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for some criminal action, and there

ended bis days after the manner of

At last the heavy dray rolled into

he yard, and we heard the empty

casks taken out. I began to think

that no letter was forthcoming, for

more than an hour elapsed before

the heavy tread of the obese brewer

was heard ascending the stairs. He

entered, and sinking into the nearest

seat, began to wipe the perspiration

was really too much for him to

mount so high. If Jacob's ladder,

eaching to heaven, about which his

favorite preacher had recently dis-

coursed with such unction, were half

as steep as that staircase, he must

"It is not very likely that you

will require a ladder, when you go

to your own place," I interposed im-

patiently. "We want the letter, not

"I pray you have a little patience

on a geod Christian, who has given

service of her Majesty and the pure

"At any rate," I replied, "you

make a good thing of it as far as

money goes. Give us the letter and

He went on grumbling about the

pay the hungry preachers with their

Quickly and deftly Gregory loosen.

ed the silken string, leaving the seal

I was not concerned, the one of inter-

est and importance was the last, ad-

beloved Anthony Babington, Esquire,

harp and the French lilies. On each

side of the shield were the letters M.

letters to Gregory, and watched him

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CHAPTER XXIX.

Nothing seemed changed on my sharp knives and other implements return to Chartley; Sir Amias was lay ready for removing the seal and as surely as ever, his prisoner as copying the contents of the letter. gentle and dignified in her manner The two rogues were playing a game to wards me as heretofore. I thought of cards to while away the time, her however rather more cheerful while I paced impatiently up and and animated; doubtless the hope of down the room. Gifford was waita speedy release, which ber friends ing below, prepared to carry the held out to her, gave her fresh life epistle to London the same night, and spirit. I was so angry with after it had been re-sealed with all Windsor, so embittered against all the skill for which Gregory was Papists, that I regarded her as a noted. It makes me sick now to think of those fellows. Gifford soon crafty hypocrite, and made my visits received the reward of his iniquity. to her as short as possible. Before twelve months had passed The day following my arrival

met Windsor in the inn. I was astonished at the frank cordiality of his greeting, which, for all the constraint I put upon myself, I could not return civilly. I feigned not to see his outstretched hand, and declined his invitation todrink a tankard of ale with him. He asked in some surprise, if he had unwittingly offended me! I answered, "Mr. Windsor, you appear to think all is fair in love as in war: But we have not got to the end of the day

"I do not understand you," he replied. "It is true that I am engaged to a young lady"--

"Whom you have conveyed to safe biding place!" I broke in. You can hardly expect me to wish you joy, and drink a bumper to the success of your courtship.

He changed color, and said nothing; I turned my back on him and walked away. He hurried after me, and laying his hand on my arm, began by saying: "Keep your dissir" he rejoined. "Do not be hard tance, sir ! No Popish sneak shall trust me as a friend?"

up this world and the next in the "A sneak!" he exclained, flush. ing crimson, and laying his hands on the hilt of his rapier. "Remember I have as good blood in my veins as you have, and my religion gives you no right to insult me, seeleave us alone. ing I have always professed it

openly." evil times, and how much it took to "I do not call you a sneak on account of your religion," I replied, wives and families; meanwhile he "but because with your Jesuitical unwittingly unbuttoned his doublet, wiles you have perverted the young and drew forth a thick packet of lady from her belief, and under letters tied up in parchment. As cover of concern for her soul wormed soon as he had carefully counted and a way into her affections. Out upon pocketed the price of his treachery, you for a hypocrite and sanctimonihe left the apartment. ous dissembler! You shall answer

for it one day !" Restraining his anger, he said :-"Mr. St. Barbe, you are under a intact, and I was able to read the strange misapprehension, and do me superscription of the various missives. grievous wrong. But you are too They were addressed to the French much excited now to listen to reason. Ambassador, and to different prelates, Let me assure you of one thing; I princes, personages of note both in never had the slightest idea that you France and Scotland. But with these paid your addresses to my affianced bride, or that you were even acquainted with her. I assure you on dressed: "To our trusty and wellmy word of honor."

This was a little too much. Every Lord of Dethick, etc." I looked lady at Court knew that I aspired closly at the seal. It bore the imto Miss Cecil's hand. We were as press of the Queen's ring; a square good as engaged, for both the Queen shield, quartered with the Scotch lion, the English leopards, the Irish and her father were known to favor my suit. And this man had the effrontery to tell me be knew notb-R. (Maria Regina.) I handed the ing of it! I turned on my heel and left him there, in the midst of his protestations. The next day I got a note from him; it was sent back unopened; nor when we met by chance would I return his salutation

About a week passed without anything noteworthy occurring. heard of Windsor's goings on from the waiter at the Mayflower. He went out a great deal to Babington's place at Dathick, and the principal towns in the neighborhood; from all I heard, I gathered that the conspirators thought the time for action was come, and were collecting their forces to s'rike. I thought it advisable to take some precautions against the meditated blow. Without attracting attention, the garrison in the Castle was strengthened, and a body of men-at-arms were ordered to take up their quarters in the neighboring town of Burton. The watch at the city gate had directions to keep a sharp look out, and should they at any time see the flag hoisted on the tower of Chartley, they were to hasten to the assistance of the garrison. Thus all was prepared on both sides, when one evening the fat brewer sent me word that Babington's epistle had been delivered to the royal prisoner, and she had le him know through her secretary that he should have an answer in

three days time. On the day when this letter from the Queen was expected, I betook myself, as agreed, to the Green Diagon in Burton, where I found Philipps and Gregory, whom my uncle had sent down from London. As soon as it arrived, they were to open and decipher this letter, which, as Walsingham said, would reveal to us Mary Stuart's heart.

It was with keen anticipation that we waited until the brewer should return, bringing with him the document upon which so much depended. Philipps and Gregory sat at a table

first touch the seal with a little oil, then cover it with a soft substance, which speedily hardened. "I do that for fear lest the sealing wax should break, or give way. In that case I could seal it afresh with this mould, and get as good an impression as the original one," he explained. His next act was to pass a thin sharp edged blade betwixt the seal and the paper, detaching the former with such consumate adroitness that no mark remained either on seal or paper. "So far, so good," he said. Now I beg that in reading and copying the letter, great care be taken not to hurt the seal. Then with a little hot wax we can easily re-seal it, o that the sharpest eye will be unable to detect any trace of its having been tampered with."

The letter was a long one, the conents showing that the whole scheme and been expounded to her. It was in French, for Mary Stuart preferred that language to English, and was written by one of her secretaries in cipher. Philipps had deciphered so many of her letters that he was ab'e to read it as fast as I could write from his dictation.

The letter-as far as I can recall ts contents at this distance of timebegan with an eulogium of the zeal Babington displayed for the cause of religion in general, and of the cap tive Queen in particular. The num ber and weight of the Catholic party was daily dwindling, and unless mea ures were soon taken by the Cathoic potentates, it would be too late to prevent the extinction of the faith in England. The interests of religion were the determining motive that induced her to sanction the scheme rom his brow, remarking that it she was content to waive her own rights, except in so far as they were bound up in those interests. She mpressed upon her friends the importance of attempting nothing rashly without due deliberation and careful arrangement. It was necessary to ascertain what forces on foot, as well as on horse, could be raised, and who were to be the captians appointed for them in every shire; which towns ports and havens could be depended apon to grant succor to auxiliaries rom the Low Countries, Spain and France; what place might be thought fittest of landing the troops; what monies, armor, ammunition and provisions were at their disposal; by what means did the six gentlemen intend o proceed in the work of liberation. All this must be well considered; she advised them to consult Mendoza the Spanish ambassador in France, in whom she had the greatest ain promise of adequate succour from abroad, would she give her consent to the enterprise, otherwise the result would be as disastrous as that of the recent rising in the North

Another thing to be thought of was

sufficiently strong escort, or conveyed

o some fortress where she would be

f she did not dispose of her in a ye

that she should be provided with

she deplore, in case of failure, the nisfortunes that would befall her aithful adherents. She then proceeded to name sever-Catholic noblemen, who might be enlisted in the project; adding warning against traitors, who might ven be found under the disguise of Catholic priests. Finally she said that in all probability at the end of he summer she would be removed to Dudley Castle; they might find out when that would be, and arrange for her to make her escape then. Or i she remained at Chartley, one of the three plans might be pursued. If she were allowed to ride out on the onely moor between Chartley and Stafford, a body of some 50 or 60 orsemen could carry her off, as her guard seldom exceeded 20 men at ire to the granary near the castle in the middle of the night, and in the confusion that ensued, it might not be difficult for the conspirators to penetrate into the castle and carry her

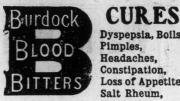
out. It might be so contrived, that one of the wagons which bring provisions to the castle in the early morning, should be overturned in passing hrough the gateway, so that the gates could not be closed, when a troop lying in ambush closeby might enter and make themselves masters of the castle.

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sah, dey was jes' about multuous

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