The Man Who Knows.

fortunate. But surely something An unmistakable Frenchman, whose Ican be done? Don't you think if I appearance; however, betokened long were to see him again, and put the residence in England, stood behind a matter more plainly before him, narrow counter polishing an absinthe something might be arranged?"

"It would be worse than useless at present, I fear. No, you must just leave it to me, and I'll do my best to talk him round. Ever since my mother died I have been as his right hand, and it will be strange if he does not listen to me and see reason in the end."

Seeing who it was that would plead with him I did not doubt it.

By this time we had wandered through many rooms, and now found ourselves in the Egyptian Department, surrounded by embalmed dead folk and queer objects of all sorts and descriptions. There was something falmost startling about our lovemaking in such a place, among these men and women, whose wooings had been conducted in a country so widely different to ours, and in an age that was dead and gone over two thousand years ere we were born. I spoke of this to Phyllis. She laughed . ad gave a little shiver.

"I wonder," she said, looking down on the swathed-up figure of a princess of the royal house of Egypt, lying stretched out in the case beside which we sat, "if this great lady, who lies so still and silent now, had any trouble with her love affair?""

beau to her string, and not being almuch fascination, does she?"

As I spoke I looked from the case to the girl and compared the swaddled-up figure with the healthy, living, lovely ereature by my side. But I hadn't much time for comparison. My sweetheart had taken her watch house at all. He was tall and slim, from her pocket and was glancing at but exquisitely formed, and plainly

"A quarter to twelve!" she cried in alarm. "Oh. Dick, I must be going. I promised to meet papa at twelve, and whatever happens I must not keep him waiting."

She rose and was about to pull on her gloves. But before she had time to do so I had taken a little case from my pocket and opened it. When she saw what it contained she could not help a little womanly cry of de-

extravagant to give the woman I leve a little token of my affection?" As I spoke I stipped the ring over her realized, and sighed almost aloud precty finger and raised the hand to

"Will you try," I said, "whenever you look at that ring, to remember that the man who, gave it to you loves you with his whole heart and he became excited I noticed that his 'soul, and will count no trouble too great, or no exertion too hard, to make you happy?"

"I will remember," she said solemnly, and when I looked I saw that full of such malignant intensity that tears stood in her eyes. She brushed I'll own I was influenced by it. What them hastily away, and after an in-effect it would have had upon the terlude which it hardly becomes me innovent cause of it all, had he seen to mention here, we went down the it, I should have been sorry to constairs again and out into the street, jecture. almost in silence.

Having called a cab, I placed her in it and nervously asked the question that had been sometime upon my mind; "When shall I see you again?"

you know. In the meantime don't stranger, he looked round the room despair; all will come right yet, as if in defince. Good-bye."

"Good-bye and God bless you!" land next moment the hansom had disappeared round the corner.

ed slowly down the pavement towards his eyes became set and stony. It. left hand, made my way citywards. merized. The person he looked at wrapped in my own thoughts, until Then he looked up again. . . I found myself in a quarter of Lon- "Mety I have the pleasure of giving don into which I had never hitherto you a game?" he asked in excellent penetrated. The streets were nar- English, bowing slightly as he spoke the general air of gloom, the shops white fingers. were small and their wares of a

A church clock somewhere in the I was beginning to feel hungry, and a curious sight I saw there. knew myself to be a long way from The tall man had thrown himself: my hotel. I cast about me for a hunching-place. But it was some and soul. He half sat, half crouchtime before I encountered the chass of restaurant I wanted. When I did It was situated at the corner of two streets, carried a foreign name over the door, and, though considerably the worse for wear, presented a cleaner instance than any other I had as

"It's all very mysterious and un- Pushing the door open I entered. glass. He bowed politely and asked my business.

"Can I have lunch?" I asked. "Oui, monsieur! Cer-tain-lee- If monsieur will walk upstairs I will take his order."

Waving his hand in the direction of a staircase in the corner of the shop he again bowed elaborately. while I, following the direction he indicated, proceeded to the room above-It was long and lofty, commanded an excellent view of both thoroughfares, and was furnished with a few inferior pictures, a much worn oil-cloth, half a dozen small marble-top tables, and four times as many chairs.

When I entered three men were in occupation. Two were playing chess it a side table, while the third, who had evidently no connection with them was watching the game from a distance, at the same time pretending to be absorbed in his paper. Seating myself at a table near the door, I examined the bill of fare, selected my lunch, and in order to amuse myself, while it was preparing? fell to scrutinizing my companions.

Of the chess-players, one was a big burly fellow, with enormous arms, profruding rheumy eyes, a florid complexion, and a voluminous red "Perhaps she had more than one beard. His opponent was of a much smaller build, with pale features, a lowed to have one took the other," I tiny moustache, and watery blue eyes. answered; "though from what we can He wore a pince-nez, and from the see of her now she doesn't look as if length of his hair and a dab of crimshe were ever capable of exercising son lake upon his shirt cuff, I argued him an arrist.

Leaving the chess-players, my eyes lighted on the stranger on the other side. He was more interesting in every way. Indeed, I was surprised to see a man of his stamp in the the possessor of enormous strength. His head, if only from a phrenological point of view, was a magnificent one crowned with a wealth of jet-black hair. His eyes were dark as night; and glittered like those of a snake. His complexion was of a decidedly olive huc, though, as he sat in the shadow of the corner, it was difficult to tell this at first sight.

But what most fascinated me about this curious individual was the interest he was taking in the game the WOh, Dick! you naughty, extrava- other men were playing. He kept his eyes fixed upon the board, looked anxiously from one to the other as a move trembled in the balance, smiled. sardonically when his desires were when a mistake was made.

Every moment I expected his anxiety or disappointment to find vent in words, but he always managed to control himself in time. When whole body quivered under its influence, and once when the smaller of the players made an injudicious move a look flew into his face that was

Just as my lunch made its appearance the game reached a conclusion and the taller of the two players, having made a remark in German, rose to leave. It was evident that the smaller man had won, and in "I cannot tell," she answered, an excess of pride, to which I gather-"Perhaps next week. But I'll let ed his nature was not altogether a

Doing so, his eyes met those of the man in the corner. I glanced I lifted my hat, she waved her fland from one to the other, but my gaze rested longest on the face of the smaller man. So fascinated did he Having see the last of her I wander- seem to be by the other's stare that Oxford Street, then turning to my was just as if he were being mes-My mind was full of my interview rose, approached him, sat, down at with the sweet girl who had just the table and began to arrange the. left me, and I wandered on and on men on the board without a word.

row, and, as if to be in keeping with and moving a pawn with his long

The little man found voice enough peculiarly sordid nature; hand-carts to murmur an appropriate reply, and barrows, and stalls lined the grimy they began their game, while I turnpavements, and the noise was deafen- ed to my lunch. But, in spite of myself, I found my eyes continually reverting to what was happening at neighbourhood struck "One," and as the other table. And, indeed, it was

> into the business of the game, heart, ed over the board, reminding me more yard than anything else I can liken. him to.

His eyes were riveted first on the men before him and then on his opponent-his long fingers twitched and twined over each move, and seemed

as if they would never release their hold. Not once did he speak, but his attitude was more expressive than any words.

The effect on the little man, his companion; was overwhelming. He companion; was over the do anything, Hundreds of Thousands of Pounds Paid to if terrified by his demoniacal companion. The result even a child might have forseen. The tall man won, and the little man, only too glad to have come out of the ordeal with a whole skin, seized his hat and, with: a half-uttered apology, darted from the room.

For a moment or two his extraordinary opponent sat playing with the chessmen. Then he looked across at me and without hesitation said, accompanying his remark with a curious smile, for which I could not at all account;

"I think you will agree with me that the limitations of the fool are the birth gifts of the wise!"

Not knowing what reply to make to this singular assertion. I wisely held my tongue. This brought about a change in his demeanour; he rose from his seat, and came across to where I sat. Seating himself in a chair directly opposite me, he folded his hands in his lap, after the manner of a demure old spinster, and, having looked at me carnestly, said hundreds-perhaps housands-of pec- balances many petty meannesses. with an almost indescribable sweetness of tone;—

"I think you will allow, Mr. Hatteras, that half the world is born for the other half to prey upon!" For a moment I was too much astonished to speak; how on earth betterhad he become aware of my name? I stumbled out some sort of reply, which evidently did not impress him very much, for he began again;-

"Our friend who has just left us will most certainly be one of those preyed upon. I pity him because he will not have the smallest grain of pleasure in his life. You, Mr. Hatteras, on the other hand, will, unwittingly, be in the other camp. Circumstances will arrange that for you Some have, of course, no desire to prey; but necessity forces it on them-Yourself, for instance. Some only prey when they are quite sure there will be no manner of risk. Our German friend who played the previous game is an example. Others, again, never lose an opportunity. Candidly speaking, to which class should you imagine I belong?"

He smiled as he put the question, and, his thin lips parting, I could just catch the glitter of the short teeth with which his mouth was furnished. For the third time since I had made his acquaintance. I did not know which way to answer. However, I made a shot and said something.

you," Tanswered. "But from your kindness in giving our artist friend a game, and now in allowing me the benefiti of your conversation, I should say you only prey upon your fellow-men when when dire extremity drives you to it.

"And you would be wrong. I am of the last class I mentioned. There is only one sport of any interest to me in life, and that is the opportunity of making capital out of my fellow humans. You see, I am candid with you, Mr. Hatteras!" .

"Pray excuse me. But you know my name! As I have never, to my knowledge, set eyes on you before, would you mind telling me how you became acquainted with it?"

"With every pleasure. But before I do so I think it only fair to tell you that you will not believe my explanation. And vet it should convince you. At any rate we'll try. In our right-hand top waistcoat pocket you have three cards." Here he leant his head on his hands and shut his eyes. "One is crinkled and forn, but it has written on it in pencil, the name of Edward Braithwaite, Macquarrie Street, Sydney. I presume the name is Braithwaite, but the "t" and "e" are almost illegible. The sec ond is rather a high-sounding onethe Hon. Sylvester Wetherell, Potts Point, Sydney, New South Wales, and the third is, I take it, your own. Richard Hatterss. Am I right?"

To be Continued.

A MAN WHO MISSED A FORTUNE Donald Coutts Gordon, who died recently in a Queensland hospital, narrowly escaped making a fortune. In the early days of the gold rush to Australia Gordon left Banffshire, in Scotland, to try his luck at the diggings. After various adventures he pegged but a claim seventeen miles from Rockhampton, but his search for the precious metal did not meet with much reward, and he eventually trans- tims, very often-of some Act of Parbrothers, Frederick and Thomas Mor-change. gan, for little over £1 an acre. After Gordon had sold his property its new tune to be thrown out of work by law, itable gold mine, and about fourteen St. Petersburg, who was sent home Bright's disease of the kidneys: "The respected witizen, and vaches of mind and body from hunt for were as a truthin man and property of the kidneys: The respected witizen, and vaches of the kidneys: "The respected witizen, and vaches of the kidneys." of a hawk hovering over a poultry company for £875,000. The Mount Morgan Gold Mine, assit is called, is diplomacy, is no doubt well satisfied. to-day the richest in (Australia, and its shareholders have already received over £5,000,000 in dividends. The

INCUMBENTS OF OFFICES THAT HAVE BEEN ABANDONED .-

People Who Do Nothing for It-Num bers of the Recipients Know Nothing of the Reason the Pensions Granted.

The Government, like any great conern in commerce, is constantly face to face with the necessity of reducing or rearranging its staff, and it contributes periodically to the great army of unemployed, says the London Express.

every important new law involves ad- Government ordered him so to do: | she had first seen as her judge. ministrative changes which throw Whitehall into temporary chaos and struction of certain offices.

ernment stool for twenty years re- are unler a pecial ban in this re p ct. ceives the intimation that his stool is are under a special ban in this redone with. It is a common delusion spect. done with: It is a common delusion spect.
that there is no insecurity in Govern. It is the one check the State has on the lace a Government post sometimes comes down these expenses. Nobody would cessfully pleaded a state of wealth in to an end, through no fault of the attempt for a moment, to stop the which was not responsible for an man who holds it, and there are generosity of the Government, which ple who are to-day idle through the though the compensation of a dust ment.

But if there is no perpetuity of work dier by the War Office. under the Government, there is what. But there ought to be limits eve many people, will think a great deal to the generosity of the State, and

PERPETUITY OF PAY. happy condition of thousands of Government employes. Hundreds of thousands of pounds are paid from

the public purse every year to people

who do nothing at all for it. They may have sat on Governme stools years and years ago; they may have cooked prison food at Dartmoor; they may have been judges or chaplains in some little corner of the Empire, where they are no longer wanted. They may have been housekeepers, laundresses, gaolers, laborers, Ministers, governors, Consuls. It matters not. Our generous Government compensates, them all.

It gives us a very kindly feeling toward our Government system to remember that the Crown is still paying about £109 a year to laundresses and housekeepers, who lost their

Westminster hall twenty years ago. lish writer. There is a field laborer somewhere who has received 121-2 guineas a year for a quarter of a century because the at a north-country fence he little. official surveyors of the United dreamt that his disaster would land nothing the Mixican coffee and a Kingdom had nothing more for him to him at the alter and would be the year's sully is sent to him to and

Even the House of Lords abolishes something sometimes, and 17 years ago it made up its mind to a really big effort, and abolished the housekeeper of its Crown office, who has one of the richest heresses in Eng- tropin in the made of sik. vi. : at received £13 a year ever since.

And the Queen's sweep, too, wh office was demolished to make way for the Parliament street improvements, was given the handsome sum of 4750. in spite of the fact that he may still go on sweeping the chimneys of Buckingham palace and Windsor castle as his family has done for a CENTURY AND A HALF.

The abolition of Consulships, chaplaimees, and judgships abroad during the last twenty years is still costing the Treasury several thousand a year in compensation, and it is surprising to find that the public purse is still feeling the strain caused upon it by father for a conviction. She visited the changes consequent upon the setting up of the Divorce Court in the fifties.

The Courts of Justice, where changes have been frequent, pay a good deal When, as the result of the trial, the more than £20,000 a year to men who clerk's innocence was triumphantly have been thrown idle by changes in the administration of justice. Chancery Division, for example, has for several years past sent a cheque for £55 to an old man, who, through the operation of some new Act, was deprived of the privilege of selling forms at the court.

There are on the compensation list of the same court, a "preacher at rolls," receiving £100 a year, though he never preaches a sermon; a housekeeper who has not kept house for 17 years, but receives £25 a year, and a caretaker, who draws a £10 Bank of England note for annually taking care of nothing.

All these people, be it remembered, are distinct from the old age pensioners of the Government, who come under another head. Most of them are still able and willing to work when have been the victims-the lucky vic-

It may seem a stroke of good forowners discovered that it was a ver- and often enough it is. The Consul at with £1,000 a year, because there was pains were sometimes almost beyond the truth of the above statement no room for him in Anglo-Russian

THE PATENT OFFICE decided six years ago to do without a superintendent of publications,

£250 a year to stay at home; but here and within six months of standing was a distinct saving of £750 a year in the cock on a charge of felony the which probably inflicted little rea liberates man had the satisfaction of hardship on anybody.

Whether the recipients of the State compensation appreciate their release from work not, they accept it, know ing that at any time they may be erica. It fell to one of the judges to "called back."

Common Pleas Exchequer might b thatt. He was so much struck by her called upon to-morrow to prepare the beauty and the pathetic circumstance robes of the new Chief Justice, and the under which she had you ded penalty of refusal would be the loss tempt on that he was unable tods of her allowance. And the St. Helens. storekeeper, who has been paid £1 week for doing nothing since he was a young man, must lose his £1 a ween tance, and within a very few months It is inevitable. The operation of or keep his eye on Gen. Cronje if the she begins the wife of the man whom

As a matter of fact, no subject cal the Queen has any right to refuse any youngs counsel first met his wife necessitates the abolition or recon- post, if called upon to take it for the under similar conditions; indeed, it public good, whether it be that of seems that these random shafts of And in such cases somebody must Prime Minister or country postman; Cypid and peculiarly fatal to lawyers. go. Somebody who has sat on a Gov- but the Government's "out-of-works"

ment posts: There is, of course, much the abuse of its philanthropy, and one and that she was unabled applain more than ordinary security, but even means the State can exercise to cut how it operation of laws passed by Parlia- man by the Board of Trade by r means justifies the neglect of a so

is good to see that the Governmen spent £10,000 last year to reduce an "Once paid, always paid," is the nual payments to pople who have never earned them, and who know they were granted.

or compensations which last forever such a disastrous source When And perhaps some, wideawake official some yell a ago the German steamwill discover some day that somebod, ship Willelm foundered off the coast is still receiving £6:98.81. every year because somebody; else happened to be Officer of the Pipe in the time of the Stuarts, The Pipe is broken and its officer is dead, but the money, like the brook, goes on still.

CUPID'S SUIPAISES.

Some Strange Disasters That, Led to

Cupid is, as all lovers know, a creaure of surprises; and there is nothing passenge he loves better than to aim his darts lim doctile was so struck to that washing and housekeeping through exactly when and, where they are witen the reached safety as asked the removal of the law courts from least expected says/a clever Eng. her to be bine his wife. When, a few year's ago, a young

member of Parkiament came to grief stepping-stone to great riches. And yet Fate willed it so; for he was carried thou in the State of Michoed bruised and unconscious to the introder the use of the Emperor's house of a fright ou in magnite, wan personal was hold is known | the tenderly nursed by his only daughter Camcolin chrefully selected and land, and before he was able to leave for the chirt goes in the contact his hospitable asylum, had won her autily suchs. consent to be his wife.

One of the very happiest married couples to-day owe their happiness to could circumstances which promised to en 3, Emperor in calamity. A few years ago the husband was arrested for embezzlement, and his employer was so corvinced of his guilt, and so incensed at his ingratitude, that he pursued the unhappy man with great vindictiveness.

His daughter, who barely knew her father's clerk by sight was convinced that he was innocent, and was as anxious for his, acquittal as her his widowed mother every day during the cruel time; when her son was awaiting his trial at the assizes, and did all she could to comfort her, established, she was the first to congratulate him and to carry the good news to his auxious mother.

The acquaintance thus strangely begun ripened into mutual attachment: ran like lineer.

leading his prosecutor's daughter to

the altar. still more remarkable case of love and the law-courts comes from Am. sontence a young and attractive girl Our friend the laundress of the to a ping term of imprisonment for miss from his mind.
Why she was released from prison

he soth ht her out, made her acquainone the most promising of our A young society lady was charged with appropriating a bundle of valu-

apin la at one of the West-endshops. where was, no question that was found in her in session dime there. Her come e sucindeed, bt conscious of certain of he at a she was acquired Some honths later counted and chient min again at the country house

of a mullat friend, and the fieldies for furt per acquaintance were surned td such good account, that when the young borrister returned to town it will as the prospective husbant of his quonden client. One mith think that even such a

waywar sprite as Cupid w ud find little or nothing of the reason why no scope or his skill in a singwork, they were granted.

There is no sense in either pensions couple who owe that happeness to of Spain the crew and passengers had to spend two nights and a day in boats or the open sea before ther were ple sed up.

In one of the boats a young Gefman lao Fraulein Dinhaus ... spiaved demottable courage and cerful ness, and sustained the specie of all Ekht conversation at Sign s little wonder gratitue Heir Zaha, Av

THE KAISER'S COFFEE The Enteror of German dricks Mifresh cach beryest is to the supp

> MIR FOR THEM. Mondon r-Sho it All they's building east is to the

MINOMER. & hat is your caroute Wicks tigs feet.

a plainty | HOT CHASE. William Was Flow of a whot Mis High twee's father ordere! ha from the house? Runter James Great sport; ht

is Measured by the Cures Ho Makes Each Remedy Specific for Certain Diseases Remarkable Cure of Bright's Disease.

ability is measured by the actual cures me great wain to urinate, he makes. Judged by this high standard Dr. Chase stands pre-eminent as tried marky kinds of kind a giant among physicians. Take kid-could get to relief. As a leney and liver derangements, for ex- Lawas induced by a friend to ample. Dr. Chase, by means of his Chase's Kleney-Liver Pills Kidney-Liver Pills, has brought about | felt a chalige after the fire something turns up, and all of them some of the most surprising cures ever used in all effected. This is due to the direct and have entirely cured me. I have specific action of this great home pains now and can do as god ferred the land he had bought to two liament or some administrative Here is the experience of a highly respected resident of Consecon, Ont :- Chuse's Ediney-Liver Pills, as the

Prince Edwar County Ont., writes: Mr. J. Ward, J.P. Conscion For several years I suffered great tifing that he has known Mr. endurance, and extended from my head and between the shoulders down bereffein the whole spinal column and seemed and liver to concentrate across my kidneys. My Liver Pills back was never entirely free from time and his proven beyond displayed pain. When I got up in the morn- its gight bispital where Gordon died is only and that official, who had been in all, but would go bent nearly double dose, 25 cents a box, at (1 lealers, most all day. My water was scanty Educations Butes & Co., Toronto.

In this practical age a physician's and at the times profuse, and it gare Mr. James Dellihunt, Consecon, have done so much for me." Mr. J. T. Warlt, J.P., Consecon.

Tour cannot opesibly obtain a m

THE FARM.

PASSOT DESTROY TRS.

Orchardists generally claim that hog is a great insect destroyer. eats the fruit that prematurely de which is generally considered we Perhaps, on closer exagaination find that a considerable portion the dropped fruit ecutains no wor While the fruit was still hands the trees the matured worm

Some careful diserva made by experiment stations in ing several bands fround of trees. They the all this in bands caught ab at twee . worms as the lower age. I'm cates that twice as a crawl down the tr ens in an orehard ... worms before they reach the place. Turkeys are se-

hopper extermina Gresi have sa veputation They do not perform vain. Their object it at a their; daily lab r. T: is not to destroy the real imagine. The trouble is lacks judgment wit a to scratch. Chicken the soil is everywh sects, honce they a any respect to the We should induce

the fall and springe. the trees, bushes had spring how anxiou all leaves and rebbi stances they do a p ing. Not only do le secis that do dance. low the ground, is (inual scratching fero with the day. spores of functions dis-The old hen is work. hog as an insec, de is considered a bird i she really is. If we wa member that she that paris green and Charles her safely as we start green, then she walla onsidered a nuisande.

HEADING PEACE The peach fruit is shoots of the product gnowth, and unless the 14 young shoots is a six healthy growth of the rannot be expected, in secule a more plen if .. young wood it may be be sug off occasionally vi diss tops of neach trees rspecially when their ar to be checked and at e. full erep of fruit. انترا "heading them off," the sucting off all the fines of at from one third to out ... length, thus removed the more of the tops. Take them to throw out I w form new heads, with beat and finer fruit-especially spring a dressing of danis applied to the land. I ture bestowed.

Pruning of peach sees deferred until spring. opportunity to observe in the winter upon the reaseverer pruning is given is little or no prospension.

" HORSE TALK.

Never go near your arrest speaking to him. A horse can travel better less wear and tear if he is Use a check rein with the

rig and when craining, and see

colt has completed his edited.

can be used for regular dry it off. Breed Phorses with Signi enough to hold that ! naturally.

Encourage your horses in by making their staffs of a The more they rest the ber If heated do not let him this but give a little at every in Take a barrel of water to the and give the work horses a mouthfuls every hour or so, 1 help them as much as it' will .

Low mangers are best. Keep scrupulously clean. Any accumate tion in the corners will soon soon hot weather.

Do not allow the dried perspiration to remain in the hair every mg It will cause the coat to fade.

A good brushing will rest the horand is almost as essential as the feet. Take the horse out on the floor or out in open air and it can be cleaned quickly and thoroughly.

GEESE FOR PROFIT. Geese three or four years old are the best breeders. Geese usually sell best in the fall

and early in the winter. Geese begin laying late in January or early in February. Acess to water and a grass run are absolutely necessary in breeding

When hatching, the geese should