

Selected Story.

A WINNING GAME.

CHAPTER I.

The — had had a large slice of foreign service, and were daily expecting the route for home, when some subtle plan of the War Office required their presence for a time at Malta. Loud and deep were the anathemas hurled at the authorities for sending them to this little military hot-house, with its stifling sirocco, hilly streets, and thousand disagreeables, instead of ordering them home.

What a confounded hole this is! cried Charlie Castleton, flinging his cap at a recumbent figure he found on his lounging chair, 'as dull as young Simpkins, and as hot as the Major's temper. How could one get leave, Tom?'

You bilious Sybarite and most mistaken of men, the place is not dull, answered Tom, making himself more comfortable in the chair. Dull! nonsense! I have had such fun here this morning. I came up about an hour ago to see you, found you were out, but your man advised me to wait. I was lying here smoking, when a stout old fellow bounced in and proceeded to shake my hand off, and violently mop his perspiring face at the same time. I was speechless with astonishment; but as it was warm work in this pepper box to get your arm worked like a pump-handle by a stout old lunatic who keeps on saying how glad he is to see you, I gently remonstrated, and found it was a case of mistaken identity. It was you the old boy wanted to see. Some one had pointed out your quarters, and as your rascal was out of the way, and he had never seen you, he says the mistake was natural enough. We had a long chat here—he's a very jolly old fellow. There's his card—Mr. Huntingdon Smith. Quicker name.'

I never heard of the man, Tom. Comes from your place, I expect. He talked of you much, however, at any rate, and he knows Fred Meredith.'

I have it now. Fred wrote me about the family. They have taken a place near Castleton. I ought to have Meredith's letter somewhere.'

After a little search, Charlie found the letter, and, glancing over it, came to this:

The people who have bought Hazleden have come; they are a strange set. 'Huntingdon-Smith' is the name (be very particular about the hyphen); the head of the house is Mrs. H.S., a Roman-nosed matron, with a passionate desire to become one of the county. The male H.S. is a very jolly old boy; a little round chip, with as sunny a nature as any child. They have a daughter—a splendid-looking girl, but a perfect iceberg; a girl who chills one at once, her very act is so cold and studied, as expressionless as if she were a piece of clockwork. They have another daughter, too, I believe, but she's at school.

Mrs. H.S. is making a hard struggle for a position, but it's no go. She won't know 'low,' and she can't know 'high,' so they visit almost no one. The old boy is different. The men all like him. Your uncle and he are very good friends, but Mr. Castleton can't stand 'the grey mare.'

Jack Sinnick has a story about them. Smith was a grocer in London, and had an elder brother in the North, with lots of tin. Mrs. S. had dropped the odious 'Smith,' but by the elder brother's will his money was left to Smith only on condition he resumed the name. The fortune was too big to be refused, so they had to resume the 'Smith;' but Mrs. H.S. insists on the hyphen, and wishes it to be known that the Smith is there only for a fortune.'

I don't attend them. Old Castleroyal comes from A-slebury to them. I suppose a 'pill-box and greys' does look better than an humble gig.'

Your paper called to-day, my dear, but he was not at home. However, he is sure to be at the Governor's to-night, and your papa will introduce him. If I were you, I would be engaged all through when he asks you to dance, my dear, and be rather cold to him for some time. He'll think all the more of you if the pursuit is rather difficult. It's poor sport striking the quarry without the excitement of the chase.'

Mamma, you talk as if it would be very hard to captivate him. I daresay if I thought it worth while it would be easy enough; but is the game worth the candle?'

I take it for granted he'll be struck—after such a lot of dark women, your fair beauty will be sure to charm him, as it has done so many here. He is such a capital match, too; Castleton is next to Hazleden, and the old miser, his uncle, has laid by as much as the estate is worth; and then his position, my dear. A very presentable fellow young Castleton is, I am told. Never talk to him of his cousin, remember. Though the uncle has a bitter quarrel with the other nephew, and has cast him off, the captain sticks to him, and they are as great friends as ever, much to the uncle's disgust. Miss Gosypp was telling me all about it the other day, before we left London, but we were interrupted, and I did not learn the particulars

of the quarrel; but the other nephew is quite disinherited, and this one gets all. And with this long and motherly piece of advice, Mrs. Huntingdon-Smith left the daughter to dress for the Governor's ball.

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