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"Of course if you'd like to have her, slowly and doubtfully, "why, put her name down. But you evidently haven't A general Banking business trans- seen that." Mrs. Dan pointed to a ed. Drafts issued and collections copy of the Trumpet which lay on the

> When he had handed her the paper she said, "The Censor is growing facetious at your expense."

"I am getting on in society with a vengeance if that ass starts in to write about me. Listen to this"-she had pointed out to him the obnoxious paragraph: "'If Brewster drew a diamond flush do you suppose he'd catch the queen? And if he caught her how long J. KELLY, Agent. do you think she'd remain Drew? Or if she Drew Brewster would she be willing to learn such a game as Monte?"

The next morning a writer who signed himself The Censor got a thrash-Machine Oil, Harness Oil. ing, and one Montgomery Brewste had his name in the papers, surrounde

CHAPTER VIII.

NE morning not long after the incidents just related Brewster lay in bed staring at the ceiling, deep in thought. There was a worried pucker on hi forehead, half hidden by the rumpled hair, and his eyes were wide and sleepless. He had dined at the Drews' the evening before and had had an awakening. As he thought of the matter he could recall no special occurrence that he could really use as evidence. Colonel and Mrs. Drew had been as kind as ever, and Barbara could not have been more charming. But something had gone wrong, and he had endured a wretched evening.

"That little English Johnnie was to blame," he argued. "Of course Barbara had a right to put any one she liked next to her, but why she should have chosen that silly ass is more than I know. By Jove! If I had been on the other side I'll warrant his grace would

have been lost in the dust." His brain was whirling, and for the first time he was beginning to feel the unpleasant pangs of jealousy. The Duke of Beauchamp he especially disliked, although the poor man had hardly spoken during the dinner. But Monty could not be reconciled. He knew, of course, that Barbara had suitors by the dozen, but it had never occurred to him that they were even seriously considered. Notwithstanding the fact that his encounter with The Censor had brought her into unde-Millwrights, Machinists, sirable notice, she forgave him everything after a moment's consideration. The first few wrenches of resentment were overbalanced by her American appreciation of chivalry, however inspired. The Censor had gone for years unpunished, his coarse wit being aimed at every one who had come Cutting Boxes, Horsepowers, into social prominence. So pungent and vindictive was his pen that other men feared him, and there were many who lived in glass houses in terror of a fusillade. Brewster's prompt and sufficient action had checked the pernicious attacks, and he became a hero among men and women. After that night there was no point to The Censor's pen. Monty's first qualms of apprehension were swept away when Colonel Drew himself hailed him the morning after the encounter and in no unmeasured terms congratulated him upon his achievement, assuring him that Barbara and Mrs. Drew approved, although they might lecture him as a matter of form.

But on this morning as he lay in his bed Monty was thinking deeply and painfully. He was confronted by a most embarrassing condition, and he was discussing it soberly with himself. "I've never told her," he said to himself, "but if she doesn't know my feeling she is not as clever as I think. Besides, I haven't time to make love to her now. If it were any other girl I suppose I'd have to, but Babs-why, she must understand. And yet-hang that duke!"

In order to woo her properly he would be compelled to neglect financial duties that needed every particle of brain energy at his command. He found himself opposed at the outset by a startling embarrassment, made absolutely clear by the computations of the night before. The last four days of indifference to finance on one side and pampering the heart on the other had proved very costly. To use his own expression, he had been "set back" almost \$8,000. An average like

that would be ruinous. "Why, think of it," he continued. "For each day sacrificed to Barbara I must deduct something like \$2,500. A long campaign would put me irretrievably in the hole; I'd get so far behind that a holocaust couldn't put me even. She can't expect that of me, yet girls are such idiots about devotion, and of course she doesn't know what a heavy task I am facing. And there are the others-what will they do while I am out of the running? I cannot go to her and say: 'Please, may I have a year's vacation? I'll come back next

September.' On the other hand, 2 shall surely neglect my business if she expects me to compete. What pleasure shall I get out of the seven millions if I lose her? I can't afford to take chances. That duke won't have seven millions next September, it's

true, but he'll have a prodigious argu ment against me about the 21st or 22d.

Then a brilliant thought occurred to him which caused him to ring for messenger boy with such a show of im patience that Rawles stood aghast The telegram which Monty wrote was as follows:

Swearengen Jones, Butte, Mont.: May I marry and turn all property ove to wife, provided she will have me?

MONTGOMERY BREWSTER.

"Why isn't thet reasonable?" he asked himself after the boy had gone "Making property over to one's wife is neither a loan nor is it charity. Old Jones might call it needless extrav gance, since he's a bachelor, but it generally done because it's good busi ness." Monty was hopeful.

Following his habit in trouble, he sought Margaret Gray, to whom he could always appeal for advice an consolation. She was to come to hi next dinner party, and it was easy t lead up to the subject in hand by mer tioning the other guests.

"And Barbara Drew." he conclude after naming all the others. The were alone in the library, and she w drinking in the details of the dinne as he related them.

"Wasn't she at your first dinner? she asked quickly. He successfully affected mild embar-

rassment. "Yes." "She must be very attractive." There

was no venom in Peggy's heart. "She is attractive. In fact, she's one of the best, Peggy," he said, paving the

"It's too bad she seems to care for that little duke."

"He's a bounder," he argued. "Well, don't take it to heart. You don't have to marry him." And Peggy laughed.

"But I do take it to heart, Peggy," said Monty seriously. "I'm pretty hard hit, and I want your help. A sister's advice is always the best in a matter of this sort."

She looked into his eyes dully for an instant, not realizing the full importance of his confession.

"You, Monty?" she said incredulously. "I've got it bad, Peggy," he replied. staring hard at the floor. She could not understand the cold gray tone that suddenly enveloped the room. The strange sense of loneliness that came over her was inexplicable. The little something that rose in her throat would not be dislodged, nor could she throw off the weight that seemed pressing down upon her. He saw the odd look in her eyes and the drawn, uncertain smile on her lips, but he attributed them to wonder and incredulity. Somehow after all these years he was transformed before her very eyes. She was looking upon a new personality. He was no longer Montgomery the brother, but she could not explain how and when the change crept over her. What did it all mean? "I am very glad if it will make you happy, Monty," she said slowly, the gray in her lips giving way to red once more. "Does she know?"

"I haven't told her in so many words, Peggy, but-but I'm going to this evening," he announced la_nely. "This evening?"

"I can't wait," Monty said as he rose to go. "I'm glad you're pleased, Peggy. I need your good wishes. And, Peggy," he continued, with a touch of bovish wistfulness, "do you think there's a chance for a fellow? I've had the very deuce of a time over that Englishman."

It was not quite easy for her to say: "Monty, you are the best in the world. Go in and win."

From the window she watched him swing off down the street, wondering if he would turn to wave his hand to her, his custom for years. But the broad back was straight and uncompromising. His long strides carried him swiftly out of sight, but it was many minutes before she turned her eyes, which were smarting, a little from the point where he was lost in the crowd. The room looked ashen to her as she brought her mind back to it, and somehow things had grown dif-

When Montgomery reached home he found this telegram from Mr. Jones: Montgomery Brewster, New York City: Stick to your knitting, you fool.

CHAPTER IX. T is best not to repeat the expressions Brewster used regarding one S. Jones after reading this telegram. But he felt considerably relieved after he had uttered them. He fell to reading accounts of the big

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This done, he telephoned to Miss Drew. She was not insensible to the significance of his inquiry if she would be in that afternoon. She had observed in him of late a condition of unensiness, supplemented by moroseness and occasional periods of irascibility. Every girl whose occupation in life is e study of men recognizes these

symptoms and knows how to treat .em. Barbara had dealt with many Lea afflicted in this manner, and the facter of anticipation that came with his urgent plea to see her was tempered by experience. It had something of joy in it, for she cared enough for Montgomery Brewster to have made her anxiously uncertain of his state of mind. She cared, indeed, much more than she intended to confess at the

It was nearly half past 5 when he came, and for once the philosophical Miss Drew felt a little irritation. So certain was she of his object in coming that his tardiness was a trifle ruffling. He apologized for being late and succeeded in banishing the pique that possessed her. It was naturally impossible for him to share all his secrets with her, and that is why he did not tell her that Grant & Ripley had called him up to report the receipt of a telegram from Swearengen Jones, in which the gentleman laconically said he could feed the whole state of



"I love you, Babs," he cried. Montana for less than \$6,000. Beyond that there was no comment. Brewster in dire trepidation hastened to the office of his attorneys. They smiled when he burst in upon them.

"Good heavens!" he exclaimed, "Does the miserly old hayseed expect me to spend a million for newspapers, cigarettes and Boston terriers? I thought he would be reasonable!"

Fire At Thornbury.

On Friday last shortly after noon ire was discovered in a storehouse at the planing mill. In an incredibly short time a large number had arrivdruggist said of Scott's ed to extinguish the flames, but only A Positive Assurance of a to find it had gained to much headway to check it. The building and ago. As a rule we don't contents, consisting of finished lumber, doors, frames, and sashes, were completely destroyed. The loss is practically covered by insurance. It is thought that the building caught fire from a spark from the planing mill, as a brisk breeze was blowing at that time in that direction.

A Still Larger Une.

In last wenk's issue we called the attention of the poultrymen to a large egg placed by James G wanlock on exhibition in the TIMES Office. Since that time we have been kept busy measuring eggs and never till now did we know the fine class of hens there are in this community. Up to Saturday last the egg we had on exhibition distanced all competitors both in size and weight, A Buff to what these Pills can accomplish. Try waste. The action of Orphington hen however, belonging them yourself. If they don't do you good to Geo. Gowanlock a brother of Jas. you can get your money back. Isn't that Scott's Emulsion is no Gowanlock, made the egg on exhibi- fair? more of a secret than the tion shrink into insignificance in comparison with the shell she pro- Harte's Celery-Iron Pills, paying for them composition of the Emul- duced. The egg we are now show. \$2.50. With every such purchase we give sion itself. What it does ing measures in circumference 83 in. you our positive written guarantee that if by 65 in. - Bruce Times.

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