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Rates of Tuition Per Session.

Preparatory Department, first division	$15 00
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Collegiate "	25 00
Board, (including washing and fire,)	60 00
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Matriculation fee, (to be paid but once,)	5 00

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JOHN C. BLACKMAN, president board of trustees
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P. S. The above institution is the property, and under the direction of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south. april 24

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Drawing and Painting	15 00
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Embroidery	10 00
Wax-work, per course of lessons	10 00
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THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
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No pupil received for less than five months, no deduction for absence except in case of protracted illness.
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January 4, 1860. Principal and Proprietor.

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Rosetta, the Wine Seller's Daughter,

OR

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS.

BY WILLIAM H. PECK.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

CHAPTER XV—CLARA DI ANTELLI.

"A spy! A spy!" shouted a dozen fierce ruffians, drawing their pistols, as if about to shoot at the beautiful face and bosom, leaning with outspread arms from the window.

"Halt!" thundered St. John, springing to his feet. "She is no spy, my friends. She is sealed to Carlos."

"Aye, Beauty and Booty!" growled Carlos.

Rosetta's shrill scream of horror echoed through the hall at this proof of Victor's fearful treachery, and she swooned in the arms of Marbel.

"And the other! the other?" roared one of the conspirators, as he caught sight of Viola's pale face.

"Sealed to me!" exclaimed St. John. "Carlos and I have been at work already. This is our affair, and does not concern the league."

"Aye," cried Carlos, swaggering in triumph. "What says our law about such things—'every man catch his own birds.'"

A brutal laugh was the admiring answer.

"Swing up the traitor?" commanded St. John, desiring to turn the attention of the unruly satelites.

Shiel, who had flattered himself with sudden born hope, when Rosetta pleaded for him, now struggled with all a madman's strength, and though the noose was drawn about his neck he grappled the throat of Mapes as the cord was hurried upward, with the mad haste of brutal vengeance, and before those who were running across the hall with the other end of the rope could be checked, both Shiel and Mapes were swinging almost to the lofty ceiling, Shiel, held by the cord and Mapes by the death-grip of Shiel.

"Lower away! Let loose? Let fall!" shouted Carlos.

But Shiel, fierce in his agonies and vindictive in dying anticipated the rescue and suddenly let go his grasp, so that Mapes was precipitated headlong from a height of twenty feet.

He fell with a crash and lay motionless upon the floor.

"He is dead as a handspike," growled Carlos, turning the wretch over with no gentle hand. "We've lost one of our best men, my mates, and so there's an end of that."

"The next in command must heed the two hands thus deprived of their leaders," remarked St. John, authoritatively. "Let the traitor swing there until we need the rope again: and I think the need is near. It is my term to say, 'There is a traitor among us!'"

A sudden stillness fell upon all, and many shrank from the menacing glance of the chief, as it flashed here and there, as if seeking some one to denounce.

"To the test," continued St. John. "Let every man name his coin himself, and unmask. A traitor may get into this hall but he cannot get out alive."

The conspirators fell back from the dais, and Carlos held the small box into which each man had dropped a coin after entering the hall.

One by one the conspirators advanced to the dais, unmasked, gave a number and name until but one man remained.

"Come forward, mask. Call for your coin, give its date, your name and unmask," said St. John, sternly.

The mask advanced and spoke:

"I demand my golden passport in the name of the league."

"Right," said St. John.

"In right of its date, 1784."

"Right."

"And in the name of Pierre Rivart."

"Unmask, and if you are he seek it, continued St. John.

The applicant threw aside his mask and stood revealed.

"Benditto, the fortune-teller!" exclaimed Carlos, while St. John stared upon the bold Italian with savage exultation.

"He is an interloper! A spy! Hang him!" shouted the conspirators.

"You hear your sentence, Benditto," said St. John. "Execution follows instantly—my very cunning count Mario di Antelli, of Florence."

"Look, I like Mario now!" exclaimed he whom we have thus far known as Benditto, casting off a wig of grizzly locks, his false eye-brows and false beard, and at the same time rapidly passing a handkerchief over his face after dipping it in an urn of water near him.

"Am I count Mario, my very cunning Henri LeGrand!"

But for a moment St. John seemed speechless with horror; and then after a wild stare of terror upon the face before him he shrieked rather than exclaimed:

"Clara di Antelli! My wife!"

"Will you hang me now, Henri LeGrand? Shall the cord or the dagger finish the assassination poison which failed to complete!" demanded Clara—for it was she, the original of the portrait of the Italian girl.

Captain St. John was in a tremor of terror and dismay. It seemed to him that his wife had suddenly sprung from the grave; still, the devilish audacity of the man finally came to his aid.

"You shall not hang, vindictive woman, though such boldness deserves no milder punishment."

"Beware," said Clara, "If I once dreamed that you as you sit there, in this den of villains, could dare raise your hand against me, or speak to my injury, you should die upon the instant. I have but to cross my hands above my head, and you die where you sit."

"St. John grew pale for all his boldness, and his eye wandered from time to time, as if seeking for the ambushed foe. He saw no covert violence in the astonished features about him, yet he knew the daring woman was not speaking falsely.

Had his eye been near enough to pierce through the deep shadow that enshrouded one corner of the large hall, and which obscured a crevice in the decaying wall, he would have seen Yadak's steady gaze, as he watched every motion of his mistress, and fingered impatiently with the trigger of a carbine; for, crouching upon the floor of the adjacent deserted house, the Asiatic had noiselessly enlarged the crevice, made known by Pierre Rivart's extorted confession—until he knew there would be room to use his weapon.

Of this terrible danger St. John knew nothing, but he was skilled in reading the expression of the human face and knew, from the firm lips and steady eyes of Clara di Antelli, that his life hung upon a thread.

"Comrades," said he, turning to the amazed assembly, "this is a woman, and at some time during my life there was a connection between us which now commands me to interpose between her and your decree. Her life must be spared."

"And where is Rivart?" demanded a burly ruffian, stepping forward. "Pierre Rivart was my crony—as gay a lark as ever chirped. Let this woman give us tidings of Rivart."

"Aye! Rivart! Life for life! Rivart!" shouted the conspirators pressing nearer to the dais.

Yadak's carbine was now leveled at the head of St. John, and had Clara raised her hands the conspirator would have died with a ball between his eyes.

But Clara remained motionless, and said calmly:

"Rivart's life depends upon mine. I do not value mine a feather's weight, or I would not have come here alone. If harm befalls me, Rivart will die a most horrible death."

"Who cares for him?" growled Carlos. "Let him die. If you go hence the league will be betrayed. Comrades, this is a woman, it seems; but, blood of my life, she is a spy!"

"Hang the spy!" cried the assembly.

"I have said not!" thundered St. John, whose eyes had never wandered from Clara's, and who detected in its steady gleam a desperate resolve. He secretly trembled for he saw she did not fear to die, and knew that her courage arose from the consciousness of ability to slay him even there amid his followers.

"She shall live," he continued. "But a prisoner."

An expression of satisfaction lighted up Clara's face—a face still beautiful, though sadly faded from the beauty of her youth.

"I am willing to be a prisoner," she said calmly. Then raising her voice to a louder tone, she said, in Arabic:

"Let him who waits hasten to rescue!"

"What does that mean?" demanded St. John, who did not understand the words.

Clara smiled bitterly, and replied:

"It means that I do not trust you."

"She has confederates," thought St. John, again rolling his searching glance from face to face. "Those confederates may balk the conspiracy. I must hasten the signal." Then, to the assembly: "To your stations. Be ready. Await the signal—it may come sooner than you think."

"The sooner the better," cried the conspirators, "but the spy must hang."

"She shall, my friends, but not now. She shall die to-morrow."

"Who pledges his life for the life of the spy? The law of the league demands the life of any one who takes a prisoner, if that prisoner shall escape before the blow falls," said Carlos.

"I pledge mine," replied St. John, and then muttered, "if she live till dawn, may ruin seize me. Let me be with her alone once again!"

"We accept the pledge," exclaimed Carlos, and forthwith resolved that he would free the prisoner, and so lay low his hated superior.

"I read your thoughts," mused St. John, as his eye dwelt for a moment upon the sinister visage of his second in command. "But if you can free her from the prison in which I shall place her you are welcome to my head."

The conspirators then hurried away, one by one, to meet at their respective stations, leaving St. John and Carlos with Clara.

"Why do you not go with your band?" demanded St. John.

"When I go I will take my bird with me, noble captain," replied Carlos, with a swagger and a leer.

"Come, then, you shall take her," said St. John.

He turned, as if about to open the small door behind him, when Carlos called out:

"Fair and easy, noble captain. I must tell you that my twenty lads of thunder are awaiting for me around this house, and have my orders to blow on the league if I am not with them within ten minutes. 'Put your helmet on when you put your head in a lion's jaws,' says the proverb. You understand. If you play me false, blood of my life the plot falls through."

"Carlos, when you cease to be of use to me, fear me," replied St. John, with a mocking laugh. "I will lead the way; you, madam, follow me. Carlos may go, come or stay."

"I am with you," growled Carlos, as he followed after Clara, who obeyed St. John's imperative gesture.

The ghastly thing hanging from the rope remained the sole occupant of the deserted hall.

CHAPTER XVI—THE DEATH OF ST. JOHN.

Yadak having heard the command—"Let him who waits hasten to the rescue"—glided from his hiding place, and fled homeward to the house of the fortune-teller; and ere many minutes had passed, stood before Mario.

"Speak! What news," demanded Mario, who had stripped off the counterpart of Benditto's, or rather his daughter's, disguise.

"The youth we captured has betrayed us," said Yadak. "He did not warn my noble mistress of every test, and she is a prisoner."

"A prisoner! No worse, Yadak," cried Mario, whose features, undisguised, were full of nobility, though careworn.

"No worse, my master, but so bad that my noble mistress bade me hasten to the rescue," replied Yadak, who then rapidly related all that had passed.

"Now, hasten to the house of the wine-seller, Paul Amar," said count Mario, after hearing the recital. "I will write to tell him that his daughter is in the power of Victor St. John. The saloon is not far from here, and I will await your return."

"And the youth who betrayed my noble mistress?" asked Yadak.

"Is dead."

"Ah! That pleasure should have been my reward," cried Yadak.

"What pleasure?" asked Mario, writing.

"The pleasure of vengeance upon the traitor who attempted to betray my noble mistress to death, and did betray her to captivity," replied Yadak.

"He died in attempting to escape from the room in which we confined him," said Mario. "Doubtless he knew that the test would ruin my daughter, and fearing our vengeance sought to escape. He forced his way through a window, but in leaping to the ground must have alighted upon his hands and knees; for, hearing a groan, I hurried into the yard to find him in that posture—dead. Take this letter to Paul."

"But what killed him?"

"He had fallen upon a heap of old iron, and a rusty spike had pierced his breast. He died instantly, and lies there now. But hasten to the wine-seller."

Yadak horried away, and was soon in the presence of Paul Amar and Henry Allison, who sat in the almost deserted saloon awaiting the hour of midnight.

Yadak gave Mario's letter to the wine-seller, who read these words:

"Follow the bearer. Rosetta is the captive of St. John. "BENDITTO."

"Ha! Good news," cried Paul, leaping to his feet. "Benditto is a true friend. Come, captain, the game is nearly up. We will call on colonel Hartly on our way."

Within a few minutes ten well armed men, picked from the patrol force by captain Allison, were on their way to the house of the league, and with them went Allison, Hartly, count Mario and Yadak.

In the meantime St. John, with Clara and Carlos, had entered the room occupied by Viola, Rosetta and Marbel.

As the lofty figure of the captain of the conspirators strode into the apartment, Rosetta, now conscious of his infamy, recoiled from him in horror, and clung to Viola's arm.

"I have brought you a companion, fair ladies," said St. John; "not a man, as her garb declares, but a woman who has played the spy and been detected."

"Do you still love this man!" asked Clara approaching Rosetta.

"Love him! I hate him—hate him—the black hearted traitor!" exclaimed Rosetta, flashing utter abhorrence upon the captain.

"So! I told you how it would be," said Carlos. "Now being heart free, my sweet Rosetta, will you love as good a man?"

A glance of terror was Rosetta's only reply.

"It matters not," growled Carlos; "you are to be madame Sollio whether you love me or not. Time flies, captain. Just hint to her how the wind sets."

A long pause ensued, during which St. John paced the room moodily. He believed that Carlos had commanded his desperate band to await his egress from the house, or he would have shot him then and there. But such an act would ruin his own plans, for the men of the swaggering ruffian were devoted to their leader, and would doubtless soon be clamoring for admittance to the house, or betray the league in blind revenge if Carlos was injured.

The other conspirators had not time to reach their various stations or St. John would have given the signal for sacking the city at once.

Little cared the villain for the fate of the miserable and betrayed Rosetta, but it galled his pride to be forced to yield to his displaced inferior.

"Make haste, noble captain, or I must take my bird by force," growled Carlos.

"I see no help for it," thought St. John. "Yet I can rescue her from this brute within an hour. I must appear to yield. Within fifteen minutes the leaguers will all be at their stations—I will then give the signal and the first man I slay shall be Carlos."

Fearful agony was depicted upon the pallid face of the unhappy girl, as she watched the features of her betrayer. She thought it was pity for her that restrained him from completing his base compact; but he, heartless villain, was held back by pride alone.

"I have waited nearly ten minutes," cried Carlos, drawing his cutlass. "I will wait no more. Rosetta, you are my prize, and death to him or her that comes between me and my rights!"

"Oh save me—save me!" shrieked Rosetta, falling upon her knees before St. John. "Oh, do not let this dreadful deed be done! Ah, Victor—you whom I have adored—you, who, have ensnared me—you, who won my love to betray me—have mercy—mercy, Victor! Save me from him! save me, and I will forgive you for all! for all, Victor! See! he comes nearer—save me!"

"Back!" exclaimed