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BILL. Gentlemen, I have news for you. I propose, under the cover of to-night's festivities, we should relieve our worthy host of his superfluous wealth. CHO. Bravo! bravo! BILL. Only that one strong box baffles my curiosity. BILL. Only that one strong box baffles my curiosity. therefore with confidence wager your uttermost farthing that

























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BILL. And now, gentlemen, until the hour of eleven be dis-creet. Give yourselves up to pleasure, be kind to the ladies and courteous to the men, but above all do not forget busines. CRO. William's sure to be right. BILL. When the captain returns he will surely commend my diligence. 'Pon my conscience, I almost feel inclined to cut connection with him and start a band of my own; for I'm the prime-minister who does all the work, and he is His Majesty and pockets the merry little doubloons. (*Enter* BETTY.) BETTY. Ahem! ahem! BETTY. Fascinator! BETTY. Shall I turn my head away? BILL. Bewitching Betty.—No, I cannot. I'll master it some other day.

BETTY. Ahem! ahem! BILL. Captain William would sound well.

other day. BETTY. 'Tis ever thus. Heigho!

ROMANCE-(Madam Betty)-" The Unprotected Spinster." No. 10.



















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BETTY. 'Tis ever thus, heigho ! BILL. Nay, say not so. What must it be to have a constant angel like you ever by one's side, to chide one's servants, to look after one's comforts, and to lock up one's treasures! Hang it! I'd like to be your brother. DOLLY. Nay, sir! I didn't mean that. But what impru-dence for you to be here! Lon. Pshaw! I have got to that state when prudence and

BETTY. Brother?

BILL. Ay. I envy Magruder; he has such confidence in you. For instance, bewildering Betty, to you is, I believe, you. For instance, bewarding sorry, we have the see in to-night on account of the wedding to-morrow is to-night on account of the wedding to-morrow is Lon. Curse the wedding to-morrow! I would see her to-BILL. What confidence! what confidence! Now, I should night. The wedding is what I would prevent. DoLLY. If you'd only have forbidden the banns last Sun-DoLLY. If you'd only have forbidden the banns last Sun-there is a state of the wedding to morrow is the banns last Sun-there is a state of the wedding to morrow is the banns last Sun-there is a state of the wedding to morrow is a state of the w

say that chest contains plate or money or jewels. BETTY. No, sweet William, you are wrong, and yet its con-

tents are of passing value. BILL. Tut! tut! you don't say so? BETTY. Yes, and, though only papers, they are worth thou-bis den, or rather in mine.

sands of broad gold-pieces.

BILL. (Aside.) Notes, for a million !- (Aloud.) And where; beatific Betty, is the key?

BETTY. Here. BILL. Loveliest of your sex, you shall prove my adoration for you. See, here is a snuffbox, given to my father by His lamented Majesty; it is priceless. I would rather forfeit life

Iamented Angesty; it is priceless. I would rather formet life than lose it, and yet I give it into your keeping as a token of my love, to be redeemed when I claim you as my own. BETTY. Oh, rapture! But what can I offer you in exchange for so priceless a gem. This ring? BILL. Nay, sweetheart, I would not be rapacious. Rather approve my well-known honesty, my world-famed veracity— in a word, my sustained honor—by entrusting me for one short day with that key.

day with that key. BETTY. 'Tis too little.

BILL. By little things men show that they are great—and women too. 'Twill at least show your confidence. BETTY. My confidence? 'Tis yours.

BILL Heaven grant your confidence be not misplaced! Some one approaches. BETTY. My maidenly modesty urges me to retire. BILL Then obey it, beguiling Betty. Stay! one salute. (Draws her to him, and kisses her hand.)

(BETTY erit.)

BILL. Not I: what does a woman want with a snuffbox? Snuffing is a dirty, destructive habit. (Exit.)

(Enter DOLLY.)

DOLLY. Well, to be sure, the house is turned upside down. I can't think how the squire could have found the heart to spend so much. He'll take it out in stinginess for months to come. Mistress Constance doesn't seem to care whether it be her wedding or her funeral. I know I should, but then her heart, I'm afraid, belongs to Master Lorrimore, and she has just about as much chance of seeing him as I have.

(Enter LORRIMORE.)

LOR. Dolly! DOLLY. La! (Starts.) Whenever you think of the devil you're sure to see him.

LOR. Come, Dolly, don't make me out blacker than I am. DOLLY. Nay, sir! I didn't mean that. But what impru-

imprudence mean much the same thing. I must see your mistress

DOLLY. Oh, sir, don't you know we've great doings here to-night on account of the wedding to-morrow?

day! But, lawk-a-mercy, Master Lorrimore! I can hear the squire coming. LOR. (Moodily.) I care not; I will beard the old knave in

(Enter MAGRUDER, CONSTANCE, and ROSE.)

MAG. Zounds ! but you are hard to please, niece Con-stance ! Here have I disbursed money—ay, good, hard money —on your nuptials, and you are as long in the face as a Cremona fiddle.

CONST. I do appreciate your kindness, uncle, but- (Sees LORRIMORE.) Ah!

Rose. He must be mad. MAG. What is this? (sees Lorrimore), and who is this person? LOR. I am, sir-

ROSE. (Interrupting.) This, sir, is Dolly's sweetheart. DOLLY. (Aside.) Heaven forgive her for that ready false-

hood ! MAG. Hum ! Dolly's sweetheart ? Fine feathers ! fine feathers! Did I not see you on the green the other evening when the outlaw Lorrimore was taken

LOR. I was there.

Ross. And what might be your name and occupation ?

LOR. I am called Charles-

Rose. (Interrupting.) Brown, uncle-Charles Brown. Los. And as to my occupation, I have the honor to serve the Earl of Rochester.

MAG. I could have sworn so-like master, like man. You have the very cut of a roystering Rochester.—Come, niece, and see the masque that Sir Whiffle has prepared which is in vogue at the court of His Majesty of France

CONST. Go, Dolly; leave me. But wait hard by. (Exit MAGRUDER and ROSE.) What rashness, Charles, on thy part to venture here-on this night of all others!

LOR. That is the reason. Foiled at every attempt, I am resolved to prevent this marriage at all risks. CONST. But if discovered thy freedom, thy life, is not worth

an hour's purchase. LOR. Without thee I care for neither life nor liberty.

CONST. Charles, for my sake, if not for yours, leave me.

LOB. Then you love me no longer. (Turning away.) CONST. Love you not? Better for me I didn't. Oh, sweet-heart, by all that love of mine I pray you fly. LOB. My mind is fixed; I will not.

Const. (Embracing him.) Charles, I implore you.

























DOLLY. Oh, Mistress Constance, Sir Whiffle is anxiously inquiring after you. CONST. I go to him; and you, Charles, as Dolly's sweetheart, not mine, courage! We may yet find light in the darkness. (Exit CONSTANCE, followed by LORRINORE, then DOLLY.)

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No. 21. MASQUE & DANCE-(S.S.T.B.)-" Wel-come to Knight & to Maiden."







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(At conclusion of Chorus, march heard off Stage. A: Wat-teaus come on, SIE W. leads CONSTANCE off, followed by MAGEUDER, BETTY and ROSE. They re-enter, stand at top of steps, and watch dance. March heard.)

CONST. Ah, what is that? DOLLY. The red-coats have come back.

ALL. The soldiers!

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BILL. (Aside.) The soldiers? Demme! the captain will be nabbed again.

(Enter HARLEIGH and Guards.)

HAR. I crave pardon, sir, for this intrusion, but you must know that the prisoner, Charles Lorrimore, under cover of night has escaped from our keeping. BETTY. Escaped? SIR W. Escaped?

MAG. Escaped, Captain Harleigh?

Rose. Are you sure of what you say? HAR. Even so, and he has been tracked back to this house. It is my duty to search it.

(Enter LORRIMORE, unperceived.)

MAG. With pleasure, sir-with pleasure. This Charles Lorrimore is the greatest scoundrel unhung. LOR. A falsehood ! a cruel falsehood.

Sir, you have been deceived ; I am Charles Lorrimore. (Sen-sation.)

DUV. (Appearing at window.) Claude Duval ! ALL. Claude Duval !

HAR. Seize them both !

Consr. Then take me with him.

Duy. Captain Harleigh, we are both outlaws ; we refuse to

obey the law.

BILL. And I third the motion.

HAR. Then you will oblige me to take strong measures for enforcing the law.—(To DUVAL.) You are in my power. DUV. (Blowing whistle.) Not exactly.

(Highwaymen appear in gallery and cover Soldiers.)

Duv. I trump the trick.—And stay, Captain Harleigh. You are perhaps acquainted with His Most Gracious Majesty's signa-ture? Bring me pen and ink. (Shows and hands document to HARLEIGH.)

HAR. A free pardon in blank. How came you by this? DUV. Woman, lovely woman, provided me with it, but whether Her Grace of Portsmouth, Her Grace of Cleveland, or Nelly Gwynne the orange-girl, matters not to you. It is

" uite right? "HAR. Perfectly; but then this document applies only to you. (Hands it back.)

DUV. No, not to me. (Takes pen and ink and signs paper.) There! (Hands it back.) HAR. He has filled in the name of Charles Lorrimore.

CHE W. Gadzooks! who's this impolite personage. LOR. The subterfuge shall pass no longer.—(To HARLEIGH.) · ir, you have been deceived; I am Charles Lorrimore. (Sen-ttion.) HAR. You Charles Lorrimore? Then who was our prisoner? HAR. He has filled in the name of Charles Lorrimore. LOR. Dural, I cannot except this generosity. I— DUV. My debt to you must be paid. I have further to easy, "Good people all, I would present you to the owner of Milden Hall."





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