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**Arthur Pequegnat** 

Eulalie rose, unable to contain herself.

"But this is not to be believed," she cried
"I do not understand you, Elie."

"I understand you less, aunt; did not
you yourself just now reprobate those who
could be capable of breaking an engagement
through ambition or through pride?"

Mrs. Gaillot perceived that her love of
posing had, as usual, made her commit a
blunder.

"I was not talking of Miss Severin," she

"Have you then two codes of morals, two
andards of justice ?" cried Elie. "Have
ou not yourself pointed out my duty to me
warning me of the danger which Anna's

corously."
"In fact," said Elie ironically," you have proposed to me to renounce my love for Anna after proving to me that the world would not believe in her innocence. You have advised me to abandon her, promising to make her a visit of condolence for the loss of her hone."

"Will be slien, total," young man, bowing.

The banker's wife rose and took a few steps as if about to go away, but she stopped suddenly, like an actress dissatisfied with her exit. She turned toward de Beaucourt, uttered the word ingrate, and with a heart-broken gesture disappeared among the willows.

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Meanwhile Eulalie was not without anxiety as to the consequences of the explanation she had just had with her nephew; she ought to have seen the turn it would have taken, but in all she had said her stupidity had been the accomplice of her immorality. She resolved to tell Mr. Gaillot at once all that had passed, in order that he might eake measures to ward off, if possible, this unexpected blow.

Gaillot was the less prepared for this confidence as everything seemed to concur to make his plan succeed. A letter received a few days before from the count giving him to understand that he would meet with no obstacles in that quarter, he had turned all his attention to finishing with Severin, by taking some additional measures for his destruction.

of escaping with nonor from the rule was awaited him.

While the conversation between Eulalie and de Beaucourt which we have just related was taking place, the banker learned of Severin's fruitless efforts as well as of his departure from Paris, and received the assurance that the manufacturer would cease in a few days to be his competitor.

Thus secure of the success of all his projects, having nothing further either to fear or to desire, he thought that the time had come to speak to de Beaucourt and announce to him the alliance which he had planned for him.

He mad just rolled slowly the letter which informed him of his rival's irretrievable ruin, and, his eyes bright with joy, his lips smiling, he was going down to the garden to look for his nephew when he met Mrs. Gaillot, who was just entering.

"I have something to say to you," she wild to him.

said to him.
"And I to you."
They went to one of the most retired alleys and there Mrs. Gaillot informed him of all that passed, beginning with the confidence of Dubois. At first the banker ut-

ered only exclamations of surprise and exation, but when Eulalie related to him er conversation with de Beaucourt he er conversation with de Beaucourt he ouder contain himself. "May God confound you!" he cried, "you ave ruined everything."

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### Free Trial To Any Honest Man

The Government Is Sworn In a

formal Ceremony at the Cuban Capits and Rejoicing in Spain Over the Ever -General Weyler Tries to Square Himself With the Queen-Men A

Havana, Jan. 3.—Many people assembled at the Palace Saturday at 9 a.m. in order to witness the swearing in of Sonor Rafael Montoro, Marquis of Montorey-Sonor Francisco Zayas and Senor Laureane Rodriguez, as secretaries of the Provisional Government. Marshal Blanco, the Captain-General, escorted by a number of high Spanish officials, the consular corps, army and navy officers, etc., reached the throne room at the hour mentioned. A new Bible was open on the table, and upon it the secretaries took the oath of fidelity to the Queen, the monarchy and the Spanish Government, placing their right hands on the Bible and kneeling down as they repeated the words required.

Senor Calvez, the President of the Cabinet, was first sworn in, and then the oath was administered to the others. To Marshal Blanco's enquiry: "Doyou swear fidelity to Spain, the Queen and Spanish institutions?" all replied, "We do."

Peace for Cuba.

Marshal Blanco then addressed the officials, saying: "Consecrated by the cath just taken, the autonomous department of Cuba is now established in accordance with the royal decree of Nov. 27, 1897. Your names and the places you occupy in the political parties to which you belong are ample guarantees of the liberal policy which the Government, the new regime, is to adopt. The new Government should be inspired by high, conciliatory, impartial and just motives. It is your duty to study the necessities of the island, especially economic questions and the means to restore the property destroyed. Peace and the welfare of Cuba form the best inopaganda we can make in behalf of autonomy and against the revolution, which, although it was never justified, will hereafter have no pretext whatever to exist.

"May God concede you the good luck which I sincerely wish may accompany you in fulfilling your noble and thorny mission, so that we may together restore to this privileged island, for which I have professed great affection for years, the peace and prosperty so much needed. To consecrate the carrying out of our good wishes, let us cry, with hearts full of loyalty to our institutions: 'Long live Spain. Long live Cuba! Always Spanish.'"

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After the conclusion of this ceremony all present attended the celebration of mass by the bishop in the chapel of the Palace. All present knelt down at the elevation of the host with the exception of the British and German Consuls. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, the Captain-General remitted the death penalty imposed upon persons who had been convicted of common crimes.

Cable messages of congratulation were exchanged during the day between Senor Sagasta, the Premier of Spain, and Marshal Blanco.

Tobacco Embargo Raised.

The Official Gazette publishes an edict of Captain-General Blanco, raising the embargo on the exportation of tobacco. The decree provides for the payment of a duty of \$12\$ in gold per 100 kilos on tobacco for all grades except Sanitago de Cuba tobacco, which continues to pay the ruling tariff. All export duty on manufactured tobacco and cigars and cigarettes is abolished, including the fifty cents stamp duty. On cut tobacco the duty remains as at present, plus 10 cents stamp duty per kilo. The importation of tobacco from Puerto Rico and other places is prohibited.

SURVEY OF THE CUBAN FIELD

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Havana, Jan. 3.—The insurgent general, Francisco Carillo, with one thousand men from Santa Clara Province, has entered Matanzas Province, near Hanabana, and is supposed to be on the way to reunite with the concentrated insurgent forces under Brigadier-Generals Juarez and Cepero in Havana Province.

It is reported from Santiago de Cuba that Gen. Pando is greatly disheartened on account of the obstacles which prevented a successful campaign against the insurgents in that province. He declares that he jeds no hase of operations, the insurgents control being so complete that

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Barcleona, Jan. 3.—Gen. Ruiz Rivera, the well-known insurgent leader, who was captured, badly wounded, in the Prolynce of Pinar del Rio, by the Span-ish troops under Gen. Velasco, on March 29, who was condemned to death and subsequently apparently pardoned, has arrived here and was conducted on foot and in chains to Montjuich fortress, be-tween lines of soldiers and mounted gend-armes. Gen. Rivera was calm, but he protested against being chained. No one was allowed to speak to him. There was a big crowd of people in the vicinity, but there was no manifestation.

Ordination at Hamilton Cathedral.

Hamilton, Jan. 3.—The impressive ceremony of ordination was held Sunday morning at Christ Church Cathedral.

Three candidates presented themselves for deacon's orders. They were W. H. Thomas, H. R. Quinn, both graduates of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, Eng., and H. C. Burt, of Trinity College, Toronto. Bishop Dumoulin officiated and was assisted by Revs. Canon Houston, of Nigara Falls, and Canon Clark, of Ancaster. Rev. Mr. Thomas will be affached to the City Cathedral. Rev. Mr. Quinn goes to St. Thomas' Church, of this city, and Rev. Mr. Burt is appointed to Mount Forest.



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