thought Julian.

Simon ascended to the

stranger soon followed him.

more of my sort.' said the other.

'I came here for the carnation.'

'It is better in my hair than in your

' Perhaps, if it likes to be seen, but

'Did you come because you knew

What were you doing there

He is ac old as the hills."

Is he good looking I'

with my father.'

· Is be young?

Who can be bes

ny father.'

'No.'

'Then when?'

Simon Verde drew near.

'On Ascension Day,' said the girl

actily, gliding eilently away among

'Ascension Day, eh?' said Simo

Verde, who had overheard this. 'The

boys and girls begin early. What are you doing here, Julian, my boy?

'Some gipsy who

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There is effort, with its hope like a fo

There, the chained rebel, Passion Laboring Strength and Fleeting There, Ambition's leaping flame, And the iris crown of Fame; But those gains are dear forever Won from loss and pain and fever. Nature's gospel never changes; Every sudden force deranges; Blind endeavor is not wise; Wisdom enters through the And the seer is the knower, Is the doer and the sower.'

"Come to me for riches," said the pe "I am leafless, cold and calm; They are mine to bestow on those who To the verdured fields below, As the motherhead of snow Daily gives the new-horn river. Listening to the evening hour Sees the roads diverge and blend Sees the wandering currents end On the far horizon line

All the storied past is mine ; All its strange beliefs still clinging All its singers and their singing ; All the paths that lead astr All the meteors once called day ; Come to me-for all are mine

"Come to me for safety," said the height "In the future as the past. Road and River and at last Like a raindrop in the ever circling-sea Who shall know my lessened sight Where the gain and where the loss In the desert they must cross? Guides who lead their charge from ills, Passing soon from town to town, brough the forest and the down, Take direction from the hills Those who range a wider land, Where the past and future swing Those who sail from land afar Higher still, from star to God, Have the spirit-pilots trod, Setting lights for mind and soul That the ships may reach the goal.

SIMON VERDE

They shall safely steer who see:

Sight is wisdom. Come to me

CHAPTER II - [CONTINUED] He resembles his mother, who was an angel. She deserved eternal happiness for the patience she had with her hus

since be entered the house, as if seeking something, and at last said: 'Mother, where is the child? I don't murmured anxiously:

know it until it is done? Agueda, Aguedilla, where are you?"

cried the father. bor to meet her father, but at that moment Julian, the Alcalde's son, came carrying a bag of money in his hand He was a good-looking youth of his hands, looking for him. The purquiet determination in manner.

old woman in consternation to her son. to be hungry.' did not wish you to know it hand is worth two in the bush."

'You were wrong to sell it, Tio are caught you will be shot.' so. I was more sorry when I heard of through. it than if the loss had been my own." 'It is the bread of the whole year, my

We can't undo it now, mother Take the three thousand reals, and we

will spend them in oorn at harvest time. Your father caught me, Julian, and the mason helped, But I would rather be taken in than take others in.' The old woman took away the money.

safe side,' remarked Julian to Simon. who had not thought of it, but followed there, and I should be saved." his mother to do so. 'Agueda, give me this carnation,'

said Julian to the girl, when they were for it.'

Why do you want to keep it?"

'Te wear, as you see'
'And why?' To please my father.'
'And me?'

'I don't care about that.' Agueda made a pretty gesture isdainful indifference. in which woman celipsed the child as the full-blown rose does the bud. de diedeinful? So much the better, said Julian. 'They always

say,
"For carnations the earth
Ever brown should be sought:
And the maiden who frowns
On a man loves him best." Will you give me the carnation?
'This carnation is the best on the plant. I would rather give you my art. exclaimed Agueda.

'Then give it to me and keep 'Neither,' retorted Agueda.

Do you intend to be a nun? "I haven't thought about it yet." "Then what do you care for ?" ion," retorted the gir 'The carnation,' re

reedy bog wetted by the stagnant regret, I would rather it were for havwaters of a small, sluggish spring, ing saved a fugitive than for having 'I hid no one in He was arguing with himself as to refused to help my neighbor, as God Simon, truthfully. aving been pursuaded to sell his commands. broken voice:

'It can't be helped. In this world one cries and another laughs. The house. A young man was observing abetting him.' covetousness of this Alcalde is, like the him from behind an orange tree, and Simon looked

was so absorbed in his thoughts self in a corner; but he saw neither. that only a strange and unusual oc-Papalina, without quickening her pace ddenly raised her enormous cars and Simon, following her example, saw and heard the reeds move. Like most countrymen, accustomed to all kinds of risks and dangers, he was courageous but not reckless, and so he first reflectso late? For no good purpose thought the Alcalde.

'It is not a bull, or it would make ore noise, neither is it a fox or a wolf or it would make less. It is a biped ed more imposing in the sad moonike myself, and hides itself for some good reason that's no affair of min-It may be a gypay gathering rushes.'

Hardly had be come to this conclusion when a man of ferocious appearsion when a man It may be a gypsy gathering rushes.' ance issued from the rushes and came him. · I have no gun and am alone

thought Simon, apparently unmoved. 'Heaven keep you, good man,' said man in a hollow voice. 'Am I doing the stranger.
'And you also. What can I do for

ou?' replied Simon Verde. 'You can save me.' for them,' said Simon, indignantly. 'I am pursued, and if I am caught I

hall be shot. My crime is to fight for the legitimate king, Carlos V. Then you are a rebel 'But, Senor,' said Simon, with

enetrating glance at his companion, murmured, 'Agueda is very young for said Simon, with a bitter smile. I should say Senor Don Carlos de them to think of marrying her. Bouebon would not care to have his ou fight openly like the others.' We are here to recruit soldiers.'

'And horses and money, too, Per don me, Senor; I am a peaceful, steady going man, and don't want to mix my sleep, which lasted three days.' self up with troublesome affairs. Give me, then, a bit of bread; I save been two days in this bog without

ooked pinched with hunger. Simon instantly felt the utmost con assion for the stranger, exclaiming Why didn't you say so at once? aven't got any bread with me, but if you out of your danger, and then good-

you will wait here I will bring some bye. I am poor, but never yet did you. directly. Simon had disappeared, leaving him seemed very comfortable and had went with Simon to his ace to face with Papalina. who, not money,' remarked the stranger. being given to politics, did not take

any notice of the so-called Carlist nothing but this orehard. I had a crop the affair, had been misinterpre

cavalry? No: the country people are if I am not rich in money I have a ning after Simon's daughter. not informers; he has only run away.

mother worth Peru and a daughter perverse notary, his principal confident, had also told him that the whole I will hide again till night, and then worth an empire.

eighteen, with delicately moulded fea- sued man hastily left his concealment to meet har father, she went away as mother, who, on going to warn the tures of gallant, modest bearing, timid and seized the bread eagerly, saying she had come to the house. Suddenly stranger, found that, as if baving yet not without some repeatedly: 'May God repay you for she gave an exclamation of surprise presentiment of what had happened to be a surprise presentiment of what had happened to be a surprise presentiment of what had happened to be a surprise presentiment of the surprise pre this act of charity !"

'I bring you the three thousand 'But, man,' replied Simon, 'who behind an orange tree. reals for your crop in the ear,' said he would not feed the hungry? My 'Be quiet Agueda;' it 'Be quiet Agueda; 'it is I,' said a gen father's son has never known fear or tle, and well-known voice. 'You have sold the wheat?' said the hunger. But I can imagine what it is

'Then think what it must be to be mother; but since you do, I will tell bunted like a wild beast, to have no you that I sold it because abird in the place to rest your head, and to be in a hands. strange country, knowing that if you

Like all charitable souls who begin first, where did you come from? it was worth more than was to feel the pleasure of performing a given you for it, as this was likely to kind work, Simon was anxious to coma good year, and my father was told plete it but did not see how to carry it was here?

from the cock-loft.' 'In a few days I could escape, but now we are so watched and the sont exclaimed the mother, sorrow frontiers so guarded that not a bird could escape,' continued the stranger

'You had better remain where you are a few days longer, and I will bring

the first hermit,' observed Simon. 'Am I safe here? This olive-yard will be searched, and I shall be found

\* Count it-it is better to be on the If you could hide me in your house for a day or two, they would not seek me · If it were known I should be called

'Don't you see I am not wearing it?' Will you give it to me to-morrow?

many good souts have already given me shelter! If I were but in Seirrat There ing a follower of the legitimate king.' Agueda's dress. 'Say no more about the legitimate king. We don't agree about that. It tion of saving a fellow creais a que ture, and I will do it; for if you wer caught and put to death. I should re

proach myself as long as I live. You certainly can't stay here with water all round you. unless you turn into a frog Be behind the church here near the olice-yards, to-night after the 'Angelus.' At that hour only cocks and lovere watch. But you will go away in tw

'By this,' said the stranger, making the sign of the cross.

'Then it is settled; good-bye,' said Simon, calling Papalina, who was munching thisties not far of. Simon went on his way, avoiding the haciende where he had asked for the bread, and then returned home, prepared and deaned a cock-loft, and seating him-self by his mother's side, with a smile, asking the seating him again. Good-night, my boy,'

The next morning Simon set out of yours?

The next morning Simon set out of yours?

No, Senora; no friend of mine, God and, reconciled to the bad sale of his where he generally bought pictures to sell in Serille. With the soon be dispatched, which would be an achange of weather often seen in horrible.

Who may this be? A dear friend of mine, God and, reconciled to the bad sale of his wheat, returned home cheerful and contented as usual, but he was taken prisoner at his own door to his great to be the Beaf Paper published.

like you, you must not come again. Good-night, my boy.

CHAPTER IV.

'My son, if he is discovered, God ' Just like my luck again,' thought fell, know how you will get out of it. At least, it will take all you to do so.'

True, mother, I have foreseen this; and daughter.'

True, mother, I have foreseen this; and daughter.'

Simon, said the Alcalde, when he was brought before him, there has

agerly absorbed by the earth.

'If I had not sold my crop there sould have been no rain,' murmured but when I found him he was dying of want and hunger. He told me he had limon, as he went along.

Simon was passing through the no shelter; he got over me. What solive yards that extend for some discould I do? I wish I had never met who is said to be about here. Last him. Still, if I must have anything to hid a man in your bouse. ance outside the town, and crossing a him. Still, if I must have anything to night you hid a man in your house Say who it was.' 'I hid no one in my house,' replied

> 'True, my son; do right for the sake the Alcalde, 'and, if you persist in of right, said the good old woman.
>
> At the 'Angelus' bell Simon left his denying it, and the man is found

> Simon looked around without know as he left the orehard a man hid him- ing what to reply, when he met a re assuring glance from Julian, who then The boy was Julian, attracted by went out unobserved; Simon, who un the girl and the carnation; the man derstood Julian's noble feelings, felt was the Alcalde, who had noticed the sure that his intention was to save him scapade of his son, and was watching by giving notice that the house was to be searched in time for the guilty man 'What can the father of Agueda be to fly. So he thought he would try doing at this hour? Is anyone ill? gain time, and calmly said to

Where can Simon Verde be going 'Senor, I am bewildered, be this is the first time I have eve and Has your honor ever been arrested palace, which silent and solitary, look- Senor Alcalde?"

' How dare you ask me such a que he book off his hat, thinking, 'This a man likely to do anything for which The MOTCHARIS' PROTOCTIVE tion? said the Alcalde, angrily; 'am I door also is closed to none who knock I could be arrested?

grand houses have got themselves in Don't lose sight of me, or come too trouble. Your honor might have bee uear, lest you should be taken, said he. under a cloud by mistake, like you 'I trust to you entirely,' said the humble servant.' Simon,' said the Alcalde, uneasily

this is no time for joking. It is like 'Do I look like a traitor? It is evia 'fandango' at a funeral. Let us com dent you don't know Simon Verde! to the point. A man entered you You must leave your suspicions outhouse lis . night; you cannot deny it. side my house, where there is no room 'No man but myself entered my house last night, Senor Alcalde. Simon entered his house and the peated Simon.

Why, I saw him myself,' said the Who can it be? He looks to me Alcalde, exasperated at Simon's reiter like the son of the manager of Porsuna, ated denials of the accusation.

thought Julian. Upon reflection he 'Then your honor is the witness I will not deny, Senor Alcalde, that Simon took his guest to the garret man entered my garden; and this man ame used in this way. Why don't prepared for him, went away; and Senor, was your son, who would make soon afterwards came back with a loaf, himself at home in the king's house if a sausage, a few oranges and a bottle he liked. Those present could not repre 'Now you are lodged here safely.

**50** their .miles, which further exaspera-May you rest and sleep St. John's ted the Alcalde. whose vanity wounded by Simon's words, and he · Perhaps I may be able to make you said vindictively: 'I shall take care my son does no

some return if we conquer, as we should food,' said the stranger, whose face have done in the Sierra, had there been honor your house by his visits. It will now be searched. 'Don't talk nonsense.' said Simon,

interrupting his guest. 'I don't re- quietly, that my mother did not ex-I quire any return. I only wish to get pect your honor, or the house should if you out of your danger, and then good have been in better order to receive The Aicaide, full of rage and anno

'Are you poor? I thought you ance, followed by the notary and a boy. that the jovial Simon Verde had said 'Then you are miscaken. I have only to gain time and make light o The stranger stamped his foot and of wheat that I set my hopes upon, the Alcalde, who saw defiance and inbut the devil tempted me to sell it. suit in his harmless words, 'I wonder if be has only fled or gone The Alcalde got it from me for three embittered against him, all the map Making you a shirt with embrioder of denounce me? In any case, where thousand reals—all I possess. People do too much as they like with me; but previous night that his son was run-While this conversation was going on town was on the side of the popular

and terror at seeing a figure come he had fled. Therefore, although, they searched the house and its dependen cies, no trace of the rebel was found What a fright you gave me Julian having asserted that Simon had con-What are you doing here? said Agueda cealed a man who could not be dis covered, his domicitiary visit would appear to everybody an act of arbitrary despotism.

I saw a man enter here last night not if it prefers to be esteemed But. he is not found; that proves that he has escaped, and until this be cleared up, you will remain a prisoner, Simon Verde,' said the Alcalde. 'For heaven's sake, Senor,' said the

'Don't think it. You know I came poor man in dismay, 'who will get our daily bread to-morrow? Who can sell a load of vegetables already gathered? 'Looking at a man who was there The mother began to weep, and all 'To free him then,' said the Alcalde,

I must have some one, or, at least some money, as security until I can release him.' 'A fine man. His eyes are like s nad dog's, his nose like raw meat, his 'I can give that,' replied Simon mouth ike a sausage, and bis com-'Mother, give the three the u end ceals

you have in the box to the Senor ' His mother rose hastily, and ten the box with a cry of dism ;, for the morey had disappeared. 'Very well. Now, will you give me What is the matter v t

mother? asked Simon. We have been robbed! ex ime is the old woman, distressed.

This misfortune was equally 'I will go if you promise to give it to and unforseen; end Simon and his me to-morrow,' said the boy, holding mother were too ingenu us too need the fact of its indubi abis cause. 'It can bave been no one but the

man!' said the old woman in terrible Fool that I was to tell him of this noney!' added Simon, striking his

head frantically, Then, apparently, you lealde, triumphantly.

To my misfortune I have. Sen on. 'I met this false ser Tio Simon-I came to ask you if you would bring me to morrow from pent dying of hunger, and within at Seville an—an—almanac?"

pent dying of hunger, and within at ace of being shot. I took pity on him Senor; I gave him food, Senor; I pro-tected and hid him, Senor. This was but a good deed, Senor, after all! And To find out Ascension Day? What I shall bring from Seville is a lock for my door. Your father looks high and will not consent to this courtship; and as my daughter is not to be slighted reward! He must be bad in

'Did you know him?' I knew nothing whatever of him." But yet you knew he was a rebel? I knew he must have done so thing wrong to be afraid of being sho it could not be for telling his beads.'



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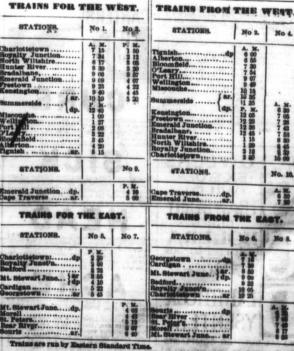
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