, "I was out

of town the whole of last week.' "So you say," was the contemptuous

"You told me then you liked me," continued Amy. "Tom," interrupted Spencer, "If I never

speak another word-" "You won't if you don't keep silent now," was the savage retort. "Why, Amy, so do," he said to her. "Then won't you kiss me, Jack, as you

did then ?" Tom left her with a bound, and seized Spencer by the collar.

"You abominable villain!" he cried. "Let me go!" shouted Spencer, "or I'll smash this bottle on your head !"

Wilkinson gradually relinquished his "What have you to say for yourself?" he asked. "Are you satisfied with your scien-

tific experiment?" "Tom," said Spencer earnestly, "no one could be more surprised at the way things have turned out than I am; it is contrary to every scientific law-I can't explain it.

longer friends—we are rivals." "I deny it," cried Spencer; "I deny that I aspire to the affections of Miss Durant. There is some incomprehensible mystery about this; let us ask Miss Durant herself

to explain it." "Yes we will; undo your miserable

Spencer proceeded to go through the usual process by which mesmerized persons are bottle this Spring as a blood purifier. restored to their normal condition. For y and user "Ask her about the ball," suggested some reason it had not its usual effect. Amy \$250 to \$4,000 on marriage. Ladies still remained unconscious still remained unconscious.

In spite of Spencer's efforts to conceal his anxiety, Tom soon discovered that all was not going properly. When some minutes had elapsed, and no sign of returning conhad elapsed, and no sign of returning conhad elapsed. Sent to any address, by mail, on receipt of price, 75c. FISKE and Co., 277 King St., West, Toronto. scicusness appeared, it would have been hard to say which was the more alarmed. "Shont in her ear," suggested Tom.

It was tried without effect. "Willing." seemed to have lost its power. "Amy, St. East, Toronto. Amy!" was cried in vain by the frightened lover, who would have been ready to murder the operator on the spot, but for the knowledge that if he couldn't wake her no one could.

"Try some water," suggested Spencer; "throw it in her face. Tom seized the bottle, and was on the

point of deluging her when her eyes gradually opened. "Where am I?" she asked dreamily.

"In my room," replied Spencer reassuringly; "don't be frightened."; "I remember now, you were going to mes-

merize me. Did you?" "He did," answered Wilkinson, "and no mistake. "I've been having such funny dreams,"

said Amy; "Ithought I was at the Kester-tons' again." Wilkinson whispered to Speucer. "I thought you told me they never re-

membered what had happened?" Spencer could only look puzzled. By this time Amy was completely recovered, and Tom thought it best to get over

the necessary scene as soon as possible. "Miss Durant," he said, "I am sorry I must ask you a few questions, rendered necessary by what you said during your trance. Did you dance with either Mr. Bartlett or Mr. Spencer at the Kestertons'?"

"Of course—you saw me. Why do you ask me such a question?" "Did you meet this man by moonlight one

night last week?" asked Tom, fixing his Amy drew herself up.

"I refuse to answer," she said. "I have asked Spencer," went on Tom "he denies it, but I believe falsely. I ask you for the last time."

"I will not lower myself by replying to

toward the door. "Ah, you cannot deny it," burst out Tom. 'Oh, Amy, you have basely deceived me, you have confessed unconsciously in your sleep that you don't care for me, but that others own what you call your heart. New I know the truth, and I resign you and

happiness forever. "Very well," replied Amy calmly, "if you choose to act so stupidly without cause, you may do so." "Without cause!" ejaculated Tom sar-

castically. "Without cause," repeated Amy. "Can you listen to reason, for a moment? though you don't deserve to have it wasted on you. When Mr. Spencer thought he had mesmerized me I had simply shut my eyes to induce the trance. I therefore heard your conversation, and gathered that I was to be made the subject of an experiment to gratify your jealousy. I need not say I carefully acted or write for particulars.

as if I were in a real trance and did my best to pay you both for your your unwarantable proceedings. I hope I frightened you well. Now, gentlemen, are you not ashamed of yourselves?"

Spencer was the first to reply. "Miss Durant, I have been a most uncompromising scoundral: there is my arm, kindly return the pinch I gave you with

tenfold interest." Tom stood silent, it was not so easy for him to speak. At last he decided to throw

himself upon her mercy. "Amy, what can I say in extenuation of

my conduct ?" "That, sir, is for you to discover: it is not my part to find excuses for you."

"I have none," said Tom humbly. "Will you forgive me?" "Perhaps-conditionally."

"Any conditions you like," said Tom earnestly. "The first is you are never to be jea lous

"Never," cried Tom. "Wast else?" "That you are to forgive me if I have given you cause for jealousy," whispered Amy. "I won't do so again." "Wny, my darling, you are turning the

tables on me." "Perhaps, after all," she said softly, "table-turning is [better than mesmerism."

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