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The princess left the two alone together, and Jennie saw that Gretlich was not the least ornamental appendage to the handsome suit of rooms. Gretlich was an excellent example of that type | ful not to discuss any political question | of fair women for which Vienna noted, but she was, as the princess had said, extremely downcast, and Jennie, I who had a deep sympathy for all who worked, spoke kindly to the girl and endcavored to cheer her. There was something of unacqustomed tenderness in the compassionate tones of Jennie's voice that touched the girl, for, after a brief and ineffectual effort at self control, she broke down and wept. To her pitying listener she told her story. She bad been betrothed to a soldier whose regiment was stationed in the burg. When last the girl saw her lover, he was to be that night on guard in the treasury. Before morning a catastrophe of some kind occurred. The girl did not know quite what had happened. Some said there had been a dreadful explo-



To her pitying listener she told her story. | going to replace it or account for its THE BRICK HOUSE, 34 WELLINGTON | sion and her lover had lost his life. | disappearance I am sure I don't know. McKerras. Possession at once. Ap- Neither the soldier's relatives nor his | The deficiency is something over 200,ply to WALKEM & WALKEM, Clar | betrothed was allowed to see him after | 600,000 florins. Was it not awful?" the disaster. He had been buried se-No. 356 JOHNSTON STREET. BRICK cretly, and it appeared to be the inten- | an extent?" inquired Jennie, who did dwelling, seven rooms; also other tion of the authorities to avoid all pub. not stop to think that such a sum would keep silence and seek no further in- | earth. formation. It was not till several days after her lover's death that Gretlich, | course, but the repairs will not cost anxious because he did not keep his ap- | much. No, my child, it is a much more pointment with her and not hearing disturbing affair than the destruction THREE-STOREY BRICK HOUSE, from him, fearing that he was ill, be- of any statehouse in the empire. What gan to make inquiries. Then she re- has made the premier ill and what is

In the presence of death all consolers | loss of the war chest!" street, formerly occupied by are futile, and Jennie realized this as she endeavored as well as she could to comfort the girl. Her heart was so much enlisted in this that perhaps her | war chest. England has one, France. intellect was the less active, but here | Germany, Russia-no matter how poor pany will lease the store to be built | she stood on the very threshold of the | a nation may be, nor how difficult it is on Princess St., adjoining the opera secret she had come to Vienna to dis- to collect the taxes, that nation must on two flats above as desired Pian cover and yet had not the slightest sus- have a war chest. If war were to break at Power & Son's office. Edw. H. picion that the girl's tragedy and her out suddenly, even with the most prosown mission were interwoven. Jennie | perous country, there would be instant had wondered at the stupidity of Cad- | financial panic; ready money would be MONEY TO LOAN IN LARGE OR bury Taylor, who failed to see what difficult to obtain; a loan would be small sums, at low rates of interest, seemed so plainly before him, yet here practically impossible, and what war on city and farm property. Loans was Jennie herself come 1,000 miles, | calls for the very instant it begins is Apply to S. C. McGTLL; more or less, to obtain certain informa- money—not promises of money, not pation, and here a sobbing girl was nar- | per money, not silver money even, but | rating the very item of news that she | gold: therefore, every nation which is had come so far to learn, all of which | in danger of war has a store of gold | ten thousand dollars. For particu- so bright and clever as we imagine our ig, or even largely, of the coins of the selves to be.

hand a bunch of letters.

renewing old or giving new business others the wife of the premier, Countess | thing like 200,000,000 florins. My hus- empty. Then, again, she dare not al- able to unearth the robbers. Of course Stron. I expect you to devote yourself | band never told me exactly how much | low either Germany or Russia to know | all the police and all the papers of Euto that lady and tell me the result of | was there, but sometimes, when things ; how effectually she has been robbed, | rope will be on the same scent, but I you been talking consolation to Gret- in the war chest than when there was nations would do nuder the circum- ar the whole combination. STOREY. ARCHITECT. HAS lich? I came up here half an hour ago, imminent danger of the European out- stances. The government dare not let - "OL Gest!" cried Jennie, as she his menerosity and it seemed to me I heard the sound | break which we all fear. The war chest | even its own people know what has | handed the message to her friend | thanks; for yours, of recent data. I

been killed in some accident in the stranger is allowed into that portion of ritory,"

"What kind of an accident?"

from Londor to tell us our own news. | of duty. serious that a soldier was killed! That | before the disaster took place he of his | tea has been so good and the company | isn't to be done by inviting a lot of old |

this myself. Gretlich seems to have had

more about it, so that I might tell her. "We shall learn all about it from madame, and I must write that note at once for fear I shall forget it."

On Thursday afternoon there was a brilliant assemblage in the spacious salon of the Princess von Steinheimer. Parisian sisters. Tea was served, not in | passageway were stunned by the shock. of irrerusted filigree gold. There were I chance of escape. For, although an inall manner of delicions cakes, for which | stant alarm was sent out, and none but

and Jennie thought it the most delicious brew she had ever tasted.

"I am so sorry," whispered the princess to Jennie when an opportunity occurred, "but Countess Stron has ser a messenger to say that she cannot present this afternoon. It seems her husband, the premier, is ill, and sh like a good wife, remains at home nurse him. This rather upsets our plans. doesn't it?"

"Oh, I don't know!" replied Jennie. "It is more than likely that the wife of the premier would be exceedingly carein this company. I have counted more upon the wife of a lesser official than upon Countess Stron."

"You are right," said the princess. "And now come with me. I want to introduce you to the wife of the master of the treasury, and from her perhaps you can learn something of the accident that befell the lover of poor Gretlich.

The wife of the master of the treasury proved to be a garrulous old lady, who evidently, prided herself on knowing everything that was taking place about her. Jennie and she became quite confidential over their goblets of tea, a beverage of which the old lady seemed inordinately foud. As the conversation between them drifted on, Jennie saw that here was a person that would take a speech. delight in telling everything she knew, and the only question which now arose was whether she knew anything Jennie wished to learn. But before she. tried her on high politics the girl determined to find out more about the disaster that had made such an abrupt

ending to Gretlich's young dream. "I have been very much interested," she said. "in one of the maids here who lost her lover some weeks ago in an accident, that occurred in the treasury. The maid doesn't seem to know very much about what happened, and was merely told that her lover, a soldier who had been on guard there that night, was dead."

"Oh, dear, yes!" whispered the old lady, lowering her voice. "What a dreadful thing that was! Four men killed and eight or nine are now in the hospital! My poor husband has bardly had a wink of sleep since the event, and the premier is ill in bed through the worry.'

"Because of the loss of life?" asked Jennie innocently.

"Oh, no, no! The loss of life wouldn't matter. It is the loss of the money that is the serious thing, and how they are

"Was the building shattered to such licity. The relatives and the betrothed | replace any edifice in Vienna, even if of the dead soldier had been warned to | it had been wiped off the face of the

"The treasury was damaged. opposite Bishop's Palace). Apply to ceived together the information and the | worrying my poor husband into an untimely grave is nothing less than the

"The war chest!" echoed Jennie. "What is that?"

"My dear, every great nation has a nation which owns the store; it consists In the afternoon the princess entered of the sovereigns of England, the louis Jennie's sitting room carrying in her of France, the willems d'or of Holland.

arouses my curiosity, so I shall just sit own accord doubled the guard that of your young compatriot has been so women to tea, is it?" down and write another invitation to | watched over the room and also the ap. | charming that I have done nothing but | "No; but we shall have to set our the wife of the master of the treasury. proaches to it. The war chest was at | chatter, chatter, chatter away about. wits together in another direction. I "I wish you would, because I should its fullest. Never, so he tells me, was things which should only be spoken of tell you. Jennie, I know I have influlike to know something further about | there so much money in the war chest | under one's breath, and now I must | ence enough to have you made a memas at that particular time. Something hurry away. May I venture to hope ber of the special police. Shall I introbut scant information regarding the had occurred that in his opinion called. that you will honor me with your pres- duce you as from America and say that occurrence, and I would like to know for extra watchfulness, and so he donbled the guard. But about midnight send you a card? mysteries? An appointment to the spethere was a tremendous explosion. The strong door communicating with the passage was wrenched from its hinges and flung outward into the hallway. It | wellis said that dynamite must, have been used; and that in a very large quantity. The rich attire of the ladies formed a | Not a vestige of the chest remained but series of vitascopic pictures that were | a few splintered pieces of iron. The dazziing, for Viennese women are four soldiers in the room were blown adepts in the art of dress, as are their literally to pieces, and those in the cups and saucers, as Jennie had been | The fact that they were unconscious accustomed to, but in goblets of clear, for some minutes seems to have given thin Venetian glass, each set in a holder | the criminal, whoever he was, his the city is celebrated. The ten itself | those who had a right to be on the had some overland through Russia from | premises was allowed to go out or into Florist. China and had not suffered the deterio- the treasury, yet no one was caught. ration which an ocean voyage produces I nor has any one been caught until this

"But the gold, the gold!" cried Jen-

"There was not a florin of it left. Every piece has disappeared. It is at once the most clever and the most gigantic robbery of money that has taken place within our knowledge."

"But such a quantity of gold," said Jennie, "must have been of enormous weight. Two bundred million floring! Way, that is £20,000,000, isn't it? It would take a regiment of thieves to carry so much away. How has that been done, and where is the guld con-

"Ah, my child, if you can answer your own questions the Austrian government will pay you almost any sum you like to name. The police are completely baffled. Of course nothing has been said of this gigantic robbery, but every exit from Vienna is watched. and, not only that, but each frontier is guarded. What the government wants, of course, is to get back its gold, the result of years of taxation, which cannot very easily be relevied."

"And when did this robbery take place? asked Jennie.

"On the night of the 17th." "On the night of the 17th?" repeated the girl, more to herself than to the voluble old woman. "And it was on the 16th that the premier made his war

"Exactly," said the old lady, who overheard the remark not intended for her ears, "and don't you think there was something striking in the coinci-

"I don't quite understand. What coincidence?"

"Well, you know the speech of the premier was against England. It was not a speech made on the spur of the moment, but was doubtless the result of many consultations, perhaps with Russia, perhaps with Germany. Who knows? We have been growing very friendly with Russia of late, and, as England has spigs all over the world. doubtless her government knew before the speech was made that it was coming. So the police appear to think that the whole resources of the British government were set at the task of crippling Austria at a critical moment."

"Surely you don't mean, madame, that the government of England would descend to burglary, robbery-yes, and murder, even, for the poor soldiers who gnarded the treasure were as effectually murdered as if they had been assassi nated in the street? You don't imagine that the British government would stoop to such deeds as those?"

The old lady shook her head wisely. "By the time you are my age, my dear, and have seen as much of politics as I have you will know that governments stop at nothing to accomplish their ends. No private association of thieves could have laid such plans as would have done away with 200,000, 090 of florins in gold, unless they had not only ample resources, but also a master brain to direct them. Nations hesitate at nothing where their inter-

ests are concerned. It was to the inter-



Tea was served. the eight florin pieces of Austria, the est of no other empire but England to from Mr. Hardwick. "This is magnifi-"There!" she cried. "While you have | double crowns of Germany, the half im | deplete Austria at this moment, and | cent," the telegram said. "I doubt if | been resting I have been working, and perials of Russia, the double frederics | see how complete her machinations are. | saything like it has ever been done be we are not going to allow any time to of Denmark, and so on. All gold, gold, No nation trusts another, and, if Aus- ore. We will startle the world tomerhand invitations to about two dozen Austria there were deposited coins of bottom of this robbery, she dare not for, as you have discovered this much, the conversation after it is over. Have | looked peaceable, there was less money | for no one can tell what either of these | am sure that you will prove a match "Oh, yes!" said Jennie. "She has one of the strongest dungeons in the marvelous in its finality. Austria is There is no finality about anything to the strongest dungeons in the marvelous in its finality. Austria is There is no finality about anything to the strongest dungeons in the marvelous in its finality. been telling me all her trouble. It seems | treasury. The public are admitted into | crippled for years to come, antess she | One piece of work simply leads to anshe had a lover in the army, and he has several rooms of the treasury, but no | can find the stolen gold on her own ter | other. Here I thought I had earned at |

chest. This room is kept under guard into such a state of excitement during | me. I am like the genii in fairy tales; "Gretlich said there was an explo- night and day. For what happened my her recital that she did not notice that no sooner is one apparently imposssible husband feels that he is in no way to most of her companion visiters had task accomplished than another is set."

An explision in the treasury, and so "It is a singular thing that the day "My dear princess," she said, "your | "Magnificent enough, yes; but that ] ence at one of my receptions when I | you have made a specialty of solving

> plied the princess, with that gracious | restricted entrance to the secret portion condescension which became her so of the treasury building. You would

> to take her leave, and when the prin- | have discovered. With that knowledge cess was left alone with her guest she | we might then do something toward "Jennie. I have found out absolutely !

> nothing! What have you discovered?" ing up and down the floor in excited Vienna." And accordingly the two ment over the finding of such a bonanga | conspirators | left | Italy | by the night aYou don't tell me so! Now, do sit

down and let his know the full partien-When Jennie's exciting story was

finished, she said: "You see, this robbery explains why the premier aid not follow up his war-

like speech. The pelice seem to think that England has had a hand in this robbery; but, of course, that is absurd.

"I am not so sure of that," replied the princess, taking, as she spoke, the Chicago point of view and forgetting for the moment her position among the aristocracy of Europe. "England takes most things it can get its hands on. and she is not too slow to pick up a gold mine here and there. So why should she hesitate when the gold is already minted for her?"

"It is too absurd for argument," continued Jennie calmly; "so we won" talk of that phase of the subject. must get away to England instantly Let us find out when the first train

"Nonsense!" protested the princess. "What do you need to go to England for? You have seen nothing of Vienna.' "Oh, I can see Vienna another time! must get to England with this ac-

count of the robbery." graphing such an important piece of

"Oh, yes! There would be no difficulty about that, but I dare not trust ! either the post or the telegraph in a l case like this. The police are on the

"But couldn't you send it through by a code? My father used always to do his cabling by code. It saved a lot of money and also kept other people from Send Name and Address To-day You Can Have It

"I have a code, but I hesitate about, trusting even to that." "I'll tell you what we'll do," said

the princess. "I want you to stay in ! "Oh, I will return," said Jennie "I've only just had a taste of this de

lightful city. I'll come right back." "I can't trust you to do anything of the kind. When you get to London, you will stay there. Now, here is what I propose, and it will have the additional advantage of saving your paper a day

We will run down together into Italy -to Venice; then you can take down your code and telegraph from there in perfect safety. When that is done, you will return here to Vienna with me And another thing, you may be sure your editor will want you to stay right here on the spot, to let him know of any outcome of this sensational denoue-

"That isn't a bad idea," murmured Jennie. "How long will it take us to. get to Venice?"

"I don't know, but I am sure it will save you hours compared with going to London. I shall get the exact time for you in a moment." Jennie followed the suggestion of the

princess, and together the two went to

the ever entrancing city of Venice. By the time they reached there Jennie had her account written and coded. The long message was handed in at the telegraph office as soon as the two arrivedin Venice. Jennie also sent the editor a private disputch giving her address in Venice, and also telling him the reason for sending the telegram from Italy rather than from Austria or Germany In the evening she received a reply

least a good month's rest; but, instead the building which houses the war | The old lady had worked herself up | of that, a further demand is made upon |

"Dear me! I hadn't heard of it. It | blame, and I don't think his superiors | taken their leave, and when the princess | "But what a magnificent thing it is a curious thing that one must come, are inclined to charge him with neglect approached the two she arose with some | would be if you could discover the robber or robbers!"

"I shall be delighted to do so," re- | cial police would allow you to have unsee the rooms damaged by the explo-The garralons old lady was the last | sion, and you would learn what others solving the problem.'

"Madame la Princesse," cried Jennie enthusiastically. ''you are inspired! "Everything! replied the girl, walk- | The very thing Let us get back to truin for Austria.

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