

CHAPTER. III.

It perhaps is almost unnecessary say that my constant endeavor, er this, was to gain a private in- view with Miss Rossiter; but, as were decidedly new acquaint- ces, taken with the fact that she dently avoided such a meeting, accomplish the matter was a feat some difficulty, and several days elapsed before I managed to do

length, one pleasant day, when ladies were supposed to be tak- an after dinner nap. I strolled ard a little rose-arbor with my r and book. As I went in from clear sunshine, my dazzled eyes net at first identify a lady who tily rose in some confusion as I red.

I beg your pardon," I began, suddenly recognized Miss Ros- r. "I implore you," I quickly ulated, "hear me! Only grant five minutes! I must explain!" he lady hesitated.

Miss Rossiter," I continued, in her tones and with some digni- f manner, "I have to thank you the bottom of my heart, for r wonderful self-control and con- grate silence in an affair that ses me the utmost distress and et. If you will allow me, I will o explain that unfortunate oc- ence in such a way that even will pardon me."

You have my permission, sir," t it." Miss Rossiter, with a little lines that I rather fancied was ned to keep herself from smil- country somewhat encouraged, I went on; if ever a man racked his brain it words for the occasion, I was man; and I soon had the sat- tion of receiving full acquittal the lady, together with the ission that she thought that in- ch as I had unwittingly stum- into such a predicament, I had en the very wisest course for cation.

ter this, we were friends; she led me no more, and in truth s not long before Gus accused f being "regularly gone" on Ma- a fact which I did not care to , and only wished he had been od authority on the state of her toward me.

wever, the few bright weeks, with all sorts of frolics, rides, archery, and tennis-matches, ed away rapidly, and the ing-up was at hand.

the last night of our stay, I d Mabel down to the little rbor. She seemed shy of en- , until we spied therein two e others of the party, enjoy- e beauty of the evening. Af- e had all chatted awhile, we interrupted by Marlowe, who after the rest of the party, ac- g to appointment, to take a ail. This left Mabel and me and, with a quickness born peration, I told her I loved d asked her to be my wife. I not put her reply in words; ster the lapse of about half an as I sat with her fair hands ine, just as the voices of the ing party were borne to our said:

ow sweet it was of you, darling, make an alarm that time, as women would have done, un- ngly, and then what a posi- e should have been in!" ank you dear," she respond

ed, demurely, "but I must not ac- cept more merit than I deserve. You see I knew you, if you did not me; for, only the evening before, when Gus had gone for you, good Mrs. Twaite was talking about you and showing the large photo- graph of you in the album in her room. So I recognized you, and, of course, after the first uncontrola- ble start, I knew that you were not likely to be prowling about with fell designs on unprotected damsels or jewels; I knew too, that I had your room, and therefore, though very much amaze, I was not so utterly beside myself with fright as you have imagined."

I closed her lips with a kiss; but I insisted then, and still insist, that a most flagrant case of scandal was avoided simply by Miss ROSSITER'S PRESENCE OF MIND.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PLAT- FORM.

The representatives of the demo- cratic party of the United States, in national convention assembled, do reaffirm their allegiance to the prin- ciples of the party as formulated by Jefferson and exemplified by the long, illustrious line of his success- ors in democratic leadership, from Madison to Cleveland; we believe the public welfare demands that these principles be applied to the conduct of the federal government through the accession to power of the party that advocates them; and we solemnly declare that the need of a return to these fundamental principles of a free and popular government, based on home rule and individual liberty, was never more urgent than now, when the tendency to centralize all power at the Federal capital has become a menace to the reserved rights of states, that strikes at the root of our government under the constitution, as framed by the fathers of the re- public.

We warn the people of our com- mon country, jealous for the pres- ervation of their free institutions, that the policy of the Federal control of elections to which the republican party has committed itself, is fraught with the gravest dangers, scarcely less momentous than would result from a revolution, practically establishing monarchy on the ruins of the republic. It strikes at the North as well as the South, and injures the colored citi- zen more than the whites. It means hordes of deputy marshals at every polling place, armed with the Federal power of returning board ap- pointed and controlled by the Fed- eral authorities; an outrage on the electoral rights of the people in their states; the subjugation of the col- ored people to the control of the party in power, and reviving the race antagonism now happily abat- ed. It is of the utmost peril to the safety and happiness of all. It is a measure deliberately and justly de- scribed by leading republicans as the most infamous Lill that ever crossed the threshold of the senate. Such a policy, if sanctioned by law would be the dominance of a self- perpetrating oligarchy of office-hold- ers, and the party first entrusted with the machinery could be dis- lodged from power only by an ap- peal to the reserved rights of the people to resist oppression, which is inherent in all self governing communities. Two years ago this revolutionary policy was emphatic- ally condemned by the people at the polls; but in contempt of that

verdict the republican party has defiantly declared, in its latest au- thoritative utterances, that its suc- cess in the coming elections will mean the enactment of the force bill and the usurpation of a despot ic control over elections in all states. Believing that the preservation of republican government is depend- ent upon the defeat of such a policy, legalized by force and fraud, we in- vite the support of all citizens who desire to see the constitution main- tained in its integrity with laws pursuant thereto, which have given our country 100 years of unexam- pled prosperity.

RECIPROCITY.

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TRUSTS AND COMBINATIONS.

We recognize the trusts and com- binations, which are designed to enable capital to secure more than a just share of the joint product of capital and labor, the natural con- sequences of prohibitive taxes, which is the life of honest trade, but be- lieve their worst evils can be abated by law, and we demand a rigid en- forcement of the laws made to pre- vent and control them, together with such further legislation in the restraint of their abuses as experi- ence may show to be necessary.

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