

NOT TO BE WON THAT WAY.

Do you know you have asked for the coldest thing ever made by the hand of man? A woman's heart and a woman's life And a woman's wonderful love? Do you know you have asked for this priceless thing? As a child might have asked for a toy— Dreading what others have died to win With the reckless dash of a boy? You have written my name of duty out, My name and your name should be whole; I require your heart to be true as God's stars, And pure as heaven's own snow.

THE OLD BARON.

THE CHAMPION OF VIRTUE.

THE FIRST THAT PRESENTED ITSELF TO THEIR view, was a complete suit of armor, that seemed to have fallen down on a heap. "Behold!" said Edmund, "this made the noise we heard above." They took it up and examined it piece by piece; the inside of the breast plate was stained with blood. "See here," said Edmund; "what think you of this?" "This my lord's armor," said Joseph; "I know it well. There has been bloody work in this closet." Going forward he stumbled over some thing; it was a ring, with the arms of Lovel engraved upon it. "This is my lord's ring," said Joseph; "I have seen him wear it. I give it to you, sir, as the right owner; and most religiously do I believe you his son."

"If you," said Edmund, "would bear me company, I should do better. She might think herself obliged to answer your questions, and being less interested in the event, you would be more discreet in your interrogations." "That I will most readily do," said he; "and I will ask my lord's permission for both." "This point is well determined," said Joseph. "I am impatient for the result; and I believe my feet will carry me to meet you whether I consent or not." "I am as impatient as you," said Father Oswald; "but let us be silent as the grave, and let not a word or look indicate anything unknown or mysterious." The day-light began to dawn upon their conference; and Edmund, observing it, begged his friends to withdraw in silence. They did so, and left Edmund to his own reflections. His thoughts were too much employed for sleep to approach him. He threw himself upon the bed, and lay meditating how he should proceed. A thousand schemes offered themselves, and were rejected, but he resolved at all events to leave Baron Fitz-Owen's family the first opportunity that presented itself.

He sat in extreme agitation of mind; his words and actions were equally expressive of his inward emotions. "I will," said Margery; "but I must try to recollect all the circumstances. You must know, young man, that you are just one-and-twenty years of age." "On what day was he born?" said Father Oswald. "The day before yesterday," said she; "the 21st of September." "A remarkable era," said he. "To so, indeed," said Edmund. "Oh, that night! that apartment!" "Be silent," said Father Oswald; "and do you, Margery, begin your story." "I will," said she. "Just one-and-twenty years ago, on that very day, I lost my first-born son. And so, as I was sitting all alone, and very melancholy, Andrew came home from work. 'See, Margery,' said he, 'I have brought you a child instead of my son. He was so courteous a lad, that people took notice of him. Andrew once caught him alone reading, and then told him that if he did not find some way to earn his bread, he would turn him out of doors in a very short time, and so he would have done, sure enough, if my lord Fitz-owen had not taken him into his service just in the nick of time.' 'Very well, Goody,' said Father Oswald, 'glad for Edmund's sake, that you can do so properly, but now, can you keep a secret?' 'Why, n't please your reverence, I think I have solved that I can.' 'But can you keep it from your husband?' 'Aye,' said she, 'surely I can; for I dare not tell him.' 'That is a good security,' said he; 'but I must have a better. You must swear upon this book, not to disclose anything that has passed between us three, till we desire you to do it. Be assured you will soon be called upon for this purpose. Edmund's birth is near to the discovery. He is the son of your father's high degree, and it will be in his power to make your fortune, when he takes possession of his own.'

"What is it you tell me? How you rejoice me to hear that what I have so long prayed for, will come to pass." She took the oath required, saying it after Father Oswald. "Now," said he, "go and fetch the tokens you have mentioned." [TO BE CONTINUED.] An old tradition has it that, when Christmas falls on a Monday, the world may look out for squalls, such as our own Professor E. Stone Wiggins is preparing. Besides this there is another old prophecy, of origin more unquestionably ancient and unknown than Mother Shipton's, which says:—"When Easter falls in our Lady's lap, On England will be a great misad." This being interpreted, means—"When Easter Sunday shall coincide with Lady day." Such a coincidence occurs in 1883, wherefore let all England take warning. Such a conjunction of days has not happened since the year 1744, when, of course, it had to be calculated according to the old style. And, as it fell out six days afterwards, was declared the war with France, which led to the battle of Fontenoy in the following spring, and included the Jacobite insurrection of 1745, both being mishaps on a sufficiently considerable scale. Many people have heard of the young man who used to purchase the finest velvets and address them to himself, so that he could afterwards show them around among his friends as an evidence of the esteem in which he was supposed to be held by his friends. It was a somewhat sort of a fool, and could not compare with that young man named Thomas Nagle, a resident in the town of Bayle, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, who was a candidate for admission among the "peelers." This genius wrote a threatening letter to himself, and thought, no doubt, he had a chance for the peership which he thereby enhanced. His trick was discovered, but he had not yet learned whether the discovery added to his promotion. That is the stuff to make a "peeler" of, or what is better, an informer. The authorities in Dublin may be on the right track in their attempt at finding the Phoenix Park murderers, and some other criminals. But the announcement that the informer—himself a criminal—will receive a very handsome reward for work yet to be done, throws some doubt upon this hope. For money, and for much less, the Dublin authorities may possess themselves of innumerable confessions, which confess nothing or very little. So far, all that is clear is, that the Dublin police have arrested a whole nest of criminals. But to convict even these, the magistrates will need something better than the evidence furnished by professional criminals. For what reason is there to think that these criminals tell the truth? The ex-Empress Eugenie has left Paris for London. Whether she did so, in consequence of an intimation she is known to have received from President Grevy, to the effect that her presence was not acceptable, or as the result of the persuasion of her friends, many of whom were opposed to her visit, is as yet unknown. It is regarded as a point possessing considerable political significance that, on announcing to M. Rouher her intention to come to Paris, she asked to have the same rooms as were occupied by her husband in 1848. On leaving her hotel for the railway station, the ex-Empress was greeted with marks of sympathy by a large crowd. It is computed that the shipwrecks throughout the world last year, numbered close on two thousand, representing an aggregate tonnage of more than six hundred thousand tons and a loss of 4,129 lives. This is a terrible sacrifice to the remorseless sea; but one ray of comfort may be found in the fact, that this record compares favorably with the returns of previous years, and notably with 1881, when the shipwrecks numbered 820 more, and the loss of life was also correspondingly larger. A Dublin professional man addressed an artisan, who was waiting in his hall, rather brusquely. "Halloo, you fellow, do you want me?" The answer was: "No, your honor; I am waiting for a gentleman."

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