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story or thi prench revolution. The period of my narrative is in the yea The period of my narrate is in the ety of
1797) and the opening sene is in the ety
Paris. The parties in the French Directory were at daggers' points ;and notwithstanding the efforts of Madame de Station, the Constitutionalisis refused to acknowledge a power formed exclusively from the
moost sanguiary faction of the Revolution. The great dependence of the Terrorists was upon the army, under Ge coup d'etat to overwhelm the contemplated a conp detat a great measure sen-
 thunder would burst, and felt themselfes unable to shun or counteract it when the storn shoul
roll its orerwhelmng force to destroy them. ber, and Madame Michaud sat with her husban in a parlor of their house, which commanded a siew of the sultry there was but little wind; the sun was hastening down to the verge of the western lorizon, mantled in the richest splendor of gold,
and purple, and vermillion. Martial music filled the air, for the morrow was to present a graud under Augereau were ma
"How delightiul those strains come upon the busband, as he stood gazing with emotion upon times to listen to the soul-inspiring harmony of of a full miltary band breaks the silence of proachugg twitgut. Harks. she continued, " and yet it makes one shudder to think that such heavenly sounds
Michaud started, and a paleness overspread
ins cleeks. "It is but too true, Eulalie," said his cleeks. "It is but too true, Eulalie," said
he, mournfully; "they are indeed the agents of death. And pertaps eren now"-he added has to and Iro in the apartment. tered the lady, risung, and tlirowing her, finely moulded winte arms around his neck. "Sure-
Iy I could hare said nothing to displease you." busbaud; "you have always been a treasure too late now. But come what may, 1 must meet "What do you apprehend, Michaud?" quirel the lady, laboring under painful alarm.-
"Do you suspect the t:oops? I cannot think that any evil is intended. It would be a deathled through seas of gore to attain. It will be but a show to please us women. Hark! can anything sanguinary be connected with such exquiste mu-
sic?"
"I may be mistaken, my lope," replied the
husband, endeavoring to assume a composure he husband, endeavoring to assume a composure he against whom the rengeance of the opposing party would be unsnaringly levelled, and be looked uppon the expected review as a mere subter-
fuge to get possession of the capital. He would his duty as well as this affectionate inclination, soothe and tranquillise ; therefore, be concealed the presentiluents of eril that had seized upon
his mental faculties, so as to depress his usual tow of animation, and forced ne
of nilarity foreign to his heart. ill near morning bolding swe atlached par sat joying that delightiful communion which flow from purity of alfection, It was a night of ex-
quisite graticication, and in the stulness of the bour did the eloquent Michaud pour forth, in for lise wife. He seemed to be inspired; there was an unusual glow of feelng in his breast that bung upon bis mind, and seemed to force out the ardor or his soul in beautur anu energelic la guage, and Mauame Micluaud was happp. booung through the silence of midnight; the deputy started; he caught his wife to his arms,
and clasped her to hun irith a fervor and streugth which seemed to say, "Mhey shall not part us. For sereral minutes a deathlilike stillness pre the discharge was not scated for the sound of a single unslotted gua had anuibilatec the French repubtic. Augereau had gurrounded the Tuile-
ries-ile guards surreadered-the palace was taken possession of-serveral members of the Five Hundred were arrested, and conreyed to the
Temple, that prison to which many of them lad
 Pierre Marchaud knew nothing of all this; and
the next morning, after a most tender parting sitting, was apprehended on has entrance, and ments which had been oceupied by the royal victim and his devoted queen. Some of the pri-
soners bad been in the Convention, and given their votes for the death of their sovereign; and
now the wheel had nearly performed its revolu-tion-the period of blood had approximated to
its cyclo-lhey knew and feit themselves victims apponated to die. On 1 could it have been possi he to enter into the secret recesses of their hearts, demanded, "as they bad meted nut to others,
should it be measured back to them again." But in this instance, the guillotine was not resorte to; there was a cruelty in the mercy that condemned the prisoners to perpetual banishment in
Capeane. Michaud was not even allowed the mockery of a trial ; and without any attention to his prayers and entreaties to give one last en-
brace to his belored and almost beart-broke wife, he was hurried to Brest, and embarked
with many others, on board a frigale boun mith many others, on board a frigate bound
across the Atlantic. The ship remaned a fe days in port; orders came for ber sailing ; the
wind was fair; her anchors were weighed, and she stood out to sea. There is a feeling co
nected with the departure from our native shor that operates even upon the roughest nature.
To the bold land which, when near, seems lift its head with dariog pride from the depths The ocean, sinks lower and lower as the vesse
recedes ; and to the uninitiated in this deceptrou the slup appears to be stationary, and the lan clam, in the extreme of his agony, "The lan
is leaving me -belored of my beart, I shall se thee no more," Provil the human heart a veneration for the place
nativity-an attaclunent to the sol on whiein frst drew our breath. Men may affect philos phy; they may call themselves "citzzens of the
word!!" but, ohat even the most crude and cal lous cannot resist the appeal which is made
the kindier emotions by the mention of the vor "Home!" And here were individuals banished existence, here were individuals biduing fare well to their native land-a long, an eternal tare
well; here were parents, brothers, and the taal ties of relationshap, torn Irom those loved one Nor were those the poor, the destitute, or the oullawed felon-many of them had inhabited once wealthy and higbly privileged noblesse;
there were the ministers of religion, the learaed scholar, and the devoted patriot; but there were
also the sanguinary regicides, who had consigned their monarch to a public execution, and ha sufferings. Recollections of such a
were not calculated to alleviate misery
Pierre Michaud was about twenty-seven yea rospects, when be contracted marriage with lady whom he had loved. They bad only been unted a short time, when he found hinself drag-
ged into the lortex of the Revolution, by berog chosen one of the deputies for the south ot
France. To have declined, would hare be tantanount to rendering himsell suspected; an hapıng a liberal bias towards a constitutional form of gorerament, he repaired to Paris, accom-
panied by his joung wife. His only crume in the panied by his young wifle. His only crume in
eyes of the Terrorists was his being a Constitutionalist. Had he been כernitted to choose, he that shocked his spirit, to honely peace and
lore. He was no regicide. He loved his country, and ardently longed to see the wolves tha preyed apon it destroyed. Yet Pierre Michaus
was a banished man. And what had become of his attached mete After parting with her husband, she emplope
herself in such littie offices as she knew would gratify hm aud win a smile and embrace on hi sic was once more filling the air with its thrillug swells; but there came a sound mingling with
that brought the chillness of fear. There is other sound like it in creation. It proceeuis from but simultaneous genace. I hare heard those rolling shouts different parts of the world, when all that is buman bas been laiu aside, and all that is inferial
eigned paramount in savages, and the cry eigned paramount in savages, and the cry ha Eulalie had not been habituated to those fearf
explosions of brutal passion when the yells explosions of brutal passion when the yells o
nullitudes roll upon the breeze; but a sluudler ing instinct crept through her frame, as, mingled
with the pealings of the trumpets, she heard the ounds nore like the dying groans of a prostrat
army than the triumphant cheers of conquesing
victors. She listened with an indefinable sensavictors. She listened with an indefinable sensa-
tion that she could not account for ; never had ny sounds which she had heard produced suet
strange and appalling effects. They evidently grew louder, and indicated a nearer approach to or what nature she knemer not, darkened her mind and caused a tremor to shake ber frame. Sud dinto the room.
"Fly, fly, Madame!" he burriedly exclaime -1y whist there is yet hope of escape. Th Hark to their advent ?
"here is my husband 7 " inquired Madame Mich aud, rallying all her energies to meet the ap proach of danger.
There is no time for conversp now" return ed the person addressed. "Pierre is a prisoner,
and well needs your best exertions to suppor im in his adversity" "And he shall have them," responded the property, and I will not abandon it to strang "Yous will defeat your own purposes," uttere prospect of saving your husband lost. Hark they are close at hand, and eren now it may b
too late. A flacre awats. Slip on your bonen, tor you life."
Thus solemnly warned, Madame Michau complied. The fiacre was gained and drove off.
The mob assailed the dwelling ; the work of demolition commenced, and ia one short hour tha
place presented a scene of revolutionary rufian he had saved her lite, could not obtain a refuge. Sie was a woman of talent and integrity, tivo dangerous qualities to the regicidal faction; and obscurity, at the rery period that her husban was quitting Brest barbor for the colony of Cayenne.
earing within hearts over the foaming wave pariog - consciences over which a scene o guiltiness, that left a blain upon the immorta oul-groans, and complaints, and cries, ming
ing writh the clanking of chains and the ringing rasted on came up the latchways and wer day and the stars by night shone bright and
clear. The heavens wore a suniting and a cheerul aspect, and none who saw that gallant ressel proudly stemming the billo ves, could have con
jectured that she carried a freight of such ap palling misery. The dreaded Bay of Bisca
was crossed in pleasant weat lier, and Cape O tegal appeared. It was openngg laylight when
they made the dark blue land arising from the azure ocean, and a dev minutes afterwards strange sail was visible from the deck. Glasse
and straiuiag eyes were directed towards the ob gasconade was uttered; but none, though serer 1 were well assured of the fact, declared her to
ewhat she actually was-a British frigate, full o what she actually was-a British frigate, full and, she lad the advancage of the frenchman the was already crowded with eanras in chase. But the French captain was fully aequainte
rith the admable qualites of his noble slinp. She was one of the laslest sailers in the repubii can navy, and carried her broaucloth with at the shifless of an alderman. Nor was the Bri-
tish frigate any way inferior, eilher in fleetness at daybreak till the twiliught hour of ereniag when sombre shades were gradually deepening into night, no perceptible change had taken place
in therr relative positions. Oh, what anxious moments were those for the wretched prisoner Sometimes, during the dag, the tulwark of St . George, by various mancurves, contrived to rewch captain wos democratue citizens; but the sray his anchors, and retrimming his ship, wa gain enabled to walk ahead; and as shey wer
ot within reach of slot, no actual hostilty lad occurred. Anxious and earnest, were the zaz ers during the whole of that night; and though sometimes, when a taze was on tlie lorizon, it was loped by the French caplain that he had
escaped from his pursuer, yet no sooner did the mastiness evaporate into thin arr, than the inde visible, and carrying on to come up with the base. During the darkness, come Britisis frig ate had thrown up rockets, burnt blue lights, and
fred guns, to attract the attention of any friendy cruser; and when daytight again dawned up nearly wabeam of the Frenchnan, and about miles distant. At first she was standing tomards
the republican, but the superior saihng of the
latter plainly evidenced that there mas no chance he republican, but the superior saihng of the
latter plainly evidenced that there was no chanc
of nearing the French ship but by of nearing the French ship but by ruaning on a Englishman was to leeward. An engagemen
now appeared ineritable ; but the French captaun dexterously avorded it, by cinauging his
course two points to windward; and inough course two points to windward; and though
few shots were exchanged, yet but trilling rojury
was done on either side. For four days as done on either side. For four days and
three nights did this chase continue; the British oraetimes bringing up a fresh wind, and getting
rithin gunshot, and then the Fresch frigate ould catch the breeze, and again outsall them The fourth night a heary gale of wind came on elements, though they did not calm the passions of the hostile parties lowards each other, yet safety and the ships parted to meet no more.
Nothong scarcely could exceed the borilit Nothung scarcely could exceed the borrible
ituation of the state prisoners during the storm situation of the state prisoners during the storm
From their countrymen they suffered the utmos thed in that loamaity. Several or them per and cight or ten having held a solenana coun
frienziedly determined on self-destruetion. At length the frigate arrived at Cayenue.-
The appearance of the island ia its rich fertility as beautiful, and the verdure presented a grate IVes. But on landing, the intense heat of
dimate alonost overnawered clem, and sichit demate almost overpowered tisem, and sieckly ap
rehensons aided the altacks of fever that speedily diuminished their numbers. They were
placed in a coffee logie as a temporary prison and provisions of the worst quality were served ere kept under extremely rigid restrictions.
Pierre Michaud, allhough the biterent oppressed limen when the thought of bis home and
his wife, yet strusgled with his aflictions, and like many others, deterniand upon atteripting to
escape. It is true that severai had lost thei Berbiee, or to penetrate into retie iaterior to th Spanish settlements of Paraguay. Some, in getting to Pernambuco. Miehaud, at lengt
was enabled, througio the grnerous aid of embark in an Anerican irig for the purpose onducting a sick wie bound to Gottenburgh; and oll ! the delight that
swelled in the heart of the banished man when of rapidly reaning of from the land. The arr range blossoms, was now breath of liberty mind; he was free, free; and he felt in his whole frame the exnansive

The winds were fair, the weather favorable and the captain promnised a specedy passage.sons for himself, hus wife, his daughter, and
riend ; and trusting to the assuraures of aprain, who was poorly suppleed. they live was daily decreasing. It was the month of $D$ cember when the brig neared the British istes, Intending to run through the British Channel.-
But north-easterly gates set in; the cold be ame puercing ; and to their distray, they dis orered that there was, eren upon the mos remaining, and a rery scanty supply of water. Day atter day passed on, and stis those heard dearted winds irevaled. Gradually the foo disappeared, till their only nouribhneat consisted
of a single biscuit, about a quarter of a pound ol sale single biscuit, about a quarter of a poind
sald one glass of water, for twenty brig being deep in the the sails were spitt; rully over lier, and at lengla she became leak so as to deep the half-faumished and nearly worn
out crevr incessautly at the pumps, But the dirilling dread of starration overcame the prospective slipwreck; scarcely a morsel of nourish-
ment was left; the water, except a rery sinall men, was preserret for the females, was gon and death stared them in the face with that gaunt and terrifying look which ravening lunger and proved inadequate to. his duty ; by lus soundings longitude; and when emergency demanded prompt activity and exertion, Lerror overcame him, and he slirunk back distanaped, confating which, however, was not long before it catne in
reality.
If was a pitiable spectacle to wntness the de-
spairng countevances of those unhappy crea
tures, whose hollow cheeks son tures, whose hollow cheeks soon betrajed the
wants of nature, and whose wolfish eyes glared willy upon each other as unbidding longings means had been resorted to that bumon invention could suggest to prolong existence, but the last resource ras failing. No vessel appeared elosed to their earaest surplications, and despair And there sat the futher gazing with onder aur rety, verging upou agony, at his wife and chilu but with his sendernes there cane also a mingdemon hunger was preying upon his vital, tha se corroding tooth of the monster poisoned the
source of generous feelings. Madame Beribot band; disease a had made her her and indulalrent buytience and repining wers swallowed up in the
prospect of the dreadful death which arated them, and the affiction of the wife and the tro real suffering. The incessant breaches morade hy them constantly wet ; their bedding, ererything was saturated with water; whist, so
add to their misery, they hidd serenteen hour of
darkoess to so

If, time, the gate sudienty shifteril to the we.m
 iriendy port, yet, getling in the Fall-way of the
 able to speak one shis, allhough several bail hors ness in all tmat the erew dill: thery wranyled they fought, without knowigy why ur whertiore;
and there was a tiger-like deviere to gratify their ing to Monsear Berthollon, dismppeared; ; is was
reported he had been wa hed osertiard, and une gling for his lite. It might be irve, but the mes lad food: where they procured it note could
tell; but conjecture was not long in Jecidias as many partook without juestioniug further. At
the close of the second tay as to compel them to lay to, and before its clinee he latu was dumby seea, through the deuse haze, ther on the coast of Ireland. England or France,
no onée could tell. Thuy had not betn able rectroning hal been whully neglected ; alud the? to the passengers the land presented a proxpect
of safely, yet to the seamea is threalened wreck and death. A long dark dreary night was bo fore them; there was the blackness of darkness
abore, there was the blackness of darkness below, and the gloom or the sky and ocean were water gained so fast on the trig that she was
nearly ungoveruable; the billows threw their lofty featiery heads clea

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Aous shock told them of the incrning, a tremen struck the ground, and sbook and trembled as in a inountaia breaker, borne along with irresistibl velocity; and then, as she descended, was dasbalready shattered by the gates stout linsbers, passengers had crowded oa the deck, granpin were bing tuat promised security ; but their hand billows washed them away into the gawoing absss, or crushed thena on the craggy rock os
which the brig was hearing with convalsin ing and raging in ther of its mes cik was hove farther in and it still beat incessantly orer them in showrers spray. At the first shoct, Monsteur Berthollon,
aided by his friend Michaud ing the mother and daughter to the stancheobs was performing the same office for bimself; wife and child clung to him so as to impede bie
labors. Alas! the second ware tore therr grasp. He caught a rope, but it was not the gafe, as the dark form disappeared for ever. he could not avert it. He had been with difis-
culty enabled to mathe but dies ; enabled 10 malce himself fast near the la ues ; and futile as lus attempts were likely to
be onoothe thenu under affiction. lie could not refrain from offering consolatory kindness. But
their hearts were bereaved and desolate ; the
voice of the coinforter-oh, it wos almost a

