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THE COURIER By Jules Verne

"Ivan Ogareff!" cried a third time the intrepid young girl in a voice whose hate had increased tenfold the force. Drunk with fury, Ivan Ogareff drew

a dagger from his belt, rushed upon Nadia and forced her back into a corner of the room. It was all over with her when the wretch, suddenly knocked down by a tremendous blow, rolled to the ground.

"Michael!" cried Nadia. It was Michael Strogoff. Michael Strogoff had heard the appeal of Nadia. Guided by her voice, he had arrived at the room of Ivan Ogareff, and he had entered by the door which had been left open.

"Fear nothing, Nadia," he said as he placed himself between her and Ivan Ogareff.

"Ah," screamed the young girl, "take care, brother! The traitor is armed!

He can see well!" Ivan Ogareff had risen, and, believing that he had the advantage over a blind man, he threw himself-upon Michael Strogoff. But with one hand Michael seized the arm of him who could see well and with the other, turning aside his weapon, he threw him a sec-

ond time to the ground. Ivan Ogareff, pale with fury and shame, remembered that he was carrying a sword. He drew it from the scabbard and returned to the combat. He had also recognized Michael Strogoff. A blind man! He had only, in short, to deal with a blind man.

Nadia, terrified at the danger which threatened her companion in such an unequal struggle, ran to the door, call-

"Shut that door, Nadia," said Michael Strogoff. "Do not call any one, and let me do it. The courier of the czar has nothing to fear today from this wretch. Let him come at me if he dare. I am waiting for him."

Meanwhile Ivan Ogareff, gathering himself together, as it were, like a tiger did not utter a word. The noise of his step, his very breathing, he would have wished to keep back from the ear of the blind man. He wished to strike him before even he had any warning of his approach, to strike him with a certain blow. The traitor did not dream of fighting, but of assassinating him whose name he had sto-

Nadia, frightened, yet at the same time confident, contemplated with a ort of admiration that terrible scene It seemed that the old coolness had come back to him.

Michael Strogoff had as his only weapon his Siberian knife, and he could not see his adversary, who was even armed with a sword. But by what favor from heaven was he able to over-

Ivan Ogareff glanced at his adversary with a visible anxiety. That superhuman calmness worked upon him. In vain, appealing to his reason, he kept saying that in the inequality of such a combat all the advantage was in his favor. That immovableness of the blind man completely froze him. He had sought with his eyes the place where he must strike his victim. He had found it. Who, then, was preventing him from giving the finishing blow? At length he made a blow and thrust his sword full at the breast of Michael Strogoff.

An imperceptible movement of the knife of the blind man turned the blow. Michael Strogoff had not been touched and coolly seemed to wait another at tack without, however, challenging it. A cold sweat ran from the face of Ivan Ogareff. He recoiled a pace, then made another thrust. But the second blow, like the first, fell harmless. A simple parrying with the large knife had sufficed to turn aside the sword of the traitor. The latter, mad with rage and terror before that living statue, fixed his terrified look on the large open eyes of the blind man. Those eyes that seemed to read the very bottom of his heart and which could not see-those eyes seemed to have for him

an awful fascination. Suddenly Ivan Ogareff gave a cry An unexpected light had entered his

"He can see!" cried he. "He can And, like a deer trying to re-enter its cave, step by step, terrified, he retreated to the lower end of the room. Then the statue took life. The blind man walked straight to Ivan Ogareff, and, placing himself in front of him, said: "Yes, I see-I see the blow of the knout with which I have marked you, traitor and coward! I see the place where I am going to strike you. Defend your life! It is a duel which I condescend to offer you. My knife will suffice me against your sword!"

"He sees!" said Nadia. "God of mercy, is it possible?" ivan Ogareff felt himself to be lost. But suddenly, taking courage, sword in front, he rushed upon his impassible adversary. The two blades crossed, but at the first clash of the knife of Michael Strogoff, grasped firmly in the hand of the Siberian hunter, the sword flew in pieces, and the wretch, pierced to the heart, fell dead to the ground.

At that moment the door of the room, pushed from the outside, opened. The grand duke, accompanied by some offi-

nized on the ground the dead body of him whom he thought to be the courier of the czar, and then in a threatening voice he asked:

"Who has slain this man?" "I," replied Michael Strogoff.

One of the officers placed a revolver to his head, ready to fire. "Your name?" asked the grand duke before giving the order to shoot him

"Your highness," answered Michael Strogoff, "ask me rather the name of the man stretched at your feet."

"That man I have recognized. He is servant of my brother. He is the czar's courier." "That man, your highness, is not a

courier from the czar. He is Ivan Oga-"Ivan Ogareff!" cried the grand duke. "Yes; Ivan the traitor."

"But you-who are you?" "Michael Strogoff." CHAPTER XX.

ICHAEL STROGOFF was not, had never been, blind. A purely human phenomenon, at once moral and physical, had neutralized the action of the redhot blade which the execu-

tioner of Feofar had passed over his eyes. One remembers that at the moment of that terrible punishment Marfa Strogoff was there, stretching out her hands toward her son. Michael Strogoff looked at her, as a

son can look at his mother when it is for the last time. Streams of tears welled up from his heart to his eyes, which his high spirit tried in vain to restrain and, filling the sockets of his eyes, had thus saved his sight. The action of the heat had been destroyed just in the same manner as when smelter, after having plunged his hand into water, thrusts it with impunity

into molten iron. Michael Strogoff had at once understood the danger he would have run in making known his secret to any one. He realized the advantages which be might gain from this situation for the accomplishment of his projects. It is because they would believe him to be blind that they would leave him his

To be Continued.

Mrs. G. Myland, of Blenheim, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. Mc-

Orvie. G. Huffman has returned home after spending a few days with his cousin, Mrs. T. Spencer. John Patheary ha sreturned home

from Worcester. A very pleasant time was spent at the dance of Mr. H. Hildreth Thurs-

day evening.
Mrs. A. McOrvie is recovering from severe attack of measles. The oyster supper held at Bethel Tuesday evening was a success. Pro-

ceeds, \$59.

The saw mill has been running for a few days cutting custom lumber. WABASH.

Some from here attended the party at Thomas Irwin's on Friday evening They report having spent a very en-

joyable evening.
A party was held at T. Neely's one evening last week. Mrs. Art Wicks, of Dresden, spent

Sunday in Wabash Dave Wilson has got a supply of ice this winter. Robert Arnold has been busy hauling ice for the past week.

Mr. Colles, our school inspector, visited the school on Monday after-

A dance wa sheld in Timothy Kelly's Name on the evening of the 20th. Rev. Mr. Johnstone preached in the Methodist church Sunday p. m. Russell Kelley, of Chatham, spent

Sunday in Wabash.

Miss Ethel Truesdale has returned nome after visiting at London. Mrs. D. Cuttler spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs Kelley, in Chatham.

HIGHGATE.

Miss Margarite Reycraft, who has been the guest of riends in Highgate and vicinity, has returned to her home in Glencoe.
R. B. Teetzel is much improved

fter his very serious illness. Miss Jean Stacey is the guest of he Misses Lee.
Miss Otis Handy has returned to

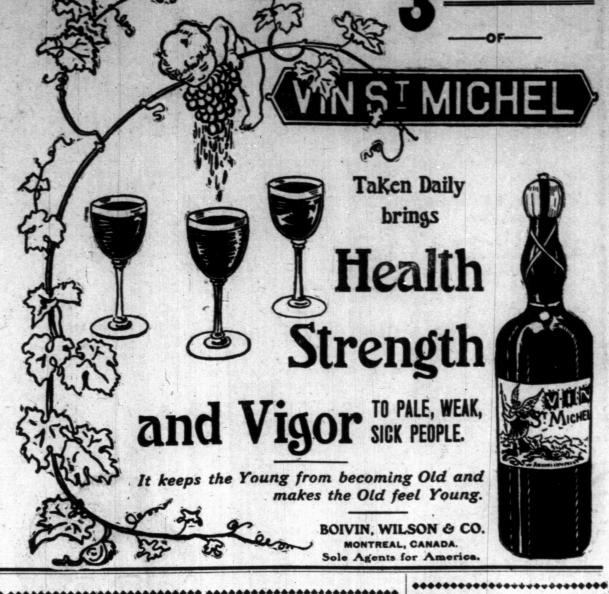
her home in Blenheim.

Miss Blanche Reycraft is visiting her brother, Dr. Reycraft, Fostoria, W. A. Beaton is visiting his brother

F. W. Beaton, Edgars.
The Male Quartette assisted at the anniversary tea meeting at Morpeth on Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, of Morpeth, addressed the Epworth League on "Missions" last Thursday evneing.

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