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I have said that there was a second door covered with a curtain. Hardly had the Baron vanished than there ran from behind it a woman, young and beautiful. She swiftly and noiselessly did the move that she was between us in an instant, and it was only the shaking curtains which told us whence she had come.

"I have seen it all," she cried. "Oh, sir, you have carried yourself splendidly." She stooped to my companion's hand and kissed it again and again ere he could disentangle it from her grasp. "No, madame, why should you kiss my hand?" he asked.

"Because it is the hand which struck him on the eye, lying motionless. Because it may be the hand which will avenge my mother. I am his stepdaughter. The woman whose heart he broke was my mother. I loathe him. I fear him."

"We were taken in a trap. Ah, there is his step!" In an instant she had vanished as suddenly as she had come. A moment later the Baron entered with a drawn sword in his hand and the fellow who had admitted us at his heels.

"This is my secretary," said he. "He will be my friend in this affair. But we shall need more elbow room than we can find here. Perhaps you will kindly come with me to a more spacious apartment."

It was evidently impossible to fight in a chamber which was blocked by a great table. We followed him out, therefore, into the dimly lit hall. At the further end a light was shining through an open door.

"We shall find what we want in this," said the man with the dark eyes. "It is a large, empty room, with a strong lamp stood upon a table in the corner. The floor was level and true, so that no swordsmen could walk for more. Duroc drew his sabre and sprang into it. The Baron stood back with a bow and motioned me to follow my companion. Hardly were my heels over the threshold when the heavy door crashed behind me and the key screamed in the lock. We were taken in a trap."

For a moment we could not realize it. Such incredible baseness was outside of all our experience. Then as we understood how foolish we had been to trust for an instant a man with such a history, a flush of rage came over us, rage against his villainy and against our own stupidity. We rushed at the door together, beating it with our fists and kicking it with our heavy boots. The sound of our blows and our execrations must have resounded through the castle. We called to this villain, hurling at him every name which might pierce even into his hardened soul. But the door was enormous--such a door as one finds in medieval castles--made of huge beams clamped together with iron. It was as easy to break as a square of the old guard. And our cries appeared to be as of little avail as our blows, as they only brought for answer the clattering echoes from the high roof above us. When you have done some soldiering you soon learn to put up with what cannot be altered. It was I, then, who first recovered my calmness and prevailed upon Duroc to join with me in examining the apartment which had become our dungeon.

had put in his boarding, and the Hoosier went to his rear house feeling no better because he was getting used to it. On the fourth night he was there again, but he refused to take his place at the board when called.

"Come on!" coaxed the hungry crowd. "Nice half dollars for entree and lack pots for dessert. Come on!" "No, gentlemen," he said with a firm shake of his head and a new grip on his pocketbook. "No more for me, thanks. I am from Indiana, but I'm no d-- fool in other respects."

"That is all very well," I said at last, as I heard Duroc muttering his threats. "You may do what you like to him when you get the upper hand. At present the question rather is what is he going to do with us?"

"Let him do his worst!" cried the boy. "I owe a duty to my father." "That is mere foolishness," said I. "If you owe a duty to your father I owe one to my mother, which is to get out of this business as fast as I can."

"I have thought too much of myself," he cried. "I will do as you bid me. Give me your advice as to what I should do." "Well," said I, "it is not for our health that they have shut us up here among the cheques. They mean to make an end of us as they can. My only hope is that no one knows that we have come here, and that no one will trace us if we remain. Do your hussars know where you have gone to?"

"He said nothing." "Hum!" It is clear that we cannot be starved here. They must come to us if they dare to kill us. Behind a barricade of barrels we could hold our own against the five rascals whom we have seen. That is probably why they have sent that messenger for assistance."

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THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICA. Excerpt from Governor McKinley's Independence Day Address Before the Chicago Federation of Labor and Other Workings.

"What a mighty nation has been erected upon the immortal principles of the great declaration of the signing of which we celebrate today! We have increased from thirteen to forty-four states; from 3,000,000 to nearly 70,000,000 people. We have arisen from slavery to freedom; from what some men believed a mere confederacy of states, to be dissolved at pleasure, to a mighty eternal union of indivisible, indestructible states; from an agricultural community to the most advanced of the world in all the arts and sciences, in manufactures, in agriculture and in mining. Liberty, labor and love united have accomplished it all. Labor has been dignified and has vindicated the rights of the citizen of an equal citizenry in its most useful citizen. All men have equal rights guaranteed by our constitution and laws, and that equality must be forever preserved and strengthened and everywhere recognized."

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THE WORLD OF BUSINESS STOCKS AND BONDS. New York, July 9.--Chicago Gas was the sensation at the Stock Exchange today. \$5,200 shares changed hands. The total transactions were 297,404 shares. Chicago Gas was demoralized throughout, and all the unfavorable reports which have been current ever since the Illinois case, have arisen from the consolidation act were utterly without support, and at the close brought 53 1/2, against 59 last night.

The other Industrials held fairly well for a time, but the breaking finally set the market adversely. The railway list was strong until near the close, and even then the decline which took place was of small proportions. The glowing reports about the crops, the improvement in trade conditions, the advance in wages and the general belief that powerful banking interests had taken charge of anthracite matters with a view of obtaining better prices for coal, as well as the reorganization of the Illinois case, making new securities to the bid side. The announcement that J. Pierpont Morgan had placed another block of Southern railway securities abroad also encouraged those looking for higher prices. In the last hour railway stocks, which had previously advanced anywhere from 1/4 to 2 per cent, lost the improvement and closed rather weak. Net changes show losses of 1/4 to 1 per cent. Outside of Chicago Gas, which dropped 5 1/2 per cent.

The range of today's prices for the active stock of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. D. B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, 110 N. C. street, brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

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