## The Treasure of Franchard.

By ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

[CONTINUED ] CHAPTER MI. THE ADOPTION.

Mme. Desprez, who answered to the Christian name of Anastasic, presented an agreeable type of her sex; exceedingly wholesome to look upon, a stout brune, with cool smooth cheeks, steady, dark eyes and hands that neither art nor nature could improve. She was the sort of a person over whom adversity passes like a summer cloud; she might, in the worst of conjunctions, knit her brows into one vertical furrow for a moment, but into one vertical furrow for a moment, but the next it would be gone. She had much of the placidity of a contented nun; with little of her piety, however; for Anastasie was of of her piety, however, to a very mundane nature, fond of cysters and old wine, and somewhat bold pleasantries, and devoted to her husband for her own sake ook natured, but had no idea of self sacrifice. To live in that pleasant old house, with a green garden behind and bright flowers about the window, to eat and drink of the best, to gossip with a neighbor for a quarter of an hour, never to wear stays or a dress except when she went to Fontainebleau shopping, to be kept in a continual supply of racy novels, and to be married to Dr. Desprez and have no ground of jealousy, filled the cup of her nature to the brim. Those who had known the doctor in bachelor days, when he had aired quite as many theories, but of a different order, attributed his present philosophy to the study of Anastasie. It was her brute enjoyment that he rationalized and perhaps vainly imitated.

Mme. Desprez was an artist in the kitchen, and made coffee to a nicety. She had a knack of tidiness, with which she had infected the of tidness, with which she had infected the doctor; everything was in its place; every-thing capable of polish shone gloriously; and dust was a thing banished from her empire. Aline, their single servant, had no other business in the world but to scour and burnish. So Dr. Desprez lived in his house like a fatted calf, warmed and cosseted to his heart's con-

The midday meal was excellent. There was a ripe melon, a fish from the river in a memorable Bearnaise kauce, a fat fowl in a fricassee, and a dish of asparagus, followed by some fruit. The doctor drank half a bottle with a part of the wife half a bottle with a part of the wife half a bottle minus. le plus one glass, the wife half a bottle minu the same quantity, which was a marital privilege, of an excellent Cote Rotie, seven year old. Then the coffee was brought, and a flask of Chartreuse for madame, for the doc tor despised and distrusted such decoctions and then Aline left the wedded pair to the asures of memory and digestion. "It is a very fortunate circumstance, my

cherished one," observed the doctor—"this coffee is adorable—a very fortunate circumstance on the whole—Anastasie, I beseech you, go without that poison for today, only one day, and you will feel the benefit, I pledge my reputation."
"What is this fortunate circumstance, my

friend?" inquired Anastasie, not heeding his protest, which was of daily recurrence. "That we have no children, my beantiful," replied the doctor. "I think of it more as the years go on, and with more and more gratitude toward the power that dispense such afflictions. Your health, my darling, my studious quiet, our little kitchen delicacies, how they would all have suffered, how they would all have been sacrificed! And for what? Children are the last word of human imperfection. Health flees before their face. They cry, my dear; they put veratious questions; they demand to be fed,

to be washed, to be educated, to have their they break our hearts, as I break this piece of sugar. A pair of professed egotists, like you and me, should avoid offspring like an

"Indeed!" said she, and she laughed "Now, that is like you-to take credit for the thing you could not help." "My dear," returned the doctor, solemnly,

"we might have adopted." "Never!" cried madame. "Never, doctor, ith my consent. If the child were my own lesh and blood, I would not say no. But to take another person's indiscretion on my shoulders, my dear friend, I have too much

'Precisely," replied the doctor. "We both had. And I am all the better pleased with ourwisdom, because—because"— He looked at her sharply.

"Because what?" she asked, with a faint premonition of danger.
"Because I have found the right person," said the doctor, firmly, "and shall adopt him this afternoon.

Anastasic looked at him out of a "You have lost your reason," she said; and there was a clang in her voice that seemed to threaten trouble.

"Not so, my dear," he replied; "I retain its complete exercise. To the proof: instead of attempting to cloak my inconsistency I have, by way of preparing you, thrown it into strong relief. You will there, I think recognize the philosopher who has the ec-stasy to call you wife. The fact is, I have been reckoning all this while without an accident. I never thought to find a son of my own. Now, last night I found one. Do not unnecessarily alarm yourself, my dear; he is not a drop of blood to me that I know. It is his mind, darling, his mind that calls me

"His mind!" she repeated, with a titter between scorn and hysterics. "His mind, indeed! Henri, is this an idiotic pleasantry or are you mad! His mind! And what of

my mind?"
"Truly," replied the doctor, with a shrug, "you have your finger on the hitch. He will be strikingly antipathetic to my beautiful Anastasie. She will never understand him; he will never understand her. You married the animal side of my nature, dear; and it is on the spiritual side that I find my affinity for Jean-Marie. So much so, that, to be perfectly frank, I stand in some awe of him my You will easily perceive that I am announcing a calamity for you. Do not," he broke out in tones of real solicitude, "do not give way to tears after a meal. Anastasie You will certainly give yourself a false di-

Anastasie controlled herself. "You know how willing I am to humor you," she said, "in all reasonable matters. But on this

"My dear love," interrupted the doctor, eager to prevent a refusal, "who wished to leave Paris! Who made me give up cards, and the opera, and the boulevard, and my social relations, and all that was my life be fore I knew you! Have I been faithful? Have I been obedient? Have I not borne my doom with cheerfulness! In all honesty. Anastasie, have I not a right to a stipula tion on my side! I have, and you know it.

Anastasie was aware of defeat; she struck her colors instantly. "You will break my

heart," she sighed. "Not in the least," said he. "You will feel a trifling inconvenience for a month. just as I did when I was first brought to this vile hamlet; then your admirable sense and temper will prevail, and I see you already as content as ever, and making your husband the happiest of men."

"You know I can refuse you nothing," she said, with a last flicker of resistance; "nothing that will make you truly happier. But will this? Are you sure, my husband? Last night, you say, you found him! He may be the worst of humbugs."

"I think not," replied the doctor. "But do not suppose me so unwary as to adopt him out of hand. I am, I flatter myself, a finished man of the world; I have had all possibilities in view; my plan is contrived to meet them all. I take the lad as stable boy. If he pilfer, if he grumble, if he desire to change, I shall see I was mistaken; I shall recognize him for no son of mine, and send him tramping."

"You will never do so when the time comes," said his wife; "I know your good

sigh; the doctor smiled as he took it and car-ried it 10 his lips; he had gained his point with greater ease than he had dared to hope; for perhaps the twentieth time he had proved the efficacy of his trusty argument, his Ex-calibur, the hint of a return to Paris. Six months in the capital, for a man of the doc tor's antecedents and relations, implied no less a calamity than total ruin had saved the remainder of his fortune by keeping him strictly in the country. The ery name of Paris put her in a blue fear;

and she would have allowed her husband to keep a menagerie in the back garden, let alone adopting a stable boy, rather than permit the question of return to be discussed.

About 4 of the afternoon the mountebank rendered up his ghost, be had never been conscious since his seizure. Dr. Desprez was present at his last passage, and declared the farce over. Then he took Jean-Marie by the shoulder, and led him out into the inn garden, where there was a convenient bench beside the river. Here he sat him down and den, where there was a convenient bench beside the river. Here he sat him down and made the boy place himself on his left. "Jean-Marie," he said very gravely, "this world is exceedingly vast, and even France,

world is exceedingly vast, and even France, which is only a small corner of it, is a great place for a little lad like you. Unfortunately it is full of eager, shouldering people moving on, and there are very few bakers' shops for so many eaters. Your master is dead; you are not fit to gain a living by yourself; you do not wish to steal? No. Your situation, then, is undesirable; it is, for the moment, critical. On the other hand, you behold in me a man not old, though elderly, still enjoying the youth of the heart and the intelligence; a man of instruction; easily situated in this world's affairs; keeping a good table; a man, neither as friend nor host, to be despised. I offer you your food and clothes, and to teach you lessons in the evening, which will be infinitely more to the purpose for a lad of your stamp than those of all the priests in Europe. I propose no wages, but if ever in Europe. I propose no wages, but if ever you take a thought to leave me the door shall be open, and I will give you 100 franca to start the world upon. In return, I have an old horse and chaise, which you would very greatly leave to clean and the start the world upon. very speedily learn to clean and keep in or-der. Do not hurry yourself to answer, and take it or leave it as you judge aright. Only remember this, that I am no sentimentalist or charitable person, but a man who lives rigorously to filmself; and that if I make the proposal it is for my own ends—it is because I perceive clearly an advantage to myself.

And now reflect." "I shall be very glad. I do not see what else I can do. I thank you, sir, most kindly, and I will try to be useful," said the boy.

"Thank you," said the doctor, warmly, ris-ing at the same time and wiping his brow, for he had suffered agonies while the thing hung in the wind. A refusal, after the scene at noon, would have placed him in a ridicu-lous light before Anastasie. "How hot and heavy is the evening, to be sure! I have always had a fancy to be a fish in summe Jean-Marie, here in the Loing beside Gretz.

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"Yes," said Jean-Marie. "Thank God, you have imagination!" cried the doctor, embracing the boy with his usual effusive warmth, though it was a proceeding that seemed to disconcert the sufferer almost as much as if he had been an English school boy of the same age. "And now," he added "I will take you to my wife."

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