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"Is there a new eruption of Vesu vius?" be asked, waving the cloths. Daniel met him and took the rags. "No," he said dryly. "It's an eruption of colonels trying to arrest a high



" You are an American?"

school professor. I've got him under your car there, yonder."

The start the German gave would have been ludicrous in any other situa-

"My friend," he said, "do you realize the penalty for protecting a criminal from arrest?"

"I told them he was your chauffeur. We'll be proud of the risk, doc." He turned to the refugee under the machine. "This man owns the car," he went on. "You can trust him the same as your own father." And the German shrugged his shoulders in protest. There was a clatter of arms, and Pike looked up.

"Look out!" he said. "The governor's staff is coming back," And as the carabinieri returned he said easually to Von Grollerhagen:

"You'll have to get a new front tire, doc. That one is pretty near gone. Better have Jim here put on the spare one when he gets through." The German looked at him.

"Do you know what you are asking me to do?"
"To have a new front tire put on,"

answered the lawyer. The police were looking on with interest, and finally Mariano approached.

"The carabinieri, with all excuses beg that you will order the chauffeur to step forth from the machine."

Pike made an exclamation. "No, sir! I worked on that machine myself for wiree hours. He's got his hands full of nuts and bolts and screws half fastened. We want to get the job finished. Tell them to go on up Main street with their Knights of Pythias parade and come around some

day when we're not busy."

Mariano held a hurried consultation with the carabinieri and turned back. "Because the chauffeur have been engage today the carabinieri ask ten thousand pardons, but inquire how long he have been known to his em-

"How long! Why, he was raised on

doc's father's farm!" "If that is so"- began Mariano "So? Of course it's so. Tell 'em,

The German looked at Mariano

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"You have heard my friend say it."
"I have your permission. Herr von Grollerhagen, to reveal your incognito

"Is it necessary?"

"Otherwise they will not depart."
"Very well; tell them. But I rely
upon them to preserve my incognito
from all others."

Mariano smiled.

to the carabinieri?"

"Monseigneur, they depart," and turned to the uniformed men. An instant later these swung through the gate and went their way. Pike looked after them in astonishment.

"He must have mesmerized the mili-tia, ch. doc?" and signed to the refugee to come out from the car. He was a pathetic figure as he emerged and held out his hands.

"To you both I give thanks"- But

Von Grollerhagen cut in:
"My American friend has placed himself-and myself-in danger of the penal code of Italy for protecting you. Perhaps you will be good enough to let us know for what we have incriminated ourselves."

> CHAPTER XII. THE NUMBER.

ITH a hasty glance about the garden to make sure he was not observed, the refugee approached Von Grollerhagen and Daniel and spread out his hands. As he stepped forward there was a movement of the window curtains in the casement above the door-way to the hotel, and he turned; but, whatever had caused it, the movement had ceased and there was nothing ap-

"The Italian journals call me brigand," said the Russian, "and in this they are inspired by the Russian legation at Rome. I am known as Ivanoff Ivanovitch, and I have spent nine years in Siberia, nine years of hell. It is ten years ago since I was condemned in St. Petersburg, and you, who know nothing of the horrors of Russian prisons, cannot understand what I have suffered, my friends. I was a professor of languages, a translator in the bureau of the minister of finance, and I was trusted."

For a moment be paused and pressed his scarred hands to his lined forehead, then sighed and went on:

"I was also a member of the Blue Fifty, a Constitutionalist, and as such was able to do a little for the cause, the cause, the same, my friend"-he turned to Pike-"for which your forbears suffered and fought-the cause of liberty. I could do but little, though I tried. At last I transferred the funds of the government to the Society of the Blue Fifty. It was a small thing. It was for the cause-not one ruble for myself. I swear it!"

Von Grollerhagen started back, with a gesture of repulsion, and Ivanovitch held out his bands.

"Not one ruble for myself!" he repeated. "It was for Russia's sake, not

mine!"

He paused and went on wearily: "But I committed the great Russian rime. I was caught, and through treachery. There was an Englishman who lived in Petersburg. He had contracts with the government. I thought he was my friend-my best friend. I had married in my student days in Paris. Ah, it is the old story!" he cried bitterly. "I knew the Englishman admired my wife, but I trusted her, and I trusted him, and he made my house his home. So many have done that thing. I had 50,000 rubles in my desk -the funds I had transferred-to be delivered to my society. One day the police came to search, and they found only me-not my wife, not my English friend, not the 50,000 rubles. I went to Siberia. Now I search for those two."

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