The Treasure of Franchard.

By ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

One beautiful June day they sat upon the hill outside the village. The river, as blue as heaven, shone here and there among the foliage. The indefatigable birds turned and flickered about Gretz church tower. A healthy wind blew from over the forest, and the sound of innumerable thousands of tree tops and innumerable millions on millions of green leaves was abroad in the air, and filled

the ear with something between whispered speech and singing. It seemed as if every blade of grass must hide a cigale; and the fields rang merrily with their music, jingling far and near, as with the sleigh bells of the far and near, as with the sleigh bells of the fairy queen. From their station on the slope the eye embraced a large space of poplared plain upon the one hand, the waving hill tops of the forest on the other, and Gretz it-self in the middla, a handful of roofs. Under the bestriding arch of the blue heavens, the place seemed dwindled to a toy. It seemed incredible that people dwelled, and could find room to turn or air to breathe, in such a corer of the world. The thought came be to the boy, perhaps for the first time, and he

gave it words, "How small it looks!" he sighed. "How small it looks!" he sighed.

"Ay," replied the doctor, "small enough now. Yet it was once a walled city; thriving, full of furred burgesses and men in armor, humming with affairs — with tall spires, for aught I know, and portly towers along the battlements. A thousand chimneys ceased smoking at the curfew bell. There were ribbets at the cate as thick as There were gibbets at the gate as thick as scarecrows. In time of war, the assault swarmed against it with lackiers, the arrows fell like leaves, the defenders sallied hotly over the drawbridge, each side uttered its cry as they plied their weapons. Do you

know that the walls extended as far as the Commanderie! Tradition so reports. Alas, what a long way off is all this confusion nothing left of it but my quiet words spoken in your ear-and the town itself shrunk to the hamlet underneath us! By and by came the English wars—you shall hear more of the English, a stupid people, who sometimes blundered into good—and Gretz was taken, sacked and burned. It is the history of many towns; but Gretz never arose again; it was never rebuilt; its ruins were a quarry to serve the growth of rivals; and the stones of Gretz are now erect along the streets of Nemours. It gratifies me that our old house was the first to rise after the calamity; when the town had come to an end, it inaugurated

"I, too, am glad of that," said Jean Marie, "It should be the temple of the humbler virtues," responded the doctor, with a savory gusto. Perhaps one of the reasons why I love my little hamlet as I do, is that we have a similar history, she and I. Have I told you that I was once rich?"

"I do not think so," answered Jean-Marie.
"I do not think I should have forgotten. am sorry you should have lost your fortune. "Sorry?" cried the doctor. "Why, I find I have scarce begun your education after all. Listen to me! Would you rather live in the old Gretz or in the new, free from the alarms of war, with the green country at the door, without noise, passports, the exactions of the soldiery, or the jangle of the curfew bell to send us off to bed by sundown?" "I suppose I should prefer the new," re-

"Precisely," returned the doctor. "So do And, in the same way, I prefer my present moderate fortune to my former wealth. Golden mediocrity! cried the adorable ancients; and I subscribe to their enthusiasm. Have I not good wine, good food, good air, the fields and the forest for my walk, a house, an admirable wife, a boy whom I protest I cherish like a son! Now, if I were still rich, I should indubitably make ny residence in Paris-you know Paris-Paris and paradise are not convertible terms.

This pleasant noise of the wind streaming g leaves changed into the grinding babel of the street, the stupid glare of plaster substituted for this quiet pattern of greens and grays, the nerves shattered, the diges tion falsified-picture the fall! Already you ceive the consequences; the mind is stimu lated, the heart steps to a different measure, and the man is himself no longer. I have passionately studied myself-the true busiess of philosophy. I know my character as sician knows the ventages of his flute. Should I return to Paris I should ruin myself gambling; nay, I go further—I should break the heart of my Anastasie with infi-

This was too much for Jean-Marie. That a place should so transform the most excellent of men transcended his belief. Paris be protested, was even an agreeable place of idence. "Nor when I lived in that city did I feel much difference," he pleaded. "What!" cried the doctor. "Did you not

steal when you were there!" But the boy could never be brought to see that he had done anything wrong when he stole. Nor, indeed, did the doctor think he had; but that gentleman was never very scrupulous when in want of a retort,

"And now," he concluded, "do you begin to understand? My only friends were those who ruined me. Gretz has been my academy, my sanatorium, my beaven of innocent leasures. If millions are offered me I wave them back: Retro, Sathanas! Evil one be gone! Fix your mind on my example; despise riches, avoid the debasing influence of cities. Hygiene-hygiene and mediocrity of fortune-these be your watchwords during

The doctor's system of hygiene strikingly coincided with his tastes; and his picture of a perfect life was a faithful description of the one he was leading at the time. But it is easy to convince a boy, whom you supply with all the facts for the discussion. And besides there was one thing admirable in the philosophy, and that was the enthusiasm of the philosopher. There was never any one more vigorously determined to be pleased; and if he was not a great logician, and so had no right to convince the intellect, he was certainly something of a poet, and had a fascination to seduce the heart. What he could not achieve in his customary humor of a radiant admiration of himself and his cirumstances, he sometimes effected in his fits

of gloom. "Boy," he would say, "avoid me today. If I were superstitious, I should even beg for an terest in your prayers. I am in the black fit: the evil spirit of King Saul, the hag of the merchant Abudah, the personal devil of the medieval monk, is with me-is in me," tapping on his breast. "The vices of my nature are now uppermost; innocent pleasures woo me in vain: I long for Paris, for my wallowing in the mire. See," he continued, producing a handful of silver, "I denude nyself, I am not to be trusted with the price of a fare. Take it, keep it for me, squander it on deleterious candy, throw it in the deepest river-I will homologate your action Save me from that part of myself which I disown. If you see me falter, do not hesitate; if necessary, wreck the train! I speak, of course, by a parable. Any extremity were better than for me to reach Paris alive."

Doubtless the doctor enjoyed these little scenes, as a variation in his part; they represented the Byronic element in the some artificial poetry of his existence; but to the boy, though he was dimly aware of their theatricality, ithey represented more. The doctor made perhaps too little, the boy pos-sibly too much, of the reality and gravity of these temptations.

One day a great light shone for Jean-Marie. "Could not riches be used well!" he asked. "In theory, yes," replied the doctor, "But it is found in experience that no one does so, All the world imagine they will be exceptional when they grow wealthy; but possess sion is debasing, new desires spring up; and the silly taste for estentation cuts out the

heart of pleasure." Then you might be better if you had less," said the boy,
"Certainly not," replied the doctor; but

his voice quavered as he spoke.
"Why?" demanded pitiless innocence. Dr. Desprez saw all the colors of the rain bow in a moment; the stable universe ap-reared to be about capsizing with him. "Bepeared to be about capsizing with him. cause," said he-affecting deliberation after an obvious pause-"because I have formed my life for my present income. It is not

good for men of my years to be violently dissevered from their habits." That was a sharp brush. The doctor breathed hard, and fell into taciturnity for the afternoon. As for the boy, he was delighted with the resolution of his doubts; even wondered that he had not foreseen the obvious and conclusive answer. His faith

in the doctor was a stout piece of goods. Desprez was inclined to be a sheet in the wind's eye after dinner, especially after Rhine wine, his favorite weakness. He would then remark on the warmth of his feeling for Anastasie, and with inflamed cheeks and a loose, flustered smile, debato upon all sorts of topics, and be feebly and indiscreetly witty. But the adopted stable boy would not permit himself to entertain a doubt that savored of ingratitude. It is quite true that a man may be a second father to you, and yet take too much to drink; but the best natures are sver slow is accept rach the best natures are ever alew to accept rach

truths.

The dector thoroughly possessed his heart,
but perhaps he exaggerated his influence
over his mind, Certainly Jean-Marie
adopted some of his master's opinions, but I have yet to learn that he ever surrendered one of his own. Convictions existed in him by divine right; they were virgin, un-wrought, the brute metal of decision. He could add others indeed, but he could not put could add others indeed, but be could not put away; neither did be care if they were per-fectly agreed among themselves; and his spiritual pleasures had nothing to do with turning them over or justifying them in words. Words were with him a mere accom-pliabreant like danging. When he was hy ent, like dancing. When he was by himself, his pleasures were almost vegetab He would slip into the woods toward Acheres and sit in the mouth of a cave among gray birches. His soul stared straight out of his eyes; he did not move or think, sunlight, thin shadows moving in the wind, the edge this anatows moving in the wind, the edge of firs against the sky, occupied and bound his faculties. He was pure unity, a spirit wholly abstracted. A single mood filled him, to which all the objects of sense contributed, as the colors of the spectrum merge and disappear in white light.

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