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A FORCED LEAD.

There were only three people in the room besides the whist players; the old gentleman who sat in the corner of the room and was always reading, and Julia McCullough and young Stevens, who were in another corner, half shielded by the Japanese screen.

But it was owing to her that Mr. McCullough now fidgeted in his chair and glared at a nine-spot as if each club on its surface were a weapon of assassination. It was but 8 o'clock in the evening, and she was playing only till the stage came to take her to the train on which she was to leave—break up the game and leave.

"May I be permitted to inquire, Charlotte," asked Mr. McCullough in an awful voice, "since when a knave has been advanced to the distinction of taking a king of the same suit?"

"Gracious!" admitted Mrs. McCullough, pushing the card to Miss Selwyn, who was so crowded by the universal disapproval that she received them as a free gift.

"Of course it is impossible to be even decently attentive in the midst of such willful disturbance," remarked Mr. McCullough.

"If it were not a case of illness," began Miss Selwyn, agologetically. "People have no business to be ill," snapped Mr. McCullough.

"Do you suppose Susan will be able to get there, too?" asked Mrs. McCullough.

"I hope so," returned Miss Selwyn. "Come, come, Charlotte!" exclaimed Mr. McCullough; "for heaven's sake, let us play while we can!"

"Did you really pin it up?" asked Julia, with apprehensive pleasure. "I really did," returned young Stevens, "in the hall. I knew how strained the situation would be to-night, and as it is my last evening I wanted it to be peaceful. They might have asked one of us to take a hand."

"Pinned up in the hall?" repeated old Mr. McCullough, doubtfully. "Yes," she said distinctly, with a swift glance that took in all the occupants of the room; "the notice saying that there were three whist-players in the east card-room who wanted a fourth at a quarter past eight. Only good players need apply."

Richmond glanced at the young man with a certain severity, behind which was a gleam of amusement, and came toward the card table. "I—began young Stevens; but it was old Mrs. McCullough who settled the matter.

"Well," she interrupted, "do come and sit down. I'm sure I don't know how you got here, but we're glad enough to see you. I'll play with Mr. McCullough because I am used to him. You can play with my partner."

"We're wasting a lot of precious time," said Mr. McCullough, and the handsome woman came forward from the doorway and picked up the cards that lay at her feet. Richmond seated himself opposite, and for ten minutes not a word was spoken. She did play well—one of those intelligent, pliable games which show science, memory and comprehension. Richmond was delighted with her. If at a critical point he planned a brilliant stroke, she caught his intention instantly and co-operated. He was not curious about her personally; he had barely looked at her; she was simply his skillful comrade. It was her deal, and as she picked up the cards she shuffled them once. Richmond's eyes were on her fingers, and he started a little. She mixed the cards by an odd bit of manipulation. He had never seen but one other person do it. The next time he watched her; then he glanced from her fingers to her face in sudden, sharp inquiry. Her eyes were on his; they wore a look that might have been triumph. The game went on. The low tones of the young people were almost whispers.

"If you had that ace you were a long time playing it, Charlotte," said Mr. McCullough, at the end of a hand. "One doesn't win by being in a hurry," she answered, easily.

"No," said the stranger, speaking for almost the first time, "one does not." The words were simple, but to Richmond's ear they were emphatic. He looked at her with a certain air of suspense, and again she met his look. Another hand was played.

"You did it that time," said Richmond, at the end of it, as he scored three tricks. "Yes," said she, smiling, "I thought it was time I took matters into my own hands."

He turned a little pale, and dealt the cards with his eyes on her face. The evening slipped on; the game was close and interesting.

"That play of yours was an unusual one," said Richmond, "but successful."

"Yes," she answered, slowly; "I broke all the rules to do it. It was a forced lead, but there seemed nothing else to do."

There were bright red spots in her cheeks and she held her handsome head very high as she spoke. He laid down the cards as if to stop playing; then— "It saved the game," he said concisely, as he picked them up again.

"I thought you had that queen, Charlotte," said Mr. McCullough in playful reproach, "from the way you played before."

"It is dangerous to draw inferences," said Richmond quickly, looking across the table. "Not usually," she answered lightly. "If one knows one's partner."

At 10 o'clock Richmond, instead of taking up the hand she had just dealt him, put both his arms on the table and leaned across it. Mrs. McCullough looked as if the skies would fall, and Mr. McCullough said: "Come! Come!" Richmond heeded neither of them.

"Will you tell me why you played as you did?" he asked with sudden sternness. His partner looked at him and her eyes fell for a moment. Then, with her first full composure, she answered: "It has taken me a long time to return your lead; but I found, soon enough, that it is from what is my strongest suit as well."

"Come, come!" said Mr. McCullough; "a great deal of talk about a hand that is past and gone. Pick up your cards, man!" Instead of doing so Richmond stood up. The young people stopped talking, and even the reading old man laid down his book.

"Is your name still Frances Effingham?" he asked. "Yes," she said, rising too. "Have you come back to me?" "Yes," she said again. "I have waited a long time," he went on. "Yes." There was a pause. "Will you come with me into the parlor across the hall and let me speak to you?" She bowed, and tossing down her cards she passed out of the room and he followed her.

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A Typical Englishman. A Mr. Kirkbell who had never been out of England until he went to Vienna, seems to have been a typical Briton and stubbornly insular to the extent of refusing to alter the time of his watch as he traveled eastward from England. No argument would induce him to budge, and when at Vienna he had risen at unearthly hours and perambulated about the city alone, having persistently asserted that the foreign clocks were all wrong. Kirkbell was very anxious, also, to keep a record of all the places he visited, and was always jotting down in his pocketbook the names of the various stations where he had stopped or passed. "How curious it is that there are so many stations of the same name," he once remarked to a fellow passenger, who replied that he had not observed it. Kirkbell then showed his record to prove that he was right; and, sure enough, over and over again occurred the word "Ausgang," which he had confidently entered as the name of many stations on the route.—Argonaut.

Not to be Improved. This pretty story is told of a distinguished lawyer. He and his wife were at a social gathering, where the question was discussed: "Who would you rather be if you were not yourself?" His wife asked him for his reply to the question. He answered promptly. "Your second husband, dear."

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