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sinister face which was turned towards With the brow of a philosopher above and the jaw of a sensualist below, the man must have started with great capacities for good or for evil. But one could not look upon his cruel blue eyes, with their drooping, cynical lids, or upon the fierce, aggressive nose and the threatening, deep-lined brow, without reading Nature's plainest danger signals. He took no heed of any of us, but his eyes were fixed upon Holmes' face with an expression in which hatred and amazement were equally blended. "You fiend!" he kept muttering, "you clever, clever fiend!"

his rumpled collar, " 'journeys end in lovers' meetings,' as the old play says. don't think I have had the pleasure of sceing you since you favored me with those remarkable arrest which you have effected. attentions as I lay on the ledge above the Yes, Lestrade, I congratulate you! With Reichenbach fall."

The colonel still stared at my friend like a man in a trance. "You cunning, cunning was all that he could say.

"I have not introduced you yet," said Holmes. "This, gentlemen, is Colonel Sebastian Moran, once of her majesty's Indian army, and the best heavy-game shot that our eastern empire has ever produced. I believe I am correct, colonel, in saying that your bag of tigers still remains un-

The fierce old man said nothing, but still glared at my companionist with his savage a cigar may afford you some profitable eyes and bristling moustache, he was wonderfully like a tiger himself.

"I wonder that my very simple stratagem Holmes. "It must be very familiar to you. Have you not tethered a young kid under lain above it with your rifle, and You have possibly other guns my tiger. reserve in case there should be several tigers, or in the unlikely supposition of your own aim failing you. These," he pointed around, "are my other guns. The parallel is exact."

Colonel Moran sprang forward with a snarl of rage, but the constables dragged him back. The fury upon his face was terrible to look at.

"I confess that you had one small surprise for me," said Holmes. "I did not anticipate that you would yourself make use of this empty house and this convenient front window. I had imagined you as operating from the street, where my friend Lestrade and his merry men were awaiting you. With that exception, all has gone as I expected.'

Colonel Moran turned to the official deteative.

"You may or may not have just cause for arresting me," said he, "but at least there can be no reason why I should submit to the gibes of this person. If I am in the hands of the law, let things be done in a legal way."

Well, that's reasonable enough." said Lestrade. "Nothing further you have to say, Mr. Holmes, before we go?" Holmes had picked up the powerful air-

"An admirable and unique weapon." said knew Von Herder, the blind German mechanic, who constructed it to the order of the late Prof. Moriarty. For years I have been aware of its existence, though I have never before had the opportunity of handling it. I commend it very specially to your attention, Lestrade, and also the bullets which fit it."

"You can trust us to look after that, Mr. Holmes," said Lestrade, as the whole party moved towards the door. "Anything further to say?' "Only to ask what charge you intend to

prefer.' "What charge, sir? Why, of course, the

"Ab, colonel!" said Holmes, arranging attempted murder of Mr. Sherlock Holmes. "Not so, Lestrade. I do not propose to appear in the matter at all. To you, and to you only, belongs the credit of the your usual happy mixture of cunning and

audacity you have got him."

"Got him! Got whom, Mr. Holmes?" "The man that the whole force has been seeking in vain-Colonel Sebastian Moran. who shot the Honourable Ronald Adair with an expanding bullet from an air-gun through the open window of the second floor front of No. 427, Park Lane, upon the 30th of last month. That's the charge, Lestrade. And now, Watson, if you can enthink that half an hour in my study over amusement."

Our old chambers had been left un- friend of tonight." changed through the supervision of Mycould deceive so old a shikari," said croft Holmes and the immediate care of "Moran, Sebastian, Colonel. Unemployed. Mrs. Hudson. As I entered I saw, it is Formerly first Bangalore Pioneers. Born true, an unwonted tidiness, but the o'd London, 1840. Son of Sir Augustus Moran, landmarks were all in their place. There C. B., once British minister to Persia. waited for the bait to bring up your tiger? was the chemical corner and the acid- Educated Eton and Oxford. Served in This empty house is my tree, and you are stained, deal-topped table. There upon a Jowaki campaign, Afghan campaign, Charshelf was the row of formidable scrap asaib (dispatches), Sherpur and Cabul. books and books of reference which many Author of "Heavy Game of of our fellow-citizens would have been so Western Himalayas' (1881); "Three Months slipper which contained the tobacco-all kerville, the Bagatelle Card Club." were two occupants of the room-one, Mrs. precise hand: "The second most dangerous Hudson, who beamed upon us both as we man in London." entered-the other, the strange dummy which had played so important a part in back the volume. "The man's career is that the evening's adventures. It was a wax- of an honorable soldier." colored model of my friend, so admirably done that it was a perfect facsimile. stood on a small pedestal table with an old dressing gown of Holmes' so draped

was absolutely perfect. "I hope you preserved all precautions, Mrs. Hudson?" said Holmes.

"I went to it on my knees, sir, just as you told me." "Excellent. You carried the 'thing

very well. Did you observe where the bullet went?" "Yes, sir. I'm afraid it has spoilt your beautiful bust, for it passed right through

the head and flattened itself on the wall. I ploked it up from the carpet. Here it

Return of Sherlock Holmes gun from the floor, and was examining its Holmes held it out to me. "A soft re- the cause, Colonel Moran began to go may form his own hypothesis upon the all the southern states and was so im- planted along the Soudan and also in Nivolver bullet, as you perceive, Watson, wrong. Without any open scandal, he still present evidence, and yours is likely to be pressed by the agricultural conditions that geria, on the Gold coast, and in Sierra There's genius in that, for who would ex- made India too hot to hold him. He re- correct as mine."

> gun. All right, Mrs. Hudson, I am much an evil name. It was at this time that he obliged for your assistance. And now, was sought out by Prof. Moriarty, to whom the facts. It came out in evidence that Watson, let me see you in your old scat for a time he was chief of the staff. Morionce more, for there are several points arty supplied him liberally with money and tween them, won a considerable amount which I should like to discuss with you." He had thrown off the seedy frock coat jobs, which no ordinary criminal could have played foul-of that I have long been and now he was the Holmes of old in the mouse-colored dressing gown which he

took from his effigy. "The old shikari's nerves have not lost their steadiness, nor his eyes their keenness," said he, with a laugh, as he inspected the shattered forehead of his bust. "Plumb in the middle of the back of

the head and smack through the brain. He was the best shot in India and I expect that there are few better in London. Have you heard the name?" "No, I have not."

"Well, well, such is fame. But, then, if I remember right, you had not heard the name of Prof. James Moriarty, who had one of the great brains of the century. Just give me down my index of biographs from the shelf."

He turned over the pages lazily, leaning from his cigar.

"My collection of M's is a fine one," said memory, and Mathews, who knocked out my left canine in the waiting room at

He handed over the book, and I read: the

glad to burn. 'The diagrams, the violin in the Jungie' (1884). Address: Conduit case and the pipe rack-even the Persian Street. Clubs: The Anglo-Indian, the Tanmet my eyes as I glanced round me. There On the margin was written, in Holmes'

"This is astonishing," said I, as I handed

"It is true," Holmes answered. "Up to a It certain point he did well. He was always a man of iron nerve, and the story is still told in India how he crawled down a drain round it that the illusion from the street after a wounded man-eating tiger. There are some trees. Watson, which grow to a certain height, and then suddenly develop some unsightly eccentricity. You will see

it often in humans. I have a theory that the individual represents in his development the whole procession of his ancestors, and that such a sudden turn to-good or evil stands for some strong influence which came into the line of his pedigree. The per-

son becomes, as it were, the epitome of the history of his own family." "It is surely rather fanciful."

he, "noiseless and of tremendous power. I pect to find such a thing fired from an air tired, came to London, and again acquired used him only in one or two very high-class of money. undertaken. You may have some recollec- aware. I believe that on the day of the

at the bottom of it, but nothing could be to him privately, and had threatened to up the shutters for fear of air-guns? No

world would be behind it. When we were in Switzerland he followed us with Mori- how much money he should himself return, arty, and it was undoubtedly he who gave since he could not profit by his partner's me that evil five minutes on the Reichenbach ledge.

"You may think that I read the papers with some attention during my sojourn in back in his chair and blowing great clouds France, on the look out for any chance of

laying him by the heels. So long as he was free in London my life would really not he, "Moriarty himself is enough to make have been worth living. Night and day the any letter illustrious, and here is Morgan shadow would have been over me, and dure the draught from a broken window, I the poisoner, the Merridew of abominable sooner or later his chance must have come. What could I do? I could not shoot him at sight, or I should myself be in the dock. Charing Cross, and, finally, here is our There was no use appealing to a magis-

trate. They cannot interfere on the so plentifully presents." strength of what would appear to them to be a wild suspicion. So I could do nothing. But I watched the criminal news,

knowing that sooner or later I should get him. Then came the death of this Ronald Adalr. My chance had come at last. Know-

ing what I did, was it not certain that Colonel Moran had done it? He had played a general good farm management. What cards with the lad, he had followed him we want is to make the land richer and home from the club, he had shot him cause it to yield the largest possible rethrough the open window. There was not turns." a doubt of it. The bullets alone are enough

to put his head in a noose. I came over at I was seen by the sentinel, who once. would, I knew, direct the colonel's attention to my presence. He could not fail to

connect my sudden return with his crime, and to be terribly alarmed. I was sure that he would make an attempt to get me out of the way at once, and would bring round his murderous weapon for that purpose. I left him an excellent mark in the window, and, having warned the police that they might be needed-by the way Watson, you spotted their presence in that doorway with unerring accuracy-I

dicious post for observation, never dreaming that he would choose the same spot for his attack. Now, my dear Watson, does anything remain for me to explain?" "Yes," said I. in murdering the Hon. Ronald Adair?"

"You have formed one, then?" "I think that it is not difficult to explain

Colonel Moran and young Adalr had, be-Now, Moran undoubtedly tion of the death of Mrs. Stewart of Lauder murder Adair had discovered that Moran in 1887. Not? Well, I am sure Moran was was cheating. Very likely he had spoken proved. So cleverly was the colonel con- expose him unless he voluntarily resigned cealed that, even when the Moriarty' gang his membership of the club, and promised was broken up, we could not incriminate not to play cards again. It is unlikely him. You remember at that date, when I that a youngster like Adair would at once called upon you in your rooms, how I put make a hideous scandal by exposing a well known man so much older than himself.

existence of this remarkable gun, and I Moran, who lived by his ill-gotten card knew also that one of the best shots in the gains. He therefore murdered Adair, who at the time was endeavoring to work out ritory to a hundred miles or so west of Germany has secured cotton experts from foul play. He locked the door lest the women should surprise him and insist upon knowing what he was doing with these

names and coins. Will it pass?" "I have no doubt that you have hit upon

the truth." "It will be verified or disproved at the trial. Meanwhile, come what may, Colonel Moran will trouble us no more. The famous air gun of von Herder will embellish the Scotland Yard museum, and once again Mr. Sherlock Holmes is free to devote his life to examining those interesting little problems which the complex life of London

Carpenter's Letter

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minous plants to add humus to the soil and to year."

-Long Staple Cotton for the Uplands.

"Does the character of the cottonseed make much difference?" I asked. "Yes, that is one of the vital points in from all parts of the world, and are giving each locality that which grows best for that locality. We are marrying different

kinds of cotton and producing hybrid children, which will grow well under conditions where neither of the parents did well ton with the ordinary upland cotton, and, as a result, have added a great deal to the took up what seemed to me to be a ju- length of the staple. We have brought in cotton from Egypt and have married that raised for them." to our native cotton with good results. We are also using the Egyptian cotton seed. and we expect to develop a cotton that will "You have not made it be just as good if not better than the that he will be able to do so. He has no to gather the crop before it is damaged elear what was Colonel Moran's motive Egyptian. We are now importing \$15,000,000 territory which compares with America in worth of Egyptian cotton a year. We want "Ah! my dear Watson, there we come to raise that ourselves. During the past ton Growers' association has been active having in the district invaded by the cot-

he has decided to come to the United States Leone and Gambia; but so far the only tory on earth."

Fil de Sole, Cromerty Linen, Grecian Volles, Silk Eoliennes, Crepe Marquise,

Uncle Sam's Cotton Belt. United States?"

border of Tennessee, and then north the end of that line run a line south this season's crop free of charge. through the western, part of Indian Ter-

are at least 1,500,000 cotton farms." "Which state produces most?"

as much, land under cultivation as any other state, and its product was more than with almost 1,600,000 bales, and then Mis- ton competitor." sissippi, 1,400,000, and Alabama, 1,131,000

bales." tion?

out, and it does not vary much from year keep up the prices."

Europe and American Cotton. "It is our cotton that keeps the factories Galloway?" I asked.

of the world going, is it not?"

the industry. We are getting the best seed material. Any change in cotton production which, with the exception of three years, and sometimes even life itself. During the last two years there has been great dis- fields, Dr. Galloway?"

"But John Bull is trying to make himinto those realms of conjecture, where the summer we had an Egyptian government in trying to raise colton in Africa, India ton bell weevil." "Weil, I don't insist upon it. Whatever most logical mind may be at fault. Each official here studying our cotton. He visited and the West Indies. Cotton is being

to engage in cotton farming. He says that success of account is in Egypt. There the America has the best coiton growing terri- yield aggregates something like 800,000 bales per annum, which is less than one-third of the annual crop of Texas,

"The Germans are also trying to raise Where are the chief cotton fields of the cotton in their African possessions. The Kolonial-Kirtschaftliche-Comite of Berlin

"They include the whole of North and has been arousing interest in the subject. South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, It has collected cottonseed and distributed Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennes- it throughout the various German-Amersee, the Indian Territory and the eastern ican colonies. It offers premiums for the third of Texas. If you will draw a line best crops and gives free transportation from Norfolk. Va., westward through from Germany to the colonies. It has even , southern Virginia, on along the northern gone so far as to promise to buy the entire crop at a fixed price if it is delivered at the through Cairo, Ill., and westward again coast ready for shipment; and also to across southern Missouri, to where the furnish the planters machinery at greatly doubt you thought me fanciful. I knew Probably he acted as I suggest. The ex- Kansas and Missouri lines come together, reduced prices. Some of the German exactly what I was doing, for I knew of the clusion from his clubs would mean ruin to you will have the northern boundary. From steamship lines have agreed to transport

"In order to carry out these experiments Brownsville, Tex., and you have blocked southern states to take charge of them. out our cotton producing area. In that She is also sending her experts to this region is grown about four-fifths of all the country to study the methods of cotton cotton of the world. There are more than culture which prevail in the south. So far 27.000,000 acres under cultivation and there we have no definite statistics showing just

what the Germans are doing in Africa, but we know that her first cotton shipment "Texas. It had last year more than twice from her colonies was received in December, 1902, and that it consisted of only four bales. It will be a long time before any 2,700,000 bales. Next to it came Georgia, fear need be felt from Germany as a cole

"The Russians have some cottonfields of the other side of the Casplan sea and they "Where is the center of cotton produc- are now growing several hundred thousand bales per year. They are increasing their "It is just about where it was half a cotton area. This is also true of India and century ago. It was then twenty-eight Egypt, but the growth is nowhere so large miles southwest of Birmingham, Ala. In as in the United States. Within the past 1850 it was seventy-eight miles east of twenty years we have increased our product Jackson, Miss., and in 1880 ninety-two miles more than 90 per cent or about 5,500,000 northeast of that point. In 1900 it was bales per annum. There is no doubt but thirty-four miles west of Jackson, so that that the increase will go on, especially if you see the cotton territory is well blocked the demand of the world is such as will

> Uncle Sam, Exporter.

"Are our cotton exports increasing, Dr.

"Yes. In 1880 we exported only 4,500,000 "Yes, the great nations across the wa- bales of raw cotton. Last year our exports ter are dependent upon us for their raw amounted to more than 7,000.000 bales, is rapidly felt in the manufacturing cen- was the largest amount of cotton the ters of Great Britain and Europe. It con- United States has ever exported in a single trols wages, it determines the food supply, year."

"Can machinery be used in the cotton

tress in many, English manufacturing "It is being used and it more and more before. We have crossed the Sea island cot. towns on account of the high price of raw will be used in the future. There are mamaterial. About a year ago, it is said, chine cotton pickers now made, which 450,000 inhorers there were working short promise to be successful. The best is one time, and that relief funds had to be invented by Mr. Lowry, the inventor of the round bale. By its use one man is said to

do the work of four. If it proves a sucself independent of our cotton, is he not?" coss it will save thousands of dollars to "I believe so, but there is little prospect the farmers of the south by enabling them by the weather. This would also solve the production of cotton. The British Cot- some of the difficulties which we are now

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