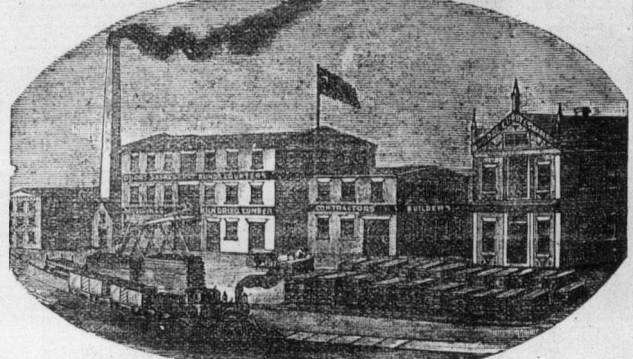


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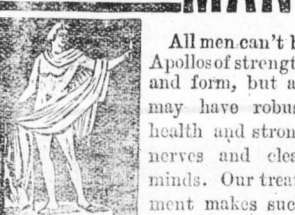
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A ROUGH ROAD.

From "All the Year Around."

(Concluded.)

"I expect she is," put in my wife; "she was late before she was free to go and make herself smart."
Jacques uttered something, then turned on his heel and went away. My wife followed him. A minute or two later she came back and touched me on the shoulder.
"Leon," she said, "go into the court for a minute. I can do without you. And perhaps you can stop it coming to a quarrel. Oh, de, oh, dear! why need she worry him so?"

I made haste to do as she said, and without asking any more particulars, picking and choosing as I went the words that I thought the most likely to smooth matters down. I went to the door, however, I stopped, too much astonished at what I saw by the light of the August moon to remember what I had meant to say. There, on the low parapet of the wall, sat Leonie, in her wad-day clothes, her elbows on her knees, and her face between her hands; behind her, leaning against the woodwork, stood M. Chastelain, an angry look on his usually calm face. In front of them, with his back to ward me, was Jacques. I knew what he was looking like.

"You have been drinking, Lambert," M. Chastelain was saying in a louder tone than I had ever heard him use; "if you were in your sober senses you would not dare say such things."

"I'm as sober as you are," shouted Jacques; "but who wouldn't say what I've said to the man who's done the mischief you've done? I love her a hundred times better than you ever could. What business have you to interfere? Go away, I tell you, and leave her."
"You're not master here," replied the other calmly; "and as you are not in a state to be left alone with Miss Leonie, I shall stay as long as you do."

"Then if you won't move, she shall," Leonie went on, "get up and go into the house." She did not take any notice; he sprang forward toward her. At the same time M. Chastelain put himself in front of her and crossed his arms over his chest. It was high time to interfere; a crowd was gathering by the fence and I heard some one say, "It's not a quarrel, M. Chastelain!"

"Jacques," I cried, hurrying across the yard, and placing myself between them, "Jacques, M. Chastelain, I can't stand by and see a quarrel of this sort, when my daughters are at the bottom of it."

"It's not a quarrel, M. Chastelain," rejoined M. Chastelain quietly, "it's merely a tipsy mistake of this fellow. Mademoiselle Leonie is free to blame him as she pleases. For her sake I will tell all that has passed going across the courtyard. I see her sitting by the wall, evidently tired out with the laborious side of merry-making. I wish her good evening. I commend her wisdom in avoiding the fatigues of the dancing. All of a sudden she goes into the courtyard and loads us both with insults and reproaches and makes an exhibition of herself generally. I am ready to excuse him on the ground that Ambrose Fair met once a year, and that the wife once gets at the edge of her tongue; perhaps M. Chastelain will give him for the same reason, if he permits to behave better for the future."

It was a wonder that Jacques had let M. Chastelain say all this without interruption; but he suddenly seemed to have grown as cool as the other.
"It is I who have something to forgive," he said, "and I'm not sure I shall forgive it."
Then he turned and walked away with a firm step. In truth he was sober as any of us. Leonie had slipped into the house directly I had come forward into the courtyard. The next day at 12:10 M. Chastelain did not come in to his lunch. This was unusual. His hour was noon, and he was generally as punctual as the sun. Leonie, her face still troubled by last night's storm, kept taking anxious glances, now from the door, now from the window.

"Father," she said presently, "what can be the matter? Not a man has come off the works yet, and people are going down the street all in that direction."
I went to the door. She was quite right. Instead of the usual midday rush of navies into the village, the current seemed to be setting steadily the other way.

"What is the matter?" I asked.
"There has been an accident where they are blasting," was the answer I got.
At which I started at once. When I reached the blasting there was no sign of anything wrong, except that workmen were standing about in knots talking excitedly.

"Is any one hurt?" I asked.
"It's worse than hurt, Pere Corbeau," was the answer, "unless there has been a regular miracle."
"Who?" I asked.
"Then I heard all. It was M. Chastelain, who had been coming up in the empty truck from the village, as he mostly did when he wanted to say time. When he was within ten feet of the top, the rope had broken, and the truck had gone spinning over and over down to the gully below."

"Who was at the pulley?" I asked, for a terrible thought crossed me.
"Young Lambert," they told me.
Then, in the distance, we saw a crowd coming along. Some of the foremost carried a stretcher, which was covered with a white cloth. The Lamberts were walking side by side, the father holding the son by the arm. "Now is that with him?" we asked, looking toward the stretcher.

But no one spoke; there was no need of words. You can see how it was in the distance.
"Jacques," I whispered, going close to him, "what's the matter?"
"He's dead," he said, "and he's a young man."

At that minute I pitied him almost more than the man who died such a sudden, cruel death.

There was a terrible stir in the village, every one crowding round, women crying, men arguing in loud tones about the accident; but Leonie was nowhere to be seen.

When we—the two Lamberts and I—went into the house there she stood. I took her hand and drew her aside to where we might be alone.

"Here's Jacques," I said to her; "he's in sad trouble. You've heard what's happened; it's your place to comfort him."
She drew her hands out of mine. "To comfort him?" she cried. "No; never. I would say you were, your wife, she went on turning her white face toward Jacques. "Whether you did or did not, I'm not your judge, and no penalty you can pay will bring him back. But there is something I've got to say to you; I'd meant you to hear it today. I must say it all the more because he's dead. You thought he made love to me on the sly. Never once did he breathe a word of love to me; and he never would have done, he didn't love me. If you'd been as sharp as you thought you were, you would have seen that. I loved him; I was b-e-a-k-i-n-g my heart for him; and he didn't see it, either. I might have married you if he had never come. It loved you as I loved him. It would make no difference to me that a man's life lies at your door. Now go away and leave me all to myself."

Of course there was an enquiry into the manner in which M. Chastelain had met his death. Nothing, however, was proved against poor Jacques. Father and son were blamed for letting the rope wear thin; but he was urged in their defence that the line was for the transport of stones; that M. Chastelain had more than once been warned that he risked his limbs every time he used it; that if the rope had broken in the ordinary course, the only damage would have been to a couple of trucks.

So Jacques was cleared; but that didn't make him happy again. He lingered about the village for a time, hoping that Leonie would soften to him; when all hope was over—when we'd laid her to rest in the cemetery—he went and enlisted in the artillery, and since then he has never been seen in Aubezine. Another engine finished the new road; but I've never been along it to see what manner of road it is.

THE CHILIAN TROUBLE.

A bloody battle places the Revolutionists in Possession of Valparaiso.

A despatch dated Valparaiso, Aug. 29th, states that the insurgents took the city of Valparaiso on the 28th after a very sanguinary engagement. Balmaceda's power in Chile is broken. His army was crushed Friday after five hours hard fighting and is scattered beyond all hope of reorganization. The revolutionists have taken possession of Valparaiso. The whereabouts of Balmaceda are unknown and President-elect Vicuña is a refugee upon a German warship. The country is flooding with the standard of the insurgents and the new government will be formed with possibly Judge Balmaceda or Manuel Jose Irujo at the head. General Conza and his army won the battle by superior generalship and good hard fighting, assisted by good fortune in the killing of Balmaceda's generals and consequent demoralization of the army and desertion of entire regiments. These deserters were generally "volunteers" who had been impressed into the service, but whose sympathies have all been with the insurgents. The fighting was of a desperate character, fully 5,000 men were killed and wounded. Admiral Viel sent a flag of truce to Gen. Conza with a proposition to surrender the city. It was accepted and the victorious army entered Valparaiso shortly after noon. In the meantime there had been a general flight of government officials. The city is as quiet as could be expected under the circumstances and no trouble is anticipated.

The capture of Valparaiso, the most important commercial city of western South America, gives the insurgents an advantage that can hardly be counterbalanced. It is a prolific recruiting ground, and they will probably find no difficulty in getting all the men they want for their armies. It was upon the urging and promises of powerful friends in Valparaiso that the insurgents undertook the desperate expedition which has been crowned with such signal success. They had a thoroughly equipped force of about 8,000 men. Whether the arms came from the United States or from Germany is not clearly known. It is said, however, that a German vessel transferred the arms to an insurgent vessel near the Falkland Islands.

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