"Turn to the Right.

"You think so," Henry rejoined. "Well. tive me your shoulder. Let us walk a ittle." And, signing to Rambouillet to eave him, he began to walk up and down with M. de Rosny, talking familiarly with him in an undertone. Only such scraps of the conversation as fell from them when they turned at my end of the gallery now reached me. Patching these together, however, I managed to understand somewhat. At one turn I heard the king say, "But At one turn I heard the king say, "But then Turenne offers—" At the next, "Trust him? Well, I do not know why I should not. He promises—" Then "A Republic, Rosny? That his plan? Pooh! ne dare not. He could not. France is a kingdom by the ordinance of God in my family." family.

I gathered from these and other chance words, which I have since forgotten, that M. de Rosny was pressing the king to accept the help of the King of Navarre, and warning him against the insidious offers of the Vicomte de Turenne. The mention of a Republic, however, seemed to excite his Majesty's wrath rather against Rosny for presuming to refer to such a thing than against Turenne, to whom he refused to predit it. He paused near my end of the promenade.

"Prove it!" he said angrily. "But can you prove it? Mind you, I will take no hearsay evidence, sir. Now, there is Turenne's agent here-you did not know, I dare say, that he had an agent here?

"You refer, sire, to M. de Bruhl," Rosny answered, without hesitation, "I know him, sire."

"I think you are the devil," Henry answered, looking curiously at him. "You seem to know most things. But mind you, my friend, he speaks me fairly, and I will not take this on hearsay even from your master. Though," he added after pausing 'And he, your Majesty. He desires only to prove it.

"Yes, I know, I know," the king answered fretfully. "I believe he does. I believe he does wish me well. But there will be a big outery among my people. And Turenne gives fair words too. And I do not know," he continued, fidgeting with his cup and ball, "that it might not suit me better to agree with him, you see." I saw M. de Rosny draw himself up.

"Dare I speak openly to you, sire," he said, with less respect and more energy than he had hitherto used. "As I should

to my master?"

"Ay, say what you like," Henry answered. But he spoke sullenly, and it seemed to me that he looked less pleasantly at his companion. Then I will venture to utter what is in

your Majesty's mind," my patron answered steadfastly. "You fear, sire, lest, having accepted my master's offer and conquered your enemies, you should not be easily rid of them.'

Henry looked relieved. "Do you call that diplomacy?" he said with a smile. "However, what if it be so? What do you say to it? Methinks I have heard an idle tale about a horse which would hunt a stag; and for the purpose set a man upon its

"This I say, sire, first," Rosny answered very earnestly. "That the King of Navarre is popular only with one-third of the kingdom, and is only powerful when united with you. Secondly, sire, it is his interest to support the royal power, to which he is heir. And thirdly, it must be more to your Majesty's honor to accept help from a near kinsman than from an ordinary subject, and one who, I still maintain, sire, has no "The proof?" Henry said sharply. "Give me that!"

"I can give it in a week from this day." "It must be no idle tale, mind you," the

king continued suspiciously. "You shall have Turenne's designs, sire, from one who had them from his own

The king looked startled, but after a pause turned and resumed his walk. "Well," he said, "if you do that, I on my The rest I lost, for the two passing to the

farther end of the gallery, came to a stand-still there, balking my curiosity and Rambouillet's also. The marquis, indeed, began to betray his impatience, and the grea clock immediately over our heads present striking the half-hour after ten, he star and made as if he would have approa the king. He checked the impulse ever, but still continued to fidget u losing his reserve by-and-by so easily. whisper to me that his Majesty

I had been, up to this point, a silent and inactive spectator of a scen he which ap-s and aroused pealed to my keenest interes my most ardent curiosity. ng surprise, I had begun Surprise followlentity; so little had I doubt my own pected to find myself first in the pre ce of the Most Christian King-and that under circumstances as strange at bizarre as could well be imagined—and en an authorized witness at a negotia on upon which all the ce, stretching for so many great land of Fra hundred league: on every side of us, decould scarcely believe in my own ident ity; or that I was the same areac who had slunk, shabby Gaston de M and out-atbows, about St Jean d'Angely. first sweetness of secret power, which m say is the sweetest of all and relinquished; and, the hum of oices and laughter still reaching tervals, I began to understand why been admitted with so much pre-, and to comprehend the gratification de Rosny when the promise of this erview first presented to him the hope effecting so much for his master and for

Now I was to be drawn into the whirlcolitself. I was still traveling back over he different stages of the adventure which had brought me to this point when I was rudely awakened by M. de Rosny calling my name in a raised voice. Seeing, somewhat late, that he was beckening to me to approach, I wentforward in a confused and hasty fashion; kneeling before the king as I had seen him kneel, and then rising to give ear to his Majesty's commands. Albeit, having expected nothing less than to be called upon, I was not in the clearest mood to receive them. Nor was my bearing such as I could have wished it to be.

"M. de Rosny tells me that you desire a commission at court, sir," the king said quickly.
"I, sire?" I stammered, scarcely able to

believe my ears. I was so completely taken aback that I could say no more, and I stopped there with my mouth open. There are few things I can deny M. de Rosny," Henry continued speaking very rapidly, "and I am told that you are a gentleman of birth and ability. Out of kindness to him, therefore, I grant you a commission to raise twenty men for my service. Rambouillet," he continued, raising his voice slightly, "you will introduce this gentleman to me to-morrow, that I

behalf. You may go now, sir. No thanks. And M. de Rosny," he added, turning to my companion and speaking with energy, "have a care for my sake that you are not recognized as you go. Rambouillet must contrive something to enable you to leave without peril. I should be desolated if anything happened to you, my friend, for I could not protect you. I give you my word if Mendeza or Retz found you in Blois I could not save you from them unless you

recanted. "I will not trouble either your Majesty or my conscience," M. de Rosny replied, bowing low, "if my wits can help me."
"Well, the saints keep you," the king answered piously, going towards the door by which he had entered; "for your master and I have both need of you. Rambouillet,

take care of him as you love him. And come early in the morning to my closet and tell me how it has fared with him."

We all stood bowing while he withdrew, and only turned to retire when the door closed behind him. Burning with indignation and chagrin as I was at finding myself disposed of in the way I have described, and pitchforked, whether I would or no, into a service I neither fancied nor desired, I still managed for the present to restrain myself; and, permitting my companions to precede me, followed in silence, listening sullenly to their jubiliations. The marquis seemed scarcely less pleased than M. de Rosny; and as the latter evinced a strong desire to lessen any jealousy the former might feel might feel, and a generous inclination to attribute to him a full share of the credit gained, I remained the only person dis-satisfied with the evening's events. We retired from the chateau with the same precautions which had marked our entrance, and parting with M. de Rambouillet at the door of our lodging-not without many protestations of esteem on his part and of gratitude on that of M. de Rosny—mounted to the first-floor in single file and in silence, which I was determined not to be the first to break.

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That cry that has traveled the whole earth round?
Tis the voice of the hungry crying for bread, A wail from our desolate poor.

Oh! why are we divorced from our Father's hand,

Who always food, e'en for the sparrov. hath found.

Why are we, hischildren, alone left to perish.

While this world, our common mother With superabundance could cherish? Such the wide misery on our beautifu earth That caused the old wheel to awake to its

birth.
"Ah, ha!" said the wheel, "you thought I was And could go gaily on to monopoly's end;

The starvation of the many
That the few might spend.
But there is yet in my bones the essence of I have slumbered, 'tis' true, going round in dream, Impelled in my going by the power of the stream.
But at last I'm awake, to the end of my

being:
Go! feed the hungry and be joyful in doing.
To my joy. I find my inwards renewed,
And with full strength to work
For the good of the world round I go—
Round that the grain may be ground."
And, lo! The miller so old and grey—
What change has come over his quiet way!
Anon so removed from all "heate and strife" Anon so removed from all "haste and strife,"

Anon so removed from all "haste and strife,"
What voice has he heard
That wakes him to new life?
Twas the same cry of the millions for help
That roused the old wheel from its sleepy self.
Once more in his heart the life blood bounds
Responsive to echoes still rolling around.
Tis true that Nature's garden of Eden
Is still producing perfumes Elysium;
Still appearing from out the great unknown
Are immense stores of wheat and corn.
But more and more the giant reaper Self
Absorbs all increase in his lust for pelf.
The poor man's cry for justice and right
An unnecessary nuisance, to be ignored quite, An unnecessary nuisance, to be ignored quite. And passed quietly by "on the other side." Now, even as the heart of the old wheel Was moved by the moaning of a world in woe So the rusty wheels in the old miller's heart Are moved to gyrate and do their part.

Are moved to gyrate and do their part.
But, hark! Again that angelic chorus
That many long ages ago
Pierced the thick gloom that lay over us—
The same heard by Galilean shepherds of old.
That lifted them from the cares of the fold.
And that ealls to us all, as it ever has called, "Peace, peace, on the earth. And good will toward men." That voice is still ringing o'er sea and land, Adjuring all men to their colors to stand, Says, "Neither bullets, guns. nor armour plate,

Says, "Neither bullets, guns. nor armour pla
Nor art of war nor competitive hate,
Can usher in such a blessed state.
But declares to all men in giant tone.
By united labor is the power evolved
That buildeth my eternal throne.
And he, who would a sovereign be,
Must work for good at one with me,
The omnipotent Good, the eternal Truth,
He who has ever toiled and always must
To raise men's souls to be simply just.
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And be to every man truly a brother;
And thus bring into being that ideal state
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And is lord of all his kind.

He lives up to the Golden Rule
And is lord of all his kind.
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In beneficent accord,
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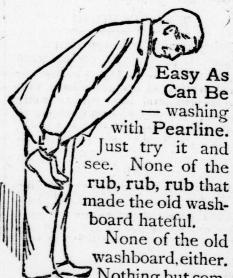
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