THE OUTLAW:

Ebe Semale Baudit A STORY OF THE ROBBERS OF THE APENNINES. BY LIEUTENANT MURRAY.

[Continued.] THE PUNISHMENT OF A TRAITOR.
It was but a few days subsequent to the period of the last chapter, wherein we have described the abduction of Nina Fialto from the very walls of the church and convent of Ferati, that we would now take the reader Into the precincts of the massive prison of Within its walls were confined two Parma. Within its walls were confined two members of Alfonzo's band, who by some extraordinary act of carelessness had exposed themselves to be captured by the government troops. Great was the rejoicing of the prison officials that they bad now in their bands those of the outlaws of whom they could make a fea ful example, and their summary publishment was resolved upon. A hurried trial had taken place, and the day for their execution bad already been fixed upon; while every effort had been made by the authorities to induce them to confess and betray thorities to induce them to confess and betray the stronghold of the band, and to act as guide in conducting the troops thither. A free pardon and a rich reward in gold had been pressed upon them, providing they would accede to the wishes of the govern-

They held out, however, to the last. The binding nature of their fearful oaths and coufidence in the mysterious power of their lea-der, by some means to release them, having thus far sustained the prisoners amid all their deprivations and s ffering. At last, when there leave of life could be counted by hours, rather than by days, one resolved to turn state's evidence, and secure his own pardon and the rich reward offered, which was prostoutly refused under any circumstances to betray his comrades. The recreant was one Spolett—he wto was faithful was Nicoli, whose wife at that moment was the personal attendant of the fair Niva to the strong-

hold of he robbers. They were confined in separate cells, and every influence had been brought to bear upon them to turn traitors to their band with the outlaws. Not only parcon, but the promise of large amounts of gold. But Nicoli was firm and would make no answer to the importunities of the officers. Spotello, on the contrary, was at length balf persuaded, and had ever signified his purpose on the following day of making a clean breast of his guilt, and of betraying those with whom he was implicated. This is the period of time when we would introduce the reader to the

It was past midnight, Spoletto was sleephe contemplated on the morrow. He tossed and turned restlessly on his hard straw bed, while his conscience condemned him for the course he had adopted. He dreamed over all the faithful service he had realized from the hands of his comrades whom he was about to be ray. How they had dressed his wounds and tended him in sickness—how they had stood by him in the fight—the fearful tenor of his oath, the sacred bond of the league which he had sworn to support in all and every con-tingency. His brain was terribly active, but life was sweet, and he was striving to pre-

As he was thus tossing restlessly, he sud-dealy swoke and found a hand laid upon his shoulder. It was dark in the cell, and for some moments be could not collect bimself sufficiently to realize where he was. At last rubbing his eyes, he sat upright and beheld before him a well known figure. It spoke,

'Spoletto, you have been tried and found wanting! Did you think there were stone walls thick enough in Parma, to hide you from the eyes, ears and hands of our league? Look well. Who am I?'

The unfaithful outlaw regarded him who addressed him for a single moment, and theo with a shudder, covering his eyes with his

'Is it possible that you are here! you, my Captom, Alfonzo Mateloni?' Were you in the lowest depths, I should have found you, and had you been faithful

would have delivered you at the risk of my own life! As it is, Spoletto, I find you are a traitor, that you have already partially betrayof your comrades, and that to morrow you ar to consumate the foul deed by revealing all that is asked of you. Is this so, Spoletto?'

'A.! captain, life is sweet, and I could not make up my mind to die.'

Did you not know that you would be cared for, and indue season rescued?'
'I know that this is the belief of our league, but I saw no way that it could be accomplish-

ed,' answered the abashed outlaw.
'Have you not broken the oath of our lea gue?' asked his captain, solemaly.

'I have,' sighed the culprit.
'You know then what my duty is, and what my oath binds me to do ?"

'I know all,' said the prisoner, with a shudder convusion his frame. 'Then prepare to die!' said the captain, calmly drawing his stiletto!

'Is there no chance for my life?' asked the

abject outlaw, falling on his knees.

'None. Had you been faithful, you would have been released.' How is this possible? 'It matters not. There are more in our

interest in Parma than is dreamed of.' Ah, captain, spare me, groaned the terrified outlaw, with uplifted hands.
One moment for a proper, no longer!
Quickly, or you die before you ask forgiveuess of Heaven, and above all, pray to be

forgiven this last fatal act you are guilty of. Spoletto knew whom he had to deal with.

He knew the fearful oaths that bound his captain to punish traitors, as well as he knew that he deserved a traitor's fate. He kneeled and breathed forth a whispered prayer, then rising and turning, confronted Altor 20, with his bosom bared. Quick as thought the stiletto drank his heart's blood, and he felt dead upon the stone floor of the prison? He would now betray no one. Alfonzo groaved audibly at the sight before him—his duty and his oath had bound him to this, he could not

aroid the diel In a few momets later, Nicoli was aroused from his sleep by a hand pressed gently upon him, and the tones of a well known

'Arouse thee, honest and faithful Nicol throw this gown and cowl about thee and fol-

low me in silence. Thou wast true to thy eath and thy brotherbood.

'Captain, is it in leed Alienzo Mataloni?' asked the half-confused prisoner.

'In God's good time he will awake, but never on this ear hagain!'

part of Spoletto's betrayal of his fellows.

Enough! Now forward in silence 'said the commander as he led the way from the prison. What was his means of thus gaining access and egrees with impunity, was not obvious to his companion, but he saw only the most ordinary means of concealment observed, and that they passed unchallenged. Both ed, and that they passed unchallenged. Both were dressed in the gown and cowl of a monk, pecessary pass was at each challenge, and It involved his visit at once to the most dispend why not the band, the dring the band, the ban and when at the last point of egress the pass word for the night was demanded, it was promptly given, and the two disguised outaws were again free.

In a well guarded apartment of this very rison, and at the same moment that these wo lett its wa'ls, there was confined another of our characters, Don Heranzo. The bold-stant the cowl from before the face. ness of the banditti of late, the abduction of linizilla! exclaimed Nina and some other audactious acts, had light and amazement. aroused the authoraties to a pitch of excitement that led to great viligance and earnestness. By some means quite unknown to
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Don Heranz, himself, the authorities, after his second visit to the mountains, became She paused for a moment until the sound aware that he had some knowledge of the cu'- of the horses feet died away in the distance, law, and that at least he had once sought and then disappeared. them voluntarily. This was quite sufficient to form grounds for his examination before The wonderful means of information pos-the officials, but they could elicit nothing sessed by the banditti, the power and cumping

too avail-sufficient for the officials was the ed to madden the officials to the last degree, act that he was known to have had some and yet they were entirely outwitted, they aterest with the outlaws, and moreover that could not solve the mystery. In vain was the be totally declined to answer any questions upon the subject. The matter assumed a most serious character, and Don Heranzo same extraordinary escapes occurred, as in most serious character, and Don Heranzo same extraordinary escapes occurred, as in found that he was likely to be placed in a the instance of Don Heranzo—as had so ritical situation, and after a second and even amized them under the authority of the forthird examination he was deliberately remand- mer commandant. No one seemed to blame,

Here, after he had passed a couple of m's- that evil spiri's aided the outlaws. The ranks of the army were strengthened, him to his no small amazement, and the government had certain knowledge and proof of his having been at least twice in the robbers' quarters, and this too voluntarily, and also of this having more than once met the leader of the banditti who was a woman. Thus charged with these facts, he was too chivalric in his nature, to deny them, and deposition, too truthful in his nature, to deny them, and deny them and the government dupon by the deficials against the bacditti—and then to buse the deficials against the bacditti—and then to buse to such mountain scenery as she had never before even conceived of. Thus weeks of quiet happiness passed over Nina's existfollowed weeks of useless marching, and the readers of the works and the produced to such mountain scenery as she had never before even conceived of. Thus weeks of quiet happiness passed over Nina's existfollowed weeks of useless marching, and outtroduced to such mountains. Thus weeks of quiet happiness passed over Nina's existfollowed weeks of useless marching, and outtroduced to such mountains then detail of the works and the produced to such mountains sexistfollowed weeks of useless marching and the reduced to such mountains to sever before even conceived of. Thus weeks of quiet happiness passed over erable, lonely days, it was made known to

the army. He was told to hasten—that will you undertake the com there was no time to be lost-and to ask no ously into his seat, then turning asked:

'And to whom am I indebted for this op-

portane deliverence? 'Inizilla!' exclaimed Don Haranzo, in de-

'Don Heranz,' she said, burriedis-'you

THE MYSTERIOUS PORTRAIT. The wonderful means of information poswhich enabled them to place even the strong-In vain did the young Spaniard offer to est prison walls at defiance, the frequen roduce his letters and credentials - it was all loss of prisoners from their very hands, seemall were equally amazed, and it was believed

The ranks of the army were strengthened. deny them, and frankly acknowledged them the campaign were kept by the generals and to be true, though he denied any connection whatever with the outlaws, or any interest possessed by the robbers was always sure and listened to of their blood thraty character,

truth. Could she but know that he made pressed to he lips. 'And now,' she con-'In God's good time he will awake, but here on this earth again!'

'Is he dead?' asked Nicoli, is amazement.

'Ay, traitors are unworthy to live,' was the ignificant reply.

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league to the north. She gave him minute directions as to her wishes and the business upon which he had entered. Her policy was plain, but the actuating motive remained to him a mystery.

'And now, Don Heranzo, when will you start?' asked Inizilla.

No preparation? - are you quite ready to

go at such short notice ?"

constant companion. She had been ill of word. late, and her pale cheek bad been only too undisputable an evidence of the fact. But fined and appreciating taste. Sometimes treats the readers of that journal with

whatever with the outlaws, or any interest connected with them, declaring his association to be of a personal character solely, and in owise affecting the public interest.

Still, with the officials, especially at such Still, with the officials.

*Count Fialto—speak! what was the oci-ginal of that picture to you?'

*Some strange influence constrains me to tell you that which has been a secret for years

within my own bosom. She should been my wife and companion for life. Should have been? echoed the priest.

'Ay, she was my wife—legally—but never

afterwards my companion.

Behold this miniature! continued riest, handing that which he had drawn from his bosom to Count Fialto. Great Heaven! it was on

How came you by this?'
'It was my mother's last gift to me!

Excellent, then away, and God speed you my friend.'

Don Heranzo was in his saddle in half an hour, and with a zealous spirit drew not his rem for hill or valley, but pressed forward eager to perform the duty faithfully which had here attimated to him the provided in the first and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended to him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended to him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended to him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended to him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended to him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him the provided him and gazed steadily upon his father—his extended him and gazed steadily upon his father—his ex pressive face discovering in part the conthem the gunpowder is spread moistened by Nina Fia'to though rude'y lodged in the tending emotions of his heart. Whatever water. For periods varying from 6 hours for

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rese to her cheek, and she looked now the personification of health and poycus hopes. Alionzo frequently sat by her side, and read to her, for he had plenty of books and a rethe works of the Canada Powder Company, light on the beautiful valley in which are the works of the 'Canada Powder Company,' they would ride together, and Nina was io- minute detail of the works and the process of

sor if it and true description of the person to display of linetilla, the leader of the basiditis, such a paper as would and in seeking her out and praging her to patter. Those patters are not only the present of parts as would and in seeking her out and praging her to patter. Those patters are not only the present of parts, the seek of the properties of an any parts are the miserable incept the miserable

'Methinks you exceed the duty of your ghostly office, father, indeed, I know not why I am favored with this visit at all? said the count.

lar one and remarkably noisy. The compound is placed in hollow cylinders of iron pound is placed in hollow cylinders of iron table—a suitable and agreeable finale to my long explorations.

THE PROOF GROUNDS. or two pounds weight. These cylinders more round on their axis, producing a storm of sounds as they rapidly revolve, which strength of the powder of the Canada Powder would defy the imagination to conceive, as it does language to describe. Niagara is a whisper to it; ten thousand bailstorms upon glass roofs, accompanied by as many thunder down the manufactured for the purpose, has a small chamber at the breach to hold the change, and is fitted with a 24lb ball, and polished so as to slide

'Your mother! I knew not she ever had a immediately associated, the saltpetre is now added and the composition is carried to the wheel will, for thorough incorporation and he trembled like an aspec leaf, and fixed his ejes imploringly upon the priest.

The cowl was thrown back, the gown opened, the skull cap removed, and there s'ood before Count Fialto, his son, Alfonzo divest myself of my boots and assume a pair crushed and ground. A thousand things would lead to an explosion during this process. If it is too wet it may explode; if it is too dry it will explode. The slightest atom of foreign matter will produce an explosion and sometimes it explodes without rhyme or reason. The frame work of the mill boose is of great strength, but the sides and roof are very sightly constructed. This is to afford the powder every possible facility in case it should blow up. There's no good in opposing it in such a case; "let ber rip" is the motto; and its soon all over, like the anger of a possionate man, but it is far more terrible. It is hard to feel quite secure in a powder mill. I should not choose such a ocality for a lounge, and when I had seen all that I could, I announced my readines to

taken to the press house, and by means of immese hydraulic powder is formed into cakes about three feet square and balf an the profits which may accrue" to the profits which may accrue the profits which may edwould take it to be gunpowder but the granu-lation is speedily effected in

Still, with the officials, especially at such things and the part of the company of the control corning mill for fear of accident. Incautiously, however strange things are done sometimes. I heard of one of the proprietors of a Powder Manufactory walking into a corning mill with a lighted eigar in his mouth. The foreman herrified at the sight, had the presence of mind aquitly to becken him out; and when at a safe distance he had his indiscretion pointed out to him, he straightway fainted on the spot. The wonderful escape was attributed to the fact that the fire of the circumwas covered by the ashes? When the

which the first products the control of the products of the pr

glass roofs, accompanied by as many thunder storms, and an equal number of explosions from cannon, would not exceed it. It is a sound sai generis; a thing to hear once before a man knows of what his ears are capable; and which can never be excelled except by the din which will accompany "the wreck of matter and the crash of warlds,"

THE WHEEL MILL.

with a 24lb ball, and polished so as to slide down the muzz'e with perfect accuracy. The following results I noted down as interesting. They completely prove the excellence of the Canada powder, and I am satisfied that all the conditions of the trial were scrupulously fair. The charges in every case were half cunce charges; and I should also mention that rain had fallen plentifully for an hour before the trials were made and that an hour before the trials were made and that the air was damp in consequence. For convenience I have thrown the results into a ta-

bular form :-Qualities of Powder Courtis & Harvey's Blasting C ...

Minnie Rifle Powder (English)... Canada Powder Co's Kelly Rfle.. cave, was yet made perfectly comfortable. No attention which delicacy could devise was omitted, and one of her own sex was her constant companion. She had been ill of perforce bring it to a close.

THE BIBLE PRINTING MONOPOLY.

(From the London Star.)
Oa Monday next, Mr. Baines, M.P., is to
ask the Home Secretary, "whether it is the
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intention of Her Majesty's government, on the expiration of the patent of the Queen's printer for England and Wales, on the 21st January, 1860, to propose the renewal of that patent, so far as it relates to the printing of Bibles and Testaments, or any restriction on the free printing of the Holy scripture."

In these days of free trade, most people will be surprised to learn that the printing firm of Evre and Spoottiswoode, and the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, are the only persons and bodies who may print Bi bles Next received a visit. When the grinding only persons and bodies who may print Bi bles oroces has been completed, the powder is in England. The patent was granted in the cakes about three feet square and balf an the profits which may accrue" to the palen-icch thick, in this condition no one, uninitiat- tees, it forbids "all and singular the subjects