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A Short Sketch of the Life of The Late Baroness Burdett-Coutts

Since the death of Queen Victoria, ondon has not been so moved as it as at the close of the old year when as at the close of the old year when as at the close of the old year when as at the close of the old year when are street to the humble flower girl ourned a friend. When we look over or career extending over a period of or than 90 years and see all that is did for the Empire, we feel that a did for the Empire, we feel that a low and that which has long passed on and the world we low and that which has long passed or a poorer.

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der father was a memoer of rarha-nt. "the friend of the people," who ce suffered imprisonment for his orming spirit. Sir Francis Burdett rried in 1793 one of the three beau-il daughters of Thomas Coutts, the inburgh banker, with whose pretty es we are all familiar in Kaufman's are an immunar in Mauminan's as an endowment and was fortunate in don and of the City of Edinburgh. It is worth noting that the freedom of the mother of these beautiful Mr. Courts married Miss e celebrated actress, and become the paroness. The fame of the Baroness' munifities the common fortune.

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the Duke of Wellington, as was also she rice in the rice silk curtain taken from the tent of Tippoo Sahib at the storming of Seringapatam.

In the year 1847 the Baroness endowed the Rishornics of Capetown and loved the Rishornics of Capetown and Rishornics of Ca

t, Ireland she financed and directed the organization of relief works on a large scale in the congested districts. During this period she liberally aided the efforts to further the fisheries on the wild southwest coast of Munster, indeed, this industry got such an impetus at this time that today it is a source of comfortable livelihood for many. Perhaps one of the most striking features of the Baroness' gifts was ing features of the Baroness' gifts was that she nearly always gave her money as an endowment and was fortunate in living to see that the forces which

ceathed to her his enormous fortune. Use the day represent the backer's shadowed the enterprises which she aided and directed in the Imperial aided and directed in the Imperial aided and directed in the Imperial sided and dire

time the gentile Angela woother solicitude was so and comfort, and her solicitude was so real and disinterested, that the shrews and comfort, and her solicitude was so real and disinterested, that was that some wood in the shrews old lady realized that she would be a fitting person to have the shrews of great wealth. This was that the bulk of her property to the youngest daughter of Sir Francis Burdett and endowed her for the mission of good-will that one outlived the century.

The mission of sord-will be said that it was that the public descensive to the sale of the sale of the state of the state of the state of the sale of the sale

to rule these provinces in the name of Austria and duty must be done. A moment's reflection, as I dressed for dinner, reminded me that I knew but little of the condemned man's story and must wait to hear it before I could pronounce an opinion. The young trooper might be nothing better than, a common brigand of the hill-side. The oGvernor alone could tell me.

This confidence came when our dinner had been eaten and the coffee carried to the terrace above the gacis. It was at this moment that we were all joined by an old Italian priest, old all joined by an old Italian pries, the enough, it appeared, to remember the days when Spalato belonged to Italy—and he, to my satisfaction, at once raised the subject in which the Governor had interested me so profoundly. I gathered that he was but lately come from the condemned man's cell and not only this, but that some question of the lad's guilt or innocence

yet remained unsolved. A rapid con-versation between priest and Governor in the tricky Italian dialect of the oast left me little wiser than before; but when our cigars had been lighted and liqueurs served, my amiable host at once gratified my curiosity and spoke of the prisoner. "It is a most serious case," he said "here is a young soldier named Sanira accused of striking an officer in

defense of a young woman to whom he was passionately attached. He is condemned by the Court of Livno, not for striking the officer—about which there is some doubt—but for murdering the very girl who was the author of the trouble. This district, as you may know, is, for the time being, under what is practically martial law. There have been so many outrages, so much disorder everywhere that my overnment is determined to establish its authority at any price and will do so as successfully in Dalmatia as ve have already done it in Herzogo vina and the South. I am sorry for the lad and there is an element of the lad and there is an element of mystery in the case which I do not altogether like. That, however, is not my business. Sandra must die at dawn. I could not pardon him against the judgment of the Court unless the

evidence in his favor were over-whelming. My own prerogative is really very limited." He appealed to the old priest, who supported his view with animation. "The fact is, signor," he said, "we are not—his excellency and I—we are ot absolutely convinced that the girl

stared at them in amazement "Not convinced that she is dead and yet you will shoot the man! Is that Dalmation justice, excellency?" The priest shrugged his shoulders.

e has been a brawl at the inn and the girl, Lucy, was picked up insensible. I saw her myself that night and certainly she appeared to be dead. What follows then? We learn that they carried the body to Strepitza to bury it. I send some hussars over to Strepitza and they can learn nothing of the matter. We know that the innkeeper, Lucy's father, did not wish her to marry Sandra. I confess my perplexity. His excellency cannot help me. What would you do under such circumstances, signor?"

"Suspend all judgment until the truth is known. You cannot shoot a man for murder he has not comnitted, reverence. That would be a rime against our common humanity."
There is no official crime in Dalmatia but that of official backward-ness," the Governos rejoined.

I could see none the less that he was not convinced. There were seeds

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"We were never friends, mein herr," question. There, in the vast hall, the the lad said, "from the first day he monstrous wooden fingers of a clock, came here, he marked me down. I as old as the centuries, seemed to race have suffered a great deal at his hands. He was not in love with Lucy—I do not believe it; but he followed her to torture me. And she laughed at him always. She was not laughed at him always. She was not vary strong and rarely came down. I have played many a good game.

now, Sandra?"

"He has a week's leave, they tell when he won was that of a

was not convinced. There were seeds of hesitation already taking root in a disposition which did not lack sympathy.

"Governments which rule savage countries cannot do so with a white rose in the buttonhole," he ran on—"I made a mental note of the fact and observing that the worthy Government to make the mountains safe. What would be said if I pardoned this man without further evidence? Would they not call me a faint heart who was also something of a coward. No, was also something of a coward.

never entered his head. As to the young officer, whom he had struck, well, there was no doubt that he had made advances to Lucy.

"We were never friends, mein herr,"

laughed at him always. She was not very strong and rarely came down to the village. Last year she had a great illness, but it would not help me to tell you about that. The Lieutenant Katka saw her but little. It was quite an accident that he met upon the night of my misfortune."

"Do you know where the Lieutenant is now. Sandra?"

said, "If it were all a dream: said, "if it were all a dream:
I have played many a good game of picquet in my life, but rarely one with such a true-blue gambler as that merry old gentleman, the Governor. I made sure that he forgot the very existence of Sandra and cared not a straw whether one man or a hundred were to perish at daybreak. His joy when he won was that of a little c "He has a week's leave, they ten me, and has gone hunting in the hills."

"Did they name the place, Sandra?"

"When has discovered a wonder. His rage when he lost was that of a general cursing the troop which had betrayed him. Now roaring with

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