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A ROMANCE.

to the end of the chapter, will continue sinning to-day and repenting to-morrow, falling the next and be wailing it the day after. If Leoline had gone to bed directly, like a good dutiful little girl, as Sir Norman ordered her, she would have saved her-self a good deal of trouble and tears; but Leoline and sleep were destined to shake hands and turn their backs on each other that night. It was time for all honest folks to be in bed, and the dark-eyed beauty knew it, too, but she had no notion of going, nevertheless. She stood in the center of the room, where he had left her, with a spot like a scarlet roseberry on either cheek; a soft half-smile on the perfect mouth, and a light inexpressibly tender and dreamy in those artesian wells of beauty— her eyes. Most young airls of green and tender years, suffering from "love's young dream," and that sort of thing, have just that soft, shy, brooding look whenever their thoughts happen to turn to their particular beloved; and there are few eyes so ugly that it does not beautify, even should they be as cross as two sticks. You should have seen Leoline standing in the center of her pretty room, with her bright rose-satin glancing and glittering, and flowing over rug and mat; with her black waying her believe the sating the standard of the sating the black waving hair clustering and curling like shining floss silk; with a rich white shimmer of pearls on the pale smooth forehead and large beautiful arms. She did look irres istibly beyond doubt; and it was just as well for Sir Norman's peace of mind that he did not see her, for he

was bad enough without that. So she stood thinking tenderly of him for half an hour or so,, quite undisturbed by the storm; and how strange it was that she had risen up that very morning expecting to be one man's bride, and then she should rise up the next expecting to be another's. She could not realize it at all; and with a little sigh, half pleasure, half presentiment-she walked the window, drew the curtain, looked out at the night. All

peaceful and serene, the moon was full to overflowing, and great of extra light ran over brim; quite a quantity of stars were and were winking pleasantly down at the little dark planet bethat went round and round, with grim stoicism, and paid no attention to anybody's business but its She saw the heaps of black, charred ashes that the rush of rain had quenched; she saw the still empty street; the frowning row of gloomy houses opposite, and the man king, with a sick shudder, of the

on guard before one of them. She had watched that man all day, plague-stricken prisoners he guarded; and reading its piteous inscription, "Lord, have mercy on us!" till the words seemed branded on her brain. While she looked now, an upper window was opened, a nightcap was thrust out, a voice from its cavernous depths hailed the guard: "Robert! I say Robert!"

"Well?" said Robert, looking up. 'Master and missus be gone last, and the rest won't live till "Won't they?" said Robert, phleg-

matically; "what a pity! Get em ready and I'll stop the dead-cart when it comes round."

Just as he spoke, the well-known rattle of wheels, the loud ringing of the bell, and the monotonous cry of the driver, "Bring out your dead! Bring out your dead!" echoed in the pale night's silence; and the pestcart came rumbling and jolting a-long with its load of death. The watchman hailed the driver, according to promise, and they entered the house together, brought out one long white figure, and then another, and them on top of the ghastly

heap. "We'll have three more for you in an hour or so-don't forget to come around," suggested the watchman.
"All right," said the driver, as he took his place, whipped his horse, rang his bell and jogged nonchalantly to the plague-piti

Sick at heart Leoline dropped the curtain, and turned round to seesomebody else standing at her al-bow. She had been quite alone when looked out; she was alone no longer; there had been no n

someone had entered, and was standing beside her. A tall figure, all in black, with its sweeping velvet robes spangled with stars of golden rubies, a perfect figure of incomparable grace and beauty. It had worn a cloak that had dropped lightly from its shoulders, and lay on the floor, and the long hair streamed in darkness over shoulder and waist. The face was masked, the form stood erect and perfectly motionless, and the scream of surprise and consternation that arose to Leoline's lips died out in wordless terror. Her noiseless visiter perceived it, and touching her arm lightly with one little white hand, said in her sweet-

not look so deathly white. You know me, do you not?"
"You are La Masque!" said Leoline, trembling with nervous dread, I am, and no stranger to you, though perhaps you may think so. Is it your habit every night to look out af your window in full dress un-

"My child, do not tremble so, and

est and most exquisite of tones:

til morning?"
"How did you enter?" asked Leohine, her curiosity overcoming for a moment even her fear.

VThrough the door. Not a difficult thing, either, if you leave it wide open every night, as it is a property of the state of th

"Was it open?" said Leoline, dismay. "I never knew it." "Ah! then it was not you went out last. Who was it?" "It was-was-" cheeks were scarlet. 'It was friend."

"A somewhat late hour for one's

A somewhat late hour for one's friends to visit," said La Masque, sarcastically; "and you should learn the precaution of seeing them to the door and fastening it after them.
"Rest assured, I shall do so for the future," said Leoline, with a look that would have reminded Sir Norman of Miranda had he seen it.
"I scarcely expected the honor of any
more visits, particularly from strang-

ers. to-night." "Civil, that! Will you ask me to sit down, or am I to consider my-self an unseasonable intruder, and

depart?"
"Madame, will you do me the honor to be seated? The hour, as you say, is something unseasonable, and you will oblige me by letting me know to what I am indelted for the pleasure of this visit, as quickly as possible.

There was something quite dignified about Mistress Leoline, as she swept rustling past La Masque, sank into the pillowy depths of her lounge, and motioned her visitor to a seat with a slight and graceful wave of her hand. Not but that in her se cret heart she was a good deal frightened, for something under her pink satin corsage was going pit-apat at a wonderful rate; but she thought that betrayng such a feelwould not be the thing. Perhaps the tall, dark figure saw it, and smiled behind her mask; but outwardly she only leaned lightly against the back of the chair, and glanced discreetly at the door.

"Are you sure we are quite alone? "Because," said La Masque, in her low, silvery tones, "what I have come to say is not for the ears of any third person living." We are entirely alone, madame,

replied Leoline, opening her black eyes very wide. "Prudence is gone, and I do not know when she will be "Prudence will never come back."

said La Masque, quietly. "Madame!" "My dear, do not look so shocked

-it is not her fault. You know she deserted you for fear of plague." "Yes, yes!" "Well, that did not save her: nav it even brought on what she dread-

ed so much. Your nurse is plague-

stricken, my dear, and lies ill unto

Fields." "Oh, fine, while every drop of bood fled from her face. "My poor, poor, old

"Your poor, poor, old nurse left you without much tenderness when she thought you dying of the same disease," said La Masque, quietly. "Oh, that is nothing. The sud-denness, the shock, drove her to it.

My poor, dear Prudence." "Well, you can do nothing for he now," said La Masque, in a tone of light impatience. 'Prudence is be-yond all human aid, and so-let her You were carried to rest in peace. the plague-pit yourself, for dead, were you not?"

"Yes," answered the pale lips, while she shivered all over at the ecollection. "And was saved by-by were you saved, my dear?'

"By two gentlemen." "Oh, I know that: what "One was Mr. Ormiston, the other vas," hesitating and blushing vivid-

ly, "Sir Norman Kingsley."
La Masque leaned across her chair, and laid one dainty finger lightly on the girl's hot cheek "And for which is that blush, Leo-

"Madame, was it only to ask me questions that you came here?" Leoline, drawing proudly back, though the hot red spot grew hotter and redder; "if so, you will excuse my declining to answer any more." "Child, child," said La Masque, in a tone so strangely sad that it touched Leolone, "do not be angry with me. It is no idle curiosity that sent me here at this hour to impertinent questions, but a claim that I have upon you, strong er than that of any one else in the Leoline's beautiful eyes opened wid-

er yet.
"A claim upon me! How? why?
I do not understand." "All in good time. Will you tell me something of your past history,

"Madame Masque, I have no history to tell. All my life I have lived alone with Prudence; that is the whole of it in nine words." La Masque half laughed.

"Short, sharp and decisive. Had you never a father or mother?" "There is a slight probability I may have had at some past period," said Leoline, sighing; "but none that

"Why does not Prudence tell you?"
"Prudence is only my nurse, and says she has nothing to tell. My parents died when I was an infant, and left me in her care—that is her

To be Continued

QUICK WORK WITH EELS.

Down Fulton market way there is always something interesting to be seen. It may be, in the season, men in the street frying soft shell crabs, which they pick up with odd wooden tongs made for the purpose to put them in a paper bag. It's a common thing for people to bay live crabs and carry them home with them in a bag.

You might see here somebody skinning cels, though that is something rather unusual, sufficiently so to attract always a Down Fulton market why there is al

cels, though that is something rather unusual, sufficiently so to attract always a little knot of lookers on, who stand and watch the operation with interest. Among the bunch of gazers there is very likely one man at least who never before saw eels skinned and who is surprised to discover that the expert does not skin the eel, but rather, as one might say, eels the skin. That is to say, he does not strip the skin off of the eel, but he strips the eel clear of the skin.

Piled up, corded up, on a board on a barrel behind which the eel expert stands there are hundreds of eels, piled with heads all to the rear, handy to seize upon. The only implement used in the work is a stout knife with a short fixed blade. Laying an eel, back down, upon the board, the cleaner makes with that short, stout knife one transverse cut three-quar-

stout knife one transverse cut three-quar-ters through it just below its head. With a single deft sweep of the knife he slits the eel down with one movement and cleans it totally with another almost before one is aware that this has been don

fore one is aware that this has been done at all, and then he proceeds to skin the eel, an operation that requires, besides knowing how to do it, strength and skill.

Once more the knife is brought into play, and this time the blade is worked under the end of the body from where the first cut was made and downward in the direction of the tail, to the extent of an inch. That inch is what the expert gets his hold on. Holding the eel up now by the head with the left hand and holding it stationary and firmly, he grasps that freed inch of eel between the thumb of freed inch of eel between the thumb of the right hand, on one side of it, and the blade of the knife, pressing it hard, but not cutting into it, on the other. And then, with the firm clutch that he has thus got upon it and holding the left hand stationary, he strips the eel for-ward and downward with the right, fairly stripping it clear of its skin with a single continuous movement. At the end of with a curving sweep through the air, he throws the dressed eel upon a pile of its kind, while the skin he tosses into a barrel. Then he picks up another eel from the pile in front of him and repeats the operation, and it is all so quickly and so deftly done that you have to keep your eye on him not to miss any of the five movements in which the whole work is

A Librarian's Notes.

full of gush and with the instinct of the litterateur oozing, so to speak, from their very finger tips, who can't read Marion Crawford, you know, because they really can't read books written by women, and who speak of Sydney Grier and John Strange Winter as "he." One could pass these trifling errors over were the joke not accentuated by their fervid declarato any stranger whom they deem fit subjects for their confidence, that their knowledge of authors, publishers' tricks and booksellers' little ways is wide and

Rheumatism and Electricity.

Sir James Grant, a medical man of Canada, evolved the that rheumatism is due to an abnormal electrical storage in the human system. He says that for many years he has been muscular rheumatism by the insertion of small fine steel needles, the number varying according to the extent of the affect ed parts, and, as a rule, the seat of pain will indicate the precise place and extent to which the needles should be used. They remain stuck into the muscles for one to two minutes. The previous hard, tense condition approximating one of tetany relaxes, the needles are remov-ed without force, and the patient is able at once to use the muscles. Experiments point to an abnormal storage of electric ity in the tissues. It may be stored as a result of sudden drafts and cold. When the inserted needles are touched, the electrical accumulation is simultaneously discharged, passing through the body of the operator without any serious result, There is almost immediate relief in lumbago from this treatment.

and drew long breaths, but none of them said anything.

"Come, come!" the teacher exclaimed at length. "I'm surprised! Isn't there any little boy or girl in this class who can tell why Babylon fell? Isn't there any one of you who can think of any reason why Babylon should have fallen?"

Then a boy with large brown freckles on the bridge of his nose and a thumb with a blackened nail put up his hand.

"Ah," the sweet faced teacher said, "I thought some of you must know if yeu

"Mebbe he stepped on a banana peel," Percy suggested.

herty.
"It is indeed," said Mrs. Brannigan.
"An th' wondherful par-rt of it all is it's
only a wooden bur-rd at that?"—Philadel-

Exhibition In New York by a Light-

One dear soul once came in brimful of desire to obtain a book that a friend had recommended, "a beautiful book, too," but the title and author's name were a myth to her. All she knew about it was that it was about Monday. Repeated solicitation made her waver nothng. She was sure it wasn't about Tuesday or Wednesday or any other day of the week. The poor mortal serving her did his best, but the book on "Monday." author unknown, came not to his mind, and the lady went her way sorrowful, A few days later in she came, her countenance radiant as a sunlit poppy in a cornfield, and the librarian knew, with an instinctive thrill of delight, that the title was found which had been lost—it was

Another great source of fun is to be ound among that class of subscriber,

"Now, children," said the Sunday school teacher, "which of you can tell

me why Babylon fell? There was a long silence. The little ones bent over and looked at one another and drew long breaths, but none of them

thought some of you must know if you only stopped to think! What was it, Percy?"

A Wonderful Bird.

"Bur-rds is intilligent," Mrs. Brannigan observed as she encountered her friend, Mrs. O'Flaherty. "Ye can tache 'em annyting. Me sister has wan that lives in a clock, an whin it's time to tell th' time it comes out an says cuckoo as manny times as th' time is."

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JULY AUG. SEP.

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tween 60 and 100 men broke into the jail at Tunica, Miss., and took out three negroes, whom they strung up to a tree within 100 yards of the

Not a shot was fired. Elisha Hogle, aged 55 years, com mitted suicide Friday night on grave of his wife in Floral Park Cemetery, Binghamton, N. Y., by swallowing the contents of a four-ounce bottle of carbdic acid.

Victor Faffard, lighthouse keeper at Point des Montes, has notified the Marine Department that bridge was carried away and the lighthouse boat together, with several others in the neighborhood, was damaged in

Thursday's storm. John Smith of Watertown was blasting for stone under a tree the Galvin Stock Farm, East Flamboro, on Friday, when the tree fell on him, injuring his back. Physicians fear Smith's back is broken, and his condition is very critical.

married and has two children. David Sutherland of South London vho had been engaged upon the Exhibition grounds, was walking across the race track when he was struck by a race horse being exercised by a jockey on Friday. For half an hour he was unconscious. His arm was broken and his head badly cut.

The Prince Pleads Not Guilty Ottawa, Sept. 15. — "Prince" Anad Andersing, who was arrested at Niagara Falls on a charge of obtaining a gold watch and a gold ring, of the value of \$130, from James A. Leslie, jeweler, on Sept. 11, 1899, was arraigned before Stjpendiary Magistrate O'Keefe in the Police Court yesterday, an the formal charge of intent to defraud. He entered a plea of not guilty. The "Prince" in his replies, spoke excellent English. He says he has just returned from the Paris Exposition, and that he-was robbed of a letter of credit for £5,000 sterling and \$135 whilst at Niagara Falls on Aug. 31 He does not remember by whom or on whom the letter of credit was drawn. Case was adjourned till to-

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