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and pressure from without as Borofsky's

words made hint of. matters as you speak of. My experience You say there has been an intrigue the finnikin ways of those who possess.

Who are you?" them pocket handkerchiefs and carry them

Borofsky, private detective, engaged about Then he read: in this matter, which is more important than you appear to suppose, Mr. Pristaf, and which will go further than Small prospekt, I observed Count Lan-

one indeed. The detective art is not to tered into conversation." be learned in the nursery, young air And who is this other?"

"Count Boris Landrinof," I said. The pristaf distinctly winced.
"Oh!" he said. "The son of Count. Vladimir, no doubt? What can the son fellow, glancing at his superior of so eminent a person require in a po-

"That is what I wish to explain to shoulders. you, pristaf, if you will allow me!" I was then a plain gorodovoy, a and earth to conceal his mistake. He said Borofsky. "If you will turn back town constable, and held the count's will lie and intrigue and put obstacles to the month of July last, you will find horse on a certain occasion when the in the way of truth, and, if he can help that you effected the arrest of a"-

to do with all this?"

ning at the beginning." Stop-the date of this arrest?" "Seventeenth of July of this year." "Good! The place of arrest?"

Borofsky gave the name of the house as provided by the student. The pristaf failed to recognize him.

"You are sure he knew you?" said turned back the pages of his daybook. "You are sure he knew you?" sa "Good again." he said. "Now, what Borofsky, looking keenly at the man. is the mistake complained of? Is it you.

Vladimir himself? and I will move heaven and earth but notes I said: Excellence we do not

with your hanteur!" "Excuse me. count, but you have servants a groom, had been taken ill gone beyond me." said the pristaf. He and was lying sick in his lodging or spoke more politely to me than to Bo rofsky, but I could see that my words did not please him. "You have not yet explained the nature of the complaint quire after the poor fellow. The name of the arrested on the day and at the address named was, I perceive, Kornilof, an escaped convict, a the count gave me a gratuity and demurderer and a rogue of the first water parted." Good. There is no doubt of his guilt. for he is known to have escaped from Siberian erile He was tracked to St Petersborg, arrested here and taken back to complete his sentence There can scarcely be a mistake here. Indeed sir, in which there can be less question pends upon the services performed." of blunder than in any other almost in obliged, in spite of respect for your did not recognize you at first and that parent and other considerations, to regard your future actions with suspicion instead of the usual ruble?" and perhaps even to put a watch epon

Speak for me, Borofsky," I said "No, excuse me, I will hear no com-

"Very well, then," I said doggedly; litely than I, maybe. I complain, pristaf, that your fools of constables arrested the wrong man. You must have seen

"Certainly," interrupted the pristaf. "Therefore you are as much to blame as they-perhaps more-and I warn you that unless you set the matter right. and at once, as I shall indicate, steps shall be taken to get justice done in anether way, and in that case you shall

"But, Holy Mother!" cried the pristat, somewhat impressed, perhaps, by my earnestness. "What is all this to you, count? Even supposing that I had arrested the wrong delinquent-which I deny-how should you know of it, of all people you, and why should it interest you? As soon I would expect one of the



"Is the young gentleman mad?" he asked. czar's sons to come to me with a similar we did not actually arrest this Korni-lof-which, again I deny-we arrested lence and to inhabit rooms in his mananother in his place. You are, then, interested in this other -is that it?"

"I am. "Count Vladimir Landrinof!" I said. "Count Vladimir Landrinof!" I said.
playing my trump card as boldly as I could. I longed to impress this man that he was in fact, that very Andre with the seriousness of the affair he was whom, we submit, you believe inclined to treat so lightly. I would men to have arrested on that fatal July bluff him, frighten him, smare him, afternoon.

but he should believe me and obey me! pristaf was certainly marked. He started and looked at me and then at Borofsky. Then he addressed himself to my

"Is the young gentleman mad?" he

DISCREDITED BY THE POLICE. "The young gentleman is very far from mad," said Borofsky. "He is as ing his good will, we may find means same as you or 1, and, moreover, what to compel him to make a confession, he has said is strictly true. Your people said Borofsky. arrested and deported the wrong man at the time and address given, and that to me, said the pristal "But stay," he added "Whence this marvelous man was Count Landrinof."

"But, my dear sir," began the pristaf and paused. Then he touched a bell. An inspector entered so very Landrinof-supposing it were he-had quickly that there could be no doubt be boasted that he alone was able to reveal

"You know Count Landrinof by know the facts Explain this

sight, inspector, I believe?" said the

"Exactly so," replied that official, "Is the count a well known char-

"Exactly so, bonor. How not? All the world knows Count Landrinof." "So. When did you last see the

"At what hour?"

"Eleven." "Read me your report, or your notes.

handed in to my office later." ords made hint of.

The inspector consulted his notebook
"I have no time to waste on such Then he cleared his throat and blew his nose. The inspector did not possess a pocket handkerchief, or, if he did, he is that blunders are invariably imagi pocket handkerchief, or, if he did, he "We shall report to your superionary The count in was its business, and had left it at home or pawned it. Rus Mr. Pristaf," said Borofsky angrily weknowe are. Why should we blunder! sian policemen regard with contempt pristaf, bowing us politely to the door

drinof, with whom I am slightly ac "So! A private detective-a young quainted. I greeted him, and we en-

At this point I interrupted the re-"Stop!" I said. "Explain how and when you made the count's ac quaintance.

"Oh! You may enlighten the gentleman," said the pristaf, shrugging his

animal was restive. For this service his it, right will never be done unless w "Stop! What has Count Landrinof excellence gave me the sum of 1 ruble get at his obstinate conscience with a He knew me afterward whenever we 'May I not tell the story from the be- met and occasionally presented me

"And he knew you this time?" I

The inspector winced slightly. I saw it plainly enough, and so did Borofsky. | that!" but he replied that the count never

"Lord have mercy!" exclaimed the Count Boris, who complains, or Count fellow "Have I not said so! He recognized me, and we conversed. Here is "It is I." I said. "I both complain, the conversation. I have it down in my you shall set right your blunder, pristoften see you in these parts of the taf. Never think you will frighten me town Do you walk for pleasure? To which the count replied that one of the

" Your excellence was always kind hearted and generous,' I replied, and

"Twenty kopecks," said the fellow.

"Ab!" exclaimed acute Borofsky "Not the usual ruble, ch?" "I did not say that I always received

you have pitched upon a case, young a ruble," he said. "The amount de-"Ha!" exclaimed Borofsky. "The our sheets. It is not your father who parvice performed today was a great complains, I understand, but yourself one, my friend, for you neglected to Let me warn you that this is a danger arrest this impeter, which would have ous case in which to interfere. Should been your plain duty. Confess that you you prove yourself interested in this were in doubt whether he was in truth Kornilof, the authorities would be Count Landrinof or another, that he

"Bah!" said the pristaf "This is your doings. Now, then, what have you mere foolishness. It is enough. In spector, you can leave the room.

'You see, gentlemen," he continued, when the man had departed, closing plaint from any but the complainant the door after him, "that there can be no mistake. I myself, as it happens. have seen the count enter his very his own manufon. It is scarcel a week since I saw him with my own

"all this does not advance the matter in the least. We do not contest that a certain individual, sufficiently like the lount Landrinof to be mistaken for him by those who are not intimately acquainted with the count, is at present living and passing himself off as Count Landrinof, at his excellency's own mansion"

'What! Without permission of the family," interrupted the pristaf, "of the countess, and of this young gentleman, his son? No, my dear sir; you ask me to believe a thing which is impossi-

"On the contrary," said Borofsky stamping his foot with vexation, "with their permission and concurrence. If you will kindly listen without interrupyou will kindly itsten without interrup-tion I will make the matter clear from the beginning. The man now massing stituted. It is fair to tell you that your the beginning. The man now passing as Count Landrinof was received into the house under a misconception. The count disappeared last July. He disapseared utterly and no trace of him sold be found until word was received

that he had been seen in London." "You appealed, of course, to the poice for assistance in your difficulty?" said the pristat.

"It was the wish of the countess to lispense with the service of the police. because she was naturally desirous of keeping the family trouble as secret as

The pristaf smiled incredulously and shrugged his shoulders. "Proceed." he

"I was then dispatched to England in order to induce the supposed count to return," continued Borofsky "Being personally unacquainted with his excellence, I was taken in by him and ance actually assisted in attempting to foist the deception. He admitted that he was dent.

sion and to receive certain payments in money, be would in return make over to the countess certain secrets as to the fate of her husband which she could

"So that the countess has permitted The effect of my words upon the this person to live in her house and to pass as the count for how long-two months, more or less-in order that she may in the end induce him to part with secrets which must inevitably end his period of prosperity and also his freedom! A likely story indeed, my dear sir, and likelier still that this man, if he were Andre, would so disclose his

"We have cherished hopes that, fail-

"Do so, then, and afterward return tale, then, of the arrest of Count Lan drinof in mistake for this other individual? Did you not say that Andre had been stationed at the door listen | the secret of the count's fate? He has not revealed it, I understand Yet you

"Ab, the truth! Yes. Well, gentlemen. I am obliged to you for this most interesting-nay, thrilling-narrative, which I have found very entertaining I regret that I cannot accept it without support. May this unexpected source that you speak of be examined by me for confirmation of your report?"

"It is impossible." said Borofsky.

"Ab, I thought so. Good morning, gentlemen. I shall be glad to see you when you have something a little more definite, and, if I may say so, a little more plausible and credible, to lay be-

"We shall report to your superiors.

CHAPTER XXVII

THE POLICE MAKE INQUIRIES. Borofsky and I were both too angry to speak much as we left the pristaf's

The fellow, as Borofsky explained it. simply recked of bullying officialdom He was just the kind of person of whom nothing is to be expected in Russia, a man who will either really believe o

pretend to believe his own ironically expressed opinions in defiance of every canen of right and equity. "If a man like that," said Borofsky, "happens to blunder, as he has, he'll move beaven golden key."

"Well, man, he shall have what be ginning?" said Borofsky. "It is imwith a gratuity on such occasions as likes You know that!" I said angrily possible to explain all without begin Easter and New Year." "If you thought this, why didn't you "If you thought this, why didn't you say so at the time? We'd have offered him enough to keep him a year. It isn't a question of economy; you know

"There's time enough for bribing when we can't beat the rascal on our merits," said Borofsky. "Don't forget that our little student has another card up his sleeve.

We went, presently, to the depart ment itself, and here we interviewed a greater man.

Very courteous and affable was this gentleman We recapitulated our story with the added complaint that the pristaf would do nothing for us. "What would you have him do?"

asked the great man. "He cannot forthwith undo the arrest of July last upon your bare assertion. Inquiries will nowever, be made The countess must be examined"—
"Oh, no" I interrupted "Please

not-not just yet, at any rate! Let the matter proceed a little further toward

The great one shrugged his shoulders "I respect your desire to spare your ' he said, "but the matter can not go very far without the testimony of the coun'ess. The count must be exing, as you contend, for the count All sides must be heard I may believe your tale-which is extraordinary-or I may not, but I can take no steps upon it until a thorough inquiry has been held You will admit that this is so?" "We admit that, excellence," said

"You informed the pristaf, of course as to the source from which you have obtained your version of the arrest-the blunder as you term it—of July?" con-tinued the official. "We shall be obliged to examine into the authenticity of this

Borofsky finshed. "I regret," he stammered, "that it is at present impossible for us to reveal it," he said. "My young friend has made, unfortunately, a promise of secrecy"-

'pardon me, young Count Landrinof, but if we are to seek truth we must probe all hiding places for her! You not seriously suppose that you are to be at liberty to reveal what you please and to conceal also what you think fit? This is a matter of screening one, I suppose, who has been concerned in possibly criminal enterprises."

"I know nothing of my informant, "Nor his address?" "Nor his address"- I besitated

"Nor where he is to be found at preent?" he added, looking keenly in my

"I did not say that," I faltered. "Very well," said the official, slightly smiling, as I thought "We shall do our best. I shall communicate with the story should be easily proved if matters are indeed as you say But the tale is somewhat incredible. The police—the Russian police in the higher branches rarely blunder Much will depend upon the count-or impostor-and the manner in which be passes through the interrogations to which he will be sub

"He will have a version of his own excellence, that is certain He will lie plausibly You will be prepared for that," said Borofsky

"We have to deal with many liars in this department," smiled the official. "We seek the truth through sundry obstacles till we find it. It is our duty to believe nothing until it has been proved. That is why I should recommend our young friend here to reconsider his benevolent desire to acreen an acquaint-

"An acquaintance!" I repeated in him upon the countess and her son as dignantly "I would scorn to acknowle the real count. On arrival, however, the edge the little rascal as an acquaint impostor no longer attempted to carry on ance. I met him by the merest acci-

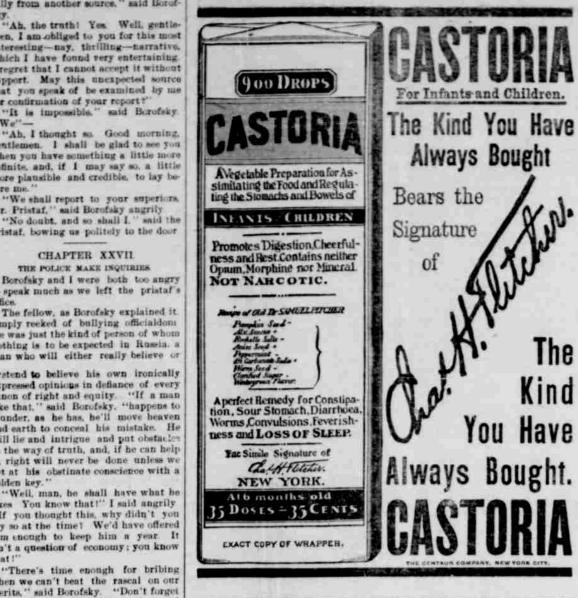
"And will scorn to meet him again? said our friend, slightly smiling "I shall see him no more when once I have finished with him, " I said botly,

"and shall consider myself well rid of As we left the department Borofsky











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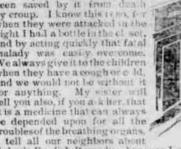
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