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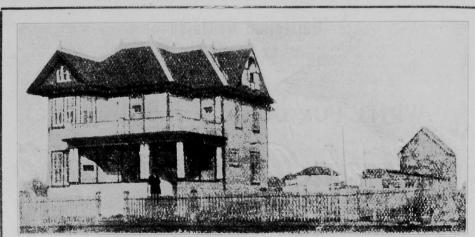
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The Golden Dog

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"Come, Le Gardeur, let us take leave of the Intendant, and return at once to the city, but not in that plight!" added he, smiling, as Le Gardeur, oblivious of all but the pleasure of accompanying him, grasped his arm to leave the great hall ed his arm to leave the great hall.
"Not in that garb, Le Gardeur!
Bathe, purify, and clean yourself; I
will wait outside in the fresh air. The odor of this room stifles me!

"You are not going to leave us, Le Gardeur!" Varin called, across the table, "and break up good company? Wait till we finish a few more rounds, and we will all go together.

I have finished all the rounds for to-day, Varin, maybe forever! Colonel Philibert is my dearest friend in life; I must leave even you to go with him, so pray excuse me.

"You are excused, Le Gardeur."
Bigot spoke very courteously to him, much as he liked the idea of his companionship with Philibert. "We must all return by the time the Cathedral bells chime noon. Take one parting cup before you go, Le Gardeur, and prevail on Colonel Philibert to do the same, or he will

not praise our hospitality, I fear."
"Not one drop more this day, were it from Jove's own poculum!" Le Gardeur repelled the temption more readily as he felt a twitch on his sleeve from the hand of Philibert.

"Well, as you will, Le Gardeur; we have all had enough and over, I dare say. Ha! ha Colonel Philibert rather puts us to the blush, or would were not our cheeks so well-painted in the

hues of rosy Bacchus."

Philibert, with official courtesy, bade adieu to the Intendant and the company. A couple of valets waited upon Le Gardeur, whom they assisted to bathe and dress. In a short time he left the Chateau almost sobered, and wholly metamorphosed into a handsome, fresh Chevalier. A perverse redness about the eyes alone remained, to tell the tale of the last night's debauch.

Master Pothier sat on a horse block at the door with all the gravity of a udge, while he waited for the return of Colonen Philibert and listened to the lively noise in the Chateau, the music, song, and jingle of glass forming a sweet concert in the ears of the jolly old notary.

"I shall not need you to guide me back, Master Pothier," said Philibert, as he put some silver pieces in his hollow palm; "take your fee. The cause is gained, is it not, Le Gardeur?" He glanced triumphantly

at his friend. "Good-by, Master Pothier," said he, as he rode on with Le Gardeur. The old notary could not keep up with them, but came jolting on behind, well pleased to have lessure to count and jingle his coins. Master Poth-ier was in that state of joyful anticipation when hope outruns real-ization. He already saw himself seated in the old armchair in the snug parlor of Dame Bedard's inn, his back to the fire, his belly to the table, a smoking dish of roast in the middle, an ample trencher before him with a bottle of Cognac on one flank and a jug of Norman cider on the other, an old crony or two to eat and drink with him, and the light foot and deit hand of pretty Zoe Bedard to wait upon them.

This picture of perfect bliss floated before the winking eyes of Master Pothier, and his mouth watered in anticipation of his Eden, not of flowers and trees, but of tables, cups, and platters, with plenty to fill them, and to empty them as well aqd to empty them as well.

"A worthy gentleman and officer, I warrant!" said Pothier, as he jogged along. "He is generous as prince, and considerate as a bishop, fit for a judge, nay, for a chief just-ice! What would you do for him Master Pothier?" the old notary ask-ed himself. "I answer the interrogaory of the court: I would draw up his marriage contract, write his last will and testament with the greatest of pleasure and without a fee! - and

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