"AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM."

The sight of her sick husband crouch-

"Yes, yes, my man," she says, cheer,

fully, "here is our Auguste come back

and right hungry, too, you may be sure.

It is a long walk from Yvetos you know

Auguste has not followed her in; his

footsteps sound slow and heavy. he lost-

ers outside a minute or two, then goes

ing over the fire recalls her wits.

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and when she opens the door she sees that Auguste's face is hidden by his consider himself helpless, it seemed impossible that any one so cheerful and hands as he rests his elbows on the table active as his uncomplaining wife should His father roused at last by the unusual be ailing except by her own fault. silence is looking round at his son.

Auguste stood still when his father spoke. He was young, but he knew what his mother wanted, and in that moment he realized what the loss of him would be to her. He loved his er, and his tears are falling on the front father dearly, but he did not see why he should be spared the grief that had come upon them all.

> Our soldiers have been beaten, they a fellow is strong there is no escape. I am drawn for the conscription, and I have to march on Monday.

His father stood still; his fingers clutched nervously at the front of his blouse; he looked sicklier than ever.

Maire said to me, 'Auguste will be exwords shall not reach his father, "it has empted; your years of military service come at last that which we have dreaded -you lost your arm, the poor lads in He feels a shiver in the arms round his Italy,' his voice grew husky as he glanneck, he feels, too, that her breath is ced at his wife's bent head. 'Monsieur drawn more deeply, and he tries to smile le Maire has said that all these things bravely, though he does not look at her must preserve us our last child, and .... face. "Yes, mother, I am no longer Au and-I told him what a good child he guste Didier, I am No. 317. I am drawn was.'

His eyes shone with tears as they met He felt surprised, wounded even, when his son's.

he saw that her first thought was for his Auguste only shook his head for anfather. She looked around and held her swer. breath a moment, and then she turned

to her boy, her poor face so pale and energy. changed, that instinctively he tightened

will see. I go to-morrow to Monsieur le Maire, and then to Rouen; they will not take you from us when they have heard. Auguste went up to his mother, and hugged her closely to him. Something told him that was the best c omfort she could have that he could give. Then he said tenderly; 'It is late; we had bet-

### CHAPTER II.

A month has gone by, or, as they have invitation to share his mirth, so dear to Auguste, let us hear what fun is going in marched away with his fellow-recruits.

### LONELY.

I look above in the heavens. To the star by her set apart, Which often in hours of sadness Illumined and gladdened my heart But o night a cloud has come o'er it, And hidden its lustre from me. A to night I am mournful and lonely. Oh lonely as lonely can be.

Poor waif what need of repining Said a voice from the caverns below If the hearts thou lovest are too narrow, To embrace thee now in thy woo, Look up to Him whose affection Is broad and immense as the sea. And thy scull so despondent and lonely Shall be happy as happy can be.

### CHAPTER I.

Midway between the Norman seaport Havre and the city of Paris, there stands, on the very edge of the river Seine, the quaintest little town in the Pays de Caux. Its gabled half-timbered houses are grosped around a grand old Gothic church just where two green valleys meet, and send a little river trickling through the pebble paved streets,

to lose itself in the Seine. This little stream is called St. Gertrude, and before it reaches the street it meanders pleasantly across the marais, as some willow-fringed fields are called, The willow trees plainly love the little river, for the grow on both sides of it, and bend down caressingly till their gray green leaves make reflections therein, along with the yellow sedges, and the purple loosestrife and paler agrimony, which assert themselves in patches of color gainst the bank, All these pictures

tle stream half an hour ago, but now the sun has sunk behind the trees on the western side of the marais, and grass and leaves and reflections have put on a

sleep.

A hush on the lofty mountains A hush in the lowly vales And night from the lanes of the forest Her funerial shadow trails. I wander afar on the headland To the foot of the tamarac tree, And I muse forsaken and lonely; Oh lonely as lonely can be.

I bend my ear and listen If the voices of loved ones at home Will come through the silence and whis-

per A solace to me in the gloom Alas I hear not in the stillness Save the moan of the desolate sea And my heart it is aching and lonely Oh lonely as lonely can be.

A sigh o'er the days of my cbildhood. A tear for the beautiful past. No trust in the hopes of the future. No hopes of a joy that will last I live encircled by phantoms And cling to a love that must flee I ne'er was so sad and so lonely, Oh lonely as lonely can be,

John Lesperance

showed vividly on either side of the lit-

sombre robe of olive before they go to

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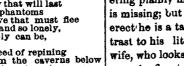
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round to the outhouse. 'What ails the lad?' his father says; he says nothing-and I that have not seen him these two days.' Jules Didier turns round a pale, sallow

Jules.'

face, almost covered by a grizzled beard that sorely needs the barber. His eyes are dark and haggard, his face has suffering plainly marked on it, one arm, too is missing; but as he rises and stands erect he is a tall man, a thorough contrast to his little stooping, blue-eyed wife, who looks like a ball as she 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 half across the unbleached homespun tablecloth; a small pitcher of cider, and a gaudy red and blue plate full of huge white radishes are placed on either side.

him. Love, that best of teachers, has given

o poor, old, ignorant Suzanne the key which unlocks an overbuidened heart. She is so emptied of self that she is a part of Auguste, and the poor fellow's

heart cases itself without effort into this sympathy which does not even offer it-Auguste goes up to his father: he kissself because it is already his. es both cheeks, and then merely saying "Mother," he says softly, so that his you have supped,' he seats himself, and

eats his soup in silence. The father groans as he sits down again, for his joints are old and stiff with rheumatism. Auguste's silence does not seem to him out of the usual course of things, and when one is troubled with one's own ailments one is sometimes less sensitive about the joys and sorrows of others.

La Mere Suzanne has such a busy time of it that she can never find a moment to think about herself in. Her Jules, her Auguste, and those three dear deal sons who fell at Magenta aud Solferino occupy all her thoughts-the poor mother often wonders where her dear boys graves are, if there were faint. but a chance of finding them out, she sometime thinks she would like to make a pilgrimage to Italy, although Monsieur la Cure says Italy is a long way off-farther even than Paris.

hot and weary. Shall not Auguste help Her thoughts just now are full of Auguste. She stands out of his sight, you to bed? he is tired and wants rest." and yet she is watching him, She has shoulder. been every moment expecting to hear his merry laugh, and to see his bright face turn towards her with that look of said with some discontent. ' Come, have passed since the morning her boy

clasp like an iron ban l.

peace.

in a moment.

of her gown.

To him, however, Auguste's attitude

Outside the door she has been saying

'He must be left alone-yes, yes, 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

"There, there, my jewel, my well-below

ed;" she rocks his head i her arms,

pressing it against her bosom as if he

were an infant. She does not question

for the Army of the North."

to the invalid.

She stops outside. All within is silent. deal Jules, who was so often a suff-ad when she opens the door she sees erer, and who had grown accustomed to

She looked up at him with scared, speaks only of fatigue and Jules idea is pathetic eyes. She did not mean any that the lad will get a nap if he is left in reproach, she only longed dimly for something which she felt he could not give her.

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But as Suzanne looks at her boy the 'Kiss me, Jules,' she said, and then. pain at her heart comes back. She closes as his rough chin rubbed her forehead, the door, and Anguste lifts his head. she sank back feebly, as if in those few His dreary craving gaze draws her to him minutes she had grown older.

'I will tell you, father,' he said, hoarsely, and then you can help mother to bear it. 1 knew it was coming, but I did not know it would come so soon.' want all the men they can get, and if

'It cannot be,' he said. 'Monsieur le

Jules went on with sudden, unusual

'There is a mistake. Yes, yes. you ter all go to bed, mother.'

'I have not heard any news yet,' he seemed to Suzanne, thirty long days

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The marais lies higher than the town a mother's heart. \_vet it is lower than the road which

leads past it to the gabled half-timbered houses beside the Seine. A young fellow, 17 years old or so.

sunburned and blue-eyed, with the Saxon looking face so often seen in the Norman peasant, turns aside from this road as he reaches a by path, and goes down to a plank bridge across the little stream. The light is now so dim that the cottage near the big yellow tree in the corner of the marais can hardly be made out, but the figure of a woman standing in front of the cottage doorway can be seen a good way off; the lilac cot ton jacket above her dark skirt; and hersnowy linen cap, are very distinct against the dim blurred background of the cottage and willow trees. The woman's nose and chin; slways near toget her-for she has lost her teeth-are now closer than ever, she is smiling such a

fond welcome to her boy. "Come come," she says blithely, "you must want your supper badly, Auguste, She bustles forward and tries to take from him the bundle he carries on his shoulder, while he kisses both her with ered cheeks.

But Auguste does not smile . back in the old face so near his own, and he says, "No, no," almost sternly, as he holds the bundle away from her,

His mother-they call her La Mere Suzanne in the little town by the Seine, turns meekly away and goes back into the cottage, but her head is bent, and she has left off smiling. 'She knows, by help of that sympathy which exists be tween a loving mother and her child, at her. that something ails Auguste, and a dread

He has finished his soup now, but he 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 his own time. 'When the troubles get too heavy to bear,' she says meekly to herself, 'my Auguste will come and tell it to his mother'. It costs her a struggle to keep down her long. ing to comfort him. She wants to put her arm round his neek and to ask him to tell her his sorrow; but this might vex him-- 'who can tell?' she says, bravely. The struggle has brought tears to her eyes, and she goes quickly away to the outhouse and dries them there on her apron.

While she stands at the door and looks out over the cabbage-plot a smile comes over her face. Something is creep ing about in the gloom, and now a long haired bushy-tailed gray cat emerges from behind a row of globe-shaped cabbages with leaves curling outwards like a rose. 'Mousseline, Mousse, Mousse, what are you doing?' Suzanne laughs merrily as the cat comes close, and lays at her feet a large yellow frog which he has caught among the cabbages, and which by his purring and the arching of his back and tail he intimates is vermin not to be tolerated on the premises.

La More Suzanne stoops down and pats Mousseline, and the cat rubs itselfagain-

"Good Mousseline," she says: "good Principal of the College | which she cannot put away seems to | cat! Come in and see Auguste."

the market to day. Is Rouen as full of travellers as usual, or have the Prussians only'crumbles the bit of bread which is frightened them away! Ah! those put beside his plate. Then he sighs, and Prussians, they are rough customerseh, my lad? Why, mother, what alls you! '

his hold lest she should fall lown in a

She kissed Auguste's forehead, and

"Jules, my man," she said, cheerfully,

Jules Didier looked wistfully over his

"you are very tired; the day has been

then drawing herself away she went up

She had been taken unawares; as he uttered those careless words about the Prussians, there rose up before her a battle-field; with her boy, her darling Auguste, fighting hand to hand with dark, fierce-looking men, whom she knew must be German soldiers.

She gave a sudden sharp cry, and, flinging her apron over her head, she reeled back against the table.

Auguste's arm was around her in an instant, and he placed her in the chair in which he had been sitting. But he did not stoop to kiss her. The young fellow knew that he must play the man if he would not break the hearts of these two who so fondly loved him.

At that moment his mother's tenderness was a danger which he must avoid. So he walked up and down the stone floored room-up and down three times, his head bent on his breast, and his hands behind his back.

But his father had no eyes for him. It was new to Jules that his wife should ail anything, and a vague terror came that she was, perhaps, dying. Death and Suzanne? The two ideas had never before come to him hand in hand. He rose up pale and trem bling, and going over where she sat he put his one arm round her and patted her bent shoulder

'What is it,' he said, in a hurried, alarmed way. What have you done to yourself-tell me, Suzanne? What has happened?'

The last words sounded fretful, for in . | Reichstag.

A few words from Moesieur le Maire had convinced Jules that there was no hope of release, and then he went back to his costomary helplessness, varied, it is true, by unusual distribes against a gevernment which he said, sucked the blood of her children.

Auguste had left the marais overnight; he said it was better in all ways that the old people should not go with him to Rouen. He told his mother that it would be hard for her to say her last good-by among strangers, and it might make nim weak before his comrades; then, too, he had added lovingly. "It will be so hard for you, little mother, to go back to the home alone."

And as she stood and saw him disap. pear in the darkness, which hid the tears she could not keep back, she said: "His last thought was for me,"

She had tried since then to keep cheerful, and at the end of the first fortnight there had come to her a great reward for her courage-a letter from Auguste. In it he told her he was well, and that so far as he could be happy away from home he liked his new life: he liked some of his comrades, too; the officers were kind to them, one of them even em. ployed him to do little personal services. "Dear mother," the letter went on, "Mon. sieur le Captaine says I am willing and handy, truly, if I am, it is to you I owe these qualities."

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Prince Bismark who is suffering from an attack of sciatica, is much chagrined because Lunnenburg, hitherto the constituency of his son, Count Herbert Bismark, has returned a liberal to the