# 1 lying down quite as easy as sitting up. The countess, who was still a little

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They drove off through the wood by which he had come the night before. The driver, finding that his passenger did not wish to talk, dropped the cur-tain between them and solaced himself

Marco was saying the rosary, and since he had no beads he said them on his ten fingers. At the Our Father he clasped his hands. He was praying for

At Albano he took the railway to Valmontone, and from there he went home on foot across the vines and fields by which he and Vittorio had passed two days before. When he reached the old road, Rosa

lected that day. Two days' inattention at such a season tells. Nothing had stood at the villa gate watching for She uttered a cry, and came to meet him. "Papa! why didn't you come home aside. The grass under the camellas was strewn with blossoms that were yesterday? I waited all day, and I

wouldn't go back at night, but stayed Then, seeing his face, she added: "What is the matter?" "I'm not very well. I think I may

have a touch of fever," he said, and leaned on her shoulder. Silently she supported him across the road, and in at the gate. When they reached the crumbling Janus he staggered and fell against it. 'Don't cry!" he said faintly. "Go

and get me some wine. It's nothing." And he thought: "I can do nothing, because she must not know."

CHAPTER XXIV.

To those of her friends who wondered that she should remain in Rome so late, the Countess Belvedere explained that she was waiting to see some friends from the east who could not possibly stop to visit her out of town. Her dear Gabriella had been for a long time in India, where her husband, the Marquis de Massy, had a French Government appointment. Now the marquis was sent to London, as an attache to the French embassy, and Gabriella was obliged to go across the world from east to west almost as rapidly as the sun did.

The countess was very circumstantial in her account, and even told the whole story to persons who never asked her anything. There is nothing like the frankness and clearness of people who have a great deal of mischief to conceal. They are always prepared. It is only honest people who can afford to refuse to give reasons to everybody for their conduct.

To her father, who did not recollect to have ever heard of this suddenlybeloved friend since the days when she was his daughter's schoolmate, and not her favorite one, another reason was given. Gabriella had a large collection of Indian shawls, and the countess hoped to persuade her to sell one at a bargain; and she had heaps of Indian embroideries, and had been especially commissioned to bring to her friend a gold-colored crepe shawl, heavy with embroidery, of which the countess proposed to make a tunic which should be richer than cloth of gold. With all these toilet splendors in pros-

pect, one could bear Rome in August. These travelers from the Orient arrived the afternoon of the day on which Vittorio went to Palestrina. They were too much fatigued to leave their hotel that evening; but the next day Gabriella was to spend with her friend, and the marquis would come to dinner. In the evening they were to pursue their

The Countess Belvedere had a bottle of chloral on her toilet-table. She very seldom took it, for her youth and health rendered it unnecessary as yet. She took some after her interview with Marco, having first had a hot bath, or rather having had a hot bath given her almost forcibly by her maid, for Marco's treatment had thrown her into such a fury that she was near breaking all the mirrors and windows in the That that beast, as she called him, had received any provocation, or had an excuse, she did not for an instant own.

The hot bath and the chloral were not without their effect, and, before Marco had reached Albano she was sound asleep, soothed by her faithful Lucia, who sat by her repeating that she was not in the least to blame for what had happened, and that she need not be in the least anxious about the future. Bruno would be found, there were scouts out in search of him, and if, by ill-luck, he and Marco should meet, why, he would at least tell no

With all these soothing cares, the Countess Belvedere slept like an innocent babe, and woke refreshed. While Marco was passing through the poisonous "macchia" to Porto d'Anzio, and Bruno was crawling away from the reapers in the Agro Palestrinese, Madama Adelaide was at her morning toilet. A rose-colored muslin, a faint touch of rouge to her cheeks, and cup of strong coffee brought a look of life into her pallid face; and when her friend arrived just after midday, she

was apparently quite herself.

The two ladies breakfasted alone, and, after half an hour's chat, retired to their rooms for a nap, both of them having drunk wine enough to make

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romantic, did not smoke, and her friend, who was past romance, enjoyed

marquis had not yet come. He was to bring with him, to make a fourth at the table, a distinguished mon-

signore from the Vatican, who was glad

of this opportunity of seeing people

just from the east who could give him

the latest news, with all those particu-

lars and corrections which one cannot hope to have from the journals, nor

from less well-informed correspondents

"And now let us go into the garden

till they come," the visitor said. "I

recollect that it used to be charming

The countess had not invited her

guest into the garden, and had tried to

lead her thoughts elsewhere, but she

assented readily to the proposal, and

gayly led the way out through the

broad glass doors that stood wide open.

and across the black and white paved

terrace, where she had sat and known

that Vittorio was watching her through

They walked about among the flow-

The garden was looking a little neg-

been watered, and the opening flowers

of today had pushed yesterday's flowers

still fresh, though fallen. They had no

stems, but the petals were bright. The

colors were varied; some were white,

others red, others mixed red and white.

A pink carpet was spread under the

oleanders, and the rose-trees stood in

a rosy morning cloud of piled-up

claimed the visitor. "You must have

They walked on. Here and there,

near the walls, a greenlemon or a wild

mandarin had dropped on the path.
"There is quite a little forest of

oranges," said the visitor, pointing

across the garden and turning her steps

the countess hastily. "Don't you want

"If you will give me a white one," she said. "That farther tree is white.

But where is the gardener, dear? You

"Not at all. I like to gather flowers."

The countess pulled a low branch to-

ward her, and was about breaking one of the beautiful white flowers with

with which it was thickly set, when

suddenly she cried out, and let the

"There was a bee in it, and I believe

that it has stung me," she said, her

away, leaving the camellia ungathered

She had seen a dark red stain on one

She followed toward the oranges un-

consciously, her face still red, her fin-ger still held in her handkerchief, her

friend pitying her volubly; till, finally

"Oh, nothing! But, really, I had such

[To be Continued.]

ANXIOUS.

twins, after all.

Optician—Yes, you see double. I can correct the fault with spectacles.
Patient—Hurrah! Maybe it isn't

EXPERIENCED.

Miss Summit-Do you think your

brother is suffering much in the army?

EXCITEMENT.

Miss Gotham (in railway train)-Yes,

I reside in New York, and I really

Talkative stranger-Why not mum?

Miss Gotham-Oh. I couldn't live

Stranger-If excitement is all you

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sions all holler.

Miss Palisade-Oh, no. He camped

a start. I am afraid of bees.'

"The camellias are rather fine," said

"Excellent!" was the reply.

the laurels.

ers, talking gossip.

a good gardener."

in that direction.

one to put in your hair?"

The lady returned.,

will hurt your fingers."

branch swing back.

of its waxen petals.

her cigarettes in private.

Mr. E. J. Downey, C. P. R. agent at Fergus, has been promoted to the charge of the agency at Chatham. At Osgoode Hall, the master in ordinary accepted the tender of Mr. George M. Neelon for the purchase of the St. Catharines and Niagara Central Rail-

road. The bid was for \$35,000. Mr. William Keating, who for several years has been city passenger and ticket agent of the Grand Trunk Railway in Toronto, has accepted the position of passenger agent in Toronto for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Port Huron and Detroit railway promoters have carried their point against the St. Clair Flats people. The United States war department has ordered that the construction of the rail way across the northwest corner of Lake St. Clair may proceed. The railway people must put in a drawbridge with 125 feet clear on each side of the pivot pier, and must pay all costs of inspections and other incidentals.

An accident occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway at Thamesville Tuesday, resulting in the wreck of eight cars, besides injuring Conductor Wrightman, of Windsor. The train broke in two near Thamesville, and the rear end ran into the front sec-Conductor Wrightman was thrown over the stove in the way car and received injuries that rendered him unconscious. Traffic was blocked for several hours.-Chatham Planet.

Representatives of several American railway lines were in Washington on Wednesday, and had a conference with the interstate commerce commissioners upon the subject of the western rate war. This contest has been going on for some time between the western American lines on one side and the Canadian Pacific on the other side. The war has reached a ruinous state for all parties concerned, and embraces rates from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, but the lines west of Chicago are most largely affected. The representatives of the American lines did not file any petition or complaint, but explained to the commission the situation. commission has no authority in the matter, except to order an invesigation of the competition which has reached such grave proportions, or become a mediator between the rival companies for a settlement. The Canadian Pacific Company, by its general passenger traffic manager, D. Mc-Nichol, and attorney, A. C. Raymond, also conferred with the commission today, and gave their views of the rate war. There were also conferences be tween Mr. Caldwell and Mr. McNichol, but so far nothing like an understandface very red, as she pressed her finger in her handkerchief. And she hurried

### WESTERN ONTARIO

ing has been adopted.

Chatham's tax rate has been struck

But what is the matter, my dear?" the visitor said, for the countess, finding herself beside the oranges, stopped abruptly, her color fading.

"Oh nothing of the countess of and potatoes on low lands.

Fire did \$200 damage to the prem-The other, who thought her friend affected and uninteresting, tripped ises of Nelson Walker. Ridgetown, on around the orange-trees with an ex-Mr. J. Finney has completed the conclamation of pleasure.

"Passion-flowers! There is nothing that I like so much." And she began struction of the Otter Creek bridge be-tween Bayham and Middleton town-

to pull one after another toward her Sixteen new members have recently with her slender gem-laden fingers, and joined the Sons of Scotland at West to look into their mournful faces to Lorne. A ladies' hive of the Maccabees see which was the finest.

The countess, after hestitating one has also been recently started. While engaged in loading hay recentinstant, pressed her lips together tightly and followed, standing at a

ly on a farm on con. 9, Raleigh, a la-boring man named McCart received a sunstroke and died the same evening. Rev. Mr. Hibbert is settled on his new charge in the Methodist Church at West Lorne, in the place of Rev. Mr. Fausher, who goes to Aylmer to reside. While working in the field near Brigden last Saturday, three horses hitched to Frank Knight's oinder ran away, completely wrecking the machine by

colliding with a tree. Quite a number of Tilsonburgers have moved down to Port Burwell, and some of them have taken their camp equipments with them, intending to remain during the heated term.

At a meeting of the Chatham Presheld at Blenheim on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Beckett, of Thamesville, resigned his pastorate. The congregation have been cited to appear before the presbytery in September.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. Thomas street rail way the following directors were elect ed: J. H. Still, president; J. Stacey, secretary-treasurer; J. Farley, M. A. Gilbert and C. B. Hunt, directors.

E. C., F. H., and J. H. Walker, of Walkerville, purchased 153 lots between Dougall and Bruce avenues, south of Caroline street. The owners of the lots had bought them from Hiram Walker, and after paying one or two installments, were letting them be sold Wallace Maguire, who left Stratford early this spring for British Columbia,

Guards of Washington, and is now en route for Manila. In a letter to his parents he states that the regiment is composed almost entirely of former Canadians. A very pretty wedding took place on Thursday at New Hamburg, when Miss Nettie Merner, third daughter of

has enlisted with the First National

story of Abraham intercepted on the point of slaying his cherished son has a deep signif-icance which every mother Senator Merner, was united in mar-riage to William H. Seyler, a member should take to heart. Too many mothers of the present day bind their children upon of the firm of import brokers, Toronto. The ceremony took place at the family residence. all unmindful that beneficent providence

The other day a cow belonging to Archibald McKinnon, St. Thomas, attacked Mrs. E. Rollings, knocked her down, and would have gored her but for Mr. E. Davey, miller at Adcock & Barnard's mill, who ran to her assistance. Mr. Davey himself was knocked

down by the animal. Alfred Rubbra, who for many years has been a member of the Toronto World staff, has left to assume the editorial management of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. On Saturday the members of the World staff presented their departing colleague with a handsome gold locket.

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W. R. Malcolm, of Knobel, Clay County, Ar-Thomas Smith, 19 years old, disappeared from his home, St, Thomas, on July 4, and has not been heard of When last seen he wore a snuff-colored coat, light pants, light gray cap, shaker flannel shirt with blue and red stripes. Smith is about six feet tall, very slim, and has dark

An interesting event took place at the residence of Mr. Charles Grant, jun., Ridgetown, on Monday afternoon, July 11. Mr. John Smith, of the firm of Messrs. Hagaman & Julls, took a snap shot of 39 of Mr. Grant's infant class and himself, the children surrounding him. Twenty-six years ago Mr. Smith was one of Mr. Grant's sunday school scholars.

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