

THE MAN

to lengthen his own stay fast room, "She's try yesterday," he reflected.

only such as he!" she monned (Continued)

him." The drawer was partly filled with discretes. She took one from among the rest and placed its tip in her red lips, a reckless light in her eyes. A match was struck, and then her hand seemed to be in the clutch of some invisible force. The light flickered and died in her fingers. A blish suffused her face, her eyes, her neck. Then, with a guilty, shamed, tender the first seemed to be drawered to be drawered to be in the clutch of some invisible force. The light flickered and died in her fingers. A blish suffused her face, her eyes, her neck. Then, with a guilty, shamed, tender the blurred, sticky letter into his pocket and arose to stretch himself.

"Why not, Mr. Chase?" She tried to speak calmly, but she was a slender, helpless girl—not an amazon! "I saw and heard everything. They won't believe you unsupported. They won't harm me. If I swear to them that what you say is true they"—

Her hand was on his arm now, trembling, eager, yet charged with fear at the prospect ahead of her. He clasped

glorious exaltation. He was keeping and peril, guarding her while she slept. His thoughts, however, did not con-template the princess fair in a state of wretched insomnia, with himself as

He looked for her at breakfast time. They usually had their rolls and coffee together. When she did not ap-

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to tengthen his own stay in the breakfast room. "She's trying to forget
yesterday," he reflected.

culty in meeting the wisitui look if his
eyes. "You are good to come down
here to say goodby. We're almost
strangers again."
"I did not come down to say goodby."

chinched flercely. "If—If Karl were self-metals," he reflected.

Selim came to him in the midst of she said, her lips trembling ever so bis reflections, bearing a thick, rain slightly.

She went to her dressing table and soaked envelope.

"I don't understand," he said.

resolutely unlocked one of the drawers, as one would open a case in which the most precious of treasures was kept.

"It was so stilly of me!" she muttered. "I shall not keep them for him." The drawer was partly filled with eighted text. The drawer was partly filled with

ered and died in her fingers. A blush suffused her face, her eyes, her neck. Then, with a guilty, shamed, tender smile, she dropped the cigarette into the drawer. She turned the key.

"No," she said to herself; "I told him that I was keeping them for him."

CHAPTER XXV.

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"There's something coming to you, Jacob," he said, much to the wonder of Selim. "Selim, unless I miss my guess pretty badly, we'll be having a message, not from Garcia, but from Rasula before long. How are my cigall right with me now." She withdrew her hand on the instant.

"No, ne! It isn't that," she said, her eyes narrowing. "Don't misinterpret

There were but three of them—
or foremen. Jacob von Biltz came
naself and joined us in the fight
t the traitors. He was merciless in
ger against them. You have said
ou will testify against him. Sir, I
aken it upon myself to place him
restraint notwithstanding his acgrainst the Boers. He shall have a
rial. If it is proved that he is
he shall pay the penalty We are
copie.

Will dread. Nechan screamed as she
fled across the terrace toward the
fler where Selim stood as motionless at a statue.

Luncheon time passed, and again, as
if drawn by a magnet, the entire
household made its way to the front of
the chateau.

At 1. st Selim uttered a shout of joy.
He forgot the deference due his bet-

as spiked your guns," said Depping-am. "The dog turns against his con-

von are going to the knew no allegiance to royal conven-

"Certainly, Lady Deppingham. They A few minutes later he was among are expecting me." them, listening, with his cool, half "Don't be foothardy, Chase. They satirical smile, to their protestations of

will kill you like a rat!" exclaimed loy and relief.

well.

"By heaven," he muttered, strangely vexed with her, "I fancy she means it. She's bent on showing me my place. But she might have come down and wished me good luck. That was little chough for her to do. Ah, well," he sighed, putting it away from him.

As he turned into the tree lined avenue near the gate a slender young woman in a green and white gown arose from a seat, but.

nue near the gate a siender young wo-man in a green and white gown arose from a seat in the shade and stepped a pace forward, opening her parasol-quite leisurely as he quickened his steps. Her eyes gleamed brightly, and she was breathing as one who has run swiftly

"You are determined to go down there among those men?" she demanded, the smile suddenly giving way to a look of disapproval. She ignered his

ment of bewilderment, "Why not? I —I thought you had made up your mind to let me go without a-a word for good luck." She found great diffi-culty in meeting the wistful look in his

warmly and went quickly away, leaving her standing there in the still shade of the satinwoods, looking after him with eyes that grew wider and wider with the tears that welled up from behind

in which the souls of those who watched and waited for his return were tried to the utmost.

Once there came to the ears of the watchers on the mountain side the sound of distant shouts, later the brief

"But we are the weare the watchers on the mountain side the Browne." rattle of firearms. The blood of every one turned cold with apprehension. Every voice was stilled, every eye wide with dread. Neenah screamed as she fled across the terrace toward the

He forgot the deference due his betters and unceremoniously dashed off toward the gates, followed by Neenah, toward the gates, followed by Neenah, I am more or less like the Moslem in who seemed possessed of wings. Chase was returning!

They saw him coming up the drive, his hat in his hand, his white umbrella raised above his head. The eager, joyu are a true man, you will not evade e call.

RASULA.
"Well, it looks as though Von Blitz fall upon his knees, and they felt the tears rushing to their own eyes.
"Hurray!" shouted little Mr. Saun

derates and saves his own skin by ders in his excitement. Bowles and the three clerks joined him in the ex-"In any event," said Browne, "you polled his little game. He loses the reasure, and he didn't get late the aults Rasula should take those ints into consideration."

The princess was conscious of the fact that at least five or six pairs of eyes were watching her face. She closed her lips and compelled her eyelids to obey the dictates of a rethe won't forget them, rest assured, that's why I'm sure that he'll take wird at the trial as against that of lent curiosity, even indifference. All You—you don't mean to say, Mr. was thumping with a rapture that

Deppingham.

"Oh, no, they won't," said the other confidently. "They've given their promise through Rasula. Whatever else they may be, they hold a promise sattley may be, they hold a promise sattley "I know that I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You wouldn't have them think I am a coward. You have any think in the weak it is when you get back to Lendon and have to testify in the Skargs will contest. Tell the truth. That's all," The princess was now looking at his brown face with eyes over which she had lost control. "Oh, by the bye," he said, as if struck by a 'sudden thought, "it is my painful duly to amounce to the Mesdames von Blitz that they are widows."



The princess was followed by her two Rapp-Thorberg soldiers.

his medicine bravely-twelve leaden pills administered by as many skillful surgeons. But it is yet too early to congratulate yourselves on your freedom. Rasula has promised to kill all of us, whether we deserve it or not."

"They shot him?" demanded Deppingham when he had fuished.
"Admirably By Jove those follows

CHAPTER NNV.

THE THAL OF VON BLITZ.

The next morning found the weather unsettled. There had been a fierce storm during the night, and a masty mist was blowing up from the sea. Deppingham kept to his room, although his cold was dissipated.

Chase had been up nearly all of the night, fearful lest the islanders should seize the opportunity to scale the walls, under cover of the tempest. All through the night he had been possessed of the decrease of the cover of the tempest. All through the night he had been possessed of the decrease of the night he had been possessed of the decrease of the night he had been possessed of the decrease of the night he had been possessed to the night he had been posses to the night he had been possessed to the night he night he had been posses to the night he night he had been possessed to the night he night he had been possessed to the night he night he had been possessed to the night he night he had been possessed to the night he night he night he had been possessed to the night he night he had been possessed to the night he night he had been possed to the night he night he had been possed to the night he night

Selim—ficklety."

It was far past midday when he heard from Rasula. He had seen the princess but once, and then she was walking briskly, wrapped in a rain coat, followed by her shivering dogs and her two Rapp-Thorberg soldiers. Somehow she failed to see Chase as he sauntered hungrily, almost imploringly, across the upper terrace, in plain view. Perhaps, after all, it was not the weather.

Rasula's messenger came to the gates and announced that he had a jetter for Mr. Chase. Rasula had this to sally.

"Won't you let me go with you?" she sid discussing the most trivial happening of the day. Von Blitz lived not ten minutes after sentence was passed.

"As to their intentions toward us," said Chase, "they are firm in their determination that no one shall leave the chateau alive. Rasula was quite frank with me. He is a cool devil. He calmly notified me that we will all be dead inside of two weeks. No ships will put in here so long as the plague exists. I asked him how we were to die, and he smiled as though he was lolding something back as a surprise for us. He came as near to laughing as I've aver seen into most trivial happening of the day. Von Blitz lived not ten minutes after sentence was passed.

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brought in England to break the will on the grounds of insanity."

"But what good will that do us if we are to die here?" exclaimed Bobby

"None whatsoever," said Chase calmly. "You must admit, however, that you exhibited signs of hereditary insanity by coming here in the first place. I'm beginning to believe that there's a streak of it in my family oo."
"And you—you saw him killed?"

asked the princess in an awed voice, low and full of horror. "Yes. I could not avoid it."

"They killed him on your-on your"-She could not complete the sentence,

one respect. I might excuse a thief or a murderer, but I have no pity for a traitor." "You saw him killed?" she said in

drawing away from him.

"Yes," he said, "and you would have seen him killed, too, if you had gone down with me to appear against him."

She looked up quickly and then thanked him almost in a whisper.

the same awed voice, involuntarily

CHAPTER XXVI. CENTURIES TO FORGET.

Y lord," said Saunders the next day, appearing before his day, appearing before his lordship after an agitazed hour of preparation, "it's come to a point where something's got to be done." He got that far and then turned quite purple. His collar seemed to be choking him. "If what Mr. Chase says is true, we've got and the collar seemed to be choking him.

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