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The Crimson Slipper.

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(Continued.)

"Good Heavens!" I cried. "One of my matches has fired the house. Come, we must get out at once." And grasping her hand I made for the top of the staircase. There was no fire on the stairs, however, what we had seen glowing in the mirror was only the reflection of a ruddy glow thrown on the inner glass doors of the entrance-hall exactly opposite the staircase. The fire was therefore below us, probably in the kitchen or office. Dense volumes of smoke were floating into the hall from some open door, bearing with them the heavy, offensive stench of paraffin, and as I recalled the big fire which I had seen, and knew that the fire was no accident of my causing, but the miller's deliberate, cold-blooded work, still holding Mary Denzell by the hand I hurried down the stairs, and had almost reached the side door with her when we were stopped to the spot by a terrible cry from below.

I could not articulate, but her voice answered them. I was dragged into the open air, and brandy was given me from my own flask, I suppose; then I heard about in the distance and was set, on my feet and forced to run; and finally I was laid down on the sweet-smelling turf behind a hay-stack. I noticed now that one of the men we had rescued was Herman, and that the other was something like Howell. Howell seen in a nightmare—and they were talking earnestly to Miss Denzell. Presently the man who looked like Howell came and sat down beside me, switched his grey hair off his head, and began to wipe his face compositely with a greasy rag. "Sorry we had to make you run, sir," he said, "but you see, the villagers have been attracted by the fire, and it wouldn't have done for us to be caught—four strangers without credentials—for it's more than likely they'd have run us in."

if you please; you might be doing somebody a vital bit of harm." She paused and stood looking at him in astonishment. "Why may I not tell?" she asked. "Because—because," he stammered, "you want to go back to Southwate and find it yourself, I suppose, miss? And under those circumstances it might be our business to take you."

BILIOUSNESS. ROOSEVELT TO THE STRIKERS. President Gives Good Advice to Teamsters Committee in Chicago.

Chicago, May 10.—A committee of labor men appointed to call on President Roosevelt and lodge with him a protest against the employment of federal troops during the present teamsters' strike was granted an audience late this afternoon. President Roosevelt and Secretary Loeb were the only persons at the conference. Secretary Loeb later gave out an account of the interview. After presenting the protest to the president, Mr. Shea, acting as spokesman, said: "We are here as a committee to present to you a statement stating our position in this controversy between the Employers' Association and the Teamsters' Association. We have understood that they had asked your aid for bringing troops to Chicago."

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Herman asserted, eagerly. "Very well, then," said Howell, "if my proposal satisfies anybody (which, with apologies to you, miss, has been a pretty stiff job for my man) we had better be moving. Mr. Herman, your business is to take a high hand with the police before they've time to cut up rough with you. You might ask them what they mean by letting people run the risk of being roasted alive, and you can add any other fancy remarks that may occur to you, such as that they ought to thank Heaven for having put someone with half an ounce of brains on the job."

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Papal Delegate Reaffirms His Action on the School Question.

Montreal, May 10.—(Special)—La Semaine Religieuse publishes today a report of a private dinner held at the Archbishop's palace the other day, after the consecration of a speech made by Mgr. Sbarretti, in reply to a reference made by the Archbishop to the papal delegate's recent exposure of the Campbell interview.

F. M. A. CONCERT

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