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clouded. Her eyes held his; her little teeth just gleamed between the crimson of her lips.

"I presume you consider Charles the more fitting monarch?" she continued.

"Was it the disdain of her voice? Did she challenge him to utter them?"

"In truth," the jester said carelessly, "Charles builds fortresses, not pleasure palaces, and garisons them with soldiers, not ladies."

She half smiled; her glance fell; her

He recalled his past experience with the power of friendship, and how he had been deceived by a subtle, amiable friend-enemy. Friendship was hated. But the prospect of wisdom had suggested the policy of peace; the reins of expediency drove him, not as autocrat or slave, to the doctrines of love and brotherhood. He turned his glowing eyes upon the glowing countenance of Thiboutot.

"What say you, fool?"

"Your majesty," answered the captain.

Told him calculated upon thus drawing to his in-
 ests one of his rival's most chivalrous
 knights, while fawning Charles believed
 he could not only retain the duke, but
 to his own credit the lovely and lea-
 ward of the king.
 And in this comedy of aggrandizement
 the puppets were willing, as puppets
 needs be. Indeed, the duke was seri-
 enamored of the princess, whose port-
 he had seen in miniature, and had his

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CURLING.
Yarmouth's New rink.
Yarmouth Curling Club has recently completed a new rink, a slightly subterranean affair, 100x200 feet, covered all with a floor of 10x500 feet. In one end of the rink are club rooms, and the rink is covered by folding doors with the promenade over these rooms for spectators. The rink is piped for gas and lighted with electricity.
The club has a membership of some 200 and has a large number of members. S. Taylor is honorary president, and J. Cann is president.

Canada's Oldest Baptist N. Dead.
Niagara Falls, Dec. 21.—(S) Adams Clegg, the oldest later in Canada, died here in 1841. He was 91 years of age.

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