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Professional Cards.

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BLACK, JORDAN & BESS, Barristers, Notaries, &c. SOLICITORS BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA. 260 QUEEN STREET.

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APPLY AT OFFICE OF JAS. T. SHARKEY, Fredericton, N. B., April 5.

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Paper Ruler.

Cor. Queen and Regent Sts. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 7.

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ARRIVE. 4.00 p.m. from Woodstock and points North.

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New Advertisements.

Watch Out

For something interesting in This Space next week. You can learn how to get something for nothing. This week we begin to sell all kinds of Carpets at a Reduction to make room for Fall Goods. Good Bargains may be expected.

JUST RECEIVED! A Lot of Children's Carriages coming in late will be sold cheap to clear them out. 25 more suites parlor frames daily expected. Just think of it! You can buy a Parlor Suite in Walnut Frames for \$27.50. Have you seen our hand made Chamber Suites, complete and all mounted on castors, for only \$19.50? It is a marvel of cheapness. We are getting them by the dozen and they are going out like hot cakes.

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This season and season are arriving daily. Countries and styles and what we are filled with these goods than ever. There are full lines of staple goods in Crockery, Glassware, Wares, and Trimmings of every style.

A SPECIAL NOVELTY In Trimmings of French Make, and a splendidly finished Mixture, not and fine, and much as with. It comes in beautiful designs, a fine selection of which can be seen on the counter. SPRING AND SUMMER DRESSING, see of specialty. My stock is up to date in this year, and now is the time to have them made up. MY READY-MADE CLOTHING is all in stock, and ready to wear, as my many friends are testifying daily. Come and see the makes and prices, they will astonish you.

BOYS' CLOTHING. In a model line with this spring. My stock cannot be BEAT. (A fact which should be recommended to all school-boys.) But seriously, every boy in school, dress, and cheap styles in summer. I have a large stock of boys' clothing, and I will sell it at a low price.

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AGRICULTURE

Notes and Suggestions of Practical Utility

FOR THE FARM, FIELD, GARDEN AND DAIRY.

Changes of Interest for Our Country Readers.

The average shrinkage of wheat is 2.22 per cent., according to the Ohio station experiments.

The potato crop will be disappointing to some, but those who have a surplus will not doubt receive a fair price for them.

A German scientist has shown that the land in Germany devoted to grain used in bread production would support 50,000,000 people.

The farmer that can't adjust himself to new ideas because they are not practical in his own land had better go back to the old grain and have his binder in the field a few years longer.

Lord Rayleigh, the eminent scientist, has opened a dozen shops in London for the sale of milk. He claims that sterilized milk does as much harm to the poor classes as bad liquor and insufficient food.

It is better to give cows fine salt, as licking a lump makes the tongue of the cow sore. Better have it fine; then leave it in convenient places in the pasture where the cows can have access to it cured, of course.

Henry O. Wallace recently farmers that every day that their cattle lose flesh they (the farmers) lose twice as much as that gain would be worth.

The New York Institute lecturer, Gilbert says: Cream from the separator or cold setting. The old mixing state is bound up being this year, the leading peach state north of Georgia.

It is a notable fact that the general run of the dairies do not have that smooth, well-cared-for look that the majority of the horses of city transportation possess, though the latter, on an average, do vastly more work in a year than the horses upon the farm.

According to the U. S. treasury report, the following tonnage was paid on sugar during the last fiscal year: Cane sugar, 84,629,411 pounds; beet sugar, 12,004,888; sorghum sugar, 1,196,086; maple sugar, 144,882; total, 97,975,267 pounds. The amount of bounty paid on this production was \$7,842,077. The estimated amount required to pay bounty for the fiscal year 1893 is \$9,000,000.

An English invention, has attracted great attention on the New York exchange, where it was exhibited recently. It is an ingenious device, entirely automatic, for weighing and registering unlimited quantities of grain. It is adapted to all kinds of cereals.

A French farmer has a clever device for supplying pot-greens plants with the proper amount of water. A lamp which is embedded in the earth around the plant, and after passing through the bottom of the pot rests in the shallow water receptacle of the surrounding vase.

It is said that bathing in olive oil is a preventive of consumption by a physician in the paper read before the recent olive growers' meeting in California. Internal and external applications of olive oil, according to the same authority, are beneficial to persons of delicate constitutions, who suffer from want of appetite.

A pamphlet report has just been issued by the statistical bureau of the United States government, giving the primary prices of farm products, foreign trade in agricultural products in 1892, export and import trade, European crop prospects, consular notes on foreign agriculture, and freight rates of transportation.

In Germany, the cows are kept closely confined a good deal of the time. Dr. Dittmer, who has held government positions there as veterinary surgeon, is emphatic, in his statement that cases of difficult calving are much more prevalent there than here, and is equally certain that the cause is due to the close confinement of the cows which is practiced there. He says if any one doubts the facts he can furnish abundance of evidence.

The women appear to be advancing in all directions. Mrs. Edin Strum of St. Louis is seeking a patent for a process of making "sweet potato flour," etc. The process so far developed are of peeling the potato and kindling the peel so that it will keep any length of time as a food for live stock; of drying and grinding the sweet potato into three distinct grades of flour, and also of slicing and drying in the form of "sweet potato Straws" chips.

THE DAIRY. Over-Ripping of Cream. One of the curses and great sources of waste in the dairy is the over-ripening or rotting of cream before churning it. The tendency is to hold cream too long. We believe in sweet cream butter. It will not soon enough after churning without making it of rotten material. In an institute, the president of the New York state dairymen's association was asked if good butter could be made from cream that had been held a week. He promptly answered: "No; not even if it had been kept at a low temperature. Three days is a long enough time. If it had but one cow I would not be afraid to make butter for the World's Fair. A large percentage of the great mass of poor butter was made so by keeping the cream too long. It should be churned just as soon as it has become slightly acid and has a smooth glossy satiny appearance. Every hour it is kept longer than that will be an injury to the butter."

There is one thing which we would like to make every dairymen discontented with, and that is the cow that makes less than 300 pounds of butter a year. At a recent dairy conference in Kinderhook, N. Y., the question was asked: "How much butter per cow per year would satisfy you in a four-cow dairy?" The answer by Mr. Gilbert was: "Not less than 400 lbs. per cow; and I would strive to make it more. Why keep a scrub, or as they say out West, 'penny-royal' cow? One cow is more for keep than the other, but one yields profit, the other loss. It should be an easy task for a man to find four cows that will make 400 lbs. of butter each a year. Of course he will have to pay for them, but their cost will be much less in proportion than the average cow sells for." Prof. Roberts bought a cow for \$40 from a neighboring farmer that made 160 lbs. in a year; but you can't coax Roberts to sell her for \$200, as she is worth that sum for butter-making one.

Her milk was sold at a while at 2 cents per pound, which yielded at the rate of \$180 per year. If you are going to keep four cows or even one, do not be satisfied with less than 400 lbs. of butter each." One way to get such cows without paying an extra price for them is to raise them yourself. This you can work up by using the best make you can get and selecting and breeding from your best cows.

Dr. Vieth, analytical chemist to the Aylesbury dairy company, England, made some 200 analyses of English, French, German (Schleswig-Holstein), Danish, Finnish and Australian butter, with the following average results:

Table with 4 columns: Fat, Water, Salt, Other. Rows for English, French, German, Danish, and Australian butter.

It will be noted that the main variation is in the per cent. of water, the French unsalted and the popular Danish containing the highest, while the English contained much the least "other matter"—casein and albumen. The French, both fresh and salted, contained the most sugar.

The milking and stable care of cows is of prime importance. This is the way they do it at the experiment stable in Toronto of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. At night and morning they are brought into the stable to be milked, and are fed a small quantity of bran—about 1 lb. a day. At the side of each manger is a small box which is kept full of salt, and in front of each animal is a water trough, where they may obtain drink at will. Before commencing to milk, the man milks their hands, for which purpose we keep a wash-basin, soap and towel in the stable. Milking begins at 5 o'clock morning and evening. Each cow is milked in the same order before commencing to milk, and milking is done as quickly and quietly as possible. As soon as the milk has been strained into the bucket, the milk is removed from the stable to the dairy as quickly as possible after it is milked, and again strained before it is run through the cream separator. When all the cows are milked they are taken to the pasture. The stable is thoroughly cleaned after each milking, and the floor sprinkled with land plaster. The windows and doors being kept open as much as possible to give the stable a good airing. Later in the season, when the pasture begins to dry up, the feed is summer, seven ten or twelve days after the cows are milked. Later still we shall feed green corn, of which we have about two acres. We are thus prepared for a dry season if it comes, and if we do not require these to feed in summer, they will be cured and kept for the winter."

A Sham Suicide. M. Trobet, Commissary of Police in the Enfants-Rouges district, was interrupted during his dinner on Sunday by a young man who, in a state of great excitement, rushed into the office and exclaimed: "My wife declares she will leave me, I would rather die!" He then shouted out his name and address, and producing a huge knife plunged it into the region of the heart, and fell to the ground bathed in blood. The wife was sent for, and three herself upon the chest, and then herself upon the neck, and swearing she would never leave him. To the astonishment of the police officials the husband thereupon rose to his feet, wiped the blood off his knife, and said to his wife: "That's all right! Then we will go home!" To this, however, the Commissary objected, and he had ascertained that the sham suicide had a blunder full of blood concealed in his clothes, and that he had invented this comedy in life in order to gain his wife's affection. The reconciled couple were then allowed to depart.

Mr. Hubert Herkomer, it is said, aspires, like Michael Angelo, to do everything. He paints in oil and water, etches, writes plays, composes music, is stage machinist as well as scene painter, carver and an architect. For all the varieties of his artistic work, separate rooms are arranged and fitted up to serve the special purpose for which they are designed.

PARAGRAPHS

On All Subjects of Current Note at Home and Abroad.

ANECDOTES, HAPPENINGS AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Clipped and Condensed for the Readers of The Globe.

The Russians have evacuated the Pamirs. There are 15,000 visitors in Genoa to take part in the Columbus celebration there.

China, with all her four hundred millions of people, has only forty miles of railway. The city directory of London, Oct., just issued, has 15,685 names as against 14,399 last year.

The C. P. R. has given notice of its intention to withdraw from the Trans-Continental Association on Jan. 1.

Prof. Bernard of Lark Observatory, had a fifth satellite to the four satellites of Jupiter, discovered by Galileo in 1610.

A despatch from Shanghai says a European missionary and a number of native Christians were massacred in the Province of Szechuan.

New Haven, Conn., is excited over a challenge from Dr. Vincenzo Della to Dr. Louis Ducommun to fight a duel. The challenge has been accepted.

Heavy rains prevail throughout Mexico. The death of prime articles of food is causing much suffering. In spite of the heavy importations, the prices are still rising.

The Chicago Post-office has now four electric machines for stamping letters and cancelling stamps. Each machine does the work of six men, and stamps 20,000 letters an hour.

Martin Berk, the convicted Conium murderer, is said to be slowly dying of consumption, and it is said he cannot live much longer.

Burke says the prison officials overworked him but this is denied.

Twenty-one churches and chapels in England were struck by lightning last summer. An authority declares that 70 per cent of the lightning conductors now in use are in an antiquated condition.

Hereafter the C. P. R. steamships on the Lake Superior line will make three trips per week instead of two. Each boat carries 1,800 tons each trip, and the three vessels contribute about \$1,000 to the United States treasury per week.

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WONDERS OF THE BICYCLE.

On September 9th, at Springfield, Mass., a bicycle rider named Zimmerman, smashed the records of bicycle riding into smithereens by making a mile in 20.45. On a previous attempt on the same day and track, he made a half mile in 1.15. These records put Zimmerman so conclusively at the head of the procession of the world's bicycle riders that his time must be compared with something else to show just how fast it really is.

Nancy Hanks is probably the fastest trotting horse in the world. Yet Zimmerman on his bicycle has made a mile in one-fifth of a second less than she has trotted a mile on a regulation, that is an elliptical track. "It seems hardly possible that a man mounted on a seat between two wheels in the same plane should be able to propel himself faster than the speediest trotter in the world has gone, but the record is indisputable.

The size of the bicycle in its present shape, that is the kind known as the "safety," would be a very interesting study. A few years ago we were accustomed to see boys and young men peddle above a high wheel with a smaller one trailing behind it, but the sport was not in the best of repute. There was too much danger attendant upon climbing so high, and the frequent "header" was a thing not to be despised. Now, nearly every corner we turn we come across safeties ridden by all sorts and conditions of men. Indeed, in the American cities, ladies are among the most delighted and enthusiastic riders of safeties, and children learn to ride them almost as soon as they can walk alone.

Safety bicycles have been tried in military maneuvers, in the mail carrying service and in a variety of ways, until their usefulness has become an established fact. It is always fortunate when a thing can be made useful and pleasurable at the same time, and this is preeminently the case with the safety bicycle. All riders cannot be Zimmerman, but all can derive a vast amount of healthful and pleasurable exercise from the wheel.

THE EXHIBITION.

As the time approaches for the holding of our exhibition people are beginning to take quite an interest in it and it is expected that this year's will be a greater success than that held last year by the Agricultural Society. Upon the success of an exhibition depends very largely the state of the weather which if it be fine adds two thirds at least to a successful show. It is to be hoped therefore that the gods will favor us on October 24th, 25th, and 26th and the sun will shine forth in all its glory on those days.

The management of the exhibition will have everything arranged in the best of order and the programme of amusements already drawn up promises to surpass anything in the amusement way heretofore presented for the entertainment of our visitors. It is expected that several thousand people will be here during exhibition days. We predict success and hope to see our predictions verified.

THE ELECTIONS.

Another week has gone by but no official announcement of a prorogation of the Legislature has yet been made. Both government and opposition supporters are beginning to get puzzled and decidedly unsettled regarding the probabilities of facing their constituents in the near future. It may be taken almost for granted that there will be a general election before another session. The opposition are apparently preparing themselves for any emergency and already a number of tickets have been formed. It is, we are informed, the intention of the opposition to contest every constituency in the province. The government are as confident of success as ever and a hard determined fight will be the result.

The committee appointed at the recent Board of Trade Meeting have been canvassing the town during the past week and have met with fairly good success. There does not appear however, to be that confidence in the undertaking on the part of some of our merchants that one would expect for so good an object. A rumor has been in circulation during the past few days that the International Steamship Company had made a proposition to secure the right to run a line of

steamers on the St. John River and their idea would be to make connection with their line at St. John and bring Americans up the river, selling tickets direct from Boston to Fredericton and return. Such a move would be an admirable one and the benefits to be derived from such an arrangement would be great. We only hope that some definite plans will be decided upon and that next season will see a superior line of steamers bringing hundreds of American tourists to our beautiful city.

The sentences passed upon the desperadoes "Buck" and "Jim" by Judge Fraser, at Dorchester, on Thursday were such as the circumstances of the cases would call for, and although the extreme penalty of the law was passed upon both prisoners they richly deserved it and could not expect it to be otherwise. There is no doubt that both "Buck" and "Jim" have been desperate characters for years past and dangerous ones to be at large. They have come to that end which all such characters must come to sooner or later and their fate should, and undoubtedly will be, a warning to others who are following in their footsteps.

The roadmaster has been having a number of our shade trees, on the different streets, trimmed this week and good judgment has been used in the removal of those branches which hung too low and in many cases spoil the appearance of these beautiful elms. We are glad to see that an interest is taken in our trees as they are the greatest attraction that Fredericton has to boast of.

Wishes in a Vase.
First, keep cholera away from you by eating a quarantine concha that will not be fooled and which makes no exceptions to its rules for safety. It must hold suspected ships and their crews and their cargoes until they have been cleaned before a peradventure of infection. This is the first and great rule, and the second is like unto it—

You must keep yourself away from cholera. To do this be clean, be sober, be calm. Do not run away at the first whiff of danger, for fright is one of the chief conductors of disease known to the doctors. See not only that your own property is in a condition to delight the sanitary inspector but your neighbor's also. If the latter's house is not so and in a complaint by the first mail to the Board of Health. By this means you will be showing that you love your neighbor as yourself.

Look to your plumbing. Better a big plumber's bill in the house than Asiatic cholera. Do not overload your stomach. Eat and drink, but not to excess. Drink water. Do not drink whiskey on the plea that it is a preventive. If you must drink, your whiskey take carbonic acid plain. It is a quicker death and a more decent one than drunkenness.

Do not derange your digestion. It is opening the door to cholera, as any good doctor will tell you.

Always, all, don't worry yourself into a fever before the disease gets a foothold.

Wishes in a Vase.
Singers in church and elsewhere are not always as careful as they ought to be to articulate their words distinctly. A little girl entered the choir before long ago—just as the choir was singing the anthem.

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" said the singers; but the little girl, whose thoughts were somewhat preoccupied, we may imagine, did not catch the words correctly. After getting home she started her aunt by saying:

"I never saw such a nice choir. They stepped right in the middle of an anthem and spoke to me."

NOTES AND NOTIONS.

Running Comments on Passing Events.

Sundry Ebulitions in Prose and Rhyme.

How the Domestic, Social and Literary World is Weaving.

The early Celts worshipped the dawn and the sunrise. It is more than probable, therefore, that their liking for the color green, which we see in their flags, sashes, etc., arose from a mistake among those who had lost a thorough knowledge of the Irish language. The Sun, in Celtic, is called by a word pronounced exactly like our word "green," and it is likely that the Irish fondness for that color arose through the striking similarity of the two words. In the same way when we talk about a greenhouse we think they are so called because plants are kept green in them during the winter; yet it is far more probable that the word is derived from the old Celtic word for the sun, because greenhouses are so built as to catch the rays and heat of the sun and store them for future use.

At a cricket-match played in the park of a well-known baronet in Sumner there was a scarcity of available talent. It was necessary, consequently, to secure the services of one of the footmen of the baronet's house. In due course the baronet's master, waiter, and the village oowler was put on. The second time he bowled, the baronet stopped the ball with his leg, and the cry of "How's that?" was raised.

It was the footman who had to answer, and, turning to his master, he exclaimed, in a half-apologetic tone, "I'm afraid I must say 'Not at home,' Sir George."

"Not at home!" cried the baronet, "What do you mean?"

"Well, then, Sir George," James made answer, "if you will have it, I mean that you're home!"

The fact that people lost on a desert or in a forest invariably walk in a circle is due to slight inequality of the legs. Careful measurements of a series of skeletons have shown that only 10 per cent. had the right limb longer than the left, while in 55 per cent. the left leg was the longer. The result of one limb being longer than the other will naturally be that a person will unconsciously take more steps with the longer limb, and consequently will tend to the right or left, according as the left or right leg is the longer, unless the inequality in the length of limbs is not confined to any particular sex or race, but seems to be universal in all respects.—*Peterborough Weekly.*

6TH HALF-YEARLY COM-PETITION

The Most Interesting Contest Ever Offered by the Canadian Agriculturist.

One Thousand Dollars in Cash, plus of handsome Standard Purses, Carriage and Harness, and over two thousand other valuable prizes for the Agriculturist of the Dominion! Who will have them? According to the usual custom for some years past the publishers of THE AGRICULTURIST now offer their Sixth Half-Yearly Competition. This grand competition will, no doubt, be the most popular and successful ever presented to the people of the United States and Canada.

One Thousand Dollars in cash will be paid to the person sending in the largest list of names for the "Canadian Agriculturist." Five hundred Dollars will be given to the second largest list.

A handsome pair of Standard Purses, Carriage and Harness, will be given for the third largest list.

Over one thousand additional prizes awarded in order of merit: One Grand Purse, \$500; twenty \$100 prizes; twenty \$50 prizes; twenty \$25 prizes; twenty \$10 prizes; twenty \$5 prizes; twenty \$2.50 prizes; twenty \$1.25 prizes; twenty \$0.625 prizes; twenty \$0.3125 prizes; twenty \$0.15625 prizes; twenty \$0.078125 prizes; twenty \$0.0390625 prizes; twenty \$0.01953125 prizes; twenty \$0.009765625 prizes; twenty \$0.0048828125 prizes; twenty \$0.00244140625 prizes; twenty \$0.001220703125 prizes; twenty \$0.0006103515625 prizes; twenty \$0.00030517578125 prizes; twenty \$0.000152587890625 prizes; twenty \$0.0000762939453125 prizes; twenty \$0.00003814697265625 prizes; twenty \$0.000019073486328125 prizes; twenty \$0.0000095367431640625 prizes; twenty \$0.00000476837158203125 prizes; twenty \$0.000002384185791015625 prizes; twenty \$0.0000011920928955078125 prizes; twenty \$0.00000059604644775390625 prizes; twenty \$0.000000298023223876953125 prizes; twenty \$0.0000001490116119384765625 prizes; 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POOR DOCUMENT

THE FLOWER GIRLS

Marseilles!

(Continued.)

Reveret was somewhat disturbed at having advised Marius to pay a visit to the banker.

"I forewarn you, Monsieur," said he. "I was not ignorant of the rumors in circulation respecting that man, but I attributed a large portion of them to slander. If I had known the whole truth, I never would have sent you to him."

Marius and Fine passed the entire afternoon in framing extravagant plans, in vainly racking their brains for the means of improving the fifteen thousand francs necessary to secure Philippe's safety.

"What!" cried the young girl, "and we find in this town a stout heart to extricate us from our embarrassment? Are there no rich people here who lend their money at a reasonable rate? Come now, uncle, help us a little. Name some available person, that I may cast myself at his feet!"

Reveret shook his head.

"Yes," answered he, "there are stout hearts here, rich people who, perhaps, might aid you. But you have no claim upon their kindness, you cannot demand money of them on the instant. You must address yourself to the lenders, the notaries, and, as you have no solid security to offer, you are compelled to have recourse to the usurers. Oh! I know old misers, old knaves, who will be enchanted to hold you in their claws, or who would throw you into the street as a dangerous beggar."

Fine listened to her uncle. All these money questions were confused in her young head. She had a soul so open and so frank that it seemed to her altogether natural and exceedingly easy to ask for and obtain a large sum in a couple of hours. There were millionaires who could so readily dispose of a few thousand francs without the least trouble.

She hesitated.

"Think well," said she to the jailer. "Do you really know of no man whatever with whom we can make an attempt?"

Reveret gazed with emotion at her anxious countenance. He hesitated to spread the brutal truth of life before this child, full of the hopes of youth.

"Indeed," responded he, "I know of no man. I have spoken to you of old misers, of old knaves, who have acquired vast fortunes by shameful means. I have told you that they had a hundred francs to get back a hundred and fifty in three months."

He stopped abruptly and then resumed, in a lower tone:

"Would you like me to tell you the history of one of these men? His name is Rommeau; he was formerly a public official. His specialty was making a terrible hunt after inheritances. Introducing himself into families, called upon by his duties to play the role of a confidant and friend, he studied the field and prepared his ambushes. When he encountered a testator of weak and wavering spirit, he became his creature, coaxed him, won his favor, little by little, by reverence, adulation and a shrewd comedy of small cares and filial tenderness. Ah! he was a cunning man! It was a sight to see him put his prey to sleep, make himself simple and winning, worm his way into an old man's friendship. Gradually he drew off the real heirs, the nephews and the cousins; then he wrote a will which robbed them of their relative's fortune and named him as the sole legatee. He did nothing hastily; he devoted ten years to the attainment of his end, to the proper maturing of his rascalities; he proceeded with felicitous prudence, crawling in the background unobtrusively, and leading upon his prey only when it lay panting before him, rendered inert by his glances and his caresses! He hunted inheritances as a tiger hunts a hare, with a silent brutality, a velvet-footed ferocity."

Fine thought she was hearing a tale from "The Arabian Nights"; she listened to her uncle, her eyes wide open with astonishment. Marius had begun to familiar with rogues.

"And you say that this man has acquired a fortune?" said he to the jailer.

"Yes," continued the latter. "Strange examples are cited which prove the extraordinary cunning of Rommeau. For instance, ten or fifteen years ago, he managed to get into the good graces of an old lady who had a fortune of nearly five hundred thousand francs. He actually took possession of her like an evil spirit! The old lady became his slave to such an extent that she refused herself a morsel of bread, in order not to touch the money she wished to leave to this demon who robed her like a monster. She was literally possessed; all the holy water in the church would not have sufficed to exorcise the fiend. A visit from Rommeau plunged her into ecstasies without end, when he bowed to her in the street, she was as if stricken by a fit—she grew red with joy. No one could ever conceive by what flattery, by what adroit and insinuating procedure, the notary had been able to penetrate so far into that heart which excessive piety had closed. When the old lady died, she deposited her five hundred thousand francs to Rommeau. Everybody expected this denouement."

There was silence for an instant. Reveret resumed:

"I can cite yet another example. The anecdote contains a cruel comedy and proves Rommeau's rare suppleness. A man named Richard, who had amassed in trade several hundred thousand francs, had retired into the bosom of an honest family, the members of which took care of him and made his old age pleasant. In exchange for this kindly friendship, the former merchant had promised his hosts to leave them his fortune. They lived in that hope; they had numerous children and counted upon establishing them in an honorable fashion. But Rommeau happened to pass that way; he soon became the intimate friend of

Richard; he took him occasionally to the country; he accomplished in perfect secrecy his work of taking possession. The family which gave the retired trader a home suspected nothing; the hosts continued to care for their guest, awaiting the inheritance; for fifteen years they had lived thus in delightful quietude, making plans for the future, certain of being happy and rich. Richard died, and the next day Rommeau was discovered to be his heir, to the great astonishment and despair of the honest family, robbed of its affection and its rights. Such is the humor of inheritances. When he walks, his footsteps make no sound; his leaps are too rapid to be noticed; he has already sucked all the blood from his prey before he is seen crunched upon it."

Fine was shocked.

"No, no," said she, "I will never ask such a man for money. Do you not know some other lender, uncle?"

"Ah! my poor child," replied the jailer, "all usurers are alike; all of them have some indelible stain on their lives. I know an old miser who has a fortune of more than a million francs and lives now in a dirty and abandoned house. Guillaume borrows himself in the depths of his foul smelling den. The dampness cracks the walls of the wretched floor, not even paved, and one walks upon a sort of vile mud made of mud and rubbish; spider webs hang from the ceiling, dust covers every object and a dim, lugubrious light enters through the window panes black with grime. The miser seems to sleep in the fifth, as the spiders spin their webs sleep motionlessly amid their webs. When a victim becomes entangled in the nets he spreads, he draws it to him and sucks the blood from his veins. This man eats nothing but vegetables boiled in water, and never satiates his hunger. He dresses himself in rags; he leads the life of a beggar and a leper. And all this to keep the money he has already amassed, to constantly augment his treasure. He lends only at a hundred per cent."

Fine turned pale at the hideous spectacle of which her uncle gave her a glimpse. "Oh!" continued the jailer, "Guillaume has friends who extol his piety. He believes neither in God nor the devil; he would sell Christ a second time if he could, but he has been crafty enough to feign great religious zeal, and this comedy has brought him the esteem of certain narrow-minded and blind people. One insect crawling in the churches, kneeling behind all the pillars, using buckets of holy water. Question the towns, ask what good action he would perform before the picture of Philippe's expiation, with everything such a spectacle would have of a nature insulting to the young man, he has succeeded. He has succeeded in prevailing upon her to aid her; they would together to beg the deputy to intervene; if M. de Casalis did not consent to her Philippe's pardon, he would, perhaps, try to obtain a reprieve. Besides, he did not reason concerning her method of procuring it; seemed impossible to her that Blanche's name could resist her tears. She had faith in her devotedness."

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In the ignorance in which he was, not knowing what the final attempt might be, he felt that he lacked the courage to pass an entire night of anxiety and indecision. He paced the Cours, quivering with a sort of nightmare.

Finally, he saw the diligence in the middle of the Place de la Rotonde. When he heard the wheels rattle over the paving stones, violent palpitations seized upon him. He placed his back against a tree watching the travellers who got out, one by one, with exasperating deliberation.

Suddenly, he stood as if nailed to the spot. Near! opposite to him, in an open doorway of the diligence, he had just seen appear the tall figure and pale, sad face of the Abbe Chastanier. When the abbe was upon the sidewalk, he put out his hand and helped a young girl to descend. This young girl was Mademoiselle Blanche de Casalis.

Behind her, Fine leaped to the pavement with a light bound, without making use of the coach steps. She was raising the two travellers, guided by the flower-girl, went towards the Hotel des Princes. Maria, when she saw the young man in the darkness of the growing night, followed them mechanically, utterly unable to comprehend matters, as if stupefied.

Fine was ten minutes at most in the hotel. When she came out, she perceived the young man and ran to him, overcome with joy.

"I have succeeded in bringing them to you," cried she, clapping her hands; "now, I hope they will obtain what I desire. Tomorrow, we shall know all about it."

Then she took Maria's arm, and told him what she had done during her absence.

The day before, she had been struck by the young man's remark to the effect that he regretted not having sufficient time to earn with his own hands the sum he needed.

Besides, her uncle's sadness had proved to her that it was almost impossible to find a lender, a reasonable usurer. The question then reduced itself to gaining time, to striving to postpone as far as possible the period when Philippe would be fastened to the pillory.

What terrified Fine and Maria was this disgraceful exposure, which delivered up to public scorn the name and the person of the young man, and which, besides, would succeed by reason of its very audacity.

Her project was to go straight to the mansion of M. de Casalis, to make her way to his study, and to spread out before her the picture of Philippe's expiation, with everything such a spectacle would have of a nature insulting to the young man, he has succeeded. He has succeeded in prevailing upon her to aid her; they would together to beg the deputy to intervene; if M. de Casalis did not consent to her Philippe's pardon, he would, perhaps, try to obtain a reprieve. Besides, he did not reason concerning her method of procuring it; seemed impossible to her that Blanche's name could resist her tears. She had faith in her devotedness."

to Aix. I must accompany her. I know that M. de Casalis, should he hear of this journey, will reproach me in the gravest manner for it. I, however, accept the responsibility of the act, for I firmly believe I am doing my duty as a man."

When the flower-girl had obtained the consent of both, she scarcely allowed the old man and the young girl time to make a few preparations. She returned with them to Marseilles, pushed them into the diligence and bore them triumphantly to Aix. The next day, Blanche was to go to the President of the court who had pronounced Philippe's sentence.

Maria, when Fine had finished her recital, kissed her warmly on both cheeks, which made a rare joy mount to the young girl's forehead.

CHAPTER XIX.

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Fine went to Blanche and the Abbe Chastanier the next morning. She wished to accompany them to the door of the President's hotel, to learn without delay the result of their undertaking. Maria, realizing that his presence would be painful to M. de Casalis, moved about the Cours like a soul in torment, following the two young girls and the priest in the distance. When the usurers for mercy had entered the hotel, the flower-girl noticed the young man and made him a sign to join her. They then waited, exchanging a word, agitated and anxious.

The President received Blanche with great commiseration. He realized that she was the most cruelly stricken of all this unfortunate affair. The poor child could not speak; she burst into sobs at the first word she attempted to utter, and her whole suppliant being begged for pity more touching than her prayers would have done. The Abbe Chastanier was compelled to explain their presence and present the request.

"Monsieur," said he to the President, "we come to you with clasped hands, M. de Casalis is already broken by the misfortunes which have overwhelmed her. She prays you in mercy to spare her a new humiliation."

"What do you desire of me?" asked the President in an agitated voice.

"We desire that you may, if possible, prevent additional suffering to this young man, M. Philippe Cayrol has been sentenced to public exposure, and that punishment will shortly be inflicted. But the infamy will not fall on him alone; there will be more than one culprit fastened to the pillory; there will also be a poor, suffering child, who asks pity of you. You understand, do you not? The cries of the crowd insults, will rebound upon M. de Casalis; she will be dragged in the first row by the people, and her name will circulate around the ignominious post, coupled with hateful jeers and foul expressions."

The President seemed deeply touched. He was silent for a moment. Then, if seized by a sudden idea, he inquired:

"Did M. de Casalis send you to me? Is he aware of this?"

"No," answered the priest, "but his dignity, M. de Casalis does not know we are here. Men have interests and passions which carry them away and sometimes prevent them from forming a clear judgment of their position. Perhaps, we are acting contrary to the desire of M. de Casalis's uncle in coming to solicit your intervention. But goodness and justice are above the passions and the interests of men. Therefore, I have no fear of compromising my sacred character in talking it upon myself to ask you to be good and just."

"Yes," said the President, "and you are right, Monsieur," said the President. "I understand the motives which have brought you here, and, as you see, your words have strongly affected me. Unfortunately, I cannot prevent the punishment; it is not in my power to modify a decree of the Cour d'Assises."

Blanche clasped her hands.

"Monsieur," stammered she, "I do not know what you can do for me; but, I pray you, be merciful; think that it is I whom you have sentenced, and try to alleviate my sufferings."

The President took her hands and replied with paternal gentleness:

"My poor child, I understand everything. My role in this affair has been painful. Today I am grieved that I cannot say to you: 'Fear nothing, I can prevent the punishment; it is not in my power to modify a decree of the Cour d'Assises.'"

"Then," resumed the priest, in dismay, "the exposure must necessarily place."

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