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Mother wherever you please, and take her there quickly. "Red Virgin"—Cyri. raised his full glass—"I drink to your eyes which have confounded my brain, sapped my authority, and made me your slave and the happiest of men!"

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Rebel Phoebe.

Rebel Phoebe. W E left the "redoubtable Herr Saunders" thinking. He ad a great belief in his capacity for thought, second only to his be-lief in his capacity for action. Suc-cess breeds self-confidence, and self-confidence breeds success. He had pulled through many a tight place in his eventful existence, and a buoyant belief in himself was alike the cause and effect of such "pu lings through." The result of his cogitations took him back to the room where his wife and the Perownes were sitting. He entered with a frown on his brow, and an abrupt question on his lips.

brow, and an abrupt question on his lips. "Miss Perowne, do you believe in the divine right of kings?" A week ago Phoebe would have said unhesitatingly "No." To-day she did not say "Yes." She merely looked puzzled.

puzzled. "Perhaps you would say," Saunders went on, "that depends on the king. I mean, then, the right of a good king to sit on the throne where his good father sat before him." "Yes. I believe in that" answered

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"Yes, I benever an it," pursued "And by believing in it," pursued Saunders, "I do not imply a vague, non-personal idea, but a definite mili-tant belief. That is my own feeling, tant belief. That is my own feeling,

Saunders, "I do not imply a vague, non-personal idea, but a definite mili-tant belief. That is my own feeling, irrational, out-of-date, as it may be. And for the sake of that o'd-fashion-ed and perhaps discredited creed I am going to venture into the heart of the enemies' country, with one hand in a sling, and the other armed witn a Westley-Richards repeating pistol." A silence followed these words. Mrs. Saunders bit her lip, and tried to look unconcerned. Mrs. Perowne was the picture of dismay. Phoebe flushed with enthusiasm. Her views of man-hood had gone up by leaps and bounds in this barbarous and impos-sible country. Here was a man, rich, comfortable, happily married, going out on a night of anarchy to seek peril at its grimmest point. And why? Be-cause he believed in something suffi-ciently to imperil his life without hope of gain or reward. "I wish you success," she breathed. "Oh, why am I not a man, that I could accompany you!" "Phoebe!" Mrs. Perowne reproached. "If you were a man," said Saunders quietly, "you would be useless. As you happen to be a woman, a beau-

"Phoene: "Mrs. Performer reproduction "If you were a man," said Saunders quietly, "you would be useless. As you happen to be a woman, a beau-tiful woman, if I may say so without offence, you would be invaluable."

offence, you would be invaluable." "You mean—you mean you want me to come, too?" Phoebe's eyes were ablaze with excitement. "I want it very much," said Saun-ders, "but I should be a scoundrel if I tried to conceal the danger of the proceeding. But I do believe in the cause I have at heart—call it the 'divine right of kings' if you like, or call it 'decent government' or simply, prosaically, 'law and order.' So en-tirely do I believe in it that I am pre-pared to risk my life for it, and yours also." also.

Mrs. Saunders rose from the chair where she had been sitting, and laid a hand on her husband's arm. "Robert," she said gently, "I do

a hand on her husband's arm. "Robert," she said gently, "I do not often thwart you. I have never reproached you for taking your own life in your hand, though God knows it was I who bore the pain and sick-ening anxiety, while you did the quick, grim work that served the State. But to-night you go too far with your ideals. Do you go, if go you must? I will suffer in silence, and pray in solitude as I have done before, and maybe shall do again. But Miss Per-owne must not accompany you." "Thank you, Mrs. Saunders," said Mrs. Perowne. "Needless to say, Phoebe, I absolutely forbid such a wicked thing, and I am surprised at Mr.—"

Mr.----" "I have not made my proposal with-

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