## HIS LORDSHIP'S **ROMANCE**

you as one of the best and truest of men

—'one whom the gods loved,' and so died
young."

"But I love her still," he said. "I do
not like to leave her."

"In that case, why waste my time and
yours!" said Luigi. "The alternative
lies very plainly before you. If you
remain here you will certainly be imprisoned for debt, and so lose everything.
Even if you do remain, you cannot claim your wife. You have no
means of supporting her. There is nothing but ruin before you in Seville. Free
yourself; follow Donna Maria to Maradrid; marry her, and you will be one of
the richest men in Spain."

"You talk of freeing myself," said the
count, impatiently, "as though it were
easy to do so."

"So it is," interrupted Luigi, "if you
will only follow my advice; but, remember this—my brains are my capital, and,
if our plot succeeds, I shall expect a
very handsome acknowledgment of my
skill."

Then, in a low voice, for the words had an ugly sound, the traitor unfolded his plan. At first the count listened impatiently; then the forcible style in impatiently; then the forcible style in which his companion spoke gained upon him. He sighed as he listened, and sat

for some moments in perfect silence.
"It is a clever idea, certainly," he said,
"But do not be impatient, Luigi. I do
not like to think that I shall never see

in But do not be impatient, Luigi. I do smot like to think that I shall never see what beautiful face again. You think either is no fear of detection?"

"Not the least," replied Luigi. That unsuspecting wife of yours will listen to me and believe; she will make no incurrent in the anger of her friends when there will be no one to protect, her."

Even his hardened heart softened as he uttered those few words. What had the innocent girl done, that she should be so cruently decived?

"Now mind," were Luigi's parting words," you begin this evening. We must go to Madrid."

CHAPTER XX.

While her husband plotted with his friends, Inex was wondering what made him late that evening above all others. She had something to give him—her first present to him—and she had spent many happy hours in preparing it. It was a simile pretty riff a woven chain many happy hours in preparing it. It was a simple, pretty gift, a woven chain of her own black, shining hair. She pictured to herself how delighted he would be, how he would kiss her and thank her, "for he loves me so much, my poor Picalde." he therefore

Rinaldo." she thought. At the appointed time she stood near the orange trees, but for the first time-be failed in meeting her. It was long past their usual hour when, Rinaldo with a strange look upon his face, stood be-fore her.

fore her.
"I was growing frightened," she said,
springing forward to meet him. "Oh,
Rinaldo, what should I do if anything

He looked at the beautiful young face and the love-lit eyes. Something manly and true awoke for one moment in his worldly heart, and he clasped her to him, saying that nothing could happen, and he would love her until he died. She gave him the little chain, and lis-tened in wondering delight to his praises and thanks.

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"I shall never part with this, Inez," he said; "I shall wear it as a charm; it will keep your love always with me."

Yet he knew, as he uttered these words, that if his plans were carried out he would never see his young wife again.

He was a bad man, selfish, reckless and aunprincipled; yet not quite lost as not you for feel some remorse at the part he was playing. He looked pale and agitated, ohis eyes were dim, and his smile forced.

"Tell me, Rinaldo," said Inez, suddenly, "what made you so late this evening."

"What a pity it is you have burdened yournelf with a wife, Rinaldo," and have burdened yournelf with a wife, Rinaldo, "and have burdened yournelf with a wife, Rinaldo," and have burdened yournelf with a wife, Rinaldo, "and have burdened yournelf with a wife, Rinaldo," and have burdened yournelf with a wife, Rinaldo, "and have burdened yournelf with a wife, Rinaldo," and have burdened yournelf with a wife, and have been been seen afford to marry for love. I do not see what you and do might follow the heires to Madrido, about," and the count, "and the count," that is a secretary with the counsels of the wife you have here." In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife to have here. In the counsels of the wife you have to have here with the world, and have to have here with the world, with the world, which have here were with the world, which have here were with the world, and have here with the world, and have to have here with the world, and have here with the world, with the world, which have here with the

Gravely, and with all seeming kindness, he told her that Rinaldo lay ill,
and that he had begged him to see
his wife, and give her many loving
messages for him.

"Can I see him?" cried the poor
young girl. "Remember he is my
hustand. Let me see him."

"It would be quite impossible," he
replied. "Rinaldo will hasten to you
as soon as he is well."

A half smile of relief quivered for
a moment upon her lips, and she
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A half smile of relief quivered for a moment upon her lips, and she said, more cheerfully, "Then, he is not very ill; he will soon recover?" "We hope so," was the reply; "but unfortunately the fever is very prevalent, and he has shown some symptoms we do not like. The best medicine that can be given him will be a cheerful message from you. If I tell him you look sad or unhappy he will grieve deeply.

all him you look sad or unnappy ne vill grieve deeply. "Then I will try not to look or "Then I will try not to look or "Then I will try not to look or feel either the one or the other," she said. "I need not, if you tell me he will be here, perhaps, to-morrow. She kept back the fast rising tears, the bitter sobs that rose to her lips, and smiled as she bade the traitor "good-night."
"How did she bear it? What did she say?" cried Count Rinaldo, eagerly, that evening, when his friend sought him.
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imagine."

So, day by day, regardless of the agony ruthlessly inflicted upon that young heart, the cruel plot was carried on

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In the quiet household of Serranto they wondered much what had come over the beautiful high-spirited girl. She was pale and quiet, passing whole days in her room; going out for a short time in the evening, and returning more sorrowful than ever. Nita found her dinner untasted day after day, and she wondered what had taken life, health and spirits from her young lady.

(To be continued.)

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Omer Rochette Gave Strychnine to End Her Life.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Omer Rochette, schef of Quebec, who was arrested in Chicago on Saturday on a charge of murdering his first wife, to-night mada full confession.

chis eyes were dim, and his smile forced. Tell me, Rinaldo," said Inez, suddenly, "what made you so late this evenly," what made you so late this evenly," what made you so late this evenly, "what made you so late this evenly," what made you so late this evenly, "what made you so late this evenly," "Nay." He did not look at her as he replied that he was not well, that he had been "suffering from a strange pain in his head.

"If you were to be iil," she said, in alarm, "could I not come to nurse you." "Nay." he replied, "that would never do. You would scandalize all Seyille, Do not fear. Let us speak of something more pleasant than illness."

"I cannot help it," said the poor young mife. "Your hands are burning hot, Rin middo; your face changes from white to crimson; you do not look like your self."

"My race is not a long-lived one," he said, dreamily; and she looked ta him in anxious alarm. "No Montalti ever lived to be old."

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"Again the better nature of the man showke within him, and he half resolved that he would be true to her, come what tunight. But those debts, that dreary imprisonment that awaited him if he lingered here, the hopeless, helpless povery, contrasted with the glowing picture which Luigi had painted of the time when he would be one of the richest men in Spain.

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ITALY IN FEAR.

OF UNSUSPECTED

His Race Believed to Have Been Done to Death by Algerian Band.

Shoots Himself.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—It was learned late to-day that William S. Barker, a leading stock broker and a member of a prominent St. John family, whose death was announced this morning, really committed suicide. To-night Coroner Berryman held an inquest. There came out that a little after midnight on Sunday Mr. Barker dismissed his nurse, as customary, for the night, and she went to another, part of the house to sleep. In the morning he was found dead, a bullet wound in his head, and a small revolver, which he had taken from a bureau drawer, clasped in his hand. One shot had been sufficient, and death was instantaneous.

ness, and had worried much, and this is supposed to have made him temporarily insane. The jury found a verdict of death by his own hand while in a fit of

AN OPERATION AT SEA.

Passenger's Appendix.

New York, Dec. 30 .- When Christmas Eve festivities were at their height on board the steamer Pannonia, in to-day

board the steamer Pannonia, in to-day-from Mediterranean ports, the Cunard-liner was brought to an abrupt stop in order that Dr. J. Fraser Orr, the ship's surgeon, might have the most favorable conditions under which to perform an operation for apendicitis. It was just at midnight that a hurry call came from the sterrage, and the steamer lay to for one hour while the delicate cutting and stitching was done.

The patient, a man passenger, was re-

The patient, a man passenger, was re-overing nicely when the seaemer arriv-

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