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Philadelphia, September 4, '58 36-

HAMMONTON LANDS.
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RARE OPPORTUNITY TO ALL WANTING FARMS

IN a healthy place, *twenty-five miles* from Philadelphia, on the Camden & Atlantic Railroad, New Jersey. An old estate has recently been opened for sale, and the subdivision of the same divided up into farms of twenty acres and upwards. The soil is of the best quality for the production of fruits, grains &c. The price is $15 to $20 per acre, payable in every quarter yearly instalments within four or five years, with interest. The terms are made easy, in order to insure the rapid improvement of the land, by enabling every individual man to *buy a farm*, instead of being extensively improved by good roads, and some of the best citizens from New England and the Middle States are erecting large improvements. It is one of the greatest improvement but of Philadelphia. Seventy-five houses have been built in four months. Practical farmers and business men from the length and breadth of the Union are settling there. It is an important business place, on account of its being in the midst of a great market. Every article raised upon this land finds immediate sale. The water is excellent, and no such thing as fever is known.

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September 18, '58 38-3m

ALARIC,
OR
THE TYRANT'S VAULT.
A SICILIAN STORY OF EARLY TIMES.

CHAPTER I.

ALARIC.

Not far from the city of Syracuse, when it was the metropolis of all Sicily, an object of thought to an historic conqueror, and one of the favorite lies in the poet, jutting from the high bank of the shore of the sea, stood a man who had just landed from a vessel that was now sailing away towards the North. He was quite young—not over five-and-twenty—tall and well proportioned; with a muscular system finely developed; and possessing a face not only striking in its manly beauty, but remarkable in one so young, for its stern, resolute and self-reliant expression. His dress was light and simple, and evidently of Greek manufacture; the lower limbs being clothed in close-fitting goat skin, above which he wore a shirt of white linen, confined at the waist by a belt of fine mail. Upon his head was a cap of woven stuff, the top drooping over the right ear; and his feet were shielded by a pair of sandals. His only weapon was a short but heavy sword, that hung in a leathern scabbard, from his belt of mail. He stood for awhile, gazing about, as though undecided what course he should pursue; but finally he espied an old fisherman, not far off, who had just come down upon the beach, and toward him he made his way.

"A bright, pleasant morning, good sir," said the youth.

The old man cast his net from his shoulders and gazed up. He carefully scanned the features before him and then replied:

"Aye, fair sir, it is a pleasant morning. We have many such on this coast."

"And storms sometimes, I suppose," suggested the first speaker.

"He is a wise man who little heeds the storms he cannot quell," said the fisherman, with a toss of the head which seemed to give his words more meaning than the circumstance under which they were spoken would imply.

"You are right there," responded the other. "But tell me—where can I find Artabanus, the hermit?"

The fisherman took another careful look into his interlocutor's face, and then answered

"It lives upon yonder mountain, which is called Crotaina. Do you wish to see him?"

"Yes."

"Then follow the path which leads to yonder cot, until it leads you to a small stream. Cross that and then upon your right hand you will see a beaten track. He lives in a cave at the top of the mountain, and this path will lead you directly thither."

The young man thanked his informant, and was upon the point of turning away, when the latter resumed:

"I mean no offence. Your face looks familiar. It has the cast of countenance, I fancied I had seen before."

"You'll at least remember of having seen such an one on this morning," said the young man; and as he thus spoke he turned away.

"Aye," muttered the old Sicilian, *half* to himself, but loud enough to reach other ears; "and I call on Neptune to witness that I have seen it before. Such faces are not multiplied—they are not plenty in Syracuse these times. Alas! more's the pity."

The youth hesitated for a moment, as though he would turn back, but he overcame the disposition, and kept on. When he had begun to ascend the mountain, he stopped and looked behind him, and saw that the fisherman was already upon the water.

"Can it be," he said, to himself, "that my face is so little changed? I think I remember that old man, for he has spread his nets long in these waters; but how should he remember me? I pray the gods that there be not many in Syracuse that will yet be so observant."

With this the traveller kept on up the mountain until he had reached a broad table of rock, from whence he could see the bay, and the city beyond. The great metropolis was spread out before him, in its every beauty, its temples, and its palaces, and a tear started down his cheek as he gazed upon the scene. He clapped his hands upon his bosom, and with a few muttered words, he started on again. He crossed the stream, and took the pathway which he had been directed: but neither saw nor heard the hermit. He was stronger in his windings. He pursued his way with an ease and assurance, and at times, with an abstractedness which could have been indulged in by one who knew well the way he was going. Up the steep rocky height he climbed, and when he finally stopped, it was directly before the entrance to a cave—one which Nature had fashioned in the mountain's side, and sheltered from the sun's torrid heat, and the fury of the storm. At the mouth of this cavern sat an old man, over whose head some forescore years had rolled. His hair and beard were as white as the fleecy cloud that sailed above the mountain, and his form—gaunt, yet very massive over his shoulder and breast. A mantle of gray cloth enveloped his frame, and his feet were shod with heavy sandals. He was engaged over an old manuscript, but as he heard the sound of approaching footsteps he closed the volume and raised his head.

"Good morning my son," he said, with a look of simple welcome.

"Kind father I greet thee," the youth retired, at the same time extending his hand.

"How?" cried the old man, starting to his feet as the youth fell upon his knee, and fixed his eyes with the palm of the left hand, and gazed eagerly into his visitor's face. "Do I see aright?" he added. "*Is it Alaric*—my old pupil?"

"Aye, good Artabanus, I am Alaric—come once more to see thee?"

For some time the hermit gazed into the young man's face in silence, but finally he said:

"Sit down—sit down, my son. Thy presence has started a host of varied emotions to life within me, and I must recover my thoughts ere I can talk with thee in reason."

Thank the gods, I find thee alive and in health," replied the youth, as he let go the old man's hand, and took a seat upon a wooden bench close by.

"Aye—I am well in body," returned Artabanus. "But," he added, thoughtfully, continuing to gaze earnestly into his companion's face as he spoke, "the body is but a small part of man, and the ills of the flesh are very light when compared with some of the pains to which the soul may be subject. But tell me of thyself. Where hast thou been?"

"I have been in Greece," replied the youth.—"When I fled from these shores, eight years ago, I sought safety there, and there I have remained ever since. Oh! I shall this morning, for the last possible style of Ready-Made Clothing that can be met time, look upon the city of my birth. I had thought I had done weeping over those memories; but when I again gazed upon Syracuse they came crowding upon me with a power which I could not resist. And now that my temple beneath the walls of which my father sleeps, is in ruins, and I could see the roof beneath which my mother died, Artabanus, there were not many of the patrician families escaped that foul butchery."

"No, Alaric. Of all who were loyal to the true interests of the people, I have seen only yourself return. There was the fate—dead, but not sunny. Were there any went with you to Greece?"

"No, father. I escaped alone. I saw my noble parent cut down—I saw my brother fall—and when I knew I had no relative left in the city, I fled. Fortune favored me. I found a small boat in the bay, and I put out alone upon the dark waters. I floated away to Melita, and from thence I gained a passage to Greece. The tyrant still reigns in Syracuse?"

"Alas! yes. And his deeds are evil, and the people suffer. We have had no peace in Sicily since good Helixus died. Thou wert but a mere child then."

"I was seven years old. I remember the good king well, for my father, you know, was one of his chief officers."

"Aye—you were older than I thought," said the hermit, musingly.

"And I remember that there was some mystery connected with the good king's death," remarked Alaric. "Am I not right?"

"There was not much mystery," answered the old man. "He was weak and weary, and he left the throne that he might die in peace; and death soon came to him. But why hast thou returned to Syracuse?"

"Can you not guess?" returned the youth. "I might guess many things, my son."

"And yet but one of them would be right. I have said that I left no relative behind me when I made my escape from this place; but I did leave one whom I loved—and about whom my affections were entwined with a life that could not die. You know of whom I speak."

"Aye—you speak of the monarch's daughter, Ianthe."

"Yes, father. Is she alive?"

"She is."

"And well?"

"She is well so."

"And," pursued the youth, in a more eager tone, "is she still free?"

"Why? Have you thought that she would remember you in love through the years that have passed?"

"O! do not tell me that she has ceased to love me. True, she was a child in years, but I told her then, and my love has grown stronger in the separation which has followed. I know there is danger to me here, but I came with a will to meet it."

"But suppose your very life were in danger if you sought the maiden?"

"You may warn me of danger, if you will, but do not seek to place the barrier of fear between me and my desire, for I know not the emotion.—You, Artabanus, taught me when I was a boy, and your wise lessons have not departed from my mind. You taught me that there were many things more to be feared than death, and I have come, prepared rather to die than live all alone in a distant land, with the sad memories of my unhappy country for my only heritage."

"And you would not turn from death, should it raise its threatening front between yourself and Ianthe?" The old man's gaze grew more earnest as he thus spoke, and a spark, within which seemed to gleam some newly awakened hope, burned in his eye.

"My father," answered Alaric, with a flushing cheek, "I could almost feel offended did I think you doubted me, but I do not think so. Show me that Ianthe loves me, and not even Pyrrho himself, with the blood-stained crown of Sicily upon his brow, shall have power to startle me from my purpose, while life is mine."

Artabanus started to his feet and grasped the youth by the hand.

"Noble Alaric," he cried, with a joyful enthusiasm, "then art worthy of the maiden's hand.—*Alaric has come!*" he exclaimed, as he folded the maiden to his bosom.

"May the gods preserve me!" exclaimed the old man, gazing upon the youthful pair in wonder. "If Zeus this is no trick of Plasmus to blind me, Alaric, is it thou?"

"In truth, good Belleros, it is," returned our hero, extending his hand as he spoke. "Surely thou shouldst know me."

"Aye, and I do know thee now, for the veil is upon my countenance, but in my youth I was a mariner, and sailed in the Grecian waters. Come, come, my son, we will talk of this hereafter. Now let us go to the cot of my friend, Belleros, it is not far off, and we will there refresh ourselves with food and wine."

"Sweet Electra, my dream is true!" she cried, as she started forward, and put forth her hands. "*Alaric has come!*"

"So Heaven looks down with richest blessing!" the young man responded