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"Confessional, my brother? What! yould be there? The wench lies sulkng in her chamber, contending that she is unable to rise, though I have reproved her sorely." The Norman father gritted his teeth, and Rudolph. fearing an outbreak, urged the nun to show them to the invalid's chamber. So, taper in hand, Sister Isopel led the

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By the rood!" muttered the Abbot. What fools men be. Such an Abbot as should change his mitre for a fool's I forgot me clear that Rosabore a grudge against Ro-This was the first time he had spoken of her by name since Jocelin's trial, and it seemed to choke him. "I might have known, though, what this green-eyed cat would do once she had

Hark, said Isopel to Rudolph, "the holy man prayeth already." And the Abbot, made aware by her whisper that he was thinking aloud, ceased his muttering, and followed them in silence, tugging at his great beard until he was pulling it forth from the hood in which he had so carefully concealed it. When they were at the chamber, Sister Isopel, unlocking the door, set the taper in a sconce, and retired with Rudolph, and the Abbot and Rohese were face to face. In the dim light, she did not penetrate his disguise as he, in a low voice, said, "Pax Vobiscum, my daughter," and sat down near the couch, his back to

Rohese lay like some white lily cut from the stalk, languid and drooping, against a dark background. As leng as she was free she braved danger and bore her lot well; but continually persecuted by a relentless jailer, who daily declared her abasement, her hold on life loosened, and she sank into a melancholy whose next state was madness or death.

Tears glistened in the Abbott's eves as he looked on this penitent, who, too weak to kneel, folded her transparent hands upon her breast. and bowing her head, began the low whis-pered words of the confessional, "Father, I have sinned—" She told Father, I have sinned—" She told full of venom I wonder that thou the story of the journey to Bradfield; turnest not to a warty toad." her connection with Jocelin, his love and the result. Then the trial, and lenly muttered Isopel; "but that is the lie she had told to save him from neither here nor there: I have this the torture. Her confessor uttered an for thee," and extracting a folded slip exclamation, and instead flight to Ely with the witch, and her final interception by the Prioress.
Then she spoke of the marriage which they urged upon her:
"Indeed, Father I would that out they are should be thought that out they are should be the sh

ey urged upon her:
"Indeed, Father, I would that our Lord, the Abbot, had not so utterly cast me off, for show'd they finally force me into this hated alliance, he would be full wroth, I know. He loved my mother long ago, as once methinks he loved me," and the Abbot. remembering One who wrote in the sand, saying, "He that is without size. let him cast the first stone at her," bit his lip till the blood came

"Ept, Father," continued Rohese, "my release comes speedily: for my dear mother stood beside me last night and smilingly said, 'Be thou of good cheer, for joy and peace shall come upon thee, after sore tribulation'; and where is joy and peace for such as I save in Heaven? So shrive me, Father, speedily, for we know not when the four cometh. Are my sins so great

Nay, nay, my child, but thy end is far distant from these days. Thou shalt return to De Cokefeld, and rest ing there among thy bower-maids and grow lusty again!" rvitors, breathe

Nay, good frere, I'll never go bence save on a bier, for if (as they say) by this marriage I could defy my liege's mandate, and thus regain my freedom, I'll never wed the Prioress Resamund's son; and as the Abbet has spurned me, and not one of my father's friends raised hand in my defence, I'll fall here like a frost-nipped leaf, and lie within a mouldy tomb, where sometime some kindly nun shall say a prayer, when all have forgotten s there." Was it a sigh she Rohese turned her head in silent wonder, but the figure sat in vable, silhouetted against the faint euch, it murmured a prayer, whose Journey. ort she could not catch, and, rising, shrived her of her sins. Then, extending his hand in silent benison, father said in an abrupt voice.

hose tones startled her:
"Thou shalt sleep in De Cokefeld the ght of the first day thou canst acemplish the journey, sweet maid, for will intercede for thee with this cruel

The Prioress returned at noon the next day. Her humor was not of the best, for the anxiety and the long journeys she had made of late had tried her nerves; so when Sister Isopel, in fear and trembling, led the way to Rohese's chamber, and saw what the vigaro had compassed in her absence, she fell into a cold fury terlibie to see, with one glance sending the frightened Isopel scurrying from the room, following her with a sen-

"Thou has not yet been tried for that flogging of the novice to death in Flanders some eight years agone, dear Sister Isopel."

tence that made the robust nun trem-

Rohese was speedily removed to the comfort of the Prioress' own bower. Brother Simon prescribed for her, and the daintiest fare and the kindest treatment were showered upon her; for who could be sweeter than Rosamund when she chose? So with such assiduous care and the cheering memory of the confessor's promise. Rohese revived and lifted up her head like a drought-parched flower after a summer's rain. The wily Prioress humbled herself before the girl, confess-ing her anger at the refusal of Geoffrey's suit, but maintaining that she intended no cruelty, and had punished the wicked woman who had so unkindly treated her guest. Rohese, touched by the assiduous nursing, be-lieved in her, and out of the goodness of her heart forgave her enemy, who only sought to woo her back to health and strength, that she might the better accomplsh her designs.

Some ten days after her return damp floor of the office corridor. came upon a kneeling nun, who, with cloth and pail, cleansed the passage. It was Sister Isopel, reduced to menial service by her streetler ing up, in a spiteful voice, which she vainly tried to render respectful, she begged the lady to pause

'What! Darest thou speak to thy offended superior, thou murderous, ill-inclined creature? Thou art so

of uttering of parchment from her bosom with admonition, he said eagerly, "Continue, her rough, wet hand give it into the inheritance for the saving of Eng-

sopel by the shoulder. Abbot's secretary

What father, minion?" "Father? g at Waltham, I---

"Thou—thou viper! Thou let'st in Parliament convened in one Abbev monk to speak with her, fool, fool, we are undone! I wonder this the walls were not harried from one side! When the complete was a long rect from the chapter was a long rect from the long was the l out our ears. pan was this father?" "Tall and heavy of build, madem.

"How could I tell of his face or voice, seeing that he was covered with a great capouch; and, being un-der a vow, spoke not?"

"Curious, curious! Was he smooth bearded? Surely you could tell that, hag?" "Well, now, I mind me when they

left the Hospitium I saw a great griz-zled beard stick from 'neath his hood Ike straw from a carter's basket!"

"We are undene, indeed, indeed," roof, forming a screen behind the alcriced the Prioress. "My poor son; what shall I do? I'll pey thee well for that night's work, Sister Isopel; thou wilt go back to that Flanders unnery from which I rescued thee,"

The lends, spiritual and temporal, sat at atable before the dais in gilded at a table before the dais in gilded the doors of the church that he who will may strip the shrine. The absent who have offended our holy St. Ed-

nunnery from which I reserved thee," at a table before the data in given and pallid with rage and excitement, the Prioress hurried away, reading the Prioress hurried away, reading velvets, bordered with furs. The spiritures of purple, in a well-known hand:
"Send Rohese de Cokefeld to her

commands. She was at her wit's them from the balcony above. He had end. Something engaged Samson's stolen thence unobserved by the chamattention, of that she yas sure, or ere berlains, who, with short silver staves, this he would have found that hese was still at the Priory, and when

he did the Prioress expected to lose her holdings, or at least be punished

in some other way.
"Yet, what matters it," she armed, as she paced her chamber that night, "so long as Geoffrey is Rohese's husband? If this be compassed, then can brave even Samson; and as he has not yet discovered the maid is still detained here, I'll risk it further, by my troth!" Thus the Prioress planned by her fire far into the night, while outside the wind shrieked and moaned, as if the spirit of old Bernice strove ineffectually to warn Rohese of the danger which menaced

Ere noon the next day Rohese and the Prioress, with Sister Isopel and the attendants of the maid's horse litter, set off for Godstowe; the Prior-

ess despatching Brother Simon to Bradfield for news. "Our Lord, the Abbot, hath so appointed it, dear child" purred Rosamund, as she rode beside the litter. "Thy tirewoman and belongings await thee at Godstowe, and she shall attend on thee there until thou art quite restored. The nunnery is of cheerful situation, and as soon as these snows have melted I'll show thee merry Oxfordtown, and we shall make a pilgrimage to the fair bower at Woodstock where Henry built the labyrinth of walks and ways to hide me from the Queen.

Thus Rohese, gladly anticipating a reunion with Mary, went to Godstowe like a lamb to the slaughter.

As the Prioress suspected, there was good reason why Samson had not seen further to the safety of his ward. On his return from the Priory he had found a letter from the Regent, Longchamps of Ely, stating that he had summoned parliament to convene at Westminster Abbey, and urging the Abbot to hastily repair there. letter enclosed a few lines signed by Blondel, which stated that King Richard, held prisoner by the German Emperor, languished in the Duke of Aus. tria's dungeon, whence a great ran-som would release him. A statement of the amount demanded and the name of the King's prison completed the epistle.

Now, all the world knows the story

of Blondel; how he wandered from France into Germany, and by good iap came to a tiny village upon the bank of the Danube, near the Duke of Austria's stronghold, Greifenstein. Blondel took logging here, as he knew the grudge which Austria bore Richard, and hoped to find some trace of the King in this stronghold of h enemy.

Finally he discovered that there were two Englishmen imprisoned in the square tower of the castle, on the charge of attempting to poison the Duke. When he learned this, Blondel went to the castle, and, as a minstre easily makes acquaintance, it was not long before he was free of hall and bower, and had learned all that the servitors knew, no much more than what the villagers had told him. In vain he spied and bribed; the jailor was unapproachable, and none but he and the Duke himself went near the tower; till at last, when almost despairing of learning the identity the prisoners, Blondel walked one night beneath the balcony surrounding the tower and struck idly on his lute the chords of a song he and King Richard had composed. Then he began to sing:
"Your beauty, lady fair,

None views without delight,"

when the well-known tones of Richard's voice completed the stanza:

"No nymph my heart can wound, If favor she div'de." and the King, joyfully hailing his faithful minstrel, imparted the story of his capture, and the news (which Austria had lately revealed) that the Emperor, in dire need of money, was sending to England a demand for a great ransom; threatening if it was

not forthcoming to put his prisoners to death. "But ov the rood, my dear Rimer, is my brother so rich in love for me amonton, he said eagerly, Continue, lifty white one of Rosamund, who, scape, and Jocelin's rescue; of their when she had read it, started as if friend of mine, go back to Ergland with the witch, and her stung by an adder. thou'lt never see thy master more. Outstripping the Emperor's mess

ger, Blondel hastened back to "Why, in sooth, Lady, from the Norman father from the Abbey, who found, and England could have her wrote it ere he departed with the King again."

So the Abbot set forth in state for London, attended by the Prior, es-"When that mewling, puny wench corted by a score or more of archers hou seemest now to set such store and spearmen, and preceded by the monks bearing his silver cross, mitre confession, and brother Simon be- and purse; and in due time they came to Westminster, where he joined Parliament convened in one of

what manner of work set half-way toward the ceiling: between these were stucco effigies of gaints and monarchs overlaid with gold. Opposite the windows a balcony "Eah! I meant not his dress; his extended over many low-arched doors, person: his voice! What like was he?" and the room was embellished by blue tapestries embroidered with golden lions hung up on the walks by tenter

The two Regent Bishops and the Prince sat on a dais richly canopied with gold-fringed red and white damage. This had been creeted beside the alter rail, behind which a great carvaltar rail which a great carvaltar rail and the principles of the submitty of the principles o The two Regent Bishops and the ed wooden tree sprang from a recumb- | covered ing the figures of the descendants of extremity. Samson, who had been descended high toward the computing the amount his Abbey could

total lords in vestments of purple, white, scarlet and black, decked with castle as soon as she can endure the rare laces and fine orfreys of apparels and embroideries. Their mitres and croxiers as powerful as the swords of the barons of England.

Well might Resamund de Clifford wonder that the Abbot had not visited table, with Rudolph, tablets in hand, behind him; and Jocolin gazed upon the balcony above. He had



to sit in the presence of these mighty

nes of the realm.
Hidden by the balcony's rail, the monk peered down directly into the face of his beloved Abbot with a heart-hangry stare, which would sure with a have drawn an answering glance if the great man had not been engaged with the Bishop of Ely, who was stating the amount of the ransom demanded for the King.

"Who shall be sent, my lords." ask-John. "Methiaks the messenger should be neither so high as to risk another imprisonment, nor so low as to effend the dignity of the Emperor. Pheretore I stiply that no one of roy al blood shall be sent."

The Regents, desirous that the hurch should have the honor of ransoming the King, agreed readily to this, and asked that the legate chosen from among the churchmen. Then followed long discussion as to who was fitted for the task. of the parliament nodded in their chairs, as the day wore on: stammered, and knew not what they meant to say. Some of the barons, for fear of John, received his stipulation as ruling them out of the affair, though some were so burdened with the reasons why they could not go, while others should, that ere they fin-ished their conclusions could be construed by none. There were a few who demanded fiercely that they be sent, as if bent on making a great show of leyalty; while knowledge of John's conspiracy with France and its possible success kept some from press-

ng their nominations. 'Surely ye all know a herald's tody is sacred. So there could be no canger to any who conveyed the ran-som. I myself am prepared to go in generation and prepared to go in quest of our Lord, the King, working either by subterfuge, or openly, as the accredited legate of England, and by accredited legate of England, and by accredited legate of England, and by accredited legate of St. Edmunds, I'll have aches, and pains and stiffness. To remark and enrich the blood there is no som forth our monarch. Fie, my lords, should loyal subjects hang back on mere presence of their pressing duty. To council straight, my lords, how

carry it. Norwich, "there lies not ircasure en-ough to pay this sum." "Yea, where shalt so great a sum be

realized?" protested the Prince, "Already all fresholds and cities rebell'gainst heavy taxation. The Jews' exchequer hath squeezed those money-grabbers dry. The scatage moneys have scarce afforded food for our hungry sold'ry. Speak, my lords of the treasury, what has the treasury of the realm to offer on this ransom?"

One gray old knight arose at this. and fumbling with his goiden chain, mumbled, "Your Graze, were we to mumbled. pay ene-tenth of it 'twould strip the treasury bare."

"By our lady," said Clare, "at last we the Advocates of St. Edmueds can give of our privy purses," and turning to the clerks of the parliament, he bade them set him down for a goodly sun. This example was followed by

"The Church hath chalices and platters of silver which she can spare," said John of Suffolk. 'Lee each holding give according to its ability.

with gold part ent statue of Jesse. The boughs, bearing the figures of the descendants of extremity. Samson, who had been

> will may strip the shrine. The absent who have offended our holy St. Edmund have been known to suffer therefrom. What punishment think ye, then, will be meted to those who strip his vestment from his scared body? Let him who dares stand forth."

(To be Continued.)

Father—Ar-r! So I have caught you kissing my daughter, have I? Suitor—I trust there is no doubt about it, sir. The light is quite dim and I should feel vastly humiliated if it should turn out to be somebody else perially what had been kissing.—Topeka Journal work him.

Things You Our To Know

Brooklyn, N.Y., is soon to open 30 Cincinnati school children last sum ner cultivated 2,800 gardens.

General Joffre, of Francse, is a Pro-Queen of Norway spend \$1,000 s

Buffalo has 461,335 population.

New York state has 9,750,000 pop

English Established Church has 2,-328,707 communicants

Quebec has no pawnbrokers.

Iowa has nine cities under commis A Japanese company that has plant-

000,000 pearl oysters in a bay n that country believes that it will harvest millions of pearls through a ecently discovered process Buffalo has 85,198 registered voters.

Philadelphia has an organization of blind boy scouts.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railway is rebuilding 7,000 freight cars n Buffalo shons

Russia rules 36,000,000 Poles.

There are 2.000,000 Germans in Germany before the war contained

Egypt last year bought 170.867

Bulgaria in 1914 bought 18,000

After extensive tests French experts decided that modern violins were equal in tone to, if not better than old ones of marvelous reputation.

More than 100 miles north of the Arctic Cirle the Swedish government has built a hydro-electric plant to procide power for a railroad in Lapland

A fuel for internal combustion en gines that is said to be as efficient as gasoline, but much cheaper, is being made from gasoline, kerosene and benzol in England.

## HOW TO CURE RHEUMATISM

The Disease is in the Blood and Must Be Treated Through the Blood.

There are almost as many ways of

treating rheumatism as there are doctors Most of these treatments are directed at the symptoms and are considered successful if they relieve the pain and the stiffness. But the pain and the stiffness return particularly Finally Abbot Samson rose from his if the patient has been exposed to was not driven from the system by the treatment employed. Rheumatism can medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills which go right to the root of the trouble and cure rheumatism to stay cured. The following is an example shall we raise this ransom, for I shall of what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can or wich, "there lies not treasure engine to pay this sum."

The Albert and the Bishop of orwich, "there lies not treasure engine to pay this sum."

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The Truthle were located in my least of the property of the payers that the property of the payers that the property of the property of the property of the payers that the property of the payers that the property of the payers that the The trouble was located in my legs and for a long time was so bad that I not walk. The suffering which I endured can only be imagined by those who have been similarly afflicted. Doctors' treatment did not help me and then I began trying other remedies but with no better results. Finally I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and although I had begun to lose faith in medicine, I finally decided to give the pliis a trial. I am very grateful now that I did so, for after taking eight boxes of the pills the trouble completely disappeared. I have since taken the pills occasionally as a precautionary measure and I cannot speak too highly in their favor. You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any medicine dealer or mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## A Literary Family.

Ma's writing a book on the training Of husbands, to end the dispute;
She spends twenty chapters explaining. The best way to manage "the brute."
It soon will appear in a binding. The cover's delightful, the cost, though, is frightful.
But father is paying the bill.

Jim's hustling like mad getting ready
His pioneer volume on "Squash."
He never before worked so steady,
But sister declares it's all bosh.
Her book's on "The Lost Art of Egypt"—
Jim says it's a terrible pill.
Although on all other points sister and
brother

brother May differ, pa's paying the bill. The twins are compiling statistics
On dialects of the baboon,
It's meant for their work on linguistics
That father is publishing soon.
While father—you ask what's he doing
To keep up his end? Never fear,
He's busily signing the cheques, while
reptning repining
His books will not balance this year.
William Wallace Whitelock.

"Give three reasons for saying the earth is round," confronted Sandy in an examination paper. "My teacher says it's round, the book says it's round and a man told me it was cund."—Christian Register.

No man likes to be overworked, eswhen even his friends try to

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nealth. The first warning dizziness, headache a Act quickly if you terrible ravages of complaint. Get Dr. H to-day; they cure kidstroubles for all time to medicine relieves so preson thoroughly. For goo complexion, healthy appe grand health-bringing me Hamilton's Pills. Get a

SERVANTS OF TE

They Are Well-Treated and a Permanent Position.

There are no servants so fortunately placed as those in the royal household. They are practically always sure of being able to retain their positions until too old for work and then are certain of receiving a good

It is, however, extremely difficult to obtain a position as a servant in the royal household. They are re-cruited entirely from the sons and daughters of people who are, or have been, in the employ of royalty and there are always a number of candi-

When a man servant enters the King's employ he is put on what is known as the "personal" staff of the Master of the Horse, under whom he as a probationer for serves

The general staff consists of six of the royal men servants who are speci-ally detailed to attend on the Master of the Horse, and are relieved practi-

cally of all other duty The Master of the Horse is the only member of the household who has such a staff. At the end of six months the probationer, on the recommendation of the Master of the Horse, is placed on the indoor staff of yeomen, and comes under the control of Mr.

Darren, the palace steward. The royal men servants are divided into three different classes: yeomen, grooms and pages. A man serves, as a rule, for five years as a yeoman, and is then put on the staff of grooms He may remain in the groom class for ten or twelve years and is then pro-

moted to the page class. A certain number of the Royal servants are put daily, when the court is in residence, on what is known as "close wait." That is personal attendance on the King and Queen.

The close wait attendants are selected from the grooms and pages only; the list of close wait attendants only; in the state apartments is made out daily by the palace steward, and in the personal apartments of the Kins Servants on close wait black, and wear an ordinary morning

and Queen, by the chief page, coat; all the others who are on ordin ary duty about the place wear the royal livery. In this respect it may be noticed that the custom of the English Court differs from that of other European courts where all the sorwait attendants being unusually distinguished by a badge

eft arm. There are altogether close on three hundred men servants in the royal household, but the attendance of the full staff is only required on the oc casion of great state entertainments, or when a foreign monarch is visiting

the English court. Normally there are from 150 to 200 men servants in residence at Bucking Palace or Windsor Castle.

A large number of the servants are non-resident, that is to say, they live at their own private reside London, near the palace: but some ive in the London when their attendance at the palace is required.

There are some very well paid positions, which every man entering the royal service may aspire to. The steward, the chief page, the chief veo-men and the chief page of the pesmen and the chief page varying from ence receive salaries varying from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per annum, but the rank and file of the servants are not better paid than the servants in any ordinary wealthy gentleman's ser-

The majority of the royal servants are fairly good linguists. Most of them speak French and German, and several speak three or four languages as well as their native tongue.

In the English, as in all royal households there are some foreign servants employed, but there are as a matter of fact, fewer foreigners in English royal service than at any other court in Europe, except that of the Czar, where custom for-bids any but Russians being em-

Jupiter Warmer Than the Earth. Jupiter Warmer Than the Earth.

"The gigantic mass of Jupiter has a much larger warmth than that of the earth," says a scientific writer. "It is the result of the molecular movement produced by the compression of the strata and must be greater the more powerful the masses and hence the larger the pressure of the strata is Jupiter surpasses the earth in point of mass 307 times, and for this reason the inner temperature or individual warmth of the planet is probably high enough to evaporate the water upon the surface quickly, so that water vapor forms the principal substance of the atmosphere of Jupiter. Water vapor is an excellent reflector and readily accounts for the bright radiation of light emitted by the planet."

THE ROUND ROBIN.

William Henry P. Fyfe in "Five Thousand Facts and Fancies" says that round robin is the name given to a remonstrance or petition signed by a number of persons, 'generally in a circular form, so as to avoid giving prominece to any single name. He continues; "This device is said to have been first used by the officials of the French government as a means of making known their grievances. The most celebrated round robin' in the English language is the one signed by Burks, Gibbon, Sir Joshua Reynolds and others and sent to Dr. Samuel Johnson, requesting him to amend the epitaph to Oliver Goldsmith in Westminster abbey and suggesting that it be written in English and not in Latin. Johnson accepted the round robin' in a kindly spirit, but told Er Joshua Reynolds, the bearer of the missive. that he would 'never consent to disgrace the walls of Westminster abbay with an English inscription.'"