



SYNOPSIS.

At the beginning of great automobile race the mechanician of the Mercury, Stanton's machine, drops dead. Strange youth Jesse Floyd, volunteers, and is accepted. In the rest during the twenty-four hour race Stanton meets a stranger, Miss Carlisle, who introduces herself.

CHAPTER II .- (Continued.)

"My father is president of a tire company," she idly remarked. "His tires are being used on some of the cars, the Mercury for one, I believe, and he wanted to watch their testing under use. So, after a dinner engagement we could not escape, we motored down here from the city. You see I have not viewed much of the race. I admit this does not look very perilous and I am a bit disappointed. shall hope better things of the famous Stanton: I want to admire him very much. But I am detaining you, and you were leaving! Every thanks for your patience.

"Hardly leaving, since the twentyfour hour race is not six hours old," he corrected briefly. "I am glad to have been of any use to you."

She returned his salute; then, upon doing as she chose, put her question

"Ah-I am Miss Carlisle; I would like to know who has been good enough to aid me in my ignorance." "My name is Stanton," he complied,

and went on. From the shelter of the obscurity he looked back. She had taken a step forward into the light and her veil had slipped aside as she gazed after him with an expression of acute and eager interest. She could not have been older than twenty-four or five, with a finely cut, beautiful face framed in waves of fair bair.

Floyd was sitting on a camp-stool The rest had brought back the mechanician's color and animation; in fact, fly at the driver's nod.

like burnished steel.

"Yes." Stanton confirmed. And to led the way down the track. the nearest man: "Bring in the car." strap. As Stanton made his own prep- speed.

need for extra fast work, Stanton." Stanton snapped a buckle, saying

nothing. "I telephoned to the office and told Rupert he needn't come. I told him that you had a new man."

"He said, 'Poor mut.' " The driver straightened to his full

"Well?"

height, his firm dark face locking to bronze inflexibility. "You had better report his sympa

thy to Floyd, whom it's meant for," he advised hardly. "I'm not interested. If the company doesn't like the way I drive, let them get some one in my place; but while I do drive the car, I drive, and not Rupert or Floyd, orany one else. I'll neither take risks nor shirk them to order."

The assistant manager choked, speechless. He had no way of knowing why Stanton flashed a sullen glance toward the row of automobiles before the grand-stand, or who was meant by that "any one else." Meanwhile, he was intractable, he was in- light overspread the sky, the foresubordinate, and he was obstinatebut he was Stanton

ing. Stanton took his place, experi- said something, and sent his car limpmentally speeding and retarding his ing cautiously around to the camp motor while he waited for the workmen to finish.

"Stop a minute while I fix the carburetor," requested Floyd, from be- was bright enough now to show the side the machine. "It's colder-late streaks of grimy dust and oil wherat night like this. Wait, you've ever the masks had failed to protect dropped your glove."

Stanton silenced the engine. Something in the fresh voice, the boyish grace of the slight figure, the ready courtesy of the act, stirred him with a strange sensation and pricking shame awed messenger boy who held out a at his own brutality. "Poor mut," a whisper repeated to his inner ear. When Floyd offered the gauntlet, the other dropped a hand upon his shoul-

"Are you riding with me because you want the money badly enough to chance anything," Stanton demanded harshly, "or because you are willing to trust my driving?"

Taken by surprise, open astonishment crossed the younger man's face, of ribbon. but his eyes did not flinch from the ones behind the goggles.

the track," came the steady answer. 'And I'd rather trust myself to your recklessness than to some one else's for both of us."

Stanton's hand relaxed its hold. "Go fix your carburetor. Yes, I can

steer-straight. Again the blue-black eyes flashed speering deflance toward the grandstand; for the moment, Miss Carlisle's hope of witnessing desperate feats by the Mercury car seemed far from realization.

But the Mercury had not circled the mile oval four times when the Duplex, its choked feed-pipe cleared at last, burst from the paddock with its master driver at the wheel and bent on the recovery of lost time. The Mercury was on the back stretch of track, running casually near sixty miles at the moment.

"Car comin'," Floyd cautioned sud-

Stanton raised his head, alert a fractional second too late, and his closest rival shot past him, roaring down the white path. It was too much; Floyd and Miss Carlisle sank out of memory together, as Stanton reached for throttle and spark. The Mercury snarled and leaped like a startled cat. The dull period was over.

The Mercury car was slightly the faster, but the Duplex held the inside line, and the difference between the drivers was not in skill so much as in daredeviltry. Slower machines kept conservatively out of the way as the dangerous rivals fought out their speed-battle. Three times Stanton hunted the Duplex around the track, gaining on each lap, until the last circuit was made with the cars side by side, a flaming team. The spectators, scanty at this hour before dawn, rose, I," again her short crystal laugh, "I applauding and cheering, as the two passed again, still clinging together. But gradually it became evident

that Stanton, who held the outside, was steadily crowding the Duplex toward the paddock fence. Nor could the Duplex defend itself from the maneuver which must ultimately force it to fall behind at one of the turns or accept destruction by collision. The machines were so close that a swerve the cool impulse of one accustomed to on the part of either, the blow-out of a tire or a catch in the ruts cut in the track at certain points, meant ungentle death. Mercilessly, gradually, Stanton pressed his perilous advantage. And at the crucial moment he

heard a low, exultant laugh. "Cut him closer!" urged his mechanician's eager, excited accents at his ear. "We'll get him on this turnhe's weakenin'- Cut him close!" The comrade triumph came to Stanton as an unaccustomed cordial. They were passing the grand-stand, just

ahead lay the worst curve. It was partly reputation which won. If the Duplex had held firm, the Mercury must in self-preservation have outside the tent, chatting with a yielded room. But the driver knew group of men, when Stanton returned. Stanton, guessed him capable of wrecking both by obstinate persistence in attack, and dared not meet he looked ridiculously young and ir- the issue. There came the gun-like responsible. But he sprang up read- reports of a shut-off motor, the Duplex slackened its furious pace, and "Time?" he asked, his gray eyes Stanton hurtled past him on the turn itself, lurching across the ruts, and

The witnesses in stands and pad-There was an obedient commotion. dock went frantic. Floyd pumped oil. Several men ran to flag the other Stanton snatched a glance at the mindriver; Floyd caught up goggles and lature watch strapped on his wrist, an and knelt to tighten a legging over his glove, and slightly reduced The maneuver had been sucarations, Mr. Green bustled up to him. cessful, but the driver knew that it "We're leading," he reminded su- might have called down upon him the perfluously. "There isn't, really, any judges' just censure and have sent him from the track, disqualified.

The number of laps steadily grew



"For Mr. Stanton," the Boy Insisted.

on the bulletin register. A faint, dull runner of the early summer dawn. At four o'clock the Mercury unexpected-The Mercury rolled in, the two men ly blew out a tire, reeling across to climbed from their seats, and there the fence line from the shock and the was a momentary delay for tank fill jar of sharply applied brakes. Stanton where its repairers stood ready.

Floyd slid out of his hard, narrow seat rather stiffly. The cold grayness the men's faces, and the effects of fatigue and strain of watching. Stanton looked for the inevitable pitcher of water, but found himself confronted instead with a grinning, admiringly

cluster of heavy purple flowers. "What?" marveled the disgusted Richmond: driver. "What idiotic trick-"

"For Mr. Stanton, sir," deferentially insisted the boy; who would have gibed at the czar,

Stanton caught the blossoms roughly, anticipating a practical joke from deal of consideration when we reflect some fun-loving fellow-competitor, and what his conduck has been. Her capsaw a white card dangling by a bit

"Thank you," he read in careless

"I think you're the best driver on here, so send the victor of the hour my corsage bouquet.

She had had the imprudence, or the cool disregard of comment, to use one mistakes, if you want to know. I of her own cards. Valerie Atherton guess you can steer straight enough Carlisle, the name was engraved across the heavy pasteboard.

She had thought that wild duel with the Duplex was an exhibition given for her, that at her wanton whim he had jeopardized four lives, one his own With a strong exclamation of con tempt Stanton moved to fling the flow ers aside to the path before the Mer cury's wheels, then checked himself remembering appearances. The or chids curled limply around his warm fingers; suddenly the magnificent ar rogance of this girl struck him with angry humor, and he laughed shortly.

"Throw them in the tent, Blake," he requested, tossing the bouquet to one of the men. "They'll wither fast enough."

The new tire was on. As Stanton turned to his machine, after tearing the card to unreadable fragments, he saw Floyd watching him with curious intentness.

A raw, wet mist had commenced to roll in from the near-by ocean. The promise of dawn was recalled, a dull obscurity closed over the motordrome leaving even the search-lighted path dim. The cars rushed on steadily.

The night had been singularly free from accidents. Only one machine had been actually wrecked, although three had been withdrawn from the contest. The officials in the judges' stand were congratulating one another, at the moment when the second disaster occurred.

The mist had grown thicker, in the lights a dazzling silver curtain before men's eyes, and the track had been worn to deep grooves at the turns. The Mercury was sweeping past the grand-stand, when one of the two slower cars, being overtaken, slipped its driver's control, caught in a foot deep rut, and swerved crashing into the machine next it. Twice over it rolled, splintering sickeningly, but flinging both of its men clear of the wreck. The car struck, plunged on around the curve into the mist, apparently unhurt.

Out across the damp dusk pierced the shrick of the klaxon, mingled with the cry of the people and the tinkle of hospital telephone. Stanton, swinging wide to avoid the pitiful wreckage, kept on his course.

"Stop!" Floyd shouted imperatively beside him. "Stop, Stanton, stop!" Stanton sped on, disregarding what he supposed was a novice's nervous sympathy. He could not aid the stunned men lying on the track, and one glance had told him that they could be safely passed; as indeed they had been.

"Stop!" the command rang again; and as Stanton merely shook his head with impatient annoyance, the

mechanician swiftly stooped forward. The motor slackened oddly. Before the astounded driver had time to grasp the situation, the power died from under his hands and the car was only carried forward by its own momen tum. Automatically he jammed down the brakes and turned in his seat to confront his companion in a wrathful amazement choking speech. faced him, even his lips white beneath his mask, but with steadfast eyes.

"I know," he forestalled the tempest. "You've got the right to put me off the car-I threw your switch I've got nothing to say. But the mist lifted and I saw what lay ahead."

What lay ahead? The klaxon was shricking madly, from all around the track came the sound of halting cars. The rising wind pushed along the fog walls again, and they opened to reveal the second machine of the late accident, not twenty-five feet ahead, a tilted, motionless heap. After the collision it had staggered this far, to go down with a broken rear axle and two lost rear wheels. Its men were still in their seats unhurt.

There was an instant of silence. The avoided disaster was no excuse for the mechanician's interference, nor did Floyd offer it as such, well aware that his driver was perfectly justified in any course he chose to take. There can be but one pilot at any wheel.

"Since I suppose you are not equal to cranking a ninety Mercury, you had better fix the spark and gas while I start it," dryly suggested Stanton. "And-never do that again."

He stepped out and went to the front of his car, seizing the crank and starting the big motor with an exertion of superb strength which would indeed have been impossible to the slender Floyd. When he retook his seat, the mechanician made his equally laconic apology and acknowledgment of error.

"I never will," Floyd gave his word. The wind shook the mist more strongly, streamers of pink and gold trembled across the sky. The day had commenced.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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