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Clarence had started slightly at his wife's voice and the information it con-veyed. His fellow-passenger and the confidant of MacNiel was the man they confident of MacNiel was the man they were expecting. If they had recognized bim (Charence), would they not warn the company of his proximity? He held his breath as the sound of

nee need his breat as the sound of voices came from the outer gate of the courtyard. Mrs. Brantrose--but at the same moment the gate awang open and a man entered. It was the Mis-

He turned with an old-fashioned courtesy to the single woman standing on the balcony. "My fair corre-spondent, I believe! I am Judge Beespondent, i betweet I am Judge leev swinger. Your agent, MacNiel, passed me through our guards at the gate, but I did not deem it advisable to bring him into this assembly of gentlemen without your further consideration. I

without your further consideration. I trust I was right!" The quiet dignity, and self-posses-sion, the quaint, old-furthioned colonial precision of speech, modified by a soft Virginian intonation, and, above all, some singular individuality in the man himself, produced a profound sensa-tion, and seemed to suddenly give this gathering an impressiveness it had lacked before. For an instant Clarence forget him-

For an instant Clarence forgot him self and his personal wrongs in the shock of indignation he felt at this po-tent addition to the ranks of his enemies. He saw his wife's eyes sparkle with pride over her acquisition, and no-ticed that Pinckney cast a disturbed

glance at the remember a distribut glance at the newcomer. The stranger assemded the few steps to the balcony and took Mrs. Braut's hand with profound courtesy.

"Introduce me to my colleagues- dis-tinctly and separately. It behooves a man at such a moment to know to whom he intrusts his life and honor, and the life and honor of his cause."

life and honor of his cause." It was evidently no mere formal cour-texy of the stranger. As he stepped forward along the balcony, and under Mrs. Brant's graceful guidance, was introduced to each of the members, he not only listened with scrupulous care and attention to the name and profes-sion of each man, but bent upon him a clear, searching glance that seemed to photograph him in his memory, with

two exceptions. He passed Col. Starbottle's expanding shirt frill with a bow of elaborate pre-cision, and said: "Col. Starbottle's fame requires neither introduction nor explanation." He stopped before Capt.

Pickney and paused. "An officer of the United States army, I believe, sir7" "Yes.

"Educated at West Point, I think, by the government to whom you have taken the oath of allegiance?"

"Yes." "Very good, sir," said the stranger,

turning away. "You have forgotten one other fact sir," said Pinckney, with a slightly

supercilious air. "Indeed, what is it?"

"I am, first of all, a native of the state of South Carolina."

A normal of Bouth Carolins." A normal of applause and approval ran round the balcony. Capt. Pinek-ney smiled and exchanged glances with Mrs. Brant, but the atranger quietly re-turned to the central table heride col. Starbottie.

"I am not only an unexpected delegate to this august assembly, gentle-men," he began, gravely, "but I am the bearer of, perhaps, equally unexpected news. By my position in the southern news. By my position in the southern district I am in possession of dispatches received only this morning by pony express. Fort Sumter has been besieged. The United States flag, carrying relief while he bowed to Mrs. Brant grace-fully, "has led the gentleman to such a deduction. But when I suggest to him that our meeting was of a busi-ness, of private nature, it strikes me that the question of intrusion may be fairly divided between him and our-selves. We may be even jourlifed in view of that privacy in asking him if his-ev-contrance to the house was -er-scoincident with his appearance among us."

while he bowed to Mrs. Brant grace

among us." "With my front door in possession of strangers?" said Clarence, more in reply to a sudden contemptuous glance from his wife than Starbottle's instruation. "I entered the house through the window-"

"Of my boudair, where another in-truder once broke his neck," inter-rupted his wife with a mocking longh. this paper," he lifted a sheet of paper lying before Col. Starbottle, "but who now feel that the gravity of the news a more serious consideration

"Where I once helped this hady to re-gain possession of her house when it was held by another party of iterail trespassers, who, however, were con-tent to call themselves 'jumpers' and

tent to call themselves 'jumpers' and did not claim the privacy of gentle-men." "Do you mean to imply, sir," began Col. Starbottle, laughtly, "that--" "I mean to imply," said Charnece, with quiet scorn, "that I have meither the wish to know nor the slightest concern n any turpace the homostic as here. in any purpose that brought you here, and that when you quit the house you take your secrets and your privacy with you intact, without let or hindrance from me."

"Do you mean to say, Mr. Brant," said Judge Beeswinger, suppressing the angry interruption of his fellows with a dominant wave of his hand, as he fixed his eyes on Clarence keenly. "that you have no sympathy with your wife's political sentiments?" "I have already given you the infor-

mation necessary to make you quit this kouse, and that is all you have a right to know," returned Clarence, with folded arms.

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of the purpose, they are at liberty to withdraw from the meeting-giving their honor as southern gentle keep the secret intact." en to "Not if I know it," interrupted a stal-"Not if I know it," interrupted a stai-wart Kentuckian as he rose to his feet and strode down the steps to the patio. "For," he added, placing his back against the gateway, "Til shoot the first

coward that backs out new." A roar of laughter and approval fol-lowed, but was silenced again by the

quiet, unimpassioned voice of the stran "If, on the other hand," he went on calmly, "you all feel that this news in the fitting culmination and consecra tion of the hopes, wishes and plans o this meeting, you will assert it again

on your own signatures, to Col. Star bottle at this table " When the Kentuckian had risen Chr

ence had started from his concealment, when he now may the enger figures pressing forward to the table he hesi-

Rited no longer. Blipping along the passage he reached the staircase which led to the corridor in the rear of the balcony. Descending this repidly he not only came upon the backs of the excited crowd around the table, but even elbowed one of the con-spirators aside without being noticed.

His wife, who had risen from her chair at the end of the balcony, was al-ready moving toward the table. With a quick movement he seized her wrist and threw her back into the chair again

A cry broke from her lips as also re-ognized him, but still holding her wrahe stepped quickly between her and the astonished crowd.

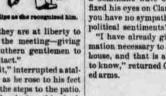
There was a moment of silence, their the cry of "Spy" and 'Seize him' ro-quickly, but above all the voice and figure of the Missourian was head commanding them to stand back Turning to Clarence, he said, quickly "I should know your face, sir. Who

"The husband of this woman and the master of this house," said Clarence, as quickly, but in a voice he hardly recognized as his own. "Stand aside from her, then, unless

you are hoping that her danger may protect you," said the Kentuckian, sig-

pificantly drawing his revolver. But Mrs. Brant sprang suddenly to her feet beside Clarence. "We are her net beside Carence. We are neither of us cowards, Mr. Brooks-though he speaks the truth-and, more shame to me," she added, with a look of savage scorn at Clarence-"is my husband."

"But what is your purpose in coming here?" continued Judge Beeawinger, with his eyes fixed on Clarence. "I have given you all the informa-tion," said Clarence, quietly, "that is



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