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The Viper of Milan.

A ROMANCE OF LOMBARDY. BY MARJORIE BOWEN.

(Continued.) The rider dismounted, and tied his horse to the low bough of a large beech, flinging himself on the space of cleared ground beneath with a sigh. He wore a dress of peacock-colored tulle, tumbled and torn, and save for a richly-jeweled dagger, more for ornament than use, was unarmed; but in the fight from which Count Conrad had just engaged, though a fight with two weapons had not been needed; persuasion had done the work, and he had come out victorious. In a bundle on his saddle hung his spoils, and as he discontentedly sucked the scratches on his wrist, he looked at them with interest and triumph. Presently he fell to fingering his hair, then, sitting suddenly upright, drew his dagger with the first resolution. He seized the first of his long curls and severed it. Grimly, not giving himself time to pause, he proceeded to the next, and one by one he hacked them from his head, his beautiful blond, perfumed curls. Conrad sighed as he saw them lying on the grass, and felt his shorn head. He longed for a mirror in which to see the extent of his disfigurement, but there was not even a pool near. Discommodiously he and detaching the bundle from the saddle, he laid it up on the ground and opened it. It contained a monk's rosy, a rosy, a book, a wallet, and a griddle. Conrad opened the wallet, and found food therein, and he was growing hungry; but when he came to consider it, he sneezed at its coarseness. Scraps of fat, sour, hard cakes, mostly soaked in stale wine—the refuse of farm-houses. "Have I parleyed with and robbed a begging friar?" cried the Count in high disgust, and flung the wallet far into the bushes. "Food for hogs!" Then with many sighs he removed the peacock-colored doublet and hose, and tossed the monk's garb, drawing the hood over his shorn head, tying the griddle around his waist. The robe was rather short, and Conrad noticed with dismay that his laced white shoes showed beneath. Saint Dominic, curse him, but I forgot to take his sandals," he cried in a passion. But passion did not avail him; he must go barefoot. Bleeding feet will complete the disguise," he thought bitterly, and flung off his shoes at a stocking. The robe was rather dirty; Count Conrad's fastidious nostrils fancied it smelled of the roadside, "where the old wretch has often slept I warrant," he said, then crossed himself in contrition at the sight. Next he hung the rosy and crucifix about his neck—it was hatelily heavy—and the wallet about his shoulder. The strap galled him, and the wretched Count moaned at his fate. He was bound to admit he had brought it on himself; he would carry it through; and with a truly heroic air he strapped the velvet doublet on the horse, and taking the griddle, made his way back toward the road. On reaching it he flung the reins over the steed's back, and turned him adrift toward Brescia; then, with resolution in his heart and tears in his eyes, Count Conrad von Schuimberg, with feet bare on the stony road, made painful progress toward Milan.

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Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



A MODISH JUMPER BLOUSE. Light-colored silk blouses made in jumper style, to be worn with dainty chemisettes and with or without cuffs, also a contrasting color note in dark-toned silk trimmings. The pictured example is of pale blue taffeta, made in simple shirt-waist style with deep tucks either side of the centre front, the back also tucked and matched with the fronts in the shoulder seams. The waist fastens in double-chemisette and edged about with black silk pull braid and a piping of black and white striped silk cut on the bias and rolled over a featherbone cord. The sleeves are full and finished with a turn-back cuff trimmed to match the front of the blouse. Smoked pearl buttons the size of a five-cent piece are set in groups of two on the braiding of the blouse, and likewise on the cuffs of the sleeves.

prightly. "He is a noble prince." His daughter made no answer; long after the little painter had left her again alone she sat there listless in the sunny, silent chamber, listless, with her white face, leaning back against the window frame.

"There was no possibility of failure." The words beat upon her heart till she thought it would break in two. "Tomorrow he will be dead!" She sprang to her feet with sudden energy; the sun was rising high—the time was short. It was silent, maddeningly silent; Graziosa grew afraid of the silence and the sun; she wished she were dead; it came to her to kill herself, yet full well she knew that she had not the courage. She twisted her damp, cold hands together; she wondered if she shut her eyes and leaped, from the window she might die without knowing it, and nursing herself looked out. But the stone courtyard seemed far away, hard and cruel, and she winced back again. In her own heart she knew she was coward, and wept to think she was so; wept to think she could not rise to act, in any way to act.

INDIGESTION CURED

By Dr. Williams' Pink Pills After Six Doctors Had Failed to be of Benefit. That gnawing pain in the stomach, sometimes shooting up into the chest, often producing a choking sensation in the throat; fierce pains around the heart; a feeling of drowsiness and distaste for food—that indigestion, its victims are numbered by the thousands. To them life is a burden. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done more towards relieving this suffering than any other medicine. Often they have cured after all other help had failed, as in the case of Mr. Willis Herrman, of St. Catharines, Ont., who says:—"I had been afflicted with indigestion and stomach trouble for years. At times my stomach was almost indescribable. Sometimes for whole days I was unable to touch food. I dieted and at different times was treated by six doctors but they did not help me; I only grew worse. For a time I was living in New York and while there consulted a specialist, but he was unable to give me any relief. I then decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and in less than a month I felt some relief. I continued their use for a couple of months longer and gained in weight; my appetite improved; the pains left me and I now feel better than I have at any time during the past twenty-five years. I will always gladly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to other sufferers believing that they will surely do for others what they have done for me." When you use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a blood builder and nerve tonic you are not experimenting—they have been tried and proved successful in thousands of cases. It is their power to actually make new, rich, red blood that enables them to cure such troubles as anaemia, indigestion, rheumatism, kidney trouble, St. Vitus dance, partial paralysis and those special ailments of girlhood and womanhood that cause so much misery. For sale by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

This afternoon a girl's association will be formed in connection with Douglas avenue Christian church. Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Israel and Miss Logan will be in charge of the movement. The first night will be devoted to literary work, study of the Bible and English literature being taken up. An hour will be devoted to special ailments of girlhood and womanhood that cause so much misery. Courses being given in sewing, cooking and house cleaning. A half hour will be taken up with physical culture.

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"MAJORITY OF GIRLS NOT FITTED TO WED"

Dr. Madison C. Peters of New York Says Aimlessness and Idleness Spoil Them.

(N. Y. American, April 17.) Dr. Madison C. Peters, in his sermon yesterday morning at the Majestic Theatre on "The Kind of Woman to Marry," said: "Many men think they are self-made who are really only marriage made. Don't marry for beauty alone. The love that has nothing but beauty to sustain it will soon fade. "Look well to the temper of the woman you think of marrying. Marry a good housekeeper. Something more than a tender sentiment is needed to make the home life a success. "The greatest defect in our social system is the aimless way girls are brought up. The majority of them are prepared in neither mind nor body for the lofty duties and serious responsibilities which marriage implies. "Let our girls be brought up to have regular daily domestic duties; let idleness be forbidden them, and let every woman be clothed with the dignity of a useful life."



MARITAL CONFIDENCES. Wife—Don't you think I grow better looking as I grow older? Hubby—Yes, and it's really too bad you can't live as long as they did in Bible times. You might then become a veritable beauty.

AWAY WITH WEARINESS

Brace Up—Get Strong—Get Fat—The Cure is Simple. You're nervous and uneasy. Appetite is poor. Sleep is hard to get. You're thin and fagged out. Work must be done but where is the strength to come from? Make your blood nutritious and you'll increase your weight, an instant blood-maker, blood purifier, blood-bracer—it brings back appetite, digests food and supplies nutrition for building up all the bodily tissues. Ferrozene makes muscles and nerve-fibre stronger, increases your weight, instils a reserve of energy into the body that defies weariness or exhaustion from any cause. For men who toil and labor, for the office man, the minister, the teacher—these will Ferrozene bring a new life of spirit and robust health. For growing girls, women of all ages—no tonic is more certain. Sold in 50c. boxes by all dealers.

THE JAPANESE HAVE KEPT FAITH

Have Opened Wide the Door in Manchuria to the Trade of the World. (New York Globe.) Strange people, the Japanese; hard indeed it is to make them out. The latest mystery they offer to the world for explanation is the evacuation of Manchuria—the matter-of-course, little advertising withdrawal of the last Japanese regiment from the region that their comrades watched with their blood. Eighteen months ago when the treaty of Portsmouth was signed, the Japanese agreed to complete evacuation by April, 1907. The curious thing is that this pledge has been redeemed without a suggestion of evasion or delay. Most remarkable! If the ancient Egypt laughed at lovers' vows the modern one has laughed at promises of a nation to surrender, unless compelled to, territory once in their possession. Every six months for several years Russia was to give up Manchuria. As soon as Arabi's disorder, twenty-five years ago, was removed Great Britain was to abandon, evacuate Egypt. The world would not believe that we would leave Cuba, and chortled derisively when our soldiers went back. Japan, although it is doubtful whether there could be assembled in the Far East force enough to compel her to evacuate Manchuria, and although her statesmen are clever enough to have invented most plausible reasons why evacuation at this time is impracticable, turns the three provinces over to China as if part of an ordinary day's work. Baron Goto, to the management of whose company the Manchurian railway was transferred on April 7, simply says: "In promoting the peaceful development of Manchuria, through which our railway runs, national differences will be entirely ignored. Manchuria will be made a field for the fair competition of all nations." It is no longer necessary when discussing "the open door" to use the future tense. Japan invites the world to a field in which there are no favors. Even the Russian hereafter will have the same chance in Manchuria as the Japanese. Japan has confidence in traders—believes they are abundantly able to take care of themselves without special privileges.

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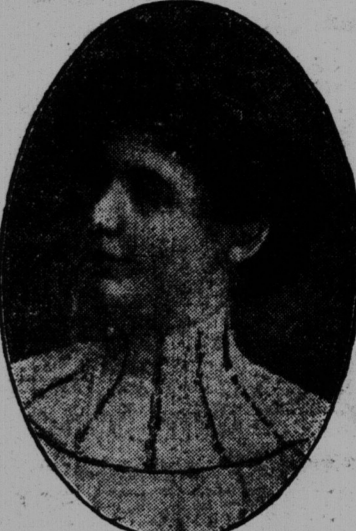
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