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CHAPTER VII.

I have now come to the period immediately preceding the running of the Derby, and upon the events of that day I must dwell with some particularity, for the reason that they form a very important part of this narrative. Mrs. Dace was to go with me. After torturing me by a week of silence and suspense, I had been received back, first upon probation, and soon later, more or less unconditionally. It would do no good to go into the details of our readjustment of our former relations. There are some GEO. SPOTTON - PRESIDENT | things which may be expressed by cold ink, but you have to see the human countenance with its lightning play of expression, and hear the human voice in all its wondrous inflections in order to form a correct mental picture of certain scenes. But on the whole her restoration of me was both womanly and gracious. I came to her a kneeling and penitent sufferer; she New Pumps, Pump Re- touched me upon the forehead and I arose healed. My spirits revived instantly in the sunshine of her forgiveness and I renewed my worship.

The race was to be the out-of-doors JNO. SCHULTZ or myself at the shop social as well as sporting event of the George Whitmore season. I was an admirer of the beauthe most perfect of the world's creaupon them, I had kept myself well state of whispering excitement.

to it yet. He is going to run away within her eyes like a reflection deep from that bunch like a locomotive down in unruffled waters. leaves a mud turtle. And the odds

I was not startled. As a matter of are very fond of each other, I be- me to caution. Silence on the part of fact for some time past I had had my lieve," she returned, with a slight ris- the fair sex I had always regarded as as much the best horse of the lot; therefore the news of his midnight performances merely corroborated my own judgment. I answered in an off-

so. You bonded fellows have to be demanded. I enlightened her. age you much, and a few thousand her eyes. gained, would be ambrosia and nectar." He winked cautiously.

Once more I told him that I could searching my face. I meditated. afraid that his recklessness would day." some day get him into trouble.

was run will forever remain seared present, but they will go down like upon my memory. I had been wise a falling rocket when the crowd has enough to put in my order long in ad- once had an opportunity of seeing him vance at a fashionable stable, and as in motion. He is a Pegasus. He a result my two-wheel outfit was seems to soar rather than run. If they about as neat as could be found any- have a horse than can beat him, that where. As I drove up to Mrs. Dace's horse can catch birds." I was surwith the silver-mounted harness glit- prised at the warmth of my own entering in the sun and the cob arching thusiasm. his neck and tapping the boulevard | She opened her purse with a snap with his polished hoofs as daintily as and her fingers dived into its depths. a dancing girl, I experienced much Presently she drew forth a \$500 bill the same sensations as does a school- and crumpled it into my palm. "Bruce boy on the first day of his long vaca- is a shrewd fellow and you are a born tion, when life, as a well-nigh endless horseman. I am going to rely upon primrose way, stretches before him in your combined judgment. I wish you a vista glorious to contemplate. I would go and place this on him for was at the full tide of youth and hope. me," was her announcement. Now, I Charged to the full with health and had always considered that to consent vitality, desperately in love with and to be an agent for a woman in a gamhalf accepted by one whom I thorough ing transaction was rushing in where ly believed to be the most beautiful angels might well fear to tread.

woman in the world, I shook my fist hesitated. defiantly in the teeth of the grinning "But of course I do not know which spectre of my lack of money. And re- one will win. It is difference of judgalizing my domination for the day, the ment that makes horse racing possispectre cringed and fled before me. | ble, you understand," I warned her. The great migration of the day was She tightened my fingers about the in full movement. Automobiles were money, thrusting my hand from her whizzing past, honking like flights of imperiously. wild geese. Victorias and traps, drags "I have said that I am going to reand tallyhos streamed behind them in 'y upon your judgment. At ten to an endless procession. It was life, one, should I win, I will have made teeming and exultant. The world was \$5,000. Do you wish me to go myself? on parade dressed in its best clothes if not, you had best hurry."

an unthought-of thing.

Mrs. Dace came down in a creation I had never seen before, but which fairly made me gasp with delight. I shall make no attempt to describe it, but the general impression it gave me was of fleecy clouds in which were blended delicate and changeful rainbow tints that came and flitted like summer shadows. She seemed rather to float than walk, and when I gave her my hand at the curb and she arose from it to the high seat with the lightness of a feather, I could scarcely believe that she was made of warm, firm flesh. The aggressiveness of her beauty challenged nearly every eye that we passed, the men craning their heads for a longer look, the women searching her enviously. In my pride of her and the enthusiasm of the moment I whispered in her ear that she was the most beautiful woman in all the world and that I loved her dearer than my own life. My reward was a smile and a flash of her wonderful

"I am glad you think so, Tom, even though of course you are wrong. And it is sweet of you to be so devoted to me. I am really very happy to be with you." My fingers tightened about the reins and my teeth clenchseason. I was an admirer of the beau- ed. In my heart I swore that she should become mine though the heav-

We turned into the crush where the converging boulevards emptied their streams into the rolling sea of vehiposted upon their performances cles. Bugle calls vibrated in our through the medium of the press. ears; college yells shattered the air: Bruce, however, was an enthusiast. the beat of hoofs sounded like the Coming in contact, as he did, with long roll of drums. Through the wide many of the more prominent horse entrance to the club grounds we drove owners and turfmen, he generally had into an arena banked by 30,000 peoa store of more or less reliable inside ple. Already the racing was on and information as to both the runners before us swept a cloud of prelimiand the imps who rode them. Conse- nary racers with the jockeys hump d quently I was not surprised when over their necks like so many color d upon the second day before the great simians. Not far away I saw Clare, race was to be run he came to me in a standing upright on her seat, her face aglow with excitement and her head "Say, old man, I've got the best nodding rapidly as she carried on a thing that is ever going to happen in running fire of conversation with a this world, and of course I want you cluster of friends. Her eyes fell upon to be in on it. I wouldn't trade it for me and she waved her hand with the Alladin's lamp. You know that Eagle airy grace of a plume; but as she Boy horse that we have been watching noticed my companion her smile grew for the last year? Well, he has de- thin and vanished as for a moment veloped into a simon pure world she surveyed her with a face that was beater. I got this on the dead Q. T. absolutely expressionless. Mrs. Dace, from his owner, who would break his whose attention had been attracted to arm to do me a favor. That horse is my cousin by my waved reply to her smashing all records by moonlight, salutation, returned Clare's gaze, and even the railbirds haven't got on- smiling faintly. Amusement lurked

"My cousin, Miss Winton, of whom I had better remain quiet until she will be long against him. I am going I have often spoken," I explained had recovered her equilibrium. I had to plunge, and advise you to do the nonchalantly. The one at my side never seen a woman whom I considsame. But if you dare breathe it I'll gave her attention to the flying racers. ered a good loser, and there was that "An exceedingly pretty girl. You in her demeanor now which warned

eyes on this great son of Black Eagle ing inflection. I hastened to answer. ominous, and before her quietness I "In a way, yes. She is a very good now sat wretchedly. entnusfasm. He bobbed my companlon a hurried bow, and then shouted something to me as a surge of the

crowd bore him along. "I rather look to see him win my- "Last call for prosperity in the bet- fore the woman he loves in the garb self. But you know I do not bet, and ting ring," was all that I could catch of a sage, and being suddenly untherefore cannot take advantage of of it as, still gesticulating, he was voited to realize that he stands rethe opportunity, But I thank you just swept away. Mrs. Dace looked after

Bruce's countenance fell. "That's "What did he mean by that?" she pretty careful of your sporting trans- "Oh, Bruce has got a straight tip actions." He brightened up again and from a turf friend of his that Eagle whispered hoarsely in my ear in stage Boy is going to win. So I suppose he fashion: "However, in this instance is now going to back him to his limit. you had better take a chance; let He would as soon sit down and watch some friend put it up for you; say the hands of a clock go around as to some wise relative, for instance. A see a race unless he had a wager on hundred or two lost would not dam- it." The light of interest came into

"And you think what?" she queried, not violate my traditions, and he "To tell the truth I think his horse

shrugged his shoulders; and away he will win. I know something about the went at Eagle Boy speed himself, beasts, you know, having been raised doubtless hot on the trail of some of on a Kentucky stock farm. The horse his particular cronies to whom he is a wonder, sure enough, and Bruce could break the glad tidings. For says he has been breaking records by when Bruce had a chance to do his moonlight. Then, too, Pettit, who friends what he thought was a favor, rides him to-day, is a fiend in the sadhe did not let the grass grow under dle. He can lift a horse off his hoofs his feet until he had done it. It was and carry him around the track beone of the traits that lay back of his tween his knees as a witch rides a popularity. Of course I sincerely broom. If I was to bet on the race, hoped he would win, but I was always Eagle Boy would carry my wealth to-

"And the odds?" she mused. The afternoon upon which the race "They are ten to one against him at

and with its pockets lined with mon- For the first time really chilled by ey, and right royally did it proclaim doubt and feeling my convictions ooze, the fact, its headache of the morrow I continued to protest. "But he may he pocketed he may foul another

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anything may happen in the race to

make him lose." She looked at me

steadily, silently, I thought almost contemptuously, and without more

words I pocketed the bill, Through the crush of the betting ring I fought

iny way, placed my money in the-

hands of a perspiring man who stood

upon a stool, and came back to her

warm and crumpled. Already the

Derby racers had galloped the course

in their preliminary warming up and

gave her the ticket for her wager and

resumed my seat in a throbbing hush.

Then came a roar like the crash of

surf and a thunderous wave of sound

boomed across the field and was

echoed back by the distant walls. In

a compact bunch and stretching them-

selves like greyhounds, the horses

swept past us. For an instant I felt

a sensation of giddiness, and closed

my eyes; then opening them once

more riveted them on the field as it

circled the course with the speed of

hawks. Well placed among the lead-

ers I saw the powerful haunches of

Eagle Boy working with the smooth

power of pistons as they steadily

drove him into the foremost rank.

With a roar of hoofs they turned the

last curve and came into the stretch,

while the sea of humanity, rising upon

tiptoe, burst into full tongue. Mrs.

Dace was upon her feet and watching

them with parted lips. I sat beside

her with parched lips, my knees shak-

ing. Then from out of the bunch a

black horse, that shone like a polish-

ed shoe, forged a yard at a bound, and

putting a good length between him-

self and his nearest follower, led the

way homeward in a burst of speed

that was truly magnificent. Pettit

was fairly lifting him from his feet,

his whip flicking, stinging him on like

a venomous yellow striped wasp. I

fiercely clutched my companion's arm.

"Eagle Boy wins," I roared in her ear.

happening of an evil thing. A dozen

yards from the wire and when two

more leaps would have brought him

victory, there came a stumble that

sent the great black one crashing to

the ground, while over him his near-

est rival hurtled as a jumper clears

a fence. From the vast crowd there

arose first a cry, shrill and explosive,

followed by an instant of silence, and

then a raging tumbult. I heard an in-

voluntary exclamation from the lips

of the woman at my side, and turned

to her with the cold perspiration

bursting from my forehead. Her lips

were tightly compressed and she was

gazing fixedly at the fallen horse as

he arose with difficulty. The jockey

was already limping about and the

"I guess that race is settled for all

snapped her pocket-book shut. "I sup-

face resumed its placidity, but she

turned it away from me. Half dazed

by the suddenness of the catastrophe,

my hand sought hers in a sympathetic

I whipped through the crush reck-

lessly in my chagrin and bitterness.

Silently cursing my folly, I drove her

homeward with but a perfunctory at-

tempt at conciliation. Even to that

she did not reply, and I decided that

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squeeze. She did not respond.

pose we might as well be going." Her

she said quietly as sh

mob surging upon the track.

Then, as in a nightmare, I saw the

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