THE MAN IN THE WELL

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SYNOPSIS

The body of a man is discovered in the well boated on the dividing line between the estates of Arthur and Louis Farades, two brothers. The police are called, and upon learning that the body is that of M. Joan Frandes, an uncle of the two brothers, the latter are accessed in the compact of the two brothers, the latter are accessed in the daughter of Arthur Farades, sets out to clear her father of the erime. Veilizay and Merseins find a partly effaced receipt for 350,000 francs belonging to Jean Farades. They go to a reception given by M. Calesse. Veilezay finds that he had knowing in the Calesse when she will be compacted to the condition of the compact of the condition of the conditio

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derer!" cried Jeanne when she had read the papers. "And Paul!" said Valentine. "If we fell the police where they have gone they will stop them, and then our fatters will never be free! "We can only walk for the curre." Jeanne said, little realizing all that would happen before that time.

CHAPTER VII. The Villa.

Mr. Harcourt looked as red as a ripe tomato as he trotted up and down the green lawn which stretches before the European Hotel in Calcut-ia.

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I had just given his head waiter his order for dinner, and was thinking of it with no little satisfaction. He looked up at two frayelers about to enter the hotel.

"Bless my soul?" he exclaimed; "if that isn't Jacques elleaver that he seemed to the seemed of the

"We'll know that before we nave finished dinner bene too late in pre-venting the two men from crossing the frontier. They had missed the steamer, but had managed to get passage on a trading vessel and had gone up the Suzz, and later had caught the English byat direct to Car-tification of the state of the state of the caught the English byat direct to ac-tification of the state of the state of the later of the state of the state of the state of the later of the state of the state

his dinner when the two friends en-tered the dining room. "Won't you sit down with us?" asked Jacques. "It is so long since we have had a talk. And by the way, I have not forgotten to bring, over that fine champagne that you are so fond of." howeved and drank off at

a gulp the glass of beet that was before him.
"You'll get the barrel tomorrow,
but I've got a bottle with me now, so
we'll open it tonight."
When the dessert was placed on
the table, Jacques poured out the fine
champagie.
Annual of the table, Harcourt," he
said, lifting his glass.

Third Class Express.

One of the most popular trains in India set third class express on the East Indian, line. First and second-class passessers are not indicated to it. Its successive as express, on the Indian Company of the Indian Company

"That's good," said Harcourt, smacking his lips, after his first taste of the old brandy; "excellent."
"Does this remind you of any-

"Does this remind you of any-thing?"

"Yes, our little suppers with Jean, Farades. If any man liked this brand, it, was old Jean. And to think that the may never come back here again! We may never the never come to the come of you," remarked Merseins, "for it appears that he was very secretive."

"With his money."

"On the old humbur! Is that what he let's you think? But there, it is no business of mine. I'm talking to make the let's you think? But there, it is no business of mine. I'm talking to make the let's you think? But there, it is no business of mine. I'm talking to make the let's you think? But there, it is no business of mine. I'm talking to make the let's agood mine. I'm talking to make the let's a good mine. I'm talking to make the let's a good mine. I'm talking to make the let's a good mine. I'm talking to make the let's any talking the let's a good mine. I'm talking to make the let's a good mine. I'm talking to make the let's any talking the let's a good make the let's a good make the let's any talking."

"A million! Jacques and Merseins gasped. Then Jacques, trying to speak carelessly, said:

"Here hundred thousand franes, and said that it was inyested in English and Frent railway shares."

"Yes, that is so. The rest he had piaced oit bit by the He did not even the let's the let's any talking the same."

"I an', surprised that he did not tell you's because he told me that he had his banker here and he would arrange the matter for me. I came off in such a hurry that I forget to ask him for the oldress."

"I have any her would arrange the matter for me. I came off in such a hurry that I forget to ask him for the oldress."

"I shall be very much obliged."

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made their way back to Smith's offices. The light was still in the window. It is much an extraordinary thing
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shadows of the wall. The night was magnificent.

Now and again a Hindu would butter forth that a wird song. They passed before several taverns which work fitted with Arabs, and Hindus. Suddenly Smith and his companion changed their course and went down a fifthy, narrow street with migerable dwellings of a fine that his companion is about the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when he is discoving the several course of the light when the several course of the light when the several course of the several course o

ered at his work, and who comes into the lowest quarters of the city in-stead of going home to bed. Seel They are stopping." They had reached a tract of waste ground, in the middle of which was a low house almost in ruins. Smith knocked on the door. "It looks like some bandit's den."

"The does of the hist was opened."

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"They've are a find out what they are doing in there?" said Paul. "They've shut the door. Let us get as near as we can. We might be able to see inside somehow. The was a some and the was a some and the was a some and a some a

"Oh, certainly. I have an agent in Rashmir. The matter can be easily a superior of the control o

He kicked out violently and struck with his fift. Merseins did the same to the Hind who seemed to be trying to pull him down.

Strike of the mersein midstream!" cried leave the Hind who seemed to be trying to pull him down.

Strike of the wife stroke, which did them redit, they reached deep water. Here there was nothing to pull at their hinds and feet.

"That was an odd sort of accident," said Merseins. "I'd like to know what has become at Smith."

I'm the sain of the sain of the water. He had been a said to the water. He had been a said to the water. He had been a said to the water. He looked about him and questioned hisment who began to gather about the said was just emerging from the water. He looked about him and questioned hisment who began to gather about to them. He got into the boat. Merseins and Velizay saw him coming toward them with some little apprehension-agent called out gaily:

"What are you two playing at out there? You know I am responsible for your lives. When my boat capsizes you go and swim out at large, If the current had drawn you in measures you go and swim out at large, If the current had drawn you in the said smith. "This reed grass on the river is trible? said Smith. "This reed grass on the river is trible in said Smith. "And the said Smith, "there was no pecasion for you to have changed your suits; now you will have to exceed the water of the work of the wind the water of the water of

too mue ter you to return to your hotel. I'll lend you something to put on.

I'll pushed open a large iron gate which was covered with climbing plants. In the distance they could see the house. It was a curious mixture of English and Hindu architecture. Before the wide veranda stretched a beautiful green lawn; the garden sloped grylly from as memerted with rare flowers and plants. In a stream which came from the rived, winding in and out of the grounds, were some aquatic birds ducking their guady plumage.

"Why, you live like a raja!" exclaimed Jasquess.

To Be Continued.

IN THE PIONEER DAYS

"On, there is no occasion just now; we can'd but later."

"I hope you will dine with me to ingit," he notinued. "I have a little business to finish the have a little business and we will dine at my home. I have a ville on the Ganges."

Jacques and Paul had expected this of alone to talk it over. At the foot of the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. produced that he shalkerchief and wiped his ever. produced that he shalkers a state of the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. produced that he shalkers a state of the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. produced that he shalkers a state of the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. produced that he shalkers a state of the stairs Merseins took out in a few produced that he had been the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. produced the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. Produced the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. Produced the stairs Merseins took out his handkerchief and wiped his ever. Produced the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs Merseins took out his handker to the stairs of the stairs o

"Business," said Jacques, izconically, one does, business in Calcutta
at this hour."
"Excepting ourselves."
A quarter of an hour later they
reached the building where John J.,
Smith & Co. had their offices. They
went up to the second floor in they
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various offices there were no signs of
life. The doors were all open; but
only a porter or an office boy was left
in charge.

If they are same in Smith & Co'e
was only a desk and a chair, they
found an office boy fast asleep.
"If Smith is in his office at this
hour, it is evidently semething interesting that takes him there." said
Merseins.
They took care not to wake the
office boy; they crossed a passage,
then passed through to offices, and
stood before a door bearing the
words:

Private Office JOHN J. SMITH

Jacques had no scruples; he deliberately stooped down and glued his eye to the keyhole. Smith was seated with his back to the door. He was carefully reading a long letter. Suddenly he struck his fist on the table in anger.

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"The fool" he cried. Beside him on "The fool" he cried. Beside him on "The fool" he cried. Beside him on "The fool" him and you knock on the door.

Merseins knocked. Smith jumped from his seat. He thaut the letter and then called out:

"Come in"

The two friends entered the room, boying affably. Smith stared hard at them, as though trying to recognize them. The him of the property of the start of t

speaking assec smin for the second time.

"Let me introduce my friend to you min. Paul Merseins on the Paris Bane is Jacques Velizay, also from Paris."

"In what way can I serve you?" "My friend is accompanying me on a trip. We are going through central Institution in the paris was a serve you of the work of the second in the paris of the pa

Merseins interrupted 10 says "Art. Smith, night, review as about on the control of the control o

to put him to any trouble. In the middle of his polite talk he said casually:

"If you want to write to France, you and to like here a write desk."

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Smith smiled, but it was easy to see that this reply did not please him to be the said of the said was he will did not of the said was he will dired the said of the said was he will did the said of the said was the said of the s

"How much do you think?"

"Five thousand apiece will do. We will place it with him; but we may make up our minds in advance that we shall never see it again."

The next day was scorching. There was not a breath of air. Few people heat; but Jacques was all eagerness to see John J. Smith and have, a talk with him. Five minutes before, from the windows of their hotel they had seen him pass down the street.

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"The can never go in such heat," grant of the has gone to his office to get him mail. The letters came in on our boat last evening," said Jacques. On the veranda of the hotel they saw Mr. Harcourt. He was lying on a lounge, his head covered with a were the first heat of the seen in the