"Turn to the Right."

A glance sufficed to show me this, and that the room was empty, or apparently. Yet I looked again and again, stupefied. At last finding my voice, I turned to the young man who had brought us hither, and with a herce oath demanded of him what he meant. He shrank back behind the open door, and yet answered with a kind of sullen sur-Bonne's, and this was it.

"Madame de Bonne's!" I muttered.

"This Madame de Bonne's!"

He nodded.

"Of course it is! And you know it!" mademoiselfe hissed in my ear, her voice, as she interposed, hoarse with passion. "Don't think that you can deceive us any longer. We all know. This," she continued, looking round, her cheeks scarlet, her eyes ablaze with scorn, "is your mother's, is it! Your mother who has followed the court hither-whose means are

begone! Let me go, sir, I say!"

Twice I had tried to stop the current of her words; but in vain. Now with anger that surpassed hersa hundredfold-for who. being a man, would hear himself misnamed before his mother?—I succeeded. "Silence, mademoiselle!" I cried, my grasp on her wrist. Silence, I say! This is my mother!" And running forward to the bed, I fell on my knees beside it. A feeble hand had half withdrawn the curtain, and through the gap my mother's stricken face looked out, a great fear stamped upon it.

CHAPTER VII.

For some minutes I forgot mademoiselle In paying those assiduous attentions to my mother which her state and my duty de-manded; and which I offered the more anxiously that I recognized, with a sinking heart, the changes which age and illness had made in her since my last visit. The shock of mademoiselie's words had thrown her into a syncope, from which she did not recover for some time; and then rather through the assistance of our strange guide, who seemed well aware what to do, than through my efforts. Anxious as I was to learn what had reduced her to such straits and such a place, this was not the time to satisfy my curiosity, and I prepared myself instead for the task of effacing the painful impression which mademoiselle's words had made on her mind.

On first coming to herself she did not remember them, but, content to find me by her side—for there is something so alchemic in a mother's love that I doubt not my presence changed her garret to a palace—she spent herself in feeble caresses and broken words. Presently, however, her eye failing on mademoiselle and her maid, who re-mained standing by the hearth, looking darkly at us from time to time, she recalled, first the shock which had prostrated her, and then its cause, and raising herself on her elbow, looked about her wildly. "Gaston!" she cried, clutching my hand with her thin fingers, "what was it I heard? It was of you someone spoke—a woman! She called you—or did Idream it?—a cheat!

"Madame, madame," I said, striving to speak carelessly, though the sight of her gray hair, straggling and disheveled, moved me strangely, 'was it likely? Would anyone dare to use such expressions of me in your presence? You must indeed have dreamed it !

The words, however, returning more and more vividly to her mind, she looked at me very pitifully, and in great agitation laid her arm on my neck, as though she would shelter me with the puny strength which enabled her to rise in bed. "But someone," she muttered, her eyes on the strangers, shelter me w 'said it, Gaston? I heard it, What did it

"What you heard, madame," I answered, with an attempt at gayety, though the tears stood in my eyes, "was, doubtless, mademoiselle here scolding our guide from Tours, who demanded three times the proper pourboire. The impudent rascal deserved all that was said to him. I seave you." all that was said to him, I assure you."

"Was that it?" she murmured doubtfully.
"That must have been what you heard, madame," I answered, as if I felt no doubt. She fell back with a sigh of relief, and a little color came into her wan face. But her eyes still dwelt curiously, and with apprehension, on mademoiselle, who stood look-ing sullenly into the fire; and seeing this my heart misgave me sorely that I had done a foolish thing in bringing the girl there. foresaw a hundred questions which would be asked, and a hundred complications which must ensue, and felt already the blush of shame mounting to my cheek. Who is that?" my mother asked softly. "I am ill. She must excuse me." She pointed with her fragile finger to my com-

I rose, and still keeping her hand in mine, turned so as to face the hearth. "This, madame," I answered formally, "is Made--, but her name I will commit to you later, and in private. Suffice it to say that she is a lady of rank, who has been committed to my charge by a high person-"A high personage?" my mother repeated

gently, glancing at me with a smile of grati-

fication.
"One of the highest," I said. "Such a charge being a great honor to me, I felt that I could not better execute it, madame, since we must lie in Blois one night, than of requesting your hospitality on her benalf." I dared mademoiselle as I spoke-- I dared

her with her eyes to contradict or interrupt me. For answer, she looked at me once, inclining her head a little, and gazing at us from under her long eyelashes. Then she turned back to the fire, and her foot resumed its angry tapping on the floor. 'I regret that I cannot receive her

better," my mother answered feebly. "I have had losses of late. I-but I will speak of that at another time. Mademoiselle doubtless knows," she continued with dignity, you and your position in the South too well to think ill of the momentary straits to which she finds me reduced." I saw mademoiselle start, and I writhed

under the covert scorn, of am zed indignation, which she shot at me. Bet my mother gently patting my hand, I answered patiently, "Mademoiselle will think only what is kied, madame—of that I am assured. And lodgings are scarce to-night in

"But tell me of yourself, Gaston," my mother cried eagerly; and I had not the heart, with her touch on my hand, her eyes on my face, to tear myself away, much as I dreaded what was coming, and longed to end the scene. "Tell me of vourself. You are still in favor with the King of — I cross & Lawrence, and all druggists in the will not name him here?"

"Still, madame," I answered, locking steadily at mademoiselle, though my face

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"Twelve thousand livres a year, I think!"
"The same, madame." "And your establishment? How many do you keep? Your valet, of course? And lackeys—how many at present?" She gianced, with an eye of pride, while she waited for my answer, first at the two silent figures by the fire, then at the poverty-stricken room; as if the sight of its bareness

She had no suspicion of my prosperity.

She had no suspicion of my trouble, my misery, or that the last question almost filled the cup too full. Hitherto all had been easy, but this seemed to choke me. I stammered and lost my voice. Mademoiselle, her head bowed, was gazing into the Fanchette was staring at me, her black eyes round as saucers, her mouth halfopen. "Well, madame," I muttered at length, "to tell you the truth, at present, you must understand, I have been forced to

"What, Gaston?" Madame de Bonne marrow, but not so small as to deprive her of the privileges of her rank! This is your mother's hospitality, is it? You are a cheat, sir! and a detected cheat! Let us her on the control of the control I could not resist that appeal. I flung away the last rag of shame. "To reduce my establishment somewhat," I answered,

looking a miserable defiance at mademoiselle's averted figure. She had called me a liar and a cheat-here in the room! I must stand before her a liar and a cheat con-fessed. "I keep but three lackeys now, madame."

"Still it is creditable," my mother muttered thoughtfully, her eyes shinning. "Your dress, however, Gaston—only my eyes are weak—seems to me—" (To be Continued.)

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