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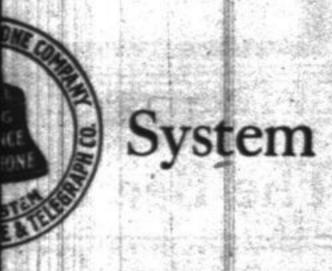
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CHAPTER XI.

With a Great Price. dow of his courthouse office The sense of toneliness was upon him again It may be hat the sight of Katherine Hamoder sauntering down Main street in com pany with a befianneled summer ger tleman had something to do with his

Then another vision was accorded him-a fat white horse lazily draw ing an ancient top buggy in which sat Senator Murchell, for all the world prosperous farmer passing into age amid peace and plenty

A minute later came a knock at his door. "Come!" he said. The senator entered. "Afternoon

"What can I do for you?"

"Humph! Don't seem very glad to see me. You might ask me to sit down." John pointed to a chair. "Why hesi tate? It's your courthouse, isn't it?" "Understood you'd taken a mortgage on it yourself lately." Murchell sat

down, looking genially at John. "So you think I'm a bad man and disgrace to the state?" the senator inquired at last. "Well, just about that," John said

quickly.

"Told Miss Roberta I'm a bad man, didn't you?" "I could have said that you are

shameful force in politics; that you have exploited a great party and the ignorance of the people; that you have built up a machine for the sole purpose of looting the state; that you have got and held power by compelling public servants to use the influence of their office to perpetuate your machine and by buying the votes of the cor ruptible. There's probably a lot more, if I only knew it. I've never heard that you used your power for any good thing. Without profession or business you are a rich man. How?"

"Humph!" grunted Murchell, who had listened without display of feeling "Doesn't mean much You'd have hard work proving any of it."

They relapsed futo sileuce. John looked out of the window, awaiting in cold slience the senator's next words. Murchell preserved his usual impas sive front. It was not the first time he had encountered the intolerance of youth. But never before, save during the Sheehan trial, and the intolerance pierced the crust of the man.

He broke the slience. "What do you want to do?" "A good many things you wouldn't auderstand-principally, I suppose, to smash you and your organization That probably sounds funny to you." Murchell did not laugh. He merely felt pity for an unpractical young

"You can't smash the organization." "It must be smashed, because it ex-Ists to deprive the people of the right of self government.

"A pretty phrase. It's common sense politics. The people don't want to govern themselves-they can't. They need some one to take the burden from them. How are you going to smash us?"

"It may be simpler than you think, Senator Murchell. When the people understand what you are they'll smash

The other smiled pityingly. "You think because you've sent a few poor devils to jail you're a man of destiny, don't you? You think I'm merely a wicked old fellow who's got power and is using it for his own selfish ends. drove away. He strongly suspected If I were just that you could smash the validity of Haig's errand and deme. But I'm more than that. I am | bated seriously the advisability of turnan institution-a part of a necessary ing back and sending his farewells by institution, one that society, that prop- note, pleading as excuse for his nonwithout. You can smash William matter, He solemnly assured himself Murchell-that is, put some one in his that he was a fool, both for having place. But you can't smash the insti- dailled with unhappiness all summer tution. And you can't judge a system and for going now on a journey that

by its incidental errors." John smiled, not very happily. "I've your argument is that the errors seem | Katherine, they strolled, Katherine to be essential. Government isn't, or | chatting unconcernedly, to a seat in a shouldn't be, merely a matter of force, nor exist only as the servant of property, even if all you say is true. And I've got to go on."

"And where'll you come out?" may succeed. But you will observe



"You've gone out of your way to tack me. You're a fool." me, not the things you dream of

anch-you won't understand this-I cue prestige, the power, the knowl

hope I'd lose it gladly." came here today to suggest that you from your point of view? But it's come out for Wash Jenkins' sent in true. I-I could wish it were differen

have impressed you as a hypocrite have always been more or less in trying to get kicked up out of the way | with you ever since I can not I repeat. I'm not for sate."

beavy hand on John's shoulder "You whether you were what I wanted said you have little to lose You have tried to believe, to make you believe. But 1-1 like you, man, And I'd like that Because I am a weman to save that future for you."

For a moment John stared at him, in ness to come? I was drifting between

who entered the service of your insti- faithfully too. But you wouldn't." tution. Now he is a broken spirited He listened unresponsive to her it filled his life, excluding all else. Her old man with just enough soul left to words that, halting sometimes, fell in hand still rested on his arm, yet he machine, in the end I'd become like that-different in size perhaps, but the easily, no doubt. But, Senator Murchell, you can't smash the principle!"

The senator did not often permit himself the luxury of losing his temper, but he was exceedingly close to it just then. The friendship he had offered to a young man whom he liked strangely well had been contemptuously rejected, and the hurt was all the deeper because he had broken the rule of a lifetime to make the offer. He carefulty waited until the emotion had subsided before speaking.

"It's a good deal simpler to state a principle than to follow it in practice And you can't judge politics by/one year's experience However"-

He stopped long enough to put on "You went out of your way to de

nounce me. You took a time when I'm needing friends to do it, too. In spite of that I made you an offer in good faith. If there's anything in you I'd have given you the chance to

"I," he concluded, and he spoke as of some divine edict, fixed and immutable -"I rarely offer friendship to those who fight me-never twice." He went out.

The East ridge colony was gone, scattering its charms broadcast from Lakewood to Bar Harbor. Only the Hampdens were left, and they were soop to depart. Katherine and her mother to go abroad for the latter's health-which, to be sure, was so good as to be worth preserving. John and Haig had arranged to make together one September evening their farewell pilgrimage to the ridge.

That evening John spent a great deal of care over his tollet.

He drove to the home of Silas Hicks, where Haig, wisely avoiding the hospitality of the hotel had his rooms. Somewhat to his dismay, he was informed that Haig had discovered some mysterious errand requiring his attention, bad departed a half hour earlier and had left word that be would later

meet John at their Mecca. "That's funny," muttered John as erty, that business, can't get along appearance some unexpected business could only intensify futile longings.

He sustained the indictment by conheard that before. The weakness of tinuing his journey. When he found retired corner of the grounds-only the fact would not have been significant to John-where she had sat so long after ber talk with Warren Blake,

She leaned back in one end of the "I? You will try to break me. You seat. He sat at the other, as far away from her as he could, half facing her. She was not really beautiful-her features were too firm for that-yet even another than John might have been softening light of the rising moon. Only her eyes, softly lustrous in the pale light, marked her suppressed ex- pushed berself away, leaving back in patient spectators of our own pitiable

"Do you realize," she said, "this is the first time we've been alone this summer? You have really managed it very awkwardly." As though she had not done all the managing! He had nothing to say.

"Am I such an ogress, or have you been afraid that I'd propose to you "I haven't been fool enough to take

that seriously," he said quickly. "And I'm old enough to know the danger of playing with fire. At least," he added "I ought to have known it." He could not help thinking of the

months to come when, with less grossing tasks to take his mind from the ache, he must renew the loneling grown more polgnant, of the last win ter. He wondered now at his weakthe circuit of her charm.

which was always hers. "I am sorry," she said. "But I haven't been fair to you. The things

"Did I say I was going to break conquering, not dreams or ideals, count And I saw you were beginning to cure Murchell suddenly rose and put a I unsexed myself, I pursued to learn your way to attack me. You're a fool | And I don't greatly blame myself for

ing out wonderingly. He saw a strange of course-toward you. Do you know, very high. Can't you understand? Ask thing - Jeremy Applegate stumping it's your fault I didn't drift further? me to go with you to across the square and pausing under You wouldn't take me. You made a and I will go. I will help you climit the flag, looking up. The veteran's mistake the night of that rally, being but to that star-and I can't."

be ashamed. If I became part of your low, measured tones with a curious, found strength to answer:

underlying regretfulness. "Now it is too late. I've had time to same in kind, i," he said, quietly, "pre- think, to weigh you against the other fer your enmity; it's safer. You reprethings. Last winter taught me how sent an institution. I stand for a much they mean to me. And I find tion of her heart she realized how litprinciple, a fundamental principle. You you-wenting. This summer has not can smush John Dunmende oh, very changed that. What you ask costs too was in his look. Strength was there.

"I ask nothing." "True: I forget-you ask nothing. Last summer you need not have asked. down to this man across the genera-



"You can't make me want you enough. You will do me the credit to remen that I ask you nothing that would cost more than you are willing to pay."

"That isn't true," he said in sudde roughness, "You-it is why I'm a for for having come near you-are tempt ing me with every word you speak."

"Am I tempting you, I wonder Her voice became uncertain, beg you to believe that I haven't meant it-to remember that I shouldn't good for you. I have no wish to-to

intention, he was holding her in a close, rough clasp and crying to her to, she did not respond. She lay inert in his arms, passively suffering his hot as the great vessel neared Newfoundkisses, her eyes closed, her face white. | jand, for the space of a minute her enmeans your happiness. I'm not afraid beneath the waves of the Atlantic .to ask now, for I know I can give you Paris Cer. Philadelphia Telegraph. far more than you'll ever have other wise. What I want to do isn't so ter-It is very simple. I can't see why a few are so strongly against it. And it doesn't mean the sacrifice you think. Already it has brought victory and the consideration of men you so much desire. In the end, if we have the spirit to fight and wait"- His stammering phrases halted. He became aware of her closed eyes, her eyes and looked at him. His rough out even the sad immunities of death clasp relaxed. She shook her head and As If it were not to die, and yet be

"Ab." she murmured, "it is too late! You can't make me want you enough." "It isn't too late if you care"-

"Is caring everything? You know it isn't. If it were you wouldn't make thrift than to waste it like a miser conditions. You would use your brains. It is better to live and be done with would have accepted Senator Mur London Chronicle. chell's offer"-

"You think that?" be cried. "Then you don't care!"

"Ab." she said resentfully, "you can say that? Do you think I could unsex myself as I have done for you for a fancy? I- But you wouldn't understand. It is a very practical matter. Life isn't all moonlight. It is all very beautiful to give one's life to an ideal. And you're very splendld now to the flush of your first victory. You would ness in letting himself, despite his be still splendid fighting a brave, losknowledge of her and of what she ing fight while you were young, but meant to him, be drawn again within when you were a broken down; middle the circuit of her charm.

He became aware that she was of the question, do you think that I—

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the mission San Fernando.—Argonaut.

Free Demonstration speaking, with that amazing courage It wouldn't be romantic then. I'd be always looking up at the men I once knew, the men who were conquering. doing big things, and I'd-regret. And father works for are what appeal to I'd hate you then."

"It seems." be cried bifterly

arrested midway. It fell limply, and Jer man's honor. You ought to have taken ways shake him, set him to question John pointed. "There, senator, is one you. I should have gone gladly— through forces over which be had no

"You've said it yourself-caring isn'

tle of the grief she had thought to see the strength to suffer and to withglow, the reflection of a spirit handed tions from an age of martyrs who were glad to pay for their faith. With a great price be was paying for his faith, and it became the more preciou

She found the need to justify hersely

"At least," she said unstendily, "you will remember that I didn't pretend me and then worry you into going my way, as many women have done. I'm not quite so selfish as that. Am He judged her generously.

that you don't love Love doesn't hagistaken, honestly mistaken, some dng else for it. If you cared-but You will find that ou

little she looked at him an

suveringly. Then her strength seem "You are right, I suppose, and I have nissed a great deal. Goodby," and went in the house.

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lantic Ocean Liner. Strange, perhaps, to us, but very tude of the Latin races for their dead -"I nostri morti." as the Italiaus are wont to call those whom they have lost. There is a simple pathos to the incident that was related by a passener on one of the great transatiantic

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