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Matter of Diet. He-Boston girls seem to have an air

of superior intelligence. She-Oh, that's a matter of diet rather than real knowledge. It isn't difficult for a Boston girl to know beans.



CHAPTER VII .- (Continued.) you that Mrs. Dallas gave you permission to ask me for an explanation, otherwise I should have been forced, from a sense of honor, to hold my tongue. Mrs. Dallas fears that if Isabella marries anyone but David, her death will take place."

"Whose death? Isabella's or Mrs. Dallas'?"

"The latter. You must know, Maurice," continued the Major, "that Mrs. Dallas, though well born and well married, is an extremely ignorant woman. She was brought up mostly by Dido's grandmother, who was the most accursed old witch in Barbadoes. This old hag instilled into the mind of Mrs. Dallas all kinds of superstitions, in which she really believes. When the Dallas household. She is clever- and I must be careful, Maurice." wonderfully clever-and she has continued her grandmother's system of terrorizing both Mrs. Dallas and Isa-

it is for that reason I want to marry and barbaric women seem to be out of Isabelia, and take her away before her. place when set in the sober framework mind is degraded further by that old of a provincial town. But romance is fury."

you, Mrs. Dallas will die."

rubbish?" asked Maurice, incredulous-

"Implicitly! I tell you she is ignorant and superstitious. Come what likely to alter the situation. Maurice may, she is convinced that your mar- and Davia remained coldly polite, and riage with Isabella means her own death; so you may rest assured, Maurice, that she will never, never accept | die the one or the other see the girl. you as her son-in-law."

"I understand," said Maurice, with a | no doubt, under the advice of Dido. shrug. "It seems hopeless to contest she kept Isabella within doors and rethis decision of a diseased and feeble fused to allow her to communicate mind. I can understand Dido stop- with Maurice. But, on the other hand. ping my marriage, as she wants to re- she did not force her to see David: tain her sinful influence over Isabella; and Isabella was thankful for the con-I can understand Mrs. Dallas, weak sideration. and silly, being dominated by this negro Jezebel; but I can't understand Wigwam whom Isabella would gladly why David is chosen as the future have avoided-no less an individual son-in-law. If he marries Isabella, he will no more put up with Dido that I should have done."

"Of course not; I can't explain the "But you know all that I know, Maurice; and you can see that it is hopeless for you to attempt to marry the

Maurice; "I love Isabella, and come and the mesmeric quality of his gaze. what may, I intend to make her my This last, especially, was a trial to one

"But what about me?" said a voice outside the open window; "what about And a moment later David, in dusty riding-dress, stepped into the He looked disturbed and angry, and his strongly marked face bore traces of agitation and haunting thoughts.

Disturbed by the unexpected appearance of David, and seeing from his expression that he was bent upon making himself disagreeable, Jen hastily interposed to prevent a quarrel between the two young men.

"What, David? back again!" he said, Ignoring the question asked by Sarby. "So you did not stay to dinner?"

"No," replied David, shortly, "I didn't!" He flung himself into a chair and resumed in a significant tone. "Mrs. Brance didn't ask me, and if she had, I couldn't have accepted in this dress. Besides, I am not the man whom she delights to honor. Now, if Maurice had been there, Meg--'

"Don't couple my name with Meg's," interrupted Maurice, sharply. "You know quite well-"It's no use your assuming that in-

nocent air, Maurice. You have not treated Mag well!" "I have! How dare you say such a thing? Meg knew that I was in love

with Isabella." "Oh!" said David, with a sneer. "I overheard you arrange to marry her. But you'll never do that while I am alive, or Mrs. Dallas either. I told Mrs. Dallas that I loved Isabella, and she said that nothing would give her greater pleasure than to see us mar-

ried." "You shan't marry her!' cried Manrice, angrily rising. "I shall!" said David, and rose also.

"Boys! Boys!" said Jen, annoyed at this quarrel, "do not be so positive. If you are both in love with the same woman, let the woman decide." "She has decided!" said Aylmer,

sharply. "She loves me." "I don't care two straws about that." said David, coldly. "I have not spoken to her yet; but all the same I intend her to become my wife. I give tor knew nothing of the missing aryou fair warning, Maurice, that you ticle. are not to peach upon my preserves." "Your preserves. Confound your in-

"Upon my word, David," said Jen, seeing that Maurice could hardly speak for rage, "you go too far. The girl loves Maurice and not you; and it would be much more honorable for you not to press your suit."

"I don't care two pins for honor, Major! I love Isabella, and I intend to marry her. But become the wife of Maurice she never shall; I'd rather see her married to Etwald."

"The third Richmond who is in the field," scoffed Maurice. "Well, he has ports his pretensions; Mrs. Dallas is house that night. She was ill-and, steam it open.

l your champion. As for me, I have the "I shall explain, and it is lucky for love of Isabella, so I'm afraid of nothing."

> "Are you not?" said Sarby, with a peculiar smile. "Remember what Etwald said about your life in death!" "I don't believe in that rubbish, David, and I should be very sorry to think you did."

"As to that, I don't care about discussing the point," was the reply. "Our own beliefs are are own business. But I may say that Etwald is a dangerous man; both to you and to me."

"I daresay," said Maurice, coolly. "The more so, as I believe he has stolen the devil-stick."

"What!" David made a step forward and stared at the wall. His face was quite pale, and his hands trembled in spite of his efforts to control the grandmother died Dido became himself. "The devil-stick gone!" he nurse to Isabella, and private witch of said, turning on his heel. "Both you

CHAPTER VIII.

So far the reader may wonder at the constituent elements of this story. Af-"Yes; I can see that, Uncle Jen, and rican witchcraft, mysterious strangers, not dependent upon landscape or on "Well, the old fury sees what you surroundings for its occurrence; it is want, my dear lad, and so she is deter- to be found everywhere, and very ofmined that Isabella shall marry David ten in the most unlikely places. Here, and not you. To accomplish her aims for instance, by some trick of fate, cershe went through some hocuspocus tain people had come together, certain and discovered that if Isabella marries passions had been aroused, and now that the drama had been set in motion, "And does Mrs. Dallas believe that it seemed likely that it would play itself out to a tragical conclusion.

For a whole week after the events already related, nothing new took place very watchful of one another; neither ment oned the name of Isabella, nor Mrs. Dallas took care of that. Acting,

But there was one visitor to The than Dr. Etwald. After the violent scene with Maurice, the widow so overtaxed her strength that she became ill, and the doctor was sent for. reason," replied Jen, shaking his head. His mere presence appeared to sooth Mrs. Dallas, and he came frequently. When she could, Isabella absented herself; but this she was not able to do on all occasions, and so she had to "I'm not so sure of that," retorted endure his complimentary speeches of her sensitive organization, and one day she felt so uncomfortable that she

remonstrated with Etwald. "You make me afraid, doctor," she said, impetuously. "Your gaze is disagreeable to me."

"My dear young lady," replied the man, blankly, "I must look at you when I address you." "Then don't address me!"

"Isabella, do not be rude!" cried Mrs. Dallas, who had overheard this passage of arms; whereupon the girl, with a defiant glance at her tormentor, left the room.

"I'm sure I don't know what I'll do with Isabella," sighed Mrs. Dallas; 'she is getting so disobedient."

"Perhaps I can assist you." Mrs. Dallas looked uneasily at her

medical attendant. "No," she said, quietly. "I may persuade her into doing what I want."

"Which is to marry Mr. David Sarby," said Etwald, coolly. "In that case I can only hope that the young lady will continue obstinate, as I wish to marry her myself." "I know-I know! But I don't want

her to marry you, doctor. Mr. Sarby is the man for my daughter. He is good-looking and clever and-" "And poor!" finished Etwald.

"Well, yes," assented Mrs. Dallas, there is that objection. But it is not much of an obstacle, as Isabella has and she believed it!"-Cleveland Leadmoney. The young couple can live on er. three thousand a year."

Dr. Etwald went home with this sum running in his head, and more than ever he resolved to marry Isabella. He was in love with her, and would have taken her without a penny; all the same, if she was an heiress in a small way, it was all the better. The doctor was clever but poor, and with an income like that he could move to the metropolis and do great things. There were many schemes in Etwald's head, and certain of these he determined to put into execution at once, in order to secure Isabella for his wife.

Some time previously Major Jen had asked Etwald about the devil-stick, but only to be informed that the doc-

"I have not set eyes on it since that night you showed it to me," declared Etwald, coolly. "You refused to sell it to me, so of course I gave up all idea of possessing it. All the same," finished he, politely, "I am sorry that it is lost."

"Lost! Stolen, you mean," growled Jen, tartly. "That negress-"Dido! Well, I admit that such a barbaric treasure would tempt her, the more particularly as she knows about such wizard instruments. Ask her if her .- Somerville Journal.

she took it." "I have done so, and I have asked Mrs. Dallas also," replied Jen; "but it as good a chance as you. Dido sup- seems that Dido wasn't out of the

oddly enough, I hear, Etwald, that it was you who made her ill."

"Really!" said Etwald, quite selfpossessed. "I suppose Mr. Aylmer told you so. I thought as much," he continued, as Jen nodded. "He saw me calming Dido's agitation when I arrived to ask Mrs. Dallas for her daughter's hand. This negress is hysterical, and on that day she happened to be so. I quieted her, yet Mr. Aylmer accuses me of having caused her illness."

"I don't know anything about it, Etwald; but truth to tell, Maurice does not like you!" "Because I prophesied ill concerning

"Oh, that was rubbish," said Jen, contemptuously. "You didn't mean it." "Didn't I. Wait and see!"

After which Etwald bowed his visitor politely to the door of the gloomy old house which he occupied in Deanminster, and Jen returned home, quite baffled as to what could have become of the devil-stick. Maurice still held to his idea that Dido had taken the wand, but Jen's inquiries proved that the negress had not been out of the house on the night in question.

"Then it must have been Battersea!" said Maurice, decidedly, "He is a friend of Dido's and a pensioner of Isabella's. I'll find out if he stole the stick for the negress or for Dr. Etwald."

This was easier said than done, as Mrs. Dallas would not allow Maurice to set foot in the house. Still Maurice hoped to learn the truth from the tramp himself, a hope that proved futile also. Battersea had gone on one

of his begging excursions, and for quite a week was not seen in the neighborhood of "Ashantee." Then he suddenly made his appearance at the house, and asked to see Maurice. On being led into the hall, Aylmer came out to speak with him, and after a few words he took the old man into the library. Jen, who was rather curious to know what Maurice might learn from the disreputable old scamp, waited patiently for the termination of the interview. As Aylmer did not reappear, he sought the library, and found

the young man alone. "Where is Battersea?" asked Jen, glancing round. "What did he wish to see you about?"

"He heard that I accused him of taking the devil-stick," explained Maurice, "and came here to exculpate himself. He is quite innocent. He didn't | Everybody's. take the devil-stick." "Then who did?"

"I'll tell you that to-morrow." "Why not to-night?" asked Jen. sharply.

"Because I have a suspicion, which cannot prove at present. Battersea gave me a hint, upon which I am determined to work. To-night I may learn the truth!" "From whom?"

"Don't ask me, Uncle Jen: I can't answer you yet."

"Well, just as you please, but you are as mysterious as David." "Why, what about David?"

"Only this, that he has gone up to town without bidding me good-by, save in this short note. I can't understand such conduct."

"Nor I," said Maurice, stretching out his hand. "Please let me read the note, Uncle Jen. I wish to see precisely how it is worded."

The note which the Major handed over was curt to the verge of rudeness. It merely stated that the writer had gone away for a couple of days on usiness, and would be back as soon as possible. Maurice did not wonder that Jen was annoyed at receiving such a missive from one whom he regarded in the light of a son.

"The fact is David has not been quite himself since this trouble about Isabelia," he said, gravely, "and he thinks it best to go away for a time. You know how he tortures himself over trifles."

"This love business of you two young men is getting to be anything but a trifle," said Jen, testily. "What between the lot of you and Etwald, there seems to be nothing but trouble. I wish you'd marry the girl, Maurice, and have done with it."

(To be continued.) The Humor of Investment.

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