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Years had rolled by. The child that prattled by his side became the stately girl, but the hand clasp at that grave had never been relinquished. She could not pretend to mourn the death of the marquis, her own father. Had he not ever been dead to her-as dead nobleman-as dead as Gross George and all the other honored and disho ored figures of that misty past? Barnes' death was the abrupt severing of ties strengthened by years of tender ssociation, and when his last summons came she felt herself truly alone. In an old cemetery, amid the crum-bling bricks. Barnes was buried, his

sealed tomb above ground bearing in its inscription the answer to the duke's query. Thy Best of Life is Sleep." ce remained in New Orleans. mal resting place, and she had no defnite desire to go elsewhere. Adrift in he darkness of the present, the young

girl was too perplexed to plan for the so she remained in the house had rented shortly before his death. An elderly gentlewoman of fail-en fortunes, to whom this semirural establishment belonged, Constance retained as a companion, passing her time quietly, soberly, almost in soli-tude. This mansion, last remnant of its owner's earthly estate, was roomy and spacious, pestling among the or-anges and inviting seclusion, with its pretentions wall surrounding the

The old fashloned gentlewoman, poo and proud, was a diffing figure in that ancient house, where in former days gay parties had assembled. But now gay parties had assembled. But now the principal callers at the old house were the little fat priest, with a rosy smile, who looked after the aged indy's soul, of which she was most so-licitous in these later days, and the Count de Propriac. who came ostensibly to see the elderly woman and chat about genealogy and extraction, but was obviously not unmindful of the presence of the young girl nor averse to seeking to mitigate her sorrow. Culver, the lawyer, too, came occasion-ally to talk about her affairs, but of-ten her mind turned impatiently from figures and markets to the subtle rhythm of Shakespeare. She regretted having left the stage, feeling the loneliness of this simple existence, yet averse to seeking diversion and shunning rather than inviting society. As the laret hours crept by she longed for the forced wakefulness and stir of other days — bappy days of insecurity.

ing. joyoqs days, gone now beyond But while she was stricing to solve these new problems of her life they were all being settled for her by fate. that arrogant meddler. Calling one morning Culver, tosegay in hand, was obliged to wait lenger than usual and employed the interval in casually ex-

ng his surroundings and inciden-himself. First, with the vanity of youngish old gentlemen, he gazed into a tall mirror framed in the fantastic style of the early Venetians, a glass which had belonged to the marlight beauty of his noble spouse. Paus-ing about as long as it would have tak-en a lady to adjust a curl, he peeped into a Dutch cabinet of abony and her of pearl and was studying a charming creature painted on ivory, whose head, like that of Bluebeard's wife, was subsequently separated from her levely shoulders, when a light footstep behind him interrupted

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young girl and with stately gallantry

"How well you are looking." be said. "Though there might be a little more color perhaps, like some of these flowers. If I were a doctor I should pre-She took the flowers, meeting his

kindly gaze with a faint smile. Most patients would like such prescriptions," he went on. "I should soon

But. although be spoke lightly, his manner was partly forced, and he regarded her furtively. Their brief acquaintance had awakened in him an inmen were an unknown but beautiful quantity. From the vantage point of a life of single blessedness be vaguely but quixotically placed them in the same category with flowers, and curiosity was no harsher than that of a gardener studying some new variety of bud or blossom. Therefore he hesttated in what he was about to say. shifting in his chair uneasily when they were seated, but finally coming to

"Have you read the account of the engagement between the Mexican and the American forces at Vera Cruz?"

"No, not yet." she admitted.
"Nor the list of-of casualties?" be continued besitatingly.
"The casualties!" she repeated.

"Saint-Prosper has no further interest in the marquis' sous," he said

She gazed straight before her, calm and composed. This absence of any exhibition of feeling reassured the at-

"He is-dead?" she asked quietly.

"How did be die?"

"Gallantly," replied the caller, now convinced she had no interest in the matter save that of a mere acquaint-ance. "His death is described in half a column. You see he did not live in

"Was be-killed in battle?"

"In a skirmish. His company was sent to break up a band of guerrilla rancheros at Antigua. They ambushed him; he drove them out of the thicket. but fell-you have dropped your flow-ers; allow me—at the head of his men."
"At the head of his men!" She drew in her breath,

"There passed the last of an ill fated line." said the lawyer redectively. "Poor fellow! He started with such bright prospects, graduating from the military college with unusual bopors. Ambitious, light hearted, he want to Africa to carve out a name in the ar-

fixed conclusion her brain was filled with new and polgnant reflections. Unconsciously she placed a nervous hand upon his arm.
"Then Ernest Saint-Prosper who

was-killed in Mexico was not the

"Certainly not!" exclaimed Culver quickly. "Owing to the disgrace, I am sure, more than to any other reason, be bade farewell to his country—and now lies unmourned in some mountain ravine. It is true the marquis quarreled with him, disliking not a little

my dear young lady, you are ill?"
"No, no!" she returned hastily, striving to maintain her self possession. "How-do you know this?"

"How-do you know this?"
"Through the marquis himself," he replied somewhat uneasy beneath her steady gaze. "He told me the story in order to protect the estate from any possible pretensions on the part of the traitor. The renegade was reported dead, but the marquis nevertheless remained skeptical. He did not believe in the old saw about the devil being dead. 'Le diable lives always,' be sait.'

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The visitor observed a perceptible change in the young girl, just what he could not define, but to him it seemed most to lie in her eyes, where some-thing that buffled him looked out and

met his glance.
"His brother was an officer in the French army?" size asked, as though

forcing herself to speak.

"Yes, ten years older than Ernest Saint-Prosper, he had already made a career for himself. How engerly, then, must the younger brother have looked forward to make the speak of the same tensor of forward to meeting bim; to serving with one who. In his young eyes, was all that was brave and noble! What a bitter awakening from the dream! It is not those we hate who can injure us most; only those we love can stab us so deeply!

Mechanically she answered the lawyer, and, when he prepared to leave, the band given him at parting was as cold as lee.

"He should have that the difference," observed the officer, stepping to the door.

"Faith, they'll cure him at daythe hand given him a., cold as ice.
"Remember." he said admonishingly.
"Tem closter, more dify!"

Some hours later the old lady, dress ed in her heavy silk and brocade and with snow white hair done up in im posing fashion, rapped on Constance's door, but received no answer. Knock ing again, with like result, she entered the room, discovering the young girl on the bed her cheeks tinted like the rose, her eyes with no gleam of recog-nition in them and her lips moving. uttering snatches of old plays. Taking her hand, the old lady found it hot and

"Bless me!" she exclaimed. "She is down with a fever." And she at once prepared a simple remedy which soon silenced the babbling lips in slumber, after which she sent for the doctor.

CHAPTER XXXII.

DJUTANT, tell Colonel Saint-Prosper I wish to see him."

The adjutant saluted and turned on his beel, while General Scott bent over the papers before him, studying a number of rough pencil tracings. Absorbed in his task, the light of two candles on the table brought into relief, against the dark shadows, a face of rugged character and marked determination. Save for a slight contraction of the brow be gave no evidence of the mental con-centration he bestowed upon the matter in hand, which was to lend to the culmination of the struggle and to vindicate the wisdom and boldness of his policy.

"You sent for me. general?" An erect, martial figure stood respectfully at the entrance of the tent. "Yes," said the general, pushing the papers from him. "I have been studying your drawings of the defensive works at San Antonio Garita and find them entirely comprehensive. A coun-

cil of officers has been called, and per-haps it will be as well for you to re-"At what time shall I be here, gen-

"It is about time now." answered the commander in chief, consulting his watch. "You have quite recovered from your wounds?" he added kindly. "Yes. thank you, general."

"I see by the newspapers you were reported dead. If your friends read that it will cause them needless anxiety. You had better see that the mat-ter is corrected."

"It is hardly worth while," returned the young man slowly. The commanding general glanced at him in some surprise. "A strange fel-low!" he thought. "Has he reasons for wishing to be considered dead? How ever, that is none of my business. At after a moment he continued: "Cerro Gordo was warm work, but there is warmer yet in store for us. Only Providence, not the Mexicans, can stop us. But here are the officers," as General Pillow, Brevet General Twiggs and a

number of other officers entered.

The commander in chief proceeded to give such information as he had touching the approaches to the city. Many of the officers favored operating tacking Chapultepec. Saint-Prosper when called on stated that the ground before the San Antonio gate was intersected by many irrigating ditches and that much of the approach was under water.

"Then you would prefer storming a

campaign. His wound had incapaci-tated him for only a few months, and in spite of the climate and a woeful lack of medical attendance and nourishing supplies his bardy constitution stood him in such stead he was on his feet and in the saidle, while his com-rades languished and died in the serce heat of the temporary hospitals. His fellow officers knew him as a fearless soldier, but a man reticent about himself, who made a confident of no one. Liked for his ready, broad military qualities, it was a matter of comment, nevertheless, that no one knew anything about him except that he had served in the French army and was highly esteemed by General Scott as a

daring and proficient engineer.

After leaving the commanding general's tent Saint-Prosper retired to rest in that wilderness which had once

been a monarch's pleasure grounds.

When daybreak again penetrated the mountain recesses and fell upon the valley he arose to rlinke off a troubled slumber. An unleastly mist hung over the earth, like a missing, and the officer ing and noxious atmosphere to a little adobe house which the natives had built near the trail that led through the valley. As he approached this but he encountered a dismal but loqua-cious sentinel tramping before the partly opened door.

"This is chilly work, guard?" said

the young man, pausing.
"Yis, colonel," replied the soldler, apparently grateful for the interruption; "It's a bot foight I prefer to this cool dooty."

"Whom are you guarding?" contin-

"A spy, taken in the lines a few days ago. He's to be executed this morning at 6. But I don't think he will moind that, for it's out of his head be h the majaria."
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break," replied the guard. "It's a medicine that giver fails."

Saint-Prosper pushed open the door. The Interior was so dim that at first be could not distinguish the occupant, but when his eyes became accustomed to the darkness he discovered the figure dian residence sifted through the small ness houses.

The investment of a few dollars with a reliable stock brokerage firm often brings large returns. The wealthiest men own stocks and bonds, that served for a chimney. As Saint Prosper gazed at the prostrate man the latter moved uneasily, and from the parched lips fell a few words:

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the manor? The serenading antirenters have come for her." Then he repeated more slowly: "The squaw Pewasch! For seventeen and one-half ells of duffels! A rare principality for the scornnow around the manor-screech owls. catbirds, bobolinks!"

"Do you know. Little Thunder, the Lord only rebuxed the l'harisees?" continued the prostrate man. "Though the Pharisee triumphs after all! But it was the stroller I wanted, not the principality."

When stocks are lew, and no one wants them, is the time to buy, according to the advice of John R. McKee. No union man can make a mistake by placing an order with him. Helphone, write or eall on him. Where is his office?

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He stirred quickly, as if suddenly aware of the presence of another in the hut, and, turning, lifted his head in a startled manuer, surveying the figure and the figure an startled manner, surveying the figure near the doorway with conflicting emotions written on his palid contentance. Arising deliberately, his body, like a machine, obeying automatically some unconscious power, he confronted the officer, who recognized in him, despite his thin, worn face and eyes, unnatorally bright, the once pretentious land baron. Edward Mauville. Moving to ward the door, gazing on Saint-Prosper as though be was one of the figures of a disturbing phantaem, her eached the threshold, and, lifting his hand above his head, the prisoner placed it against one of the supports of the hurt and above leaning there. From the evaluated the creation of his minds eye, as be, doubtlessly half conscious of his situation. Across the valley the soldiers showed signs of bestiring the mere the cigar and tobacco deals though absumptly conscious of his situation. Across the valley the soldiers showed signs of bestiring the mere the cigar and tobacco deals though absumptly conscious of his situation. Across the valley the soldiers showed signs of bestiring themselves, the smoke of many fires novering carthward beneath the mist. Drawing bit this first hand for the smoke of many fires novering carthward beneath the mist. Drawing bit this first hand for the served in the smoke of many fires novered the smoke of many fires novering carthward beneath the mist. Drawing bit this first hand the manner of the firm of nillowed the state of the first of the same of the firm of nillowed the content of the smoke of many fires novered as a strong the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the firm of nillowed the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the supports of the firm of nillowed the content of the firm of nillowed the c tion. Across the valley the soldiers showed signs of bestirring themselves, the smoke of many fires hovering earthward beneath the mist. Drawing his thin frame proudly to its full height, with a gesture of disdain for physical weakness, and setting his keen, wild eyes upon the soldier, Mauville said in a hollow tone:

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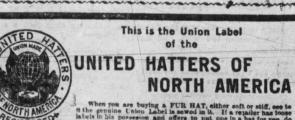
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