

A QUEEN UNCROWNED

THE STORY IN THE LONE INN.

CHAPTER XIII.

"And quite equal he is to the task, rather a peculiar way. From child-

"She was a pretty little thing- fond of music, but ever since the loss small and light, like a fairy, with a of his reason he never touched a Jaugh like a bird's song, sweet and musical instrument except when the clear; short, flashing, dancing curls furious outbreaks were approaching, -red, like her father's, but very nice Then he would sit down at the orindeed; bright, sparkling, dark-gray gan-his favorite instrument-and play eyes, and a dainty, delicate, pink and as no man in his sober senses ever white complexion. I took care of her played before. His friends kept him beauty, for a reason I had of my own, confined, generally, but there were and cared for it every day, as a mis- times when, with the cunning of er might for his money."

"You old wretch!" said the captain sanely could he talk and act. that no

with a look of disgust. She was willful, fearless, bold, ever suspect him of not being sane." servant in Fontelle. and stubborn, after her own waywrong. In some ways, she was like madman can love." a woman, with all a woman's sense, even at that early age; and in others she was as simple as a child of three liked him well enough, and had a years. Howlet was dead, and my boys mighty vague idea of what marriage were away with Till; and I carefully kept Miss Jacquetta from all mas- it was capital revenge! marrying her captain. est and most winning ways, when in were the dirst under their feet." but she only laughed at him and nicknamed him and herself Beauty and the Beast, Bluebeard and Fatima, Red Riding Rood and the Wolf, Vulcan and Venus, and other flattering and

"Good girl, Jack!" laughed Captain Nick. "Her father's daughter, indeed! She knew what was what!"

complimentary titles "

"Kit's love soon turned to hate-as yours did, also, a little while ago; and I believe he would have throttled her, at times, if I would have let him. But I had better designs on the young lady than killing her and an opportunity soon came for putting them into execution."

"Well?"

"Have you ever heard the name of Aubrey De Vere?"

"Not as I know of. Who was he?" "A son of Mr. Robert De Vere, of Fontelle."

"What! I thought he had no sons?" "Ah, he had, though-two." "Well?"

"Aubrey was the eldest-tall and handsome, as all of his race are-but Nature, though she gifted him with wealth and beauty, gave him, also, a slight drawback, in the shape of madmess; for there were times when the young man was a raving, furious

"Phew! That was a drawback,

pon my word!" "Some fright or shock he had refred in his boyhood was the cause; and there were intervals still when he was perfectly sane. The family could always tell when one of his violent paroxysms was coming on, in

since a prospect of more exquisite revenge has opened itself. Jacquetta was a child, then, and had no idea of what she was doing; but I knew she would wake one day, and then there would be a scene! How I gleated in the prospect! How I exulted when it came!"

"It did come then!"

"To be sure but a long while after. don't know whether it was his newfound happiness, or what; but Aubrey De Vere was sane a long time after that, and remained enchanted with his new toy-though his willful baby-wife got dreadfully tired of him sometimes. I could always tell when his insane fits were coming on, and smuggled him off to an upper room, and left him bolted and barred in till they passed away; and she knew nothing of them. It was not the time to tell her yet, thought it was daily coming; for the woman's heart within her-like plants in a hothouse, prematurely forced—was rapidly maturing, even though the breast that bore it barely numbered fourteen

"But one unlucky day during a brief absence of mine to the city, he broke out with one of his furious outbursts of temporary madness, and raved, and foamed and fied, like one possessed by a thousand devils, from the house. She shook the amaze, the horror was too much for herfearless as she was. When I came back, I found her lying senseless on the floor, and hours passed before she awoke from that deathlike swoon." "Well?" said the captain, as Griz-

hood he had ever been passionately "There was a child born that night, and the baby-wife was a mother. The 1917, the Bolshevik Government repted me to conceal the infant, but I did; a poor, miserable, puny thing it it will satisfy, in the conditions prewas; and when she recovered, she soribed in the Treaty, the claims of believed what I told her of its sud- British holders of loans issued or den death. Blaize and Kit had lately taken over or guaranteed by the forpurchased this very house; and I had mer Imperial Russian Government, or it conveyed here, and paid a woman territory now included in the Union. madness, he would escape; and so for taking care of it. That woman At the same time the British Govwas Tribulation Rawbones, now a ernment recognises that the financial one, except those who knew, would

"Well, Jacquetta recovered, and so "Not an uncommon case," said the her father's child in every sense of captain. "I have often heard of sim- did her husband .Strangely enough, of an agreement to be reached behe had gone to Fontelle in his first tween the parties concerned satisfy down to do a thing, you might as well "I knew all the particulars. I heard outbreak; and from his ravings, they the British Government that holders down to do a thing, you might as well a servent in the house, guessed what had happened. When tal values of British holdings in the as that small girl. She was cute, so that, when, one stormy night, he he became sane again, he would have loans have agreed to the settlement toe, and wonderfully wideawake for came to my house (we lived on the denied it; but his father followed him and the Treaty has been signed, the her years keen as a Venetian stilet other side of the Hudson then), I to my house, and learned all the par- British Government will recommend to, and surprisingly smart at learn- knew him at once, and made him wel- ticulars. Of course there was a pret- Parliament to enable them to guaraning, so I have my doubts whether or come to stay as long as he liked, for ty to-do, then; and the old gentleman tee the interest and sinking fund of not I would have succeeded—though, he had plenty of money and knew how was like one beside himself with a lean to be issued by the Soviet thanks to my training, she had re- to spend it. Here he saw Jacquetta, grief and rage. Jacquetta was a perfreshingly vague ideas of right and and fell in love with her, as only a fect little fury, and would have by the Soviet Government agreeing How I laughed! how I enjoyed it! "The result was a marriage. She how delicious it was!" She laughed

again at the recollection.

culine eyes till the proper time came. to a madman, whose family would "They all calmed down again af-Kit loved her; for she had the wild- cast her off with scorn, as if she ter a while, and began to reflect it if the guarantee became operative it was no use crying for spilled milk. is also extremely doubtful if the good humor, that ever a fairy had; "You were a little out of your Of course, Mr. De Vere would have bankers and other capitalists to reckoning there, though," said the nothing to do with Jacquetta. Oh, no! ing the loan and procuring subnot at all!"



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The Russian Abortion

It is not surprising that some of the newspaper writers became hysterical when dealing with the Treaties which have been signed between this country and Russia, more particularly that relating to claims on Russia, with the conditional promise of a loan to the Soviet. In January, demon only knows what feeling prom- pudiated the whole of its obligations. It does not withdraw from that position, but "by way of an exception" by municipalities of towns in the and economic position of Russia ren-

sprung on me and clawed like a to meet the claims will be determinwildcat, only I fied from the room. ed in the negotiations, but at present the matter is left delightfully vague. It is extremely doubtful, however, if the terms will be accepted by holders of one-half of the debt, and that "You second Jezebel!" said the being so there will, presumably, be no need to ask Parliament to sanction the British Government guaranwhom would fall the task of arrangscriptions would undertake the job. It seems to me, therefore, that the chances of the flotation of a loan to the Soviet Government are very small, and unless and until the guarantee is forthcoming on the conditions indicated above there is no need to get excited in regard to the iniquity of lending money to a country which has refused to meet its obli-

gations. -As to the extent of Russia's indehtedness ,it may be mentioned that the amount borrowed by Russia from other countries for State expenditure, in connection with the railways, and for other purposes, amounted to approximately £925,000,000 in January, 1917. In addition, there were about £21,500,000 of municipal loans. Taking the arrears of interest on these obligations as dating from the beginning of 1917, in which year the repudiation was announced, the total must be increased by over £300,000,-600, reckoning the interest rate at 5 per cent., thus making the aggregate amount approximately £1,200,000,000. This does not include the Treasury bills issued by Russia as cover for advances, amounting to from £800,-000,000 to £850,000,000, made by the Allied Powers during the war. Ad- to Russia without approaching the Nashwaak River. A new series of ding this, but without allowing for investor, he will be undertaking a rafting records have been established debt, the sum indicated as that which Russia owes to-day is £2,000,000,000, or more than the present total of our Five per Cent. War Loan.

Russia apparently seeks to increase this by a fresh loan guaranteed by he money to spare will want more satisfactory assurances than are now orthcoming if they are to lend it, and even if the issue is guaranteed by the British Government I should very much doubt whether the loan: would be a success. If Mr. Ramsay MacDonald decides to make the op-

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