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CAMILLE OF MARTINIQUE

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Under the brilliant southern stars the white camellias gleamed waxlike. Be-tween the glossy leaves a slender figthe leaned over the low white wall that skirted the garden. It seemed a spirit of the night, that face shadowed by dusky hair, gazing down with

troubled eyes into the passionate one raised to her own.

"Camille," he whispered, "mia bella, must I still implore you? It is that you do not love me, cruel one."

He seized her hands imperiously as if to draw her to him. They trembled in his hot grasp as her voice sighed:
"Filipe, it is you who are cruel. You know—the granpere is so old. He has

none but me. It would kill him if I should fly with you." The girl's charming patois betrayed the daughter of France, while her deep, mysterious eyes were the heritage of some Indian beauty—a quadroon girl, but none the less vaunted as the heiress of old M. Le Moyne and the belle of St. Pierre, where the color line is but loosely drawn. Her granpere planned great things for her when they should go to Paris in the fall. She was so beautiful; a prince perhaps, or at least a count.

And she? She had already given her heart to the keeping of Filipe, he who only owned a small lugger plying be-tween Martinique and Guadeloupe.

She loved him, and yet she answered all his prayers with "Wait!" Filipe could not understand it. As the night wind, perfumed with the scent of a hundred flowers, caressed her cheek his heart was suddenly filled with a passionate jealousy. She was so beautiful, and she loved him alone, and yet the fates had placed her high above him, so that, as now, he could barely touch the tips of her delicate fingers with his lips. The hot blood of Spain that lent color to his swarthy cheek and fire to his dark eye could not brook

such thwarting.
"Camille," he cried impetuously, "let me again implore you! Come with me. The white sails of my Santa Maria will bear you safely to Basse Terre,



THERE, AMID THE BLACKENED STEMS, LAY

and there I have a friend, a good padre who will make us one. Come,

His voice had softened to infinite tenderness. Camille leaned heavily against the wall, and her words were broken by longing as she whispered,

A hot tear splashed down upon his

"I cannot"

hand, but he drew it away roughly. "Enough of tears!" he cried bifterly. "They cost you nothing, while I-I am eating my heart out for you. But you have said 'No' once too often. I swear to you'-and he raised his hand and pointed to the distant mountain peak half cloaked in vapor—"I swear to you that your sleeping Pelee shall wake to life before I again seek for your love!" Camille gave a cry of anguish, but it fell on ears all unheeding. Filipe strode down the road toward the quay

with never a backward glance. girl's face was as waxen as her name sake's, and like a rudely broken flower she sank on her knees against the wall. Above her sobs came the rumble of Pelee's voice, but she did not hear.

It was at Basse Terre that the news came to Filipe-came in a swift succession of horrible rumors, each more terrifying than the last. Pelee had awakened. And St. Pierre? No one

And Camille? Filipe prayed in his heart when his dry lips refused to move. So benumbed were his senses from anguish and suffering that the memory of his oath had no longer power to move him. The Santa Maria was headed directly for the port of St. Pierre. Her decks were strewn with ashes and stones, her sails and with ashes and stones, her salls and rigging torn and broken, yet gallantly she rode this unknown sea of dirty safron color, whose sullen water was cumbered with wreckage. She had met huge tidal waves that swept away her crew, for she could not fail the hand of the man at the helm. The pilot's eyes, bloodshot by long hours of vigil, were fixed on the blazing heaps which alone remained to tell the heaps which alone remained to tell the story of St. Pierre.

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wreckage on the water. Filipe had sunk on his knees, as if fearful of recognizing a beloved face among them. But the Santa Maria, driven on by a sudden breeze, headed straight for the quay that lay nearest to where the white wall still showed amid the stricken garden.

Hardly conscious of having made the landing, he staggered up the walk and leaped the wall. A groan escaped his lips. There, amid the blackened stems of the camellias, lay a body. It was burned to a crisp far beyond recogni-tion, but the lover could not doubt. Around was silence, desolation, death. And here lay Camille. "She was watching for me-for the

heartless one," he muttered.

Then sudden fury seized him. shall not leave you here, my flower one!" he cried. "There must be places on this accursed island still untouched by fire. I will lay you to sleep there under fragrant blossoms, and then perhaps the saints will ease me of my misery."

Stripping off his coat, he wrapped it tenderly about the body, hiding the face, and bore it down to the quay.

Again the favoring wind sprang up, and the Santa Maria crept slowly down the bay, and still the voice of Pelee thundered from the peak wreathed in forked lightnings. Her ashes fell ceaselessly on the shrouded figure at the foot of the mast and on the head of the pilot. His hands and face were blackened and burned and his eyes were blinded by smoke and dust, but his hand still kept the helm and the Santa Maria her way.

The Dixle's deck was crowded with anxious men, for were they not already entering the great zone of ashes that surrounded the fated island? Through the gloom came the gleam of a sail. "Ship ahoy!" brought no an-

'Probably refugees and too dazed to speak," one man said commiseratingly. "No; not dazed—only dead," another replied, for Pelee had added another victim to her list, and the saints had released Filipe from his misery. haps-who knows?-he found his flower one again in all her radiant beauty, where camellias ever bloom.

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Teach Your Daughter to Work. Any American girl is possibly and probably going to need to fall back upon her own resources some time. The ups and downs of fortune are too certain and too conspicuous to need pointing out. To bring up a girl without any training in a useful occupation is not simply improvident and foolish, but it is wicked. Feminine character needs independence to make and keep it sweet and perfect. The darkest tragedies of life grow out of the ignorance, helplessness and dependence of women. Courage, training in work, independence of character and self reliance-these, with high ideals of womanhood for inspiration, are what ev ery girl needs. Only through intelligent work can the highest character be attained, and the growth of character is the whole purpose of this school which we call "the world."—Woman's Home Companion.

Never Kill Rats With Poison To administer poison to rats in the house in which human beings dwell is foldish. It is criminal. Let the thieving little beast be doctored with a death dealing dose of arsenic, strychnine or prussic acid, and in the threes of approaching dissolution he doubles him-self up in a narrow space between the walls or in some close corner in the dark cellar and dies. In a few hours the horrible stench of his decomposing body permeates the atmosphere of the house, and in a day or two the atmosphere is saturated with mephitic gases that indicate other sources of contagion that may cause death. When war is made upon the rat in the house, let him be caught in a trap. Any trap that is workable will do.

The Solecism Box. The children of our household writer in a magazine, take a great deal of interest in what is known in the family as "the solecism box." This is a small box into which any one may drop a slip of paper recording an error eech that has come under his notice. These notes are not made personal at all, although at the weekly opening of the box some of us readily recognize and acknowledge our mistakes. The fear of being "put in the box," I believe, makes even the grownups a little more careful than we should otherwise be.

Put children to bed early. If you have to look after your children yourself don't let them sit up late as a rule on any terms. You need and ought to have some time to yourself for rest and recreation, and it will be bad for the children as well as yourself if you don't get it. The important thing is, get your get it. The important thing is, get your thoughts directed into fresh channels or in time you will find it difficult to talk or think of anything except the house and the children.

Lamp Wicks.

If a lampwick proves troublesome and will not move up and down easily, try drawing a thread or two from one side. In turning out a lamp do not blow side. In turning out a lamp do not blow straight down on it, but across it, first turning the wick far down. When trimming a wick do not cut off the brown tinder, as it helps in relighting; rub a cloth over it to remove stray

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