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Hoffie at Last Cricket Match:

Mr. Martin insisted on going to match though he was not well himself because Hoffie was to be there and was so keen. Mrs. Viney was there and remarked, "I wish somebody could persuade H. to go home because he had some sort of heart attack before he came." Mr. M. went to find H. H. was changing, but agreed to go home when he had bowled the first ball, but (?) refused to let him do this. Mr. M. said he'd send H. back to Pretoria with chauffeur. H. went out on field as he wanted to shake hands with the teams, but he felt too ill and had to sit on a bench. He looked dreadful. M's car came and H. decided to go to M's house as he wanted to ring his mother up first and prepare her - he did not want to frighten her. He went to the study - refused tea but asked for brandy. Mr. M. wanted to get a doctor for H. and wanted H. to go into a Nursing Home, but H. insisted on going back to Pretoria because of his mother. He stayed a while. Mrs. M. offered to ring Mrs. H. but H. wouldn't let her as he was afraid it might alarm his mother. Mr. M felt he should go to Pretoria with H. Mrs. M. gave chauffeur a flask of brandy. They wanted H. to sit in front but he refused. Mrs. M. was worried about him. He would talk - talked about Haven-ga and the new budget, etc.

When they were getting near H's home, H. asked them to stop as he didn't want to frighten his mother. H. got out and chauffeur followed. Just as he was going up the steps, he swayed and the chauffeur caught him. Mrs. H. came out and of course got a fright. Chauffeur and Mr. M. helped carry H. inside. Mrs. H. was alone, so Mr. M. stayed. He rang up H's doctor who was out, but the junior partner came along and said they must get hold of the senior partner. By this time H. had come round and wanted to listen to Test Match broadcast. Mr. M. was not feeling too well and thought he ought to go back to JHB. The senior doctor arrived but did not think H. was too bad - just said he must keep quiet.

The result of the electric cardiograph showed that the clot might have cleared. Gen. Smuts went to see H. on Tuesday following and rang up Mr. M.

Mrs. M. said Mr. M. had not a whole-hearted admiration for H. and thought that Mrs. H's domination limited his greatness. When H. resigned, M. thought it completely wrong of him and considered it an act of vanity. He argued that if H's leader could accept such a situation, then H. should have been content to do so. He ran the criminal risk of bringing the whole Government down.