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niece of Cardinal Mazarin, Richelieu's crafty successor, one of the five lovely daughters reputated to be the leveliest children in Italy, brought unf in a home of genteel poverty and raised to riches and affluence by their

his authority and shocked him by anyone who examined it closely can signs for his nieces! culty in finding the high-placed hus- snow. Her hair is of a glossy black, cured a fortune of a one hundred mil- every conceivable practical joke on Turkish pirates, they reached Mar-

pistress of courtliness and coquetry She had legions of lovers. Armande de la Porte, only son o

a monastery if he could not win her for his wife. "If I may only marry her," he declared. "I shall be quite who declared, "I would rather give

A PEERLESS BEAUTY.

Such was her beauty that Saint! powerful Minister in Europe impreg- name—it is neither blue nor gray, dinal's request. nor altogether black, but a combina-

feet, only to find his vows and his wished, she flung them in handfuls pression on her. Crossing the Alps, a lover. queendom politely declined. Charles out of the palace windows. II. of England, then an exile from there has been no more remarkable shift at the hands of the Cardinal, his fascinations to bear on her; but, whatever Hortense migh thave had to Hortense to a lackey than allow this say to him, Mazarin frowned on the freedo; for her husband was quick far to spend her time with relatives. "most splendid lover in Europe was sent empty away."

"In an adjoining room," says Hor- vent of the Filles de Saint Marie. tion of all three. They have the tense, "my sisters looked at one answeetness of blue, the gaiety of grey; other; and for all regret, observed, quickly reasserted themselves. In en to desperation by the cruelties of But the Cardinal had scarcely cal- and, above all the fire of the black. 'God be thanked, he has gone!' And to company with a kindred spirit, Sidone her husband decided to fly. She Estculated the price he would have to Her smile would soften the hardest tell the truth, I was scarcely more de Lenoncourt, she played pranks on suaded Hortense to accompany her. pay for realizing his ambition, for the heart. Her complexion is so delicate grieved!" Such was the gratitude the nuns-"filling their holy water After an exhausting tramp they were girls—a quintette of madcaps—defied ly clear that I cannot believe that that crowned Mazarin's ambitious destoup with ink, putting wet sheets on taken out to sea, and after nine peril-

that none can hear her speak with- "a great cabinet, wherein, among other confine Hortense's bold spirit. She Court of Savoy, where she was as- him in her tolls, had never forgotten and deep of the cup of plean that none can hear her speak with- "a great cabinet, wherein, among other confine Hortense's bold spirit. She court of Savoy, where she was as- him in her tolls, had never forgotten and deep of the cup of plean license which fortune now in the lovely Italian girl who had play-From all parts of Europe desirable toles in gold"-a present of which fared into the world on horseback, lover, Charles Emanuel, who had so ed such havoc with his peace of mind rance's greatest Marshal, became so lovers flocked to look on such peer- Hortense thought so little that she accompanied by a maid, similarly nearly become her husband. He in infatuated with the little witch that less beauty and if possible to win it left the cabinet open for all who disguised, and an equerry one Coubfor their own. Pedro II. came to lay would to help themselves; and when erville, whose handsome face and combined the regal hospitality due to stage. the Crown of Portugal at Hortense's the coins did not go so rapidly as she courtly graces had made no little im- a queen with the attentions due from

HER UNHAPPY MARRIAGE. But Hortense had not been many

suit and the penniless king and the to reveal his true nature, that of a bigoted, madly jealous man, with eccentricities bordering on insanity. So way; and this she decided to do to But Mazarin left her marriage too puritancial was he that one of his the scandal of the good people of Evren "d, who was her worshipper late, for his sun was setting, and she first acts was to deface every picture Milan. Not content with setting tonscheming uncle. His design was to deface every picture Milan. Not content with setting tonsecure by their beauty supplemented and slave to his last day, declared:— actually married the despised Arman- and to destroy with a hammer every gues wagging by her relations with secure by their beauty supplemented by his gold and splendid alliances as should make his position as the most the world. Their color has no dinal's request.

de de la Porte, who was created Duck statue in the Palais Mazarin that of her equerry, she cast her spell over fended his sense of decency. Eventu- a wide range of lovers, who flocked ally she fied for refuge to the Con- to pay homage to the most beautiful

Here Hortense's suppressed spirits By this time her sister Marie, drivtheir beds, and letting dogs loose in ous days, during which they narrowtheir escapades. But he had no diffi- deny it to be whiter than the driven | With his bride the new Duke se- their dormitories"-play, in short, ly escaped shipwreck and capture by

after an adventurous journey, she As France and Italy were sister Marie and her husband, Prince

Colonna, awaiting her.

came to Milan, where she found her her, her eyes turned to Englan woman who had made such a con

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other women who had caught, but no indulgence that money or could not hold, his vagrant fancy chase; she revelled in the were as water unto wine. The Car- delights of the gaming-table to him more distractingly beautiful dawn broke, and often wi than ever, invested with the halo of losing thousands of guineas nance, and with the appeal to his ting with the same insoucia

livalry, he received her as a queen He provided her with the most end. She resumed her life of nptuous apartments in St. James's indulgence under two mon alace, installed her as the chief of When she saw death looming is Sultanas, and granted her a pen- at last retired from the scen on of £4.000 a year: while Louis XIV., eager to ingratiate himself with harles's new favourite, compelled r husband, the Duc, to allow her £50,000 a year, and to return to har closed her eyes on the world he jewels, laces, and other precious elongings of which he had robbed er. She was the idol not only of

Charles, but of all his courtiers.

thing, playing night after sid With Charles's death He day of queendom naturally a

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