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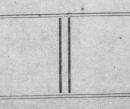




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A TRUE LENT. Is this a fast,-to keep The larder lean, And clean rom fats of yeals and sheep Is it to quit the dish Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish? Is it to last an hour,

Or ragg'd to go, Or show A downcast look, or sour? No! 'tis a fast to dole And meat, Unto the hungry soul. It is to fast from strife
From old debate
And hate,—
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent; To starve thy sin,
Not bin,—
And that's to keep thy Lent.

(Marianne Farningham, in 'League Journal.') cannot tell why there should A thought of some

A SUGGESTION.

vears away, To talk of plans or changes

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We are too busy even to change thought
For days together of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a time to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,
A more appalling weakness, a decay of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right—
And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Dear, do the same for me! If I intrude
Unasked upon you, on some crowded

"Allow me to say at once that I must try to capture him, but that I earnestly hope that I shall not be so unfortunate as to succeed."

At this her eyes softened upon me. Never had I seen anything, in life or in dream, so beautiful as the smile upon ler lips. But I went on: "My men will patrol the coast, but they are few, and I cannot, of course, prevent your messengers eluding their vigilance, and communicating with Monsieur le Fevre. I am glad I cannot prevent it. I doubt not you will warn him that all this neighborhood is strictly watched. My men would at once recognize him if they saw him, from the descriptions they have had."

Then, as I watched her face, my restraint was shaken. The love which I had not till that day let myself realize

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ness that mited at a fresh and important clue. From the inn, I sent them in parties of two, on errands of urgency that would take them as far as possible from South Cove. Then, hurrying back to the Seigneury, I awaited, in sickening suspense, the return of Mademoiselle to a belated meal

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awaited, in sickening suspense, the return of Mademoiselle to a belated meal.

At the suggestion of the wizened housekeeper, I ate the meal alone-or rather I put some dry, chip-like substances into my mouth, which chose to collect themselves in a lump some to me the collect themselves in a lump some to me the collect themselves in a lump some to my window did not decive me for a moment when afterward I met her in the rose-garden."

"No, indeed," said I. "The maid who came to my window did not decive me for a moment when afterward I met her in the rose-garden."

"Oh," she gasped, with a little sob, while her face grew scarlet. "You knew all the time? It was horrid of me—too horrid to think of. Oh—"



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