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Maurizio.
"Here at Miraflores? Oh, no," that gentleman replied. "I have another large hacienda in the Bajio—you know that stretch of fertile country between Iraputo and Queretaro? I divide my time between

and queretaro? I divide my time between that place and this, with a month or two now and then in Mexico. But, rich, pro-ductive, and beautiful, too, as the Bajio is, both my daughter and myself prefer this wilder country; and if we were called upon

That is very good for a girl who is fresh

That is very good for a girl who is fresh from a season in Paris, is it not?" said Don Maurizio, as he laid his hand caressingly on her wrist.

She placed her other hand over his, and looked up at him with her dark eyes melting into a more liquid softness than they had known before. "You were not in Paris" the street of the season of th

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step and bearing. Sitting down to the piano, she struck a few chords and began to sing in a contralto so rich and sweet that it was like notes drawn from a violin by a master-hand, rather than the sounds of the human voice. What she sang her listener did not know, the words were Spanish, but the air was wild, haunting, mournful, and yet passionate in the extreme. As he listened, he seemed to see the rugged mountain-passes, the great Sierras like storm-tossed waves, the vast expanse of mighty plains, the sad, gentle faces and passionate eyes of the people; then the strain sank to a lower key, a tenderer sweetness stole into it, as though tropical flowers were breathing their fragrance out on the starry night, and with one last burst of sad, strange melody it ended. "Oh, yes, it is Mexican," said Don Maurizio, "one of the wild native airs that linger among the people and that are now and then caught and formulated by the composers."

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"What deal it say to you, senor?" asked Zarifa, turning around.

He told what it had suggested, and she smiled as if pleased. "A girl is relating how her lover has been killed among the wild mountains, and how her own heart is broken," she said. "At the close she wanders back to memories of their love, of how in the summer night he would come

wanders back to memories of their love, of how in the summer night he would come and sing beneath her window. Then she remembers that he is dead, and ends with a cry of despair."

"A very mournful motif," said Don Maurizio. "Give us something a little more cheerful, and then I will play physician and order Mr. Derwent to bed."

"Sing an Ave Maria, my child," said a quiet voice at the door; and as Derwent looked in that direction he saw a tall, slender man, wearing the cassock of a priest, enter the room.

"This is a member of our family group whom you would have met earlier if he had not been absent until to-day," said Lou Maurizio, "our good friend and chaplain, Padre Francisco."

There was something very charming in the dark, genule face, with finely-outlined features and soft-brown eyes that looked at Derwent with a smile as they shook

hands.
"I am grieved to hear of your accident, senor," he said, in very good English. "As Don Maurisio has remarked, I have been away for two weeks, else I should have expressed my regret sooner. But you are getting well?"

Derwent replied suitably and then, turn-

getting well?"

Derwent replied suitably, and then, turning to Dona Zarifa, said: "I hope that, since I am under orders to retire, senorita, you will sing at least one more song before I am."

"That in what I was told when I expressed a desire to see something of life on an hacienda," said Derwent. "Nobody lives on the haciendas but the agents, I was assured. There is no life there of the kind you fancy. Mexicans of the higher class all live in the capital or abroad."

"Allowing for the exceptions," said Don Maurizio, "that was a correct statement. And the consequence is that half the haciendas of Mexico are for sale, destined before long to pass into the hands of aliens. When men leave their estates in the control of agents, the result is mismanagement in all respects. Who knows this better than an Irishman? Absenteeism has been the curse of my country; and it is in agreat degree the curse of Mexico. So when I became a Mexican I determined that I would not follow the prevailing fashion. Great estates came into my hands, and I resolved at once to administer them myself. I have done so for twenty years, and I am rather proud of the result."

"And you have not found it very irksome to live on an hacienda?"

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before falling asleep was to say to himself, severely, "I must take care that I am not such a fool as to fall in love with Dona Zarifa."

CHAPTER IX.

"I cannot understand how a man can find anything irksome which is in the clear line of duty and which afords abundant occupation for his hands and head. I have found infinite pleasure as well as infinite employment in my life. An Irishman from Galway naturally loves everything connected with a free, out-door life, and I have taught my daughter to love it as well as I do myself. She is an enthusiastic horsewoman, and we live in our saddle half our time. By the bye, if you like riding, I can give you a good mount." CHAPTER IX.

When Derwent opened his eyes the next morning, bars of golden sunshine were lying on the red tiles of the floor, and we live in our saddle half our time. By the bye, if you like riding, I can give you a good mount."

Derwent's eyes brightened. "I am a Southerner," he said, as if that were answer enough. "Half of my life I have spent in Louisiana, and half in the bluegrass region of Kentucky, my mother belonging to the first, and my father to the last. Not even in Galway do you think more of riding than we do."

"And in neither are there such plains over which to ride as in Mexico, I am sure," said Dona Zarifa. "Ab, it is like flying through the air to put one's horse at his best speed and ride for miles over our great messs."

Her delicate nostril dilated as if she inhaled the breezes sweeping over the wide leagues of space of which she spoke: and Derwent, looking at her, felt a quick thrill at the thought that he might be permitted some day to ride by her side.

"And do you really, then, spend all of your time here?" he asked, addressing Don Maurizio.

"Here at Miraflores? Oh, no," that gentleman replied. "I have another large (To be Continued.)

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