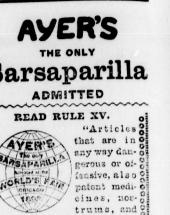
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Cardan, the Galley - Slave. CHAPTER IL.

To carry on his enterprise success fully, Cardan was in want of a larger sum of money than he had stolen from Madame de Mellan's secretary; besides, that money was nearly all spent. This obstacle was very soon overcome. The bankers of Marseilles are not so suspicious as their brethren of Paris they are too negligent, and too easily part with their double Napoleons and

Spanish plastres to a skilful knave. deceived the most suspicious. Cardan, who at a pinch could make good and simple Madame de Mellan his fingers invisible, while changing two Louis, at the counter of these money-dealers, stole two rouleaux, the first to propose leaving the neigh-borhood of a city where her son-in-law with all the dexterity of a professional pickpocket or an Indian juggler. With this reinforcement of money he felt himself strong enough to conquer Peru.

The accomplice chosen by Cardan was called Valentin Proghere. He retained only his first name when he became the valet of Carden, who now transformed himself into M. Albert Kerbriant. The mission entrusted to Proghere was of a very delicate nature, notwithstanding the luminous instructions with which he was favored by his master. He was to repair to the residence of Madame de Mellan, and examine the ground, in order that the drama might begin without peril

while pointing to Anna :

in France, or anywhere else.

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wish, Madame."

begin by setting our minds at ease, and set out on our travels immedi

Cardan bowed with the air of a man

"I will not refuse the first request

In the arrangements that were then

made between Cardan and the good

widow, it was agreed that Proghere,

the pretended valet, should remain in

the country to take care of the luggage

that a certain sum of money should be left with him for necessary or unforseen

days afterwards he arrived with the two ladies, his intended victims, at the

The annals of crime offer few

examples of a story in which the mar-

vellous takes so large a share ; if, how

ever, these events were not extraordin

ary, they would not be worth relating. About a fortnight after the departure

of Madame de Mellan, the young Albert

Kerbriant landed upon the Quay of Toulan before the Hotel de Ville, and,

without even stopping to change the

dress he had worn on his voyage, he hastened to find Madame de Mellan.

At the post-office he was directed to her

country-house, and our sailor, mount-

ing the first horse he could procure,

set off at a gallop. To return from India with the smil-

ing prospect of a wealthy marriage,

to tread your native ground and behold

the house inhabited by your unknown betrothed, are events that do not hap-

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of my mother in law ; it shall be as you

who has only to submit, and replied :

to its author. Proghere, dressed like the confiden tial servant of a good family, set out for Toulon, and on arriving in that city he took a little boat, and landed close to the house of Madame de Mellan about sunset. He played his part admirably ; he announced to the two ladies that M. Albert de Kerbriant had arrived at Nantz by a merchantship, which had sailed from the Cape of Good Hope : that the fatigue of the voyage had compelled him to send in his resignation sooner than he could have wished, and that he had come back from the Indies as a passenger, independent of the service, and willing to fix his abode at the choice of the

adies De Mellan. During this conversation Proghere remained standing on the terrace, ready, in case of the slightest appearance of mistrust on the part of the ladies, to spring over it, and flee into ladies, to spring over it, and nee that the open country. This precaution was unnecessary ; Madame de Mellan, mer daugh ter and the convict set out post for Marseilles. In that city, Cardan pro-Marseilles. In that city, Cardan proarchal habitation in the Savannas of the New World. She gave implicit credence to the story told by the pretended servant of her future son inlaw, and in the intoxication of her joy she embraced her daughter, who was much agitated at the idea of so sudden

a marriage. The next day, at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a great noise of wheels and the cracking of a postilion's whip announced the arrival of a post-

'It is M. de Kerbriant, my master !' said Proghere. "I know his chaise." A young man, dressed in black, and of very distinguished appearance, leaped lightly upon the terrace, and as if suffocated by tears of joy, kissed the hand of Madame de Mellan. Cardan was so wonderfully disguised

that Proghere was for a moment alarmed, for he did not know him. The escaped galley-slave bowed to Mademoiselle Anna, and addressed her

pen every day. The young Albert started at the sight of the vine covered in this phrase, prepared fourteen leagues off : Italian trellis, through the interstices I bless the memory of your father, of which he could see floating tresses that generous man who fixed me for a and clouds of white muslin. son in law; for I must assure you, was his future family, his happiness, his fortune, his all. He threw himself Mademoiselle, that my voyage round the world has not given me an oppor-

tunity of seeing any lady whom I should so gladly choose as a bride!" These words were followed by the long silence which always succeeds Mellan. profound emotion ; but, when a reason able space had been allowed to silence and melancholy recollections, the con tory exclamation, and with amazed versation insensibly assumed a lively looks interrogated the new comer, who air, especially at supper. Cardan was wholly unknown to them. showed an exquisite tact in talking Startled by this strange reception, with the ladies on other subjects rather Albert thought that he must have misthan his marriage. He described the voytaken the house, and endeavored to age, having traced the route upon the excuse himself, saying : map, mixing his recital with the tech "Pardon me, ladies, I must have made a mistake, which is not strange, nical phrases of the sea, which he had also studied for the purpose, and at as there are so many villas in this neighborhood without names or numthe conclusion of his narrative he assumed a melancholy tone and attitude and said : "I have traversed some thousand leagues, I have visited all the quarters of the globe, and I have acquired the experience of age, which such a dressing the sailor : journey gives even to a young man, We have only resided here one week Madame de Mellan lived in this house and I have found that happiness, if it exists at all, can only be secured in the fulfilment of domestic duties, in a circle before us; the neighbors told us so of relations and friends isolated from and they will doubtless tell you the the world. same "Has Madame de Mellan removed Madame de Mellan pressed the hand to the city, then ?" enquired the young man, agitated by a sinister forebodof Cardan, signifying by that mute action what she felt at hearing such

by I shall avoid disagreements which ers and their wives: it was to M. Albert de Kerbriant that Mademoiselle Anna might have very serious and unpleaswas betrothed." ant results. If my mother in law will

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I know it !" said the true Albert. consent to the plan, I propose that we should make some little excursion into "You see then, sir," said the lady, that we are well informed. By this the country, or to Italy, or Spain, if she prefers it; and when we come back to France, my conduct will have been already justified by my fellow officers, time, no doubt, the marriage is cele brated."

"With M. de Kerbriant ?" cried the who will, in the meantime, have re-turned from India, and my unjust young man, in a voice that startled all the witnesses of the scene, though they friends will be prepared to apologize." All this was said in so simple and nodded their heads in the affirmative

"With M. de Kerbriant !" again repeated the unfortunate Albert in a tone of despair. "That must be im-possible: I am Albert de Kerbriant, and I came here to marry Anna de natural a manner that it might have The was so much alarmed, especially on her daughter's account, that she was Mellan: there is some terrible mystery. Some miscreant has intercepted my letters, and assumed my name ! What a frightful discovery !" He sank heavily on a bench on the

was exposed to the risk of challenges which he could not refuse. Her retire-ment in the country did not seem a terrace, wiping the cold perspiration from his brow. The excitement of sufficient safeguard against her maternal alarms, since all the villas in anger presently made him rise proudly the vicinity were inhabited by the families of naval officers, who interhe saw in a moment that all his judg ment and determination as an officer changed visits on the fine summer and his coolness as a man, were neces evenings. Cardan did not exhibit any sary to discover and chastise an action eagerness to quit the vicinity of Toulon, but this well-acted coolness redoubled of such unparalleled atrocity and audacity. He took leave of the ladies at the

the fears of Madame de Mellan, who felt herself obliged to urge her future country-house, with apologies for hav-ing intruded on their solitude, and and hastened to collect from the farmson in law immediately to commence his journey. Drawing the galley-slave aside, therefore, she said to him, ers of the neighborhood all sible information as to the day and the hour of Madame de Mellan's departure, and "That poor child is very timid. We must travel some time together. the direction in which they travelled, We shall be old friends at a month's so that he might not lose a moment in end. Are not both you and I independ-ent of the world? You can marry my following on the track of the ravisher. At Marseilles he visited all the firstdaughter in Spain or Italy as well as in France, or anywhere else. Let us

rate hotels, and at the Hotel des Em-pereurs, the intelligent and active Castel, having heard all about the three travellers, told Albert de Kerbriant that three persons such as he described had passed two days in the house, before they embarked for Barcelona. Castel even named the banker to whom he had taken the false Albert

de Kerbriant, who had wished for and procured a letter of credit for fifteen thousand francs, on behalf of his mother in law. The young sailor hastened to the house of the banker, where he not only received confirma-tion of all that he had heard from and various little domestic affairs, and Castel, but was shown his own signature by the banker, his writing being counterfeited with a dexterity and talent for imitation which could only be displayed by the celebrated galley-slave. This was a clue to guide his enquiries ; he took post-horses, and in less than five hours he was at Toulon, with the commissery of the galleys, who informed him of the escape of Cardan the forger, and gave him a personal description of the criminal. The same evening Albert set out for Barcelona, furnished with important information, and a letter for the French

TO BE CONTINUED.



that Catholics cannot join, or retain their membership in, the Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias or Sons of Temper ance and remain within the pale of the Church, was not unexpected and, consequently, occasions little surprise. This decision has been foreshadowed by the advice given by American prelates, who, when recently ques-tioned about the matter, after stating that the subject was under consideration at Rome, counselled Catholics to keep aloof from these organizations, whose character the prelates evidently knew, would fail to commend them to the Holy See.

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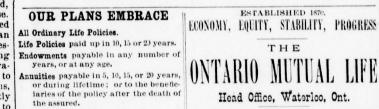
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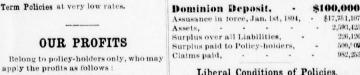
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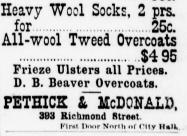


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in such terms as to provoke an affair

voice and his demeanor, and said : "Excuse me, Madame, if I enter into "I do not fear an encounter of this kind," he added, "and they know it : details which may appear to you some-what indiscreet. Will you allow me to but it would be a grievous affair to cross swords with old friends, because ask one question? Have you heard they see my retirement in so unjust a light. I would rather give them leisure to understand me better. When the name of this son-in-law, this young man who is to marry Mademoiselle Anna de Mellan ?"

her daughter, Anna.'

our commander, who knows me well, "Oh !" replied the lady, "it comes back to a French port, he will plead my cause better than I can my-self. I have, therefore, resolved not house, the maid servants have often to show myself in Toulon, and there- | mentioned it to the neighboring farm-

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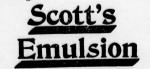
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