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#### A ROMANCE.

me for it. But I think I know one of has the count, until it should please them without being told. It is that other fac-simile of Leoline and myself who died in the robber's ruin."
"Exactly, You and she and Leoline

"And who is the other?" "Her name is La Masque. Have you ever heard it?"
"La Masque! Nonsense!" exclaimed

Hubert, with some energy in his voice at last, "You but jest, Sir Norman Kingsley."
"Her sister! And have you "Her sister! And have you "No such thing. It is a positive discovered Leoline's history?" fact. She told me the whole story her-

"And what is the whole story; and why did she not tell it to me instead

She told it to Leoline, thinking probably she had the most sense; and she told it to me, as Leoline's fu-ture husband. It is somewhat long to relate, but it will help to beguile the time while we are waiting for the

"It struck me," concluded Sir Norman. "that it would be better to procure any papers she might possess at once, lest, by some accident, they should fall into other hands; so I rode there directly, and, in spite of the cantankerous old porter, searched diligently until I found them.

Here they are," said Sir Norman, ing at the papers with an unmoved

"Show them to the king, and through his mediation with Liquis. the course of events; so changed had her whole life become within the last twelve hours, that when she came obtain for you the restoration of to think it all over, it fairly made

ought to. If he declines, we will

"And the sister of a marquis will be no unworthy mate even for a Kingsley," said Hubert. "Has La Masque left nothing for her?" "Do you see this casket?"! tapping

the one of carved brass dangling from his belt; "well, it is full of jewels, worth a king's ransom. I found them in a drawer of La Masque's house, with directions that they were to be given to her sisters at her death. Miranda being dead, I pre-sume they are all Leoline's now."

"This is a queer business altogether," said Hubert, musingly, "and I am greatly mistaken if Louis will not regard it as a very pretty little

"But I have proofs, lad. The authenticity of these papers cannot be

ection to be made a marquis, and go back to la belle France, out of this

George approached and intimated that Sir Norman was to follow him to the presence of his master, "Au revoir, then," said Hubert, "You will find me here when you

Sir Norman, with a slight tremor of the nerves at what was to come, followed the king's page through halls and ante-rooms, full of loiterers, courtiers and their attendants. Once a hand was laid on his shoulder, a laughing voice met his ear, and the Earl of Rochester stood beside

him. "Good morning, Sir Norman; yo are abroad betimes. How have you left your friend, the Count L'Estrange?"

"Your lordship has probably seen him since I have, and should be able to answer the question best. "And how does this suit progress with the prety Leoline?" went on the gay earl. "In faith, Kingsley, I never saw such a charming little beauty, and I shall do combat with you yet—with both the count and yourself, and outwit the pair of

"Permit me to differ from your ordship. Leoline would not touch "Ah! she has better taste than you give her credit for, but if I should fail I know, what to do to console

"May I ask what?" "Yes! there is Hubert, as like her as two peas in a pod. I shall dress him up in lace and silks and gewgaws, and have a Leoline of my own already made to order."
"Permit me to doubt that, too!

Hubert is as much lost to you as Leoline." Leaving the volatile earl to put what construction pleased him best on this last sententious remark, he-

resumed his march after George, and ushered at last into an antenear the audience-chamber. Count L'Estrange, stood near a Window overlooking the courtyard, and as the page salaamed and withdrew, he turned round and greeted Sir Norman with his suavest air. "The appointed hour is past, Sir

Norman Kingsley, but that is partly your own fault. Your guide hither tells me that you stopped for some time at the house of a fortune-teller, known as La Masque,
"I was forced to stop on most
important business," answered the
suight, still resolved to treat him

you shall hear anon. Just now our business is with Leoline."

"True! And as in a short time I star with yonder cavalcade, there is but little time to lose. A. ropos, Kingsley, who is that mysterious woman, La Masque?" with yonder cavalcade, there "She is, or was (for she is dead now), a French lady of noble birth,

and the sister of Leoline. "Her sister! And have you then

"And her name?"

"She is Leoline de Montmorenci!
And with the proudest blood of France in her veins, living obscure and unknown—a stranger in a strange land since childhood; but with God's grace and your help, I hope to see her restored to all she has lost before long." "You know me, then?" said

ompanion, half smiling.
"Yes, your majesty," answered Sir Norman, bowing before the king.

#### CHAPTER XXIII

As the last glimpse of moonlight and of Hubert's bright face vanished, Leoline took to pacing up and down drawing them forth.

"And what do you intend to do cited state of mind. So many things with them?" inquired Hubert, glanchad happened during the past night; room in a most connicting and exso rapid and unprecedented had been the course of events; so changed had and her whole life become within the last our rights."

her giddy. Dressing for her bridal; "And do you think his majesty will the terrible announcement of Pru-

give himself so much trouble for the Earl of Rochester's page?"

"I think he will take the trouble maniac flight through the streets; the awakening at the plague-pit; the maniac flight through the streets; the to see justice done, or at least he cold plunge in the river; her rescue; her interview with Sir Norman, and take the matter in our own hands, her promise; the visit of La Masque; my Hubert; and you and I will seek the appearance of the count; her ab-Earl of Rochester's page will yet wear the coronet of the De Montmorencies."

Hease God, the duction; her journey here; the coming of Hubert, and their suddenly-discovered relationship. It was enough to stun anyone, and the end was not yet. Would Herbert effect his Would they be able to free escape? her? What place was this, and who was Count L'Estrange. It was a great deal easier to propound this catechism to herself than to find answers to her own questions; and so she walked up and down, worry-ing her pretty little head with all sorts of anxieties, until it was a perfect miracle that softening of the

brain did not ensue. Her feet gave out sooner than her brain, though; and she got so tired before long that she dropped into a seat, with a long-drawn, anxious sigh; and, worn out with fatigue and watching, she at last fell asleep.

And sleeping she dreamed. It seem ed to her that the count and Sir Norman were before her, in her in the old house on London Bridge, tossing her heart between them like land of plague and fog. Won't some a sort of shuttlecock. By and bye, of my friends here be astonished when with two things like two drumthey hear it, particularly the Earl of sticks they began hammering away Rochester, when he finds out that he at the door of her little fluttering has had a marquis for a page! An, heart, as if it were an an-here comes George, bearing a sum-mons from Count L'Estrange at of blacksmiths, while the loud knocks upon it resounded through

the room. For a time she was so bewildered that she could not compre hend what it meant; but at last she became conscious that someone rapping at the door. Pressing one over her startling heart called out "Come in," and the door opened and George entered.

"Count L'Estrange commands to inform you, fair lady, that he will do himself the pleasure of visiting you immediately, with Sir Norman Kingsley, if you are prepared to re-

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rors in Recommending the Different Wares He Had For Sale.

The elderly, distinguished looking man had been hovering around the open air secondhand bookstall for several days. The cloth bound volumes did not appear to gain his attention. He devoted himself exclusively to the stacks of fiction, paper kound in the old fashioned way-about 14 inches long by 10 inches wideand he even thumped over the nickel and dime "libraries" with great apparent inest. The thickset proprietor of the ernoon and strolled out to the pavement.

ernoon and strolled out to the pavement.

"Can't find what you're looking for, eh, judge?" inquired the proprietor of the stand pleasantly.

The elderly, distinguished looking man appeared to be somewhat embarrassed.

"N-no," he replied diffidently, "I suppose I'm on a fruitless quest."

He didn't name the nature of the quest, between

"You won't find anything in Arabic in those paper bound piles, you know." said the proprietor of the stall experimentally.
"No?" said the elderly, distinguished

looking man.
"There used to be a Gibbon's 'Roman Empire' in paper covers, but it's out of print years ago," remarked the proprietor of the stall after a pause.
"That so?" said the stranger.

believe I ever saw that edition.' "We've got a whole lot of Omar Khay-yams in cheap cloth covers, though," pur-sued the bookstall man, scratching his head in a puzzled sort of way and sizing up the distinguished looking man out of the rail of his even the tail of his eye. "Well, I am not a devotee at the Omar

shrine," replied the elderly man, turning over another heap of the elongated paper The proprietor of the stall walked away a little distance and appeared to be think-

ing it over.
"You'll find Hugo's 'History of a Crime' and 'Les Miserables' in that bunch," he said, returning to the elderly man at the stall, "but there's hardly any use in buying 'em in that form when I've got 'em cloth bound for as low as a quarter each and sets of Hugo's complete

works for \$2."
"I find Hugo hard reading," replied the elderly man of distinguished appearance, wiping his spectacles reflectively. "I knocked off doing literary penance a long while ago."

The proprietor scratched his head some more. He looked like a man up against it. Having a reputation to sustain, however, for shrewdness in guessing his customers' literary tastes, he returned to the

charge after a silence.
"There's some of Goethe's and Schiller's stuff in those paper piles," he said, "but I got all the Schiller and Goethe you want inside in cloth for little or nothing." "Uh-huh!" replied the distinguished looking man, again removing his iron rimmed spectacles and wiping them with a spotless handkerchief. "Glad to hear that. However, I haven't much time to solace myself with Goethe and Schiller. Life's too short."

The bookstall proprietor walked out to the curb and spat musingly. "Fellow that looked pretty hard up turning to the elderly gentleman at the stall, "and sold me ten volumes of the plays of Congreve, Wycherly and Vanbrugh at a pretty small figure. Like to

look at 'em?"
"N-no," replied the elderly man. "We an see all the hot stuff that's good for us at the theaters nowadays without reverting to that bunch of degenerates. "Well, he's on to what he's talking about all right," mused the bookstall proprietor, grinning. Then he said aloud: "P'r'aps you prefer the older English dramatists-Marlowe Otway, Beaumont

and Fletcher and that sort?"
"Well, if I were marooned on a deser well, it I were marconed on a desert island maybe I'd read some of the older English dramatists—on rainy afternoons, when I couldn't hunt mollusks for sup-per," replied the high grade looking man at the stall. "Well, this one gets me going right,"

muttered the bookstall proprietor to him self. "I'll give him another whiz." Then the bookstall proprietor pulled out from beneath a stack of paper bound literature a yellowed copy of Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus."

"Maybe this is what you are looking for, sir?" he said, holding the book up so that the elderly man could see the title.
"No," replied the elderly man; "that is not what I'm looking for. On the con-trary, Carlyle gives me a pale pink

This phrase gave the proprietor of the bookstall his opening. He grinned and

"Well, is there anything particular you're hunting for, sir? I don't want to appear to be curious, but"The elderly, distinguished looking man removed his spectacles, put them in his pocket and smiled benignly upon the pro-

prietor of the stall.
"Well," he said, "I'll tell you what I'm ooking for, seeing that you take such an looking for, soming that you awork eatinterest. I'm looking for a work eatinted 'Rawhoned Zeh, the Terror of the Rockies.' I was reading that work on fternoon about 34 years ago and had ist got to the most absorbing where Zeb bites the arms of 47 Black-feet Indians in a bunch, if you rememher-when my mother came along and snatched the book out of my hand. It was a darned interesting and entertain-ing work, and I'd be willing to pay big money to get hold of a conv and find out how it ended!"

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