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am seldom at leisure-not but what I am always at the service of a constituent. that is a roter ' Mr. -, I beg your Co., pardon, I did not catch your name. "Sir," said the stranger, helping himself to a third glass of wine; "here's a theme of connoisseurs and the study of health to your young folk! And now to business." Here the visitor, drawing his chair nearer to his host, assuming a more GAEYS: grave aspect, and dropping something

his stilted pronunciation, continued,-"You had a brother ?" "Well, sir,' said Mr. Beaufort, with a very changed countenance. " And that brother had a wife !"

mony with me-this is perticler good ma-

"May I ask how I can serve you?

said Mr. Beaufort, struggling between the

" No, sir, no! It's mauny years since

Mr. Beaufort, and stopped with dignity.

"I don't say that; but at this hour

your vote in the last election ?"

though I was born there."

feet under the table.

Had a cannon gone off in the ear of Mr. Robert Beaufort, it could not have shocked or stunned him more than that simple word with which his companion closed his sentence. He fell back in his chair-his lips apart, his eyes fixed on the stranger. He sought to speak, but his tongue clove to his mouth. "That wife had two sons, born in wed-

"It is false!" cried Mr. Beaufort find ing voice at length, and springing to his eet. "And who are you, sir? and what do you mean by -- "

"Hush!" said the stranger, perfectly unconcerned, and regaining the dignity than the country." of his haw haw enunciation; "better not let the servants hear anything. For my pawt, I think servants hauve the drawing-room, beyond which the early longest pair of ears of auny persons, not excepting jackasses; their ears stretch from the pauntry to the parlour. Hush, sir!-perticler good madeira, this."

"Sir," said Mr. Beaufort, struggling to preserve, or rather recover, his temper, your conduct is exceedingly strange but allow me to say, that you are wholly misinformed. My brother never did marry; and if you have anything to say on behalf of those young men-his natural sons-I refer you to my solicitor, Mr. Blackwell, of Lincoln's Inn. I wish you which only our narrative is concerned. "Sir-the same to you-I won't trouble

you auny farther; it was only out of kindness I called-I am not used to be service-sir, you will find that the witness of the marriage is forthcoming-you will think of me then, and, perhaps, be sorry. But I've done, -'Your most obedient, homble sir!" ' And the stranger, with a flourish of his hand, turned to the door. At the sight of this determination on the part of his strange guest, a cold, uneasy, vague presentiment seized Mr. Beaufort. There, not flashed, but rather froze, across him the recollection of his brother's emphatic but disbelieved assurances-of Catherine's obstinate assertion of her sons' alleged rights-rights

which her lawsuit, undertaken on her own behalf, had not compromised ; - a fresh lawsuit might be instituted by the son, and the evidence which had been wanting in the former suit might be found at last. With this remembrance and these reflections came a horrible train of shadowy fears-witnesses, verdict, surrender, spoliation-arrears-ruin! The man, who had gained the door,

turned back and looked at him with a complacent, half-triumphant leer upon of his voice. He would have appeared his impudent, reckless face. "Sir," then said Mr. Beaufort, mildly, "I repeat that you had better see Mr.

The tempter saw his triumph. "I.have a secret to communicate, which it is best for you to keep snug. How many people do you wish me to see about it? Come, sir, there is no need of a lawyer; or, if you think so, tell him yourself. Now or never, Mr. Beaufort,"

"I can have no objection to hear anything you have to say, sir, said the rich man, yet more mildly than before; and then added, with a forced smile, "though my rights are already too confirmed to Without heeding the last assertion, the

stranger coolly walked back, resumed his and looking Mr. Beaufort full in the face thus proceeded,-

"Sir, of the marriage between Philip Beaufort and Catharine Morton there were two witnesses; the one is dead, the the other went abroad-the last is alive "If so," said Mr. Beaufort, who, not

naturally deficient in cunning and sense, felt every faculty now prodigiously sharpened, and was resolved to know the precise grounds for alarm,-" if so, why did not the man-it was a servant, sir, a man-servant, whom Mrs. Morton pretended to rely on-appear on the trial?" "Because, I say. he was abroad and could not be found; or the search after

him miscaurried, from clumsy management and a lack of the rhino." "Hum!" said Mr. Beaufort-"one witness-one witness, observe there is only one !- does not alarm me much. It is not what a man deposes, it is what a jury believe, sir. Moreover, what has became of the young men? They have never been heard of for years. They are probably dead; if so, am heir at-law."

"I know where one of them is to be found, at all events." "The elder? Philip?" asked Beaufort, anxiously, and with a fearful remembrance of the energetic and vehement character prematurely exhibited by his nephew.

"Pawdon me! I need not answer that question." "Sir! la lawsuit of this nature, against one in possession, is very doubtful, and," added the rich man drawing himself up-"and, perhaps, very

expensive!" The young man I speak of does want friends, who will not grudge the "Sir !" said Mr. Beaufort, rising and placing his back to the fire-" sir! what s your object in this communication?

Do you come, on the part of the young man, to propose a compromise? If so "I come on my own pawt. It rests with you to say if the young men shall never

"And what do you want?" "Five hundred a year as long as the secret is kept." "And how can you prove that there is

a secret after all? "Byproducing the witness, if you wish." "Will he go halves in the 500l. a year? asked Mr. Beaufort artfully. "That is moy affair, sir," replied the

ed, and still, to me, so improbable, that I the material phosphates directly, during INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875. facts, I will give your my answer. I am tion of a single theme, or other labor City, not the man, sir, to wish to keep any one | tending to weary the intellect.

impudence. Beaufort, disconcerted. "Besides I have not myself to look to, sir," he added, with dignified emphasis—"I am a father!" tonic, and obtain general use. 4078 "This day week I will call on you again. Good evening, Mr. Beaufort!" And the man stretched out his hand with an air of to Stiff Brothers, Sparks street.

amicable condescension. The respectable Mr. Beaufort changed colour, hesitated, and finally suffered two fingers to be enticed into the grasp of the visitor, whom he ardently wished at that bourne whence no visitor returns.

The stranger smiled, stalked to the door, laid his finger on his lip, winked knowingly, and vanished, leaving Mr. Beaufort a prey to such feelings of uneas-iness, dread and terror as may be experienced by a man whom, on some inch or two of slippery rock, the tides have sudsense of annoyance and the fear to be He remained perfectly still for some

uncivil. "And pray, had I the honour of moments, and then glancing round the dim and spacious room, his eyes took in all the evidences of luxury and wealth had been in your part of the world, which it betrayed. Above the huge sideboard, that on festive days groaned "Then I don't exactly see-" began beneath the hoarded wealth of the silver heirlooms of the Beauforts, hung in its " Why I call on you," put in the strangilded frame, a large picture of the family seat; with the stately porticoes - the ger, tapping his boots with his cane; and then recognizing the rents, he thrust both noble park-the groups of deer; and around the wall, interspersed here and there with ancestral portraits of knight and dame, long since gathered to their rest, were placed masterpieces of the Italian and Flemish art, which generation after generation had slowly accumulated, till the Beaufort Collection had become the

> The still room, the dumb pictures-even the heavy sideboard, seemed to gain voice and spead to him audibly. He thrust his griped his own flesh convulsively; then, striding to and fro the apartment, he endeavoured to re-collect his thoughts. "I dare not consult Mrs. Beaufort," he

muttered; "no-no,-she is a fool! Besides, she's not in the way. No time to lose-I will go to Lilburne.' Scarce had that thought crossed him han he hastened to put it into execution. He rang for his hat and gloves, and sallied out on foot to Lord Lilburne's house in

Park Lane,-the distance was short, and that personage loved London for its own heard. We are delighted with our instrument. have said with the old Duke of Queens- Yours truly, SPENCER L. FINNEY. bury, when some one observed that London was very empty-" Yes, but it is fuller

Mr. Beaufort found Lord Lilburne reclined on a sofa, by the open window of his stars shone upon the glimmering trees and silver turf of the deserted park. Unlike the simple dessert of his respectable brother in law, the costliest fruits, the richest wines of France, graced the small table placed beside his sofa; and as the starch man of forms and method entered the room at one door, a rustling silk, that vanished through the aperture of another, seemel to betray tokens of a tote a tete, probably more agreeable to Lilburne than the one with

It would have been a curious study for such men as love to gaze upon the dark and wily features of human character to treated so-sir, I am in his maujesty's reciter and the listener, as Beaufort, with have watched the contrast between the much eircumlocution, much affected disdain, and real anxiety, narrated the singular and ominous conversation be-

tween himself and his visitor. The servant, in introducing Mr. Beaufort had added to the light of the room; and the candles shone full on the face and form of Mr. Beaufort. All about that gentleman was so completely in unison with the world's forms and seemings, that there was something moral in the very sight of him. Since his accession of fortune, he had grown less pale and less thin; the angles in his figure were filled up. On his brow there was no trace of younger passion. No able vice had ever sharpened the expression—no exhausting vice ever deepened the lines. He was the beau ideal of a country member-so sleek, so staid, so business like: yet so dean, so neat, so much the gentleman. And now there was a kind of pathos in his grey hairs, his nervous smile, his agitated hands, his quick and uneasy transition of posture, the tremble to those who saw, but heard not, The Good Man in trouble. Cold, motionless, speechless, seemingly apathetic, but in truth observant, still reclined on the

sofa, his head thrown back, but one eye fixed on his companion, his hands clasped before him, Lord Lilburne listened; and in that repose, about his face, even about his person, might be read the history of how different a life and character ! What native acuteness in the stealthy eye! What hardened resolve in the full nostril and firm lips! What sardonic contempt for all things in the intricate lines about the mouth! What animal enjoyment of all things so despised in that delicate nervous system, which, combined with original vigour of constitution, yet betrayed itself in the veins on the hands and temples, the occasional quiver of the upper lip! His was the frame above all others alive to pleasure-deep-chested. compact, sinewy, but thin to leanness delicate in its texture and extremities almost to effeminacy. The indifference of posture, the very habit of the dressnot slovenly, but easy, loose, careless-

seemed to speak of the man's manner of thought and life-his profound disdain of externals. Not till Beaufort had concluded did Lord Lilburne change his position or open his lips; and then, turning to his brother-

in law his calm face, he said drily :-"I always thought your brother had married that woman : he was the sort of man to do it. Besides, why should she have gone to law without a vestige of proof, unless she was convinced of her rights? Imposture never proceeds without some evidence. Innocence, like a fool, as it is, fancies it has only to speak to be believed. But there is no cause for

"No cause !- And yet you think there was a marriage." "It is quite clear, 'continued Lilburne, without heeding the interruption, " that the man, whatever his evidence, has not got sufficient proofs. If he had, he would go to the young men rather than to you: it is evident that they would promise infinitely larger rewards than he could expect from yourself. Men are always more generous with what they expect than with what they have. All rogues know this. Tis the way Jews and userers thrive upon heirs rather than possessers; 'tis the philosophy of post-obits. I dare say the man has found out the real witness of the man has found to be an almost infall to cure for the to the money paid. Since it was first introduced he has received many thousand for. The Pile and Humo cure is entirely vegetable to the money paid. Since it was first introduced he has received many thousand for. The Pile and Humo cure is entirely to the humo the found the money paid. Since it was first introduced he has received many thousand for. The Pile and Humo cure is entirely to the humo the found the mon go to the young men rather than to you: the marriage, but ascertained also, that the testimony of that witness would not satisfy to dispossess you. He might be discredited-rich men have a way of discrediting poor witnesses. Mind, he says nothing of the lost register, whatever may be the value of that document, which I am not lawyer enough to say-of any letters of your brother avowing the marriage. Consider, the register itself is

destroyed the clergyman dead. Pooh! make yourself easy! "True," said Mr. Beaufort, much comforted; "what a memory you have!" To be Con inued.

Is Phosphorus Thought? The Medical and Surgical Reporter publishes as the result of the observations of Dr. L. Hodges, M. D., wherein that gentleman proves that phosphites are actually consumed during mental work "What you say," resumed Mr. Beau- by the process of thinking. His doctrine fort, " is so extraordinary—so unexpect- | would imply the necessity of supplying must have time to consider. If you will the period of great mental toil, be it

out of his true rights, but I will not yield, on the other hand, to imposture."

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