

THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK.

Innumerable as have been the theories broached from time to time in regard to the at once renowned and obscure knight known popularly as the Man in the Iron Mask, they have always contradicted each other and themselves so frequently and so flatly, that the appearance of a work calculated to set the question finally at rest may be fairly viewed as a subject for congratulation. M. Marius Topin, the author of the volume in question, after fully investigating the claims of the various persons, in turn suspected of being the mysterious prisoner, and disposing of those claims, proceeds to set forth his own theory, supported, for the most part, by minute and irrefragable evidence, or, failing such direct evidence, by arguments and inferences of singular cogency.

paper, who, owing to his occupation, could well move about the country without exciting suspicion, to watch and to sound him at Verona. Giuliani was not long in ascertaining Matthioly's aversion to the Spaniards, from whom he had never been able to obtain more than empty promises, and the two soon came to an understanding; the Duke of Mantua was easily persuaded, and a meeting was accordingly arranged upon between him and d'Estrades. It was arranged that this meeting should take place at Venice during the carnival, when every one, including even the Doge, the Senators, and the Papal Nuncio, went abroad masked, and there seemed, therefore, no possibility of suspicion attaching to the plotters. Thus, strangely enough, this long and eventful negotiation began as it ended, in a masquerade; but little could the unhappy Matthioly have divined in what sort of masquerade it would terminate!

On the 13th March, 1678, as if by chance, in the open street at midnight after a ball, and there, in disguise, sat down to the preliminaries. In the following month of October, Matthioly and Giuliani, after successfully eluding the vigilance of foreign spies, and pretending a journey to Switzerland, started for Paris, where they signed a treaty, the conditions of which were the following:—1st. That the Duke of Mantua should admit French troops into Casale. 2d. That he should be appointed Commander-in-Chief of any army which Louis might send into Italy; and 3d. That when the provisions of the treaty were carried out, a sum of 100,000 crowns should be paid to him.

Among the forms set of mankind is henceforth an impossibility; let us hope that the present generation have a better right than the Pharaohs of the Gospel to rejoice that they are not like unto these men.—Cornhill Magazine.

Table with columns for 'ASSETS OF THE COMPANY', 'LIABILITIES', 'Total Assets', 'Total Liabilities', and 'Surplus'. It lists various financial figures for the Franklin Fire Insurance Company.

Table with columns for 'Real Estate', 'Bills Receivable', 'Balances due to Agencies', 'Stocks', 'Cash in Bank', and 'Cash in Drawer'. It lists various financial figures.

Table with columns for 'DIRECTORS', listing names of company directors and their positions, including Thomas C. Hand, John C. Davis, and others.

Table with columns for 'Statement of the Assets', 'United States Government and other Loan Bonds', 'Railroad, Bank and Canal Stocks', and 'Cash in Bank and Office'.

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Advertisement for the Franklin Fire Insurance Company, established in 1829. It includes details about the company's assets, policies, and contact information for its Philadelphia office.

Advertisement for the ASBURY LIFE INSURANCE CO., N. Y. It features a large illustration of a watch and provides details about the company's insurance services and financial stability.

Advertisement for LEWIS LADOMUS & CO. It describes their services as diamond dealers and jewelers, offering watch repairs and various jewelry items.

Advertisement for JAMES CERARD & CO., RICH JEWELRY, and JOHN BRENNAN. It details their offerings in high-quality jewelry, watches, and diamond work.

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