

heart; but Thérèse interrupted him with her worldly thoughts.

"Hold up the robe, Benoit," said she; she was too much a woman not to wish to satisfy her vanity at this moment.

"A goddess, yes, a goddess! Oh, how beautiful you are! how beautiful!"

Thérèse cast her roguish looks on the young man, whose face beamed with delight.

"Eh, Mr. Benoit," she said, "you can also grow passionate?"

"Do not mock me, citizen! Do you not know that I love you with all the fervour of which a human heart is capable.

"My God, Benoit," she replied hastily and gravely; "why do you tell me this?"

"Why do I tell you this?" he exclaimed, in the enthusiasm of love. "Have I not kept quiet long enough, and has my silence not been a rack threatening my destruction?"

Thérèse began to be alarmed, and anxiously gazed round her. "Calm yourself," she said in a whisper. "You may be heard, some one may come."

"Come who may; I do not care. The fountain is open, and I cannot stop it."

"You make me wretched, Benoit. What will they say if they hear you—no one knows what you have done for me!"

"Done? Only too little. My will was the only deed."

"Leave me! Go!" withdrawing her hand that he still held in his own.

"You banish me?" he exclaimed, in distress.

"Only for the present, my friend. You know I am going to my wedding."

"This is just the most dreadful thing of all."

"Don't be foolish! no not abuse my kindness!"

"Oh," he complained, "you have no sympathy with me."

"I pity you, Benoit; but go you must!"

He hesitated, whether he should at once comply with her

request, or remain. He remained, and more vehemently than before he seized her hand, and falling on his knees, exclaimed impetuously:

"Go, I shall! yes, I will go, Thérèse; I will never see you again, you angel who have wandered for me on earth! But before I go, let me confess how, since your appearance in the gloomy cell, you have been the idol of my dreams. And I wished for nothing more but mutely to love you, to see and serve you, and I have proved it to you in Bordeaux, at Montreuil and the Luxembourg. To liberate you, I accepted the post of a turn-key, and would have conducted you out of the prison, if the events of that night of Thermidor had not destroyed my well-laid scheme. He who was the most fortunate in Bordeaux has been so here. Do you not comprehend what I have suffered and am still suffering for you? You, this happy man's bride, forbid me, after all those proofs of my love for you, the confession of them which affords me so much joy. This is the only thing I ever asked of you."

"Oh, my God!" she exclaimed, racked with anxiety, and too powerless to give, by an unkind word, new sorrow to the unfortunate Benoit, to whom she owed so much gratitude.

"Let me enjoy these few moments of my life, then I will leave you," he continued. "You will now become the wife of another, and live happily with him. You know that another heart has belonged to you, which is now breaking. You are going to be the wife of citizen Tallien, who is a well-known and celebrated man. But what am I?—a turn-key, a servant. How could I elevate my eyes to you? However," he added, woefully, after these bitter words, "know that God has equally given to all men hearts and the capability of loving, and that I have loved you as purely and fervently as any nobleman can do."

At this moment Tallien entered the room. He came to lead his bride to the nuptials. The carpets made his steps inaudible; the drapery at the door, which he had only to move aside, caused no noise. He was not perceived, as Thérèse had her back towards the door, and Benoit, who held her hand, was kneeling before her. The veins on the forehead of the young deputy swelled with rage. He saw his bride agonized with anguish and pity, and he heard the kneeling stranger say:

"I am going, Thérèse—oh, forget me not! Think sometimes in your happiness of poor Benoit, who, in his misery, has loved you so faithfully."

Tallien's eyes flashed fire; he turned hastily round, and a few seconds later stood in the same place, but this time holding a pistol in his hand.

Once more he suffered with a cruel smile the professions of love by this stranger to strike his ears, then rushing forward, cried:

"Wretch!"

He had already raised the pistol, but before he fired, Thérèse caught his arm.

"Stop! No murder."

"No murder, Madame?" he said, sarcastically. "No, but expiation for a crime. Oh, you also are a wretch."

"You will learn your mistake if you can for a moment command yourself," she replied, energetically. "This poor lad has shown his devotion to me as turn-key in the prison, also at the castle of Montreuil, where he was a servant."

Tallien now recognized Benoit who had risen from the floor, and with his gloomy eyes gazed quietly on his rival as the one who had communicated to him the news of Thérèse's arrest at Montreuil. He burst out laughing, and laying his pistols aside, said:

"He is only an enthusiast! Or what else is he? An enamoured fool?"

"Tallien," replied Thérèse in a tone of reproach, "why punish so severely a poor unfortunate, to whom I owe so much, for his misplaced affection? Be just and noble, my beloved, he deserves it."

She proffered her hand to Benoit, who smiled with delight at these words.

"Well, may I not know this mysterious story?" asked Tallien. "Why did you conceal from me the services of this man? Why do I find him here, whither he must have had a clandestine admittance? You will not take these questions amiss before our marriage, citizen?"

To be continued.

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A SONG.

John Company once owned a very large farm, Extending from sea to sea, Where he drove his own curs, and traded in furs— And a very rich man was he, was he— A monopolist was he.

Time rolled away—full centuries two, And things became altered quite: For John he got old, so his farm he sold— But in doing so did not do right, right, right, In doing so trampled on right.

Now John on his farm had raised human stock Of a French-Indian breed, Who became very bold, when they were all told To depend on Canadian feel, head, lead— To this they replied—no, indeed!

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Ottawa, 25th January, 1870. 15f

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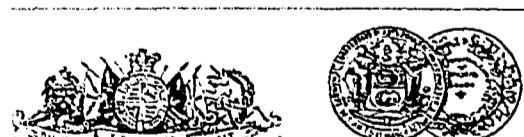
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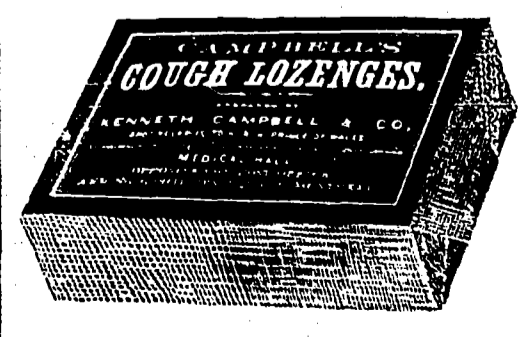
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