

\$40,000 A YEAR

CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

"Horse-horses!" roared Merton, dashing the window open. "Horse, villain! and twenty pounds if you catch the others."

"But your dinner is ready," exclaimed the landlady, entering in a state of alarm. "I want no dinner. I ask for horses—"

"Sixty years of immortality in crime had not prepared this evil man for the fearful prospect which was going on before him and those who he had injured."

"Even ordered a bottle of wine, feeling really faint and exhausted. The dinner was good and well served, and as Merton went on eating more generous viands than his previous habits generally allowed, he drank freely."

"Another bottle," he said, as the desert was put upon the table. "I will ring when I want my carriage."

"The waiter bowed and went out. The landlady crossed the room with a puzzled look over to make out a man who appeared to change his mind so often."

"The waiter went out and closed the door. Old Merton filled his glass and drank to the health of the Emperor."

"What can I do?" asked Merton, in a tone of abject terror. "What have you done? Did I ever harm you? I am a poor fellow who is sorely repented; why did you come like a coward and blast my name to feed your insatiable avarice?"

"For what?" said the horror-struck man. "For ruin—utter ruin. Six months will not elapse ere you will be a wretched wader—a outcast, scorned by all honest men."

"I will be your partner, sir, but did you call?" said the voice of a waiter. "Merton started from an uneasy sleep in which he had been talking asleep, and found himself in the room where he had dined, alone with the waiter. The curtain was drawn, and the waiter was looking at him with a scornful expression."

"What makes this milk so warm?" asked a lady the next morning of the boy who was waiting on her. "I only have the good-humored reply, 'I don't know, but it is very warm.'"

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don't the next day at five o'clock. He took a hackney coach, and drove to the office of Mr. Rigdon Few. He easily found his chambers. The lawyer, however, had gone for the day. Merton stood irresolute on the landing. He had rung and received no answer, but he had no doubt that the answer would finally come. But he was doomed to disappointment. Muttering an oath of very gentle execration against the habits of Mr. Rigdon Few, Merton turned to go.

At that moment a door beside that of the lawyer's opened, and the marvellously rough head of red hair protruded therefrom, as if the owner of the said oration were perpetually scrubbing it in sea-water. "What may you please to want, sir?" said the owner of the inflammatory head already described.

"I want to see Mr. Rigdon Few on business," replied old Merton. "Mr. Rigdon Few, venerable sir, has left his office, but he has been here for a quarter of an hour about this time ago, which would have been the time when Mr. Rigdon's presence, and the head prepared to disappear."

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