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Robert Cameron, capitalist, consults Philip Clyde, newspaper publisher, regarding anonymous threatening letters he has received. The first promises a sample of the writer's power on a certain day. On that day the head is mysterlously cut from a portrait of Cameron while the latter is in the room. Clyde has a theory that the portrait was mutilated while the room was unoccupied and the head later removed by means of a string, unnoticed by Cameron. Evelyn Grayson, Cameron's niece, with whom Clyde is in love, finds the head of Cameron's portrait nalled to a tree, where it was had been used as a target. Clyde pledges Evelyn to secrecy. Clyde learns that a Chinese boy employed by Philatus Murphy, an artist living nearby, had borrowed a rifle from Cameron's lodgekeepr. Clyde makes an excuse to call on Murphy and is repulsed. He pretends to be investigating alleged infractions of the game laws and speaks of finding the bowl of an optum pipe under the tree where Cameron's portrait was found. The Chinese boy is found dead next morning. While visiting Cameron in his dressing room a Nell Gwynne mirror is mysteriously shattered. Cameron becomes seriously ill as a result of the shock. The third letter appears mysteriously on Cameron's sick bed. It makes direct threats against the life of Cameron. Clyde tells Cameron the envelope was mythy. He tells Evelyn everything and plans to take Cameron on a yacht trip. The yacht picks up a fisherman found drifting helplessly in a boat. He gives the name of Johnson. Cameron disappears from yacht while Clyde's back is turned. A fruitiess search is made for a motor boat seen by the captain just before Cameron disappears from yacht while Clyde's back is turned. A fruitiess search is made for a motor boat seen by the captain just before Cameron disappeared. Johnson is allowed to go after being closely questioned. turned. A fruitless search is made for a motor boat seen by the captain just before Cameron disappeared. Johnson is allowed to go after being closely questioned. Evelyn takes the letters to an expert in Chinese literature, who pronounces them of Chinese origin. Clyde seeks assistance from a Chinese fellow college student, who recommends him to Yip Sing, most prominent Chinaman in New York. The latter promises to seek information of Cameron among his countrymen. Among Cameron sletters is found one from one Addison, who speaks of seeing Cameron in Pekin, Cameron had frequently declared to Clyde that he had never been in China. Clyde calls on Dr. Addison. He learns that Addison and Cameron were at one time intimate friends, but had a falling out over Cameron's denial of having been seen in Pekin by Addison. Clyde goes to meet Yup Sing, sees Johnson, attempts to follow him, falls into a basement, sprains his ankle and becomes unconscious. Clyde is found by Miss Clement a missoinary among the Chinese. He is conscious. Clyde is found by Miss Clement a missoinary among the Chinese. He is sick several days as a result of inhaling charcoal fumes. Evelyn tells Clyde of a peculiarly acting anesthetic which renders a person temporarily unconscious. Murphy is discovered to have mysterious relations with the Chinese. Miss Clement promises to get information about Camperon. Slump in Crystal Consolidated, of which Cameron is the head, is caused by a rumor of Cameron's illness. Clyde finds Cameron on Fifth avenue in a dazed and emaciated condition and takes him home.

CHAPTER XVII.-Continued. He was about to bid me good-night when I checked him.

"Doctor," I said, "I am glad to find would suggest that you use the word ing, that Bryan was still watching. 'indisposition' and be sure to employ the 'temporary' you called into play a moment ago."

Dr. Massey gladly acceded. Seated at Cameron's writing table he scribing and confident tenor than I had in- upon which I had determined. dicated. And I used it to turn the tide of speculation in Crystal Consolidated.

But neither the spoken nor the written words of the physician held for me any considerable measure of soperate. I knew it and my heart ached for him; but it ached more for Evelyn, his ward, who loved him, and who must be given the gladness of good news only to be crucified the next moment on the cross of anxiety.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Three Promises.

Need I say that I did not sleep that night? It was five o'clock when I left Cameron's, after a talk with the nurse, and I promised to return in an hour. The interval was devoted to a cold bath, a shave, and a change of clothing at my rooms; and at six I was back again, talking once more with Checkabeedy who was personally serv- one?" ing me with coffee in the breakfast

"Between you and me," I began, "there is small need of concealment in this matter of Mr. Cameron's disappearance and return, his coming as remarkable and mysterious as his going. at all." I think I am experienced enough to understand that such an affair as this cannot be kept entirely secret-especially not from Mr. Cameron's servants-and it is better, Checkabeedy, that you should understand it thoroughly. I can fancy the distorted story that has been circulated below stairs. That more rumors, wide of the truth, have not leaked out and gained press publicity, speaks very well for you and your staff, and I congratulate you on your loyalty and good judgment. All I ask now is that you will continue to be guarded in what you say. A single unadvised word might interfere very materially with our efforts to trace the guilty ones and bring them to punishment."

And then I told him as much as deemed wise of the facts of the abduction, of my chance finding of his master the previous night, and of my anxiety concerning his present condi-

"And above all things, Checkabeedy," I added in conclusion, "don't look solemn and distressed when Miss Evelyn is present. Before her, no matter how we really feel, we must appear confident."

A little later the morning papers were brought in, and I scanned one after another in search of some new twist or turn of the story of the previous afternoon. The more conservative journals were inclined to make light of the scare. "Mr. Cameron," said one, "ceased to be active in the affairs of the Crystal Consolidated over two years ago. If he be ill, which is by no means certain, the fact can have but little real significance so far as the company of which he is the largest

the event of his death they could not from a near window made a glittering by any possibility come on the market, golden nimbus of her hair. With wide, for the reason that he has provided a startled eyes she was gazing at Bryan, trust fund, by will, for the benefit of or, to be more exact, at the snewy his niece, and that they are a part of linen duck in which he was clad, and that fund."

The sensational press, of course, plexing significance. still insisted that the Glass King was tion. Despite my alarm I smiled at him. the thought of how their afternoon

the Welsh say. The papers finished, I grew restless, I desired constant news from the sick room, and lacking it, I roamed about the house, in nervous unease, my brain busy with conjecture, forming one theory after another, and dismissing each as readily. The situation was a tantalism. The answer to all the quesweeks lay dormant in the brain of the man sleeping beyond that closed door. Theories, therefore, were now more futile than ever. The one accomplishment to be asked was the arousing of an intellect, the stirring of a memory.

Dr. Massey had promised that when Cameron awakened mental clarity would be restored, that he would be able to answer questions with intelli- I am sure I was not prepared for what to be hurried. But eventually we shall rigmarole of strange words, now high

thing I saw in those dull, vacuous eyes, when I first looked into them unmade no question as to his identity. I phrases I could conjure. tellectual forehead. These points of happy." recognition were so convincing, that I Presently I placed her in a great, begged for an admission of a sentilit's a real language I never heard it. could afford to ignore the eyes I had cavernous leathern chair, and lent her ment above and beyond the mere sis- What do you imagine it is?"

want you to write me a bulletin of Mr. the morning in the house, and that I obe all tears. Cameron's condition and sign it. I wished to be informed of the slightest want no mention in it of the injury, change in his patient. I must conclude, it was, therefore, just as well that since it is not serious. If possible, I therefore, that Cameron was still sleep- Cameron had not returned robust and care for you very much; almost as about every other sentence."

yet appeared I drew a measure of condown. As it was, the mere fact that good to him, and if I could tell you solation. If I could have tidings of even the slightest improvement in which was the mildly equivocal way in bled a bulletin of even more encourag- aid me in the assumption of confidence

At ten minutes past eight I was searching the encyclopaedias in the in surprisingly short space. library for information on the subject of brain concussion. Already I had followed the trail through three vollace. My friend's condition was des- umes from "Brain" to "Nervous System" and from "Nervous System" to "Concussion," when an opening door caused me to turn eagerly. Mr. Bryan. the nurse, in a white uniform such as hospital doctors wear, stood on the risen from my crouching position before the bookcase and had met him midway across the room with anxious

"Mr. Cameron awoke a quarter of an hour ago," he told me. "His power of speech has returned. He asked me where he was and what had happened. I told him he was in his own house, and that he had met with an accident." "Yes, yes," I hurried him. "And what then? Did he inquire for any

looking about the room without another word. Then, in a puzzled way, he repeated: 'My own house!' and asked, Where is this house?' And I told him. He did not seem to recognize the room

"Is he still awake?" "Oh, no. Dr. Massey left directions that he was to be given some nourishment-a raw egg and milk-and then another powder to make him sleep. He less than three minutes was in a deep slumber once more."

I was annoyed that I had not been called. I let myself hope that sight of me might possibly have stirred his memory even though the familiar obas much to the short, broad-shouldered violent contrast with his thin-lipped, grave, determined mouth.

"Dr. Massey's orders were that for twelve hours no one should be admitted to the room," was his unanswerable rejoinder.

"Which means not until after five o'clock, this evening?"

"Exactly, str. But I shall report to you everything he says, as nearly as possible in his own words."

"Very well," I said. "I shall spend the day here." My tone conveyed dismissal and I fear it still smacked of annoyance. Mr. Bryan, however, gave no sign of resentment. His eyes were still kindly merry, his mouth still inspired reliance. He turned towards the door, saying:

"He'll probably sleep four hours at least, Mr. Clyde. If you wish to go out, there's no reason why you shouldn't "

I meant to reply. My lips were already framing a sentence, when a

Evelyn Grayson was standing in the doorway. She wore a clinging house she wanted. She had called up my ened to a tree stump on top of the hill gown of pale blue, cut low at the rooms and my office, and, unable to and leather belts were wrapped about This monster cabbage has been on ex. shareholder is concerned. It may be throat, and bordered with a deep col- get me at either place, had taken the the horse. When the work of hitching hibition in one of the local business stated on the best authority that Mr. lar of Irish lace. The rose flush of chance that Evelyn might aid her to the belts was completed it was found houses and has been the object of no Cameron's shares have never been youth and health tinted the cream of my discovery. until several of the limbs of the tree ence Atlanta Constitution.

which must have held for her a per-

The nurse had halted, deferentially in a New England sanitarium, though standing aside at sight of the girl they had failed to locate the institu- whose young beauty seemed to dazzle

For a moment the stillness and sieditions would have to eat the leek, as lence were absolute. Then Evelyn turning her gaze upon me advanced quickly, with a little questioning cry:

> "You're surprised to find me here," interpreted, with hands outstretched. "And to-" she began, laying her fingers against my palms.

"To find a nurse here, as well," I finished for her. "Let me introduce tions which had absorbed me for Mr. Bry-" But when I would have presented him he had already gone. "But who is ill?" she questioned in

nervous haste. "What-It were well, I thought, to have the revelation over and done with as speedily as possible.

"Your uncle. I brought him home at two o'clock this morning."

I do not know what I expected, but ensued. Her fingers, suddenly releas- have our answers." It is hard to explain why I doubted ing themseives from my fond but this. I think it must have been some- feeble support, clutched wildly at the longer dragged. We talked unceasing- gray patch had developed by degrees lapels of my coat for support, as she ly; reviewing everything from the relinto the white, night-robed, sitting figburst into a passion of sobs. In vain ceipt of the first letter; conjecturing ure of the invalid, swaying excitedly, der the pale light of the white-globed I made efforts to comfort and quiet on each of the score of little problems with arms extended in ceaseless geselectric street lamps. If I had been her. She became hysterical. She making up the one great mystery, but tures. For a long moment this unforced to identify Cameron by those laughed and cried by turns, while I, arriving at nothing definite; adding, if canny object had held my gaze, but eyes alone, I should have said that making bold to regard her as a sorrow. changing conditions at all, to our own presently near the bed's foot, I desthis man was not he. They were so ing child rather than the woman she confusion. different, lacking all the expression of was, held her close and murmured all the Cameron eyes I knew. And yet I the soothing, encouraging words and where opportunity offered, I spoke ten-

knew him, despite this; knew that "I-I-am so glad," she whispered or at least a closer, more intimate unstrong chin and jaw, which spelled de at last, her big liquid blue eyes swim- derstanding between us, who shall say whispered, quite calmly. "I thought termination in two syllables; knew his ming, her fair face wet with the tor- that I was to blame? She was never possibly you might understand what broad, generous nose, and his high in rent of her emotion. "I-I- am so more lovely, never more appealing he is saying."

never seen before and the wasted my handkerchief-assisted her, in terly regard to which hitherto she had tumultuous joy. After which I sat fection for me. At brief intervals I consulted the down opposite her and answered a More than once I had read in her caught two or three words of pidginclocks. It was marvellous how the hundred questions, still marvelling at eyes-without unseemly conceit, I English, just before you-" He broke time dragged. And that nurse! Would the contrariety of the feminine tem- trust I may be permitted this asser- off suddenly, and plucked at my sleeve. he never have an errand outside the perament which defies disaster dry- tion-what I now asked in lip avowal. "There!" he murmured. "Did you

Evelyn's emotions alone considered, my plea. of sane mind. Her rejoicing undiluted much as I care for Uncle Robert, You Evelyn's eyes shone luminous in the he was weak and a trifle distraught— that I love you in the way you ask, Cameron before meeting her, it would which I softened the truth for her- of a second. "Even if I could tell you," had for her fortitude the revivifying she corrected, "I wouldn't tell you potency of a tonic. It so balanced her now. It is not stubbornness, Philip. joy with anxiety that she grew strong

"I do not see why a nurse is at all necessary," she objected, at once. "I shall nurse him, myself. Louis and I can do everything that is required." "But Dr, Massey-" I began. Where-

upon she interrupted me: "Dr. Massey probably thinks I am a foolish, frivolous child. I shall nurse Uncle Robert even if I have to dismiss threshold. The next moment I had Dr. Massey and get another physician."

There was nothing to be gained by opposing her at this time, so I held my non-committal peace, doubting, nevertheless, the practicability of her proposition. But to her next proposal I must needs interpose the obstructive

"Come," she commanded, brushing back from her temples with both hands the encroaching golden halo, with the gesture of one who prepares for conquest, wiping away, as it were, "No. For all of a minute he lay the last clinging vestiges of her emotional weakness. "Come, let us go to him, together."

> She was on her feet before I could restrain her. "Not now, Evelyn," I said, quietly.

> and, at the risk of seeming rudeness, sat still.

"But, why?" And there was a hint of suspicion in the look she gave me. "He is asleep," I told her. And when she had relaxed into the great turned on his side after that, and in chair again, I added, temporizing, "Mr. Bryan will let us know when he wakens."

Her disappointment was undisguised, and in secret I sympathized with her. She was experiencing something of that which had come to me jects of his bedchamber failed. I said when Bryan had refused me converse with his patient. But it were better nurse, whose twinkling eyes were in to divert than to commiserate, and so I

> "This is the day I am to hear from Miss Clement." "Is it?" she asked, indifferently, the

"She has promised me important information before three o'clock. If she keeps her word, this whole perplexing

mystery may very shortly be cleared "Isn't that what you would call supererogatory?" she asked, smiling. 'I should think Uncle Robert could tell

all that is needed, now, himself." I was at a loss for a moment how to answer her; and in that moment the telephone broke in, and did away with

the necessity of response. table at my elbow, and with a "Shall I?" to Evelyn, I took the receiver from the hook and bent to the transmitter. "Yes," I said, "Miss Grayson is here. Who is it, please?" I thought I recognized Miss Clement's voice, and I was not wrong. But, after all, it was I

atked, disguising as well as I could my at I went by him, I asked, under my burning interest. If possible, I would breath: keep from Evelyn the least suggestion of how vitally important I regarded the news I hoped for.

"What is it, Louis?"

"Ah!" he whispered. "Monsieur

Cameron is talking in the strange tongue which neither Monsieur Bryan

CHAPTER XIX.

The Pang of Disillusion.

that for a little, until our eyes accus-

any door, we had hint of what was go-

To us both the tone and words were

her slim young body. Gladly I would

selves less dimly in the gloom, the hor-

It was a large room, lofty of ceiling,

heavy curtains were drawn; and the

What had at first seemed a moving

cried Bryan's white uniform and the

The sick room was dark. So dark

"I hardly know how to explain it to you," came Miss Clement's reply. "I nor I myself can understand." was on the verge of what I am sure was a most pregnant revelation. I was to be given names and dates and circumstances. I had been promised these by one in whom I put the greatest reliance. And now I am asked to wait another twenty-four hours. Some tomed themselves to it, we could barething has happened, my confidant tells | ly distinguish objects. But our ears me: something puzzling and utterly required no attuning. Even in the pasunexpected, and those who know most sageway, separated by a heavy mahogof the matter are now most at sea."

Evelyn must have seen me smile. ing on within; and as we entered, a It was quite evident to me that Miss hoarse tirade smote us in the gloom Clement was in touch with some one like an assault from ambush. well informed, but it was not that which provoked the smile. I smiled alike unfamiliar. In inflection and because I felt that Cameron in some modulation the voice was strange. And way had outwitted his captors and the uttered sounds were a coarse, horgained his freedom. This was the un- rid jargon. Once I thought I detected expected happening which had thrown an English oath, but I was not sure. the villainous slant-eyed camp into Evelyn clutched my hand and I confusion, and I rejoiced at my friend's could feel against me the tremble of

"And so," I said to Miss Clement, have spared her this ordeal, but I had you wish me to wait another day?" | been no less unprepared than she. And "I think it would be worth while," now, as gradually shapes defined themshe answered.

"And I do, too," I told her. "I don't | ror grew; and, held by it, speechless, suppose you've seen an afternoon pa- inert, I stood where I had pausedper, have you?" I went on. "Well, they the quivering girl very close beside contain some news of interest. They me-staring, listening, wondering. say that Mr. Cameron came home last night, and for once, at least, they tell with high windows, across which what is very nearly the truth."

If sincerity ever carried over a wire only light was that which stole be it carried then in Miss Clement's con- tween these hangings or filtered gratulations, and there was something through three dark, richly-colored almost divine in her forbearance to glass medallions set in a side wall. ask for particulars. She congratulated | Cameron's bed, a massive, ornately Evelyn, too, and promised to come to carved four-poster, was hung with see her, soon; and then once more she fringed and embroidered velvet, and in assured me that she would yet learn the dusk of the chamber it took on the everything we could possibly care to somber likeness of a catafalque, addknow.

ing to the eerie seeming a touch of the funereal. Incongruously from the "The Chinese," she added, "are a deliberate race, Mr. Clyde. They refuse shadowy midst of it came that ranted pitched, now bass, now guttural.

With Evelyn beside me the hours no

And if, in passing, at intervals, sight brought a measure of relief. In der words and pleaded for a definite, nurse joined us. than she was that morning; and I

have been very good to me, and very gloom. It is just a woman's way. Ask me again, when Uncle Robert is well, and all this horrible nightmare has passed. Promise me that you will ask me

"Never fear," I returned, "I'll 'ask

"And promise me, too," she added, 'that until all the skies are clear once more, you will not mention the sub-

I was on the verge of promising; not because it would be an easy promise to keep, for I knew it would be very difficult; but because I could deny her nothing. I was on the verge, I say, when the library door opened. strident key what seemed to be orders, and Louis, pale and excited, and so in haste that he had not paused to knock, was exclaiming:

enfin, etesvous prete?" A score of fears springing instantly on our feet before the speech, rapid- forward threateningly. But a far ly delivered as it was, was finished. more startling happening at this junc-Were we ready! We evidenced our ture was his abandonment of his jarreadiness in no such voiceless thing gon, and his adoption of intelligible

Louis stood aside for us to pass, and



Horse Fell Into a Tree

Awaiting Aid, the Animal Tightly were cut off. This took considerable Clutched the Trunk With His Rear Hoofs.

horse up among the branches of a to the top of the bank from which he disappointment still rankling. "I didn't tree. The animal had gotten in its had fallen. A close examination reuncomfortable position by falling ten vealed that outside of a few scratches feet from a bank that overstopped the he was uninjured.—Baltimore Ameritree. The tree probably saved the can.

horse's life. The accident occurred while the horse was grazing in a pasture in the rear of the Baltimore Motor club at itable than cotton raising is the testi-Ferry Bar. John McMahon, 877 West | mony of C. W. Buchanan, proprietor of Favette street, was at work on a mo- a local hotel. In the rear of his hotel tor boat when he was startled by a Mr. Buchanan has a four-acre farm, convulsive rustling in the tree near- which he cultivates as a side line. Last by. Looking up he was startled to year he planted this ground in cotton. see four hoofs jutting through the the proceeds of which scarcely leaves and swinging madly back and equaled the cost of production. This The instrument was on the writing forth. A moment later the hoofs be year he planted the entire patch in came still and the horse wrapped the corn, cabbage, turnips, onions and rear ones around the tree, clutching other truck products, as a result of desperately to prevent a further fall. which he is now getting big returns A call was sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and an ambulance was hurried to the scene. Blocks and tackle were fast- that weighed 211/2 pounds, the largest that the animal could not be rescued little attention.-Jackson Correspond-

time, during which the horse rested and watched the work of the score or more of men who were trying to re-Visitors to Ferry Bar were much lease him. With the removal of the surprised the other morning to see a last limb the horse was slowly drawn

> A 21-Pound Cabbage. That truck farming is far more prof-

from his effort. A few days ago Mr. Buchanan gathered from his little farm a cabbage on record so far as is known locally.

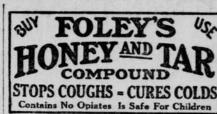
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"I thought you had better come," he "But I don't," I whispered back, "If

"I have an idea it's Chinese," he anframe and the shrunken, unsteady deed-to remove the evidences of her persisted in limiting her expressed afhear at a Chinese theater, and I you so optimistic. Before you go I suite? I had told him I should spend eyed and over good tidings is like Ni- But there seemed to be with her a no- hear that? Maskee. That was plain tion that the occasion was ill-suited to enough. It means 'never mind.' A little while ago he was evidently trying "Philip," she said, "dear Philip, I to hurry some one. It was chop-chop

"Can't you give him something to quiet him?" she begged. "It's awful to And there she hesitated a shade let him go on like this. It's cruel. He seems to be in such distress."

"I can, of course," Bryan returned. "But I thought Mr. Clyde was anxious to have everything he said reported, and-

"Oh, do give him something," she

insisted. Bryan left us to obey. I saw him stop at a table near the bed, and in the half light I caught the glint of a hypodermic syringe. But, as if scenting his purpose, Cameron's voice lulled abruptly. For a second or two he was quiet, and then, before any one of us, I think, suspected his purpose, he turned, suddenly, swiftly, and slipped from beneath the bed clothes to the floor where he stood erect, with arms upraised and tensed, shouting in shrill, directed not at one but at a horde.

The great bed separated him from both Bryan and myself, but we skirted "Monsieur Cameron! Pardon! Mais, it in haste, and came upon him be fore he had taken more than a single step. As we confronted him, his arms to birth within us, Evelyn and I were lowered and his clenched fists shot English.

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