Tone evening the young Queen, Marie Antoinette of France, was feeling even more utterly wearied than usual with the royal Antonierta of France, was feeing even more utterly wearied than usual with the royal conventionalities and unmeaning solemnities of the court. Trianon had been presented to her by the King, "as a bouquet," be gallantly said, "because she was so tond of flowers;" but not withstanding the "bouquet," the sparking fountains, the mythological temples and the smooth elveted tame, they young Queen became too frequently antibored the prey of a melancholy white the prey of the prey white the prey of a melancholy white the prey of the prey he prey he prey he prey he prey the prey white the prey of the prey white the prey of the prey white the prey of the prey he prey the prey th conventionalities and unmeaning solemni-ties of the court. Trianon had been pre-

to be two servants of the royal household on some expedition of business or pleasure. The night was dark and stormy, and the rain dashed wildly against the shaking windows of the carriage, which rolled rapidly onward in the darkness. "You know where we are going?" said the Queen. "I am entirely ignorant, your Majesty." "I have here two dominos," explained the Queen, "which we will don before entering Paris. We are going to the Opera ball."

Martha uttered an exclamation of sur-

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only response.

"If these sweet ladies, whom I believe to be persons of rank, prefer the quadrille, I shall be equally pleased with their companionship in that dance," he continued.

"Seek elsewhere," replied Martha,

"Remove your manage of the Queen.
"Impossible," replied the Queen.
"Your names?"
"Martha and Mary only,"
"Scriptural names. Oh. this is charming. Why did you strike the gentleman?"
"He insulted us. Besides, he was in-

"I am obliged to detain you here."
"I am obliged to detain you here."
"You will be obliged to release us."
"Do you think so?"
"I am sure of it. All I ask is a shor

private interview with you."
"Ah! ah, alone," said the watchman

the Queen, "which we will don before entering Paris. We are going to the Opera ball."

Martha uttered an exclamation of surprise.

"You are shocked," said the Queen, "but you must know that 1 sometimes need another life than that of Trianon. A queen is a woman after all, and I feel it hard to be denied that liberty which the meanest of my subjects enjoys. I know you are faithful and discreet, and that is why I take you with me."

"Your Majesty may rely on me. But what if the King should visit you to-night and discover your absence?"

"Oh!" said the Queen, with a sadness tinged with irony, "he is not likely to think of me at such an hour."

Marie Antoinette, who alterwards carried out the curious idea of changing Trianon into a rustic village, with dairy, parsonage and farm, naturally sought in this escapade but an innocent amusement, a temporary respite from the tiresome solemnities of the court, in the wild disorder and rollicking fun of the Opera ball. Martha trembled for her mistress.

"Are the masks thick enough?" she ven-

Queen of France. The sovereign of all, and I'm but one of your most obscure and humble servants, yet no one has the power to forbid my adoring you, for I know you are loving and kind. I see you are beautiful and pure. Ah! had I been a prince (and perhaps I have the heart of one) how I should have cherished you! Oh, pardon me, I blaspheme! I am mad." He fell on his knees. "Queen, oyerwhelm me not with your contempt; the heart knows nothing of rank, hierarchies or aught else, and my love is only equalled by my sufferings." "Rise," said the trembling Queen, giving him her hand which he passionately kissed, "your name?"
"Rosnoen."
"When you desire any favor for yourself or relatives, you have only to appeal to me."

or relatives, you have only to appear to me."

"I ask nothing, your Majesty, but to watch over your happiness, and to pray heaven to protect you. Who knows the future? Evil days are coming. I tremble for your salety, your happiness, your—He paused. Then the Queen suddenly remembered the sinister omens which had attended her marriage, the 'earlul storm which broke over Versailles, the awful thunder which shook the chateau when she entered it as a bride, and the unfortunate victims who were crushed to death in the crowd which assembled in the Place Louis Quinze to witness the illuminations in honor of her marriage. "God help me!" she murmured. Then resuming her mask, she said to the sergeant, "Order a carriage. Adieu, monsieur, I thank you."

He left her for a moment and then re-

He left her for a moment and then re-turned saying, "All is ready." She again passed the police, the trembling Martha following, and precipitately entered the extrisee.

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Rosnoen, pale as death, followed with them with his eyes. Then, affecting a smile, he returned to his office. His subordinates looked on with curiosity, but scarcely liked to question him. One, however, ventured the remark, "Then the affair is settled?"

"Yes," replied he carelessly, "they are old acquaintances of mine."

"What will the officer say who received the bouquet a cinque feuilles (an expression signifying a box on the ear)?"

"Pooh, pooh; we shall see."

At break of day the officer, still intoxicated, entered noisily.

"Escaped!"

"Escaped!"

"How escaped with so many here on guard?"

"Lallowed them to escape."

guard?"
"I allowed them to escape."
"But why?"
"I have nothing to hide; I will not compromise these men. The ladies were triends of mine, and I preferred sacrificing myedi to your anger to leaving them to their fate."
"You shall nay for this—first by im

their fate."
"You shall pay for this—first by imprisonment, then by dismissal."
"I am quite prepared."
The noble Breton accepted imprisonment and degradation almost joyfully in the service of his beloved Queen, sustained by the thought that he had suffered for her sake.

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Marie Antoinette never forgot that strange night. When alone with Martha in the carriage, she remained for a long time silent, feeling for the first time in her life that there was one who, hidden in obscurity and separated from her by an impassable abyss, loved her with a devotion of which she had hitherto been a stranger; loved her purely, passionately, and to the death, and her heart was deeply moved.

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