



THE FLOWERS IN THE STREET.

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

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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. Hat and hand fell to the deck as I turned to him...

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 WAISTCOAT.

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. It was, however, a thing to be proud of, that victory of the young captain.

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. We pulled up at the chateau well before the luncheon hour. D'ri took the horses, and I was shown to the library, where the count came shortly, to give me hearty welcome.

"And what of the captives?" I inquired, our greeting over. "Alas! it is terrible; they have not returned," said he, "and I am in great trouble, for I have not written to France of their peril. Dieu! I hoped they would be soon released. They are well and now we have good news. Eh bien, we hope to see them soon. But of that Therese shall tell you. And you have had a terrible time on Lake Erie?"

"Pour la valeur eprouvee—de l'Empereur," said he, reading the inscription as he clapped him on the shoulder. "It was given to a soldier for bravery at Austerlitz by the great Napoleon," said he. "And, God rest him! the soldier he died of his wounds. And to me he left the medal in trust for some man, the most brave, intrepid, honorable. M'sieur D'ri, I have the pleasure to put it where it belongs."

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. They will find a lantern hanging on a tree at the place we are to meet them. We may be delayed a little, but they are to wait for us there. And, as you love me, see that one is my brave captain—I do not care about the other who comes first of all. I wish to see my emperor, my love, the tall, handsome and gallant youngster who has won me. What a finish for this old romance if he only comes! And then I do wish to see you, the count, and the others. I read your note with such a pleasure. You are sure that he loves me? And that he does not know that I love him? I do not wish him to know, to suspect, until he has asked me to be his queen—until he has a right to know. Once he has my secret, he is robbed of his best treasure. Mon Dieu! I wish to tell him myself, some time, if I ever has the courage to take command of me. I warn you, Therese, if I think he knows—when I see him—I shall be cruel to him; I shall make him hate me. So you see, I will not be cheated of my wooing, and I know you would not endanger my life's happiness. I have written a little song—for him. Well, some day I shall sing it to him, and will be glad to know I could do it? Here are the first lines to give you the idea:

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. He lay in bed helpless, and wept when he saw her. She came back crying, and would not tell what he had said. I do think he loves her very dearly, and somehow we are all beginning to think better of him. Surely no one could be more courteous and gallant. Louise went to help nurse him yesterday, dear, sweet little mother! Then he told her the good news of our coming release, where your men would meet us, and all as I have written. He is up in his chair to-day, the maid tells me. I joked Louise about him this morning, and she began to cry at once, and said her heart was not hers to give. The sly thing! I wonder whom she loves; but she would say no more, and has had a long face all day. She is so stubborn! I have sworn I will never tell her another of my secrets. You are to answer quickly, sending your note by courier to the Indian dockman at Elizabethport, addressed Robin Adair, Box 40, St. Hillere, Canada. And the love of all to all. Adieu. Your loving LOUISON.

"P. S. Can you tell me, is the captain of noble birth? I have never had any doubt of it, he is so splendid!"

"I filled me with a great happiness and a bitter pang. I was never in such a conflict of emotion. 'Well,' said Therese, 'do you see my trouble? Having shown you the first letter, I had also to show you the second. I fear I have done wrong. My soul—'

"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. "Mordieu! what charming impudence!" she said, her large eyes glowing thoughtfully, with some look of surprise. "You do not know me, m'sieur. I have kept many secrets and know the trick."

"Ah, then I shall ask of you a great favor," said I—"that you keep my secret also, that you do not tell her of my love."

"I wrote her of your confession," said she, "for I knew it would make her so happy; but, you know, I did not tell of—the circumstances."

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.

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. When he set off to return it was raining hard, and his host lent him an umbrella, and opened it. He had never seen an umbrella before. A fortnight afterwards this man of Edale was seen to return in the finest possible weather, but with the umbrella still up. "Why," he explained, "we had a pack o' trouble w' us, there wasn't a doorway in the village we could get 'un through, so we tethered 'un in a field!"—Smith's Weekly.

"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.

MEDICAL MENTION. Ten beats of a healthy pulse are equal to nine seconds. Color blindness, is, curiously enough, found mainly among the educated classes, of whom no fewer than four per cent. have this defect. According to a doctor the voices of singers and actors can be much better preserved if used in theaters lighted by electricity rather than by gas. In 1877 only six per cent. of British children were unvaccinated. Now the proportion of abstention from infantile vaccination has risen to 34 per cent. in towns and 25 per cent. in country districts. Dr. William Henry, an English physician, states as a result of experiments that in all forms of animal life, insects included, exists the taste for alcohol. He says that fishes are the only real "teetotalers" in creation. "The statistics of last year," declared Dr. Edward Martin, director of the department of public health and charities of Philadelphia, "showed 3,952 deaths from tuberculosis, and 3,191 deaths from pneumonia. They show also while tuberculosis is decreasing, pneumonia is increasing. It is of the utmost importance that the public becomes aroused to a realization of the gravity of the situation and that it be advised how to protect itself."

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