Miss Caprice

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[illegible]ler to the young fellow until [illegible]ame of Malta is mentioned, when [illegible]ries:

"Were you at Valetta, father? [illegible] you reached there two days [illegible]ft. Bless me, the whole town [illegible] talking over a brave deed [illegible] recently saved a child's life!"

"Nonsense!"

"Well, it pleased me when [illegible] the name of the young man w[illegible] the child at the risk of his ow[illegible] I was proud to know I was his [illegible]. Still no mention of the real [illegible] has brought him so far, from [illegible] John is baffled.

His recent happiness is dimin[illegible] tle, and he has an uneasy fee[illegible] though the unknown were about [illegible] ing a weight rests upon his he[illegible]. A strange thing occurs. Sir [illegible] passes the door, and immediately [illegible] is taken with a spasm of fu[illegible] He acts as if to start to rush do[illegible] bless his son. John sees his [illegible] face for the first time convulse[illegible] him.

"Do you know that man? [illegible] name?

"Frankly,"

"His name Blunt?"

"Yes, sir."

"I thought I could not be mis[illegible] It is something singular that [illegible] here at this time. John, [illegible] I asked Blunt a particular fri[illegible] favor?"

"Why, no, sir, in fact, he [illegible] for the kind of Rath Sta[illegible] Did you call him Reginald; this [illegible] Lionel Blunt, a colonel from India [illegible] the United States."

"Then I made a mistake. I [illegible] Yet I knew the face. I [illegible] the face."

"As an John wonder[illegible]

"Did a Blunt [illegible] father?"

"Yes. I have believed so these [illegible] years back. I was ready to take [illegible] and yet, and [illegible] for what wicked thi[illegible] I forced (?) my heart [illegible] There was a time when [illegible] the child of John Craig. Can it be [illegible] father has [illegible]

"[illegible] so wonderful that [illegible] leaves his heart to be [illegible] The summer he remains [illegible] the unexpected Craigs are [illegible] the days of old.

"[illegible] when John finds himself [illegible] to think again of [illegible] Lionel Blunt, a colonel from India [illegible] the United States."

"Then I made a mistake. I [illegible] Yet I knew the face. I [illegible] the face."