

Epilogue

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(EXTRACT FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY MADAME CHALICE TO MONSIEUR FABRE, CURÉ OF PONTIAC, TWO MONTHS AFTER VALMOND'S DEATH.)

" . . . And here, dear Curé, you shall have my justification for writing you two letters in one week, though I would make the accident a habit if I were sure it would more please you than perplex you.

" Prince Pierre, son of Prince Lucien Bonaparte, arrived in New York two days ago, and yesterday morning he came to the Atlantic Bank, and asked for my husband. When he made known his business, Harry sent for me that I might speak with him.

" Dear Curé, hearts and instincts were right in Pontiac: our unhappy friend Valmond was that child of Napoleon, born at St. Helena, of whom he himself spoke at his death in your home. His mother was the Countess of Carnstadt. At the beginning of an illness which followed Napoleon's death, the child was taken from her by Prince Lucien Bonaparte, and was brought up and edu-