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PART I. It was about a month after my mar-rlage; and third cierk to the most noble the bishop of Beauvais, and even admitted on occasions to write in his presence and prepare his minutes, who should marry if I might not?—it was about a month after my marriage, I say, monsieur, that the thunderbolt, to which I have referred, fell and shattered my fortunes. I rose one morning tered my fortunes. I rose one morning—they were firing guns for the victory of Rocroy, I remember, so that it must have been eight weeks or more after the death of the late king, and the glorious rising of the sun of France—and who so happy as 1? A summer morning, monsier, and bright, and I had all I wished. The river as it sparkled and rippled against the piers of the Pont Neuf far below, the wet roofs that twinkled under our garret roofs that twinkled under our garret window, were not more brilliant than my lord's fortunes, and as is the squir-rel so is the tall. Of a certainty, I was happy that morning I thought of the little but under the pinewood at Gabas, and my father cobbling by the un-



I DARTED INTO THE STREET.

my shame.

stayed to stare

"My wife, then!"

winked.

my lord of Beauvais' palace in those days, when he had the queen's ear and hade fair to succeed Richelieu—

"I want my goods!" I said, trembling, "Your goods!" the steward answered,

swelling out his brawny chest, and smiling at me over it. "Your goods in-deed! Begone, and be thankful you

have escaped so well."
"Give me my things from my room,"
I said stubbornly; and I tried to enter.
He moved sideways so as to block the

"Well, true, she is not monseigneur's. But she will do for me." And with a

coarse laugh he winked again at the

At that the pent-up rage I had

stemmed so long broke out. He stood a head taller than I, but with a scream I sprang at his throat, and, with the

very surprise of the attack, got him down and beat his face with my fists. His fellows, as soon as they recovered

from their astonishment, tore me off:

but by that time I had so marked him that the blood poured down his face. He scrambled to his feet, panting and

furious, his oaths tripping over one an-

spitting out a tooth and glaring at me through the mud on his face. "He shall swing for this! He tried to break

n! I call you to witness he tried to

"Ay, to the Chatalet! To the Chatalet!" cried the crowd, siding with the stronger party. He was my lord of

I SPRANG AT HIS THROAT.

Beauvais' steward; I was a gutter-snip

jerk—I was desperate by this time, and herce as/a wildent, to snatch my-self loose, and in a second was speed-ing down. St. Antoine with the hue and

cry behind me. I have said I was desperate. In an hour the world was changed for me.

In an hour I had broken with every tra-

only on my feet, and with them made superhuman efforts. Fortunately the light was failing, and in the first dash I distanced the pack by a dozen yards; passing the front of the Palais Royal so swiftly that the queen's guards, though they ran out at the alarm, were too late to interest me. Thence I straight in

they ran out at the alarm, were too late to intercept me. Thence I strained instinctively, and, with the cry of pursuit in my cars, toward the old bridge intending to cross to the Cite, where I knew all the lanes; but the bridge was alarmed; the Chatalet seemed to yawn for me—they were just lighting the brazier to front of the gloomy pile—and dot bling back, while the air rodred with shouts of warning—I shot by my pursuers and sped down the nar-

by my pursuers and sped down the nar-row Rue, de ,a Chaussee, with the hue and cry hard at my heels.

"To the Chatalet with him!" he cried,

"Your goods? They are ur's." he said.

"Your wife," he said.

glazed window, his night cap on his bald head, and his face plastered where the sherd had slipped, and I puffed out my cheeks to think that I had climbed so high. High? How high might not a man climb who had married the daughter of the queen's under-porter, and had sometimes the ar of my lord, the queen's minister!
My lord of Beauvais, in whom all men
saw the coming master of France! My
lord whose stately presence beamed on
a world still chilled by the dead hand

But that morning, that very morning, I was to learn that who climbs may fall. I went below at the usual hour; at the usual hour monseigneur hour; at the usual hour monseignedt left, attended, for the council; pres-ently all the house was in an uproar. My lord had returned and called for Prosper, I fancied that I caught even then something ominous in the sound of my name as it passed from lip to lip, and I hastened scared to the chamber. But fast as I went I did not go fast enough; one thrust me on this side. another on that. The steward curses me, the head clerk stormed at me, the secretary waited for me at the door, and selzing me by the neck ran me into the room. "In, rascal, in!" he growled in my ear, "and I hope your skin may

Naturally by this time I was quak-ing. Monseigneur's looks finished me. He stood in the middle of the chamber. knawing the nails of his left hand, and grawing the nais of his left hand, and scowled at me, his handsome face pale and sullen. "Yes." he said, curtly, "that is the fellow!"
"Wretch!" the head clerk cried, seiz-

ing me by the ear and twisting it until I fell on my knees. "Imbecile! more likely he did it on ouroose." Or "Bribed" said the secretary.

"He should he hung un!" the stew-ard cried truculently, "before he does further mischief. And if my lord will give the word—"
"Silence!" the bishop said, with a

dark glance at me. "What does he The head clerk twisted my ear until I creamed. "Ingrate!" he cried. "Do you hear his grace speak to you? An-

swer!"
"My lord," I cried, piteously, "I have done nothing! Nothing."
"Nothing?" half a dozen echoed.
"Nothing!" the head clerk added, brutally. "Nothing, and you added a ci-pher to the census of Paris! Nothing. instead of five hundred thousand

and your lying pen led my lord to state the population to be five millions Nothing, and you sent his grace's high-ness to the council to be corrected by low clerks and people, and made a low cierks and people, and made a laughing stock for the cardinal, and—""Slience!" said the bishop, fiercely. "Enough! Take him away and—"""Hang him!" cried the steward.
"No, rascal, but have him to the courtyard, and let the grooms flog him through the gates. And have a care."

he continued, addressing me, "that I do not see your face again, or it will be worse for you"

I flung myself down and would have appealed against the sentence, but the bishop, between rage and discomfiture was pitliess, and before ! could utter three words a dozen officious hands plucked me up and were thrusting me to the door. Outside worse things awaited me. A shower of kicks and cuffs and blows rained upon me; vain-ly struggling and shricking, and seeking still to gain his ear. I was hustled along the passage to the courtyard, and there dragged amid brutal jeers and laughter to the fountain, and flung in. When I scrambled out, they thrust me back again and again, until trembling with cold and rage I at last evaded them, only to be hunted round the yard with leathers and bridles that cut like knives, and drew a scream at



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cape, if I could baffle those who from time to time—but in a half-hearted way, not knowing if I were armed—tried to

stop me or trip me up.

Suddenly turning a corner, I had gained a quiet part where blind walls lined the alley—I found a man running before me. At the same instant the posse in pursuit quickened their pace in a last effort; I in answer put pace in a last effort; I in answer put forth my last strength, and in a dozen paces I came up with the man. He turned to me, our eyes met; desperate myself, I read equal terror in his, but before I could reason on the fact, he bent himself forward as he ran, and with a singular movement, flung a parcel he carried into my arms, and, wheel-ing abruptly, plunged into an alley on his left.

(To Be Continued.)

PROFESSOR COLES FOR MARCH.

From Storms and Signs. The gaseous matter that had been every, stroke. I doubled lige a hare passing over the sun for the past four more than once I knocked half a dozen men down; but I was fast growing exmonths cutting off our regular sup-ply of sunshine passed away from the hausted, when some one more prudent or less cruel than his fellows, opened sun last month upon the very day that we had predicted it would and caused tormadoes and storms unprecedented. In our Storm and Sign Calendar in the gates and I darted into the street I was sobbing with rage and pain, dripping, ragged, and barefoot—some rogue had prudently drawn off my shoes in the scuille. It was a wonder that I was not attacked and chased Storms and Signs we had a "Tornado Signal" displayed just twenty days in advance of the New York and Washshoes in the scuiffe. It was a wonder that I was not attacked and chased through the streets. Fortunately opposite my lord's gates opened the mouth of a little alley. I plunged into it, and in the first dark corner dropped exhauted and lay panting in the mud. I who had risen so happily a few hours before! I who had climbed so high! I who had a wife new-married in my garret at home! garret at home!
I do not know how long I lay there In many sections. Strange weather will predominate during the whole month; While it may be snowing in one sec-I do not know how long I lay there, now cursing the jealousy of the clerks, who would have flaved me to save themselves, and now the cruelty of the grooms, who thought it fine sport to whip a scholar. But the first tempest of passion had spent itself, when a woman—not the first whom my plight had attracted, but the others had mgrely shrugged their shoulders and passed on paused before me. "What a white skin!" she cried, making great eyes at me. And then: "You are not a streettion of the country thunder showers will appear in another not far distant, and while the sunshine is making summerlike days in one state, as it blizzards will be howling in the next. Strange phenomenons and explosions had attracted, but the others had merely shrugged their shoulders and passed on paused before me. "What a white skin!" she cried, making great eyes at me. And then: "You are not a street-prowler. How come you here, my latter than the strong electric current has been run-ling from the activation of the strong electric current has been run-ling from the activation of the strong electric current has been run-ling from the activation of the strong electric current has been run-ling from the activation of the strong electric current has been run-ling from the activation of the strong electric current has been run-ling from the activation of the strong electric current has been run-ling from the activation of the strong electric current has been run-ling from the strong electrical phenomenon and explosions will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon will occur in the heavens again this month. A strange electrical phenomenon and carried the strong electrical phenome ning from the portheast to the south-I was silent, ashamed to meet her west for twenty-three consecutive days, and yhen the reaction sets in the ele-ments will war, and the great iron mag-She stood a moment staring at me She stood a moment staring at me curiously. Then: "Better go home." she said, shaking her head sedately. "Or those who have robbed you may end by worse. I doubt this is what comes of raking and night work. Go home, my lad," she repeated, and went on her way. nets of New Jersey or the big valleys toward the Pacifis slope will be where the electrical currents will ground, if grounded on land. If they plunge into some river or lake that lies along their route across the continent, then an earthquake will be the result. The home, my lad, she regard new on her way.

Home! The word raised new thoughts: I scrambled to my feet. I had a home—the bishop might deprive me of it; but I had also a wife, from whom God only could separate me. I the exception of the earth, moon and the Vulcan periods, March is free from all the regular causes of disturbances. whom God only could separate me. I felt a sudden fire run through me at thought of her, and of all I had suffered The regular Vernal equinox storm period is due on the 21st, but it looks now as though March was trying to trade since I left her arms; and with new boldness I turned, and, sore and aching as I was, stumbled back to the place of as though March was trying to trade places with April, This month will prove whether the "signs" rule the "vital forces" or whether the "vital forces" rule the signs. For, Earth is in sign Virgo (the virgin) opposed by sign Pisces (the fishes), and the two combined is symbolic of a mermaid and a mermaid loves water, hence great floods, storms, tornadoes, etc., should The steward and two or three of his underlings were standing in the gate-way and saw me come up; and began to jeer. The high gray front of mon-seigneur's hotel, three sides of a square, towered up behind them; the steward sprawled his feet apart and set his hands to his stout sides, and jeered at me. "Here is the lame leper from the Cour des Miracles!" he cried. "Have a floods, storms, tornadoes, etc., should make March memorable; but the vital forces of all human and vegetable life are at "low ebb" this month over twocare or he will give you the evil!"
"Good sir, the swill-tub is open,"
cried another. "Help yourself."
A third spat at me and bade me begone for a pig. The passers—there
were always a knot of gazers opposite thirds of the whole month, and they declare a phenomenal month—cold, clear, and dry. Beautiful sunlit days will seem to rejoice at the freedom of the sun, strong gales will sweep over the country like mad. The Moon's e-lipse shadow on the 28th of last month

> deep mourning in less than a year. When to Plant.

passed over England's dominion in such a manner as will cause her to put on

Venus will be in sign Capricornus on the 1st; Mars will be in sign Capricornus on the 8th; Jupiter will be in the sign Leo on the 15th; Saturn will be in sign Scorpio on the 21st; Uranus will be in sign Scorpio on the 29th. Therefore the vital forces of all vegetable and human life will be at their "highest flood" on the following dates: 5, 6, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24 and 25; and at their "lowest ebb" on the 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 19, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 39, and 31, The low ebb figures having the major-ity by over two-thirds. This foretells the coming of trouble, an epidemic in nature. For this reason cabbage seed must be sown on the last day of this month or the first of April in order to

month or the first of April in order to have plants free from epidemic germs. Tomato seed must be sown on the 24th or 25th. Flower seeds may be sown at any time when the vital forces are at their highest flood, but never when they are at their lowest ebb.

These vital forces are scientific facts gleaned from years of hard, laborious research, and before another year, if I receive the proper encouragement, I may be able to prove to you all my theory, which is based and proven upon scientific grounds. It will be one of the greatest revelations of the ninescientific grounds. It was the greatest revelations of the nine-teenth century, I can assure you.

Try my sign planting! Test is for yourself! Send in reports and help us on in our investigations.

PROF. C. COLES,
Editor Storms and Signs.

Editor Storms and Signs. Kingston, Pa., U. S. A., Feb. 21, 1896.

RAILROAD NOTES.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has given out the contract for chang-ing the line on the middle division east of Duncannon. A large curve is to be removed and the line straightened.

A Lima special says a general strike may come on Lake Eric and Western, Wages of car inspectors have been cut. A committee has gone to Indianapolis to see general officers. If they cannot get redress they may try to tie up the

If much more of the Atchinson's mil eage is lopped off, as was the Colorado Midland recently, it will have to yield the title of "the greatest railroad" to the Pennsylvania company, which now has 8,882 miles of lines, only 113 miles short of the Atchison's mileage.

Negotiations are reported to have and dangerous. A dozen hands held me tightly, yet hot so tightly but that a coach passing at that moment and driv-ing us all to the wall, I managed by a been concluded with New York and English capitalists to secure money to build the Mobile and Kansas city, from Mobile, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., on condition that local aid to the amount o \$250,000 is secured. The subscription is said to be assured.

Georgia Central this week took a spe cial trainload of 300 negroes and their families from Alabama to Savannah, to embark there for Liberia. This is the dition of safe and modest life; and from a sleck scribe become a ragged outlaw flying through the streets. I saw the gallows. I felt already the ash sink like molten lead into the outvering back; I forgot all the danger, I lived only on my feet, and with them made second large emigration of negroes to Africa. The negroes pay \$41 passage to Liberia and are promised on arrival a gift of forty acres of land.

Chairman Caldwell, of the Western Passenger association, has a little army of detectives out in the market buying up all tickets issued by the association roads found in the hands of brokers. All the roads must redeem them a full tariff. It is stated that he daily presents a number of them for redemp tion. The roads which have been dealing with scalpers now steer clear of them, being tired of redeeming tickets. It is stated that passenger rates are now better maintained than at any time since the association has been

existence. An interesting experiment of a prac-tical character is being tried on the Great Western Ballway in England in row itue de la Chaussee, with the hue and cry hard at my heels.

I had no plan now—only terror added wings to my feet; and the end of that street gained. I darted blindly down another, and yet another, with straining chest and legs that began to fail, and always in my ears the yells that rose around me as fresh pursuers joined in the chase. Still I kept ahead, I was even gaining; another turn, and with night thickening, I might hope to es-

only to carry farmers' produce at lower rates, in the circumstances named, but to collect and distribute it as well.

INDUSTRIAL.

The Bear Run colliery at Wiggens, near St. Nicholas, Pa., operated by the Pennsylvania and Reading Coal and Iron company, has been abandoned and the mammoth structure will be torn

There was a decrease of 7,980 tons in the amount of coal shipped over Ty-rone division Pennsylvania railroad for week ending Feb. 22 as compared with the same week last year although the total shipments for the year thus far show an increase of 5,909 tons over the same period last year.

The Mount Carmel, Pa., News states that the Richards colliery will resume operations in the near future, possibly

The Pennsylvania and Reading Coal and Iron company have decided to sink a new shaft at Burnside colliery to tap a rich basin of coal never yet worked.

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QUICK ON THE TRIGGER.

Bullets Pientiful on the Streets of a Georgia Town. Rome, Ga., March 1.—One of the most exciting street duels that ever occurred in Ceorgia was fought here. V. T. Ladies' Jersey ribbed vests, high neck, long sleeves, regular price, 2c., liceman Mulkey, Sanford was perhaps fatally wounded, and several others were wounded by stray shots. San-low and high neck, ford and Mulkey became involved in a quarrel, and Mulkey knocked a friend of Sanford's down with a club.

Both men drew pistols and began firing. Mulkey was shot in the back of the head while retreating. Ex-Sher-iff Morgan Mathias was shot by a stray bullet in the arm and side, and may die. "Bud" White was shot in the arm and had his finger shot off.

LYNCHED BY MASKED MEN.

Negro Taken from a Train and Put to Death in South Carolina.

Blackville, S. C., March L.-A crowd of masked men held up the South Carolina and Georgia west-bound passen-ger train at Windsor, a small passenger station eighteen miles from here, last night, and took Calvin Kennedy, a negro prisoner, from the custody of two constables and lynched him. The offence of which Kennedy was

accused and for which he was arrested by the constables, occurred eight months ago, and his accuser was Miss Sally Webb, daughter of a well-to-do miller, who charged him with assault. She said that she was deterred by his threats from mentioning the matter before, and only made public the fact she was in a serious condition.

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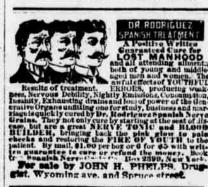
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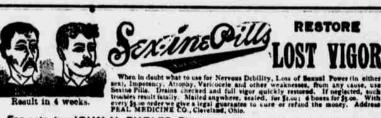
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