

opened, doubtless by the direction of the host. A carriage was in waiting without.

"Villain," cried a voice, which thrilled to the heart of the terrified girl, "what art thou doing? Answer me, or I will show my power."

"The sword of Villain was out in a moment, but he was not to release his prize.

"Keep back," he cried, "keep back! I warn you, Gerald Forster, for he it was, drew his blade and instantly closed with his antagonist. Falding was a powerful man, and supported Miss Somerville, who fought in his arms, almost as easily as if she had been the fly he called her. Incomprehensible as he was of the report, he stood now motionless on the balcony, his face being to keep Gerald off until, by retreating step by step, towards the gate, he should be within shot of the avenue, who would follow him to the last extremity. But, unfortunately for the execution of his design, it was perceived by Gerald, who seizing his opportunity, wounded him slightly in the shoulder. The blood flowed freely, and though the hurt was not serious, it obliged the man to resign Miss Somerville to the care of her deliverer, without further ado. The poor girl had opened her eyes, but all that had passed and was passing, swam before her like a dream, all about Falding approached and bowed low, with an air of easy self-possession which she did not understand.

"Ma fille, said the top, I will leave you to your friend. It is doubtless the schoolfellows whom you have just seen. But here and you, that you thought we should never have met again."

"I will tell you, replied Gerald, in a voice scarcely audible, and with a look expressive of no more emotion, that the companion was fairly started; you already expressed an influence over me dangerous to my happiness, it might have proved fatal to my honest aim, but that your rejection of my dress prevented. Miss Somerville, I have loved before, loved one young and fair, almost as yourself, yet scarcely so, but one kind and gentle heart, but she was not to be had, she was far from me, but we would ourselves to each other. The old man is since dead, and she has been free to marry whom she will."

"Proceed," cried Miss Somerville, with closed hands and tearful eyes.

"I had indeed been to London," continued Gerald, "and was then living doubtless in obscurity; and was then conducting my search with much ardour when your first friend crossed my path. I thought I had never beheld such so beautiful, and I then, for the first time, felt the tie which binds me to my love, and I was bound to my first love. You expressed your contempt for me, and your scorn to see the last one—formed an absolute chain to rivet me. In a moment when passion had subdued my better feelings, I proposed to marry you, and you rejected me; my faithlessness was duly punished, I suffered acutely, it is true for both of us did so. I shall now follow in the path of duty, and in the last time I shall be near you; I shall no more hear your voice, see your smile, but I must seek again that young girl, who I know was too true-hearted to forget."

"That young girl's name?" gasped Miss Somerville, breathlessly.

"Was Phyllis Glanville," said Forster.

"Gerald!" cried Gerald, "as she threw herself upon the ground, do you not know me? I am your own Phyllis, indeed in person, but the same loving, confident Phyllis, to whom you pledged your vows on that happy May morning. It is a dream! You are not Phyllis, but I have never known a happier girl than you."

"I too have my story to tell," said Phyllis, disengaging herself from the arms of her father, and looking at her daughter with a look of surprise and joy. "I have had a long and painful life, but I have never known a happier girl than you."

"And your name and fortune both changed?" said Gerald.

"My father's name was Somerville," replied Phyllis, "my mother's Glanville; when my father in his latter years, sacrificed his life interest in his property to free himself from his debts, my mother and I were left penniless. My father name and fortune both changed."

"Let us hope that I have not forfeited all claim to your love—to your esteem," returned Gerald, and my happiness is complete."

"Then let us go and the bells, for from the moment in which I found Phyllis Glanville was not forgotten, I no longer accepted of the happiness of Phyllis Glanville to your keeping. My dear Gerald, have already something to forgive, and in our walk through life we must expect to find ourselves in the path of duty, and in the last time I shall be near you; I shall no more hear your voice, see your smile, but I must seek again that young girl, who I know was too true-hearted to forget."

representation and friendly observations. England was induced to believe that the two Governments of France and Spain would postpone the performance of the projected marriage until, at least, a complete exchange of explanations should have taken place. Those representations, British Cabinet points—first, a complete exchange of explanations should have taken place. Those representations, British Cabinet points—first, a complete exchange of explanations should have taken place. Those representations, British Cabinet points—first, a complete exchange of explanations should have taken place.

contrabandists. Every precaution has been taken against a coup de main, and under pretext of honours, an army has been sent to the frontiers of Spain. From here to Vittoria there are 2,000 infantry and 600 cavalry; from Vittoria to Burgos, from Burgos to Valladolid, from Valladolid to Segovia, and from Segovia to Madrid, there are the same number of troops."

Orders have been given for increasing considerably the steam navy of France. The *Reform* announces that the Minister of Marine, has concluded contracts for the construction of steam machinery for the following new ships: For the *Mogador*, the machinery of 640 horse-power; for the *Caton*, 300; for the *Gorgone*, 300; for the *Emendee*, 300; for the *Mouette*, 200; for the *Goeland*, 200; for the *Phœnix*, 200.

The Independent of the Eastern Pyrenees of the 2d instant publishes a letter from Algeria, which states that a revolt has arisen amongst the soldiers of the 13th Light Infantry, who were about to be dispersed amongst other regiments of the colony. They had protested against the reduction of their colonel, carried off the colours of the regiment and burned them. This act of rebellion had taken its rise in the discontent of the men at not being permitted to return to France with their officers.

The *Herald*, contains the following: The act of renunciation of the Duke de Montpensier to the donation of the Infanta Luisa, is a brilliant and generous deed, involving a sum of 37 millions of francs (600,000,000). The Duke de Montpensier, who is now in the property of Viste Alegre. During the residence of the young couple at Paris, Louis Philippe will pay all expenses, and in addition give them 40,000 francs a month. At his death the King will leave the Duke three millions of francs.

The *Herald* of Madrid, of the 2d, declares that the Spanish government will never consent that the Infants shall renounce for her children their rights to the succession in Spain, and thinks that a simple renunciation by the Duke de Montpensier of his eventual rights to the crown of France is all that England and the other Powers will require. This according to the *Herald* will be conceded, but it is not the concession demanded by England in virtue of existing treaties.

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