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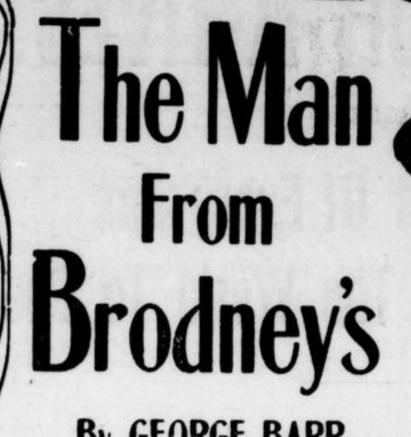
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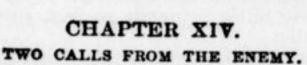
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EPPINGHAM was up and about quite early the next morningthat is, quite early for him. He had his rolls and coffee humiliation had not been lessened by the fitful sleep of the night before, was walking in the shade of the trees on the lower terrace, beyond the fountains and the artificial lake. greeting as he came up.

my dear, is it wise in you to be think- a bitter contest that may tie up the ing of us handsome devils? It's a most dangerous habit-thinking of other

mor. "That makes quite a difference, doesn't it?"

"Your logic is splendid. Pray resume compliment for you. Browne says your hair is more beautiful than Pong's. That's quite a compliment. Titian never even dreamed of hair like Pong's."

cocker. It seems so animalish."

"Rubbish! Why should you com. through his brain. plain? Look at my hair. It's been likened more than once to that of a it possible that they are considering Jersey cow."

wouldn't mind that a bit."

gates while carrying on this frivolous ly. He was saying earnestly: conversation. A man had just entered ognized the tall figure in gray flannels. "I trust I am not intruding." Chase said as he came up. His gaze was as John Brodney is making the most of ************************************ much for Deppingham as for the prin- it. Our coming is a guarantee that we cess, his remark quite impersonal.

the conclusion that the way to the provisions, even in the slightest de-American bar was likely to be opened | tail? Britt is looking for hallucinaat last. "Charmed to have you here, tions and all"-Mr. Chase. You've been most un-Of course you have. Stupid of me."

disarmed Chase if he had been prepared for anything else. As a matter believe their eyes. The enemy! of fact, he had approached her in the light of an adventurer who expects his helmet, smiling in spite of the disnothing and grasps at straws.

"In the dark ages," said he so rue- pingham's manner. fully that her smile grew. He had husband had not come with her.

fancy," said Deppingham shrewdly. It would be impossible for the prin-

cess to forget the greatest of all fools," said Chase. "He was no worse than other mor-

tals," said she.

"Thank you," said Chase. Then he heart. turned to Lord Deppingham. "My visit requires some explanation, Lord Deppingham. You have said that I am unneighborly. No doubt you appreciate my reasons. One has to respect appearances," with a dry smile. "When one is in doubt he must do as the Moslems do, especially if the Moslems don't want him to do as he wants to do."

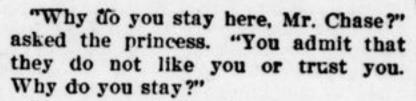
"No doubt you're right, but it sounds a bit involved," murmured Deppingham. "Lady Deppingham will be delighted to see you. Are you ready to come in, princess?"

They started toward the chateau, keeping well in the shade of the boxed trees, the princess between the two

"I say, Chase, do you mind relieving my fears a bit? With all due respect to your estimable clients, it occurs to me that they are likely to break over the traces at any moment and raise the very old Harry at somebody else's expense. I'd like to know if my head is really safe."

"I came to see you in regard to that very thing, Lord Deppingham. I don't want to alarm you, but I do not like the appearance of things. They don't trust me and they hate you-quite naturally. I'm rather sorry that our British man-of-war is out of reach. Pray don't be alarmed, princess. It is most improbable that anything evil will happen. And, in any event, we can hold out against them until relief comes."

"We?" demanded Deppingham. "Certainly. If it comes to an assault of any kind upon the chateau I trust that I may be considered as one of you. I won't serve assassins and bandits-at least not after they've got beyond my control. Besides, if the worst should come they won't discrim-



"I came out here to escape certain consequences," said he candidly. "I'll and strolled out in the shady park for stay to enjoy the uncertain ones. I a smoke. The princess, whose sense of am not in the least alarmed on my own account. The object of my visit, Lord Deppingham, is to ask you to be on your guard up here. After the next steamer arrives and they learn that Sir John will not withdraw me in sub-"I was thinking of you," she said in | mission to Rasula's demand, with the additional news that your solicitors "How nice you are," he said. "But, have filed injunctions and have begun estate for years-then, I say, we may have trouble. It is best that you should know what to expect. I am "But, Deppy, dear, the prince isn't not a traitor to my cause in telling here," she said, falling into his hu- you this. It is no more than I would expect from you were the conditions reversed."

"It's mighty decent in you, Chase, to your thoughts of me-if they were put us on our guard. Would you mind pleasant and agreeable. I'll not blow talking it over with Browne and me on you to Karl. By the way, I have a after luncheon? You'll stay to luncheon, of course?"

> "Thank you. It may be my death sentence, but I'll stay.'

In the wide east gallery they saw "You know, Deppy," she said, with Lady Deppingham and Bobby Browne a pout, "I am very unhappy about my deeply engrossed in conversation. Dephair. It is quite red. I don't see why I pingham started and involuntarily alshould have hair like that of a red lowed his hand to go to his temple as if to check the thought that flitted

"Good Lord," he said to himself, "is that - Saunders' proposition? Sure-"Oh, how I adore Jersey cows! Now. Iy they can't be thinking of that!"

As he led the way across the green They were looking toward the lower Browne's voice came to them distinct-

"The mere fact that we have come and was coming toward them. Both rec- out to this blessed isle is a point in favor of the islanders. Chase won't overlook it, and you may be sure Sir consider the will valid. It is an ad-"Not at all, not at all," said Dep- mission that we regard it as sound. pingham quickly, his heart leaping to If not, why should we recognize its

"Sh!" came in a loud hiss from someneighborly. Have you been presented where near at hand, and the two in to her highness, the- Oh, to be sure. the gallery looked down with startled eyes upon the distressed face of Lord "We met ages ago," she said, with Deppingham. They started to their an ingenuous smile, which would have feet at once, astonishment and wonder in their faces. They could scarcely

He was smiling broadly as he lifted comfort that showed so plainly in Dep-

Chase was warmly welcomed by the word or look. She repented. come, in truth, to ascertain why her two heirs. Lady Agnes was especially cordial. Her eyes gleamed joyously as said eagerly. "And"-she looked up at "But not the forgotten variety, I she lifted them to meet his admiring the hills with a sudden widening of gaze. She was amazingly pretty. The her eyes-"I think I shall not remain." conviction that Chase had mistaken her for Lady Agnes the evening be- but sought to impress upon the others of the Princess Genevra. A shameless wave of relief surged through her

Chase was presented to Drusilla against them at any time. Browne, who appeared suddenly upon the scene, coming from no one knew where. There was a certain strained look in the Boston woman's face and a suspicious redness near the bridge of her little nose.

"It's very good of you," said the enemy after all of them had joined in the invitation. "Why is it that I am more fortunate than your own attorneys? I am but a humble lawyer, after all, no better than they. Would you mind telling me why I am honored by an invitation to sit at the table with you?" The touch of easy sarcasm was softened by the frank smile that went with it. Deppingham felt it his duty to explain.

"It's-it's-er-oh, yes, it's because you're a diplomat," he finally remarked in triumph. It was a grand recovery, thought he. "Saunders is an ass, and Britt would be one if Browne could only admit it, as I do. Rubbish! Don't let that trouble you. Eh, Browne?" "Besides," said Bobby Browne breez-

ily, "I haven't heard of your clients inviting you to lunch, Mr. Chase. The cases are parallel." "I'm not so sure about his clients" wives," said Deppingham, with a vast

haw-haw! Chase looked extremely uncomfortable. "I am told that some of them are very beautiful," said Genevra sedately. "Other men's wives always are, I've

discovered," said Chase gallantly. The party had moved over to the great stone steps which led down into the gardens. Chase was standing beside Lady Deppingham, and both of them were looking toward his distant

bungalow. "That is my home, princess. It is the first time I have seen it from your point of view. Lady Deppingham.

must say that if doesn't seem as far from the chateau to the bungalow as it does from the bungalow to the chateau. There have been times when the chateau seemed to be thousands of miles away."

"When in reality it was at your very feet," she said, with a bright look into his eyes. For some unaccountable reason Genevra resented that look and

"Is that really where you live?" she asked, so innocently that Chase had difficulty in controlling his expression.

At that instant something struck sharply against the stone column above Chase's head. At least three persons saw the little puff of smoke in the hills far to the right. Every one heard the distant crack of a rifle. The bullet had dropped at Chase's feet before the sound of the report came floating to their ears. No one spoke as he stooped and picked up the warm, deadly missile. Turning it over in his fingers, he said coolly, although his cheek had gone white:

"With Von Blitz's compliments, ladies and gentlemen. He is calling on me by proxy."

"Good God, Chase," cried Browne "they're trying to murder us! Get back, every one! Inside the doors!" "I'm sorry to bring my troubles to

your door," sald Chase. "It was meant for me, not for any of you. The man who fired that did not intend to kill me. He was merely giving voice to his pain and regret at seeing me in such bad company." He was smiling calmly and did not take a single step to follow them to safety.

"Come in, Chase! Don't stand out there to be shot at.'

"I'll stay here for a few minutes, Mr. Browne, if you don't mind, just to convince you all that the shot was not intended to kill. They're not ready to kill me yet. I'm sure Lord Deppingham will understand. He has been shot at often enough since he came to the island."

He lighted a cigarette and coolly leaned against the column, his gaze bent on the spot where the smoke had been seen. The others were grouped inside the doors, where they could see without being seen. A certain sense of horror possessed all of the watchers.

"For heaven's sake, why does he stand there?" cried the princess at last. "I can endure it no longer. It may be as he says it is, but it is foolbardy to stand there and taunt the pride of that marksman. I can't stay here and wait for it to come. How can"-

"He's been there for ten minutes, princess," said Browne-"plenty of time for another try."

Before they were aware of her intention the princess left the shelter and boldly walked across the open space to the side of the man. He started and opened his lips to give vent to sharp command.

"It is so easy to be a hero, Mr. Chase, when one is quite sure there is no real danger," she said, with distinct irony in her tones. "One can afford to be melodramatic if he knows his part so well as you know yours."

Chase felt his face burn. It was a direct declaration that he had planned the whole affair in advance. He flicked the ashes from his cigarette and then tossed it away, hesitating long before

"Nevertheless I have the greatest re- | .50 p.m. spect for the courage which brings you to my side. I dare say you are quite justified in your opinion of me. It all must seem very theatrical to you. I G. T. Bell, had not thought of it in that light. I shall now retire from the center of the stage. It will be perfectly safe for you to remain here-just as it was for me." He was leaving her without another

"I am sorry for what I said," she

Chase made light of the occurrence, Read down fore took a fresh grasp upon the mind. the fact that it was prophetic of more serious events in the future. In a per- 658 313 fectly cold blooded manner he told them that the islanders might rise

> "The people are angry, and they will become desperate. Their interests are mine, of course. I am perfectly sincere in saying to you, Lady Deppingham, and to you, Mr. Browne, that in time they will win out against you in the courts. But they are impatient. They are not the kind who can wait and be content. It is impossible for you to carry out the provisions of the will, and they know it. That is why they resent the delays that are impending."

Deppingham told him of the scheme proposed by Saunders, treating it as a vast joke. Chase showed a momentary sign of uneasiness, but covered it instantly by laughing with the others. Strange to say, he had been instructed from London to look out for just such a coup on the part of the heirs-not that the marriage could be legally established, but that it might create a complication worth avoiding.

Deppingham to Bobby Browne, a calculating gleam in his gray eyes. How very dangerous she could be! He was quite ready to feel very sorry for pretty Mrs. Browne. He sat opposite to the princess. His eyes were refatigue; his blood was coursing through new veins. And yet his head was calling his heart a fool.

CHAPTER XV.

THE PRINCESS GOES GALLOPING WEEK passed—an interesting week in which few things happened openly, but in which the entire situation underwent a subtle but complete change. The mail steamer brought disconcerting news from London. Chase was oblige

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