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perience of assisting at a festival of unusu- everybody with whom it is concerned, al interest. Senor Macheo, being the Oaxaca once a year to brand the cattle, and the inhabitants make the occasion a fete which the streams of the lives of those day. Early in the morning men hunt the with whom it deals do not blend, but flow cattle in the woods and drive them into a in independent and parallel course. So it cattie in the woods and drive them into a large inclosure. Then, selecting from the was with Mr. Grode, so it was with Felicia, it was the eve of the Sabbath—he turned gets ready for the jerk, which throws the and as that somewhere is all with which a to the corral. In this way twenty or thir-At dark, on the same day, chants and the cruit his energies with absinthe, though Litany of the virgin are sung by the peo- within a stone's throw of roast beef and ple, kneeling around the cross, in the pale ale. The geography of this colony is square formed by the few houses at Tarifa. a little arbitrary, for sometimes it has tak-

his duty to love God and the Virgin, then spiracies as addled as the eggs whereof too his master, and to say his prayers, but often they have to make their omelettes after these duties were well done, nothing aux fines herbes; and it is here that they made a man feel better than a fandango get washed to a too quickly evanescent with the pretty maidens. Permission was whiteness, the scanty linen which has so granted, and a man was immediately sent much the air of having been born with the to a neighboring town for a band of music. jaundice. The women then presented their wild flow- In one of these small streets, to which ers, and placed garlands on the heads of the possession of a "blanchisserie Fran-

On the next day, a delegation of natives, preceded by the band, came with an invi- Norman faces in semi-Norman caps, whose tation to witness the branding. Accord- owners were eternally engaged in crimping, ing to custom, one of their number was clear-starching, and chattering-if these supposed to be a prisoner whom his friends are the proper technicals terms to describe were to liberate. The men and women their occupation-were to be seen as many stood in a semicircle before the hut. The eccentric specimens of human nature as in spokesman then brought forward the any part of London. I do not mean the handsomest man of their number, an ath- army of unhealthy gutter-children, and of lete, entirely naked, his body painted blue other Arab tribes that made this street and red to imitate wounds, while his limbs their playground, their school-room, and were bound with cords. After exhibiting their home; these were not out of the comhim, his friends untied his legs, and he mon, heaven knows. I mean rather those passed about an old hat, for alms to defray who passed along it in the morning and the expenses of the journey home which evening, on their way clsewhere; those who he was supposed to be about to make. The had to leave their country for their counprocession then formed, Senor Macheo try's good or ill, as the case might be, and honor, and all marched to the corral where and beards and hats familiar to Bean street, a platform was erected, covered with palm- and which there passed unnoticed, were seize a bull by the horns; a third, by the tail. The red-hot branding iron is then handed to a fourth man, who lifts his hat

Cortes, who originally owned these lands. The next animal is branded, and some other person is cheered, and so on to the end of the chapter. In the evening, there is a regular Mexican fandango. Their dances are called Holero, Torito, and Zan-

An Indian invites his partner to dence, by putting his hat upon her head. If she accepts, she stands up, and the young man addresses her in fantastic language. One of these improvised songs may be freely translated as follows:—

"I am the golden fish, Swimming in the lake of sadness, The dart of your killing eyes Has changed my sight to blindness."

The girl replies, "I've seen that fish before, His sudden blindness feigning,

L'ut sh! his end obtaining, Sw. 'us off to come no more." -Scribner's for February.

of animal and vegetat be rational action, the highest intellectual powers. A strictly vegetable living ordinarily gives a fair complexion and amiability and extreme ing reformers, without ever setting a liver on fire. Arabs are a soher, frugal race, rather slender, not tall, conscientious and contentious on religious contentions on religious and responsitions. contentious on religious subjects. They largely subsist on rice, pulse, milk and keimac, something similar to whipped

cream, through a vast region of an arid country where they are not destitute of mutton goats, camels and game; but they manifest no disposition to feed upon meats, as is necessary in temperate zones or in high northen latitudes. An intellectual man, one of their views. An intellectual man, one of their views was the greater of the window and touched the dream with the wand of truth. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. The whole transaction had always been kept truth. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. The whole transaction had always been kept truth. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. The whole transaction had always been kept truth. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. The whole transaction had always been kept truth. Then, with a heavy sigh, he looks and then looked grave and inscrutably. The whole transaction had always been they may be something more than a bare living. And then looked grave and inscrutably. The whole transaction had always been served. Who was entered to be reasonable to the whole transaction had always been served. Who was entered to the casket, with the kindred, who rises to distinction by the grandner of his mental statur, to extremely rare. The beer and ale directly state but they are not much given to prefound researches in Science.

Went on us way.

Went on us way.

Perhaps had he been a young and good. Slumber, to just eighteen millions of frances—of the above story can be slumber.

No wonder, therefore, that such a smile over, or rewarded, as the case may be, by to prefound researches in Science.

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Gaunt Winter flinging flakes of snow, Deep burdening field and wood and hill; Dim days, dark nights, slow trailing fogs, And bleakened air severe and chill. And swift the seasons circling run— And still they change till all is done.

Young Spring with promise in her eyes, And fragrant breath from dewy mouth, And marie touches for the nooks Of budding flowers when wind is south. And swift the seasons circling run— And so they change till all is done.

Then Summer stands erect and tall, With early sunrise for the lawn,
Thick foliaged woods and glittering seas,
And loud bird chirpings in the dawn.
And swift the seasons circling run—
And so they change till all is done.

Brown Autumn, quiet with ripe fruits. And haggards stacked with harvest gold, And naggards stacked with narvest gold, And fiery flushes for the leaves, And silent cloud skies soft outrolled. And so the seasons circling run— And still they change till all is done.

Swift speeds our Lafe from less to more. The sobering mind, the ripening soul, Till yonder all is bright and blest.

For so the seasons circling run— And swift they change till all is done Yes, yonder- if indeed the orb Of the revokes found force,
And steadfast, come the balm or blight.
And so indeed the seasons run—
And last is best when all is done.
—Chambers's Journal.

PEARL AND EMERALD.

CHAPTER VIII.

Even in the shortest story, which hurries itself along as fast as may be, over a

Before leaving the little settlement at short space of time, and yet endeavors to Tarifa pass, the party had the novel exthere must be occasional intervals during which nothing happens, and about which herd the largest bull, the herdsman on a so with Arthur Cranstoun, so with Nathan swift horse dashes after it, and at full Levi during the few months that followed speed flings the lasso, which never fails to the departure from her home of the second coil itself about the horns of the animal. named of these. Each lived his or her own coil itself about the norms of the animal. The horse is blindfolded, but is taught to life, and went on his or her own way; and hands relaxed their clutch a little as he turn half round as soon as he feels the lasso that is about all that can be said of any of turn half round as soon as he leefs the lasso that is shown as no one can go on his own looking slop shop in a street of Soho to thrown from the rider's nand. He then them way without at last arriving somewhere, stiffens his hind-legs, puts out his neck and way without at last arriving somewhere, which Bean street was a quarter of palaces.

The same evening, a delagation waited en complete possession of one side of a

their master and his guests, departing im- caise" gave quite an ill-deserved suggesmediately afterwards to dance till more- tion of superior cleanliness, with its snowy gauze curtains and its prospect, through the ever-open door, of two or three rosy and the stangers occupying the place of had found a refuge in Soho. The cloaks wholly unfamiliar elsewhere, and would Rockets, torpedos and the Mexican national hymn begin the sport. Then men with bundles of dry grass in hand, and making a peculiar noise with their lips, leap inside the inclosure. Two of them seize a bill by the horse a third, by the man, who invariably took Bean street on

while he was dressed in his greasiest, most he inserted his flugers, or rather claws, and incongruous, oldest clothes of all-greasy, extracted from it a small jeweler's casket, incongruous, and old beyond possibility of which he placed upon his knees as he sat dances are called Holero. Torito, and Zandunga, the dancers singing couplets, which they often improvise.

An Indian invites his partner to dance, by putting his hat upon her head. If the London, and was deformed in body be-

accustomed as it was to strange appearances. A well-directed stone had struck

ed flercely at her and passed on.

But this, though the most remarkable event in it, was by no means the whole of his day. He found some customers, though | whole fortune upon a glorious dream. not many; he had not to draw upon his thinner that he paid. Before the sunsethomeward. He had not tasted food all all but gnawing pains, a more contented look began to pass over his face, and his came in sight of his home-a wretched-

Every street has some other to which itself is aristocratic; perhaps there is even some cloud of dust, caused by the chase, clears months drop unnoticed into the sea of backslums of Lambeth or of Westminster away' the bull is seen madly trying to get oblivion—a certain part of Soho which is it would be hard to find. Still, home—so away the bull is seen madly trying to get oblivion—a rertain part of colony as Alglers thoy say, at least—is always home. Per- drink, and would let his few customers buy haps even he had some heart-though it ty herdsman will soon fill a large corral isfy himself with strange ragouts of horsewith animals of all sizes and discriptions. flesh and beans, and the exhausted to reer, perhaps, or a sister, with whom he was about to spend a Sabbath of Sympathy.

fashion, went into a wretched rat-run backgether out of keeping with the place and

with the man. No one can imagine a scene of more the old clothesman was not handsome. It the ragged stock-in-trade, of an out-door pauper, there was no saying which of the two. The neighbors, who were chiefly Itishmen and paupers, took the former view; for when was a Hebrew dealer,

though he dealt but in cast of cloths, ever was high priest and king. looked upon by his poverty-stricken neighhis miserable cloths, all pointed in the same direction; while his appearance and for hours, and was as real in its seeming as apparent poverty. And, in point of fact, real than the miserable facts of life in which there have been men who have lived like he spent his days. him, and yet have lived and died million-

handed to a fourth man, who lifts his hat and gives the first hurah: "Long live my master, the Senor Don Julian Machee!"
The erowd yells in reply. "Que Viva," and simui ancously the tail is jerked, the horns twisted, and the bull is down and marked in a twinkling with the sign here shown. This is the brand-mark used by Cortes, who originally owned these lands.

his way to his daily business.

The key which he had taken from his such the hand staken from his pocket he inserted in a small round hole clothesmen, of a well-known and historical type that has of late years been a little on the wane. He carried on his back the orthodox black bag, and wore upon his orthodox black bag, and wore upon his head the orthodox three hats, if not more, lead to a fourth man, who his has the first hurah:

The key which he had taken from his such the such excitement was bound to bring, he doubt details his bage the occupancy of the town in which he sought to the candle, and then, having turned it twice, raised a very small trap-door that twice, raised a very small trap-door that the candle, and then, having turned it twice, raised a very small trap-door that the candle, and then, having turned it to orthodox black bag, and wore upon his head the orthodox three hats, if not more, lead to be a such excitement was bound to bring, he would betake himself once more to the close to the spot at which he had set down the candle, and then, having turned it twice, raised a very small trap-door that twice, raised a very small trap-door that the candle, and then, having turned it twice, raised a very small trap-door that twice, raised a very small trap-door that the candle, and then, having turned it the candle, and then, having turned

deal with him was almost inconceivable. of his eyes showed that this object, what-He had simply the most hideous face in all ever it might be, was something that made

but, being as he was, the bestowal of two hideous face as he returned home; no won- being set up by the Mr. Cranstoun of that reckoning compound interest-which as der of painter, bordering for the most kind words upon him was something in der that he had spared only the fewest posthe nature of a charity. And though he sible moments to refresh himself with bodidid not appear to have heard them, they by food when a feat like this was waiting had given him a glimpse, he turned diacould not have been disagreeable to one for his soul. He who thus spent his night mond-merchant, and made in that capac- play-"it in reality amounts to one hunwhom nature and poverty must have ren- was on the principle of action and reaction, ity a considerable fortune. But he had dred and forty-five million eight hundred lar case, nothing more need be said; the dered singularly inexperienced in pleasant obliged to wander about in an unprofitable never lost sight of the great Emerald of and sixty thousand seven hundred and type is defined, and its individual members greetings. Perhaps, however, he may have dream all day long, in which his soul was which he had caught that glimpse in his fifty francs, or exactly five million eight are as like one another as peas from the had a suspicion that it was his nature and engrossed, not with what was, but with younger days; and at last the time seemed hundred and thirty-four thousand four same shell. Mr. Grode knew this well, and his poverty that had gained him this; and, the recollection of what had been, and with to be at hand when he might, without risk, hundred and thirty pounds!" There is many a tender-hearted girl who as night returned again. For many months No wonder that he had gone home in a erald for a week, if he pledges all the rev. that the mere shadow of sneer when he lavishes her best caresses upon her ugliest he had been growing poorer and poorer: rage; no wonder that his wrath had fallen enues of Caspia for a hundred years."

out some preposterously hideous doll for his brain. His letters had at first remainher especial favorite, was working with ed unanswered, and then unread; the her needle as he passed the door. Her schemes and projects in which he had been long as they have them, they scorn, but Royal Highness?" companions, with looks of disgust, pointed engaged rotted or ripened to his ruin; he which they miss none the less when they him out to each other as they would have neither bought or sold or lent, until, little lose them. This time his angry bell was pointed out a toad. But she, doubtless for by little, he fell under water, and had to answered, not by Elise, but by another that very reason, frankly greeted him with force himself to struggle for merely daily servant. Then he was still more angry a real smile. Doubtless she felt, uncon- bread. He who had once dealt in Titians with his daughter for having taken him at sciously, as some tender-hearted girls will, and Rafaeles now dealt only in cast-off hats his word, even though he himself-ordered that it is just the toads and spiders that and coats and shoes; he who had been the the cab in which she had gone away. stand most in need of their smiles: that if depositary of the diamonds of duchesses God, for some mysterious reason, had now took care of the mongles of washer- his own head in the shape of cold coffee-a livery, or, at least, good security given?" thought fit to curse this man, it was not women; he who had advanced thousands beverage that invariably had the effect of for her to turn aside with loathing from of pounds to the heirs of peers now lent putting him out of temper for the day. - is no difficulty, then?" And Count Andre-

he was a spendthrift who had spent his consistency.

"Well, let her go," he said, "to the Could be have given expression to the purso very largely to invest in the cast-off visions that came nightly to visit him, he when she wants her luncheon." garments that it was his business to sell would have been one of the greatest of But it must be supposed that she did not again. And, when he did draw upon his poets of the world: and so should I be, if I want luncheon; at all events she did not purse, it was with unwillingness written were able to express them for him. They come back for it. But in answer to the in every crook of his crooked fingers. He were not always the same, though all came cook's inquiries he had dinner laid for two, looked at both sides of a shilling, he even to him in the same green light. Some as usual. Still, however, she did not refelt round the edge before he laid it down; times he was the winner of wonderful bat-

and if one shilling happened to be ever so tles which, in their vastness, were prophetlittle thinner than another, it was the ie of Armageddon: sometimes he was the yet of another whole day. In short, day thicker of the two that he took, with the sultan of a Mahomet's Paradise: sometimes he was scated on the throne of justice, or rather of vengeauce, to punish all those who had injured or mocked at him by day. quite right in running away from such a day: but, though his belly was empty of In the last case he used to inflict the most monstrous, the most unheard of tortures, and every groan on the part of his victims plunged him into a very agony of pleasure. metimes he was wandering at will through all the mines of Golconda and ances, I will just once say, "For shame!" Peru; and they were all his own. But the and then receive her back for my favorite grandest vision of all was one that came heroine once more. I should certainly not to him more rarely, and which, whenever built to the ground, for one can of the lasso to the horse's tail. After the There is, then—to let these same few worse street than this, though even in the it did come, left him for days after in a not received her gladly, had she given him state of bodily and mental prostration. the chance. Nor do I think her disconso-On such occasions he would scarcely eat or

hall, in which his more ordinary caliphchamber, vast as it was, might have been knows what, in the secret of success, is contained a hundred times over; indeed it But, in spite of the look of pleased antic- seemed to have the sky, of which every ipation that his features strove to wear, no star was a sun, for its roof, and the horivoice greeted him as he entered the dark- zon itself, studded with mystic figures like ners and crowns of flowers, and arranging upon the other; but to those who know the cupboard. It is not so that men feed, ver lake, in which gold-fish of the size of however poor they may be, who do not live whales spouted and played and stirred the alone. Then he washed himself after a water into waves that splashed against the margin with a sound of distant bells .room, with a single blindless window that Flowers, also, chiefly roses, hyacinths and looked out into a small blind court heaped | rhododendrons, wreathed themselves about up with dust and offal, and with no furniture save a ragged mattress and the rem- the expanse where the emerald light changnant of an office stool, took a key from his ed into a golden ather. Throughout echobreast-pocket, and set down his candle ed, besides the bells, a confused murmur

upon the floor. It was a wax-candle, by as of countless swarms of bees, into which the way, of the very best quality; alto- many sorts of voices seemed to resolve themselves into one. Along the streams that poured themselves into the lake floated fleets of vessels of cedar borne along by utter, more sordid destitution. To say sails of purple silk, a queen, raven-locked, that it was not comfortable would be to and with the cresent moon in her hair, say nothing at all, any more than to say standing in the foremost prow. Immediately in front of the alter that rose out of was the home of a miser, or else, saving and above all this, was erected a brazen scaffold; and on the scaffold stood Nathan Levi himself. He kneeled down before all the congregation of Isreal, and spread forth his hands toward heaven. It was the re-

consecration of the Temple, in which he How such a man should be subject to bors as being one with themselves? His this and to similar visions must be explainsolitary manuer of existence, his meals, ed by those who are better versed in the with which the itinerant dealer in "fag- occult properties of emeralds, and the still gots" had far more to do than the butcher, more occult workings of the human soul, than I. At any rate, the vision endured manner threw a fearful mystery over his if it had been real in sober fact-far more

When he again emerged from his magic

CHAPTER IX .- COUNT ANDREAS KROMESKI. No wonder, once more, that Mr. Grode had been in a violent rage. He had expected to gain six million pounds by the He opened the case, and the expression expenditure of half-a-crown—that is to say, to make a clear profit of five million, nine hundred and nine thousand, nine hundred up for all-for hunger, for contempt, for and ninety-nine pounds seventeen shillings misery. It was this that stood to him in and sixpence, upon one transaction; or, at On his first appearance in Bean street, he place of all that was wanting to make his least, if his last offer had been taken, five had created quite a sensation even there, abode a home. And, in fact, when the million, eight hundred and ninety-five casket was opened the room in reality ap- thousand pounds; and such a disappoint peared to be transformed. It became filled ment was terribly hard for any business off the topmost of his three hats; and he, with a strange green light, as of some unin revenge, had caught hold-not of the earthly morning; of the day which may be that he was the only man living who knew offending urchin-but of a small boy who imagined to exist for the eyes of mine-gob- the secret history of the Great Emerald of was gazing at him open-mouthed, and had line who have never seen that of the sun. Kandahar, and he had flattered himself given him such a thrashing with an old To him, at least, this light, whether real with justice. It had been he who, when a umbrella, that "I'll give you to old Mo to or imaginary, had an intoxicating effect, young man, and a junior clerk in the great FAT AND LEAN.—Meat eaters and vege- put you in his bag!" became henceforth something like that of opium or hasheesh. house of Cranstoun & Cranstoun, had been The bare, wretched room became the alone admitted into the confilence of the the diet. The first has the most brain force and nervous energy. A mixed food of animal and vegetable rations develops mile. The hat itself was picked up by one clined luxuriosly, like some great king, of the girls-not, however, one of the rosyfaced Normandes, but by a young fellow- can delight the senses - beautiful forms and than any one else for this important conwoman of theirs, who handed it to its colors, enchanting musle, miraculously fra-fidence, it is impossible to say with anypugnacity when the vegetarian's views in regard to that one engrossing though of his regard to that one engrossing though of his owner quietly, and without any outward grant odors, seemed to fill the air and pass thing like certainty. Perhaps his employation of disgust or fear. He, however, into his soul. The atone was a veritable or had special reason to trust his honor did not even say "Thank you," but scowl- lamp of Alladdin. He sat there without and discretion; and certainly his bluff and moving, steeped in the enjoyment of imag-The next day he passed the blanchisseric inary laxuries unknown, unheard of, save monest man; perhaps nemad by some means are quite and refer you to the Secretary of Legation at cause he thought it best way to make of a father! There she is—and I have a gain, and passed also the same young girl, in oriental remance, until the gray light of come to learn the secret, and it had become the Embassy."

and cheapest doll; many a mother who but he made no effort to keep back the sea upon poor Felicia, or Pearl, as her lover Mr. Grode's eyes glowed with avarice.shows most affection for her worst-favored of poverty. So absorbed had he become chose to call her, from some fancy about The Emerald indeed was worth something the side of an easel large enough to bear child, simply because it is cheapest, ugliest in a life made up of intoxicating dreams, her whiteness and her opal eyes. All that therefore, not complimentary to the object most ordinary or the most pressing affairs. bear with a very sore head, indeed. The "That is well," he said with a calmness follies of other men, when the door opened 200 lanes, 100 alleys, 12 squares, 50 small of them. The next day, this girl, who It seemed as though the excitement of the next morning, when he came down to his that be found it difficult to assume. "You and in came the painter himself, as goodmust surely in her childhood have singled sale, or something else, had actually turned breakfast he found himself alone; and he have come to the right quarter; and I pro-

The domestic storm had thus fallen upon what God had done. There are some shillings for the accommodation of Irish He felt, therefore, half remorseful for the as Kromeski, feeling that his head was sewhose natural mission it is to deal out kind laborers. And yet he had his reward. If extreme point to which he had carried his cure, fell upon Mr. Grode and hugged him looks and kind words to those whom oth- by day he was an old-clothesman and deal- wrath: but still, if there was one so-called ers scorn; and theirs is a ninth Beatitude. er in marine stores, by night he was a sul- virtue on which he, like most disagreeable tan, a caliph. So far from being a miser people, prided himself, it was the virtue of

For my part, I think-still with all due deference to the Decalogue-that she was bear; and if she had run straight to her lover's arms and broken her promise will. ingly, I should not think much of any teader of this who blamed her very much for it. So, just for the sake of appearthink much of my jeunepremier if he had late father so very much to be pitied, after all. People who are so very sensitive in the region of the pocket, are not apt to be He stood before a high altar in a vast over sensitive about that of the heart. He was a successful man; and every body joined with a good digestion. To a man who enjoys the latter, even the coldness of coffee may express no more than a single morning of desolation. Of course, he continued to be angry, and thought that he

continued to be very ill-used and very ners and crowns of nowers, and arranging themselves in a semicircle, their spokes man made a speech. Crossing himself hurrically, he said in rather a confused style, that he was convinced that it was style, the very next morning Mr.

At all events, the very next morning Mr.

Grode, having passed a night feverish with the look for the size of strings of pearls.

All the seas and rivers of the earth flowed devour hungrily some strange-looking food the first part of his scherae, which was to re
er coincided with his gaining of the Emer
to district, it is well-marked enough. It is district, it is we borne it very philosophically. One evening, however, while he was sitting by himself in his "study," as he chose to call the dusty front parlor, now dustier than ever, a card was brought in

> ed, the name of "Mr. Smith, Morley's Mr. Smith was shown in. In spite of which Mr. Grode, since it would make his his thoroughly British name he resembled own conduct seem the more disinterested, in his appearance rather one of the foreign habines of Bean street than a true Briton, except that his linen seemed to have come street, and inquired for Mr. Cranstoun at from Madame Cornet's that very morning, which was never the case with theirs. He Mr. Cranston, however, was out; but wore a heavy brown Austrian moustache, hair black and curling, an eccentric hat, a furred traveling cloak, and Hessian boots. Mr. Grode, however, was used to singular be a painter's studio of a most rudimentary visitors, and pointed to a chair, while he painter. To rival Fra Angelico had been

the hearth-rug. . his visitor, in a strong foreign accent.

am Count Andreas Kromeski." Mr. Grode bewed. "In what can I have the pleasure-!" he began. "You are Mr. Grode, are you not?"

"I am Mr. Grode." "My mission is a most delicate one. must rely on your discretion." Mr. Grode bowed again.

"My august master, the Czar of Caspia, will be necessary, on that solemn occasion, chamber, weary with the reaction that to make a display of the crown jewels.— Now, I am instructed by his excellency, the chief Minister of State, that a certain Kandahar, was pledged in the year 18-, with the house of Cranstoun & Cranstoun for the sum of twelve hundred thousand pounds sterling, and that you were privy to the transaction. Now my august sovereign cannot appear on this occasion with-

terrible scandal; iedeed, the result might e a revolution." "Do I understand that you are about to

of his majesty ?"

"A fortnight before, at least."

"Meet me then at the Embassy this day two months-the 14th of October. You will, of course, bring an expert with you. Of course, the interest will be paid on de-"Of course. I have full powers. There to his heart-the only man in the world who had ever been guilty of such insanity.

"None whatever," answered Mr. Grode, disengaging himself from the count's embrace. "It is in safe hands; and this day two months it shall be in yours."

CHAPTER X .- THE PEELING OF A FATHER. He had not reckoned without his host .-

Grode & Cranstoun. The Jew's possession was obviously, illegal; and there was but was obviously, illegal; and there was but one serious difficulty about the matter—that neither he, nor any one else, knew what had become of the once wealthy money-lender. After the first nine days wonder at the extraordinary price paid for the dead magple, it was generally believed that its purchaser had taken himself that its purchaser had taken himself and remembered that the nature of the husk is no indication of that of the kernel. that its purchaser had taken himself abroad. Still, however, no matter how far he might have traveled, the world is very narrow after all, especially since the invention of steamboats and railway carriages; and a man of the appearance of Nathan Levi was not one to be lost like a needle in

a bundle of hay. At all events, the very next morning Mr. ed from the solicitor who had acted for the latter in his transactions with the creditors of the firm, that his client was now living in Newman street, though how he was living there he did not know; he only feared to him, on which was written, not engravthat Mr. Cranstoun's generosity and sense of honor had left him hard up-an account

was not sorry to hear. He betook himself, then, to Newman the house to which he had been directed .would he be good enough to wait his return? So he was shown up into Arthur's room on the third floor, which proved to himself assumed his favorite attitude on one of the grand ideas of his prosperous days, and with that object he had always "Mr. Smith is a nom de guerre," said dabbled in painting, and, for a time, had I worked at it with a will; and now it seemed to him the best way in which he could make his talents pay. Of course, it was an insane piece of folly. To imagine or to

copy Saints and Holy Families after the style of Cimabue-for in that direction, as I being diametrically opposed to the taste of the world, had his own taste carried himhad been, heretofore, only a harraless waste of time; but now it was useless even for s about to celebrate the marriage of his the decoration of churches that went in for Serene Highness, the Imperial Prince. It pre-Raphaelitism in ritual and ornament For he was beyond the pale even of the "P. R. B." in the extravagance of his mediavalism; and, unlike the early members of the Brotherhood, did not redeem jewel known as the Great Emerald of his mediavalism by any striking merits as a painter. If he had only accepted some employment in :another house of business-and there were plenty of leading houses that, out of sheer kindness and good feeling, would have received him gladly, without expecting much from his out this emerald. It would cause the most services in return-he would have been

for Felicia's sake, he would with a good grace have put into his pocket any quantity of personal fastidiousness, he still did make a proposal of some kind ou the part for Felicia's sake, he would with a good "That is so. My august master, through tity of personal fastidiousness, he still did now, who greeted him with a nod, that he house of Stephanos, of Yienna, would not feel justified--and, in this feeling, he seemed to say; "Good morning, Nathan the house of Stephanos, of Vienna, would not reel justined—and, in the house of Stephanos, of Vienna, would not reel justined—and, in Levi!"

pay forthwith all arrears of interest upon may be credited with perfect honesty—in pay forthwith all arrears of interest upon may be credited with perfect honesty—in Levi!"

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And yet could that ragged, foul-looking, about the pay forthwith all arrears of interest upon may be credited with perfect honesty—in levi!" the loan, and give handsome douceur be- permitting others to buy worthless services sides, for the return of the Emerald for a as a matter of charity. And he felt-as single week, and would consent to the many like him have fancied and will doubthouse of Cranstoun & Cranstoun sending a less fancy to the end of time-that to be trustworthy agent to receive it back at the able to paint a picture is to be able to end of that time. I went straight to the sell one also. In his good days he had house of Cranstoun & Cranstoun. I found mixed much with celebrated and successthe doors closed. I have made inquiries ful painters, and had known the great about its representative; he is nowhere .- prices that their works commanded .-They tell me at the embassy that the firm With the unsuccessful majority he had not is bankrupt, and that its chief committed mixed, or he would have learned a very ished to Tartary, if I return without the enerald. They will say I have stelen it, and perhaps cut me open alive to see if I have swallowed it, and forget to sew me up again afterward. Where is it? Who has the custody? Mon Dicu, there will be war all over Europe if anything has happened to the Great Emerald of Kandahar! Here are my credentally you will say it was, to paint, as it was, suicide. I shall lose my head or be ban- different lesson. But, as it was, to paint, are option anything in sentiment. He looked at this watch suddenly. "Ah." he said, with are quite en regle. As to my indentity, I to deserve it, and he became a painter beare my credential: you will see that they himself to be incapable of doing anything

"My august master must have the Em- smile as they were, drew up with more saw the looked-for-cap, very much the worse for wear, suspended gracefully by strong protest, and only on condition that their venerable age and magnificent and "And you will require the Emerald it was to be considered as a loan to be repaid one day-a sum that, for a bad economist, whose habits had always been very church in Lisbon, the origin of which is not expensive, was enough to keep him from

the workhouse, and no more. He came into the room eagerly; perhaps he expected to find some great art patron who had come to give him a commission for a thousand pounds. Seeing Mr. Grode, however, he came to a full stop. But the expense of the Municipal Council in comlatter, with a genial and hearty a smile as he was able to assume, held out his hand frankly and warmly.

"So that is the way you treat me, is it?" he said, half laughingly. "Well, well, young people will be young people, I suppose, and we old fellows must expect to be shoved off into the corner. I ran off with my own poor late-lamented, who's dead and gone—Lissy's mother, you know—and I don't believe we lived a bit the unhap-pier. (Nor a bit the happier, the late Mrs. Giode would have said with a sigh, had

If had not reckoned without his host.—
There are few things that a man with a few millions in view will not manage some how. Greater apparent impossibilities are done every day for the sake of a few hundreds.

More than one idea floated through his mind when Count Andreas left him, for each of which much was to be said. But himself at once in communication with Arthur Cranstoun, play the part of a forgiving father, inform him of the possession of the stone by the Jew, obtain the latter by legal means, and then, in conjunction with his son-in-law, build up a great new with his son-in-law, build up a great new house of Cranstoun & Grode, or perhaps house of Cranstoun & Grode, or perhaps must pretend to give her a bit of a scold-

Arthur's delicacy approached fastidious And, after all, no one can be very outrag-eously astonished at another man's doing what, under similar circumstances, he him

what, under similar circumstances, he him-self would have done.

"Then you give your consent?" he ask-ed eagerly. "You take back Felicia?"

"Neither the one nor the other. I don't take her back, because I mean you to keep her; and I don't give my consent, because that's rather too late in the day, I take

"How shall I thank you for such generosity? I wronged you terribly, I must confess—I fancied that my misfortune——, so of autique dates, but it would be tedious confess—I fancied that my misfortune—is to mention in detail. It is sufficient to say that a person must be prejudice or bigoted

"Here?"
"What—aren't you man and wife?"
"It is not my fault that we are not, I must own. I have pressed her to share my fortune over and over again. But she has

always given me one answer—that her promise to you must keep her single till she is of age." she is of age."
"Then there goes my promise out of the window. I'm glad that she had so much obedience left, however. Not that she seems to have lost much by it," he thought

to himself, as he looked round at the painting-room. "Where is she then? Not far ing.room. "Where is she then? Not far off, I'll go bail?"
The young painter, however, did not feel by any means so genially toward Mr. Grode on account of the past as he did on

Grode on account of the past as he did of account of the future. He could not prevent his voice being a little grave and stern as he replied, "She has to work for her living, like myself. She is helping the mother of her servant by mending clothes at a laundry in Bean street, Soho."

"And she preferred this to marrying you?" Even Mr. Grode felt just a little

ashamed.
"She would have preferred starvation to Her father took out his pocket-hankerchief, and even made a preteuse of using it. At any rate, if he did not wipe his eyes, he

ow his nose. "This has all been a sad misunderstand-

pose ?"
"Perfectly."

happiness. So Pearl was to be his feelings were not quite so musical, but even then he looked forward with what he per-seaded himself was generous and disinter-

acting simply as a man of common sense.

But then he fult, or fancied, that he was unfitted for business by nature; and though for Euligia's sake he would with a good.

And—could be believe his own eyes?—

miserable old-clothesman, prowling about the back-slums of Soho, be the possessor of millions might be raised at any given mo-ment? Had he berne the least resem ment? Had be been the team beings, blance to more ordinary human beings, Mr. Grode would most certainly not have believed his own eyes. But that there should be two such monsters in the world should be two such monsters in the world would be a greater miracle than that Mr. Grode should be deceived. So he weighted sion open to him-namely, that he saw Levi in the very tlesh before him. At any cost he must be tracked and fol-

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LETTER FROM EUROPE.

Spezia, Italy, January 20th, 1873.

Lisbon the Capital of Portugal and one of the chief cities in Europe, is situated on the right bank of the Tagus, at a distance of 20 kilo, from the mouth, whose width opposite the town is 4 kilo., and its greatest width/is 12 kilo. The city is built on 7 hills, thus presenting a magnificent and extensive vista to the traveler who visits the town for the first time and admires the beautiful and diversified of the various buildings which include the old Arabic accurately known. This church has been lately under repairs, which was very much needed; it is now nearly finished. Here is deposited the bones of the patron saint of Portugal, St. Vincent, and in the church are maintained and fed two crows, at the memoration of the two crows which is said accompanied the remains of the martyr on his journey from Aljavoi to Lisbon. St. Vincent de Fora is a venerable and handsome church and was founded by Don Alfonso Henrigues when he took the town of Lisbon in 1147, it being subsequently reconstructed by Phillip the II. In this church there is a reserved mortuary chapel for the Royal family of the Breganza dynasty. The building adjoining the church was originally accupied by the Augustine Monks,

walls some splendid specimens of yaried

and precious marbles. The building is

surrounded by an elegant dome and spire

which overlooks the whole city. The

church is a model of St. Peters at Rome.

The Grucid Gruca is a large and handsome

church, much frequented by devotees,

chiefly on Friday, who pay their devotions

to a much honored image of our Saviour,

under the denomination of Senor dos. Pas-

sos. In this church lie the remains of the

celebrated Don Alfonso de Alvaguergus. The Martyrs is one of the oldest parish churches: it was also founded by Don Alfonso Henriques in memory of and as a last resting place for the many foreigners who were killed in the capture of Lisbon from the Moors in the 12 Century. It was subsequently rebuilt to suit more modern ideas. There are a number of other churchthat a person must be prejudice or bigoted to a large degree in rambling through tho cities in such countries as Italy, France, Spain, or Portugal, where the Cathelic priesthood has such a hold upon peoples' consciences, (certainly of late years much on the decline), not to note the conjunction of religion so-called and whoredom, and all other vices, (why it should should be so is strange), but yet an established fact, as witness Naples and every other town on the European shores of the Mediterraneau. The Atlantic coast is no exception, and Lisbon full of priests and prostitutes, it may claim the first place, but I would be sorry, indeed, to rank all in the same category, for many, very many, have all the virtues which have made the teachers of Christ great in every country and age. In regard to pious and beneficient establishments, Lisbon has one of the most useful, it is the Santa Casa de Misirvcordia or Holy Foudling Hospital in St. Roche Church. This is the most useful and respectable of its kind, not only for the end in view, but for the excellent management and the results which society in general has obtained from it. Here is received and fostered all those unfortunate children ing," he said; "very sad—very sad, indeed. We must put all this to rights, off-hand. You know where to find her, I supvictims of crime, vice, or a demoralized nature. The numbers maintained by this "Then come."

The numbers maintained by this The two put on their hats and went forth institution are 6,436 boys and 6,750 girls: arm.in.arm, as Mr. Grode insisted upon doing. Arthur was raised once more to all the delight of new-born life and perfect the delight of new-born life and perfect the life and p who becomes responsible for them, receivnappiness. So reari was to be his wife, not in three long years, but now! This one thought kept ringing through his heart like an unaccompanied unbroken melady who already earn their own livelihood. like an unaccompanied, unbroken melody, to the exclusion of all others. Mr. Grodo's The house itself daily maintains 284 into the exclusion of all others. mates. In the Royal Hospital of St. Joseph all indigent patients are received, and there are also private rooms for such as can seaded himself was generous and training the state statisfaction, to the reconciliation that was about to ensue.

It was still quite early in the day, for Mr. Grode was accustomed to go about his business betimes. Now it used once upon a time to be considered that it is the early lead to pay for them and wish to be cared for in this establishment. In the Hospital of Rilafolles, which is in the convent of the same name, is especially used for lunatics; all the poor are gratituously taken; there are also private to the same and wish to be cared for in this establishment. In the Hospital of Rilafolles, which is in the convent of the same name, is especially used for lunatics; all the poor are gratituously taken; there are also private to the same and wish to be cared for in this establishment. In the Hospital of Rilafolles, which is in the convent of the same name, is especially used for lunatics; all the poor are gratituously taken; there are also private to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared for in this establishment. In the Hospital of Rilafolles, which is in the convent of the same name, is especially used for lunatics; all the poor are gratituously taken; there are also private to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared for in this establishment. In the Hospital of Rilafolles, which is in the convent of the same name, is especially used for lunatics; all the poor are gratituously as a same name, is especially used for lunatics; all the poor are gratituously taken; there are also private to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be cared to the same afford to pay for them and wish to be car afford to pay for them and wish to be cared are also room for them who can pay for attendance; the average number of inmates is 265 males and 267 females. Another Hospital especially reserved for Lepers St. Lazerus; it contains at present 45 men and 18

useful. The army arsenal is close to the railroad station. This establishment may be regarded in a twofold sense, as a military museum and as an industrial establishment. It contains arms of all species, admirable for quality, size, temper and shapes, and belonging to all times from the middle to the present. As an industral establishment there is seen all sorts of appropriate probabilities, and came to the only cenclu- works from casting to forging, an evident proof of the advanced state of metallurgical work in Portugal, including some well of the irregularities of the hill on which it is situated. It embraces a large area where numerous dwelling houses are built, barwho was entering the door at the moment, so closey that she, being engaged in woolatering, just brushed him inadvertently with her dress. She recognized him—how, cit imidly around him, closed the casket, and then looked grave and inscrutable,

"All the interest to be paid, you way?—
Does his majesty know that it was at five

point of view, was the greater folly of the I'm not, then take her home. She will the Moors by Don Alfonso Henrigues, and I'm not, then take her home. She will this was affected in a great manner by the find a father's arms open to receive her—a this was affected in a great manner by the fatted calf killed. Till then, Go i bless you daring feat of Martin Moriney who threw himself across a doorway, still in existence, although he himself was crushed to death,

women; besides those, there are several

others on a small scale, but not the less

the gap caused by his body permitted the assailants to gain a passage into the castle and thus became master of the situation.