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was to analyze the motive of such unlooked-for generosity on his part.

THE slight mystery underlying the incident was not cleared up until Beliani reached the capital two or three days after Julius himself. The latter cleared the air by expressing his unbounded amazement at finding his cousin engaged to a young American woman of whose existence he had not even heard before he was introduced to her.

"I am glad to see that my little scheme has worked well. Of course you guessed who it was that despatched Miss Vernon from Paris?"

"No," said Alec, scanning the Greek's smiling yet subtle face with those frank eyes of his that had so quickly learned the secret of looking beneath the veneer of men's words to discover their motives.

Alec laughed so cheerily that Prince Michael, who happened to be in the room, turned and looked at the two, wondering what Beliani could have said that so amused his son.

"My dear fellow," he broke in, "I have never set eyes on the lady. My time has been far too occupied in learning my business to permit of visits to neighboring States.

"Exactly, your Majesty. I knew that also."

"But how could you know?"

"I mean that I learned it afterward. An art student of the type of Miss Vernon, and a young gentleman so popular in Parisian society as Alexis Delgrado, could not meet day after day in the Louvre to conduct a class composed

solely of two members without exciting a certain amount of comment."

"But that doesn't explain why you should have decided upon the extraordinary step of sending her to Delgratz."

"No, it shows only how readily I availed myself of existing circumstances. You see, sitting there in Paris and reading of your phenomenal progress, I pictured to myself the isolation, the lack of sympathetic companionship, that you must be suffering here, despite all the brave fireworks of your achievements."

"The Greek shrugged his shoulders expressively. "There are so many ways in which interest in a fallen monarchy can be kept alive," he said.

"Of course," said Alec thoughtfully, "you must be repaid with interest the sums you have expended in our behalf; but I warn you that a new era of economy has been established here."

"My father and I have already agreed to differ on that point. He seemed to think the chief business of a King was to exploit his subjects, whereas my theory is that the King should set an example of quiet living and industry."

To be continued next Sunday.

LADIES OF THE WHITE HOUSE

THE first four Presidents of the United States married widows.

Two Abigail had been mistresses of the White House,—Abigail Adams, the first White House lady, and Abigail Fillmore.

Mrs. Madison (Dolly) had been a widow less than a year when she became wife of the President. Washington Irving described her as "a buxom dame who had a pleasant smile for everybody."

The only Elizabeth in the old mansion, as its head, was Mrs. Monroe.

The only Louisa Catherine was Mrs. J. Q. Adams.

Rachel was the name of the wife of Andrew Jackson. She did not live to accompany him to the White House.

The only Lucretia was Lucretia Rudolph Garfield.

The wife of Arthur died about the time he was nominated for Vice President.

The name of Mrs. Arthur was Ellen Herndon. She was a Southerner and a brilliant woman.

The mistress in the first administration of Cleveland was his sister, Miss Rose. Frances Folsom, the White House bride, was the first lady of the land in the second administration of Cleveland.

Caroline was the name of the wife of President Benjamin Harrison. She died in the White House.

Mrs. McKinley was Ida. Mrs. Roosevelt is Edith. Mrs. Taft is Helen.

The only former mistresses of the White House living are Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt.

By Frank H. Brooks and they were assumed by her daughter, Mrs. Martha Patterson. Later she was succeeded by another daughter, Mrs. Mary Stover.

The only Lucy was Lucy Webb Hayes.

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READY AND WILLING

MISS MAUDE ADAMS has as bright and keen a sense of humor as any woman before the public eye. At a little informal tea party she told a story of a negro couple once personally well known to her.

George Washington was very bashful, painfully so, but he had made up his mind that he desired Miss Johnson for his wife, and, as she had led him on most artfully to believe that he was the only man she considered worth speaking to, he decided to propose.

"Is that you, Miss Johnson?" he inquired. "Yaas," came the long-drawn-out reply. "Now, Miss Johnson, I've got a mos' 'portant question to ast yo'."



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