

AVENGED AT LAST
Or a World-Wide Chase.

A STORY OF RETRIBUTION
BY "WABASH"

CHAPTER IX
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It was several weeks before either Eugene or his mother took any steps to learn any particulars of the man who bore such a strange resemblance to Alphonse Bregy.

Eugene had opened a grocery in Harbor, and one day while in a drug store he was looking over the directory without any special object other than to pass the time while the clerk filled a prescription for his mother.

When he turned to the "E's," the thought flashed through his mind to look for Mr. Emerick's address. He found it, and taking a note-book from his pocket, he entered both the residence address and that of the office.

Then, after a moment's pause, he turned to the clerk and merely said: "Thank you good-day," and turned on his heel.

When she arrived there the surgeons had her son, but not on a resting room with a big load and did not return by the time his mother expected him.

When she had what she wanted she said: "And where's your eye to go?" "That is more than I can tell, Mrs. Emerick. I have been expecting him for every minute, for more than two days. He went out to deliver some papers with the horse and wagon and I hope no harm has happened him at all. It's a fine young fellow that he is. I'd be sorry to hear anything must have happened or would be here by this time."

Mr. Denis belonged to a class of people who, when they wish to confer any honor upon themselves, are fond of their own opinions. These latter-day disciples of Biddis, the Shillite and his friends cherish the idea that misery comes, and act accordingly. They think that the only way to avoid it is to avoid the questions which sink like knives into the hearts of their listeners. Any person who ever had a confidant of this kind can form an idea what Mrs. Bregy's feelings were when her customer sat down on a soap box and said:

"It was just about this time, I might say, that I was looking over the directory without any special object other than to pass the time while the clerk filled a prescription for his mother."

"Don't talk like that," said Mrs. Bregy. "If any harm has happened to Eugene, I shall die."

"But the Irish woman had to relate a few months such incidents before she moved away, and after she had gone Mrs. Bregy sat down and thought that the old man was probably right and something dreadful must have happened. Then she decided it was no use to sit and wonder. She would do as she pleased."

"AN' THER HEY LAY CORSE!" AN' GRAB 'EM! "I'll tell you, you've got to go to the store and go out to make inquiries. She called the boy and commanded him to try the things in the car when she was in the wagon, but without Eugene's Mrs. Bregy's heart gave a bound, but she managed to cry out: "What is the matter? What has happened to my son?"

"Don't get excited, man. He is not locked up, but he met with a slight accident and is lying over at the hospital, and if you will go you will find him there."

"You really must allow us to recompense you." My boy has lots of pluck and he will soon make good his loss," said Mrs. Bregy. "That will not do at all," said Armda. "I must at least share part of the damage, and insist on being allowed to do something for you either now or at some future time."

strange. Now I have met him, do you know him? I did not tell the circumstances of your meeting him, but I said that you had seen him, and he said that you always had him in your mind, but I shall never forget her puzzled look."

"This life is made up of mysteries," said his mother, who was much impressed by what Eugene had related.

"You can't see me, but I can see you," said Mrs. Bregy. "I have been thinking that I would do to have a talk to that lady and her son some time. In fact, I have made up my mind to do it. Their puzzle me, and my curiosity impels me to learn more."

"You will pardon my abruptness," said Mrs. Bregy. "But for the present it must remain a secret; in due time you shall know all."

"Mrs. Bregy, I am sorry indeed that you should have met with this accident in consequence of our coachman's inability to retain control of his horse. But he was unaccustomed to the car, and as a result this worthy son of yours is laid up with a lame back, and his ordinary vocation, must occasion him great loss of money. Besides having caused him great anxiety, and you really must allow us to recompense you for the loss you have sustained."

"Not at all, miss. It was unfortunate for you, but you are not to blame and we will do our best to help you."

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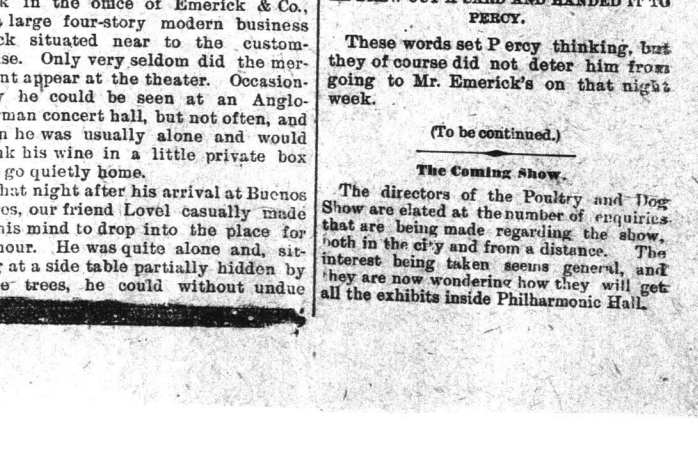
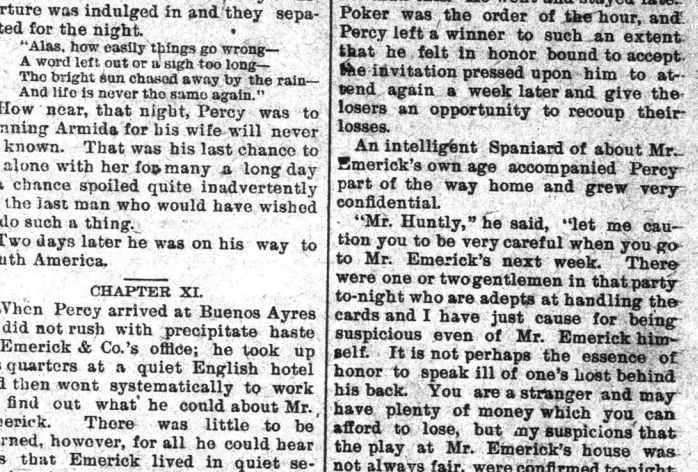
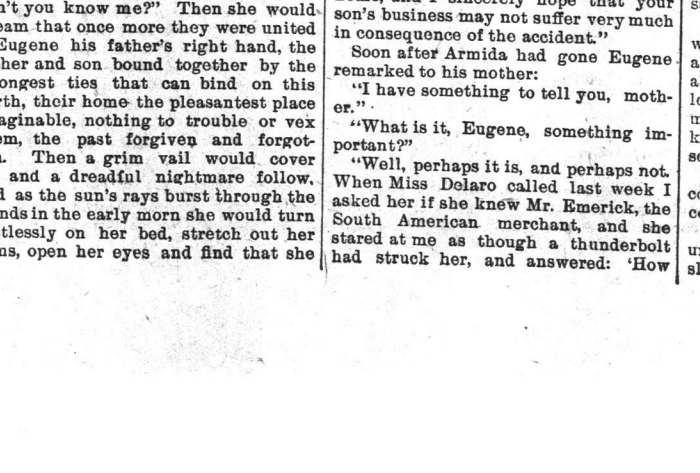
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