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your own heart."
As white and motionless as a statue,
Madeleine stood with bowed head before the storm of passionate reproach.
"I told you to forget me."

"Forget!" exclaimed Presper excited-ly, "Forget! How can I forget? Is it in my power to stop by an effort of will the circulation of my blood? Ah, you have never loved! To forget, as to stop the beatings of the heart, there is out one means death!'

"Good heavens, this suffering is bend endurance! Prosper, if you only

new""I know but one thing, Madeleine, and that is that you no longer love me and that I love you!"

He was silent. He hoped for an an-

swer. None came. But suddenly the silence was broken by a repressed sob. It was Madeleine's maid, who, seated in a corner, was weeping. Prosper had been so moved at finding Madeleine that he had not noticed He turned in surprise and look-

ed at the weeping woman. He was not mistaken—this neatly dressed waiting maid was Nina Gipsy.
Slowly and almost unconsciously
Madeleine had put on her wraps, which were lying on the sofa. When she was

ready, she approached Prosper. "Why did you come here" she said. "We both have need of all the courage we can command. You are unhappy, Prosper. I am more unhappy. You have a right to complain. I have not the right to shed a tear. While my beart is slowly breaking I must wear a smiling face. You can seek consolation in the besom of a friend. I can have no confidant but God."

Prosper tried to make a reply, but his pale lips refused to articulate. He

was stiffing. "I wish to tell you," continued Madeleine, "that I have forgotten nothing. But, oh, let not this knowledge give you any hope, . There is no hope for us. But if you love me you will live. You will not add to my already heavy burden of sorrow the agony of mourning your death. The day may come when I can justify myself in your

eyes. And now adieu, adieu!"

She kissed his forehead and rushed from the room, followed by Nina Gip

Prosper was alone. He seemed to be awaking from a troubled dream. He tried to think over what had just happened and asked himself if he were losing his mind. When M. Verduret entered the little parlor, he strode to-ward him and in a harsh, threatening voice said to him:

"Who are you?" The fat man did not show any surprise at this burst of anger, but quiet-

"A friend of your father. Did you "This is no answer, monsieur. I have surrendered my will to a stranger, and now"-

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you? I told you that I would save you. It is essential that I save you."
"Madeleine has ceased to love me, and of what importance is anything

His heartbroken tone aroused M. Verduret's sympathy, and he said in a kind, soothing voice:
"Then you suspect nothing? You did not fathom the meaning of what she

"You were listening!" cried Prosper

nercely.

"I was It was a presumptuous thing to do, perhaps, but the end justified the means. I am glad I did listen, because it has enabled me to say to you: Take courage, Prosper. Mile. Madeleine loves you; she has never ceased to love you.' "She loves me, she is free, and yet

"She is not free. In breaking off her gagement with you she was governed by some powerful, irrepressible mo She is sacrificing herself-for whom? We shall soon know, and the secret of her self sacrifice will dis cover to us the secret of the plot of which you are the victim."

As M. Verduret spoke Prosper felt all his resolutions of revolt slowly melting away and their place taken by confidence and hope.

"If what you say were true!" he nournfully said. "Why do you persist in obstinately

shutting your eyes to the proof I place before you? Can you not see that Mile. Madeleine knows who the thief "Impossible!"

"She does, but no human power can tear the secret from her. She sacrifices you. But, then, she almost has the right, since she first sacrificed her-Prosper was convinced, and it nearly

broke his heart to leave this little parlor where he had seen Madeleine. "Alas," he caid, pressing M. Verdu-ret's hand, 'you must think me t fool! But you don't know how I suffer."

For a moment Prosper was silent, then he said: "I have finally decided. My honor is sacred trust for which I must ac-

count to my family. I am ready to follow you to the end of the world. Dispose of me as you judge proper."

That same day Prosper, faithful to his promise, sold his furniture and wrote a letter to his friends announce ing his intended departure for San Francisco. In the evening he and M. Verduret installed themselves in the

CHAPTER IX. OT far from the Palais Royal is the sign of The Good Faith, a small establish-ment, half cafe and half shop, frequented by the people of the neighborhood. It was in one of the rooms of this modest cafe that Pros-per the day after his release awaited M. Verduret, who had promised to meet him at 4 o'clock. The clock struck M. Verduret, who was punctuality itself, appeared. He was more red faced and self satisfied, if possible, than the day before. As soon as the servant had left the room to obey his orders he said to Prosper:
"Well, are our commissions execut-

"Yes, monsieur."
"Have you seen the costumer?" "I gave him your letter, and every-thing you ordered will be sent to the

'Very good. You have not lost time. Neither have I. I have good news for

The Good Faith is almost deserted at The Good Faith is almost deserted at 4 o'clock. M. Verduret and Prosper could talk at their case without fear of being overheard by gossiping neighbors. M. Verduret drew forth his memorandum book, the precious diary which, like the enchanted book in fairy fales, had an answer for every ques-

tion.

"While awaiting our emissaries whom I appointed to meet here let us devote a little time to M. de Lagors. Do you know what part of France this devoted friend of yours comes from?"

"From St. Remy, which is also Mme, Fauvel's native town."

"Are you sure?"

"Oh, perfectly so, monsieur. He has not only often told me so, but I have heard him tell M. Fauvel, and he would tell Mme. Fauvel about his mother, who was her cousin and dearly beloved by her."

"Then you think there is no possible

"Then you think there is no possible nistake about this?"
"No, monsieur." "Well, things are beginning to look

And he began to whistle between his teeth, which with M. Verduret was a sign of intense satisfaction. "What do you mean, monsleur?" in-



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duret, "a Roman triumphal arch which is of unparalleled beauty and a Greek mausoleum, but no Lagors. St. Remy ls the native town of Nostradamus, out not that of your friend."

"Nevertheless I have proofs." "Naturally. But proofs can be fabricated; relatives can be improvised. Your evidence is open to suspicion; mine are authenticated. While you were pining in prison I was preparing my batteries and collecting munition to open fire. I wrote to St. Remy and received an answer."

"What was it?" "Have patience," said M. Verduret as he turned over the leaves of his memoranda. "Ah, here is No. 1. Bow respectfully to it; 'tis official."

He then read: "Lagors. Very old family, originally from Maillane, settled at St. Remy about a century

"Pray, allow me to finish," said M.

Verduret, who proceeded: "The last of the Lagors (Jules-Rene-Henri), bearing without warrant the title of count, married in 1829 Mile. Rosalis Clarisse Fontanet of Tarascon; died December, 1848, without male heir, but left two daughters. The registers of the province make no mention of any person in the district bearing the name of Lagors.

"Now, what have you to say to that?" said the fat man. Prosper looked amazed.

"But why did M. Fauvel treat Raoul as his nephew?"

"You mean as his wife's nephew. Let us examine note No. 2. It is not

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"That is all," said M. Verduret. "Don" you think it enough?"

"Really, monsieur, I don't know whether I am awake or dreaming."
"Now I wish to remark one thing. Some people may assert that the Wid-ow Lagors had a child born after her husband's death, not acknowledged, husband's death, not acknowledged, but-bearing the father's name. This objection is destroyed by the age of your friend. Raoul is twenty-four, and M. de Lagors has not been dead

twenty years."
"But," said Prosper thoughtfully. 'who is Raoul?"

"I don't know. I confess it is easier to find out who he is than to know who he is not. There is one man who could give us all the information we seek, but he will take good care to keep his mouth shut." "M. de Clameran?"

"I have always felt the most inexplicable aversion toward him. Ah, if we could only get his record in addition to what you already have!"
"I have been furnished with a few notes concerning the Clameran family

They are brief, but I expect more." "What did my father tell you?" "Nothing favorable, you may be sure. I will read you the synopsis of

by your father, who knew them well.

is information:

"Louis de Clameran was born at the Chateau de Clameran, near Tarascon. He had an elder brother named Gaston. In 1842, in consequence of an affray in which he had the misfortune to kill one man and badly wound another, he was compelled to fly the country. Gaston was an honest, noble youth, universally beloved. Louis, on the contrary, was a wicked, despicable fellow, detested by all who knew him.

"Upon the death of his father Louis came to Paris and in less than two years had squandered not only his own patrimony, but also the share of his exiled brother.

"Ruíned, harassed by debt, Louis entered the army, but behaved so disgracefully that he was dismissed from the service.

"After leaving the army we lost sight of him, All we know is that he went to England and thence to a German gambling resort, where he was mixed up in a scandalous affair.

"In 1865 we find him again in Paris. He was in great poverty, and his associates were depraved. "But he suddenly heard of the return of his brother Gaston to France. Gaston had made a fortune in Mexico; but, being still a young man and accustomed to a very active life, he purchased an iron mill near Oloron, intending to spend the remainder of his life in working it. Six months ago he died in the arms of his brother Louis. His death gave our De Clameran an imhis information:

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per. .
"Then," he said, "from all this I judge that M. de Clameran was very

poor when I met him for the first tim at M. Fauvel's." "Evidently." "And about that time Lagors arrived

from the country?"
"Exactly." "And about a month after his appearance Madeleine suddenly banishe

"Well," exclaimed M. Verduret, "I am glad you are beginning to understand the state of affairs."

He was interrupted by the entrance of a stranger. The newcomer was a spruce looking coachman, with ele-gant black whiskers, shining boots with fancy tops, buff breeches and a yellow waistcoat with red and black tripes. After cautiously looking around the room he walked straight up to the table where M. Verduret sat. "Well, Master Joseph Dubois?" said

the stout man eagerly.
"Don't speak of it," answered the servant. "Things are getting warm."

Prosper concentrated all his attention upon this superb domestic. He though he recognized his face. He had certainly somewhere seen that retreating forehead and those little restless black forehead and those little restless black eyes, but where and under what circumstances he could not remember. Meanwhile Master Joseph had taken a seat at a table adjoining the one occupied by M. Verduret and, having called for some absinth, was preparing it by holding the water aloft and slowly dropping it in the glass. "Speak," said M. Verduret.

"In the first place, I must say that the position of valet and coachman to M. de Clameran is not a bed of roses."
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