## The Spoilers.

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## Men spoke: some laughed, but th thefr hughter was no mirth. It wa

 their lhughter was no mirth. It whsmore hike the sound of choking. Thes stamped their feet to relieve the grip
of stratind muetes. The dealer reach
ed forth and slid the stack ed forth and slid the stack of bills into
the drawer at his waist without count-
Ing. The case keeper pnssed a shaking

| ing positivaly zauni. wny, you re jetting wrinkles like an old man!" She rose from her seat at the breakfast table and went to him, smoothing his silvered head with affection. <br> He took her cool band and pressed It to his cheek, while the worry that haunted hlm habitually of late gave way to a smite. <br> "It's work. Ittle girl-hard and thankless work, that's all. This country is intended for young men, and I'm too far along." His eyes grew grave agaln, and he squeezed her fingers nervously as though at the thought. "It's a terrible country this. 1-Iwho we had never seen it." |
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| "All right," |
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| "Your wife has been entertalned at |
| Miss Chester's house. I've seen ber |
| there. Ton'git she refuses to speak |
| to the girl. Stic eut her dead, and I |
| "IIow shonta I know?" |
| "If yon don't know, Ill ask yon to |
| flua out." |
| The other shook his head amu |
| ch MeNamara tlared up. |
| ny yon will, and you'll make |
| our wite apoosise before she leave |
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