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PHANTOM RICKSHAW

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In my room I sat down and tried calmly to reason out the matter. Here was I, Theobald Jack Pansy, a well educated Bengal civilian in the year of grace 1885, presumably sane, certainly healthy, driven in terror from my sweetheart's side by the apparition of a woman who had been dead and buried eight months. These were facts that I could not blink.

Kitty's Arab had gone through the rickshaw; so that my first hope that some woman marvelously like Mrs. Wessington had hired the carriage and the coolies with their old liveries was lost. Again and again I went round this treadmill of thought and again and again gave up baffled and in despair.

Next morning I sent a penitent note to Kitty, imploring her to overlook my strange conduct of the previous afternoon. My divinity was still very wrath, and a personal apology was necessary.

Nothing would please her save a canter round Jakko. With my nerves still unstrung from the previous night I feebly protested against the notion, suggesting Observatory hill, Jutogh, the Boileauange road—anything rather than the Jakko road.

As a fitting climax, in the middle of the level men call the Ladies' mile the horror was awaiting me. No other rickshaw was in sight, only the four black and white jhampanies, the yellow paneled carriage and the golden head of the woman within.

I spurred my horse like a man possessed. When I turned my head at the reservoir works, the black and white liveries were still waiting—patiently waiting—and the gray hillside, and the wind brought me a hoarse echo of the words I had just heard.

I was to dine with the Mannerings that night and had barely time to enter home to dress. On the road to Elysium hill I overheard two men talking together in the dusk.

stomach. And the greatest of these three is stomach. You've too much concited brain, too little stomach and thoroughly unhealthy eyes.

By this time we were deep in the shadow of the Blessington lower road, and the rickshaw came to a dead stop under a pine clad, overhanging shale cliff.

Now, if you think I'm going to spend a cold night on the hillside for the sake of a stomach-conc-brain-conc-eye illness—Lord, ha' mercy! What's that?

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I was endeavoring to express my thanks for his kindness. He cut me short. "Don't think I did this because I like you. I gather that you've behaved like a blackguard all through."

Never had I felt so well, so overlaid with vitality and mere animal spirits, as I did on the afternoon of the 30th of April. Kitty was delighted at the change in my appearance.

We were just below the convent, and from sheer wantonness I was making my water plunge and curvet across the road as I tickled it with the loop of my riding whip.

My quotation was hardly out of my lips before we had rounded the corner above the convent, and a few yards farther on could see across to Sanjowlia. In the center of the level road stood the black and white liveries, the yellow paneled rickshaw and Mrs. Keith-Wessington.

[TO BE CONTINUED.] Cheated. Mistress (arranging for the dinner)—Didn't the grocer send the macaroni? Cook—Yes, mum, but O! sent it back. Every man of them stims was empty—London Fun.

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