An Historical Romance of the Times of Queen Elizabeth.

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because of the somewhat extravagant demands of these godly folk, and the parsimoniousness of our Queen. A few thousand pounds ed. The same idea occurred to me. might then have secured England But I think we shall not let them and the Reformation from all further go so far as that. Sir Amias Paul fear on account of Mary Stuart, et has written orders from the But Elizabeth wanted to do things Privy Council, in case of any atmore cheaply, bad policy, in my opinion. Thus Scotland is out of the prisoner at once. He has prothe question as a home for her: still mised to do this, and he will keep more France or Spain. Her death is his word without soruple. A sudthe only solution of the difficulty." den and violent death would not

my mind as I listened to my uncle. ment. I should very much prefer But I remembered that shortly after that Mary Stuart should "in forms her flight to Egland, the Queen of juris" be condemned to death before Scots han been pronounced guilty a tribunal composed of the first by the Judicial Court at Westminster of complicity in the murder of give the matter a better appearance Darnley; and the hatred to her, im- in the eyes of foreigners, and our planted in my mind in my boyish own people could cast no reproach days, led me to say that she ought to on the Government. Mr. Babingbe demanded and executed. Wal- ton and his colleagues are going to singham looked at me sarcastically as help us to obtain such a judgment. he sipped his wine.

"Undoubtedly." he replied, "There are, it is true, some legal niceties, but an able diplomat need not let them stand in his way. Burghley represented to the Queen long since that it would be well in self defence to make short work with her detested rival. Justice would warrant such a measure; and deeds of that nature are. God knows, of no infrequent occurrence in the annals of our country. The Queen would only be too well pleased, that is, of course she would openly teign great indignation, and send the executor of her secret wishes to the gallows as his reward, in public testimony to of English subjects who conspire her innocence. She has not learnt against the life of their Sovereign. in vain in the school of Machiavelli. No one has however as yet been found to carry out her wishes. Last to the charge of a fresh jailer, Sir In a word, the bill was framed and Amias Paulet, a rough fellow, who hates her with the bate of hell. I know on good authority that he was informed of the Queen's desire. But the man is either too honorable or too sure," I replied. "But there is no prudent; he declared that if they sent question now of a plot against Eli- French ambassador, named Cherthe hangman to him with a warrant zabeth's life, only of Mary Stuart's elles, whom he had bribed, a young him welcome and leave him free to far as we know, to be in ignorance perform his duty. But it was no use of the existence of the conspiracy." to talk to him about such wishes. since he would neither carry them rejoined my uncle, "that you are young Popish noblemen who are

playing into our hands,"

I looked up in surprise, and my ing around his lips: "We have to thank you my dear Frank, for putting us on the track of a delightful little conspiracy. Acting upon the informspect to Mr. Babington. It proved to my spies to keep their eye on them, and white ample proof of the comand I find Gifford is right, they are plicity of Mary Stuart with Babing. hatching a release for the Queen of Scots. It appears to be a romatic against Elizabeth's life. The matter sort of affair, for the good lads have appears to me perfectly certain. not a sparke of practical common That is why I said that Babington's ington; he is brave and venturesome enough, but how vain and frivolous ! Three or four others excel in sports, propably read in their school-books: silly fellows. Unless I help them, covet."

spiracy in the bud."

"I should have expected more rejoined my uncle. "I have al- craft unless it were followed. ready told you, this conspiracy is a

(CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.) suggested that he should lay an am-But the proposal came to rothing, bush of armed men who would cut off their flight, and put them and

he Queen to death. Walsingham smiled as he answer tempt at escape, to take the life of The words of Caiphas occurred to however look well for the Govern-

nobles of the land. That would Reach down the statute book of the last parliament, and turn to the new enactment, 27th of Elizabeth. concerning conspiracies against the life of the Queen."

I did as he desired and read the statute which ordained, with every possible proviso, that every person who should participate in a conspir acy against Elizabeth's life, was to be put on trial for his life before a Court of twenty-four commissioners to be nominated by the Crown.

What is the object of this new law? It was not wanted for the conviction The object is therefore to bring within reach of the headsman's axe every person, whatsoever, be their rank and prerogatives the highest.

"A most wise and judicious mea-It is very plain, my dear Frank,"

out himself nor depute another to do not sufficiently well versed in the his enemy for the sake of a handful systems are poorly sustained; and out himself nor depute another to do so, as long as Mary Stuart was in his ways of Machiavelli. Do you of gold. Through him Walsing- this leads us to say, in the interest custody. Thus we should be no really imagine that Mary Stuart, ham learnt that Chateauneuf had rc- of the less robust of our readers, that nearer our end now then we were after eighteen years of captivity, eighteen years ago, but for some unjust captivity, knowing as she does that Elizabeth has designs upon her life, would not repay her royal sister in the same coin, were uncle continued, a slight smile playthe opportunity afforded her? young gentlemen to remove Elizabeth out of the way, if that were conspiracy. Acting upon the information you gave me, I took steps to ascertain what truth there was in the appears a most useful fellow—in regorew, or found themselves in the embrace of the scavanger's daughter, he a fact that he and half-a-dozen not to speak of of the other pretty young noblemen of his own age and toys in the Tower, one or other of Papists like himself, have formed a the six would soon confess that league with the object of liberating Mary Stuart was privy to their de-Mary Stuart. They hold their meet signs against Elizabeth. But we ings at the "Blue Boat" in St. can manage without coming to the Giles-in-the fields. This was notified torture chamber. This Gifford, to me some months ago; but I whom you brought with you from thought they were so young and so Paris, for the exchange of letters begay, that they only met for their sports, tween the conspirators and the capand could not do worse mischief than tive Queen. If they fall into his perhaps render assistance to some of trap, as I have no doubt they will, the seminary priests and Jesuits who we shall be able, within the space of cocted appeared feasible. Cordaillot are prowling about. However I bade a few weeks, to produce in black spoke to his master in Gifford's favor,

ton and his comrade in a plot sense amongst them. Look at Bab- conspiracy exactly correspondened to the effect that he was glad to see to my wishes. Now do you under. a young man of good family displaystand me ?" I answered that I did, and that I and he would let him know if his football and the like, and there are a admired my uncle's acuteness. Of services were required. For the couple of poets to boot, They have course I was heartily willing to co- there was nothing of importance to operate with him, as the welfare of be forwarded. 'Dulce et decorum est pro patra mori!' Her Majesty and the stability of the "What a fox the man is?" my and they think themselves called to reform religion were at stake. We uncle exclaimed, when Gifford comheroic deeds. I am sorry for the must adopt the maxim that the end municated to him in writing the rejustifies the means, and as this prin- sult of his first attempt. At any rate,

they will never attain the honor they ciple was learnt in the Jesuits' school, it proves to me that the letters are of we might console ourselves with the the greatest consequence. Chateau-"You mean," as soon as you have knowledge that we were turning neuf intends to send a messenger to the necessary proofs, to arrest them their own weapons against them. and put them on the rack to make My uncle laughed, and said he must himself that the letters of recommen them confess, and so nip the con confess he had never heard that dation are not forgeries. We must saying from the lips of a Jesuit, but have patience for another week. that every diplomat acted upon it, sense from you, my dear Frank," as nothing could be done in state-

perfect godsend to us. Joking apart, thought of Parma's scheme, and did sale of our Christy Hats I shall do everything I can to make what measures he intended to take this year beating all it easy for these young gentlemen against it. He shrugged his should year's hollow. We give the to carry out their project -up to a ers, and said the project might take best value and have a big certain point, of course. Do you definite shape, but not for some stock of the latest styles to not see how it will be a means of time yet. He had learnt through choose from. We will be comp?"

Cherelles, one of the French ambaeglad to show them to you
fador's secretaries, that a packet of Weeks & Co. The People's I thought for a moment, then I letters to Mary Stuart had long lain | Store.

at the embassy awaiting delivery. The letters he hoped through Gifford, who was highly recommend to the ambassador, to get into his own hands, and acquaint himself with their contents. The best thing to be done at present was to get the Queen of Scots out of the way. That would completely take the wind out of their sails, and render a Spanish invasion little short of purposeless. Now, while Philip could hope to set Mary Stuart upon the throne, and to place the Prince of Parma by her side it was quite a different thing; whereas were she once dead, a descent upon England would appear like reprisals, and it is highly questionable whether he would fit out his galleons for such a purpose. Philip was far too wise to attempt a war of conquest, or to dream of the possibility of placing the crown of England on the of a

Spanish prince. He would find he

had opponents more difficult to deal

with than the Dutch, though he had

enough on his hands with them just "What we have to do now," he said in conclusion, " is to carry out out design in regard to the Queen of Scots. The first step is for Gifford to lay his toils, in order to intercept the correspondence between Babingtop and the prisoner. Then we will leave Babington and his friends to do their work: they must be closely watched, but not allowed to suspect that their movements are observed. And when the right moment comes, the fowler will pull the string, and the six green finches, together with the royal bird, will be fluttering in net. With ordinary prudence and determination we cannot fail suc-

So saying Walsingham filled our glasses again with the ruby colored wine, and bade me drink to the prosperity of Babington's conspiracy, which was to bring about the end desired.

CHAPTER XIV. My uncle, whose custom it was to set his agents to watch one peated. "What does that signify? another, consigned the unhappy Thomas Philipps and Arthur Gregory, two spies or members of his ecret police, who lived in St. Paul's Churchyard. With them under the name of Nicholas Cornelius, took up his abode, and they seldom let him out of their sight. Walsingham went to see him there one evening, care fully disguised, for he could not let him go to his own house. What I did not know until later.

to me one of the secretaries of the signed and sealed, he would make rescue. Moreover, she appears as man, leading a gay life, and head and ears in debt through gambling. He was one of those men who are drop by the sunstroke as if the Day ready to sell their own soul to the of Fire had dawned. They are the packet of letters of which time of year. the only means of attaining her Cherelles had spoken, werein his them to torture, and I will engage bury to Chartley, and Sir Amias she would marry the young fellow ler as her Guardian, no letters had didn't have the coin. been permitted to reach her. What Walsingham wanted Gifford to do was to obtain possession of these letters under the promise of forwarding them to Mary and then place them in his hands. For this his

reward was to be £1 00. Gifford was introduced to Cordaillot by Cherelles. His Catholic name, and the excellent recommendations he had brought from Paris, carried weight; also the scheme he had conand asked permission to entrust the letters to him. But M. de Chateauneuf was a very cautious man. and he distrusted Gifford. There. fore, after questioning him narrowly. he dismissed him with polite phrases, ing such zeal for the Catholic cause,

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(To be continued.)

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Always with a throb or heartache, That thrills each pulsive vein, lomes the old, unquiet longing For the peace of home again.

And of the faces cold and strange; know where there's warmth and wel-And my yearning fancies range

Back to the dear old homestead, With an aching sense of pain; But there'll be joy in the coming, When I go home again. When I go home again! There's

That never may die away. And it seems the hands of angels, On a mystic harp at play,

Have touched with a yearning sad-On a beautiful broken strain, To which is my fond heart wording,

"When I go home again." Outside of my darkened window Is the great world's crash and dip. And slowly the autumn shadows Come drifting, drifting in.

Sobbing the night wind murmurs, But I dream of the glorious greeting To the splash of the autumn rain; When I go home again. -S.H. Review.

interested in hard work that the girls My uncle had already mentioned have to go out and lay traps for them.

A Sustaining Diet.

These are the eneverating days, when, as somebody has said, men devil and their master's secrets to fraught with danger to people whose ceived instructions to exert himself the full effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla on behalf of Mary Stuart, as much is such as to suggest the propriety of as possible, without attracting ob- calling this medicine something beservation and especially to expedite sides a blood purifier and tonic,—say, her correspondence. The private a sustaining diet. It makes it much secretary of the ambassador. Cor. easier to bear the heat, assures redaillot by name, was intrusted with freshing sleep, and will without any the interests of the royal captive, and doubt avert much sickness at this

Paulet had replaced Sir Ralph Sad- who had proposed to her, but he

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