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## THE RED ROSE.

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AFTER their first embraces, he presented his young companion to his family ; a few words sufficed to interest his mother and sisters deeply. Scarcely had Blanche manifested a desire to resume the dress of her own sex, before the young girls almost dragged her away, and were disputing as to who should have the pleasure of being her *femme-de chambre*.

This conduct, simple as it may appear at the first thought, nevertheless acquired great value by the circumstances of the moment. Nantes was struggling under the proconsulate of Carrier.

It is a strange spectacle for the eye and the mind to see a whole town all bleeding from the bites of one man. We ask whence arises that force which takes an absolute command over 80,000 individuals over whom it dominates, and how is it that when one alone says, I will, all the rest do not rise and say : it is well !.....but we will not. It is because there is a natural habit of servility in the soul of the mass of mankind, and that individuals alone have ardent desires for liberty. It is because the people, as Shakespeare says, know no other method of rewarding Cæsar, than by making him Cæsar. This is why there is tyrants of liberty as well as tyrants of monarchy.

So blood flowed in the streets of Nantes, and Carrier, who was to Robespierre what the hyena is to the tiger, and the jackall to the lion, gorged himself with the purest of this blood, until he