

(Continued.) CHAPTER XVI.

HAT'S the matter, Jack? Whenever you smoke

staring over the top of it. You leave your watch under the pillow and have to hike back for it. You are absentminded. Now, what's the matter?" Hillard sighed heavily.

"There you go again!" laughed Merrihew. "You tack that sigh to everything you say.

Hillard was human. He might be deeply in love, but this had not destroyed his healthy sense of humor, so he laughed at himself.

"It's a curious business-the dinner, the mask, the vell, the mystery," went on Merrihew. "I tell you frankly, Jack, something's wrong, and we shall both live to find it out."

"But what? Heaven on earth, what? Haven't I tried to figure it out till my brain aches? I haven't gone forward a single inch."

"What shall you do?"

ence we'll drop down to Perugia and Rome, then up to the Italian lakes. after that home. if you say." Hillard looked at his watch.

"Only 9," he said. "Let's go over to Gambrinus' and hear the music."

The Hotel Italle was but a few blocks from the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. They found the Halle crowded. noisy and interesting. From the Halle they went downstairs and through the billiard room. Under the arcade they found a small table. Presently two of ficers, one in the respiendent uniform of a colonel, went past. Hillard's pulse was tuned to a quicker stroke. "I hope he doesn't see us," he said.

tipping his panama over his eyes. Merrihew scowled fiercely.

said Hillard, "I have no interest in his affairs," Had he none? he wondered.

"He is coming this way again, Dan.' Hillard changed his mind. He pushed back his hat. If the man with the scar saw him and spoke he would reply. The colonel, glancing at the pair, halted. He turned and spoke to his brother officer. The man with the sear stepped over to the table and leaned with his hands upon it. There was a savage humor in his dark eves. "Did I not tell you that we should meet again?" he said to Hillard."

"Are you specking to me?" asked Hillard. Every muscle in his body was alort and ready.

"Certainly I am speaking to you. This is the fellow," speaking to his companion, at the same time drawing off his gloves.

"I object to the word fellow." said Hillard. "Besides, I don't know you." "Ab, discreet!" sneered the man with the scar.

"Colonel" cried the subaltern as his senior smoothed the gloves and placed them carefully in his left band.

"Oh. I am calm! But I have been dreaming of this moment. Now!" The colonel readdressed Hillard. "You meddled with an affair that night in which you had no concern."

"Are you quite sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. And yet as I think it over, as I recollect the woman." went on the colonel, with a smile which was evil and insinuating. "In Monte Carlo I was practically alone. Here it is Florence. Doubtless you will understand." He struck out with the gloves.

But they never touched Hillard's face. His band caught the assailant's wrist and with a quick jerk brought him halfway across the table. The Italian cried faintly. Hillard spoke tensely:

"Listen carefully, signor. 1 understand perfectly, but I shall fight no duel. It is an obsolete fashion. blackguard I know you to be. If you ever address me again I promise to give you a whipping which will have a lasting effect upon your future actions. If that will not serve I shall -a real bargain-in real estate, adappeal to the police."

carabinieri were?"

"It set me thinking. Oh, I've a pre monition that we haven't seen the last of this distinguished gentleman"

After luncheon the next day they were entering the Via Tornabuoni when a young woman came out of a little millinery shop. Immediately Hill lard stepped to one side of her and Merrihew to the other.

"You cannot run away this time. Kitty Killigrew!" cried Merrihew joyously

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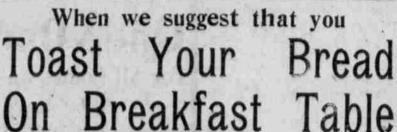
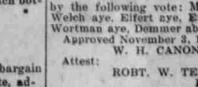


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