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That to the feeble strength doest bear, To whom no outcast turns too late, E'en when thy Son is deaf to prayer,

DIMITRIOS AND IRENE

The Conquest of Constantinople

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CHARLES WARREN CURRIER

CHAPTER XIV.

With great anxiety, Dimitrios had waited for the end of the long, monnous day which had been unwarm, and which he hoped would bring him an answer to his letter. Not a ripple had stirred the surface of the Bosphorus, and the vessels upon it had lain completely motionless, while their white sails will give them as much Turkish fire as flapped hither and thither, or hung lifeless against the masts. No breath then which is worse, Turkish or Greek then which is worse, Turkish or Greek word Angel and A of air had fanned the heated brow of the sentinels around the camp or the gunners on the various batteries. Forming a striking contrast with the Turkish cannon had poured forth a me at once." deadly fire all day, which was feebly answered by the guns of Constantibut, instead, the dreaded Greek fire had not been idle, and wherever the besieged bad found an opportunity of reaching the Turkish ships, they had loaded their pistons and sent the fiery dragons whizzing through the air to burn more than one Turkish vessel and inflict unutterable torture on the soldiers and sailors of the enemy who were unfortunate

enough to fall victims to it. Towards evening the fire of the Towards evening the fire of the cannon had gradually ceased, and the combatants on both sides were pre"Let us be seated," answered Selim combatants on both sides were pre-varing to rest from the deadly labors of the day. More than one and relate to me what you have Turkish corpse had been dragged heard and seen." away from the scene of battle by comrades swearing dire vengance upon the Turkish fashion, crossing their

arrived, to give rest to man and beast. stantinople were scarcely visible in the most atrocious deed.' gloom. As the darkness of night had taken the place of the sweltering heat unfortunate Leila! I know it all." of the day, and a refreshing breeze "You know of the death of was wafted from the Bosphorus to- How could you have heard it? wards the land, Selim went forth from the Turkish camp, protected by an order of the Sultan. Alone and silent he pursued his way towards the city, lost in the gloom of night. The Turkish soldiers must have wondered to the sultant have beard it?

"Forego that question for the present, you shall hear later, but tell me how where you have been and it?

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tent, Striking a light, he examined the arrow and found two small letters ned to it. One was directed to

" All efforts will be made to find Nicolaus, and, if they prove successful, a flag of truce will be sent at once

anxious expression upon his counten-ance, advanced to meet his benefactor. "Be of good cheer, my boy," said Selim, "I have an answer to your letter. I knew it would arrive in due

Dimitrios grasped the paper with rembling hand and palpitating heart. Opening it, he read as follows: "Dearest Brother! It is impossible to describe the feelings of gladness that took possession of my soul, when I learned that you were alive. I have been ill, very ill, but, thank God, this most acceptable news has greatly revived me. Still I shudder when I think that you are among the Turks, although it is with the deepest feelings of gratitude towards God that learn that even there you have found a friend and protector. Heaven grant that Nicolaus may be discovered,

and that I may soon embrace my brother again! I cease not to pray for you, and to invoke the intercession of Holy Mary that you may return to me. Our friend, Morosini, does all in his power to console me. The mperor is, also, very concerned about our safety, and he will spare no sacifice to obtain your release. Have confidence, brother, and place your trust in God, we shall soon meet again.

"Your Sister, "HELENA." The countenance of Dimitrio brightened, as his eyes ran quickly over the lines Handing the letter to Selim, he said:

"Read, father. Thank God she feels consoled."

Selim took the letter and read it. "God is good, my dear son,"

vitality still left in the old ruin, but it quaff the delightful fluid." is surely ours. I am rejoiced that "For heaven's sake, Fortuny, what am anxious for a little sport."

"You may have more than you expect," replied Selim, "and, besides, you may be badly scorched before you

"It is the only thing I am afraid A HISTORICAL ROMANCE of," answered the soldier, "but tell me, Selim (you seem to know all), where did they ever get that infernal thing

"The Greek fire was invented about the year 667, by a certain Callinicus, of Heliopolis, and brought by him to gressing it,"
Constantinople."

"The fiends devour him! what the accursed stuff made of?" "It is a composition of naptha pitch and sulphur

"By Mahomet! they say that nothing resists it."

"You are right. Water does no

universal stillness of nature, was the din of strife that filled the air. The

with an immense sword at his side. stood before Selim.

pure Castilian, " Que barbaridad ! how others maintain that this opinion is nexpected this is?"

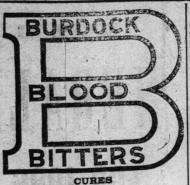
"I am exceedingly glad to see you, father," Catalan dialect, and, continuing in in 1420. In his Imago Mundi-Im Castilian, he added: "but let us con age of the World, he writes:

"and relate to me what you have

"Father Gregorio," began Fortuny,

'Alas! I have no agreeable news to Gradually its shades had fallen upon communicate to you. Nicolaus brought the landscape, and the towers of Conhimself into serious difficulty by a "I have heard it, Fortuny.

"You know of the death of Leila



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Selim related what had occurred and continued: "Fortuny, my faithful friend, we me, will you not?"

" If I should have to sail to the is, if they are in the land of the liv- and I have never heard of him

"Well said, my trusty Fortuny; I

well, may the Holy Angels guard matters. I know that you are very of St. Esteban, and he assured me you!"

abstemious, but 1 have an elastic that it was an opinion shared by sever-With these words he left the tent of stomach. I have concealed under my al of his Fathers. However, Fortuny, Dimitrios and retired to his own. He jacket a flask of delightful Spanish we have had enough of this learned, found a soldier awaiting him. When I look at the spark- or, as you are pleased to call it, "Selim," said the military, "tomorrow the army is to move onward,
we are to approach nearer to the city.

Constantinople is doomed. It may home again in Barcelona, on the blue

The solution where I lived for many years; I am home again in Barcelona, on the blue

Fortuny thanked his bost, and in a match of the Meditary agree of take a long time, for there is much waters of the Mediterranean, when I short time, both friends were lost in

we are to approach nearer, for this are you doing? If a Turk should everlasting pounding away at the old bappen to come in at this moment walls is beginning to be tedious; it is and find you drinking wine, we would like wasting powder. Moreover, I be ruined. It would be as bad as to Turkish army had moved nearer to find you eating pork."

find me eating pork, whenever I have eyes of the Greeks beheld the change anything else, but, as for wine, they that had taken place noislessly, and as reach the city, if you ever succeed in going so far. Don't forget the Greek fire."

Anything else, but, as for wine, they that had taken place noisiessly, and as quaff it themselves occasionally on the sly, when they think the Prophet in pavalion had been moved without in paradise is looking in another difficulty, as it rested upon a system rection, and he has not his eyes upon of rollers. The beseiged had scarce

Gregorio." and before the priest cou draught.

on earth. But, you know, I must mediaeval war engines which the have my wine as much as the German Turks had been endeavouring to place must have his beer."

"You said you wanted to speak o ever penetrate into Constantinople, I something agreeable; what had you lively on the water, especially at the entrance to the Golden Horn, which He accompanied the Emperor to "O! yes. I had mentioned word Antipodes, do you believe in the

"A strange question, Fortuny. "You know, Father, I delight in those questions. I have sailed down "Is Hassan here? Bring him to the African coast on one of the ships arrival of Selim, and, though the sun he not a Greek." sent out by Prince Henry, the Navi-Selim entered his tent, and the gator, and it is natural that my mind soldier departed. Within a brief should occasionally revert to a topic, Dimitrios grew uneasy. Had some-ed."

"Well," replied Selim, " there are differences of opinion, some believing "Fortuny," exclaimed the latter in in the existence of Antipodes, while heretical. Listen to the words of the famous Cardinal d'Ailly, Bishop of answered Fortuny in the Cambrai, who died some years since,

"'The earth is spherical, and the western ocean relatively small. Aristotle maintains against Ptolomy, that more than a fourth of the earth is inhabited, and Averrhoes holds the same opinion. The Stagyrite affirms Both men sat down on a carpet, in also that the sea is small between the western coasts of Spain and the eastern shores of India. There is here a question not of Spain proper, but of Spain extended, or Africa. Seneca

assnres us that this sea can be crossed himself into serious difficulty by a in a few days with a favorable wind. "The Cardinal thus believes that the earth is round, that the eastern shores of India are west of Spain and, the consequence is, that he be-lieves that the other side of the earth is inhabited, and that, therefore, An-

tipodes exist. "Who, did you say, was the author

of the work you cited ?" "Cardinal Pierre d'Aflly, or, as they call him in Latin, Petrus de Alliaco. "Father Gregorio, I have heard of that author ere this. It is very verse with you on a very serious topic Our life is so uncertain, it is well to strange that you should recall his be on the safe side. I have thus for

"Poor Dimitrios," exclaimed Selim. significance. Yes, I feel that the day "Fortuny, say nothing to him concerning your voyage to Thessalonica."

"It is useless to caution me, for I will have no opportunity of seeing Dimitrios."

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"It is useless to caution me, for I would vou hesitate to make a change?"

"Not a single instant," replied the young man, "even though it seen a face that bore so much the wore necessary to sacrifice that

Nicolaus, and, if they prove successful, a flag of truce will be sent at once with an offer of exchange. Farewell."

Taking the letter for Dimitrios in that I learned of the sad fate of the his hand, Selim at once proceeded to the tent of the prisoner. As he catered the Greek arose, and, with an offer of exchange. For the prisoner of the prisoner o

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book. It was written by Cardinal Petrus de Alliaco. I simply devour it. It contains wonderful things.'* must find Diogenes; you will help Your citing the words of this author Your citing the words of this author has recalled this conversation to my mind. Young Colombo was a firm believer in the existence of Antipodes. We parted from each other at Pera, and I have never heard of him

Let Same, when we were we subject to the Pope. We must see what all believed then, why they believed it, and why some changed their belief and broke with the Pope."

As Selius finished the last words, land of the Antipodes, if any such monsters exist, I will find them. That We parted from each other at Pera

"Well, Fortuny," said Selim, "I know you will succeed, for you have too believe that the Antipodes are no door and enquired for the reason of fable, and I am not the only one. "Do not flatter too much, Father When I was in Barcelona, I met a said, "I feel that all will be well yet. Gregorio. I do what I can. But young Dominican friar from the house To-morrow I will see you again, rest let us now speak of more agreeable of his order in Salamanca, the convent ginning to yield."

CHAPTER XV.

the city, so that when the first rays of "No fear! Father, they will never the sun broke upon it, the astonished ly time to recover from their surprise, "That makes no difference, As a when the fourteen Turkish batteries rule the Turks observe this law of the opened fire upon them. In the Koran with scrupulous exactitude, and camp the noise was deafening; the you will surely draw upon yourself very earth trembled. The Greeks But it only takes a second, Father mounted their cannon in one spot,

interpose. Fortuny had brought the extent that they were obliged to debottle to his lips and taken a strong sist. However, whenever a detachment of Turks happened to approach Hastily concealing the flask, he near enough, they would sling their dreaded Greek fire at them, thus

was defended by the Greek ships. Dimitros heard the report of cannon, and he chafed with im- Holy See, so much so, that Pope patience at the thought that he was Eugene IV. conferred upon him the powerless to aid his country. He dignity of Cardinal. I am sure that could not leave his tent before the Bessarion would become Pope were could not leave his tent before the was alreaedy high in the heavens, the period the curtain at the entrance was which, at present, occupies much thing occurred? Of course, he knew of the schism, which was under that the army had approached nearer of the schism, which was under to Constantinople, for his own tent Photius, in the middle of the ninth mind, but the evident uselesness of

had been moved, together with the contury, we find that, until then, the rest, and he had been obliged to assist. The thought of making his escape had presented itself to his will seek for the answer to this escape had presented itself to his the attempt, and above all, the fear that he should injure Selim, deterred him. While many painful thoughts were passing through his mind, the door of his tent suddenly opened and a guard entered, saying :

"I have orders to conduct you to the tent of Selim." Dimitrios accompanied the soldier and, in a few moments, he stood before his friend who thus addressed

"Dimitrios, I have taxed your patience, but important matters demanded my attention, however, I sent for you as soon as possible."

"Father, is there any news from the city? I am growing anxious' "Be not alarmed, my son; you know that such matters require time. Exercise patience now as a penance for your rashness. If, within a few days, Nicolaus is not discovered, I have other plans. Sit down and let us converse. We are comparatively safe here, for the cannon of the Greeks

do little damage." "Father Gregorious, I would con verse with you on a very serious topi Selim was feared by aft, and the could almost throw a stone into the city, he placed his fingers to his lips and gave a shrill and prolonged whistle. It was quickly answered from the ramparts, above which appeared a light in the glare of which the figure of a man was seen armed with a bow and directing an arrow was sent whizing through the dial naturn high above his head. The strow was sent whizing through the distance of a yard to the right of Selim, who, striking a light, held a lantern high above his head followed it with his eyes as much as the darkness permitted. He heard followed it with his eyes as much as the darkness permitted. He heard followed it with the weslets from Selim announced that the message had reached its destination. The lights were extinguished and all was dark and silent as before. When Selim reached the Turkish camp he proceeded directly to histen. Striking a light, he examined the two that the wessage had reached its destination. The lights were extinguished and all was dark and silent as before, when Selim reached the Turkish camp he proceeded directly to histen. Striking a light, he examined the arrow and found two small letters tested the arrow and found two small letters tested to fit to the work of the sale side, I have thus far, the darkness permitted. He heard the sale that the was lated to ward it to the sale side, I have a the darkness permitted. He heard followed it with his eyes as much as the darkness permitted. He heard to sale the sale that the was lated to the sale that the was almost the conditional to the condition of life. I enquired from beyer point the ground and another whist of the sale that the sale that the was dark and silent as before. When Selim reached the Turkish camp he proceeded directly to his tent. Striking a light, the examined the propose of the sale that the sale that the was darked toward it to the darkness permitted. He heard

ove of Irene, and of my sister, Hel-"You are a brave boy, but let us hepe that such a sacrifice will Lot be

required. Did you ever pray that the holy spirit might enlighten "It is my constant prayer."
"You shall have that light, my child; doubt it not. In this matter

there is really only one thing to settle, only one vital question, and that is this: Is the Pope of Rome the Vicar of Christ; are all Chrisians bound to live in communion with him, and submit to his decrees All else is secondary. If this ques tion be proved, all has been proved."
"You know father that I have

been taught to look upon the Pope a a usrurper and tyrant."

"I know it my son but it is not "Well I am willing to be enlight

"Thus far, Dimitrios, you have studied from only one standpoint, hat of the Greek Church; but, in this matter, we must go back to the time before the schism, when we were all one, when we all believed the same, when we were all subject

loud shout and cries of joy were heard on the outside. He rushed to the "We have hit the mark," cried a

reteran; " the tough old walls are be-"Is there a breach?" asked "No, not yet, but large pieces are

filling. See! there it goes," and, as he spoke he pointed towards the Are pouring in from Germany, Selim gazed and saw that piece Austria, France, England of the wall between the Palac Canada and the United States of the Hebdomon, in the suburb of More than ever our store this

Blachernae, and the gate of Polyan drion, were flying in splinters.
"This looks serious," he said. Again he re-entered the and addressing Dimitrios said: "It was only a better shot than

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"Thank you, Father; now pro

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