went to spend a couple of hours with my for flowers, I took with me a bunch of yellow roses, her especial favorites. On this evening, as on many another, I found with

her an old gentleman, who had about a year before come into that neighborhood to take possession of an adjoining property, left him by a distant relative on condition year before come into that neighborhood to take possession of an adjoining property, left him by a distant relative on condition that he would change his name to that of Descoudraies. I was quite jealous of the intimacy that soon had sprung up between him and my dear old friend. Ou the evening in question they were busy over a game of "tric-trac." I entered

softly, so as not to disturb them, and waited until the game was over to present my roses. Madame de Lorgersl's face brightened with genuine delight, but, to my astoniahment, Monsieur Descondraies became most strangely abstracted and thoughtful.

"Would you believe it, my friend," he said, at length, "those flowers have evoked, as if by enchantment, a whole epoch of my youth? For a few moments I was 20 years of age, and in leve with a woman, who, if living, must now be fully 60 years old. I will tell you the whole story, one that influenced my whole after "But uncle." I used to object "table al evoked, as if by enchantment, a whole -even now, when old age has left me barely energy enough to play at tric-trac, the remembrance of my youthful love fills

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me with emotion." Over forty years ago, just after I had left college, my father, without consulting me, sought to obtain a post for me in a certain regiment quartered in the little town of X——, tor which place I re-ceived orders to depart at once. This was distressing news for more than one reason; I had no special love for the army, though that objection was no great one, as at that time of my life the mere sight of a gay uniform, or the sound of martial music, sufficed to fire my ambition into becoming a Crear or an Achilles. But, worst or all, I was in love, and dared not tell my father; whose answer, I knew, would have been an order hastening my departure. Fortunately I had an uncle—and what an uncle 1. At that time he was as old as I am now, though still retaining all the vigor uncle 1. At that time he was as old.s I am now, though still retaining all the vigor and freshness of youth. He was the confi-tions. I went to him : "Uncle, I am most unhappy." "I be twenty louis you are not !" "Ah, uncle, do not jest—besides you would lose your bet." "It lose, I pay. Perhaps that might help to console/you." "No; money has nothing to do with my wretchedness. Father has just accepted a lieutanancy for me in the — Regi

CUPID'S DELAYED MAIL BY ALPHONSE KARE. One evening, about two years ago, I vent to spend a couple of hours with my tear old friend and neighbor, Madame de orgerel. Aware of her extreme fondness or flowers, I took with me a bunch of yel-we roses, her capecial favorites. On this vening, as on many another, I found with ter an old gentleman, who had about a ocean breeze in Philadelphia. No, indeed. I's past a dead stifling heat night and

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"Very well."

I besought Naomi to love me a fittle in re-turn, and to wait three years for me. If she consected, I asked her as a sign to wear one of my roses that evening. Then would I dare to speak of my-of our-fu-ture plans. ture plans. or of b

"Ah! you hid that note in the bonquet?" nterrupted Madame Lorgerel. "Yes, madame." "And then?" "Well, Naomi wore no flower that even-

"But uncle," I used to object, "she al-

ways seemed pleased to object, "she al-ways seemed pleased to see me and re-proached me so gently when T came fater than usual." "Women seek the love of all men, but

"Women seek the love of all men, but care for very few." At length I succeded in basishing Naomi's image from my heart. I married the colonel's daughter, who, eight years later, left me a childless widower; my dear undle has been long dead, and I am now alone in the world. Would you believe it, my friends, I often to this day think of Naomi, and she is still to me, though now quite an old lady, the Maoni of my story -my first love-a tall, graceful girl, with auburn hair, and, so my uncle used to say, black velvet eyes? "You know not what become of her?"

"You know not what become of her ?" "No, madame."

"Then your name is not Descoudaries ?" "No; that is the name of my uncle's estate; mine is D'Altheim." "I knew it ?"

"Why ?-how ?" "I will tell you what became of Naomi -she loved you." "But the note-the roses ?"

"She never found your note. Your sud-den departure cost her many bitter tears, and then she married Monsieur de Lor-

I 's past a dead stifling' heat night and day." "There were twelve sunstrokes here yes-terday," timidly protested a New Yorker. "Twelve sunstrokes! Bab! Yon cought to have seen 'en dropping down on Chestant stread his morning. But I mucht stand here on the corner without an overcost. Good day, gentlemen." Then the growd moved slowly away, very much depressed, and the Phila-dephina, wend over to the Aštor House and drank a hot Socich whiskey.

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her?" "Naomi." "Hum.h.! Naomi nay be enough for you; but I would like to know to what family this angel belongs." "She is a Miss Amelot." "She is a Miss Amelot." "Indeed! Then she is truly an angel. A tall, graceful brunette, with dark eyes, soft as velvet. I approve of your choice." "And if you but knew her—" "I do know her. Does she love you?" "I do not know."

"What! not know! You are unworthy of me. At her house every evening, and yet not know if she loves you!" "She does not even know of my love."

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> "Pshaw! little you know about it. She knew you loved her at least fifteen minutes before you knew it yourself." "What I do know, at all events, is that I will die it she be not mine!'

I will die it she be not mine!" "On, no! Softly, my boy. There are many reasons why she should not be yours Your father is far richer than hers, and would never consent to the match." "In that case, uncle, I know what I will

to me. You cannot marry at twenty."

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