Well, sir," I said curtly I have distened. And now, what is the purpose of all this?"

"My purpose?" he answered, his eyes glittering. "To show you that you are in my power. You are the agent of M. de Rosny. I, the agent, however humble, of the Holy Catholic League. Of your movements I know all. What do you know of mine?"

"Knowledge," I made grim answer, "is "It is more than it was," he said, smiling his thin-lipped smile. "It is going to be more than it is. And I know much—about

you, M. de Marsac,"
"You know too much!" I retorted, feeling his covert threats close around me like the folds of some great serpent. "But you are imprudent, I think. Will you tell me what is to prevent me striking you through where you stand, and ridding myself at a blow of

so much knowledge?" The presence of three men, M. de Marsac,"he answered lightly, waving his hand towards M. Francois and the others, everyone of whom would give you up to ustice. You forget that you are north of the Loire, and that priests are not to be massacred here with impunity, as in your The night is cold, and M. d'Agen grows suspicious as well as impatient. We have, perhaps, spoken too long already. Permit ne"—he bowed and drew back a step—"to resume this discussion to morrow."

Despite the politeness and the hollow ivility with which he thus sought to close the interview, the flight of triumph which thone in his eyes, as the glare of the torch fell athwart them, no less than the assured one of his voice, to'd me clearly that he new his power. He seemed, indeed, transormed; no longer a slinking, peaceful clerk, preying on a woman's fears, but a bold and afty schemer, skilled and unscrupulous, ossessed of hidden knowledge and hidden resources: the personification of evil intellect. For a moment, knowing all I knew, and particularly the responsibilities which lay before me, and the interests committed to my hands, I quailed, confessing myself unequal to him. "I forgot the righteous vengeance I owed him; I cried out helplessly against the ill-fortune which had brought him across my path. I saw myself en-meshed and fettered beyond hope of escape, and by an effort only controlled the despair

"To-morrow?" I muttered hoarsely. "At what time?" He shook his head with a cunning smile. "A thousand thanks, but I will settle that myself!" he answered. "Au revoir!" And muttering a word of leave-taking to M. Francois d'Agen, he blessed the two serwants, and went out into the night.

CHAPTER XVII.

When the last sound of his footsteps died away, I awoke as from an evil dream, and ecoming conscious of the presence of M. Francois and the servants, recollected mechanically that I owed the former an spology for my discourtesy in keeping him standing in the cold. I began to offer it; out my distress and confusion of mind were such that in the middle of a set phrase I broke off, and stood looking fixedly at him. my trouble so plain that he asked me civilly If anything ailed me.
"No," I answered, turning from him im-

patiently; "nothing, nothing, sir. Or tell me," I continued, with an abrupt change of mind, "who is that who has just left us?" "Father Antoine, do you mean?"

"Ay, Father Antoine, Father Judas, call him what you like," I rejoined bitterly. Then if you will leave the choice to m M. Francois answered with grave politeness, "I would rather call him something more pleasant, M. de Marsac-James or John, let us say. For there is little said here which does not come back to him. If walls have ears, the wall of Blois are in his pay. But I thought you knew him," he continued. "He is secretary, confident, chaplain, what you will, to Cardinal Retz, and one of those whom-in your eargreater men court and more powerful men lean on. If I had to choose between them, I would rather cross M. de Crillon."

"I am obliged to you," I muttered, checked as much by his manner as his words. "Not at all," he answered more lightly.

"Any information I have is at your disposal."
However, I saw the imprudence of however, I saw the imprudence of take

venturing farther, and hastened to take leave of him, persuading him to allow one of M. de Rambouillet's servants to accompany him home. He said that he should call on me in the morning; and forcing myself to answer him in a suitable manner, I saw him depart one way, and myself, accompanied by Simon Fleix, went ff another. My feet were frozen with long standing-I think the corpse we left was scarce colder-but my head was hot with everish doubts and fears. The moon had sunk and the streets were dark. Our torch had burned out, and we had no light. But here my followers saw only blackness and acancy, I saw an evil smile and a lean

visage fraught with menace and exultation. For the more closely I directed my mind to the position in which I stood, the graver t seemed. Pitted against Bruhl alone. mid strange surroundings and in an atmosphere of Court intrigue, I had thought my task sufficiently difficult and the disadvantages under which I labored sufficiently erious before this interview. Conscious of certain rustiness and a distaste for finesse, with resources so inferior to Bruhl's that ven M. de Rosny's liberality had not done nuch to make up the difference, I had accepted the post offered me rather readily than sanguinely; with joy, seeing that it held out the hope of high reward, but with no zertain expectation of success. Still, matched with a man of violent and headstrong character, I had seen no reason to despair; nor any why I might not arrange the secret meeting between the king and mademoiselle with safety, and conduct to its end an intrigue simple and unsuspected, and requiring for its execution rather courage and caution than address or ex-

Now, however, I found that Bruhl was not my only or most dangerous autagonist. Another was in the field-or, to speak more correctly, was waiting outside the arena, ready to snatch the prize when we should have disabled one another. From a dream of Bruhl and myself as engaged in a competition for the king's favor, wherein neither could expose the other nor appeal even in the last resort to the joint-enemies of his Majesty and ourselves, I awoke to a very different state of things; I awoke to find those enemies the masters of the situation, possessed of the clue to our plans, and permitting them only as long as they seemed to

threaten no serious peril to themselves. No discovery could be more mortifying or more fraught with terror. The perspiration stood on my brow as I recalled the warning which M. de Rosny had uttered against Cardinal Retz, or noted down the various

points of knowledge which were in Father Antoinne's possession. He knew every event of the last month, with one exception, and could tell, I verily believed, how many crowns I had in my pouch. Conceding this, and the secret sources of information he must possess, what hope had I of keeping my future movements from him? Made-moiselle's arrival would be known to him before she had well passed the gates; nor was it likely, or even possible, that I should again reach the king's presence untraced and unsuspected. In fine, I saw myself, equally with Bruhl, a puppet in this man's hands, my goings out and my comings in watched and reported to him, his mercy the only bar between myself and destruction. At any moment I might be arrested as a Huguenot, the enterprise in which I was engaged ruined, and Mademoiselle de la Vire ex-posed to the violence of Bruhl or the equally

dangerous intrigues of the league. Under these circumstances I fancied sleep impossible; but habit and weariness are strong persuaders, and when I reached my lodging I slept long and soundly, as became a man who had looked danger in the face more than once. The morning light, too, brought an accession both of courage and hope. I reflected on the misery of my condition at St Jean d'Angely, without friends or resources, and driven to herd with such a man as Fresnoy. And telling myself that the gold crowns which M. de Rosny had lavished upon me were not for nothing, nor the more precious friendship with which he had honored me a gift that called for no return. I rose with new spirit and a countenance which threw Simon Fleixwho had seen me lie down the picture of despair-into the utmost astonishment. "You have had good dreams," he said.

eyeing me jealously and with a disturbed (To be Continued.)

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Windsor police on Tuesday raided room 3 in the McKellar block and arrested Geo. Johns, Burt Bruce, Henry Langstaff. Charles Hough and Howard Cornell on the charge of gambling. They found a lot of policy tickets in the room, and there was money on the table where the men were

KENT The funeral of the late Samuel Tedford, president of the Harwich Agricultural So-While Daniel Thompson, of Botany, was handling a colt on Monday he received a kick with both feet in the stomach. He managed to walk to the house, and at first he did not seem to be very seriously hurt, but peritonitis set in and he died on Tues-

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The Stratford council will ask that another story be put on the postoffice. WATERLOO.

Thieves broke into Reeve Robson's hardware store, Ayr, on Monday night and stole \$300 worth of goods.

James Eliis, of Galt, left home a week ago, telling his wife he was going to Berlin. He has not been seen since and his friends are alarmed.

Railway Man Honored.

(Special to the ADVERTISER.) PORT HURON, Mich., April 25 .- On Monday morning the employes of the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway Company at Fort Gratiot, headed by Deputy Collector of Customs Hugh Higgins, proceeded in a body to Agent J. C. Mc-Fadzean's office for the purpose of presenting him with a wedding present. Mr. Higgins, who is a general favorite with railroad men, was selected to make the address, a duty which he performed in a very creditable manner. Among other things he said: "I have known Mr. Mc-Fadzean from boyhood, and have always found him a genial, kind-hearted and gentlemanly young man-a man who commands the respect and obedience of his subordinates, as well as the confi-dence and esteem of his employers; a man of broad and liberal views, who recognizes the right of every man to worship God as his conscience dictates, never frowning upon nor slighting any man in consequence of his religious belief. Such a man not only deserves the love and respect of his employers, but of the community at large."

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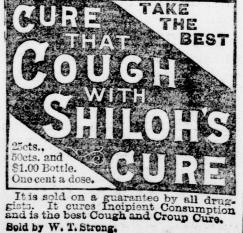
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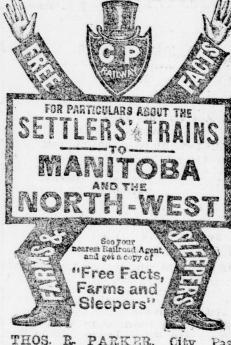
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