THE OUTLAW: Ehe Semale Bandit. A STORY OF THE ROBBERS OF THE APENNINES.

BY LIEUTENANT MURRAY. THE ROBBERS OF THE APENNINES.

cati, in the Duchy of Parma; Italy, the sun lay bright and warm upon an open plat, on the mountain side, enlivening with its rays a wild and vivid scene. The spot, forming an area of three or four acres, presented a view which would have delighted an artist's eye. Lounging here and there over the green sward, were a score or two of brigands, dressed in all the rude and vivid colors that seem to form the delight of European mountaineers. Armed to the wary teeth, the men presented a most formidable and striking group, while close at hand were stacked a pile of the short, clumsy carbines of a century since. The gaudy colors of their dresses, the jaunty knots and bows of scarlet ribbons about their legs, arms and sboulders, the green slouched hats, each with a fancy colored feather, the bright, glittering steel weapons in their belts, 'all combined to render the group dazztingly picturesque. It was the afternoon of an autumnal day, and a dreamy spirit seemed to brood over the careless outlaws. Some slept upon their axes, meanly all were smoking the souch loved tobacco; and before the entrance of a cave, half-natural, half artificial, there stood steadily leaning upon his carbine, one who was evidently placed there on guard, while the plumed hat of another sentinel right have been seen at the entrance to the group are playing cards, and some large pieces of gold are rapidly changing hands with the progress of the game; but more in the foreground of the picture sit two persons who would naturally attract the eye of an observer. The one, from a certain air and style about him-not to speak of his dress, which hore also distinctive marks—was evidently a leader—of the band; while the others, with whom he v as conversing, was but too plainly a prisoner one but lately stopped in some neighboring pass. The open valies, and scattered contents told this story at once. The prisoner was a young man of four or five and twenty—tall, finely formed, evincing great strength and manly beauty in his proportions, with a face strikingly

of yours," said the cutlaw to his prisoner. "One of our poor fellows you sent to his long account, and two more are little better off, with broken heads and pistol balls in their bodies. We do not often pay so dearly for so modest a reward as you are likely to

afford "Merely instinct," my good friend," said the traveller, coolly, "Your people attacked me, and I defended myself until overcome by numbers."

"Ay, but the bend are bitter enough at the loss we have sustained at your hands, and demand your life in warment."

life in payment,"

"A poor boon for them. What would you gain
by my death? poor satisfaction indeed, Do you
blame me for an act of self defence?"

are the leader here, if I judge correctly?" conwas the reply.

"Mistress?

"And pray do you mean to say that a wo-man is your leader?" "Yes."

"That is strange!"

"Not at a'l," replied the outlaw. "Does she lead you on your expeditions?"

asked the prisoner, with undisguised curiosity. "No, but nevertheless she governs us; her

"And how many men do you number?"

"This immediate band numbers only half a hundred; but all the mountaineers of Parma are in our lesgue, and she is mistress of ail. We are now so well organized and disciplined, that we scarcely fear the government at all, and the regular troops rarely molest us."

"What is your mistress's name?"

"Inzilia." "A musical name." "It sounds sweet to us."

"Whence comes she? The daughter, or wife of some former leader?" "Neither. We know her only as our good angel. She keeps her own counsel, but

no general in Europe can plan and direct bet-ter than she. We have never known her yet to be mistaken in her calculations. She as miraculous power."

'This is very strange. I shall look with great interest for her coming, no less on account of herself, than for my own release." count of herself, than for my own release."

"No doubt she will liberate you, she always does that; but she also leaves the plunder to be divided among ourselves. She never claims even the smallest share of booty, and yet she never wants for gold, which at times she scatters among us freely."

The prisoner mused within himself while left alone. He was puzzled at what he had heard, and a most irresistible desire to meet the female baudit came over him. Don Heranzo was a Spanish cavalier, of gent!s birth, and ample means, of just the age to

Just then as the dusk of evening begans to the course of the street dashed into the opes of at his exercises, but shook her hand, the formal manning of the face.

If the meaning is her face.

"She is our mistress," said the man.

"So she is known to us," was the reply. "Has she no other name?"
"I have never asked," replied the man, other with well assumed or real indifference. "Does she live within the cave ?"
"No."

"Where then ?" "I know not," replied the man, puffing his cigar with perfect indifference.

Don Hersnzo had been prepared by the

romantic associations of the announcement of her coming, to see a beautiful woman, but he found the reality to far exceed his most exaggerated fancy. Youthful, of wonderful grace and ease of manner, entirely self pos-tessed, and seemingly endowed with a con-sciousness of position and power that made ber entirely at her ease, she bore about her the atmosphere of command and loveliness that at once enslaved his heart. A thousand

After the lapse of half an bour, during which the round full moon had quietly crept up from the torizon, and now looked bright and clear down upon the wild group of hardy and reckless mountaineers, the prisoner was "We s summoned to the interior of the cave, into a travel?" neat and comfortably fitted apartment, where was he was brought before the lady whom we have "Then I suppose you will release me, as you to the leader here, if I judge correctly?" conof glossy hair that fell in natural curls all "I am leader, that is, under our mistress." about her face and neck, acted as a half veil, but yet quite insufficient to even partially screen her wonderous beauty. By her side stood the same stalwart man who had ridden upon the grounds with her on her first com-

Saluting him gracefully with a wave of her hand, she told him that she was already coguizant of his case, and that it would only be

"A price is set upon my bead!" 'It weighs nothing with me. I can protect

endeavor?" "It could be expended in no more grateful

A gratified smile stole over and lit up her beautiful face, while she mused for a mo in silence. At length she said :-

"This cannot be, or rather not nowthat at once enslaved his heart. A thousand wild questions sprang up spontaneously in his heart. "Is she free? Could she love? Has she a true woman's heart, as she has an an gel's form? Ah, how strangely my heart beats under the influence of this entrancing vision!"

Imay talk to you at another time about this belonging to the secret league. The fearful oaths under which they were placed, and the valley, for many a league, even to the banks of the Po—you will hear the common people out to delinquents, kept them true; besides, the equitable distribution of booty made it for their pecuniary interest to remain faithful to the banditti. Two years of active mea—

"You are them—" "Alfonzo Mataloni!" "May I not hope that is time this bond could be severed?"

> "Ah, there is hope then ?" said the prisoner, earnestly. "We shall meet again. Whither do you "To Parma, the capital."

"Perhaps in time it might."

"It is well; now, good sir, a fair rest to

which I am charged," she added, somewhat earnestly; at the same time watching the young cavaliers countenance intently, as the Apennines within its southern border, though she would study the effect of her words upon him; her fine features lighted up the while with intelligence and earnest feeling imparted an aspect of wonderful beauty.

"I care not with what you are charged." answered her companion; "mine be the task and priv lege to lead you back to those a code which bound them all together for the same moment, there seemed to come over the traveller for the first time an idea, as to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. A vague feeling of uneasness shot through his mind, as he seemed to underestant and that these rude mountaineers could be a league of mutual interest, and subscribed to a code which bound them all together for the traveller for the first time an idea, as to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. A vague feeling of uneasness shot through his mind, as he seemed to underestant that these rude mountaineers could be a league of mutual interest, and subscribed to a code which bound them all together for the first time an idea, as to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. A vague feeling of uneasness shot through his mind, as he seemed to underestant that these rude mountaineers could be a league of mutual interest, and subscribed to a code which bound them all together for the first time an idea, as to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. A vague feeling of uneasness shot through his mind, as he seemed to underestant the seemed to come over the traveller for the first time an idea, as to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. A vague feeling of uneasness shot through his mind, as he seemed to come the traveller for the first time an idea, as to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. A vague feeling of uneasness shot through his mind, as he seemed to come the total and the seemed to come the traveller for the first time an idea, as to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. A vague feeling of the same to whom he was indebted for his timely preservation. sweet paths, which you were born to orna- good and protection of the entire whole. As but for a moment, then asked: isolated and roving bands they were com-paratively unimportant and weak, but as a leagued body, they became strong and power"It matt

These bands were composed mainly of hardy mountaineers, the peasantry of the name country; and so complete were they in their ed?" organization, that when necessary, the cap-tains could bring together large numbers for an occasion, whose legitimate occupation was that of vine dressers and agriculturists; whose neighbors, even, suspected them not of may talk to you at another time about this belonging to the secret league. The fearful sure on the part of the government against

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"Well, I can't exactly say," was the reply "not having asked the question myself." At the same moment, there seemed to come over the traveller for the first time an idea "Whom have we to thank for this great

"It matters not," was the moody reply, the chief, who stood by his side "Surely you will gratify us by giving the

"It is a name, sir, which you of the capita hear only coupled with blood-thirsty deeds, and ideas of all sorts of villary; a name that is uttered as a bug bear to frighten stubborn children into obedience in your princely halls—but here, on the mountain side, and in the

The young lady drew instinctively nearer the outlaws, had proved perfectly fatile in suppressing their power, and the condition of things assumed a most fearful aspect of anarchy at the particular period when we have things assumed a most fearful aspect of anarchy at the particular period when we have opened our story.

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which was, indeed, the terror of half of Parma. The robber folded his arms and looked calmly at them. On that lovely girl his eyes of all the bands, that headed by Alfonzo

of all the bands, that headed by Alfonzo Motoloni, and which we have already intro-duced to the reader, was the most feared own eyes sought the ground. It was but for

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'I should be loath to press you, were I by chance in such a position as to need your aid.' 'If that occasion comes, let me requite this favor,' said the count, earnestly.
'I shall remember your offer, Count Fialto,' said the outlaw.

'I trust so; once more, farewell.' 'Farewell,' said the chief, pressing the offered hand of the count.

On the following day, after the arrival of Count Fialto and his ward safe to Parma, the Count Fialto and his ward safe to Parma, the whole court rang with the story of their late adventure. The young reigning queen, who had succeeded to the throne from reason of there being no male heir, listened with great interest, and inquired into every particular concerning the gentle Nina. The act made much capital for the outlaws, and several declared that there were little use of concerned.

young and beautiful, just the age when the heart bears the largest share in the council chamber of our discretion, and she easily saw, significent, if not absolutely dangerous character. The queen warn d the blushing

more, with a sweet smile to the leader as they parted; and Count Fialto bade him farewell with a courteous assurance that this favor should be remembered, if the time ever arrived when his influence could serve the true

marked.

In early barvesting, of course, great attention must be given to the curing of the crep. It is advisable to allow it to lay for half a day or so in the swath before binding, and then small bundles should be made. It should be shocked up before dew falls, and will need to remain in the field for a tonger time than if cut when fully ripe. Should no rain occur, (which can hardly be expected,) the common practice of setting up the sheaves in a double row, with the heads resting against each other, is simple and sufficient. Against clared that there were little use of government troops to fight men who could be governed thus by a sense of honor and chwalry.

Maria Colonna, the queen of Parma, was

Of barvesting implements we shall not at present speak. The subject will, no doubt, be sufficiently agitated by those interested—the makers and users of these important inven ions .- Country Gentleman

"It is well; now, good sir, a fair rest to you."

"Must we separate so early?"

"Als is necessary."

"The good night. One token of remembers of the saked.

"I have none to give, unless it be this sale at the commander of the troop, as if an answer to some signal from the lady, becknoed him at some signal from the lady, beckn TO MAKE GINGER BEER.

external air, and put into it a layer of bran, dried in an oven, or of ashes well dried and sifted. Upon this a layer of grapes well cleaned, and gathered in the afternoon of a dry day, before they are perfectly ripe. Proceed thus with alternate layers of bran and grapes till the barrel is full, taking eare that the grapes do not touch each other, and to let the last layer be of bran; then close the barrel so that the air may not be able to penetrate, which is an essential point. Grapes, thus packed, will keep nine or even twelve months. To restore them to their freshness, cut the end of the stalk of each bunch ot grapes, and put that of white grapes into white