## POOR DOCUMENT

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

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be present at the character dances given in his honor by the ladies of the court in the great gallery of the chateau.

At a signal from the cornet, glitterns, rollar and pipes began to play, and Francis and his august guest, accompanied by Queen Eleanor and the emperor's sister, Marguerite of Navarre, entered the hall, followed by the dauphin and Catherine de' Medici, Diane de Poitiers, the Duchesse d'Etampes marshal, chancellor and others of the king's friends and counsellors, courtiers, poets, jesters, philosophers—a goodly company, such as few monarchs could summon at their beck and call. Charles' eye lighted; even his austere nature momentarlighted; even his austere nature momentarily kindled amind that brilliant spectacle. Francis' palace of pleasure was an intoxi-cating antidote to spleen or hypochondria, band, appeared in the dance, led by the Duchesse d'Etampes, he openly expressed

Navarre, "there is little of the monastery about our good brother's court."
"Did your majesty expect we should

He gazed meditatively upon the "Rose of Valois," or the "Pearl of the Valois," as she was sometimes called; then a shadow fell upon ham—the tributy of antoluous, the emptiness of pleasure. In scarty attire the Ducheese d'Etampes, with the king, flashed before him, the former all beauty, all grace, her little feet trampling down care so lightly. Somberly he watched her and sighed. Mentally he compared himself to Francis. They had traveled the road of

other gentlemen in attendance, and look! Now the great De Guise approaches her. Here one belongs to everybody." The other did not answer, and Caillette glanced quickly at him. "You will not think me overbold," he went on after a moment's hesitation, "if I mention what is being whispered by them?" including in a look and the uplifting of his eyebrows

the entire court. The duke laid his hand warmly on the shoulder of the poet fool. "Is there not that between us which precludes the ques-

"He who enacts the fool, your majesty, without patent to office must needs have good legs," replied the young man. "Else will he have his fingers burnt."

"Only his fingers?" returned the monarch, with a smile somewhat sardouic.

"Truly," thought the office, as Francis strade away, "the king regrets the fool's escape from Notre Dame and the fagots."

During the next day Charles called first his leech and then for a priest; but, whether the former or the latter, or both, temporarily assuaged the restlessness of mortal disease, that night he was enabled to be present at the character dances given in his honor by the ladies of the court in

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that had been smouldering in his breast.

"But if I have pointed out to the emperor that your proper station is here?" in event on. "If he recognizes that it would be to your disadvantage to divert that destiny which lies in France?" that destiny which lies in France?"

His words were measured, his manner tinged with seeming paternal interest;

Those were days of superstation, when a coincidence assumed the importance of inexcrable destiny. Once was it drawn against me," said Francis reflectively.

"I trust, sire, it may never again be drawn by an enemy of your majesty."

The king did not reply but stood as

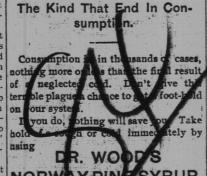
dows, surveying the animated scene. "Already are some of the ladies jealous as Barbary pigeons. Her appearance has been remarked by the Duc de Montrin and Colds."

Obstinate Coughs and "By what right," he asked finally, "do you speak for the lady "A moment the duke looked disconcent-Colds.

The Kind That Stick.

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The Kind That Turn To Bronchitis.





shook her head, "with your majesty's permission, I shall leave with the emperor."

Francis made an impatient movement. Her inflexibility recalled one who long ago had renounced his fealty to the throne. Her resistence kindled the flame that kind here resistence kindled the flame that the that had been smouldering in his breast. Those were days of superstation, when a

ed. "By what right?"

Then swiftly he regarded the girl. As quickly—a flash it seemed—her dark eyes made answer, their language more potent than words. He could but understand. Doubt and misgiving were forgotten; the hesitation vanished from his manner. Hastily crossing to her side, he took her hand and unresistingly it lay in his. His heart beat faster. Her sudden acquiescence filled him with wonder. At the same time his task seemed easier. To prote ther now! The king coughed ironically, and the dule turned from her to him.
"By what right, your majesty?" he said

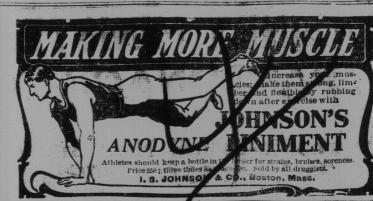


avarice, he would save the eastle for himself, a stately and right royal possession. He had, indeed, been overgenerous in professing it. Love, said reason, was unstable, flitting; woman, a will o' the wisp; but a castle—its noble solidity would endure. At the same time policy adminished the king that the duke was a subject of his good brother, the emperor, and a rich, powerful noble withal. So with such grace as he could command Francis greeted one whom he preferred to regard as an ally rather than an enemy.

"Truly, my lord," he said, not discourteously, masking in a courtly manner his overlaged in the duke and the believes."

Silent, hand in hand, the duke and the boularity stood upon the balcony. Believe the carth wrapped in hazy light; behind them, the court, with its glamour.

"Have I done well, Jacqueline, to answer the king as I have done?" he said and bowels, go is now good mothers never done I asked you to take me, but you hesitated and were like to leave me behind you."



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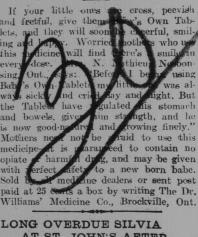
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