at the top, disclosed a round sinewy neck, ruddy and corded like the bark neck, ruddy and corded like the bark of the fir. Thick muscular arms, cov-ered with a reddish down, protruded from the wide sleeves of his habit, while his white shirt, looped up upon one side, gave a glimpse of a huge knotty leg, scarred and torn with the correlation of the bare black. scratches of brambles. With a bow to the Abbot, which had in it perhaps more pleasantry than reverence, the novice strode across to the carved prie-dieu which had been set apart for him, and stood silent and erect, with his hand upon the gold bell which was used in the private prisons of the Ab-bot's own household. His dark eyes glanced rapidly over the assembly, and finally settled with a grim and menacing twinkle upon the face of his ac-

"What hast thou to say, Brother John, upon these weighty things which are urged against thee?" "Little enough, good father, little enough!" said the novice. "For the matter of the ale, I had come in hot from the fields and had scarce got the taste of the thing before mine eye lit upon the bottom of the pot. It may The chamberlain rose, and having slowly unrolled the parchment-scroll, proceeded to read it out in a thick and pompous voice, while a subdued rustle and movement among the brothers be-spoke the interest with which they fol-lowed the proceedings. "Charges brought upon the second Thursday after the feast of the As-sumption, in the year of our Lord thirteen hundred and sixty-six, against Brother John, formerly known as

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now a novice in the holy monastic
order of the Cistercians. Read upon
the presence of the most rev
erend Abbot Berghersh and of the ass
sembled order.
"The charges against the said
Brother John are the following
mamely, to wit:
"Thrst, that on the above-mentioned
feast of the Assumption, small beer
having been served to the novices in
the proportion of one quart to each
four, the said Brother Ambrose, who
coild scarce eat their none-meat of
salted stock-fish, on account of their
exceeding dryness."
At this solemn indictment the novices
matable, with a drawn face and a
broding eye.
"The Abbot alone sat gray and im
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to a single three-pound loaf of bran
and beans, for the greater honoring
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if your eyes were upon your sandals, how came ye to see this smile of which ye prate? A week in your cells, false brethren, a week of rye bread and lentils, with double Lauds and double Matins, may help ye to a re-membrance of the laws under which ye live." At this sudden outfiame of wrath the two witnesses sank their faces on their Abbot turned his angry eyes away from them and bent them upon the accused, who met his searching gaze with a firm and composed face. "What hast thou to say, Brother John, upon these weighty things which moral and reduced his flock to a fitting state of docility, he dismissed them once more to their labors and with-drew himself to his own private chamber, there to seek spiritual aid in the discharge of the duties of his bigh office.

In the discharge of the duties of his high office. The Abbot was still on his knees, when a gentle tapping at the door of his cell broke in upon his orisons. Ris-ing in no very good humor at the in-terruption, he gave the word to enter; but his look of impatience softened down into a pleasant and natemal down into a pleasant and paterned down into a pleasant and paternal smile as his eyes fell upon his visitor. He was a thin-faced, yellow-haired youth, rather above the middle size, comely and well shapen, with straight lithe figure and eager bo, ish features. His clear, pensive gray eye, and quick, delicate expression, spoke of a neture His clear, pensive gray eye, and quick, delicate expression, spoke of a nature which had unfolded far from the boisterous joys and sorrows of the world. Yet there was a set of the mouth and a prominence of the chin which relieved him of any trace of effeminacy. Impulsive he might be, enthusiastic, sensitive, with something sympathetic and adaptive in his dis-position; but an observer of nature's tokens would have confidently pledged himself that there was native firmness and strength underlying his gentle.

himself that there was native firmness and strength underlying his gentle, monk-bred ways. The youth was not clad in monastic garb, but in lay attire, though his jerkin, cloak and hose were all of a sombre hue, as befitted one who dwelt in sacred precincts. A broad leather strap hanging from his shoulder sup-ported a scrip or satchel such as trav-ellers were wort to carry. In one worthy men who would not consciously United States soldiers drink more cofellers were wont to carry. In one hand he grasped a thick staff pointed and shod with metal, while in the other he held his coif or bonnet, which bore in its front a broad pewter medal stamped with the image of Our Lady of Poemadour mislead you. Whenever one of them fee than the soldiers of any other na

stamped with the image of Our Lady of Rocamadour. "Art ready, then, fair son?" said the Abbot. "This is indeed a day of com-ings and goings. It is strange that in one twelve hours the Abbey should have cast off its foulest we d, and should now lose what we are fain to look upon as our choicest blossom." "You speak too kindly, father," the youth answered. "If I had my will I should never go forth, but should end my days here in Beaulieu. It hath been my home as far back as my mind can carry me, and it is a sore thing for me to have to leave it." "Life brings many a cross," said the Abbot gently. "Who is withort them? Your going forth is a grief to us as

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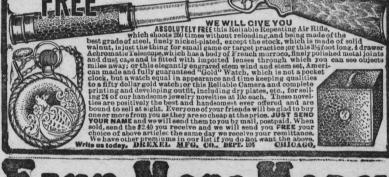
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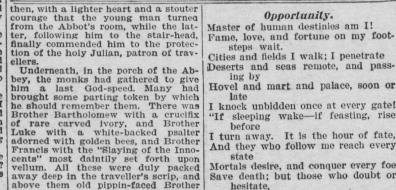
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and laughings and blessings, Alleyne Edricson turned his back upon Beau-lieu. At the turn of the road he stopped and gazed back. There was the wide-spread building which he knew so well, the Abbot's house, the long church, the cloisters with their line of arches, all bathed and mellowed in the evening sun. There too was the broad sweep of the river Exe, the old stone well, the canopied niche of the Virgin, and in the centre of 11, the cluster of white-robed figures who waved their hands to him. A sudden mist swam up before the young man's eyes, and he turned away upon his journey with a heavy heart and a choking throat. It is not, however, in the nature of things that a lad of twenty, with young life glowing in his veins and all the wide world before him, should spend his first hours of freedom in mourning of what he had left. Long ere Alleyne was out of sound of the Beaulieu bells he was striding sturdily along, swinging his staff and whistling as merrily as the birds in the thicket. The road along which he travelled was scaree as populous as most other roads in the kingdom, and far less so than those which lie between the larger towns. Yet from time to time the boy met other wayfarers, and more taan once was overtaken by strings of pack-mules and horsemen journeying in the same direction as himself. The night had already fallen, and the

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woe, Seek me in vain and uselessly implore. I answer not and I return no more.' -John James Ingalls.

Breaking the News. Passerby-Is that your pork down there on the road, guv'nor? Farmer-Pork! What d'ye mean? There's a pig o' mine out there.

Passerby-Ah, but a motor car has just passed.

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