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# Under the Rose

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mediately kindled into a great name.

"What are you doing, villain?" roared that she would forego the security of the landlord from the window, discovering the would forego the security of the royal household for the discomforts and dangers of a vagrant life he could not recommend. through his lips came a fierce, sibilant the forks of fire already leaping and crack-ling about the tarearching; in the dim light his colossal figure and enormous head seemed in nowise human, but rather a murderous phan-lightly answered the minstrel, standing the lightly answered the minstrel and lightly and lightly answered the minstrel and lightly and lightly

the jester, and, turning, he saw Jacque sembling host."

line. Disturbed by the tumult and the "Hell dog! loud voices, the jestress had left her room prietor, over to learn the cause of the unusual din, and now, with her dark hair a cloud around her, stood gazing fearfully over the fool's

At the sound of the young girl's voice so near, the plaisant's hand, which for the moment had been unsteady, became sud-denly steel. Almost impatiently he awaited the coming of the morio. At last he drew near, but, as if instinctively realizing the presence of danger, paused, his arm ceasing to strike, out remaining stationary in the air.

ionary in the air.
"Go on!" impatiently shouted those be-

forward furiously, when the sword of the forward furiously, when the sword of the jester shot out—once, twice! From the morio's grip fell the dagger; over his face the lust for killing was replaced by a look of surprise; with a single moan he threw both arms on high and, tottering like an oak, the monster fell backward with a crash, carrying with him the rogues behind. Imprecations, threats and cries behind. Imprecations, threats and cries of pain ensued; several knaves went imping away from the struggling group; one lay prestrate as the morio himself; the lay prostrate as the morio himself; the master of the boar rubbed his shoulder,

"Go back to your room, mistress," staper, the landlerd, without reply, distance the plainant to the young girl, whispered the plainant to the young girl, appeared from the window.

Her response was interrupted by a hand at their door and a clamor without, fol-

lowed by heavy blows.
"Quick, Jacqueline!" he cried and help-Quick, Jacquehne!" he cried and helped her to the long ladder set, as it seemed, providentially against the wall.

"Can you do it?" he asked, yet holding her hand. Her eyes gave him answer, and he released her, watching her descend.

The door quivered beneath the general onslaught of the now exultant outlaws, and as a glave shattered the panel the jester threw himself over the casement.

A deafening huboub ensued, the door juddenly gave way, and the band rushed into both my husband the received from Dr. den'y gave way, and the band rushed into the room. At the same time the plaisant ran down the ladder and sprang to the ground at the young wife's side. From above came exclamations of wonder and amazement, mingled with invective.

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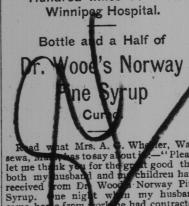
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back as though to admire his handiwork. now asked abruptly. "Oh, oh!" murmured a voice behind "Your vile hostelry burns well, my dis-





cided to try Dr. Wood's

through her mind passed the memory of the plaisant's reiterated exclamation in prison, "Caillette-in Spain!" words she had attributed to fever, not imagining they had foundation in fact.

But now this unexpected encounter ab-ruptly dispelled her first supposition and opened a new field for speculation. Certainly had he been on a mission of some kind somewhere, but what his errand she could not divine.

But if she was surprised at Caillette's

unexpected presence and disguise, that counterfeit troubudour had been no less Linde in hand, the others at his heels, which, solving on the dry material, immediately kindled into a great flame.

What are you doing rille 200. princess, in the mean garb of a wayside

"Yes," she answered curtly.

sembling host."

"Hell dog! Varlet!" screamed the proprietor, overwhelmed with consternation, overwhelmed with consternation, now burning on all sides, could be distinguished a number of figures franchischer and this proprietor. tically running hither and thither, while above the crackling of the flames and the clamorous cries of the birds was heard the voice of the proprietor alternately pleading with the knaves to save the tavern and execrating him who had applied to the voice of the proprietor alternately at a marriage cannot occur."

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be strangely credulous to be so cozened by an imposter," quoth he, with a gleam of humor in his gaze."

"Impostor!" It was the young girl who ame so bad that he spoke, interrupting in her surprise the highway, in the shadow of the highway in the shadow of the highway in the shadow of the highway in the highway in the shadow of the highway in the highway in the highway in the highway in the hig

spoke, interrupting in her surprise the troubadour's story.

"You did not know, mistress," said that abrupt cessation of motion the jest ress looked up with a start.

Meeting his eyes, at first she did not the and give it free to each the troubadour's story.

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"I'd off It think he'll bother you any mapper and octor bill."

Price 25 cents. Put up in a yellow mapper and three pine trees the trade more." "I'd own it his sheepherd's before the was all right again and only lating from his doublet a document weight document weight den consciousness of that encircling grass of the encircling grass of the encircling grass of the speaker of something in his glance before she slip anded it to the duke's fool, who silently appear of something in his glance before she slip anded it to the duke's fool, who silently appear of something in his glance before she slip anded it to the duke's fool, who silently appear of something in his glance the minute of the king. The pine of the king the document weight document weight document weight document weight dependent on the late of the king. The pine of the king the sheep of th

peared in the gloom.
"A wolf!" exclaimed the plaisant.

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master of the boar rubbed his shoulder, and the boar rubbed his shoulder, and the cause of the classer.

Fell backward with a crash.

The passing "It is thus you greet your grests?" register was a craven," growled he of the boar. "What does it mean?"

That he saw the same and spread another, "replied the host."

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The tates willing, "returned the poet." "Farewell, if you must leave," the following places:

"The lates willing," returned the poet. "Farewell, and good fortune go with you both." And, wheeling abruptly, he rode slowly back. The jester and the girl watch—attention sharply arrested? "What is the property of the boar." "And he remembered? "Tis passing the property of the place of the boar." "And he remembered? "Tis pa

illumined highway Caillette glanced interrogatively at the plaisant. The outcome of his journey—should he speak now cherishing a new faith in her bosom amid come of this journey—should he speak now are late, when they were alone?

The answer of the duke's fool to his corpanion's glance was a direct inquiry.

You found the emperor?" he said.

"Yes, and presented your message with some missgiving."

"And did he treat it with the scant consideration you expected?"

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reature shot out of the door and disap.

Entering the hut once more, he struck light. In a corner lay furze and fire-wood, and from this store he drew, heaping the combustible material on the hearth until a cheering blaze fairly illumined the worn and dilapidated interior. Near the fireplace were a pot and kettle, whose rusted appearance bestoke long disuse, but a trencher and porridge spoon on a stool near by seemed waiting the coming of the master. A couch of straw had been the ronely shepherd's bed and later the

gment of his enemy, the wolf.
"Here you may rest, Jacqueline, withnt fear of being disturbed again this night," he said. She sank wearily upon the straw, then gave him her hand gratefully. Her face looked rosy in the reflection from the hearth. A comforting sense of warmth crept over her as she lay in front of the blaze. Her eyes were languorous with the luxury of the heat after a chilling ride. Drawing the cloak to her chin, she smiled faintly. Was it at his solicitude? He noticed how her hair swept from the saddle pillowing her head to the earth, and, sitting there on the stool, wondering per-

haps at its abundance, or half dreaming, he forgot he yet held her hand. Gently she withdrew it, and he started.

"Why did you not tell me it was not a discussion with the scamp student?" she

clamorous cries of the birds was heard the voice of the proprietor alternately pleading with the knaves to save the taverand with the premise of the emperor's immediate arrival, the marriage cannot occur."

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"Cap de Dieu, the landlord will share no more travellers," said Caillette. "My horse had become road worn and perforce I had tarried there sufficient while to know the company and the host. When you walked in with this fair maid I could hardly believe my eyes. Twas a nice trap, and the landlord an unctuous fellow for a villian. Assured that you could not go on ventional means of exit."

"He had scarcely finished this explanation when, with a shower of sparks and a mighty crash, the heavy root fell.

"It is over," nummured Caillette, and as they touched their horses, leaving the smoldering ruins behind them, he added. "But how came the scamp student to serve you? I was watching closely and listening, too, so caught how 'twas done." "Is pared his life once," answered the jester.

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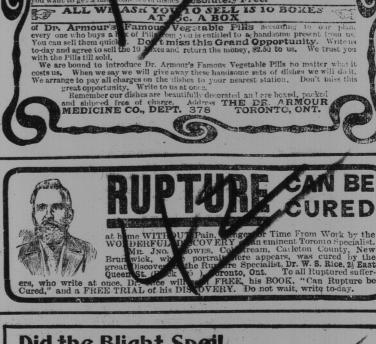
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"He have I failed in my errand," he is added not have thought it," She said.

"Jacqueline!" he cried, starting up. She did not answer—indeed, seemed sleeping—her face turned from him. Through the open doorway a streak of red in the east heralded the coming glory of the morn. "Peep, peep," twittered a turned from him the said any continued to the king," he said.

"The empror's message—Francis should is the popular it was answered by a more melodious phrase, a song of welcome to the radiant dawn. A moment the jester listened, his head raised to the growing splendor of the heaven, then threw himself on the earthen floor of the hut and was a

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