

cause my father is so unreasonable that no one will dare to point out to him where lies the way to his own happiness and to the happiness of those he loves!

But he himself, though he was hot in temper, was slow, or at least deliberate in action. He did not even now speak out at once. When his father's pipe was finished, he suggested that they should go on to a certain run for the fir-logs, which he himself, George Voss, had made—a steep grooved inclined plane by which the timber, when cut in these parts, could be sent down with a rush to the close neighbourhood of the saw mill below.

"If you've got to get your money out of a thing, it should always be in working order," he said.

Michel acknowledged the truth of the rule, but again declared that there was no money to be got out of the thing. He yielded, however, and promised that the repairs should be made. They then went down to the mill, which was going at that time. George, as he stood by and watched the man and boy adjusting the logs to the cradle, and listened to the apparently self-acting saw as it did its work, and observed the perfection of the simple machinery which he himself had adjusted, and smelt the sweet scent of the newly-made sawdust, and listened to the music of the little stream, when, between whistles, the rattle of the mill would cease for half a minute, George as he stood in silence, looking at all this, listening to the sounds, smelling the perfume, thinking how much sweeter it all was than the little room in which Madame Faragon sat at Colmar, and in which it was, at any rate for the present, his duty to submit his accounts to her from time to time—resolved that he would at once make an effort. He knew his father's temper well. Might it not be that though there should be a quarrel for a time, everything would come right at last? As for Adrian Urmand, George did not believe—or told himself that he did not believe—that such a quarrel would suffer much because his hopes of a bride were not fulfilled.

(To be continued.)

It is said that several large spots can now be seen on the sun. Perhaps old Sol has the small-pox. Who knows?

"Oh! you cruel—cruel man," cried Mrs. Jellikens, "my tears have no effect on you at all." "Well, drop 'em then," said the brutal Jellikens.

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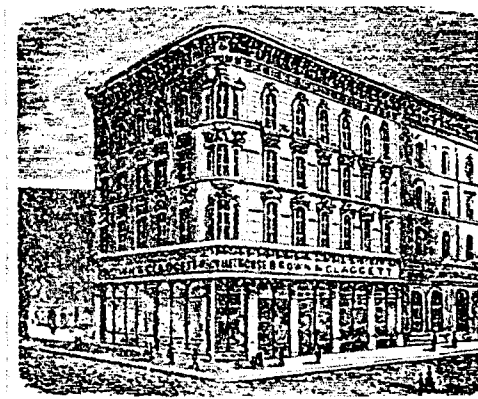
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