THE WONDERFUL FLOWER OF WOXINDON

An Historical Romance of the Times of Oueen Elizabeth.

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CHAPTER XIV.-(Continued.) May the devil fetch me bodily— to echo the wish of my Puritan host. not a very easy task with a man of There was in my nature too much of my weight by the bye—if I do not human kindness, despite my early prove worthy of my Lord Secretary's training and teaching, to allow me

Having given utterance to these beford me. Mary Stuart appeared forcible words, my man rose to his far from well; it was not without feet, not without an effort, and prepared to depart. We told him he and the arm of one of her attendants, had better wait a few moments she descended the stone steps and onger, as we wanted him to make seated berself upon a chair which the acquaintance of the men with her Secretary Mr. Nau placed for whom he would have to consult and her. She then threw back her veil. combine. So he dropped down on Her countenance had been robbed of the bench again, saying we could its bloom by long years of captivity; imagine that he could not bear stand. it was pale, almost sallow, and aping, and begging that he might have parently slightly swollen. Yet I a second tankard of ale, as there was not a more thirsty soul than himself. beautiful and so dignified; they bore E e long Gifford and Philipps made the stamp of gentleness and serenity; their appearance, and the three the expression of her large dark eyes strange comrades soon came to an was kindly in the extreme. A be-

I may as well here mention briefly which were almost colorless, while the manner in which the honest brewer proposed to lay his toils. her alms to each applicant in turn: He was not only a brewer by trade, she seemed to know them all, and but an accomplished cooper, and had a friendly word for every one. could both make and mend his barrels and casks. Gifford knew this, less according to their needs, from a and he therefore asked him if it were purse which her Secretary held for not practicable to make a false bot- her; to others she gave a loaf of flat tin case, containing the letters of her maidens. wrapped in parchment, could be "At one time," remarked Sir. slipped into the empty partition. Amias, "she attempted to teach the on. Nothing could be simpler, Bulky children the soul-destroying docanswored; adding that he could trines of Antichrist, and make them insert a spring in one of the staves pray to the Virgin and the Saints. exactly opposite to the vent-hole, But I put a stop to that, and she which would enable the false bottom does not dare now to infect the souls to be opened, and the letters put into, of the people with that poison.*. or withdrawn from the receptacle. I was astonished at Gifford's device, health," I observed. "Her comand the readiness with which the plexion is bad, and she looks as if brewer took it up.

"There is only one difficulty that I see," he said at length. "How is his grizzly beard, "that comes from Nau, the Queen's secretary, to be confinement and want of exercise. informed of the construction of the When she was at Tutbury, Sir Ralph new cask, which I will make by next Sadler used from time to time let

her go out heron-hawking. Now I "That is easily arranged," I re- keep her much stricter. Since plied. "You have only to write on Christmas she has never once b a piece of paper a few words to the beyond these walls, and the aparteffect that the Queen's friends have ments are rather fusty, and not over found a means of secret intelligence to her and of learning her wishes, from the Privy Council not to proand telling them to press the middle vide a very generous table for her. stave of the barrel, where there is a At one time I thought she had spot of tar. The master brewer must dropsy, and would not live long. contrive to slip the paper into the But now that the weather is improvhand of the servant who takes the ing, it seems almost as if she were cask, and all will go smoothly, for getting well sgain, like a bird after Sir Amias will wink at it." moulting. In fact she may live to

In reality all did go smoothly with spite me and other people for a good our plan, and I feel myself to have many years to come, if the execubeen an accomplice in the treachery, tioner does not make short work and in its fatal consequences. May with her. She uses a stick because God in his mercy pardon me. of rheumatism, for the dampness of the old stone walls have got into her

CHAPTER XV.

The Lops that the scheme which with the pain, and much I doubt we had just been conducting would whether she will get rid of it in the prove a sure and speedy means of summer. Her hair has turned very bringing his prisoner to the block, grey this winter, though she is only put Sir Amias in the best of humors. forty-four years of age. I believe He entertained me right royally at the cause of that is her grief about dinner, regaling me, not only with the King of Scotland, her son, who the excellent Burton Ale, but with a foreswore the Popish errors and bottle of choice wine, wherein to made himself Elizabeth's ally, withdrink Her Majesty's health and de- out stipulating for his mother's restruction to all her enemies.

Presently he said that it was now time, if I wanted to see the Queen of not take my eyes from the royal Scots amongst the beggar-folk. Of lady, As I watched her giving course I was anxious to see her, bread to the hungry with loving whom from my tenderest years I condescension, the thought occurred had been taught to regard as the to me that in the great day of recksich-onemy of the word of God, oning our Lord would say to her: Paulet conducted me into another "Amen I say to you, as long as you apartment, whence a view of the did it to one of these my least courtyard was to be obtained. The Bietbrer, ye did it to me." Howonter gate was closed and guarded ever, I instantly repelled the idea as by a few armed men. On the steps a temptation of the devil, so difficult leeding to a side door in the opposite is it to overcome the pr judices early wing of the building a considerable instilled into one. number of poor and sfflicted were congregated, Cripples were there resting on their crutches; sufferers pale and emaciated, displaying hide ragged garments. There were about ed, and turning once more towards ous sores, and clothed in scanty and half a bundred of them, and Paulet told me there were four times as many waiting outside, but he did not allow more than four dezen to be let in, and they were watched, lest they should bring in, or carry away any messages. Then he fell to abusing the whole pack of mendicants, declaring they would all return to the abomination of Popery tomorrow, for the sake of the monks who gave victuals to them daily at the monas

While he was discoursing after this fashion, the bell in the turret struck three. At the first stroke the men dicants began to bestir themselves they pressed toward the side door, which was opened almost immedi ately to give egress to a queenly figure, habited entirely in black, with a white widow's veil. She was accompanied by one or two waiting women. The people flocked around her with respectful familiarity. "There she is," said Paulet. the one in black with the veil; that | thing will. is the Jezabel, and may Jezab l's seems some sample and the he said, in making them all as mum

I made no rejoinder to the knight's remarks. The struggle had already commenced in my heart between divine grace and deep seated prejudice and it was with me as it is with every one who strives to close his ears to the inspirations of the Holy Ghost I felt strangely dissatisfied and embittered, and could bear no longer to remain in the castle of which the As love could fashion from resource royal lady, the sight of whom had had so powerful effect upon me, was A necklace quaint of berries red and an inmate. So I told Sir Amias that I must go as far as Bedworth or Rugby that evening, as I had to be back in I cannot say that I was inclined London be-times the day after next, be brought round. He sent polite nessages to my uncle, and promised But on a day when all the world wa to look unmoved upon the spectacle despatch a messenger on horseback as soon as there should be inelligence of any importance to comnunicate. He also undertook to ook narrowly after Gifford and the rewer. Thus I rode away from Chartley with disquiet in my soul.

Walsingham received me most kindly, and rubbed his hands together delightedly when I gave my report. Then he said it was high time that I should put in an appearance at Court for a few days, to pay my devoirs to Her Majesty, and recall myself at the same time to Miss Cecil's remembrance. He gave me some useful bints, as to what I should say nign smile played about her lips, was not to breathe a word about Babington's plans and our counterwith her own hand she distributed barefaced compliments to the Queen Cecil, who was of a graver disposition. could get on very well, but with tom to one of the barrels, so that a bread from a basket carried by one ed in my speech: I ought to imitate easier to bear the heat, assures re-Raleigh, and other courtiers, and so

> Accordingly early the next mornng I repaired to Richmond, where the Court then was. In the anteoom I found a number of young noblemen, who greeted me most court cously: They had heard that I had only recently arrived from Paris, and was overwhelmed with questions about the French Court and all man ner of things. Happily for me, the great folding doors leading to the Boyal apartments were soon rolled back ; two of the Queens body guard carrying halberds, commonly called beef-eaters, from their attendance at the buffetier, or sideboard, placed fully, "every house in that addition themselves in the entry; the groom is rented now but one." of the chambers with his silver staff his friend, " is last, but not leased " that Her Majesty would shortly appear. The courtiers ranged themselves on each side of the room, and in a few moments the Queen entered,

with Lord Burghley at her side.

"She does not seem in good

"Yes, yes," he replied, stroking

joints, so that she moans at night

While Paulet was talking, I could

When half-past three struck, she

forthwith rose, and supported by

said that formerly there was such a

clamor of thanks and blessings, that

he had made a strict rule that any

one who said a word aloud should

never be admitted again into the

courtyard. That had been effectual,

no escaping the germs of consump-

tion; kill them with health. Health

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will give you that health, if any-

she were suffering."

Elizabeth walked with her head nore than usually erect, without aking the Lord Treasurer, as was her wont. This was a sign that she was not in the best of tempers; the peculiar expression on Burghley's countenance, and the evident perturbation of the two maids of honor who carried her long train confirmed my susicion. But Elizabeth was every nch a queen. Her rich apparel. onsisting of a dress of crimson velet slashed with black, with a tomacher heavy with gold and silver embroidery and laden with jewels, ver a green petticoat, also elaborate adorned, well became her comanding figure. With a proud, al most defiant look, she passed beween the rows of obsequious courti ers. Involuntarily my thoughts recurred to the scene I had witnessed three days before at Chartley. I contrasted the elegant form, clad in simple black and leaning on a stick surrounded by a crowd of ragged nedicants, with the haughty Sovereign n whose presence I stocd. But had little leisure to make comparisons. Elizabeth advanced with a firm step, addressing an observation o one or another of the courtiers, more often a word of sarcasm or reproof than of kindness or encouragenen!. Whoever she spoke to immediately fe l on his knees. This was a new custom introduced by Elizabeth; the English nobility, ac

Nau and her maidens, slowly ascendwere now obliged, with certain exed the steps. At the door she pausceptions, to assume this humble atitude when speaking to the Queen. the recipients of her bounty, took On reaching the place where I eave of them with a courteous stood, Elizabeth paused, and exclaim inclination of the head, and disared, "What marvel is this! Here is peared from view. It surprised me Walsingham's nephew, concerning that the mendicants let her depart whose diplomatic astuteness such n'silence; no one uttered a word of wonderful, and probably exaggerated thanks, except one or two children reports have reached us, actually at who were instantly hushed by their ast conferring on us the honor of elders. My companion divined my his presence !" thoughts, and in answer to them I dropped on my knee, and begged

customed to a certain freedom in

heir relations to their monarchs.

for forgiveness, alleging that Her Majesty's service had till then prevented me from seeking the light of her countenance, whose youthful bloom and beauty was enhanced ra-ther than diminished by the lapse of time since I last beheld it. I blush o recall the incense of flattery which burnt at the altar of a woman aleady over fifty years of age; but I carried out my uncle's injunctions, and employed the phrases he suggested. Thus I went on to say bat what was said at the French Court appeared to be true, namely, that the gods had given to Her Ma iesty the ambrosia of perpetual youth as the reward of virginity, since no natural means could avail to preserve her beauty thus undimmed by the

hand of years. (To be continued.) LOVE-WROUGHT.

(An Allegory.) BY THE REV. A. B. O'NEILL, C.S.C.

And lacking wealth to proffer jewels rare,

Was fain to make his simpler gifts

A coronal of tinted shells, a pair Of sea-grass bracelets wove with

nicest care, and asked him to order my borse to He gave; and grieved for that they looked full mean.

> To view the Queen's rich store precious stones

And priceless gems in gold-bosses caskets hid. Behold! 'mid diamonds, pearls, and sapphire zones,

Mid opals' flame and lucent topaz Were seen the page's berries, grass and shells.

A Sustaining Diet.

These are the enervating days, when, as somebody has said, men and what I should leave unsaid. I drop by the sunstroke as if the Day of Fire had dawned. They are fraught with danger to people whose plans; but I was to pay the most systems are poorly sustained; and this leads us to say, in the interest about her wit and her beauty; it was of the less robust of our readers, that Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes etc. incredible what an amount of flat- the full effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla Doan's Kidney Pills area sure cure. tery she would swallow. With Miss is such as to suggest the propriety of calling this medicine something besides a blood purifier and tonic,-say, the Queen, I was much too guard- a sustaining diet. It makes it much Sir Christopher Hatton, Sir Walter freshing sleep, and will without any doubt avert much sickness at this time of year.

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Dr. Schule, by analysis of the tomach, reaches the conclusion that leep after meals 'decreases the mopility of the stomach and increases the acidity of its contents, and hence is not advisable."

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