### The Cure Of St. Michel.

An epicode of the French Revolution, which deals with the heroism of the priest, the love and devotion of the faithful, and the heroic fare of the martyr.

CHAPTER I.

THE INQUISITION

The intense heat of the day was riarche of St. Michel were gather - Hood's Sarsaparilla ed, some seated upon the rugh rids the blood of all impurities atanding beneath a gigantic cak tree which cast its lengthy shadow across searched, every hamlet ransacked to the arid, parched lawn in front of find some trace of the bidden pricet, the tavern. A general air of ex- but all to no avail! It was as if nectancy seemed to rest upon the the earth had opened and swallowed rough, wenther-beaten faces of the up the mortal remains of Pere Jusmen. Slowly the sun sank into its tinien ! bed of golden miet-, while the wide, Even the two most prominent

government had decided to drive desolation throughout the land ! God from the country; the calendar had been changed, and Sunday was sholished : voluptuous fetes were been taken; anarchy and the ' God- it. dess of Reason' reigned supreme!

terrified people, the courier told of firm band in her own small one. the horrors he had seen. When the 'But you looked so nervous and guoillotine could accommodate no seemed so relieved when it was had been forced to embark in a nearer home. which served to rouse stern. the anger of the village of St. Mich-

they knew that he remained in the bloody fingeri.' attended by bim. Once a squad of Then she turned to bim quickly. soldiers had been sent to surround a 'But, F ancois,' she inquired asxthe priest by her bedside. But bim ?' when they searched the house they 'He has grown a heard, Marie; her son to ease her last moments. next day that the man they had had remained with his flock must be was Pere Justinien ! found and must die. It was this was to be shot in the public square ! A fitting punishment for one who dered to honor God when his country's laws forbade it !

place. In the large public quare best down unheeded upon the angry resentful, grief-stricken throng of strong, manly face, citizans. They were gathered there by the force of the law to be hum- slowly, 'have only cause for the iliated, to be humbled, to be made greatest bappiness today. But if to betray the saintly courageous servant of God, who, preferring probtion, bad remained, like the 'Good Shepherd,' to watch over and care for his flock. No one, that day, escaped the iron hand of the infuriated government. The great wave of fanatical despotism was sweeping over the land, engulfing all and causing men to sink to unknown depths ot despair. Men from all the surrounding districts were forced plo the tive; every bouse was

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open landscape took on an enhanced families of St. Michel, the Bourdoits charm from the reflected colors of and the Pelletiers, had not eluded the clouds. As the glowing disk of the suspicious eye of the inquisition the sun dipped beneath the horizon, which had been futile. Jean Pellean exclamation burst from one of tier, a pathetic, dignified figure, the men. The others, following the standing up bravely before the direction in which his hand was crowd, had been subjected to the pointing, beteld a dark at adow apon grossest of insults, and when the the crest of the bill, outlined sharp- Judge had finally to dismiss bim, a ly against the sunset. As the shadow shout of acclamation for the old increased it developed into the form man, and of decision for the inof a horse and rider gelloping at full quisitors arose from the angry speed toward the centre of the town. throng like the roar of the sea lashed As they drew near to the inn the by the fpry of a burricane! His latter drew rein suddenly and dis- son Francois and all of his laborers mounted, handing the horse over to underwent the same ordeal, and as the care of the stable boy. He was each successive insult was thus ofquickly surrounded by the men, and fered to the venerable man the anger soop a large crowd had collected. of the multitude knew no bounds! For he was the courier from Parie, Then it was that the soldiers fired the first in over two weeks! And upon the masses, and the people fell back, cowed by the awful pow-The 'reivn of terror' had com- er of a government which, at a menced in France; the Rapublican word, could so spread death and

Francois Pellstier, leaving the being held in honor of the 'G'ddess witness stand, returned to the post of Reason.' The guillotine had he had held all the day beside a proved insufficient for the number of young, rosy-obecked girl about sevvictime, and men were being shot enteen or eighteen years of age. She down like dogs. The gutters were greated him with a radiant smile, running with blood, the Bastile had but there was a line of sadness in

'I knew it would go well, love,' Surrounded by a throng of eager, she said, softly pressing his big.

' Perhaps not, Marie,' be replied leaking boat, which sank in mid- tenderly, 'But come! Let us leave stream. When some of the victims this dismal spot. I have so much had swam sehore they had been to tell you, so much to confide o forced back by bayonets into the your loving heart today! Let us souls of these young, happy lovers! water to drown. Bight hundred not mar the dawn of our wonderful pricets had been exiled to a plague- love by watching these man-hunters stricken village in the east of Prance, at their devil's trade l' As he utof whom five hypotred bad sirendy tered these last words Francois' died in terrible agony. But fight- hand unconsciously closed harder from his eyes and a great lump arese ful as were these takes, it was a upon that of the girl's, and his danger much more imminent, for bright kindly eyes grew cold and

But think. dear, if they should find Pere Justinien !' she exclaimed For a month the government had breathlesely. 'You would want to been pursuing a long, tireless, grim be here on the spot, wouldn't you?' bun', and their quarry was the fem 'The danger of that is past now, Michel. He had eluded them, y t has already slipped through their

village, for everywhere were his The girl gave a sudden, startled works in evidence. The poor con- look into her lover's eyes, but retinued to receive alms from his frained from speaking until they boun iful hand, the dying had been were well out of the press of people.

house where a women was dying, lously, how could they have exin the hopes that they would find amined bim without my seeing

found the woman alone with only that is why you did not know him. In fact, only a few of the poorer The soldiers did not learn until the people did know him, for he is alays among them. I did not dare thought ber son was none other than to tell you at the time for fear of Pere Justinier, But the govern- being overheard. Marie, darling, ment was not to be foiled again! don't be alarmed; the second of The priest who had defied them and father's laboring men, Paul Thomas,

Marie turned syddenly pale, and just anger. The government was ob God belp us, -death! Death! tary guard was to be placed on the cois, as you leve me, take care, for you are every hing now to me!

lover tenderly. As long as you knew nothing of it, you would be saved the worry. But this affair neart, that I had to let you know ! For a few steps they walked on in silence, a silence that was elequent of the worder of new-born love. As A week later the inquisition took they came in front of the Bourdoit home Marie s opped, and, Jaying a the burning rays of the August son soft hand upon his arm, she cast a searching, appealing look into his

'You and I, love,' she repeated



ALL DRUGGISTS

there is a little fear mixed with my joy, dear, dear Prancois, and she only from the greatness of my love

With a low happy ory, the man took her in his arms, and for one beautiful instant they stood there blivious to all but the comfort, the eyes followed her as she slowly en bottle of Hood's Sarsuparilla. In two days steer I began taking it I felt better and it was not long before I was cured. Have a strange, sad sigh, he turoed and never had any skin disease since." Mrs. walked slowly off.

CHAPTER II.

THE THEFT.

As Francois approached his fath r's bouse in the gathering twilight, e beheld a tall, dark figure standing n the road waiting for him The othes, the upper part of his face mouth and chin completely covered by a beavy black beard. Francois ushed forward eagerly to meet him

'It is better for us, Francois, no talk too much together in public. said the man in a low voice. 'Do not orget! The smallest act may exo te uspicion to-day!'

Obeying this injunction Francio valked silently into the house and a few moments later the bearded man ollowed him. When the door was losed upon them both the man turnthat I have been working at the they would examine my hands. But come, Francois, I can see that you have some news to gladden me. You have made the best use of your time,

The young man blushed with mingled pleasure and embarrasement and then first faltering, but gaining into the sympathetic, fatherly heart of the priest; for it was Pere Justin en with whom he spoke.

'And so, mon Pere,' he concluded smiling happily,' I have come back to ask your blessing.'

inien, and as Francois knelt before imout I handle. more, twelve men, their wives and over! Why was it, dear, for you him the, priest placed his hands upheart that He might pour forth the fulness of his divine grace into the

his face radiant with inexpressible and drew it to his lips, tears fel in his throat which made speech im

When the simple family dinner had been eaten and the household duties finished, Pere Justinien colled Francois saide

you tonight,' be explained. 'I should get another caddie. It's my school cus Pere Jactinien, the cure of St, Marie, he replied reassuringly. 'He like to have you carry this medicine treate the day atter teremorrow.' to old Jacque- Cormot, whose poo Wife is very ill Take it to him and also my blessing. I should go myself but I must attend a dying man, who Dandruff. ives about ten miles from here- You will explain to him will you not?' And is there no other message?

quired the young man. 'None!' replied the priest, 'Bu you see Marie give her also my

Once more Francois clasped the paesi's hand to his lips, and, wi ha silent pressure of the band as fare: well he strode away into the gather ing darkness.

Old Jacques Cormot was a recluse, which caused many a brow to dark the little hand, which lay so trusting on the very outskirts of the town en ominously, and many a heart to ly in his, trembled. 'But, François, and at the opposite extremity from beat high with wounded pride and the penalty for hiding a priest is- the Pelle is homestead, Between the two dwellings lay the large house of so establish an inquisition. A mili she repeatedly slowly. 'Or Fran- Mr. Bourdoit, and Francois could not resist the temptation of stopping in citizen might leave unknown. Every Why did'at you tell me this before?' give ber Pere Justinien's message. or a few moments to see Marie and 'It was better not,' replied the Now when love is young time flies by unheeded and therefore it was quite late when Francois finally knocked be as friendly as you were. Dose he upon the rickety old door of Cormots' owe you money? ottage. His first summons was unnswered and be rapped again impatiently. Ther was a shuffing of rooden shod feet wi hin and the door opened a cruck. The person inside being apparently satisfied, the door was thrown open and, entering Fran ojs found himself in a small poorely ighted but withal nest room. Jacques Cormot, who stood humbly before him in the middle of the floor, was a man under middle height. rather stoop shouldered, and with a expressionless as a stone well. His

> part a weak and retreating ohin. Ab! Good evening, Monsieur Francois,' be mumbled in a low. hoarse voice, 'I hope it is M. le Cure who has sent you with the medicine, for my poor wife is very ill. 'Yes here it is,' replied Francois,

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