

"Turn to the Right."

The sudden change in his humor took even courtiers by surprise. Faces a moment before broad with smiles grew long again. The least important personages looked uncomforably at one another, and with one accord frowned on me. "If your Majesty would please to hear the end of the story at another time?" I suggested humbly, beginning to wish with all my heart that I had never said a word.

"Chut!" he answered, rising, his face still betraying his perturbation. "Well, he it so. For the present you may go, sir. Duchesse, give me Zizi, and come to my closet. I want you to see my puppies. Retz, my good friend, do you come too. I have something to say to you. Gentlemen, you need not wait. It is likely I shall be late."

And, with the utmost abruptness, he broke up the circle.

CHAPTER XVII.

I had I needed any reminder of the uncertainty of court favor, or an instance whence I might learn the lesson of modesty, and so stand in less danger of presuming on my new and precarious prosperity, I had it in this episode, and in the demeanor of my company round me. On the circle breaking up in confusion, I found myself the center of general regard, but regard of so dubious a character, the persons who would have been the first to compliment me had the king retired earlier, standing fast aloof now, that I felt myself rather insulted than honored by it. One or two, indeed, of the more cautious spirits did approach me; but it was with the air of men providing against a danger particularly remote, their self-heated speeches serving only to fix them in my memory as belonging to a class, especially abhorrent to me—the class, I mean, of those who would run at once with the hare and the hounds.

I was rejoiced to find that on one person, and that the one whose disposition towards me was, next to the king's, of first importance, this episode had produced a different impression. Feeling, as I made for myself, a touch on my arm, I turned to find M. de Rambouillet at my elbow, regarding me with a glance of mingled esteem and amusement; in fine, with a very different look from that which had been my welcome earlier in the evening. I was driven to suppose that he was too great a man, or too sure of his favor with the king, to be swayed by the petty motives which actuated the Court generally, for he laid his hand familiarly on my shoulder, and walked on beside me.

"Well, my friend," he said, "you have distinguished yourself finely! I do not know that I ever remember a pretty woman making more stir in one evening. But if you are wise you will not go home alone to-night."

I have my sword, M. le Marquis, I answered, somewhat proudly.

"Which will avail you little against a knife in the back," he retorted drily. "What attendance have you?"

"My equerry, Simon Fleix, is on the stairs."

"Good, so far, but not enough," he replied, as we reached the head of the staircase. "You had better come home with me now, and two or three of my fellows shall go on to your lodging with you. Do you know, my friend," he continued, looking at me keenly, "you are either a very clever or a very foolish man."

I made answer modestly. "Neither the one, I fear, nor the other, I hope, sir," I replied.

"Well, you have done a very pertinent thing," he replied, "for good or evil. You have let the enemy know what he has to expect, and he is not one, I warn you, to be despised. But whether you have been very wise or very foolish in declaring open war remains to be seen."

"A week will show," I answered.

He turned and looked at me. "You take it coolly," he said.

"I have been knocking about the world for 40 years, marquis," I rejoined.

He muttered something about Rosny having a good eye, and then stopped to adjust his cloak. We were by this time in the street. Making me go hand in hand with him, he requested the other gentlemen to draw their swords; and the servants being likewise armed and numbering half a score or more, with pikes and torches, we made up a very formidable party, and caused, I think, more alarm as we passed through the streets to Rambouillet's lodging than we had any reason to feel. Not that we had it all to ourselves, for the attendance at Court that evening being large, and the circle breaking up as I have described more abruptly than usual, the vicinity of the castle was in a ferment, and the streets leading from it were alive with the lights and laughter of parties similar to our own.

At the door of the marquis's lodging I prepared to take leave of him, with many expressions of gratitude, but he would have me enter and sit down with him to a light repast, which it was his habit to take before retiring. Mrs. de Rambouillet, who was in his confidence, waiting on us, made a very merry over the scene in the presence. I learned that M. de Brühl was far from popular at Court, but being known to the king, and enjoying besides a great reputation for recklessness and skill with the sword, he had played a high part for a length of time, and attached to himself, especially since the death of Guise, a considerable number of followers.

"The truth is," one of the marquis's gentlemen, who was a little heated with wine, observed, "there is nothing at this moment which would bold and unscrupulous man may not win in France."

"Nor a bold and Christian gentleman for France," replied M. de Rambouillet with some asperity. "By the way," he continued, turning abruptly to the servant, "where is M. François?"

The valet answered that he had not returned with us from the castle. The Marquis expressed himself annoyed at this, and I gathered, firstly, that the missing man was his near kinsman, and, secondly, that he was also the young spark who had been so forward to quarrel with me earlier in the evening. Determining to refer the matter, should it become pressing, to Rambouillet for adjustment, I took leave of him, and attended by two of his servants, whom he kindly transferred to my service for the present, I started towards my lodging a little before midnight.

The moon had risen while we were at supper, and its light which whitened the gables on one side of the street, diffused a glimmer below sufficient to enable us to avoid the kennel, and to keep the footman from putting out the torch. Seeing this, I had the men go on wind was blowing, so that we were glad to hurry on at a good pace; and the streets being quite deserted at this late hour, or haunted only by those who had come to drink the town marshal, we met no one and saw no lights. I fell to thinking, for my part, of the evening I had spent

searching Blois for Mademoiselle, and of the difference between then and now. Nor did I fall while on this track to retrace it still farther to the evening of our arrival at my mother's, whence, as a source, such kindly and gentle feelings welled up in my mind as were natural, and the unalloyed affection of that gracious woman required. These, taking the place for the moment of the anxious calculations and stern purposes which had of late engrossed me, were only ousted by something which, happening under my eyes, brought me violently and abruptly to myself.

This was the sudden appearance of three men, who issued one by one from an alley a score of yards in front of us, and after pausing a second to look back the way they had come, flitted on in single file along the street, disappearing, as far as the darkness permitted me to judge, round a second corner. I by no means liked their appearance, and as a scream and the clash of arms rang out next moment from the direction in which they had gone, I cried lustily to Simon Fleix to follow, and ran on, belling me from the usual covenants that they were after no good, but that rather some honest man was like to be sore beset.

On reaching the lane down which they had plunged, however, I paused a moment, considering not so much its blackness, which was intense, the eaves nearly meeting overhead as the small chance I had of distinguishing between attackers and attacked. But Simon and the men ever-tugging me, and the circle breaking up still continuing, I decided to venture, and plunged into the alley, my left arm well advanced, with the skirt of my cloak thrown over it, and my sword drawn back. I

hunted as I ran, thinking that the knives might descend on hearing me; and this was what happened, for as I arrived on the scene of action—the farther end of the alley—two men took to their heels, while of two who remained, one lay at length in the kennel, and another rose slowly from his knees.

You are just in time, sir," the latter said, breathing hard, but speaking with a precision which sounded familiar. "I am obliged to you, sir, whoever you are. The villains had got me down and in a few minutes more would have made my mother childless. By the way, you have no light, have you?" he continued, hissing like a woman.

One of Rambouillet's men, who had by this time come up, cried that it was Monsieur François.

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GRAND TRUNK—Southern Division
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MAIN LINE—Going East.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Wabash Express (A).....	4:15 a.m.	4:20 a.m.
Accommodation.....	4:30 a.m.	4:35 a.m.
Atlantic Express (A).....	12:10 p.m.	12:20 p.m.
Day Express.....	4:25 a.m.	4:30 a.m.
Wabash Express (A) (D).....	4:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Mixed (C).....	5:00 p.m.	5:05 p.m.
Erie Limited (A).....	11:20 p.m.	11:30 p.m.

MAIN LINE—Going West.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Chicago Express (A).....	5:35 a.m.	5:40 a.m.
West End Mixed.....	11:35 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Wabash Express (A).....	11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Erie Limited (A).....	12:16 p.m.	12:20 p.m.
Accommodation.....	12:30 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
Pacific Express (A).....	2:14 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
Mail.....	5:00 p.m.	5:05 p.m.
Accommodation.....	7:30 p.m.	7:35 p.m.

Sarnia Branch.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Lehigh Express (B).....	4:01 a.m.	4:05 a.m.
Accommodation.....	4:20 a.m.	4:25 a.m.
Atlantic Express (B).....	11:35 a.m.	11:40 a.m.
Accommodation.....	11:50 a.m.	11:55 a.m.
Mixed.....	5:35 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
Accommodation.....	8:15 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Erie Limited (B).....	11:25 p.m.	11:30 p.m.

Sarnia Branch.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Chicago Express (B).....	5:40 a.m.	5:45 a.m.
Accommodation.....	7:40 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Lehigh Express (B).....	11:00 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
Erie Limited (B).....	12:20 p.m.	12:25 p.m.
Accommodation.....	1:55 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Pacific Express (B).....	7:40 p.m.	7:45 p.m.

London, Huron and Bruce.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Express.....	6:55 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Mail.....	6:40 p.m.	6:45 p.m.

St. Marys and Stratford Branch.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Mixed-Mail.....	11:15 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
Express.....	5:45 a.m.	5:50 a.m.
Express.....	5:40 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
Express-Mixed.....	10:15 p.m.	10:20 p.m.

Toronto Branch.

	ARRIVE	DEPART
Hamilton-Depart.....	4:01 a.m.	4:05 a.m.
Hamilton-Arrive.....	11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Hamilton-Depart.....	11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Hamilton-Arrive.....	11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.

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DEPART	ARRIVE	DEPART	ARRIVE
London.....	4:20 a.m.	4:25 a.m.	4:30 a.m.
Woodstock.....	5:00 a.m.	5:05 a.m.	5:10 a.m.
Galt.....	6:00 a.m.	6:05 a.m.	6:10 a.m.
Orillia.....	8:00 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
Peterborough.....	10:00 a.m.	10:05 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
Kingston.....	11:00 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Quebec.....	1:00 p.m.	1:05 p.m.	1:10 p.m.
Montreal.....	7:44 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	7:55 a.m.
Ottawa.....	8:00 a.m.	8:05 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
Port Huron, Mich.....	8:25 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:35 a.m.
Port Huron, Mich.....	8:25 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:35 a.m.
Halifax, N. S.....	11:20 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	11:30 a.m.

Trains arrive from the west at 11:50 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 11:40 p.m.

Going West.

London.....	12:00	11 4	7:35	7 0
ARRIVE—	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
Quebec.....	1:37	1:2	7:35	7 0
De Witt.....	3 23	3:10	7:35	7 0
Chicago.....	11:00	10:5	7:35	7 0
	a.m.	p.m.	7:35	7 0
St. Louis.....	7:35	8:0	7:35	7 0
	p.m.	a.m.	7:35	7 0
Kansas City.....	7:35	7 0	7:35	7 0

Trains arrive from the west at 4 10 a.m. 4:10 p.m.