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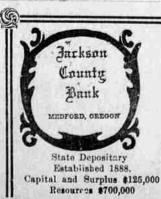
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> CHAPTER VIII. THE AMERICAN.

THE clatter without continued uness walked back to the terrace dish.' rampart to stand looking out over the glorious bay.

Horace, still in the seventh heaven

of delighted realization, took the Daily Mail from the table on which the earl had thrown it and seated himself to read beside Lady Creech, who was al-ready deep in the Church Register. Frenchwoman patted her shoulder re-results assuringly. The earl had buried himself in the Pall Mall Gazette and was apparently oblivious to such minor details as an Italian peasant row.

But to Horace in his highly strong

condition of nerves the upremy was an gravating, and he called to Maramo who was busily setting the table again: "Mariano, how long is this noise to

The mattre d'betel shrugged his expressive shoulders and replied: "How can I know, m'sieu? We can

do nothing." Michele, who was assisting his chief, smiled covertly at the young man,

"The populace they will not be depart so long as there shall be the chance once again to observe the North American who pulled the auto-

mobile with the donkeys!"
"Merci!" cried Mariano, with vigor. He have confuse me. He have confuse everybody. He will not be con-tent with the dejeuner until he have the ham and the egg, and he will have the egg cooked upon but one of two sides, and how in the name of the heaven can we tell which of these two

Mariano was about to continue his grumbling complaint when from the doorway of the hotel there came an interruption. The courier who had spoken with him earlier in the morning

stood there and voiced but one word. "Garcon!" he said softly. But it was like the command of a cavalry officer in its effect, for instantly the maitre d'hotel and his aid stood at attention like trained veterans. The earl evidently was not too deeply immersed to catch the sudden silence, for he looked up from his paper and observed:

"Upon my soul! Who's this?" Mariano did not turn his head nor relax his attitude of stiff attention, but

answered obsequiously: "It is the Herr von Grollerbagen, a German gentleman, milord."

Hawcastle turned with an amused smile to Horace.

"The man who owns the automobile. Probably made a fortune in sausage." From within the hotel there came the tones of a heavy though cultivated voice declaiming quietly: "Nein, nein, Ribiere!

'S macht

And instantly there came down the steps the German gentleman aforesaid. He was tall and of a commanding and an automobile cap that half concealed the eyes that burned with the authority of generations beneath. Withal it was a kindly face, and, though there was a stern command in the figure, there was genial humor and even tenderness too. By no guthority could be have been considered well dressed. His clothes seemed rather to have been thrown on negligently.

The little party at the table regarded him with hostility, and Lady Creech turged up her aristocratic nose.

"What a dreadful person!" she said and turned again to her paper.

The German walked sedately across the terrace to the table where the two servitors still stood at attention and lifted his hand in a curt half military salute in acknowledgment of their bow. "See to my American friend," he sald.

"What a terrible person!" remarked Lady Creech again, and Hawcastle bent toward her.

"Undoubtedly, but he speaks English. So be careful,"
"So many objectionable people do,"

commented the crusty dame. Herr von Grollerbagen turned smfl-

"My American friend desires his na-tional dish."

Mariano bowed. "Yes, Herr von Grollerhagen," re-plied Mariano deferentially. "He will have the eggs on but one of two sides and the ham fried, so he go to cook it blinself."

Von Grollerhagen smiled, when from without the gates came a shout of time."

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amusement and wild laughter. Marl-

"Ha!" he said eagerly. "He return abated, and Ethel and the count from the kitchen with that national

Michele emerged from the hotel walking backward and carrying a covered dish, while Ethel turned with a little shudder of disgust to the countess.

"How horrible!" she said, and the

Immediately following the servitor came Pike, the same self possessed Pike, clad in a linen duster and a straw hat that was decorated with a bright ribbon. If there was anything distinctive about him it was his seart, which was of that type known as Windsor and much affected by artists in the east and every one in the west. He carried a towel with him and about.

"Law!" he observed, startled, but amused. "I didn't know there were folks here. Reckon you'll have to ex-cuse me. Here, son!" he called, tossing the towel into Michele's hands and walking over to the table. Hawcastle, Lady Creech and Horace stared unbe-llevingly. Ethel hid her face, with another little shudder, as Pike, without removing his dust coat, sat down oppo-site the German.

"You are a true patriot," laughed Von Grollerhagen. "You allow no profane hand to cook your national dish. I trust you will be as successful with that wicked motor of mine."

Pike laughed heartily.

"Lord bless your soul, doc, I've put a self binder together after a pony engine had bucked it halfway through a brick depot," said Pike genially, tucking his napkin inside the collar of his shirt and falling to on the ham and eggs. At the table where sat the Hawcastle party there were expres-sions of pained agony.

"You have studied mechanics at the university, then?" went on Von Grollerhagen. "Is it not so?".
"University," returned Pike. "Not much! On the old man's farm."

Hawcastle turned at once to Horace.

Without any disrespect to you, my dear fellow, what terrific bounders most of your fellow countrymen are!" Horace mentally writhed under the velled taunt, but turned quickly with

an assent in effect. "Do you wonder that sis and I have emancipated ourselves?" he asked, and the noble earl, with a softened glance

as he thought of the dollars, replied blandly, "Not at all, my dear boy," and turned once more to his paper. Von Grollerhagen glanced at the

three with slight amusement and held out the caviare to Pike.

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