

CHAPTER VIII.

Dr. Basch arrested on leaving my house—General Escobedo wishes to see me—A grand scene—A furious General and a resolute woman—What Escobedo thought of the great Ministers—The carriage with four mules at my door—How I frighten a little captain—Negotiations—Getting in the carriage—How I go out of it—Villanueva—I am brought to Santa Rosas—Go from there to San Luis—Lenience of Mexican Generals against attempts to escape—Reasons for it—How I was received by Mr. Juarez and Mr. Iglesia—Respite of three days—What Baron Magnus might have done if he had been somebody else—My last pleading for the Emperor's life—Juarez will only grant that of my husband—Madame de Miramon's audience with the President—Death of the Emperor—Mr. Lerdo—Return to Queretaro—Go to Mexico—Again to Queretaro—Salm's prison life—A roguish doctor—Transportation of the prisoners to Mexico—To Vera Cruz—My husband in Tehuacan—How he was treated by Porfirio Diaz and General Baz—Exertions for the release of the Prince—Success—On my arrival in Vera Cruz, Salm had left with Baron Magnus—My despair—Going to New York and Washington—On board the 'Ville de Paris'—Arrival in Europe.

BEFORE I was up next morning a guard was placed at my house. Everybody who went in was permitted to pass, but on coming out he was arrested. This fate was unsuspected by Dr. Basch, who came in the morning on the part of the Emperor to bring me the paper mentioned in the preceding chapter. When he left my house he was arrested by General Refugio Gonzales.

Two servants of the Emperor came with the