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CHAPTER XXXVI.

CHAPTER XXXV .- Continued. | was now certain, and with this I had What a sight met my eyes when to be content. Rachel turned the key in the lock and we entered through the low door into the dangeon! On a heap of rotten straw, whence arose an intoler- ful one for me, so fearful was I of able stench, I beheld two figures missing the appointed hour. The clad in rags. One seemed to sleep prisoner to whose cell I was to be and lay moaning as if in a troubled conducted, was one of the most disdream; the other, putting aside her tinguished of English peers, in whose snow white bair that hung about her fate I was deeply interested. Philip wrinkled, pallid face, shaded her Howard, Earl of Arundel, had two sunken eyes with a trembling hand years previously been received into and peered at me through the gloom. the Church by our friend, Father It was my dear, good grandmother! Weston. In order to live in accord-I should not have recognized her if ance with his creed, he had resigned I had not known that she was here the highest posts at Elizabeth's and heard the familiar tones of her Court, intending to go abroad. Bevoice, and with her own gentle man- trayed by the captain of the vessel ner, she greeted my comparion, and on which he took his passage, and asked who she had brought with brought back to London in custody,

"Ruth Forster, our new maid- without even the semblance of judiservant," Rachel replied. "We cial inquiry or sentence, imprisoned shall see how long she can put up in the Beauchamp tower. There be with the she-dragon, our mistress. languished for ten years, and died How are you to-day, Mistress Bel- the death of a confessor, or rather of lamy, and how is your daughter?"

"It is well with me and my poor his food. At the time of which I am granddaughter," was the reply, "for speaking he had been about a year it is with us as God wills, and as he in prison, and was leading the life of has foreknown from all eternity, and an ascetic; increasing, as far as bis ordained for our eternal welfare. outer man was concerned, the suffer-Annie is quieter, she is almost al- ings of incarceration, but alleviating ways asleep, like a child. God in them in regard to his inner man, by His mercy has cast a veil over her almost unbroken prayer and medimental vision, thus she is insensible tation, by strict fasts and voluntary to earthly woe. She fancies herself acts of penance. We had heard at Wexindon, and talks about the much that was edifying from his wonderful plant that blossomed there confessor. Father Weston, of this this spring, and in the summer bore man, who for Christ's sake joyfully five blood-red berries. I told you bore separation from wife and chilabout it the other day. So this is dren; and I rejoiced at the prospect your new maid-servant? Come of seeing one whose example I should hither, girl, if you do not shrink do well to follow, from an old woman, and let me see At last the clock struck two. your face, as well as I can in this Noiselessly I crept through the loft, feeling in the dark for the ladder.

A slight cry which would not be My guardian angel guided me to it. altogether suppressed, escaped my Not without trepidation did I set my lips, as I stepped forward, and tak- feet on the rungs, and begin to deeing my grandmother's hand, kissed cend into unknown depths. Before it tenderly. I sank on my knees, I reached the bottom, Bill Bell openhardly able to contain myself. ed the door, and a ray of moonlight Rachel thought I was fainting. "I fell across the floor. We stole along told you, you had better remain out- the side of the Lieutenant's house. side, it takes time to get accustomed and along the foot of the wall con to the stench of these dungeons," necting the Bell tower with the she exclaimed, and taking some Besuchamp, taking care to keep water from a stone pitcher that stood within the shadow they cast, for all by, she sprinkled it on my temples. around the moonlight shone clear as I sprang to my feet, and once more day on tower and turret. Within raised my grandmother's hand to the vast fortress, whose precincts my lips. I then perceived what I enclosed many a sad and brokenhad not noticed before, that her right hearted sufferer, perfect silence arm was fettered, and fastened by a reigned, broken only by the tramp thick chain to a ring that ran on an of the sentry on the ramparts : heariron rod reaching from one wall to ing which, we crept closer to the the other behind the bed, "Is it wall to elude observation. At length possible," I cried, "that any one the Beauchamp tower was gained, can treat an old woman of eighty in the gate was siar, a few stops further this wise !"

My grandmother smiled, and said : "These fetters will not hold me long. You seem to have a kind heart : may God bless you in time and in eter- and several martyrs, too, had been nity!" and she made the sign of the cross on my forehead. I looked sor rowfully at my sister, who lay with averted countenance on the bed, and she added: "Do not disturb poor Anne, she is asleep." She pressed my hand, and I went away, fearing to awaken suspicion in Rachel's mind. As we descended the spiral staircase, she did in fact say : "You are far too soft-bearted for a maid in the Tower. Or perhaps you knew the Bellamy's before?" Thereupon I replied that such a sight, even in the case of a perfect stranger, was enough to move anyone, and she did not gainsay me.

pork," was the advice to the Towards evening I contrived consumptive 50 and 100 ask the old skipper whether he could procure me an interview with Father Crichton, or, to speak plainly, ar opportunity to approach the Sacra ments and hear Mass, for he knew I was a Catholic. He said it was food the consumptive needs always a venturesome thing to do but often the Catholic prisoners came out of their several cells, and met in one where Mass could be most con veniently said. The golden key was omnipotent. He thought tha very night, between two and three Scott's Emulsion is the most in the morning, they were to meet refined of fats, especially for that purpose in the Beauchamp tower, where the Earl of Arundel was confined, and if I was not afraid, he would conduct me thither, I assented joyfully; and he showed me a ladder whereby I might climb down out of a loft to which I could obtain access from my room. If I had the courage to do that, he woulawait me in the stable below at two o'clock precisely. I said I would trust to my guardian angel to keep me from missing the ladder in the weak parts and has a special darkness, or taking a false step, and so the matter was agreed upon. I action on the diseased lungs. wanted to persuade him to bring my uncle Remy and poer Babington as well, but although I offered him a large bribe, he would not hear it. It was quite impossible, he said, for they were heavily ironed, and the key of their fetters was in the Lord Lieutenant's safe keeping. However he promised to take the priest to them before their execution, which

shelf. Behind them I could discern the words which the noble E r had carved in a stone: "Quanto plus afflictionis pro Christo

in hoc saccula. Tanto plus gloriae cum Obristo in

the cell, and in a few minutes the priest came in, a man still young and very pale, whose office was not to be known by his clothes, which were of a grey color, but by the respect wherewith Lord Arundel greeted him Father Critchon (for it was he) knelt for a brief space in prayer; then, in purposely low tones, he addressed to those present a brief exhortation, saying in a few short sentences much that was encouraging and consoling about the royal road of the Cross, The following night was a wakewhich the Son of God points out to us as the path to Heaven. This done, he seated himself on a chair in one corner, and heard Arundel's conession, as well as that of one or two others. I expected as much, and nad prepared myself; accordingly I went up and made my confession. At BY THE the close I asked the priest, whom I told who I was, whether he could give me any comfort about my relatives. As He told me of Uncle Barty's happy death, and said Uncle Remy and my randmother rejoiced to suffer imprisonment and perhaps death for a deed of charity. Nor was I to grieve over Anne's lot; in a lucid interval she had he was, by the Queen's command, nade her confession, and now the Divine physician, who apportions to each his measure of suffering, had caused sleep to fall on her mental faculties. Finally he warned me that must use great circumspection, and a martyr, for poison was mixed with

> Immediately afterwards he vested and said Mass. Lord Arundel served. and we all received Holy Communion. Aptly is that celestial food called the bread of the strong; the solace and strength I derived from it was great ndeed. I do not think I could have borne for a single week the vexations to which my mistress subjected me, had it not been for the support afforded by this holy sacrament, and the Mass at which I assisted almost every week, either in the Beauchamp or ome other tower. Thus even in the prison house, when at times my burden seemed too heavy to be borne, a ource of spiritual consolation was

counselled me to supernaturalize by

had undertaken for love of my kins-

still open to me. The next time that I went with commodated for this place. May be a suggestion in this for you. God reward a thousandfold those who have befriended us !" And then she ooked at me in such a loving manner, that I felt amply rewarded for all and we passed through a massive that I had done. Thus I daily had an opportunity of hearing a word of consolation and encouragement from my grandmother's lips; as for my poor sister she never spoke to me, but emained in the same imbecile condi-

> My feast, the Nativity of Our Lady. came and went; I heard that Walsinghiding in the skipper's house at St. Catherine's wharf, and that it was thought that the Queen of Scots would be put to death.

Then came the day when Babington and his friends were arraigned before a Court of Justice appointed by the Queen. It was the 14th of Sep. tember, the Exaltation of the Holy sumption. "Eat plenty of Cross. We watched the barge with the accused as it passed beneath the broad arch of the bridge at St. Thomas' tower, to go out through the Traitor's gate down to Westminster. Salt pork is good if a man John Ballard, the priest, my unhappy can stomach it. The idea brother-in law, Anthony Babington, behind it is that fat is the besides Salisbury, Barnewell, Donne and Tichbourne were there; also John Savage, whom I had never seen before. He had been arraigned on the

preceding day, but sentence had not ern method of feeding fat to been passed on him. Heavily ironed, the consumptive. Pork is too they sat, surrounded by men-at-arms, in the centre of the boat, which moved slowly onwards, keeping close to the banks, in order that the crowds of spectators who had assembled there, prepared for easy digestion. might stare at them and revile them at their pleasure. The prisoners remained unmoved amid the insults way, which is often the only of the populace. I was told that they way, is half the battle, but all pleaded guilty of having conspired Scott's Emulsion does more to set Mary Stuart at liberty, and of than that. There is some- not having given information of Parthing about the combination ma's design to land foreign troops in of cod liver oil and hypophos- England; but they positively denied having plotted against Elizabeth's life. phites in Scott's Emulsion Savage alone owned this; be said a that puts new life into the certain Gilbert Gifford, formerly pro-

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act. Nor could Babington deny hav-A sample will be ing been privy to Savage's murderous design. sent free upon request.

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ment, wherein numerous state pris-

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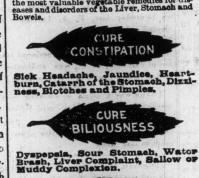
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> > the night

Of anxious worry seem to point the way. Does God or Satan beckon? Soul devout,

'Tis thou alone art safe to judge aright; For thine is wisdom's course in doubt, to pray Ave Maria

F. E. B.

We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February-Feb. - means Freeze every body, and that man looked frozen in Rachel to carry the prisoner's dinner his ulster. It was apparent that he to the Cold Harbor, we found, to her needed the kind of warmth that stays, surprise and my joy, a great change the warmth that reaches from head to in their circumstances. The cell had foot, all over the body. We could been cleansed, a wooden bedstead have told him from personal knowand mattress substituted for the foul ledge that Hood's Sarsaparilla gives heap of straw, and even a small table permanent warmth, it invigorates the and two chairs were placed before it. blood and speeds it along through My dear grandmother was sitting at artery and vein, and really fits the table with her back against the men and women, boys and girls, to wall; she rose and came to meet us, enjoy cold weather and resist the as far, that is as her claim permitted, attack of disease. It gives the right saying to Rachel, " see, what influence kind of warmth, stimulates and and the kindness of friends can do strengthens at the same time, and all for one. We are really too well ac- its benefits are lasting. There may

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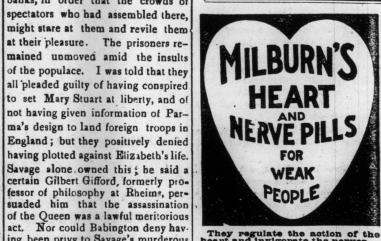
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