



THE FLOWERS IN THE STREET.

The vander, with his grimy hands and face, Called to the passerby his blossom wares...

D'ri and I By IRVING BACHELLER Author of "Eben Holden," "Darrel of the Blessed Isles," Etc.

CHAPTER XVII.—CONTINUED. We were all crying, we poor devils that were left behind. One, a mere boy, stood near me swinging his hat above his head, cheering.

Then we marched up and down, D'ri waving it above us—a bloody squad as ever walked, shouting loudly. D'ri had begun to weaken with loss of blood, so I coaxed him to go below with me.

CHAPTER XVIII.

It was a lucky and a stubborn sea-fight. More blood to the number I never saw than fell on the Lawrence; 83 of our 102 men having been killed or



HE STEPPED TO D'RI AND FASTENED IT ON HIS WAIST-COAT.

laid up for repair. One has to search a bit for record of a more wicked fire. But we deserve not all the glory some histories have bestowed, for we had a larger fleet and better, if fewer, guns.

Of earth or heaven, it quickened us all with new life. The horses fretted for their heads, and went off at a gallop, needing no chuck or spur.

"D'ri came soon with a worried look, his trousers caught on his boot-tops, an old felt hat in his hand. Somehow he and the hat were as king and coronal in their mutual fitness; if he lost one, he swapped for another of about the same shade and shape.

"Much obliged," he said presently. "Dunno but mebbe I better put it in my wallet. 'Fraid I'll lose it off o' there."

My Dear Therese: At last they promise to return to you on the 12th of October. You are to send two men for us—more to the head of Eagle Island, off Ste. Roche, in the St. Lawrence, with canoes, at ten o'clock in the evening of that day.

But, Dear Therese, you ought to hear the music I have quite surprised myself. Indeed, love is a grand thing; it has made me nobler and stronger. They really say I am not selfish any more.

all and arrange for their delivery. Well, he sent for Louise that day he came. She went to him badly frightened, poor thing! as, indeed, we all were.

"Be blessed for the good tidings," I interrupted. "Thanks. I was going to say it accuses me. Louise is a proud girl; she must never know. She can never know unless—"

"What may it be?" "The attrition of many secrets—burning secrets," I said, laughing.

"The Archbishop of Canterbury was talking about the English court dress. 'The knee breeches, the silk stockings, and the slender court sword,' he said, 'make a graceful costume, a costume becoming to all, save the un-dignified. There is talk of making the court dress the universal evening costume, but before this is done a great tumult of opposition will go up from the lean. Knee breeches, you see, set ill upon thin legs. They even bring down ridicule upon the wearers. Thus: A young city man, tall and slender, appeared for the first time before his aunt in court dress. The aunt looked at him critically. She studied his knee breeches, his court sword, his silk and their contents. Finally, with a loud laugh, she said: 'Pray tell me, my dear Edward, have you got three legs or three swords?'—Buffalo Courier.

The Countryman Again. Edale is a primitive village in the midmost valley of "The Peak," in Derbyshire. Fifty years ago, long before the Midland railway built its Dore and Chinley line, a rustic from Edale was so adventurous as to make a journey to Sheffield, about 20 miles distant.

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My emperor! my emperor! Thy house is old, thy heart is gold, Oh, take command of me!

How It Originated. "I wonder who originated the custom of eating fish on Friday?" asked the inquisitive person.

Robinson Crusoe, I believe, answered the wise guy. "What's the explanation?" asked the i. p. "Robinson and his man Friday were playing a game of seven-up one day, with the understanding that the loser was to supply a mess of fish for dinner," answered the w. g. "Robinson won the game, so the fish were on Friday."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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