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was but a scant half mile from the sliny moat which surrounded the castle, and the blare of the trumpets of his followers smote upon the ears of the Hamfatte soldiery ensconced within the castle walls.

The Juke himself paced impatiently to and fro between the port-cullis and a cask of Malvoisie, and regarded the approaching foe with ill-concealed trepidation.

"An Faustopheles deceives me and prepares me not some fearsome work of the Evil One wherewith to disperse the forces of yon proud braggart, he dies by this boot," he muttered, regarding his hob-nailed football brogans askance.

"Art ready, Faustopheles?" he bellowed in a voice of thunder through the telephone tube.

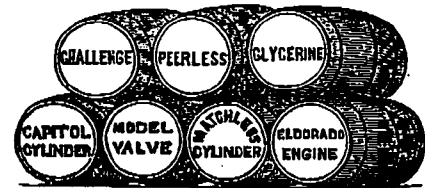
"You bet," replied the saturnine alchemist from within.

CHAP. III.

Faustopheles, on receiving his grace's mandate, had at once devoured two immense lobsters, a bushel of cucumbers, a peck of green apples and a pound or more of raw tripe, washing down the repast with a huge sagon of sour milk.

Then he laid him down to slumber, and as he slept he dreamed a dream.

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And lo! what he saw in his dream was a thing so hideous, so frightful, so awesome that he uttered a loud yell and awoke with the beads of cold perspiration standing on his brow. Verily it was a fearful nightmare that visited the alchemist, but he set to work and reproduced with rare skill what he had seen as he slumbered. And lo! it was so terrible a thing to look upon that even Faustopheles, a disciple of the Evil One and a dealer in the Black Art from his youth, was sore afraid when he beheld it.

CHAP. IV.

Screams and shrieks of terror rose to the blue vault of heaven from out of the host of the Earl of G. G. Not one foot nearer dared they advance toward the castle of the Juke, but each man stood for a space as if transfixed, an ashen pallor overspreading each warrior's visage, and even the war-horses neighing and snorting with terror.

Then, as one man, they wheeled about and fled in disorder, uttering such awful cries as only man will let out of him in his hour of mortal fear, and soon the whole army had disappeared, and the Juke was victor.

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CHAP. V.

Aloft on the summit of the towering castle keep stood Faustopheles the Alchemist waving a weird garb in his hand.

It was a Mother Hubbard dress!

It was this he had seen in his dream, and the like of which he had cunningly wrought, and by its aid had won the day for the gallant Juke Fitz-Hamfatte, who sent his alchemist to the sovereign at once.

And she, learning that he was a Canadian, made him a knight.

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