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A Medal of Honor Which Has Been

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ozine article, laments at length over

the fact that the United States have

to medal of honor for the army similar

to that of England's Victoria Cross,

dermany's Iron Cross or the Russian

The United Status have a medal of

oner, harder to win than the Victoria

cross. It has been conferred upon 500

nes, heroes every one. It is now worn

by about 300 men. And it will hereaf-

ter be conferred on all men who "dis-

tinguish themselves in action." This

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THE MARCHIONESS' COACHMAN 🕏

From the French of E. Carey.

This was done under my eyes, yet I | "On the way," said I, "we will stop was surprised.

I had a ward, a young orphan, Ellane du Rocher, whose father and mother had died before she had reached her eighth year. She was very delicate, and effer a family consultation I thought it best to send her to the convent of

the Dames de Juilly. I was married and the father of three boys; this placed me in an awkward position, as Elaine was to receive an income of £60,000 on becoming of age, and I d'd not wish to be suspected of any paternal designs. And, notwithstanding the great interest I took in She rarely went out of Jully to spend her vacations. As she grew older and her beauty developed, I redoubted my precaution and pru- ful."

Besides, from the time of her communion, she was so devout that I felt almost certain of her vocation. It is other by the conchman and here we are not with a little regret that a notary sees a large fortune—more than \$1,500,-000-swallowed up by society. I then commenced to regret my excessive devotion, which seemed at first very convenient, for it removed all scruples to allowing her to remain at the convent and lessened my responsibility. To all my questions she replied with a calm determination, which is a characteris-

'I am very happy and desire nothing better than to remain here all my life." For two years she had been free to dispose of herself and fortune, and had net yet used her allowance for anything but to endow the Society of Juilly and the poor with gifts. So my mind was quite at ease when one morning I received a letter which stupified me.

My Dear Guardian:-- I am becomin weary. After deep reflection I do not feel that I am fitted for a religious vocation, I intrust to you to get me married as soon as possible. Your grateful and devoted, ELIANE.

I hurried to Jully.

"So you are weary?"
"Yes, indeed, my dear guardian." 'And you wish to marry for pas-

"You have considered it well?" "Not very well, but enough to know that I am not fitted to lead this life, for I am very lonely at the convent. To live an old maid would hardly suit me; all that remains to me is marriage or death.

"You go on at a fine rate," "Do you see any other solution; you, who are a wise and discreet man?"

"What kind of a husband do you want? What do you require of this happy mortal?" She made a gesture of impatience,

"Nothing, absolutely nothing but to please me. Very well, but we are moving in a circle, my dear child. What is required

to please you? You must have a secret ideal; all young girls have.' "Not 1," she replied, quietly, "You must remember, my dear friend, that in regard to men I scarcely know but two-you and the gardener at the con-

vent, and----She shook her head, and with her little hand made a motion as if to drive

away a troublesome fly. That is not it-not it at all."

"Well, what do you wish then?"

True, I well knew that with my mastodonic appearance, bald head and glasses, I was not made to charm a young girl of 20; but to hear it said to our face that we are not an ideal provokes one's anger anyway. 'I shall look," I said, as I arose, feel-

ing somewhat out of humor. She fell on my neck and embraced She would probably have put more feeling in it had I been her ideal; however, her gentle kiss calmed me.

"I shall seek and find," I said, recovering my good humor,

She threw me a kiss and retired with

Sultors are not wanting when it is a question of an belress who is beautiful and charming. I presented many different ones, but they did not please her, The thought then struck me that, having seen my son Gustave's photograph in the parlor, taken in the costume of a Heutenant of the culrassiers. she had fallen in love with him and

was waiting till the list of suitors was exhausted to declare herself. That would have suited Gustave admirably.

But there were those miserable scruples of delicacy which prevented me from taking the bait. "They will say that she has been taken in." thought I, "and it will look as though I was an unfaithful trustee." No matter what you say, there are circumstances where the voice of conscience is not sufficient -appearances are also worth some

Summer was advancing and every week Eliane had the archness to send me her card on which were written these words

"I am weary." "Do not be so particular, then; get married," I replied, exasperated.

1.1. This is how things stood when one of my friends, retired at Redon, spoke to me of the Marchioness de Pen-Velloet and her two sons: old family, distinguished name, good connections. concrable fortune. So I proposed to Elliane that the spind a few weeks with my wife who was taking baths at Salat basego. In company with our youngest son, a boy of id. She accept-

RED ROUGH HANDS

and painful diagor ends, pimples, blackheads, oily, mothy skin, dry, thin, and failing hair, itch-lag, scally scalps, all yield quickly to warm baths with Currecua Boar, and gentle ancientings

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to see one of my clients, the Marchithing to which my mother will never She gave me a knowing look Til wager your ellent has a son?"

Not only one, but two." "So much the better; we can take tir choice.

The marchioness lived a few leagues from Redon, on a large farm, very picturesque, but not productive, as is often the case in that country of heath and moor. I had been told that the lady was a great economist, so was not surprised to find at the station an old standing the great interest I took in ometions, the inside of which had a her, I rarely gave her occasion to visit musty smell. As we were about to enter Eliane drew back.

Suppose that we go on top? The weather is fine and it will be delight-

"But I see no ladder," I said, somewhat afraid of mounting. "Pshaw! one foot on the wheel, the

-a little courage, my friend." You want me to break my bones:

As you will-I am at your service." "It is not so difficult as it looks, said the coachmon, "do not fear." He extended his hand and the me nent I took it I felt as though I had

wings. What a strong fellow! What

grasp "An old soldier," thought 1, as gazed with admiration on his broad shoulders and his fine appearance. which made a striking contrast with the ugly old carriage and the horses, two little ponies, which beside the

heavy vehicle, looked like two flies hitched to a packing box. If the coachman lifted me with ease, ou may imagine that Eliane was but a feather weight in his strong grasp. Before I could seat myself she was already by my side as radiant and gay

as a warbler, "You will be afraid." I said, meas uring with my eye the distance between the earth and the seat on which

we were perched. "Afraid! You don't know me! You will have enough of it before I do. Proceed coachman, fast, fast, still faster," The coachman had slightly turned his head, and I saw a mocking half

smile under his mustache,

"Not too fast, my boy," I cried in my turn. "Do not heed that foolish girl." The coachman took hold of the reins, and without the use of his whip, started off the team at once, by a simple cluck of the tongue. What a race! The hair on my head stands on end when I think of it. Those ponies were down hill at full gallop without stumbling. The heavy complus went over earth grating and squeaking as

hands, urging the coachman, who asked for nothing better than to go on. I finally gave it up and kept still, holding fast to my bench, my only anxlety being to know on which side it

though it would fly all to pieces. It was

n vain I groaned; Eliane clasped her

would be better to be overturned and what to do in such a case After thirty minutes of anguish, durng which time I must have grown several months older, the carriage abrupt ly turned to the right, and going up a narrow lane without realizing its speed. suddenly stopped at the end of paved court before the door.

The precision of those little ponies which would have done credit to circus racers, did not appease my anger, for I was really provoked.

You have been more than ten times on the point of breaking our necks!" I said to the coachman

With his aggravating haughtiness he

"Everyone to his trade, sir. I know A pretty young man of medium

height and elegant bearing advanced and helped us descend. Mme. de Pen-Volleer awalted us in the cold parler, which was ornamented with the traits of ancestors, each of which was uglier and more crabbed-looking than the preceding one; she, too, in a toffsomewha! antiquated, haughty, stiff and withered, resembled a family portrait, stepped down from the frame She gave us a hearty welcome howeyer, and conducted us to the apartments that had been prepared for us

"My son, Rene," she said, indicating the young man who had received us. has awited your arrival with great impatience. We lead a very quiet life here-few visitors and neighbors of my age-it is very quiet. In fact, your coming is for us a great rejoicing, a veritable holiday, and we have but one wish; that your stay may be a

long one.

The lady's stern gray eyes seemed to est kindly on my little ward. Dinner was ready and we had but a ew minutes in which to change our traveling costumes for more suitable ones. When Elaine re-entered the paror, where I had preceded her, I was struck by her beauty and the brilliancy f her pure complexion and her beautiful soft black eyes. She looked like a queen in her simple white gown. Rene started forward as though dazzled and ande some insipid compliment, which

did not seem to displease her "Good!" thought I, "all is well, and we will succeed." In the dining-room five covers were aid. As we were but four the place epocsite the mistress remained vacant.

out no one seemed to notice it, and linner was served. The dinner, I must say, was very good, and the wines well selected, but the service very poor. The fittle servant seemed inexperienced and not acto handling the fragile dishes. He dropped a plate, breaking it in a thousand pieces, for which he received a black look from his mis-

At this moment the door opened and there entered a young man of about 30 of large stature and possessing an en-ergetic face. He came forward without embarrassment, and after bowing, took the place opposite Mme, de Pen

"My oldest son, the Marquis Horace de Pen-Volicet," she said, presenting him to us. And she added:

"Always late-one of his habits." He replied haughtily:

"You know why, my mother."

There was a silence. I could not ake my eyes off the newcomer-where and I seen him before? I had certainy met him somewhere and heard that alm, sonorous voice, which awakened within me a vague recollection of something unpleasant. I must have had disagreeable business with him, but my efforts to recall itswere in vain. After the arrival of Horace de Pen-

Volloet the conversation became more **** animated. I do not know how, but from the subject of rabbits and partridges we drifted to the tiger hunt in India. From his few remarks I inferred that the marquis had lived in that part of the world, and I asked him: "I have traveled a great deal," was his brief reply.

"A great deal too much," his mother added.

"Those extreme climates are trying to our European temperaments," I replied, not knowing what else to say, He shook his head. "I was never better than when traveling, but I spent all my fortune, some

become reconciled." "Your fortune-and some of mine." said the marchioness, with a bitter

We talked of other things and the dinner was finished without further ac-I dreaded the evening. It is a terrible ordeal in the country, particulary when the people are strangers and obliged to entertain each other. But Mme. Pen Volloet proposed a game of cards with me; Rene had a beautiful tenor voice, so he scated himself at the piano and sung German melodies and songs of Brittany without number After having gracefully lost a few francs I thought it time to retire, and made a sign to Eliane, who was quietly conversing with the elder Pen-Volloet, while the other was still warbling like a nightingale.

"Well?" said I when we were alone She suppressed a little yawn.
'Let us retire-I am dead for sleep. "Not before you have told me your

impression of the candidates." "The young one is pretty, has a fine voice and a nice country costume; this is all I can say at present." "And-the other?"

She replied with a burst of laughter. "The other; But he basn't a cent! Really, he is no match, my good guar

"That is true. I see that you have both wit and good sense. I always ald think so. I slept well, and it was broad daylight when I awoke. I had scarcely finished my tollet when some one

ranged. It was Eliane, as fresh and bright as the dawn. What! Already up?" "Already? But my good friend, I

have walked miles across the woods in "You have walked alone at the risk

"Not alone, indeed. Last night I made sure of a companion for the ram

Well, well, things are going all right. "At full speed, my dear guardian Open your ears—I have decided to mar-

"Pretty Rene," I said, rubbing my

"I am to marry-the coachman' Yes. the coachman of the combus he who brought us here at such a lively gait. The moment my hand was clasped in his I felt that there was a man to whom any woman might be proud to belong. real devils. They went up hill and Further, he is there and will convince you that this is no dream."

She ran to the door and I saw Horace de Pen-Volloet enter.
"Myself?" said he, answering my blank stare with a smile. "My story is short, but original. I wished to become a soldier, but to this my mother would not consent, as she did not wish to see me die at 33 on the field of battle, as my father had. I obeyed, but the spirit of adventure took possession of me. As soon as I became of age I started to make a tour of the world. As my mother told you. I spent all my fortune and a little of hers. I might tell you of expensive researches and scientific enterprises which ruined me. dish to neknowled that I have made many mistakes. When my resources were exhausted I returned to the fold ruined but wiser. I cannot say that was received like the predigal son o that a fatted calf was killed. On the contrary, I had to submit to bitter reproaches, complaints and smarting stings. I was, like a great many of our gentlemen, not capable of earning my living. At last, tired of hearing the reproaches of my dependence, exasper ated, I offered to take the place of my

I like horses and know how to drive as you must have perceived vesterday. 'My ribs still remember it. "I made the offer thinking to revenue myself by cutting my mother's Pride but she took it seriously and accepted. Fo I am her coachman, I go to the stable, feed the horses, and when nee essary brayely don the livery. At night resume my black suit, my title and rights. This might have continued for a long time but for the apparition of this charming girl, this fairy of deliv erance, who found me and understood

mother's coachman, who had just died.

me, and who will try to love me-"Provided you do the same," said she extending her hand. "Ch! I-I adore you!"

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The population of Palestine is increasonly 15,000 residents in Juffa; today there In the towns of Chile most shops are on till midnight, and during the hot

afternoons, when everybody taken a sies-ta, they are locked up.

It is computed that all the houses in London and New York could be built out of the lava thrown out by Vesuvius sine a first recorded eruption, i. About 400,000 false teeth

factured annually in the United States while one ton of gold and three tons of silver and platinum, to the value of \$100. 000 are used in filling teeth.

The Belgian government is contemplating the establishment of an overhead single-rall between Brussels and Antwerp. It is expected that a speed of

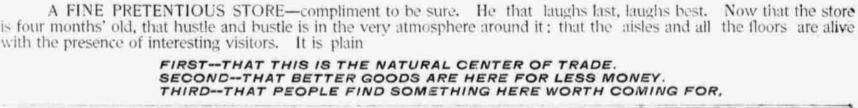
shout ninety milter an nour will be ob-As soon as a man falls into debt in Stam the creditor can seize his person and keep him as a slave. Should the debtor run away, his wife and children, his father, or other relatives are liable to be seized.

to be senzed.

In Holland women and persons of either sex under the age of 15 are now ferbidden to begin work earlier than 5. s. m., or to continue at work after 7 p m., nor may their work exceed eleven hours a day in all. Some of the oldest trees in the world

are to be found in Great Britain. The tree called William the Conqueror's oak in Windsor Park, is supposed to be 1.29 are old. The famous Bentley and arthing oaks are at least two centuries Earthenware sleepers, the invention of

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THE NAME OF TEXAS.

Theories as to How the Lone Star State Acquired That Title. From the Springfield Republican.

Mountley S. Stokely, of Dubuque, In., some time ago wrote Governor Culberson, asking why Texas is called the "Lone Star State." The latter has answered the request in an elaborate letter, giving all the history bearing upon the subject. The governor says that there are only two accounts of the origin of the designation. One is that Henry Smith, the first chief exthe proprietor announced with a grin ecutive of the Texas republic, having no seal with which to stamp official documents, cut a brass button from his coat, on which was engraved a star, , and used this as a sent. Another, supported by John Henry Brown, she Texas historian, and Governor Culberson, is that the lone star was chosen by the young republic in contrast to the constellation used by the United States. The governor concludes: "The first congress of the republic of Texas met October 3, 1826, and during the session adopted a flag and a scal which are those now in use by the state. The flag is of red, white and blue, with a five-pointed single star of white, and the seal is a star surrounded with a wreath of laurel and oak. The concin sion is entirely reasonable and logical that the flag and seal of Texas were originally suggested by those flags of her revolutionary war, inspired themselves by the American insignia of sovereignty, and that the designation of

use of a single star on her standard."

other citizen aces this medal worn, let him salute it. A STORY ABOUT 'GENE FIELD.

How He Once Got the Better of a

Western Barkeeper. From the Washington Post.

and the American arms."

Every now and then one hears an anecdote of the many curious and inthis kind carry with them no rank, pay teresting things that the prince of good fellows, "Gene" Pield, did or said. The and simply remarked, "Ain't you? following comes from one of the poet's Chicago friends, but relates to the The American medal of honor is usutime when his work was just commencally brought by the postman, who hands the winner of it a little package ling to attract attention. He was then bearing the war department stamp for residing in a Western village and was free delivery, and the recipient usually labout to go on to Chicago to accept a

puts it away in a drawer as a keepsake good position that had been oftered him It seems that among other delds that he had contracted during his stay is

cial ceremony, no list of the M. H. published in the Annual Register of the the town was a bar bill of some 806. army or in popular almanacs, but now After settling his other accounts and buying his ticket to Chicago, he found and then at public meetings there will be one who wears on his left breast; that his mances were sadly depleted: in fact he was almost completely "broke." This was a small matter with "A bronze five-pointed star-in the niddle, within a circle of stars. Minerhim at that time, and tack of fundva. repulsing Discord-suspended by a never disturbed his genial spirit. Accompanied by some friends he went ed by an eagle, united by ribbon of 13 stripes to a clasp of two cornucopias in the salson, and, after a drink all around for old time's sake, he turned to the preprietor and called for ris The man wears the American medal of honor, a decoration which each The account was figured up and American soldier strives to win as car-

that it amounted to 206 nestly as any soldier of the Widow of "Now," said Field, "I know that it Windsor strives to win the Victoria is always customary to make a discount to good customers for each. I am | When next Mr. Hawthorne or any going to leave for Chicago and will need all the money I can take with me, so I am going to get you to name

> The proprietor hesitated a moment, and then said: "Well, Mr. Field, you're an old customer, and as you are going to leave us, suppose we put the figure

was a slight pause, turned to the proprietor with an air of frank inquiry. "Abr't I what?" asked the proprietor,

bill."

at \$1 cash." Field gravely handed the dollar over, threw away the receipt and, as there "Aint you going to set 'em up? I always thought that it was the custom to set 'em ap when a customer pail he the Lone Star State' comes from the

The proprietor set 'em up twice with-