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CHAPTER X.  
The Game of Wits and Games.  
Events were crowding upon each other like a train of powder kegs.

Charlie, while abroad, had seen something that gave him quite a start. This was nothing more or less than a lovely woman with golden hair and blue eyes in a carriage, taking an airing, while at her side, stiff and stern-looking, the baron de Tron. Charlie bowed politely. The countess gave him a look of curiosity and one of her ravishing smiles.

She passed out of his life—lucky man.—  
The slight of Charlie recalled to the baron's mind the promise he had made with regard to Capt. Brand.

Accordingly he took advantage of the first hour off to set the wires in motion, and learn certain facts regarding the worthy capt. Brand.

Charlie, relying on the baron to control the captain, had made arrangements for sailing upon the next steamer.

He had engaged passage for Arline, her companion, Artemus and himself, and the captain, having asked what was in the wind.

He learned that the prosaic had arrived. Whatever he intended he was to be put through the most possible speed, since, ere many hours elapsed, those against whom his schemes were directed would be upon the sea, and might be out of his reach.

Artemus had heard enough to know the three schemes were planning to do his friend an evil turn, but strain his ears as he would, he was unable to catch the particulars of the game, owing to certain sounds in the hotel that muffled even the bold voices of Captain Brand's champagne-bottle orators.

Charlie promised to keep his wits on eye open for squalls.

He hoped his early departure from Antwerp would serve to entirely alienate the beggary plans of his enemies, and leave the fellow in the lurch.

Only when safe within his own room did he give vent to his over-wrought feelings of jubilation.  
"Great Jupiter! This beats everything I ever saw. Instead of Charlie being a beggar, he is now a millionaire. There is a catchery aboard, I seem to detect it in the very air around. But the question arises, where is Charlie? And should I not make it my business to get him out of there as soon as I can? He is a beggar, and will be it necessary for me to give up my liberty?"

He did not know whether to look on the "big joke" or a grim reality. He thought of warning Arline; she ought to know her dear papa was on board, and that he had returned as a beggar very strong with his return from exile.

Artemus backed on his armor. He did not wish to be pitted against the old cap. It would be a pretty fight, Capt. Brand might have succeeded in outwitting Charlie, who was too frank to be deceived. He would rather see anything else than when he ran up against the new knight who had held his castor into the ring.

Artemus almost fell over himself in his eagerness to open a satchel and clutch a little affair of steel and nickel to his belt. He was armed, and armed with what he called: "Come!"

The door opened and a figure which he did not immediately recognize came to the door. It was Artemus, a young man with a very handsome face, and a very high forehead.

Artemus gave a cry—the half-raised arm fell useless at his side.  
"Ah! You are here, and armed with a sword and a hat upon your head. You are a beggar, and you are a beggar."

Artemus was looking over with curiosity on the young man who was so bold as to speak to him in that manner. He did not know who he was, but he was a beggar, and he was a beggar.

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Report Bureau of Animal Industry.  
While the outlook for successful medical treatment of cases with infection of the stomach-worm (Strongylosis) is not encouraging, at least a part of the infection may be prevented by certain methods for prevention are suggested.

First. Every ranch should have a hospital pasture situated near a creek or well. This pasture should not drain into any pasture in which healthy stock are feeding.

Second. As soon as any sick animal is noticed in the large pasture it should immediately be separated from the healthy stock and taken to the hospital pasture.

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Sixth. As these parasites are more fatal to young animals than to old ones, a liberal supply of oats or corn should be fed to the young animals to build up their strength.

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1. John McCarrall has a nice little farm of 10 acres, with a well, and a small house. It is just what a person needs for a country place. Price \$1,000.
2. Farm of 20 acres, well fenced, well watered, and a good house. It is just what a person needs for a country place. Price \$1,500.
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It isn't the girl who fires up quickest that makes the best match.  
A civilized man is a savage who is compelled to earn his daily bread.  
Probably the most important things in the world are those that never happen.

WORDS ON WOMEN.  
A woman who is capably of one love and fifty affairs.  
A plain woman takes pride in her enemies, a beautiful woman in her enemies.  
A woman's charity sometimes begins away from home, as soon remains there.

SENTIMENT OF AUTHORS.  
It is as bad to slave at work as to slave at pleasure. But God may forgive what people can not help.—Mrs. Calkins.

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