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HEN the Marquis of Clameran perceived that Raoul de La-gors was the only obstacle be-tween him and Madeleine, he swore that the obstacle should be re-

The same day his plan was laid. Raoul was walking out to Vesinet about midnight he was stopped at a lonely spot by three men, who asked him what o'clock it was. While look-

him what o'clock it was. While look-ing at his watch the ruffians fell upon him suddenly.

By his skillful blows, for he had be-come proficient in boxing in England, Raoul made his enemies take to their heels. He continued his walk home, determined to be hereafter well armed when he went out at night. He never for an instant suspected his accomplice of having instigated the assault.

But two days afterward, at a cafe which he frequented, a vulgar looking man, a stranger to him, after trying to provoke a quarrel, finally threw a card in his face, saying its owner was ready to grant him satisfaction, Raoul rush ed toward the man to thrash him with his fists, but his friends held him back.

"Very well, then. You will hear from me tomorrow," he said to his assailant.
"Wait at your hotel until I send two friends to you."
As soon as the stranger had gone

Raoul recovered from his excitement and began to wonder what could have been the motive for the insult. Picking up the man's card, he read:
"W. H. B. Jacobson, formerly Garibaldian volunteer, ex-officer of the Army of the South (Italy, America), 30

Leonie street." "Oh," he thought, "here is a big milltary man who can whip everybody!" Raoul had seen enough of the world to understand these heroes who cover

their visiting cards with titles. But, since the insult had been offered in the presence of others, early the next morning Raoul sent two of his friends to make arrangements for a duel. He gave them M. Jacobson's address and told them to report at the Hotel du Louvre, where he proposed to sleep. At half past 8 in the morning his sec-

onds arrived. M. Jacobson had selected the sword and would fight that very hour in the woods of Vincennes.

"Let us be off!" cried Raoul gayly.
"I accept the gentleman's conditions." After a minute's fencing Raoul was slightly wounded in the right shoulder. The "ex-officer of the south" wished to continue the combat, but Raoul's se onds declared that honor was satisfied and that they had no intention of imperiling their friend's life again. The ex-officer was obliged to ac-quiesce. Raoul went home delighted at baving escaped with nothing more serious than a little loss of blood and resolved to keep clear of all so called Garlbaldians in the future. In fact, a night's reflection had convinced him that Clameran was the instigator of the two attempts to kill him. Mme. Fau-vel baving told him what conditions Madeleine placed on her consent to marriage, Raoul instantly saw the great interest Clameran would have in his removal. He recalled a thousand little remarks and events of the last few days, and on skillfully questioning the marquis his suspicions changed into certainty. This conviction that the man whom he had so materially as-sisted in his criminal plans was so him inspired in Raoul a resolution to take speedy vengeance upon his treacherous accomplice and at the same time nsure his own safety. He was persuaded that by openly siding with Madeleine and her aunt he could save them from Clameran's clutches. Hav-ing fully resolved upon this, he wrote



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his disclosures.

He succeeded. The poor lady had a smiling and happy air in an armchair, with Raoul kneeling before her.

"I have distressed you too long, my dear mother," he said in his softest tones, "but I repent sincerely. Now

He had not time to say more. The door was violently thrown open, and M. Fauvel, revolver in hand, entered the room. "Ah," he said, "you thought you

could abuse my credulity forever!"

Raoul had the courage to place himself before Mme. Fauvel and to stand

prepared to receive the expected bullet.
"I assure you, uncle"— he began.
"Enough!" interrupted the banker, with an angry gesture. "Cease this acting, of which I am no longer the dupe." "I swear to you"—
"Spare yourself the trouble of deni-

als. I know all, I know who pawned my wife's diamonds. I know who committed the robbery for which the inno-cent Prosper was arrested and impris-

Mme. Fauvel, white with terror, fell

upon her knees.

At last it had come—the dreadful day had come! Vainly for years she had added falsehood to falsehood. Vainly she had sacrificed herself and others. All was now discovered. "Pardon, Andre! I conjure you, for-

give me!" At these heartbroken tones the banker trembled. This voice brought be-fore him the twenty rears which he had spent with this woman, who had whose slightest wish had been his law

happiest or the most miserable of men "Unhappy woman!" he said. "Unhappy woman! What have I done that you should act thus? I have loved you

and who by a look could make him the

too deeply."

Raoul, who listened with attention saw that if the banker knew somethings he certainly did not knew all. He saw that erroneous information had misle the unhappy man and that he was stil a victim of false appearances. He de-termined to convince him of his mis-

But the sound of Raoul's voice was

sufficient to break the charm.
"Silence!" cried the banker, with an angry oath. "Silence!"
The stillness was only broken by the

sobs of Mme. Fauvel.
"I came here," continued the banker,
"with the intention of killing you both,
but courage fails me to kill a woman, and I will not kill an unarmed man.' Raoul once more tried to speak.
"Let me finish!" interrupted M. Fau-

vel. "Your life is in my hands. The law excuses the vengeance of an in-jured busband, but I refuse to take advantage of it. I see on your mantel a revolver similar to mine. Take it and defend yourself."

"Defend yourself!" cried the banker, Feeling the barrel of M. Fauvel's revolver touch his breast. Raoul took his own pistol from the mantel.

"Place yourself in that corner of the com, and I will stand in this," continued the banker, "and when the clock 'strikes, which will be in a few seconds, we will both fire."

They took the places designated. But he horror of the scene was too much for Mme. Fauvel to witness any longer without interposing. She understood but one thing-her son and her husband were about to kill each other husband were about to kill each other before her very eyts. Fright and hor-ror gave her strength to start up and rush between the two men, with extended arms.

"Have pity, Andre?" she cried, wring-ing her hands in anguish. "Let me tell

you! Don't kill"—
This burst of maternal love M. Fau-This burst of maternal love M. Fau-vel took for the pleading of a criminal defending her lover. He seized his wife by the arm and thrust her aside. But she would not be repulsed. Rush-ing up to Raoul, she threw her arms around him and said to her husband: "Kill me, and me alone, for I am the crility one?"

All the, and me alone, for I am the guilty one?"

At these words M. Fauvel glared at the guilty pair and, deliberately taking aim, fired. Neither Raoul nor Mme. Fauvel moved. The banker fired a second time, then a third. He cocked the pistol for a fourth shot when a man rushed into the room, snatched the pistol from the banker's hand and ran to Mme. Fauvel. It was M. Verduret.

"Thank God," he cried, "she is unhurt! Do you know who that man is that you attempted to kill?"

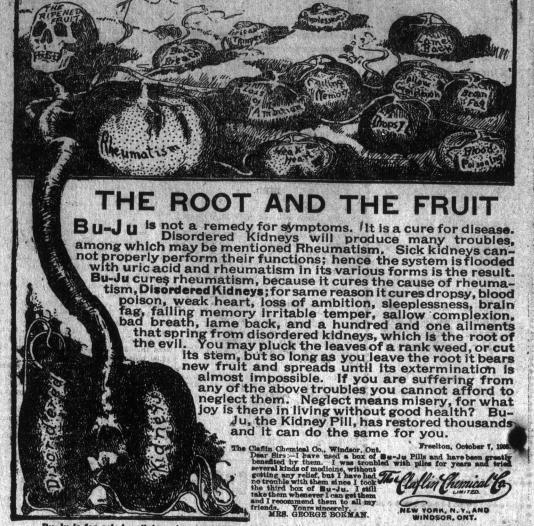
"Her lover!"

"No; her son!"

The banker looked wildly from Raoul to M. Verduret, then, fastening his haggard eyes on his wife, exclaimed:

"It is false! You are all conspiring to deceive me! Proofs!"

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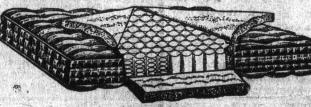
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