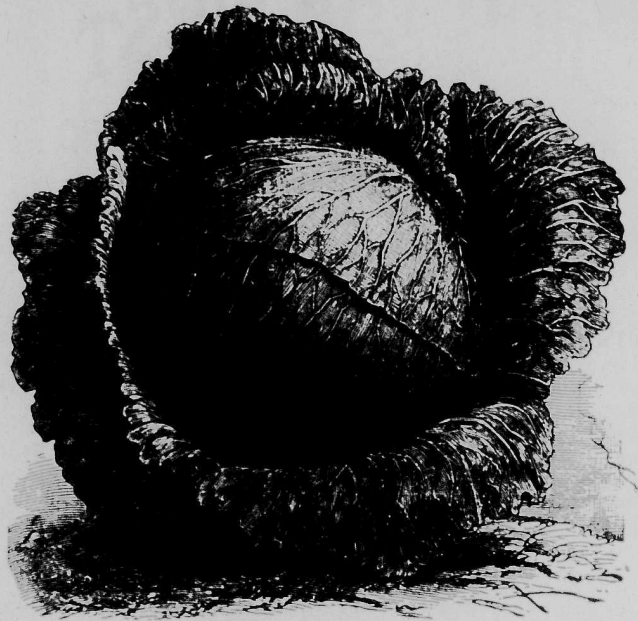


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The Golden Dog

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Caroline, overcome by her emotions, threw herself on a couch, invoking blessings upon the head of the man by whom she had been so cruelly betrayed. But such is woman's heart—full of mercy, compassion, and pardon for every wrong, when love pleads for forgiveness.

"Ha! ha!" said Cadet, as the Intendant re-entered the great hall, which was filled with bacchanalian frenzy. "Ha! ha! His Excellency has proposed and been rejected! The fair lady has a will of her own and won't obey! Why, the Intendant looks as if he had come from Quintin Corentin, where nobody gets anything he wants!"

"Silence, Cadet! don't be a fool!" replied Bigot, impatiently, although in the Intendant's usual mood nothing too gross or too bad could be said in his presence but he could cap it with something worse.

"Fool, Bigot! It is you who have been the fool of a woman!" Cadet was privileged to say anything, and he never stinted his speech. "Confess, your Excellency! she is splay-footed as St. Pedauque of Dijon! She dare not trip over our carpet for fear of showing her big feet!"

Cadet's coarse remark excited the mirth of the Intendant. The influences of the great hall were more powerful than those of the secret chamber. He replied curtly, however—"I have excused the lady from coming, Cadet. She is ill, or she does not please to come, or she has a private fancy of her own to nurse—any reason is enough to excuse a lady, or for a gentleman to cease pressing her."

"Dear me!" muttered Cadet, "the wind blows fresh from a new quarter! It is easterly, and betokens a storm!" and with drunken gravity he commenced singing a hunting refrain of Louis XIV.:

"Sitot pu'il voit sa Chienne
Il quitte tout pour elle."

Bigot burst out into immoderate laughter. "Cadet," said he, "you are, when drunk, the greatest ruffian in Christendom, and the biggest knave when sober. Let the lady sleep in peace, while we drink ourselves blind in her honor. Bring in brandy, valets, and we will not look for day until midnight booms on the old clock of the Chateau."

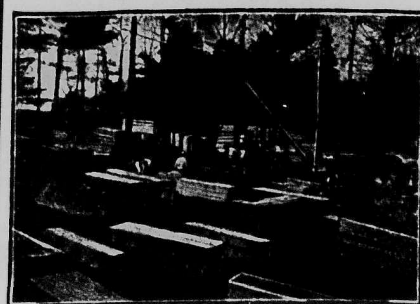
The loud knocking of Philibert in the great hall reverberated again and again through the house. Bigot bade the valets go see who disturbed the Chateau in that bold style.

"Let no one in!" added he—"tis against the rule to open the doors when the Grand Company are met for business! Take whips, valets, and scourge the insolent beggars away. Some miserable habitants, I warrant, whining, for the loss of their eggs and bacon taken by the King's purveyors!"

A servant returned with a card on a silver salver. "An officer in uniform waits to see your Excellency; he brings orders from the Governor," said he to the Intendant.

Bigot looked at the card with knitted brows; fire sparkled in his eyes as he read the name.

"Colonel Philibert!" exclaimed he, "Aid-de-Camp of the Governor! What the fiend brings him at such a time? Do you hear?" continued he, turning to Varin. "It is your friend from Louisbourg, who was going to put you in irons, and send you to France for trial when the mutinous garrison threatened to surrender the



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place if we did not pay Varin was not so in the name of Philibert anger. He set his cup bang upon the table. taste a drop more till said he; "curse Galliss could he not have so welcome messenger to manoir? But I have got my list of debtors, and up one day for his Louisbourg."

"Tut, tut, shut up, you are too mercant men," replied Bigot. is, shall we allow Col to bring his orders i Par Dieu! we presentable!"

But whether presenta words were scarcely impatient at the del took advantage of the entered the great hall. utter amazement for the scene of drunken beheld. The inflamed fusion of tongues the and stench of the pro sickened him, while th many men of rank a revelling at such an feeling of indignation difficulty in keeping d delivered his message tenant.

Bigot, however, was t be wanting in politenes Colonel Philibert," said an unexpected guest, b one! Come and taste t of Beaumanoir before your message. Bustle, fresh cups and the full Colonel Philibert."

"Thanks for your pol alier! Your Excellency excuse me if I deliver n once. My time is not m so I will not sit down lency the Governor presence and that of the missionaries at the council afternoon. Despatches arrived by the Fleury home, and the council r at once."

A red flush rested u of Philibert as in l measured the importan the council with the men whom he summond He declined the offer stepped backward fro with a bow to the Inter company, and was ab when a loud voice on th of the table cried out—

"It is he, by all th Pierre Philibert! wait! de Repentigny rushed through the hall, upsett guests in his advance wards Colonel Philib recognizing the flushed ordered figure that g shrank back from his er

"My God! do you i Pierre?" exclaimed wounded to the quick by ed look of his friend. I eur de Repentigny! C look and recognize me!"

Philibert stood transfri prise and pain, as if a stricken his eyes. "y Gardeur de Repentign possible! Le Gardeur like you—much less, w among people like these words were rashly fortunately not heard in the hall, or Philib have paid the penalty cited guests.

"And yet it is true; P me again. I am no o whom you drew out Lawrence, the only Amelie!"

Philibert looked hard i Le Gardeur, and doub He pressed his old friend saying in a voice full of

"O Le Gardeur! I n now, but under what ch and place! Often have meeting again, but it pure, virtuous home of this place. What do y Gardeur?"

"Forgive me, Pierre, f