

5 unreal and so ilike the estrog book. throngs tuat theed the estreet miver not the e taid
gractous ruler
erly warmily,

 corps of sples and s.outs was workling
with him, nud courlers were ready to ride at a moments notice to the castho
in EEelwelss. Betore they parted Ber. to tuke good care of Bmatase shem sen Ing the frect tuat she was compelied
teare Gantook without seefling lim she had promised. It was her intention
to hive him come to Edelwelss as soon as he wis is in cosdition to te remored
Baron Dangloss smiled mysterioundy but he had no comment to make. Hi
hand reeelval his oriers and was ohes
 comfortable in the eosch arter the gate
and the multitudes were fan belind that wo meet wim berocre we wee to

 furious buste long before the sum was

 hours. The Amercent took the phice
of the oflcer whoo rode besidd the conech



 nad become of the princess. Those
 timt theer object tallee. The result way Earicest tight of dar
Regurdins the coite Guble to seprocentatives, he had but sed to surrender and wa lished In power once more. Lorry.
only hope was that the reversal of feel nily hope was that the reversasal of fee
ug to Dawsergen might work rulf f the prince. He was carrying afratrs
with a high hand, dealligg rengeful
tows to the eriends of his halr brother blows to the triend, of hilisg harr bengetuer
nid encouraging a lawlessiess that aoner or later, must prove his undotn
Hss representatives it the conterence
were an arrognt, law defflng set "We tod them that it he were no slxty layn we would declare war and

 "Heaven pity you, Bererly, If you
fall Into his cluchest", crled Yetive.
"He has had flve wives nud survives to
look for a a sistu. You see low terrible look for a sistu. You see bow terrible
it would be.
"I'm not afrald of himm," boasted Bev-
erly, but there came a t time when she thonght of those words with a shudder.
"By the way. Yetive. I have had
word from Harry Angulsh. He nad the countess will leare Paris thls week,
It the batys wwilling. and will be in
Edelweiss soon. You don't know how
It relleves me to know that Harry will be with us at this time."
Yetives eyes answered his enthusi/
nam. had a warm and grateful
memory of the loyal service which the nsm. Ro of the loyal service which the
memory of american had rendered hity
young Ame
frieuia when they had first come to Graustark in quest of the princess,
and both had a great regard for bls
wife, the Countess Dagmar, who as
Wetlies through all the perlls of those excltivg
days with them. days with them.
A s they drew near the gates of Edel-
weiss a large body of horsemen rode
fowl
 air of the villey was cool and retreah-
tng desplte the rays of the June sum
EEdelimess nt at last," murmared Ber-
erly, her face aglow. "The heart of

 "And here rldes the oldest aud stron-
gest man in all Graustark - the ron
Count of Marlanx ", sald Yetive, look-
tog down the road. "See; the strange



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 e escort. Two men rode up to therriage and saluted. One was Coun
arrians, the other colonel Ounnow of
$\qquad$ velcome, white young quintiox's face
horly beamed with booest Joy. In the
post that he heid he was but following In the footsteps of hls forefathers,
Since hlstory began in Graustark a
Quinnox had been in charge of the cas
 Wimesas. He had beenold marriase fire
times and as many times had be been

GRA arr McCutcheon.



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 duaseons ail uilted to fill her limagina-tive soul with the richest, rarest joys
of romance. Simple American girl
that she was, unused to the rigorous
ett quete of royalty, she found embar-
rassment to the first confusion of ering her polse.
Hee apartments were near those of
the rrhcess Yetive. In the private in-
tercorrse enjogcd boy these young wom-
en all manuer of restraint was aban-
 Some days after Beverly's arrival
there came to the castle Harry An-
gnish and his wife, the vivacous Dag.
mar. With them cance the year-old household, rrom prtficess down. The
tiny Damar becume queen at once
and no ove disputed her rule. Angulsh the palnter became Angulanh
the strategist nal soldier. He phanned With Lorry nad the minlistry, adavane.
lng some of the most harebrained prof
ects that ever encouraged discussion in minsters looked upon him with won-
der, but so phausible did he make forced to consider them seriously. The
old Count of Marlans held him to great
alsclanin and did not hesi tate to expous
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 maneuvers just across the border in
their own territiory. Usually tuese
were held the the plins near the capt
tal, and there was a sinister slgailtal, and there was a sinister signila-
caine in the fact that this year they
were belog carried on In the rough
southern extremity of the princlpality, within a day's march of the Graustark
line, fully two months eariler than
wisul T The towhoty

 most the same care as those in the
south, where conflict with Dawbergen
might first be expected. Geweral Mar.
 discusslug Baldos he never falked to
address Beveriy as "your highness."
"The fever Is gone, and he Is able to
wailk without much pain, but te is as
restless as a witch. Following instruc.
tons, I have not questloned him con. tons, I have not questloned hitm con-
cenning his plass, but I fancy be ts
eager to return to the hills."
"Whut dit "What did he say when you gave
bim my message? 'asked Beverly.
"Which one, your higness?" aske
he, with tantalizing density. "Why, the suggeston tuat he should
come to Edelwelss for better treat-
ment." retorted Beverly severely.
 ntim." he refuses to come to Edel-
tind he
welss?" Irritably demanded Beverly.
"Yes, your highess, You see, he still "Yes, ,our highness, You see, he still
regards bimself with disfavor, being a
fugitive. It is hardy falr to blame him
for respectlog the secu:1ty of the
hills."
"I hoped
 should have a chance to prove himself
worthy, , hat's all. Thls morntng I pe
 has"- began the captain.
"Her bighness has sanctioued the re-
quest," literrupted she. And the count has promised to dis.
cover a vacanny", sald Dagmer, with a
sumle athe the baron underatood per
fectly well. TTus In the first time on record that
Id Marlank bas ever done anythen
 Angers?" sald the baron, admutration
and wonder in hise eyes.
"You dear otd fatterer"' cried Bever-
 sald, fumbling with his glasses. "He
Is the most obsttante evelng I know,
and yet to ten minutes you could bring
htm to terms, I am sure. He could not "He still thtuks 1 am the princess?"
"He does and swars by you."
"Then my mind ts made po. ril go
 so much. Oh, yes; will you writte an
order delivering him over to mee The
hoppital people may be-er-disobilg.
tog, your know."际

 from Baron Dangloss and a letter from
Yetire to the Countess Rantowitz
the
surthg hospitallt overnlght in the
northern town. Lorry and the royal
household




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 governor's otitice her heart was throb-
blig and her composure was under-
golag a most unusual stralu It an-
uoyed her to discover that the ap. roachlag coutact with a bumble go
uater was givlag ber such ummista
ble symptoms of perturbation able symptoms of perturbation.
From an upstairs window in the ho
pital the convalescent but unhappy pin tient wituessed her appronch and ar ar
rival. HIs sore, lonely hitart gave long since her departure.
He han had that to think during
these days too turnilug over in hlis
mind all of the detalls in connection With their meethy and their subse-
quent intercours, it began to dawn
upon hlim that she might not be what him, suspicions grev/ Into amazing
Yorms of certalnty. There were times
when he haughed sardonlcally at him.
belt for tely self for bengg takea in by this strange
but charmulg young woman, but
through It all hiss heart and mind were
being drawa more and more fervently
toward her. Nore than once be called blmself a fool and more than once the
dreamed foolish dreams of her, prin.
cess or not. of one thlug he was sure
-he had come to love the adventure for the sake of what it promised, and
there was no bilterness betieath his
suspiconss
Arrayed in cleau linen and presenta-
ble clothes, pale from Indoor confine. ment and fever. but ouce more the
stralght and strong cavaller of the
tills, he hastened Into her presence
when the summons came for him to
descend. He dropped to his knee and descend. He dropped to his knee and
kissed her hand, detemined to play
the game notwithstanding his doubts.
As he arose she glanced for a filting as he arose she glanced for a flitting
second lnto ohs dark eyes, and her own
long lashes droved.
"Your highness!" be sald gratefully. Your highness, he sald strong you look!" sbe
Rald burrellelly. "Some of the tun ts gone, but you look as though you had
never been lil. Are you quite recor"They say I am as good as new," he
smillingly answered. A trife weak
and ancertanlin In my lower extremitties,
aut a few days of exerectse In the mounbut a tew days of exercise in the moun-
talus will overome nit that. Is all well
with you and Graustark? They wil
tive me no news here, by whose order give me no news
I do not know"
"Turn about is
well establistied fact phat you will sive
them no tem no news. Yes, all is well wiw
me and mine. Were you beginning to
thank that I had dested you? It has
been two withe been two wowks, lisan't ItY"
"Ah, your hilhmess, I realize that you
have had much more Important things
to do than to think of poor Belldos to o o than to think of poor Baldos.
um exceetingly grateful for this sil
of interest to my walfal of interest in my welfare Your vistit
the brightest experieuce of my ulfe."
"Be seated!" she cried suddenly






[1]CHAPTER XII.Z


