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HER PRAYER.

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She entered the church so dim, Where the perfume of many a flower Breathed its fragrance out to Him Whose Presence on the Altar Was shown by the little light, Which burned with a clearer radience As darker grew the night.

And as she knelt in the silence, And prayed for those she loved, A sudden thougt came o'er her, Her soul was strangely moved. The vision of Christ's Passion,

In which she had a part, Filled her with deep compassion For His most Sacred Heart. And she whispered, "O my Jesus,

I offer Thee my love, Give me some test I pray Thee, That I my faith may prove." And as she prayed near the Altar A soft Voice seemed to say-

" My child, would thy heart not falter If I sent thee the test to-day?"

What is it, Lord?" she questioned The sweet voice spoke again—
"Canst thou drink My cup of sorrow, And wear my crown of pain?" "Wilt thou help me, Lord, to bear it This heavy cross?" she cried.
"My child, I will surely share it;

If for love of Me, and Me only. Thou wilt bravely take thy cross, I will help thee when thou art lonely, And bless thee in every loss. I will stand beside thy pillow,

For love of thee I died.

And soothe thy anxious fee When trembling at death's dark billow, Thou shalt know that I am near, "And close I'll draw thee to Me,

And calm thy throbbing heart, When shades of death affright thee, I'll bid all fears depart, And when thy pain is over, Thy home shall be on high.

My child, hast thou the courage To suffer and to die?" One moment she was silent,

Then slowly spoke again—
"My God, with Thee to help me, I take this cross of pain, " For love of Thee, I'll bear it, Who bore so much for me: With faith in Thy great mercy, I give myself to Thee,

"I know that Thou wilt give me The courage to endure, And, trusting in Thy promise I feel I am secure.

And for these I love so dearly Accept my every pain, I offer my life, dear Jesus, For their eternal gain.

The church grew dark, and darker, One light shone like a star, And strains of heavenly music Came stealing from afar, And filled the place with sweet

The flowers more fragrence shed, The little star burned brighter, And the Voice more softly said. In accents sweet and tender-"My child, I will grant thy prayer And guard thy dear ones ever,

With My most loving care. And when earth's strife is over, Thou shalt meet them, ne'er to part, And love shall be perfected Within My Sacred Heart.

DIMITRIOS AND IRENE

The Conquest of Constantinople.

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moved out of the harber, and the buildings of Constantinople stood faintly outlined against the shadows of the night, the past, with all its blies forever gone, and with all its horrors, rushed to his memory, like the sudden flash of recollection that shell burst upon every child of Adam, when time shall be no more.

Adam, when time shall be no more.

and brother are left her for the ried off to the fleet and the camp, to be dispersed among Mohametan nations. The Sultan, on his arrival in the city, seemed touched by the will be removed."

"If would be mad to live again as he with the Sultan? It would be mad ness to attempt it."

"If you follow my directions, you tan ransomed several parsons of rank."

Father?"

Adam, when time shall be no more. He seemed to live again, as he lived in the "long ago," mid the untainted joys of childhood's blessed period. That noble isther and that gentle mother, whose loving voices atill sounded in his ears out of the distance of an pnorgotten past, were sleeping the sleep of the dead, beneath the soil now descorted by the ruthless invader who respects not the symbol of Bedemption that casts its shadow over the tomb where Christians lie. Mid the sorrows conjured before the living by the voice of the dead, there arose, too, a vision of beauty and innocence, a vision, alsa! that had fadded.

"Irene, Irene," thought Dimi-

sped away in thy company! Oh w well I remember the les glance I cast upon thy fair form as it vanished before my eyes in the house of thy father, on that fata evening that rent me torth an exile

from a spot I l ved so well!" From the innermost depths of his oul, there scunded a voice as he heard it or that very same even

ng:
"There is nothing true bu

The young man raised his eyes The stars were shedding their sof radiance upon the turbulent scene of death and desolation, over which or death and desolation, over which the night had cast its mantle. They looked down upon the exiled son of Byzantium, and, as his eyes fell up-on the dark waters of the Golder Horn, he saw the wavering reflection of those stars beneath the mov

"An image," thought he, " time and eternity. There, all steadfast and lasting, even more s than the firmament, which stands while kingdoms and empires cramble into dust; here, there is an ever moving, ever changing variety and vicissitude, like the unstable reflect ions beneath us."

"How then, has the mighty fallen! Oh, Constantine, I shall never again behold thee! But thou art happy in thy sleep. Slumber, then, hero, and rest from thy labors until fair is settled."

furious and my enemy's nead will teen years of age."

Ismael, Ismael, thou wilt never insult Ali again!"

Give me your hand, Ali, the affair is settled."

The stranger proceeded: the day when the grave shall sur-render its dead." Emotions like had not noticed an old woman seat-

soul? Rather prepare yourself for the labors that await you."

grant a the was evidently not a captive, and she he refused to see his ministers and the labors that await you."

had, probably, paid for her passage, the principal officers of the army

Dimitrios, turning, beheld Selim.

"Do you see that craft?" said Fortuny, "I know it, it sailed a few Nicolaus Lecapenos,'

"The wretch has been quicker our side," replied Selim. At this moment a Turk advanced owards the two men.

Fortuny, surprised.

"No. I mean they have found firm determination. Wherever there seemed a possibility of obtaining inseemed a possibility of obtaining intan did on entering the city was to formation, Selim sought for it, order a search for the sovereign of was standing outside of the door of Byzantium. The body was finally the house in which he had placed

was severel miles in advance of the to be dispersed in various sections of the Ottoman Empire and languish in slavery. They were, nearly all, young persons of both sexes. Bound by huge chains of iron, they sat with drooping heads and closed eyes, as if indifferent to their fate; the mark of despair was upon their countenances. At the stern of the ship two men were engaged in earnest conversation, They were both clad in Turkish costume, but he countenance of one showed that he was a Greek. Observe them at-

"You may rely upon my words, Nicolate," spoke the latter, "I know where they are, I will con-duct you to them. I want no re ward, nothing, nothing but revenge

Ward, nothing, nothing but revenge.

He made me a laughing stock, he despised me openly, he shall pay for it, I will have revenge. Ah! little does he dream that I know all."

"Are you perfectly sure, Ali, that Ismael has Irene in his power?" "As sure as you are a living man, and that, too, by the orders of the Sultan. Mohammad has simply

CHAPTER XXII .- (Continued.) used you as a tool and he would



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Recollections of the past few days or eweded upon him. He still fel the warm grasp of the Emperor's hand, that hand now stiffened in death, he still heard the coho of that voice, a voice now hushed forever.

It seemed to sound out of the silence will see the seemed to sound out of the silence. When Mohammed hears was made a slave by one of the paragraph of the past few days it will succeed. Forget not that I are discovered? My tongue almost refuses to perform the warm grasp of the Emperor's enough date devils in this world who its service in relating such horrors."

"Yes, go on," cried Dimitrios, tell us all."

"Well, a young lady of our nation ward; you will have Irene, and I, was made a slave by one of the pasterner.

Absorbed in conversation, Nicolaus proceeded: these filled his soul which, from ed at some distance from them. She passed; the Orient had never with scenes of woe and carnage, was turning to a last relic of happy days, his sister Helene, when a hand was laid upon his shoulders, and a voice sounded in his ears; days days at some distance from them. She passed; the Orient had never withwas near enough to overhear their nessed anything so charming. The words, but she seemed to heed them not. Her chin rested in her hands, of the Sultan. Mahomet accepted while her elbows were supported by the gift and became entirely subdued her knees. An attentive observer by the charms of the poor girl. To "Dimitrios, why stand you here, would have noticed that her eyes this new passion he yielded himself thus pensive? Do you not know would occasionally steal a furtive entirely. It diverted his attention that excessive sorrow unnerves the glance at the speakers The woman

the priest now led Dimitrios to No sooner had Lecapenos set foot on rible is his wrath. Finally, one of before the one that carried Dimitrios. dared remonstrate with him, so ter-Helena and Morosini, and some land than he directed his steps to his most faithful officers, Mustapha ime was spent in convergation, in wards the house where Irene had Pasha, informed him of the discourses which Selim endeavored to raise the been detained. He found that he which the janissaries were helding drooping spirits of the afflicted had been correctly informed by For- against him. The Sultan remained tuny. The mansion was deserted, silent, as it considering what course Greeks.

The night passed, and a sleepless one it was for the travellers. When morning dawned, the first light of day revealed a vessel in the distance, sailing in the same directions. The mansion was deserted. He left the spot, determined to execute his plans, not noticing that, at some distance behind him, walked the pashas, the guards and the troop for a review. To Irene he paid the most devoted attention, more than

CHAPTER XXIII.

Two weeks had passed since the arrival of Dimitrios at Thessalonica. han we were, bu we have right on All enquiries concerning Irene had imprudent proved fruitless, no one knew whither she had gone. A heavy load weighed upon the soul of Dimitrios, and clouds of anguish gathered over him. "They have found the Emperor," The efforts of Selim to console him be speke, "I learned this just before leaving the city."

Clouds of anguish gathered over that.

The efforts of Selim to console him were in vain; even Helena could hardly elicit a faint smile. Still, "Is the Emperor alive?" inquired there was that in his countenance

the Liturgy; "Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy floor.

on us !" "You have been witness of awful exclaimed the stranger. scenes, no doubt, my friend; my house, humble as it is, is yours."

Selim led the way and the Greek followed him into the small house,

The stranger looked more at ease when he heard the words, but he

have taken for a Christian. Selim, other source and that, finally, the noticing his embarassment, said: victim of the cruelty of Mahomet was oticing his embarassment, said:
"We are clad as Furks, in order to escape observation. Be seated, and tell us of the unfortunate city."

The Greek began thus:

"Words are unequal to the task.

Tongue cannot express, mind cannot conceive the abomination of desola-Dark night lay over Constantinople when the little party boarded the vessel that was to bear them away forever, and Dimitrios and Helena bade their native city a last farewell. It was a solemn moment. While Dimitrios leaned over the words are more about cutting off your head, than he would about killing a fly. He has heard of the wonderful beauty of the Greek maiden and he has determined to enrich his hear with the golden sunshine of her presence. Ismael is merely the sustodian of the girl. Her father and by the sword. Sixty thousand of our unhappy countrymen have been carried off to the fleet and the camp, to be dispersed among Mohametan names on the sustodian of the girl. The Sultan, on his arrival in

e left to their fate,"

seen them driven like herds of cattle woman, stooping under the weight of through the streets of the city, their years. Over her head she wore a trembling pace being quickened by coarse veil, which almost completely

revenge. When Mohammed hears was made a slave by one of the paof the grave: "My children, fare- that his prey has escaped, he will be shas. She was of noble birth and of

"As I said, her beauty was unsur

from his duties, and, for several days, Dimitrios, turning, beheld Selim.

The ship on which Nicolaus sailed
The men murmured, both officers arrived at Thessalonica several hours and soldiers complained, but none

"Great Heavens!" cried Dimitrios, "no, it cannot be Irene! im- my suggestion?"

"What ails thee, friend?" asked "Go on," exclaimed Dimitrios, "let me hear the rest, tell me ali."

"I fear to continue. "I beseech you proceed; it was only an exclamation drawn forth by the simil-arity of the name with one I know, proceed, I pray." "I said, that to the lady he began

to pay greater attentions than ever, giving her numerous proofs of his maids exert all their care and skill in dressing her. Taking her by the Byzantium. The body was finally discovered, but it was so disfigured that it could only be identified by the golden eagles on the mail shoes. The Sultan had the head struck off and he has ordered that it should be sent around to the chief cities."

Both Selim and Fortuny torned away their heads with tekens of evident disgust.

On board the other ship, which was several miles in advance of the was several miles in advance of the wit Vou have nothing to face. I see the part of the middle of the middle of the same thand, he led her into the middle of the sembled troops, when, tearing of the sum of the assembled troops, when, tearing of the sum of the hair of the haughtily asked the pashas if they had ever seen a more perfect beauty. All the officers praised her to the skies and congrature praised her to the stearing of the Ghristians, but he hates the Turks. I have spoken with him and he has agreed to take your party on board for a compensation. He has weapons, and he will be of service to hammed took hold of the hair of the base agreed to take your party on board the Sultan. Thereupon, Mohammed took hold of the hair of the base and the congrature praised her to the skies and congrature pra hand, he led her into the middle of beautiful Greek and, with the other hand he drew his sword, at one stroke, separating her head from her

The stranger, raising his eyes to by his side, his eyes closed, his head and land after dark. We will then Heaven, exclaimed with the words of sank upon his breast, his body leaned hide ourselves opposite the subter-

In an instant Selim and Morosini were by the side of the prostrate man; to consciousness.

which had been engaged for the party tentively and you will recognize the one as Micolans Lecspence, the other as Ali, the Turk, from whom Helena was rescued by Morosini.

"You may rely upon my words, "Dimitrios," said Selim, "here is an unfortunate countryman of yours and unfortunate countryman of yours are unfortunate?"

which had been engaged for the party distracted with give, and in their power to revive him. While they were thus engaged, we will immediately the him. While they were thus engaged, and the cause of the illness of Dimitrios, he cause of the illness of Dimitrios, he would may rely upon my words.

"My good woman," said Selim, "bere is an unfortunate countryman of yours are unfortunate? Why was I what proofs can you give us that the facts are as you state?"

He then proceeded to inform them that the alarm of Dimitrios was utgazed with surprise from Morosini to terly without foundation, that he had Dimitrios, neither of whom he would learned the same sad history from an-

not Irene Diogenes, but another no-ble lady of the same name.

After long and patient labor on the part of his friends, Dimitrios gradual y returned to his senses, though it was sometime before he recollected where he was and could connect the present with the past.

"My dear boy, how foolish you have been!" said Selim. "Oh! Father, the blow was terrible."
"But, my son there was no blow at
all, except that inflicted upon our mon sentiment of humanity." "But is not Irene-?"

Yes, but not your Irene."
"Pather, are you certain?" " Perfectly sure, my son. "How do you know?" # Fortuny has it from a reliable

beheld on board the vessel where at Nicelaus Lecapenos.

"Who art thou, inquired F. rtuny. " A harmless old woman.

"What dost thou want?" "I would see Selim." "What hast thou to communicate?" "A matter of the gravest import-

ance," and she added in a lower tone. regarding Irene Diogenes." Fortuny, bidding her wait, returned to communicate in a whisper this in-telligence to Sclim. The eye of the priest brightened.

" Dimitrios, said he, turning to the young Greek, "an urgent affair requires my attention; converse with Helena until my return. Morosic and you, Fortuny, accompany me."

The heart of Dimitrios beat violently, but, without showing his emotion, he nodded acquiescence For tuny now proceeded to unfas'en the door and admit the strange visitor nto an inner room, where Selim and Morosini awaited her. She bowed profoundly, as she entered, and ac cepted a seat offered her by the

"My good woman," spoke Selim what have you to communicate to

She looked around anxiously "Fearing nothing," he added, " you nay trust my friends as you trust me, and no one can overhear us."

"I know where Irene is," she began in a voice that sounded strangely melodious for a woman of her age. "Speak," replied Selim, "Speak good woman, give us all information no reward will be too great for you." "I wish for no reward, save the estimony of my conscience.'

" What, then, do you know?" "Diogenes and his family remained or some time in this city, and they were removed no one knew whither but I have discovered all. The re moval took place by the Sultan's orders. He had learned of the ex traordinary beauty of Irene, and he determined to possess her himself In consequence of this he decided t at, together with her father and brother, she should be detained at the castle of Sestos on the Helles-

"Sestos!" exclaimed Morosini the spot where Solyman crossed the Hellespont some years ago?" "The same, answered the old wo

"Go on," said Selim. "I have now told you where Iren You understand what her fate will be, if she is left there. She must be rescued.'

"If it costs us every drop blood," exclaimed Morosini "Be not impetuous, young man, replied the stranger, "let prudence hold the helm. Will you listen to

"An attempt will be made to resthe stranger; perhaps I have been cue her by those into whose hands she should not fall."

Here she related what she knew of the plans of Nicolaus and Ali, and added : "Thus far, they have not been able

to execute their design, because Ismael had unexpectedly arrived at the castle. However, he has again left it, and it is rumored that he will soon return with the Sultan himself. Thus, you see, there is no time to be lost. This is what I propose: There is a small vessel lying here at anchor I know the captain. He is a Moor was severel miles in advance of the one which corried Dimitrios and his companions a strange spectacle. I am a friend sword, whenever I please, can cut overland route. The time set aside that you are a Greek. I am a friend of the Greeks. Perhaps you may was seen. On the deck of the vessel lay huddled together a number of unfortunate Greeks, who were being carried away from their homes in gearried away from their homes tality torday?"

The stranger raising his eves to be decked from Constantinople, if so, you are weary and, perhaps, need refreshment; will you accept my hospitality torday?"

The stranger raising his eves to be decked. I am a friend of the you are a Greek. I am a friend of the greeks. Perhaps you may assunder the ties of lave."

S.lim sprang to his feet, as if you are weary and, perhaps, need refreshment; will you accept my hospitality torday?"

The stranger raising his eves to be his side, his eves closed, his head to one side, he fell heavily upon the floor.

If Great God! what have I done?"

The superior ranean passage, through which Irene will be brought—the very passage, through which Prince Solyman entered the casile. Nicolaus is far from suspecting that his secret is known As soon as I whistle, you will know "Thanks, kind-hearted man," replied the stranger timidly, "I will rest awhile beneath thy roof." they laid him upon a couch and applied the stranger timidly, "I will rest awhile beneath thy roof." they laid him upon a couch and applied various remedies to recall him party, the half will render Nicolaus For a long time Dimitrios lay de-prived of his senses. Helena was the other half will overpower Ali and

> but remember that a drowning man catches at a straw; you would find Irene at any cost, you know that she is not in Thessalonics, I assure you that I speak the truth; if you pay no heed to my advice, you may lose your only chance of finding her, and think of the terrible consequences if she is not found.'

"Well, good woman," answered Selim, "It is a matter of life and death, we will catch at the straw and risk it. To-night we will be on Our Prices are the lowest in town. board the vessel, to which you will "Well said," replied the old wo-man, "you shall find me faithful. At

midnight, when Thessalonica is plunged in sleep, I will meet you She arose and departed, (To be continued.)

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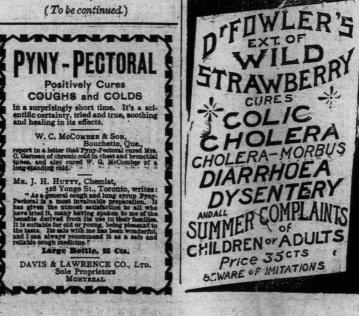
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