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DRAK, THE FARFADET In the fast century there lived in the village Gailiac in Languedoc, young mher him $t$
arrivg at matood, bethought
rouud for a mife. So that she was amia telligent, rich, pretty, and of a respectable eamily
he woild be satutied; for Michael was aware of he woutd be sattsted ; for Michael was aware
the mporiance of monderating lis desires. Un
 uat length, he heard of a young marden, wh lived at Lavaur, endowed with every quality that
could alorn the sex, aud possessiog a dowry o twenty thousand crowns Now this sum Would
be just suficient to establish our frieud Michae! in busness ; so he mmmediately fell dusperately in presented to her pareuts wrio received him ver
 her dowry), and was quite uxdeculed wito whos ceeping to yred then: a atter much
determined to invite them all to a soiree and af deterraned to invte luem all to to sing scanned them all, the heiress and her
tit friends sould make the importact choice. On Lavaur. He put in his portmanteau his very best clothes : an apple green caat, silk stockings,
buckled sloes, powder, and a a satit ribbon tor his hacir. His horse, which was to have been the
Hise sole companing for the occasion. Besides this
finest trappings externals, Michael did not forget the inaer man, and not having any pistols to pat in his holsters, he substituted a Mask of Anday
Brandy and a fer stices of almond cake.
Indeed, Michael dreaded the coming ordeal so madranced. Oa perceiring the church of Lavaut in the distance, he was completelfy disc suraged he slacked his animal's speed, men should say dur ing the party that was to decide tus suture, he
adranced some distance into a little grove, near by, and seated himseff on the grass.
To keep him company he drew forth the con bis knees, and bis reflections were occasional! silices of cake.
duced a wonderiul efiect upon bun; he con
claded by discovering in hunselt a number of x cellent qualiters of mind and person, which h
felt sure would make him the choice of the beir ess and her friends; and as the sua was about his journes, when a noise in the bushes bebind hing attracted bis attention; the sound of the
lute and cymbal was dustinclly heard in the still ness of the evening, and be soon discovered the steps
ished, retunned a ferm steps, and by the fana glinmering of the first stars, he percelved a partThe clown of this band, the farfadet Drak brought up the rear, performiog all
antics, and imitating the cries of the jay.
These little folks surrounded the traveller manp expressions of welcome. The latler who had genorous, returaed their welcome kindly, an seeing that every eye was riveted on bis cake,
he gave it to them and they comnenced pieking
 bad all disappeare
Tambournet then wished to try the brandy
and the fask passed from hand to hand uutil $i t$ came to poor Drak, who, tinding it empty, thren
Michael burst out laughng.
''Tis but Just, my little man,' said he to the colown, to thios,
all liat remains.
claimed DDaker, angrily.
'Hows so ? $?$ ' inguired he ironcally, ' you don't think you are big enough to revenge yourself, $d o$ The littie fellow disappeared without replyngg,
and Michael remounted his borse after takiog He had not gone a hundred paces, when the
saddle turned, and landed hmm tnost unceremooiously in the middele of the dusty road. Hee arose somenbat dizzy, tightened the straps and once
more remounted; but a litle farther on he was crossing a bridge, the right stirrap gave way
and he suddents found bimself seated in the stream. As be came out in rather a bad bumor he got a third fall on the stones by he roadside be able to present himself to the family of his
lady;lore, he resolved. to ride bis horse bare-

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der}
'Laugs! haugh a way, popple. solly people!', mut.
cannut carry him? mar cary ing his sadale whe
He at lenth reached the village inn, wher he alighted ang and asked tor a room in order to
change lis clothes. His salse was openec ver Carefully, and each article taid out on the bed in
order of importance.
His first thought was of his head, and the
 white or taxen. Me former appearing to thim
tore delicate, he selzed the powder snuff and as just lee bad finished he percerect shat the other stide nad been powdered pellow by sorne
invisible hand, so that his head, half yellour and
half

Michall, stuppified, bastily combed the powder
of lis misfortuofe, and exterding his hand towarts the roll of satit-ribbon, it sllpped trom bis fingers
nd fell to the floor. Michael ran to catch but it semed to fy before bin ; twenty tume
did the luute hit eager grasp, one mighlt hare salu
it was wuss plopige wih a bone. After chasio it was puss playing with a bone. After chasing
the fifing rovifo some time, our hero lost all patience, and perceiving that tigbt was advancing,
resigned bimesef to the necessitit of weariog his
oif d ribbon. and hastened to put on
pumps. He irss buackled the right, then the lefent
and and he was aumiring the beauty of his left foo
shen be noticed that the right slipper was un. buckled. He fastened $1 t$ ighter, but no sooner
had be done so than the otheer shoe clamed his attention, and dirning a whote hour he continued
rebuck
bis task as wilen he first put the shoes on.
Furious from so mauy disanpoontments;
again drew on his old traveling bois, as th
ouly resource $;$ then was about to take his reltre pantaloons from the bed, when lo! the panta lons jumped to the hoor and gambilied about in open and arms extended, contenplatung bis ant mpet ed garment. But I will leave you, kind
reader, to imagine his feetings, when bee beheld the rest, coat, zond hat, Joia the panalionon, al Limself, which commenced pre
apartunent, imita ing his uticudes
 turned towards him, and from uoder the turee
cornered hat, peered the mischie rous face of Drak, grinnug at him in the most tantalizios
Michael screamed!
CAh! you wicked dwarf! 'us you, is it ?' be
celaimed ; 'by my faith, I'll make you repen of your insolence,
clothes this iastant
So saying, he darted towards the figure; bu

 thisy, but this time he behelh it springing up the
tairs: he followed it to the garret, where, after playing a variets of tricks, it took a fancy to
escape by a window. Our ill-fated sutior, exasescape by a window. Our ill-fated sultor, exas-
perated, took the same raad. Tue malicious
Tater farfadet passed from roof to roof, dragivg the
velvet panazionots, the coat and vest, in in all the rainspouts chat iay in $\begin{aligned} & \text { his way, to the great de- } \\ & \text { spar of the owner. } \\ & \text { At }\end{aligned}$ length, after a pero-
 obliged to remain. And looking down on has as he stood pating and discoura gel
' you have made me spoil your nice ball suit, the moss and dirt of spoin roofs, but fortunately, see a, wash-boiler down the chimney here, so
they,ll be sil rlgh: agina. With these wordg, Drak shook the velvet pan-
taloons orer the flue of the chimney and silentl's taloons orer the flue of he chinacy and sien
dropped them.
What are you doing, you rascal?' cried 'I Inal. sendug gour clothes to the wash,' said
' And rest, coat, and hat, followed the panta-
The goung gallant threw himself on the roof with a most desparing groan; bot, arising
most immedalatif, te exclaned resolutely, ' Well, it don't inatter! I'll go the ball in
ms (ravelliog suit.)
:Listen, listen, internpted the dwarf on the my rayte
chimnees.
 and could not restrana an exclamation or desp
Midoightwas the time designated by the pare
of the beeress to of
she would choose as a a husband; froun among thos
 - Untapap man that $I$ a $m$ when $I$ shail ar
 Drak, sarcastcally, for for you once sand yourself
to those who arive too tate, reerret is all that re to those who arrive too late, regret is all that re
mains. Thus, I hope, will teach you not to rai at the weak; for henceforth, you will remeuber
that he rers ymallest persons are tall enough to to
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$\underset{\text { THE TWO PATHS. }}{\text { (Fron the Frencl of Madune Bourdon.) }}$

## The sun had risen without a cloud in a beauth-

 ful valley situated in the northern extremty ofBretagne it had scarcely been above the borszon more tban half an hour, and every leaf ant
blade of grass was still so wel with dew as to bave somewhat the crystallised appearance of
ice-plants. The trees seemed almost alive with ice-plants. The trees seemed almost alive with
feathered songsters, some fling to and fro collecting materials for their nests or lood for their
goung, and others perchiug anong the brigbt green leaves, and warblug forit such swee
strans that it required but little magination to fancy them addresssng by mos of lore and thanks
giving to the great Creator of all things, Cottages weire thiwly scat:ered through the ralleg scarcely visible, others situated in open and sun-
sy
ny spots. The doors of these cottages were ny spots. The doors of these cottages were
opened one by one, and the peasants who that bited them made their appearance, laden with
implements of industry ; sone carcued spades and geveraligy were sunburnt and weather-beaten, from constant exposure to the atmosphere, but
all looked cheerful and content, as they assembled ta small groups to converse before commencing the labors of the day. Suddenly there
was a pause; erery countenance brightened up then looked at one another with a smile of joy A merry peal of bells was heard distinctly re-
sounding from the belfry of the old village
church; and each felt ceriain that the peal of bells at this early hour must announce an expect ed and happy event, piz. : The birth of the firs
chald of weir belored master, the Count o
Vancres. And they were not mistaken; fo God had at length bestowed on the Count and
his alfectionate wife the blessing for which thes tad so long anc so ardently sigtied. The young
Countess was for the first time a mother-the mother of a fair girl.
On the same day
hour, another babe was born: the scene of ane irth was a bumble cort, the dwelling of Jobn
Phulibert, a poor gardener; its bitth likewise was hailed wiih joy, although it,was his sixth No sooner ddd the Couctess, who was a most virtuous anil benevolent person, hear of the con-
fiuement of ber poor neighbor, than she resolved log sthe had just received by showing every pos-
sible kindness to one who was less favored by fortune than herself; for nothing in this world
gave her greater bappiness than the performgave her greater bappiness than the perforra-
ance of deeds of charity; and she was likewise mised to such as perform the works of mercy. The babes were taken together on the same
day to the village church to be christened, and day to the village church to be christened, and
boih received the name of Anna Maria. Had a strauger been prespnt at the ceremony,
would most certainly bave supposed them to sisters, from their great likeness to one another the cheeres, dark, half.closed eyes, small cherry lips, tiny motlled hands, which thy opeoed and
shut, as if wishurg to feel and shut, as if wishang to feel and find
kind of a world they had just entered.
Litle. Anna of the cottage dud not return
basket, cootaninig a beautiful and complete baby's trousseau, the gitt of her god-lather: and
an ample stock of wine and other useful articles, given by the mother of
mother of Ana Ptidibert.
In order that ill around might share in ber
ceelings of joy, the Countezs presented reelngs of joy, the Countess presented each
poor faisily, ter, with a thick water coat for the father, cloak for tue mother, a warm dress for the boys;
to chis was added a few bottles of wine in case ol sickness, and a large bit of beef to be coeved and eaten, for the occasion. These gitts .Were
that day for the welfare both of mother a
chald. child.
The childhood of the two little gurls was i
great great measure similar to the day we have just
described. They were born at the same hour although placed in such different postions, and they were brought up very much together-per
haps not exactly in the same manker, but in the same place,-and their amusements and occupations were simular. Anna's greatest deligut was
to go tu Jolin Philibert's cot tage and play in his
old- fashioned butchen garden wilh her hulle adopt ed sister, to skip to and tro anong the bee-thres,
vateh the ind out, collecting wax and honey, feed the clickens
and pigeons, pat the large dog, help po gatier
and sleell and shell peas tor market, carry, bundles of grass
to the goat, coax tle old gardener to to the goat, coax the old gardener to give them
a ride in lis cart when he returned from market,
and lat crabs in the rapid siream which rushad by the
small domain of the Phtibert family. This rura Iffe and constant exercise in the open air delight-
ed the little girl ; slie appeared to prefer the bare horizon seen over the garden-lieuge at the
cottage to the lovely views and magnificent ave took little Nancy (the abbreviation of her cot tage companion's name) to the caste where they
gambolled together on the pelvet turf, on the gamabolled together on the relvet turf, on the
margin of the tranuil lakes, and amoog the picturesque monuments with which the park of thi
princely residence was oraameated. Their grea princely residence was oramaented. Their grea
pleasure was to risit the pheasants, and feed the tame deer, which bounded to meet them directly
they were in sight. It was interesting to watch the elegant animals stretehing out their long
necks, and fixing their bright and soft eyes on the necks, and fixing their bright and soft eyes on the
bappy children, whose mustcal lang resoundeu
thrnugh the air when they savp the tumidity of thr nugh the arr when they sav the tumidity of
their pets, which started in alarm, and were ready proud and somewhat hostule appearance of the snowy birds being sufficient to awaken their fears These were happy dops, and Madaune de
Vanvres was charked at the innocent friendship which existed between these claildren, whose
cradles were thus separated and united by the land of destiny, and she endeavored to increase
the intimacy. Notwithstanding her delicate the intimacy. Notwithstanding her delicate
health, she made it rule to give both Anna and
Nancy a losson erery day. She taught them Nency a resson every day, Sher theang them great that she was obllged to recline in an arm
cbar ; and the chlldren stood by her side, re peating their lessons in turn, atter which hey stories, which her lirely faith made ier recoun
in an amusing and anmated manner, although at the same time her language was simple and withun
their compreluension. She soon perceived that their comprelaension. She soon perceived that
the capacites of her little pupils were very unequal. That of Anna was aciate and discerning and she easily imbibed a:! intellectual fond. -
Nancy on the contrary, had the greatest dificulty in learaing to read; sthe made constant mistalses;
jumbled words and letters together, and ouly succeeded in masierng words of two syllables by
dint of reiterated ellorts and the greatest destre of pleasing her kind instructress. The cluld
was perfectly a ware of lier inferiority, ard used to say,
'1 should like much better, god-mother, to
churn, or weed the garden, than to go on looking churn, or weed the garden, than to go oo looking
at these little black letters; they are so very hard to learn.
: When you know how to read, Nancy, you will be able to say your prayers better; and
will give you a book, that pou may follow the Mass uad other services of the Clurch. 'Oh, then, I will do my very best, and
earn my spelling, although it is so difieut She then renewed her_effiorts, although oflen
unsuccessfully; but no sooner did Madame de Vanvres begiu to relate the histories of the patriarchs and prophets, or the lives of the
Sannt, - lhose servants of God who have loved Him so truly, -or, above all, to speatk of the
Child Jesas and His Divne Mother, of that Bethlebam, or to portray the bear:rending scene of Calvary, - then Nancy's attention was riveled
her ejes sparkled with delight, and her heart made ber understand every uing. She might
bave exclaimed, with the peasant, when listening with exclaimed, with the peassant, when listening
warked attention to a learned sermon delivered by his Bishop, the words of which
he dud not in the least undersiand, 'My heart under stands. Bible stores he took pleasure in hearing the interesting and nosel to childisen ; but it easy to perceive that her heart was not toucbed superiority in point of memory and understanding, slie dud not feel that ngenuous entbusiasm which brought tears into the eyes of the litile countiy girl when she listeved. to the account of the faith ther

Moses the friend of God, the virtue of yonog Samuel, the blal love of Ruth, the suame re Machabces, the forlitude of the martprs, the solitary lives led by the hermits and the bigh dogree of prayer to which they were rased, the
sacrifice of all the worid holds most dear vibicts was-and $15-$ made by rigrins dedcated to the
Lord. The child could not have defined in trulh overillowing with the love of God, a wosh to serve Hin, and a holy ensy for those whe
had done sucli great thags for her good Master It would have been impossible for her to express hilled her mand, -how she nourished ber soul mizes them when employed in takng care of her fabeautiful and bright river Loire, like the lroly nuch mose advanced and far more talented than her hiviz companion; the thoughts of God, Has farr, anal
the duvine m-steries of religion, gave her tinte pleasure, and inade but small impression on her times filled and sometumes for another, of those brilliant on the period of their existence, and whbse grradeur, glory, and in some cases noble quahities made them great in the sight of their felloso-
creatures. Everythang whin tended towards lythed her, and she of the heroes whom she so much admired to hes
goung friend. But Nancy could not understasid such teelings; such anzlety to attain supremaes
in Alliens, Rome, or Paris astonshed her ; and she wondered what great merit there could possy(it was doubtul whether stie even knew what each of these accounts usually fas, 'But mhas have these great persons done for God ?'
On one occasion only did Anna suceequ : rousing her entiusiasin; aud this was by the wear an eartbly crown in the place whese bis ritised him in ber estination almost to an equality Toe clildhood of Anna and Nancy glided away in this inamer, and the period of their lisish
Conmunion approached. Both prepared for 2I with moocent hearts; but the faith of Nany Was both deep and hevly, and ber young heari
was parfectly overllowing with fervor during hoe : 1 to receive God!! she often exclaimed : I poor country girl! Is it possible, O Lord? Anna was not wantug in faith; but she dis gratitule with whach the whole soul of Nadey ns inundated. She found the religious instrme r $F$ pition to her other studies. Sbe regardeiz ugious act which it was proper to perforin: whize Nancy looked formard to the day as the bappres Madane de Vanvres sometimes drew a deep ings of delight with which she was filled Jet contrasted it wilh the coldness and tepolity of
ber own chald, and exclaimed, 'Happr aze the her own child, and exclaimed, 'Happy are lhose
who bear the yoke of the Lord from lheiv youtd! and, casting ber eges ansiously on Anoz,
stie murmured invaruly, 0 my God! grani
ilat that ste may become hine alone! The tro yovxg
The important day arrived. The Host,-1bat mpsterious pledge of Gou's love for His creatures. Eren Amna was afected; smin Pelt that interior sensation of bappiness which is is at the door knocking enters the heart ; bus oo oue coulu help seeng, by the attitude of Nancy more than words can expross took place in the hlar she been questioned,
she could not bave described har sensations or desires either by words or sumilitudes; bes feedings, her faculties, were absorbed, and, as it
were, entranced. Her simple answer woold Hien alone;' which words would bave expressed every feeling and longing of her soul.
The Countess of Vanvres was ouchung ceremony of their Fas present al sbe for which she thad been so anxious to prepare as her life was fast drawiog to a cloge She bore all the suferings attendant: on the falal dis-
order which was about to terminate ber reastal career with angelic patience and resignation;
she grieved only'for those whom sle left behind. she grieved only for those whom sle left behinad
Her constant thonght was ber daughter, whore clock told the miunopht bour. Mictlael counted heartelt prayer" of gratitude was offered up

