up with contempt in his eye. Yet from that moment he rallied, spurred, I think, by the thought that the King of Navarre's recovery depended under God on M. de Mornay; whom he was ever inclined to regard as his rival. He began to make instant preparations for his departure from Rosny, and bade me do so also, telling me, somewhat curtly and without explanation, that he had need of me. The danger of so speedy a return to the south, where the full weight of the Vicomte de Turenne's vengeance awaited me, occurred to me strongly; and I ventured, be King of France."
though with a little shame to mention it. "Well, the less I have to do with the one But M. de Rosny, after gazing at me a moment in apparent doubt, put the objection aside with a degree of peevishness anusual in him, and continued to press on his aorangements as earnestly as though they did not include separation from a

wife equally as loving as beloved. Having few things to look to myself, I was at leisure, when the hour of departure came, to observe both the courage with which Madame de Rosny supported her sorrow, "for the sake of France," and the nwonted tenderness which Mademoiselle de la Vire, lifted for once above herself, lavished on her. I seemed to standhappily in one light, and yet the feeling was fraught with pain—outside their familiar relations; yet, having made my adieux as short and formal as possible, that I might not encroach on other and more sacred ones, I found at the last moment something in waiting for me. I was surprised as I rode under the gateway a little ahead of the others, by something small and light falling on the saddle-bow before me. Catching it before it could slide to the ground, I saw, with infinite astonishment, that I held in my hand a tiny velvet bow. To look up at the window of the parlor, which I have said was over the archway, was my first impulse. I did so, and met mademoiselle's eyes for a second, and a

second only. The next moment she was gone. M. de Rosny clattered through the gate at my heels, the servants behind him. And we were on the road.

CHAPTER XIV.

For a while we were but a melancholy party. The incident I have just relatedwhich seemed to admit of more explanations than one—left me in a state of the greatest perplexity; and this prevailed with me for a time, and was only dissipated at length by my seeing my own face, as it were, in a glass. For, chancing presently to look behind me, I observed that Simon Fleix was riding, notwithstanding his fine hat and feather and his new sword, in a posture and with an air of dejection difficult to exaggerate; whereon the reflexion that master and man had the same object in their minds-nay, the thought that possibly he bore in his bosom a like token to that which lay warm in mine-occurring to me, I aroused myself as from some degrading dream, and, shaking up the Cid, cantered forward to join Rosny, who, in no cheerful mood himself, was riding steadily forward, wrapped to his eyes in his cloak.

The news of the King of Navarra's illness had fallen on him, indeed, in the midst of · his sanguinary scheming with the force of a thunderbolt. He saw himself in danger of losing at once the master he loved and the brilliant future to which he looked forward; and amid the imminent crash of his hopes and the destruction of the system in which he lived, he had scarcely time to regret the wife he was leaving at Rosny or the quiet from which he was so suddenly called. His heart was in the South, at La Ganache, by Henry's couch. His main idea was to get there quickly and at all risks. The name of the King of Navarre's physician was constantiy on his lips. "Dortoman is a good If anyone can save him. Dortoman will," was his perpetual cry. And when-ever he met anyone who had the least pearance of bearing news, he would have stop and interrogate him, and by no es let the traveler go until he had the us the last rumor from Blots—the channel through which all the news from

the South reached us. An incident which occurred at the inn that evening cheered him somewhat; the most powerful minds being prone, I have observed, to snatch at omens in times of uncertainty. An elderly man, of strange appearance, and dressed in an affected and bizarre fashion, was seated at table when we arrived. Though I entered first in my assumed capacity of leader of the party, he let me pass before him without comment, but rose and solemnly saluted M. de Rosny, albeit the latter walked behind me and was much more plainly dressed. Rosny returned his greeting and would have passed on; but the stranger, interposing with a still lower pow, invited him to take his seat, which was near the fire and sheltered from the draught, at the same time making as if he would himself remove to another

place.
"Nay," said my companion, surprised by such an excess of courtesy, "I do not see why I should take your place, sir."

"Not mine only," the old man rejoined, looking at him with a particularity and with an emphasis which attracted our attention, "but those of many others, who I can assure you will very shortly yield them up to you. whether they will or not."

M. de Rosny shrugged his shoulders and passed on, affecting to suppose the the old man wandered. But privately he thought much of his words, and more when he learned that he was an astrologer from Paris, who had the name, at any rate in this country, of having studied under Nostra-And whether he drew fresh hopes from this, or turned his attention more particularly as we reached Blois to present matters, certainly he grew more cheerful, and began again to discuss the future, as though assured of his master's

recovery.
"You have never been to the King's Court?" he said presently, following up, as I judged, a train, of thought in his own mind. "At Blois I mean." "No; nor do I feel anxions to visit it," I

answered. "To tell you the truth, M. le Baron," I continued with some warmth, "the sooner we are beyond Blois the better I shall be pleased. I think we run some risk there, and, besides, I do not fancy a shambles. I do not think I could see the king without thinking of the Bartholomew. nor his chamber without thinking of

Guise."
"Tut, tut!" he said, "you have killed a

"Many," I answered. "Do they trouble you?"

"No, but they were killed in fair fight," I replied. "That makes a difference.
"To you," he said drily. "But you are not the King of France, you see. Should you ever come across him," he continued, flicking his horse's ears, a faint smile on his lips, "I will give you a hint. Talk to him of the battles at Jarnac and Moncontour, and praise your Conde's father! As Conde lost the fight and he won it, the compliment comes home to him. The more

hopelessly a man has lost his powers, my friend, the more fondly he regards them and the more highly he prizes the victories he can no longer gain.

"Ugh!" I muttered. "Of the two parties at Court," Rosny "Mornay's." M. de Rosny cried, looking continued, calmly overlooking my ill-humor, "trust D'Aumont and Biron and the French clique. They are true to France at any rate. But whomsoever you see consort with the two Retzs-the King of Spain's jackals as men name them-avoid him for a Spaniard and a traitor."

"But the Retzs are Italians," I objected peevishly. "The same thing," he answered curtly.
"They cry, 'Vive le Roi!' but privately
they are for the League, or for Spain, or for whatever may most hurt us; who are better Frenchmen than themselves, and whose leader will some day, if God spare his life,

or the other of them, save at the sword's point, the better I shall be pleased," I re-

On that he looked at me with a queer smile; as was his way when he had more on his mind than appeared. And this, and something special in the tone of his conversation, as well, perhaps, as my own doubts about my future and his intentions regarding me, gave me an uneasy feeling; which lasted through the day, and left me only when more immediate peril presently rose to threaten us.

It happened in this way. We had reached the outskirts of Blois, and were just approaching the gate, hoping to pass through it without attracting attention, when two travelers rode slowly out of a lane, the mouth of which we were passing. They eyed us closely as they reined in to let us go by; and M. de Rosny who was riding with his horse's head at my stirrup, whispered me to press on. Before I could comply, however, the strangers cantered by us, and turning in the saddle when abreast of us looked us in the face. A moment later one of them cried loudly, "It is he!" and both pulled their horses across the road,

and waited for us to come up.

Aware that if M. de Rosny were discovered he would be happy if he escaped with imprisonment, the king being too jealous of his Catholic reputation to venture to protect a Huguenot, however illustrious, I saw that the situation was desperate; for, though we were five to two, the neighborhood of the city-the gate being scarcely a bow-shot off-rendered flight or resistance equally hopeless. I could think of nothing for it save to put a bold face on the matter, and M. de Rosny doing the same, we advanced in the most innocent way possible.

"Halt, there!" cried one of the strangers sharply. "And let me tell you, sir, you are "What if I am?" I answered impatiently, still pressing on. "Are you highwaymen,

that you stop the way? The speaker on the other side looked at me keenly, but in a moment retorted, "Enough triffing, sir! Who you are I do not know. But the person riding at your rein is M. de Rosny. Him I do know, and

I warn him to stop. I thought the game was lost, but to my surprise my companion answered at once and almost in the same words I had used. "Well, sir, and what of that?" he said.

"What of that?" the stranger exclaimed, spurring his horse so as still to bar the way. "Why, only this, that you must be a madman to show yourself on this side of the Loire." "It is long since I have seen the other,"

was my companion's unmoved answer.
"You are M. de Rosny? You do not deny it?" the man cried in astonishment. "Certainly I do not deny it," M. de Rosny answered bluntly. "And more, the day has been, sir," he continued with sudden fire, "when few at his Majesty's Court would have dared to chop words with Solomon de Bethune, much less to stop him on the highway within a mile of the palace. But

times are changed with me, sir, and it would seem with others also, if true men rallying to his Majesty in his need are to be challenged by every passer on the road." (To be Continued.)

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ESSEX.

A number of men are at work digging the rench from Windsor to Kingsville for the Ontario Natural Gas Company's main pipe. A man and woman, both intoxicated, undertook to run things to suit themselves at the Canadian Pacific Railroad depot at Windsor Wednesday evening, and until the police arrived they were having things pretty nearly their own way. The man had a long dirk knife and was threatening to kill the woman, when some of the employes of the railway, attracted by the woman's cries, went to her assistance and held both until the police arrived. The man gave his name as Charles Morris, of Hamilton, and claimed the woman was his wife.

Frank B. Strafford, of Toronto, has accepted the secretaryship of the Windsor Y. M. C. A.

ELGIN. The total valuation of Dutton is \$182,760, an increase of \$26,335 over that of last year. The personal property is assessed at \$26,100, while the taxable income is \$1.630. The population is 857, an increase of 17 over that

J. & J. McAdam, wholesale and retail grocers, St. Thomas, have assigned to John St. Thomas' rate of taxation for 1894 will be $17\frac{1}{2}$ mills, the same as 1893.

HURON. Capt. Edward Rodney Pechill, of Eng-and, died in Toronto in November, 1880. His estate, amounting to \$9,615, is left to his daughters, Charlotte Pechili, of England, and Mrs. Elizabeth Caroline Cameron, of Kincardine.

KENT.

The body of the unknown who was drowned at Chatham has not been found, though search has been made. The Presbyterians of Blenheim will erect a \$7,000 church, \$5,000 being already sub-

LAMBTON. Mr. Jas. Decow, of Ridgetown, is testing in the neighborhood of Alvinston for Daniel McTaggart, con. 10, Euphemia,

has sold his 160 acre farm for \$4,000, and is now selling his loose property by public The Indians of Walpole Island con-

tributed \$95 during the past year to the mission fund of the Diocese of Huron. MIDDLESEX. W. A. Park, of Lucan, has left for Superior, Neb.

Glencoe ratepayers will vote on the purchase of a park. At the Detroit College of Medicine Burr Thomas, of Wardsville, won a high standing in the literary and scientific departments and first honors in the department of medicine.

Charles Sifton, of Metcalfe, fell from a rig at Wm. Bryant's, con. 8, Caradoc, and broke his collar and injured his head. Strathroy and vicinity have been well represented at the Detroit College of Medicine this term. E. F. Crummer, of Adelaide, and E. W. Borly, of Caradoc, have received their M. D. H. A. Wells, of Caradoc, S. A. McGregor, of Adelaide, A. G. Wright, of Strathroy, and Harry Lockwood, of Delaware, received honors in their first and second years' work.

James Healy has been elected councilor of No. 1 ward, Strathroy, vice M. C. Mac-Intyre, resigned.

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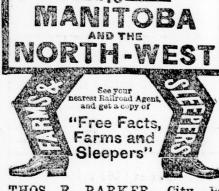
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