



But I fell into the hands of some good people, though they were Americans, and they took good care of me, and cured my wounds, and here I am again.

"And why?" exclaimed Madame Lioncourt.

"Why may not have been the fate of your Colonels?

"Why may not he now have survived the carnage,

and been preserved in the same manner? His body

was never recovered."

"But probably Lioncourt may still be living."

"Yes, Sir," he told me he was dead."

"He is a false traitor!" cried the pilgrim. "Le-

onide!" cried he with thrilling emphasis, "you have

brought bad news, you have been good!"

"I have told you that he will be living."

"Then arm yourself with all your energy," said

the stranger. "Lioncourt lives!"

"Lives?" said a sonorous laugh, grasping the

arm of the stranger to support himself from falling.

"Lioncourt, madame, I tell you the truth. He

lives."

"Then take me to him. The crisis is past. I

can bear to meet him; nothing but delay will kill me now!" cried the lady, hurriedly.

"We stand by you, and we stand by our stranger."

"I have given you a right hand, and I leave it in the arms

of the pilgrim, who was still shocked. But she recovered with superhuman energy, and said:

"Come, come, I must trust you. I must know at least your name!"

"Room, room, there!" cried a coachman. "The Emperor!"

"Desire Leonide!" whispered a voice in her ear.

"I resolved to see you again to-night, in spite of your prohibition to renew my visit."

"I will not, however," was the fervent reply.

Napoleon, with Josephine leaning on his arm, advanced through the broad spaces cleared by the attendants, and when he had taken up a position in the center of the hall, the Emperor, in his turn, advanced. Eustache and Leonie, he gave the signal to unmak. As they obeyed, and every face was uncovered, the quick glance caught the pale and handsome features of the young emperor colonel.

"What? give us back our dead? Do our eyes deceive us? This ruined Lioncourt, whom we left dead upon the field of Austerlitz? Advance, men, and satisfy our doubts!"

Lioncourt advanced, and the emperor had his hand on his shoulder.

"You are safe as a ghost, man; but still you're flesh and blood. Give an account of yourself. Speak quickly; don't you see these ladies are dying of curiosity? And faith, so am I too," he added, smiling.

"I am the Colonel," said the Colonel, will, perhaps, serve you in your regiment in pursuit of the

strangers ordering my regiment in pursuit of the flying Russians!"

"Perfectly well; and I performed the service gallantly. Their rear was cut to pieces."

"St. Eustache and I rode side by side," pursued the Colonel.

"St. Eustache!" cried the Emperor, beckoning the officer to advance.

"My dear Colonel!" cried St. Eustache, embracing his old commander.

"Go on, Colonel," cried the Emperor, pausing.

The Emperor, who was now passing up the firing

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