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A ROMANCE

"Pray God they drive away the plague!" said the Duke of York, as

The page sprang up the stairs af-

ter them, humming, as he came, one

of his master's love ditties-songs,

of his master's love dittles—songs, saith tradition, savoring anything but the order of sancity. With the warning of La Masque fresh in their minds, both looked at him earnestly. His gay livery was that of Lord Rochester, and became his graceful fig-

ure well, as he marched along with

a jaunty swagger, one hand on his side and the other toying with a beautiful little spaniel, that frisked

in open violation of the Lord May-

or's orders, commanding all dogs, great and small, to be put to death

as propogators of the pestilence. In

ward them for a moment-a bright,

saucy, handsome face it was-and

ongle and disappeared.

from the plague-pit:

to end?'

the next instant he went round an

suppressed an oath. Sir Norman

stifled a cry of amazement-for both recognized that beautiful colorless face, those of perfect features and great, black, lustrous eyes. It was

the face of the lady they had saved

"Am I same or mad?" inquired Sir

Norman, looking hopelessly about

him for information. "Surely that is she we were in search of?"

"It certainly is," said Ormiston,
"Where are the wonders of this night

"Satan and La Masque only know

"Where, indeed?" said Ormistor

'where is last year's snow?" And Sir

Norman, looking round at the spot where she had stood a moment be-

fore, found that she. too, had disap-

CHAPTER IV.

The two friends looked at each

other in impressive silence for a

Not that they were astonished-they

were long past the power of that emotion; and, if a cloud had dropped

from the sky at their feet, they

especially, had sunk into a state of

mind that wards are faint and feeble

to describe. Ormiston, not being

quite so far gone, was the first to

is the most astonishing thing I ever heard of. That certainly was the face of our half-dead bride! What,

in the name of all the gods, can it

open, and swallow London up I

would not be the least surprised.

One thing is certain, the lady we

are seeking and that page are one

was two miles from the city, in the

haunted ruin; and La Masque most

"I have no doubt she is there.

I find her in every street between this

"Really, it is a most singular af-

fair! First you see her in the magic

caldron, then we find her dead; then,

when within an ace of being buried,

she comes to life; then we leave her

in your room, and fifteen minutes af-

ter, she vanishes as mysteriously as

a fairy in a nursery legend. And,

lastly, she turns up in the shape of a court page, and swaggers along London Bridge at this hour of the

night, chanting a love song. Faith!

read the riddle, I've a notion!"
"I for one, shall never try to read

it," said Sir Norman, "I am about tired of this labyrinth of mysteries,

and shall leave time and La Masque

"Then you mean to give up the

"Not exactly! I love this myster-

ious beauty too well to do that, and when next I find her, be it where it

may, I shall take care she does not

"I cannot forget that page," said Ormiston, musingly. "It is singu-lar, since he wears the Earl of Roch-

ester's livery, that we have never

seen him before among his followers.

Are you quite sure, Sir Norman, that

miston! Do you think I could ever forget such a face as that?"
"It would not be easy. I confess.

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would not be easy. I confess

slip so easily through my fingers."

to unravel them at their leisure.'

it would puzzle the sphinx herself to

"And yet La Masque told you she

not be the least astonished if

in the same helpless

"And if the earth were to

"I have given up wondering,"

Upon my honor, Sir Norman, this

open his lips.

and the same.

assuredly knows.'

and Newgate."

oursuit?"

you have not?"

would probably have lookeh at passively, and vaguely wondered if the rest would follow. Sir Norman

and spake never a word.

for they both seem to have united to

drive me mad. Where is she?"

passing, the lad turned his face to-

he and his companion passed

•*•*•**** "Madame La Masque," said Sir Norman, flushed and haughty, "love

is not a question of time." "Sir Norman Kingsley," said the lady, somewhat sadly, "I am aware of that. Tell me what you wish to know, and if it be in my power, you shall know it."
"A thousand thanks! Tell me, then, is she whom I seek living or dead"

"She is alive." "She has the plague?" said Sir

Norman. "I know it." Will she recover?"

"She will." Where is she now?"

La Masque hesitated, and seemed uncertain whether or not to reply. Sir Norman passionately broke in: "Tell me, madam for I must know

"Then you shall; but, remember, it you get into danger, you must not "Blame you? No, I think I would

hardly do that. Where am I to seek 'Two miles from London, beyond Newgate," said the mask. "There stands the ruins of what was once long ago a hunting-lodge, now a crumbling skeleton, rooiless, and windowless, and said, by rumor, to be haunted. Perhaps you have seen or

heard of it?" 'I have seen it a hundred times, broke in Sir Norman. "Surely you do not mean to say she is there?" "Go there and you will see. there to-night, and lose no timethat is supposing you can procure a

"I have one already. I have a oass from the Lord Mayor to come and go from the city when I please. "Good! Then, you'll go to night?" "I will go. I might as well do that as anything else, I suppose, but it is quite impossible," said Sir Norman firmly, not to say obstinately,

that she can be seen there." "Very well-you'll see. You had better go on horseback, if you desire to be back in time to witness the illumination.

"I don't particularly desire to the illumination, as I know of; but I will ride, nevertheless. What am I to do when I get there?"

You will enter the ruin and go on until you discover a spiral staircase leading to what was once the vaults. The flags of these vaults are loose from age, and if you should desire to remove any of them, you will probably not find it an impossibility." Why should I desire to remove

them?" asked Sir Norman, who felt dubious, and disappointed, and inbe dogmatical. "Why, you may see a glimmering light-hear strange noises; and if you remove the stones, may possibly see strange sights. As I told you before it is rumored to be haunted, which is

true enough, though not in the way they suspect, and so the fools and the common herd stay away." "And if I am discovered peeping like a rascally valet, what will be

"Very unpleasant ones to you; but you need not be discovered if you take care. Ah! Look there!"

She pointed to the river, and both her companions looked. A barge gayly painted and gilded, with a light in prow and stern, came gliding up among less pretentious craft, and stopped at a flight of stairs leading to the bridge. It contained four persons—the oarsman, two cavaliers sitting in the stern, and a lad in the rich fivery of a court page in the act of springing out, Nothing very won-derful in all this; and Sir Norman and Ormiston looked at her for an

explanation. "Do you know these two gentlemen?" she asked.
"Certainly," replied Sir Norman,
promptly; "one is the Duke of York,

he other is the Earl of Rochester. "And that page, to which of them does he belong?"
"The page?" said Sir Norman,
with a stare, as he leaned forward to

look; "pray, madam, what has the The two peers had ascended the stairs, and was already on the bridge. The page loitered behind,

talking, as it seemed, to the water-"He wears the livery of the Earl of Rochester," said Ormiston, speak-ing for the first time, "but I cannot

"He will follow presently, and be sure you see it then; possibly you may not find it entirely new to you. She drew back into the shadow as she spoke; and the two nobles, as they advanced, talking earnestly be-held Sir Norman and Ormiston. Both raised their hats with a look of recognition, and the salute was courte

ously returned by the others. "Good night, gentlemen," said Lord Rochester; "a hot evening, is it not? Have you come here to witness the illumination?"

"Really, said Sir Norman; "we have come for a very different purpose, my lord."
"The fires will have one good effect," said Ormiston, laughing; if they clear the air and drive away this stifling atmosphere."



"I shall ask Rochester about hir the first thing to-morrow; and less he is an optical illusion—which I vow I half believe is the case—I will come to the truth in spite o your demoniac friend, La Masque.

"Then you do not mean to look for him to-night?" "Look for him? I might as well look for a needle in a haystack. Not I! I have promised La Masque to visit the old ruins, and there I shall go forthwith. Will you accompany

say to La Masque; and you and she kept talking so busily, I had no

"Besides, I have no doubt it is word you would not like to utter in the presence of a third party, even though that third party be your friend and Pythias, Kingsley. Do you mean to stay here like a plaguesentinel until she returns?"

"Possibly; or if I get tired I may

set out in search of her. you return? "The fates, that seem to make football of my best affections, and kick them as they please, only know. If nothing happens-which, being in terpreted, means if I am still in the

land of the living-I shall surely be back by daylight." "And I shall be anxious about that time to hear the result of your night's adventure; so where shall we

"Why not here? It is as good place as any."
"With all my heart, Where do you

'At the King's Arms - but one's throw from here. Farewell. "Good-night, and God speed you!" aid Ormiston. And wrapping his cloak close about him, he leaned against the doorway, and, watching the dancing lights on the river, pre-pared to await the return of La

With his head full of the adven tures and misadventures of the night Sir Norman walked thoughtfully or until he reached the King's Arms ow inn on the bank of the river. To his dismay he found the house shut up, and bearing the dismal, mark and inscription of the pestilence. While he stood contemplating it in perplexity, a watchman, on guard before another plague-stricken house, advanced and nformed him that the whole family had perished of the disease and that the landlord himself, the last survivor, had been carried off not twen minutes before, to the plague-pit. "But," added the man, seeing Sir Norman's look of annoyance, and being informed what he wanted, "there are two or three horses round there

in the stable, and you may as wel

help yourself, for if you don't take them, somebody else will." This philosophic logic struck Sir Norman as being so extremely reasonable, that without more ado he stepped round to the stables and selected the best it contained. Before proceeding on his journey it occurred to him that, having been handling a plague-patient it would be a good thing to get his clothes fumigated; so he stepped into an apothecary's store for that purpose, and provided him-self also with a bottle of aromatic self also vinegar. Thus prepared for the worst, Norman sprang on his horse like second Don Quixote striding good steed Rozinante, and sallied forth in quest of adventures. These, for a short time, were of rather a dismal character; for hearing noise of a horse's hoofs in the silent streets at that hour of the night, the people opened their doors as he passed by, thinking it the pest cart, and brought forth many a miserable victim of the pestilence. Averting his head from the revolting spectacles, head from Sir Norman held the bottle of vine gar to his nostrils, and rode rapidly till he reached Newgate. There he stopped until his bill of health was examined, and that small manuscript being found all right, he was permitted to pass on in peace. where he went the trail of the serpent was visible over all. Death and Desolation went hand in hand. Outside as well as inside the gates, great piles of wood and coal were arranged, waiting only the midnight hour to be fired. Here, however, no one seemed to be stirring, and no sound broke the silence but the distant rumble of the death cart, and the ringing of the driver's bell. There were lights in some of the houses, but

many of them were dark and deserted, and nearly every one bore the red cross of the plague.

It was a gloomy scene and hour,
and Sir Norman's heart turned sick within him as he noticed the ruin and devastation the pestilence had wrought everywhere around. And he remembered with a shudder the pre-diction of Lilly, the astrologer, that the paved streets of London would be like green fields, and the living be no longer able to bury the dead. Long before this he had grown hardened and accustomed to death from its very frequence; but now, as he looked around him, he almost resolved to ride on and return no more to London till the plague should have left it. But then came the thought of his unknown lady-love, and with it the reflection that he was on his way to find her; and, rousing himself from his melancholoy reverie, he ode on at a brisker pace, heroically other emergency, for her sake. Full of this laudable and lover-like resolution, he had got on about half a mile further, when he suddenly checked in his rapid career by an exciting, but wav surprising. little incident To be Continued

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TIME LOST.

An Instructive Fable by Dear Old

[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] One day as the Sage was passin along a highway he came upon several Travelers who were standing around the body of a man lying upon the earth. "What is this?" asked the wise man

as he looked about. "We cannot agree as to the man ly ing here," replied one of the Travelers. "I contend that, being a Traveler like myself, he should not pay a poll tax." "And I contend that, being a Peas ant, he must pay the tax," added a

"Under the law he must be a Travel-

"Under the law he must be a Peas Thus they argued and wrangled and discussed, and the Sage looked down at the man in silence. It was finally agreed to leave it to the wise man to decide, and he lifted up his voice and

said: "My dear friends, you may cease your wrangling and go your ways in perce. While you have been arguing the question the poor man has died of starvation, and he is therefore neither a Traveler nor a Peasant, but a cold corpse.

Moral.-You'll find it in Washington or Porto Rico.

Spoiling His Joke. "Tea is way up," said the boarding house wit as he slyly looked about the table.

"How high?" inquired unsuspicious little Miss Jenks. "Shanghigh!" cried the funny man, with a violent snort.

There was a dead silence. "Shang-hah-ee, if you please, Mr. Bunker," said Miss Tippit of the staff of the summer school.

Helping the River. "What are those people along the shore and in boats doing?" asked the maiden in the pale blue taffeta shirt waist.

"They seem to be dragging the river," replied the interested masculine observer. "Good land! Does the river run so slow that it has to be pulled along?"

First Aid to the Impecunious. Graphter-I left my pocketbook at home, and I haven't a penny in my clothes. Say, lend me a fiver, will you? I'll return it tomorrow. Phoxy-I'll do better. Here's a nickel; you can go home spd get your pocketbook.

Especially In Chicago. "Do you think there is too much courtesy mixed with business nowadays?"

"No; I think we ought to mix more courtesy with our business and business with our courtesy.".

Useless to Linger. "I am waiting," said the old codger, to find a friend without fault."

"Take my advice then," said the fellow who tells unpleasant truths, "and cease waiting. Move on. You'll never find him."-Philadelphia Call.

He Didn't Know. She-How did you come to marry

He-She asked him why he didn't marry, and he thoughtlessly replied that he didn't have to.—Smart Set.

Asking Too Much. "Harry, this pamphlet says vinegar will take rust off the spokes of your "Yes; but it says 'rub briskly.' "-Indianapolis Journal.

The Return Trip. "Will you have plenty of fresh fruit

t that farm where you go, Alice?" "Yes; Arthur says he will bring a big basketful every night."-Detroit

A Trivial Offense



old watch with a plated chain? Prisoner-Only the chain, your honor But the watch was hanging on to the end of it!-Heitere Welt.

When Hearts Are Trump. O woman, we, the men, have joked
And sneered with scanty grace
O'er how you "nigged" and you "revok
And "killed" your partner's ace,
Forgetful quite that you've a game
Where we but pose as chumps,
Where rules employed are not the same
As whist—and hearts are trumps.

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For talk and laughter ring;
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