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|clasp like an iron bani. ing over the fire recalls has band ing over the fire recalls herwits.
"Yes, yes, my man," "Yes, yes, my man," she myss, cheer,
fully, "here is our Auguste come back and right hungry, too, you may bo Bure. It is 2,
Julea.
Julee.".
Auguste has nat followed her in; his footsteps sound slow and heary. he loot. ers outside a minute or two, then goes
round to the outhouse. round to the outhouse.
"Whas sils the lad", his father says; the says nothing-and I that have not seen him these.two days.'
Jules Didier turns round a pala, sallow face, almost covered by a grizzled beard
that sorely needs the bar His eyes that sorely needs the barber. Hhs eyes are dark und haggard, his face has su tiering plainly marked on it, one ara,
is missing; but as he rises and stands is missing; but as he rises and stands erect he is a tall man, a thorough con-
trast to his little stooping, blue-eyed wife, who looks like a ball as che bends over the fire to fill a brown bowl with soup out of the pot on the hot hearth. Her son comes in just as she sets the
steaming bowl on the table. A long roll reaches hale across the unblea ched homespun tablecloth; a small pitcher of
cider, and a gudy red and blue plate fall of buge whito radishes are placed on ither side.
Auguste goes up to his fathere he kiasos both chenks, and then meroly saring
'you have supped,' he seats himeolf, and ats hiu soup in silence.
The father groans as he sils down again, for his joints are old and stiff not seem to, him out of this unual course of things, and when one is troubled rith one's own ailments one is sometimes less sensitive about the joys and sorrows of others.
La Mere Suzanne has auch a busy time of it that she cant never find a moment to think about herself in. Her Jules, her Auguste, and those three dear
dea 1 sons who fall at Masenta aud Soldeal sons who fell at Magenta aud Sol-
farino occupy all her thoughts-the ferino occupy all her thoughts-the poor mother often wonders where her
dear boys graves are, if there were dear boys graves are, if there were
but a chance of finding them out, she sometime thinks she wotld like to make a pilgrimage to Italy, although Monsieur ther even than Pa
Her thoughte juis
. Her thoughts just now are full of Aug. uste. She stands out of his sight,
and yet she is watching him, She has been every moment expecting to hear his merry laugh, and to see his bright fice turn towards her with that look of invitation to share his mirth, so dear to a mother's heart.
He has finished his soup now, but he only' crumbles the bit of bread which is put beside his plate. Then he sighs, and his head sinks on his breast.
His mother does not speak, but unconsciously she sighs too, and her lips quiver. Something has happened to Auguste, that is plain enough; but she will not worry her good, loving boy, he shall take bis own time. 'When the troubles get too heary to
meekly to herself, ' my
Auguste will come and tell it to his molno. Costa her a struggle to keor down her long.
ing to comfort him. She wants to put her arm round his. neok and to ask him to tell her his sorrow; but this might vex
 The struggle has brought tears to her outhouse and drier them there on her apron.
While she stands at the door and looks out over the oabbage-plot a smile
comes over her face. Something is creep ing about in the gloom, and now a long haired bushy-tailed gray oat emerges
from behind a row of globeshaped cabfrom behind a row of giobeshaped cab
bages with leaves curling outwards like a rone. 'Mousseline, Mousse, Mousse,
what are you doing'. Suzanne laughe what are you doing? Suzanne laughe
merrily as the cat comes clove, and lay at her feet a large yellow frog which he has caught among the cabbages, and his book and tail he intimaters is vormin not to, be tolerated on the promises.
Ia Mere Suranne stoope dowh and pats Moumeri

She stops outside. All within is silent.
and when she opens the door she sees and when she opens the door she sees
that Auguste's face is hidden by his hands as he rests his elbows on the table His father roused at lass by the unusua silence is looking round at his son. To him, however, Auguste's attitude speaks only of fatigue and' Jules ides is that the lad will get a nap if he is left in peace.
But as
pain at suzanne looks "at her boy the pain at her heart comes back. She close His dreary craving gaze dram his hemd in a moment.
Outaide the door she has been saying "He must be lelt alone-yer, yen, the poor boy must not be questionsd,", and
now, without her will, she finds her arms around his neck his head is on her should er, and his tears are falling on the front of her gown.
"There, there, my jewel, my weil-belor od;" whe rocks bis head her'arms, pressing it against her bosom as if he were an infant. She does not question him.
Love

- poor hich und ignorant suzanne the key She is so emptied of self that she is a part of Auguste, and the poor fellow' heart eases itself without ellort into thi aympaligy whion decause it is already his.
"Yother" he ceasis my;
rochen
come at last that which we havedreaded
He feels a shiver in the arms round his neck, he feels, too, than't her breath is drawn more deeply; and he tries to snile bravely, though ba does not look at her face. "Yen, mother, I am no longer Au guste Didier, I am No. 317. I am drawn for the Army of the North.
He felt surprised, rounded even, when
he saw that her first thought way for his
father. She looked around and held he breath a moment, and then she turned to her boy, her poor face so pale and changed, tiat instinctively h9 tightened


## his hold faint.

She kissed Auguste's foreheard, and then arawing h
to the invalid.
"Julen, my man," she said, cheerfully
"y ou are very tired; the day has been hot and weary. Shall not Auguste help you to bed? he is tired and wants rest." Jules Didier looked wistfully over his houlder.
'I have not heara any news yet,' he said with some discontent. - Come
Auguste, let us hear what fun is going in Auguste, let us hear what fun is going in the market to day. Is Rouen as full of frightened them away! Ah! those Prussians, they are rough oustomers-1
eh, my lad? Why, mother, what als en, ny
you!
She had bean taken unawares; as he uttered those careless words about the Prussians, thero rose up before her battie-field; with her boy, her darling
Auguste, fighting hand to hand with Auguste, fighting hand to hand with
dark, fierce-looking men, whom knew must be German soldiers.
She gave a sudden sharp
Ginging her apron over her head, sho reeled back against the table.
Auguste's arm was around her in a instant, and helplaced her in the chai in which he had been sitting. Dut he did not stoop to kiss her. The young fellow knew that he must play the man if he would not break the hearts these two who so fondly loved him. At that moment his mother's tenderness was a danger which he ìnust aroid So he walked up and down the atone
floored room-up and down three times, floored room-up snd down three times,
his head bent on his breast, and his his head bent on his
But his father hac no eyes for bim sil anything, and a that his wife should that shything, and a vas, perhaps, dying. Death
that that she was, perhaps, dying. Death before come to him hand in hand. He
rose up pale and trem bing, and going rose up paic and trem bing, and going
orer where ihe sat he put his one arm
mound her snd pat round her and patiod her bent shouldor
'What in it', he said in a hurried, al'What is it,' he scid, in a hurriod, al-
armed way. 'What have you done to
roureolf-tell me, Suranne? . What has yourself-tell m


H the old face ane not not smile . back in "No, no." almost sternly, as he holds the bundle away from .her.
Suzanne in the little town by the Seine turns meekiy away and goes back, ind
the cottiage, but her head is bent, and she has left off amiling. She known, twoen \& loving mother and hor child
chant something gils Auguate, and a dread
Thich she cennot put a
edt Jules, who was so often a suft rer, et mho had grown accustomed to. onsider himself helpless, it seemed imctive as his uncomplaining wife should e ailing except by her own fault.
She looked up at him with scared athetic eyes. She did not mean any eproach, she only longed dimly fo omething which she felt he could no ive her.
'Kiss me, Jules,' she said, and then, as hie rough chin rubbed her forehead minutes she had grown older.
Auguste stood still when his father poke. He was young, but he knew oment mother im would be to her. He loved hir father dearly, but he did not see why e should be spared the arief that had ome upon them all.
'I will tell you, father,' he said, hoar y, and tha you can help nother to bear it. 1 knew it was coming, but dir har been beeten, Uur soldiers havo been beaten, they
ant all the men they can get, and if fellow is strong there is no escape fellow is atrong there is no escape,
drawn for the conscription, and ${ }^{\text {II }}$ have to marcin on Mondas
His father atood atill, hif fingers cluthed nervously at the front of his blouse; he looked sicklior than ever.
It cannot be,' he said. 'Konsieur lo Maire, said to me, 'Auguate will be exmpted; your years of military, service rou lost your arm, the poor lads in
taly, his voice grew husky is be glantaly,' his voice grew husky as be glan
od at his wife's bent head. 'Monciour a Maire has asid that all those things nd-I told him what a good child he and-1
was.
His
His eyes shone with tears as they met
Auguste only shook his boed for an-

## Jules went on with sudden,

 onergy.There is a mistake. Yes, yes. you Will see. I go to-morrow to Monsieur le Maire, and the' to Rouen; they will not Auguste nent up to his mother, and Augased her closely to him. Something old him that was the best comiort she culd have that he could give. Then e said tenderly: -It is late; we had beter all go to bed, mother.' CBAPTERII.
A month has gone by; or, as they have eomed to Suzanne, thirty long days are passed since the morning her hoy few words from Moesieur le Maire had convinced Jules that there was no hope of rolease, and then he went back to hil costomary helploseness, varied, it is true, by unusual diatribes aganst a gevernment which he suid, sucked the bloorl of or children.
uguste had left the marais overnight; gand it was better in all ways that the old peoplo should not go with him to ouen. He toid his mother that it would hard for her to say her last good-by mong strangers, and it might make nim ask before his comrades; then, too, he or you, little mother, th bock to the ome alone.'
And as she stood and naw him disap. ear in the darkness, which hid the His last thought keep back, she said: She had tried since then to
ul, and at the end of the first fortnight here had come to her a great reward or her courage-a letter from Auguste. It he told her he was weil, and that o far as he could be happy anay from home he liked his new life: he liked ome of his comrades, too; the officer ere kind to them,one of them even em loyed him to do littlo personal services, "Dear mother," the ietter went on, "Mon sieur le Captaine may! 1 am willing and
handy, truly, if $I$ am, it is to you $I$ ore handy, truly, if I
to be continued
Prindo Biamark who is suffering from
an atteox of sciatioa, is much chagrined
bocaue Lunnenburg, hithertor the
conntitruency of his soo, Count Horbert conntiturency of his son, Count Horber
Bimant, has returned a liberal to the
Relchatig.

