at the top, disclosed a round sinewy neck, ruddy and corded like the bark of the fir. Thick muscular arms, covered with a reddish down, protruded from the wide sleeves of his habit, while his white shirt, looped up upon one side, gave a glimpse of a huge knotty leg, scarred and torn with the scratches of brambles. With a bow to the Abbot, which had in it perhaps more pleasantry than reverence, the novice strode across to the carved prie-dieu which had been set apart for him, and stood silent and erect, with his hand upon the gold bell which was used in the private prisons of the Ab-bot's own household. His dark eyes glanced rapidly over the assembly, and finally settled with a grim and menacing twinkle upon the face of his accuser.

The chamberlain rose, and having slowly unrolled the parchment-scroll, proceeded to read it out in a thick and pompous voice, while a subdued rustle and movement among the brothers bespoke the interest with which they followed the proceedings.

"Charges brought upon the second Thursday after the feast of the Assumption, in the year of our Lord thirteen hundred and sixty-six, against Brother John, formerly known as Hordle John, or John of Hordle, but now a novice in the holy monastic order of the Cistercians. Read upon the same day at the Abbey of Beaulieu in the presence of the most reverend Abbot Berghersh and of the assembled order.

"The charges against the said Brother John are the following, namely, to wit:

"First, that on the above-mentioned feast of the Assumption, small beer having been served to the novices in the proportion of one quart to each four, the said Brother John did drain the pot at one draught, to the detriment of Brother Paul, Brother Porphyry, and Brother Ambrose, who scarce eat their none-meat of could salted stock-fish, on account of their exceeding dryness."

At this solemn indictment the novice raised his hand and twitched his lip, while even the placid senior brothers glanced across at each other and coughed to cover their amusement. The Abbot alone sat gray and Immutable, with a drawn face and a brooding eye. "Item, that having been told by

If your eyes were upon your sandals, | insurrection so sudden, so short, and how came ye to see this smile of which ye prate? A week in your cells, false brethren, a week of rye bread and lentils, with double Lauds and double Matins, may help ye to a remembrance of the laws under which ye live

At this sudden outflame of wrath the two witnesses sank their faces on their chests, and sat as men crushed. The Abbot turned his angry eyes away from them and bent them upon the accused, who met his searching gaze with a firm and composed face. What hast thou to say, Brother

John, upon these weighty things which are urged against thee?'

"Little enough, good father, little enough!" said the novice. "For the matter of the ale, I had come in hot from the fields and had scarce got the taste of the thing before mine eye lit upon the bottom of the pot. It may be, too, that I spoke somewhat shortly concerning the bran and the beans, upon this jack-fool of a Brother Amupon this jack-fool of a Brother An-brose, though, as you can see, I did him little scath. As regards the maid, too, it is true that I did heft her over the stream, she having on her hosen and shoon, whilst I had but my wooden sandals, which could take no hurt from the water. I should have thought shame upon my manhood, as well as my monkhood, if I had held as well as my monkhood, if I had held back my hand from her." He glanced around as he spoke, with the half-amused look which he had worn dur-ing the whole proceedings.

angry prelate.

"John of Hordle," he thundered, "you have shown yourself during the two months of your novitiate to be a recreant monk, and one who is un-worthy to wear the white garb which is the outer symbol of the spotless spirit. That dress shall therefore be stripped from thee, and thou shalt be strapped from thee, and thou shalt be cast into the outer world without bene-fit of clerkship, and without lot or part in the graces and blessings of those who dwell under the care of the blessed Benedict. Thou shalt  $\epsilon$  me back neither to Beaulieu nor to any of the granges of Beaulieu and the should now lose what we d, and the granges of Beaulieu to the should now lose what we are fain to

the order." The sentence appcared a terrible one

so successful. Yet the Abbot Berghersh was a man of too firm a grain to allow one bold outbreak to imperia the settled order of his great house-hold. In a few hot and bitter words he compared their false brother's exit to the expuision of our first parents from the garden, and more than hinted that unless a reformation occurred some others of the community might ind themselves in the same evil and perilous case. Having thus pointed the moral and reduced his flock to a fitting state of docility, he dismissed them once more to their labors and withdrew himself to his own private chamber, there to seek spiritual aid in the discharge of the duties of his high office. The Abbot was still on his knees,

when a gentle tapping at the door of his cell broke in upon his orisons. Ris-ing in no very good humor at the interruption, he gave the word to enter; but his look of impatience softened unfitted for a man of my inches. It is true also that I did lay my hands He was a thin-faced, yellow-haired lithe figure and eager bo, ish features. His clear, pensive gray eye, and quick, delicate expression, spoke of a nature which had unfolded fare from the boisterous joys and sorrows of the world. Yet there was a set of the mouth and a prominence of the chin which relieved him of any trace of effeminacy. Impulsive he might be, enthusiastic, sensitive, with something sympathetic and adaptive in his disposition; but an observer of nature's tokens would have confidently pledged "There is no need to go further." tokens would have confidently pledged said the Abbot. "He has confessed to all. It only remains for me to portion and strength underlying his gentle, all you can ever know is the price to drink-it quenches the thirst and

his evil conduct." He rose and the two long lines of brothers followed his example, looking sideways with scared faces at the in sacred precincts. A broad leather

strap hanging from his shoulder sup ported a scrip or satchel such as travellers were wont to carry. In one hand he grasped a thick staff pointed and shod with metal, while in the advises you to take loose grocery store tion. bore in its front a broad pewter medal then, with a lighter heart and a stouter stamped with the image of Our Lady courage that the young man turned of Rocamadour.

Abbot. "This is indeed a day of com- finally commended him to the protec-ings and goings. It is strange that in tion of the holy Julian, patron of travthe granges of Beaulieu, and thy should now lose what we are fain to name shall be struck off the scrolls of look upon as our choicest blossom."

"You speak too kindly, father," the youth answered. "If I had my will I



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d, and Underneath, in the porch of the Abhim a last God-speed. Many had brought some parting token by which "Item, that having been told by the master of the novices that he should restrict his food for two days to a single three-pound loaf of bran and beans, for the greater honoring and glorifying of St. Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, he was heard by brother Ambrose and others to say away deep in the traveller's scrip, and above them old pippin-faced Brother Athanasius had placed a parcel of simnel bread and rammel cheese, with a small flask of the famous blue-sealed Abbey wine. So, amid handshakings and laughings and blessings, Alleyne Edricson turned his back upon Beau-

> At the turn of the road he stopped and gazed back. There was the wide-spread building which he knew so well, the Abbot's house, the long church, the cloisters with their line of arches, all bathed and mellowed in the evening sun. There too was the broad sweep of the river Exe, the old stone well, the canopied niche of the Virgin, and in the centre of II, the cluster of white-robed figures who waved their hands to him. A sudden mist swam up before the young man's eyes, and he turned away upon his journey with a heavy heart and a choking throat. It is not, however, in the nature of At the turn of the road he stopped It is not, however, in the nature of things that a lad of twenty, with

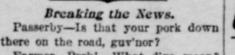
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### WITH A SHOUT HE TORE UP THE HEAVY OAKEN PRIEDIEU.

that he wished twenty thousand devils tovershadowed by evil. would fly away with the said Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, or any other saint who came between a man and his meat. Item, that upon Brother Ambrose reproving him for his blasphemous wish, he did hold the said brother face downward over the piscatorium or fish-pond for a space during which the said brother was able to repeat a Pater and four Aves for the better fortifying of his soul against impending death."

There was a buzz and murmur among the white-frocked brethren at this grave charge; but the Abbot held

the daughter of the king's verderer. Item, that after sundry japes and jokes the said Brother John did lift up the said Mary Sowley and did take, carry, and convey her across a stream, to the infinite relish of the devil and the exceeding detriment of his own soul, which scandalous and wilful falling away was witnessed by three members of our order."

A dead silence throughout the room, with a rolling of heads and upturning of eyes, bespoke the plous horror of the community. The Abbot drew his gray brows low over his fiercely questioning eyes.

"Who can vouch for this thing?" he asked.

"That can I," answered the accuser. "So, too can Brother Forphyry, who was with me, and Brother Mark of the Spicarium, who hath been so much stirred and inwardly ti ubled by the sight that he now lies in a fever through it." "And the woman?" asked the Abbot.

"And the woman?" asked the Abbot. 'Did she not break into lamentation and woe that a brother should so de-mean himself?" "Nay, she smiled sweetly 'ipon him and thanked him. I can vot th it, and so can Brother Porphyry." "Canst thou?" cried the Abbot, in a high, tempestuous tone. "Canst thou so? Hast forgotten that the five-and-thirtleth rule of the order is that in the presence of a woman the face should be ever averted and the eyes cast down? Hast forgot it, I say?

"So much for thy spiritual punish-ment!" he cried. "But it is to the ment!" he cried. "But it is to the grosser feelings that we must turn in such natures as thine, and as thou art no longer under the shield of holy Church there is the less difficulty, Ho, there! lay-brothers—Francis, Naomi, Joseph-seize him and bind his arms! Drag him forth, and let the foresters and the porters acourge him from the precincts!"

up his long quivering hand. "What then?" said he. "Item, that between Nones and Vespers on the feast of James the Less the said Brother John was ob-served upon the Brokenhu.st road, near the spot which is known as Hatchett's Pond, in converse with a person of the other sex, being a maiden of the name of Mary Sowley, the daughter of the king's verderer. As these three brothers advanced tohe roared, "It any know then it for lays a finger-end upon the edge of my gown, I will crush his skull like a fil-bert!" With his thick knotted arms, his thundering voice, and his bristle of red hair, there was comething so repellent in the man that the three brothers flew back at the very glare of him; and the two rows of white monks strained away from him like poplars in the tempest. The Abbot only, sprang forward with shining eyes: but the chancellor and the mast-

overshadowed by evil. The young novice, however, appeared to have other thoughts, for his eyes sparkled and his smile broadened. It needed but to add fresh fuel to t..e fiery mood of the prelate. "So much for thy spiritual punish-Alleyne, for you may need rest ere

long." The youth sat down as directed, but reluctantly and with diffidence. The Abbot stood by the narrow window, and his long, black shadow fell slant-

"Twenty years ago," he said, "your father, the Franklin of Minstead, died, leaving to the Abbey three hides of rich land in the hundred of Malwood, and leaving to us also his infant son on condition that we should rear him on condition that we should rear him until he came to man's estate. This he did partly because your 1 other was dead, and partly 1 cause your elder brother, now Socman of Minstead, 1.d already given signs of that flerce and much patters which would make him

brother, now Socman of Minstead, 1..d already given signs of that flerce and rude nature which would make him no fit compainion for you. It was his desire and request, however, that you should not remain in the cloisters, but should at a ripe age return into the world. Whither will you first turn "To my brother's at Minstead. If he be indeed an ungodly and violent man there is the more need that I should seek him out and see whether I cannot turn him to better ways." The Abbot shook his head. The Socman of Minstead hath carned an said. "If you must go to hit., see ht evil name over the country-side," he least that he doth not t rn you f. m the narrow path upon which you have learned to tread. But you are in God's keeping and Godward should you ever look in danger and in trouble. Abov's all, shun the snares of women, for they are ever set for the foolish feet of the young. Kneel, my child, and take an old man's blessing." Alleyne Edrickson bent his head while the Abbot poured out his heart.

young life glowing in his veins and all the wide world before him, should spend his first hours of freedom in mourning of what he had left. Long ere Alleyne was out of sound of the Beaulieu bells he was striding sturdily along, swinging his staff and whistling as merrily as the birds in the thicket. The road along which he travelled was scarce as populous as most other roads in the kingdom, and far less so than those which lie between the larger towns. Yet from time to time the boy met other wayfarers, and more taan once was overtaken by trings of pack-mules and horsemen ourneying in the same direction as imself. The night had already fallen, and the

moon was shining between the rifts of ragged, drifting clouds, befor Aleyne Edricson, footsore and weary rom the unwonted exercise found himself in front of the forest inn, which stood upon the outskirts of Lyndhurst. The building was long and low, standing back a little from the road, with two flambeaux blazing on either side two fiambeaux blazing on either side of the door as a welcome to the trav-eller. From one window there thrust forth a long pole with a bunch of greenery tied to the end of it—a sign that liquor was to be soll within. As Alleyne walked up to it he perceived that it was rudely fashioned out of beams of wood, with twinkling . hts all over where the glow from h bin beams of wood, with twinkling . hts all over where the glow from w hin shone through the chi-ks. The roof was poor and thatched; but in strange contrast to it there ran all along under the eaves a line of wooden shields, most gorgeously painted with chev-ron, bend, and saltire and every heraldic device. By the door a horse stood tethered, the ruddy glow beating stood tethered, the ruddy glow beating strongly upon his brown head and pa-tient eyes, while his body stood back

few miles further to Minstead, where his brother dwelt. On the other hand, he had never seen ta's brother since childhood, and the reports which had come to his ears concerning him were seldom to his advantage. By all ac-counts he was a hard and a bitter man. counts he was a hard and a bitter man. It might be an evil start to come to his door so late and claim the shelter of his roof. Better to sleep here at this inn, and then travel on to Min-stead in the morning. If his brother would take him in, well and good. He would bide with nim for a time and do what he might to serve him. If, on and a will messed by three
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