IN POSSESSION.

"What outrageous conduct?" exclaimed Mrs. Fielding, gazing at her daughter with wide open eyes.

"Very extraordinary!" agreed Ethel. "I never heard of such a thing in my

"I should hope not!" returned Mrs. father have said if, during his lifetime, a young man had come to propose for your hand, and, on being refused by you, had expressed his intention of staying in the house until you accepted him? I've not even read in novels" (with a fine touch of scorn) "of such a preposterous notion. Did he-did-did he seem firm about it, my dear?"

"Frightfully." Ethel assured her-"frightfully firm, and you should just see what a chin he has. It would make

"What did you say?" asked Mrs.

"What could I say? I've already told you everything. I met him, as you know, at the Marchant-Mainwarings, and after our first introduction saw him almost every day during the following month. The night before I came home he proposed to me, and I-well, you know what I said. He then declared his intention of asking me again every six months and didn't seem to care in the least when I assured him that my answer would be just the same, however many times he asked me. Well, it is exactly six months today since the-the first time I told him that I couldn't think of marrying him.

"And he expressed his intention of staying here-in this house-till you said, 'Yes?' " put in Mrs. Fielding. Ethel nodded.

"Then," was Mrs. Fielding's deci-"we must send for the police." "Oh, no-no-no-no!" ejaculated Ethel springing up. "Please don't do that. He's sure to go. He-he's very gentlemanly, mother, and I'm sure he'll behave himself if he does stop. Besides if he fought the policemen-and I'm sure he would fight-there'd be such a

scanda!! Yes, Mrs. Fielding agreed that the affair would give Market Norbury a month's food for tittle tattle if the strong arm of the law were to intervene, "I will see the young person myself!"

exclaimed the elder lady majestically. "Don't be harsh, mother," said Ethel blushing a little, "because, after all, you know he's"-

"Head over heels in love with you? Of course," rejoined Mrs. Fielding. "Of course he is. If he weren't, I should suspect him of having evil designs on the plate. Leave him to me,

So saying, Mrs. Fielding swept magnificently into the drawing room.

But severe as was her tone and stern her mien Dick Waterbury declined to budge. He apologized for the gross rudeness of his decision, but nevertheless refused to spike his guns and retire. During the altereation Mrs. Fielding discovered that he was a young gentleman of 25, with an ample income, and a small country seat that stood sadly in bers, even scared ones. need of some one to look after it.

returned to her daughter. "My reasoning had no effect on him whatever. I suppose he must remain. He may be in a more sensible frame of mind in the morning. Don't let the servants know anything about the real state of things, but pretend that we during which nothing could be heard. have invited him to stay here and say his luggage will arrive in due course."

The result was: (1) That Mr. Richard Waterbury gained his point and staid at Pleasant View. (2) That only his fixed determination to win Ethel Fielding would have led him to take such a desperate step. (3) That Ethel by him; she knew it now. His life was in 3 cents. no means deceived the maternal judg- peril. ment when she expressed herself indignantly about Dick and his resolution. (She let slip his name-Dick-several times unthinkingly.) (4) That it kitchen. The women could dimly diswas the general opinion in the kitchen that the gentleman who had come so breathing in short, quick gasps, were suddenly-without any luggage-was a struggling furiously for the mastery. "man in possession." (5) That he seemed to the kitchen a very well dressed man in possession. (6) That the gentleman immediately sat down and wrote a The couple had fought their way down long letter, which was given to the to the extreme end of the passage and housemaid to post. (7) That he wired to were close to the scullery door. Suddenanother address for some clothes. That the letter was addressed to Mr. John Blunt, Friar's Court, Temple, London. (9) That, in the opinion of the kitchen, "Friar's Court" sounded like a his dressing gown half torn off his back. low place for any gentleman's friends to live in.

Dick Waterbury had been with the tion.' Fieldings a week and still showed no signs of departing from his resolution. had broken the ice over the dinner table stairs-all but Ethel. during the first night of his stay. Mrs. Fielding and her daughter had opened the ball by treating him with frigid politeness; but Dick had pretended not to notice their manner, and rattled on so gayly that he effectually dispersed the cold barrier which the ladies had attempted to place between themselves he began. and their self invited guest.

After dinner he regaled them with comic songs, anecdotes and news of the day which had failed to penetrate to the fastnesses of Market Norbury. So very agreeable did he make himself, indeed, that by bedtime he had quite won Mrs. Fielding over to his side. Ethel kept very close to her mother all the evening, he noticed, and would neither play nor sing, although she could do both very nicely. On the following day his clothes arrived, and on the third day a letter, addressed to him in a bold, masculine hand. He appeared to peruse this letter with much interest, and the one he wrote in reply he delivered to ly to himself. the housemaid with special instructions that it was to be posted before 6 p. m., at which hour the Market Norbury mail cart was dispatched. The housemaid told the cook that for a man in possession the newcomer wrote a very elegant | try from at least 3000 B. C.

hand. This letter, too, was addressed to that low place, Friar's Court, Temple.

So, by the time Dick had been located at Pleasant View seven days he was quite on friendly-nay, intimateterms with his hostess and her daughter. Every morning when he met the latter at the breakfast table, seizing an opportunity of course when Mrs. Fielding was not present, he had asked, "Well?" and Ethel had shaken her head very de-Fielding. "What would your poor, dear terminedly and made the most of the exceedingly dimpled chin, which only represented one-third of Mr. Waterbury's. During the whole of that week Dick had never once been out. The kitchen commented severely on this point. It savored more of the "man in possession" than anything else he had

> "He's been sent, and he's got to stop," was cook's verdict. "And mistress is making the best of a bad job by treating him as a gentleman guest. I've always understood that the poor master left her comf'able off, and I can't understand how she's lost her money. I suppose it's a mine or something. Thank goodness! I've got all my little savings wrapped up in a stocking and locked in my box!"

Seven days had gone-the seventh night had come, and still Ethel remained obslurate. But she paid, her mother noticed, considerable attention to her toilet and wore her prettiest dresses.

What was that?

Mrs. Fielding sat up, bathed in cold perspiration. What was there it was again-

scratching on the window? She listened -her heart beating a wild tattoo. against her ribs. Yes-there againsomebody was trying to break in!

Only a sliding door separated Mrs. Fielding's room from her daughter's. Her teeth chattering in time with the wild throbbing of her pulses, Mrs. Fielding crept out of bed and, the sliding door being partly open, into her daughter's room. Ethel was slumbering peacefully, but a touch awoke her. There was a hurried explanation in whispers from Mrs. Fielding, and then the two women, clutching each other for comfort, stole into the outer bedroom and once more listened. The scratching had ceased, and only a shuffling sound could be heard. Then there were footsteps on the gravel walk, and then the scullery window (which was immediately beneath) was shot up with a force that denoted a careless haste on the part of the midnight intruder.

"A burglar!" exclaimed Ethel, pale to the lips, for she was only 19 and an ordinary girl with ordinary nerves. Unconsciously her lips formed the word "Dick!"

"I'll wake Mr. Waterbury," said Mrs. Fielding. She tripped swiftly out of the room, down the passage, and

rapped at her guest's door. trying to instill some calmness into the troubled breasts of Mrs. Fielding, her daughter, the cook and the housemaid -for Mrs. Fielding had aroused the servants, there being comfort in num-

eed of some one to look after it.

"Stop here," said Dick. "I'll go
Twenty minutes later Mrs. Fielding down. If he doesn't use arms I can manage him!"

So saying, he moved quietly down whatever," she informed Ethel; "none stairs, and the women, afraid to be left by themselves, followed him at a respectful distance. A few moments and the darkness had swallowed up Dick's form. An anxious interval followed,

Suddenly there were a crash of crockery and a savage exclamation; then another crash; then a whole series of crashes. The coek and housemaid shrieked banisters and trembled. Ethel trembled,

cles. Still the women dared not move. ly a pistol shot rang out, there was a ery, a splintering of wood and a crash

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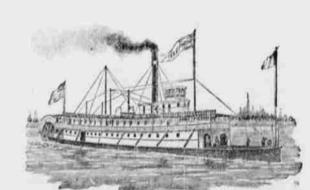
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