

The Crime of Count Nikolas of Festenburg

CHAPTER V.

"Courage, madame," said the bishop, softly. "All danger is past. The villain is dead, and you are with the most devoted of your servants."



"Ah! My Lord, Who Made a Bishop of You?"

body of the count from the moat; yet neither Osa nor the bishop noticed any longer what was passing; he was intent on her, and she seemed hardly yet herself; but suddenly, and before he could intercept, she threw herself off the couch and on to her knees in front of him, and seizing hold of his hand, kissed first the episcopal ring that he wore and then his hand. For he was both bishop and a gallant gentleman, and a kiss she gave him for each; and after she had kissed his hand, she wet against his skin, as she bent her head over his hand. But he raised her hastily, crying to her not to kneel before him, and, throwing away his hat, he knelt before her, kissing her hand many times. She seemed now recovered from her bewilderment and terror; for, as she looked down on him kneeling, she was halfway between tears and smiles, and with curving lips but wet, shining eyes she said very softly:

"Ah, my lord, who made a bishop of you?" And her cheeks grew in an instant from dead white into sudden red and her hand moved over his head as if she would fain have touched him with it. And she bent ever so little towards him. Yet perhaps it was nothing, and any lady who had seen how he bore himself, and knew that it was in her cause, for her honor and life, might well have done the same. The bishop of Modenstein made no immediate answer; his head was still bowed over her hand and after a while he kissed her hand again; and he felt her hand press his. Then suddenly, as though in alarm, she drew her hand

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and thanked God their wives were not shrews, being indeed very much ashamed of themselves and very uneasy at thinking what these same wives of theirs would say to them when the thing came to be known. But Osa and the bishop passed over the bridge, and he set her on his horse. The summer morning had just dawned, clear and fair, so that the sun caught her ruddy hair as she mounted in her white gown. But the bishop himself took the bride of the horse and led it at a foot's pace down the hill and into the town. Now by this time the news of what had chanced had run all through the town, and all the people were out in the streets, gossiping and guessing. And when they saw Princess Osa safe and sound and smiling, and the bishop in his shirt—for he had given his cloak to her—leading the horse, they broke into great cheering. The men cheered the princess, while the women thrust themselves in the front rank of the crowd.



Madam, Farwell.

and blessed the bishop of Modenstein. But he walked with his head down and his eyes on the ground, and would not look up, even when the women cried out in great fear and admiration on seeing that his shirt was stained with his blood and with the blood of Nikolas of Festenburg that had spurted upon it. But one thing the princess heard, which sent her cheeks red again; for a buxom girl glanced merrily at her and made bold to say in a tone which the princess could not but hear: "By the saints, here's wasted if he were not a churchman now!" And her laughing eye travelled from the princess to him and back to the princess again. "Shall we go a little faster?" whispered Osa, bending down to the bishop. But the girl only thought that she whispered something else, and laughed the more.

But at last they passed the town, and with a great crowd still following them came to the castle. At the gate of it the bishop stopped, and asked the princess to alight. Again he knelt and kissed her hand, saying only: "Madame, farwell!" said Osa, softly; and she went hastily into the castle, while the bishop returned to his inn in the town, and though the people stood round the inn the best part of the day, calling and watching for him, he would not show himself. In the evening of that day the king, having heard the tidings of the crime of Count Nikolas, came in furious haste with a troop of horse from Stralsau. And when he heard how Osa had played at dice with the count and, staking herself against the castle of Zenda, had won it back, he was ashamed and swore an oath that he would play dice no more, which oath he faithfully observed. And in the morning of the next day he went to Festenburg, where he flogged soundly every man who had not run away before his coming; and all the possessions of Count Nikolas he confiscated, and he pulled down the castle of Festenburg and filled up the moat that had run round its walls. Then he sent for the

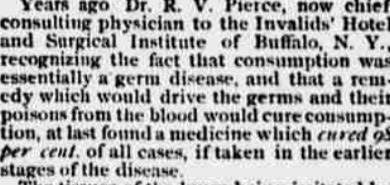
Bishop of Modenstein, and thanked him, offering to him all the demesne of Count Nikolas; but the bishop would not accept it nor any mark of the king's favor, not even the order of the Red Rose. Therefore the king granted the garden in which the castle stood and all the lands belonging to it to Francis of Tardenheim, brother to the wife of Prince Henry, who built the chateau which now stands there and belongs to the same family to this day.

But the Bishop of Modenstein, having been entertained by the king with great splendor for two days, would not stay longer, but set out to pursue his journey, clad now in his ecclesiastical garments. And Princess Osa sat by her window leaning her head on her hand and watching him till the trees of the forest hid him; and when once he was on the edge of the forest, he turned his face for an instant, and looked back at her where she sat watching in the window. Thus he went to Stralsau, and when he was come there, he sent immediately for his confessor, and the confessor, having heard him, laid upon him a severe penance, which he performed with great zeal, exactness and contrition. But whether the penance were for killing Count Nikolas of Festenburg (which in laymen at least would have seemed a venial sin) or what else, who shall say?

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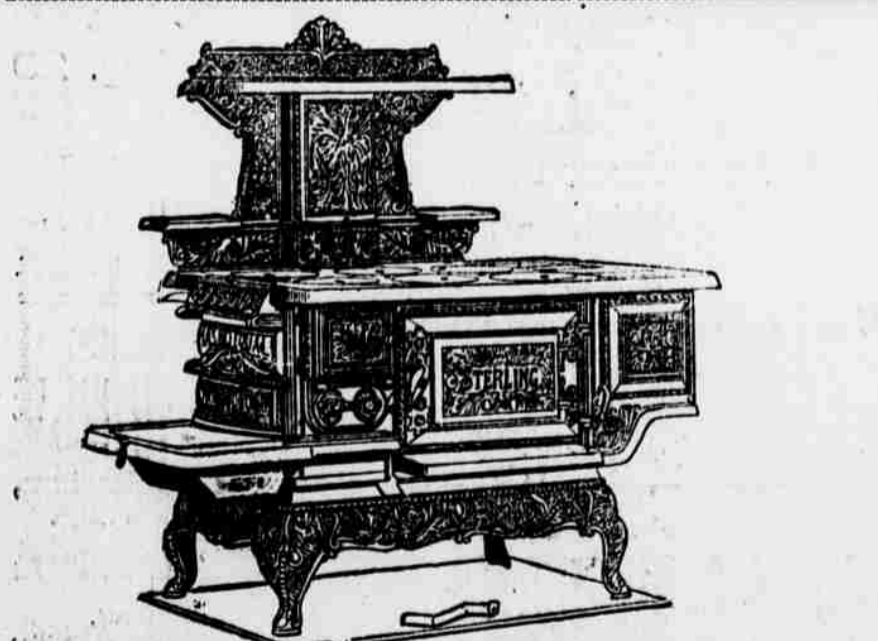
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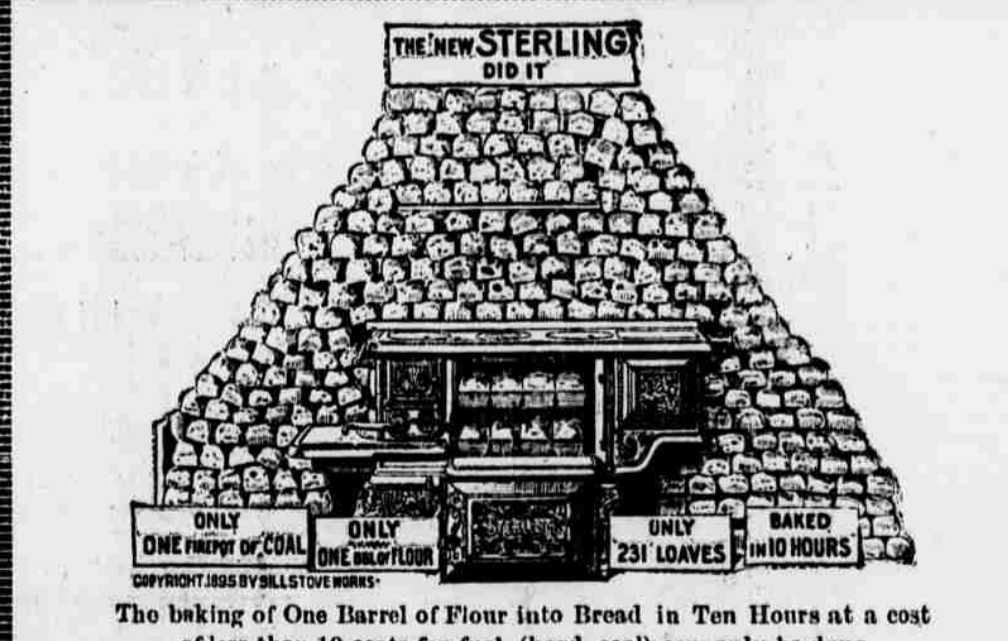
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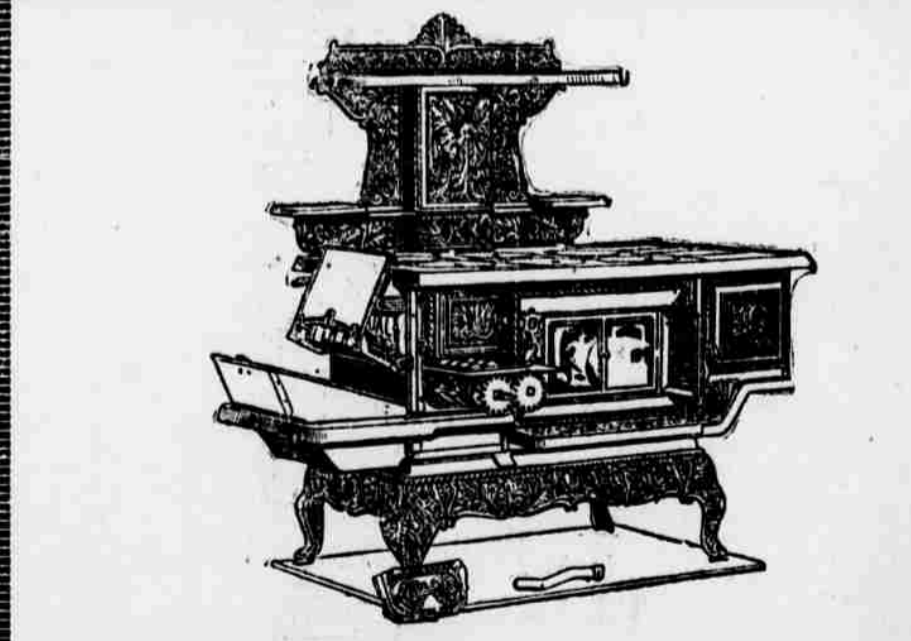


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