THE WONDERFUL FLOWER OF WOXINDON

An Historical Romance of the Times of Oueen Elizabeth.

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which I had frequently comforted what I have told you, you will go up

"These are the people," old Clay"

stairs or no. In your place I would

man. Certainly his associates were

CHAPTER XXIV .- (Continued) ard, was a certain Savage; the names In the afternoon I paid my promised visit to the good boatman's in her lonely garret; the first glance

who had served together under sick daughter. The poor child was Parms. The man at the other table was enough to tell me that the dis. gave himself out for a recruiting sergeant, and called himself Fortesease had entered upon a new stage, one: the one with a feather in his and that she could not live many hat and silver braid on his gray weeks more. But she was in good spirits, and said that if only her cough and the fever would only let bor rest at night, she should soon be better. Her appetite was not bad, and people told her she was getting quite a nice color. Alas! she knew fellows imaginable, a regular galnot that it was not the glow of health lowsbird, but who could cast up his upon her cheek, but the hectic flush eyes and quote texts from the Bible of consumption! As I sat awhile as well as any of the sour-visaged by her side, looking out upon the boats plying to and fro upon the preachers who came over from river, the sight of the still, turbid Geneva. waters hurrying by, and the presence ton concluded, "whom Mr. Babing of one on whose features Death had already set its mark, made on me a ton takes for his confidential commore melancholy impression. I panions, whose reckoning he pays, could not help reflecting how near and by whom, I am sorely afraid, he my own end might be; nearer per- bas got entangled in some discreditable business. Pooley sticks to Lim haps, than that of the sick girl whose like a pet dog; and, I have little days I knew were numbered. My patient perceived my altered mood, doubt, carries everything to his and asked, was I not going to repeat master, Walsingham. Well, I must some of those consoling prayers with leave it to you, sir, whether after

her on my previous visits? break off at once with a friend who Right willingly I complied with has such suspicious comrades, for in her request; and while I was recitthese dangerous times many a man ing some acts of contrition, of has got into sad trouble through his charity, of hope, the father entered. friend's friends, ay, and has in this He knelt down by the door, and folded his hands; when I had ended, way made unpleasant acquaintance with Topoliffe, Her Majesty's chief I noticed that as he rose from his knees he wiped away a tear with the executioner." sleeve of his coat. "That is the way people used to pray when I was ton meant what he said, and said it a child, sir," he said as he came for- with the best of intentions. I shook ward, " in the days when Chancellor hands with him, telling him I should More and Bishop Fisher laid their always feel grateful to him for his heads on the block. Under the kindness in thus warning me, but I new order of things we have no such did not think he need be uneasy prayers, and ministers now-a-days do about Babington, as he knew better not visit the poor when they are in than to do anything unworthy of a trouble, as the old clergy did, whom Christian or of an English gentle-

I bade my patient farewell, leav- very undesirable companions, and I ing with her a bottle of Muscatel would take the first opportunity of wine, which I had brought, as being speaking seriously to him about the best medicine she could have; them. I did not, however, think the father accompanied me down the there was sufficient reason for me to narrow stair-case. On reaching absent myself from the meeting of the room below he anxiously inquir my comrades that evening, so he ed how I thought his daughter was? must not take it amiss if 1 joined I did not conceal from him, that them all the same, humanely speaking, there was no hope of her recovery; with care- as he answered: "Very well you ful nursing, however, she might must do as you please. Only do me linger some time yet. Then I slipt the justice to acknowledge that, if a sovereign into his hand in acknow- you get into trouble, as I fear you ledgment of his services on the fore cannot fail to do, it has not been for going night; but he would not hear lack of warning on my part." Then of taking it, saying that my great he bowed low, and opened the door kindness to his child gave me a claim for me. to anything he could do. He then asked me if we still thought of assemuled, and there was an interrescuing Mr. Belamy from prison. change of salutations and merry If so, there was a capital oppor- chatter, such as one cannot blame tunity just then, for there was a young people for indulging in, even smart cutter lying at anchor near in times of public calamity. We Gravesend, which was to sail for sat down to table, and thoroughly Dunkirk in a week's time. The enjoyed our evening meal; not till captain, a friend of his, was always the dishes had been removed and willing, for a small remuneration, to the wine placed before us, did Babcarry a persecuted Papist, for whom ington begin to speak of the project he had an excellent place of conceal- we all had at heart. He had been ment on board. He was acquainted by no means inactive since we saw too, with one of the warders of the him last; he had purchased or hired Clink, who for a few soft words and a considerable number of riding a few pieces of gold, would undertake horses, which he had placed in to not a rope and a file handy for the charge of trustworthy persons in prisoner. Knowing as I did what Staffordshire and Derbyshire, and joy the liberation of Uncle Robert had obtained promises of assistance would give to my friends at Wox- from a good many of the gentry reindon, I gladly accepted Bell's pro- sident in the neighborhood of his posal, and provided him with a sum bome. Of his own retainers at of money to make all necessary ar- Dethick he could reckon upon a rangements. On the morrow, or at hundred men at least; this he any rate, the day after next, I would thought would suffice for the liberasend him a definite answer. So I tion of the Oueen. Of money and left St. Catherine's docks with a arms there was a plentiful supply. light heart and full of hope, little Then taking a map of the counties thinking under what circumstances of Stafford and Derby, he showed us I should again-seek the shelter of the how he had distributed his men and

worthy boatman's roof. I reached the "Blue Boar" at St. Giles' betimes that same afternoon, The evening breeze was rustling in the tops of the old and leafy oaks before the tavern, while the ground below was strewn with branches and twigs tern and broken by the violence of the storm on the preceding evening.

ton, his pertly form filling up the cent, the consumptive, the so. None of us thought this advisdoorway. I thought be greeted me in a less friendly and jovial a manner than usual, and he begged to have a word with me before I went upstairs. and they can get it—take he said, should be in cipher, and So he conducted me into a little Scott's Emulsion. private room behind the guest room. and after looking through a spy hole to see that no one was near enough to hear what was said, he began, much be respected Tichbourne and feed the whole body. myself, and he begged we would not warning about Babington, who, Scott's Emulsion has been the And thus ended our last symposium take offence, if he ventured to say a though doubtless he meant no barm, great giver of human flesh. brought to the house comrades of whom he, the host, could not but regard with suspicion. Would I just look through the spy-hole; there sat B black-browed men down the tank

horses within a radius of 30 to 50 miles around Chartley, and we all expressed our commendation of the arrangements he had made. Thus, whenever I should send a messenger to Lichffeld, where he fixed his headquarters, on the following night the horsemen could all meet in Chartley

After Babington had told us what he had done, Salisbury and Barne well related there adventures in Lancashire. They could not say enough about the great number of Catholics in that country: and the detestation which the proceedings of the govern ment had aroused. The little town of Prescot was entirely Catholic, and of the other two were Travers and were Mary Stewart once in Lan-Charnock; they were all old soldiers cashire, there would be little doub of her rescue. In fact they thought very little would be needed to cause an insurrection of the people. For the present they had secured safe quarters as far as Formly, where Barnewell had engaged a trusty cloak, but it was whispered about skipper, who from St. James' Day that he was something very different, until the Feast of the Ascension, and a Spanish spy to boot. His two would be in readiness any night, if ompanions were Pooley, an agent of wind and tide allowed, to set sail Walsingham's, a cunning rogue; and for the French coast. Gifford, one of the most dissolute Then my turn came to speak, and

> described minutely the plan of the castle and its situation. If a coupde-main was to be attempted, I said it would be necessary first of all to overnower Sir Amias Paulet, either by force or fraud, otherwise he would ertainly not hesitate to lay hands on is prisoner, before we could reach er apartments. But if once we had he crabbed old knight in our custody, all the carefully closed bars and bolts, the keys of which were always in his possession, carried at his belt, would serve to keep the other warders of the castle at bay, until such time as the men-at-arms could come up from the adjoining wood. What I proposed then was this: On one of the days on which I paid my customary visits to the Queen, would take with me one of my comades, Donne for instance, who had strong and ready arm, under the guise of an assistant surgeon. The porter would admit us without any difficulty, for I should say that my patient required cupping. We

I could not help seeing that Claywould arrange so as to go in just before the brewer's dray from Burton, which we could see coming in the distance, should drive up, when the great gates would be thrown open. At that moment two others, says Salisbury and Barnewell, must gallop up, and just as the cart had passed through the gatway, cut the traces, so that the gates could not be closed again. In the meantime my companion and I would have reached the apartment where Sir Amias would be awaiting my arrival at the appointed hour. He would be sure to make objections to my taking a surgeon in with me. But before he could look around, we would have over powered him, bound and gagged him,

and taken his bunch of keys from his The old man looked disappointed, side. Our friends in the courtyard would, it is true, be left to grapple with the men on guard, but there were not many, and they would be taken by surprise, Besides a pistol Upstairs I found all my friends

she could remain provisionally. My friends were all delighted with my plan. Only Babington protested accompany me to Sir Amias' predeal of discussion, it was settled that lative, -consumption. he and Salisbury should undertake to arrest the progress of the dray. We arranged also that the honest brewer deal of face powder? should be included on the strength of a gold noble, not to drive off from the " Mayflower" until he saw Doune and myself going into the castle, so as to leave time for us to make our way to the room where the old knight was, and possess ourselves of his Thus the whole plot was finally de-

Shylock was the man who first to the Queen; and expounding wanted a pound of human the plan of rescue for her approval flesh. There are many be told us, his confessor, Father John Ballard, an excellent and zealous On the threshold stood old Clay Shylocks now, the convalessickly child, the pale young able; Babington however was not to be woman, all want human flesh detered from his purpose; the letter,

Scott's Emulsion is flesh was there any fear that the plot and blood, bone and muscle, would get about, for beside s our six It feeds the nerves, strengthens selves, not a soul knew anything with some hesitatior, to say how the digestive organs and they about the time and manner of its exe

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point I urged very strongly that i

should be carried out in the course

of the next week, or at any rate, in

the one following, since delay in the

execution of a project which so many

persons knew of must needs be dan-

gerous. But I was overruled by

Babington, who insisted on writing

worded so cautiously that no harm

could possible come out of it. Nor

cution, except Gilbert Gifford, who

who had been most highly spoken of

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the virtue lies. But 'tis not so ; another heart may thirst For that kind word, as Hagar in

the wild-Poor banished Hagar !- prayed well might burst From out the sand to save her

parching child. And loving eyes that cannot see the Will watch the expected movement

of the lip; Ah! can ye let its cutting silence wind Around the heart and scathe it like

a whip?

Then hide it not, the music of the soul, Dear sympathy, expressed with

kindly voice; But let it, like a shining river, To deserts dry-to hearts that

would rejoice, Oh! let the symph words Sound for the poor, the friendless

and the weak; He will bless you-He who struck these chords Will strike another when in turn you seek.

-John Boyle O'Reilly. The Royal Month and the

Royal Disease.

Sudden changes of the weather are especially trying, and probably to none more so than to the scrofulous shot would summon Babington and and consumptive. The progress of his followers from the wood, where scrofula during a normal October is they lay in ambush; the guard would commonly great. We never think be outnumbered, and it would be of scrofula-its bunches, cutaneous easy to carry off the Queen to the se- eruptions, and wasting of the bodily cluded cottage of a forrester, on substance-without thinking of the whom I could perfectly rely, where great good many sufferers from it have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla, whose radical and permanent cures of this one disease are enough against the part I had assigned to to make it the most famous medicine him, saying that to him as leader of in the world. There is probably not the enterprise the post of danger a city or town where Hood's Sarsaby right belonged, and he must either parilla has not proved its merit in more homes than one, in arresting sence, or be one of the party of attack and completely eradicating scrofula at the gateway, where there would which is almost as serious and as be a risk of his life. After a good much to be feared as its near re-

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