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OUT IN THE MARSHES.

It was like drifting along the shores of It was like drifting along the shores of the lotus-eaters' land, so deliciously soft was the atmosphere and dreamy the landscape. The surroundings seemed to lack some of the qualities of reality, they were so pe-culiar, and recalled a similarity to those dimly formed conceptions one receives when in a half doze into which real sounds and real subjects creep and conform them-selves to the theme of the misty dream. Besides curselves there was no animate ob-ject in sight, nor the sign of a human habiject in sight, nor the sign of a human habitation. Far as the eye could see there stretched away the vast expanse of sea marsh covered with tall rush-like grasses, with here and there islands in a sea of ver-dure, clumps of live oaks, called chemieres, rising in dark outlines against the distant horizon. The gulf of Mexico washed the horizon. The gulf of Mexico washed the letermined enemy of rank, and bidded his very roots of the reeds, and all along the time to take revenge. The war with Gercoast made little indentations or bays into many broke out, and the excitement of that the edge of the luxuriant herbage. The water that seemed to glide under our keel without even a gurgle, was of light lilac, and the faint southeast wind was not sufficient to break the perfect smoothness of its surface. In remarkable duplication the marsh grasses along the shore line were reflected in the water, and the lazy white clouds overhead were followed by sister argosies of like soft outline down in the watery empyrean that lay below.

sun, its sands tremulous under the summer's heat, lay Grand Terre, Lafitte's island, his participation in the terrible events of the commune. He was captured in a street assault and carried to jail, where, with a small trade, Ahead and to plied their profitable trade. Ahead and to starboard opened up Barataria bay. There was somnolence in the air, and as we looked

The night before the execution a Sister of out over the side of the little Italian lugger the perfect quiescence of the picture seemed to repress any desire to break the silence, to her old love, his sweetheart of Alencon,

The excursion was one of exploration in the inlets and bays lying along the coast of Louisiana to the westward of the mouth of the Mississippi river, and an artist and a reached Louisiana, where he had relatives journalist were the only voyagers. A lug-ger such as brings most of the cysters to tives had been ruined by the civil war, and the New Orleans market was chartered for the did not make himself known lest be the cruise, and the two navigators launched should become, at least for a time, a burden out with an ample supply of charts and to them. He had but little money, and re-provender seeking the pictures us and curi-ceiving an offer from a fisherman to assist

of the marsh, and thriving on it a grove of stately live oaks. It was proposed to camp here for the night, and so the helm was put up and a run made for it. Approaching it one could hardly believe that the grove had not been planted by man. The great trees formed three sides of a square about fifty yards across, with the waters of the bay for the front. Clusters of obsander grew near the edge of the water, and the regularity of the trees and the grainal slope of the shelly shore seemed to point to artificial arrangement.

Sheltered beneath one of the largest oaks of the marsh, and thriving on it a grove of means permitted him to enjoy the

Sheltered beneath one of the largest caks of deep suffering, yet be endeavored to hide and standing about flity feet from the water it by a superhuman effort, and with a please and smile, tanged, it is true, with sadness, he a large palmetto but came into view as the ant smile, tanged, it is true, with samess, no chemiere was reached. Standing in front of it was a tall, athletic-looking man of about another portion of his narrative. It was nearly midnight when, wearisd hair and a heard fully two feet in length. He appeared to be a magnificent specimen of the genus home and a fitting attribute to of the genus home and a fitting attribute to of the genus home and a sitting attribute to the scene of which he fermed a part. The lugger was run toward the bank when one of the party leaged out and waded ashere with the anchor and cable. The master of the place stopped forward and extended a welcome in good English, the pronounciation, however, was strongly marked by a French accent. After some conversation, at his invitation enough stores for the night were carried up to his primitive lodge, and the lugger made secure in case a heavy hitherto unknown. With such good lines

The lut was somewhat aristocratic for that part of the coast, for it boasted of two rooms about ten feet square. It had a frame made of odd bits of wreekage and was hoisted, and in a few minutes the little was covered with a number of layers of hut was hidden by the sedge grasses of the palmetto leaves, the same material forming marsh, and the waving hat of its occupant its sides. A number of pirogues or dug-outs could not longer be distinguished in the dis-lay on the shells back of the but and three solemn looking water spaniels were asleep.

This winter an oysterman brought to the near them. From tree to tree near the city the intelligence that a short time after cabin a small meshed shrimp seine was he had delivered a letter to "French Joe," hanging, and just beyond the inclosure as the exile was called, the cabin was found made by the seine stood a large pile of fire deserted and the shell bank of Barataria wood, composed of pieces of old timber that bay has not known him since -Chas E. wood, composed of pieces of old timber that hay has not known him sie had floated ashore and other jetsam picked. Whitney in Times-Democrat. up along the edge of the bay. A fire was burning before the entrance of the cabin

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Office and residence over Steel A Son's hardware side, it was seen at once that the proprietor was no ordinary individual. A large shell catendade of the first ten honor men of his tances to certain points, fishing, etc. After supper, when an adjournment was made in honorably drop him after graduation, and side, it was seen at once that the proprietor was no ordinary individual. A large shell catended across one side of the little room.

New York Letter.

and on it was ranged a choice selection of the best French scientific works and late Parisian publications. A steel engraving of Meissonnier, another of Thiers and a chromo of Victor Hugo adorned the walls. Three handsome fowling pieces hung from their pegs, and looking out from a rough wood cabinet glistened an English made microscope.

microscope. A cup or two of tea, his only beverage, seemed to lift the latch of his communicativeness, and it was not long before the party was immersed in a pleasant discussion of Tyndall, Spencer, Comte and Fara-

day.

It was a surprise to find a man possessed of so much erudition and natural mental capacity living there alone the life of a hermit. With some hesitancy the question was put as to his reasons for thus voluntarily placing himself out of the world, as

A shadow seemed to pass across his face when the question was asked, and his countenance gave evidence of deep emotion.

Taking from his pocket paper and tobacco
he rolled and lighted a cigarette, and puffed
it some minutes in silence. His blue flannel which was unbuttoned, exposed a broad chest and well developed, almost massive neck, on which his large and well-shaped head rested with graceful poise. In marble the bust would have been not unlike

until after his death or his return to his for-

The second son of a judge of the court of Cassation of Erance, he graduated with honors at the Ecole Politechique, as he was intended for the army. After his education was completed he retired to a country residence of his father's, near Aleecon, in Normandy, where he enjoyed a vacation of eighteen months. The rare and delightful scenery thereabouts excited in him a deep love of nature, and he beguiled his time with short foot journeys through the sur-

ounding country. To amuse himself he cook up the study of botany and natural nistory, and, becoming enthusiastic on the mbject, he decided to devote his energies to the profession of a naturalist.

It was during this time he met frequently It was during this time he met frequently a beautiful girl, the daughter of a titled gentleman living not far from Alencon, who, catching something of his affection for the wild and romantic in nature, accompanied him in his visit to some of the more interesting localities in the neighbor-100d. Her parents permitted this as she was always escorted by her brother, a year younger than herself. Thrown together so nuch and being of like disposition the affinity between them soon ripened into a strong and deep love.

The speaker here was silent for some time and then resumed his story. The girl was engaged by her father to a young nobleman of that district, whom she heartily disliked on account of his dissipation. The old story was repeated. The parents discovering her affection for the young naturalist prevented his further visits to the house, but a secret correspondence was kept up between him-self and his sweetheart. The end came at inst, and she was taken to Paris, where she

was married to his rival. Embittered against the world he at once oined the army as a lieutenant of the ty-t' rd of the line. Conservative in temperament he was anything but a warm roy alist, and the success of his titled rival drove aim into ultra democracy. bloody contest kept his mind fully occupied. Disaster and defeat came and he found himself in Paris when it surrendered.

Through all the vicissitudes of camp and

field he had not for an instant forgotton his love, and wherever he went made inquiries regarding the whereabouts of the count -and his wife, The commune came and, throwing down his sword he joined it and became one of its

on our port bow, asleep in the noonday rival who was reported to be in raris, our our port bow, asleep in the noonday rival who was reported to be in raris, our sun, its sands tremulous under the summer's failed to find him. He declined to speak of his participation in the terrible events of his participation in the terrible events of the commune. He was captured in a street ever become single she would let him know

About 2 o'clock a brisk wind came out from the south-southwest, and with the sheet trimmed well aft the lugger went bounding along up Barataria bay. Just before sundown a shell bank was sighted on the starboard bow lying close to the edge of the marsh and thristing on its grows of

and the lugger made secure in case a heavy hitherto unknown. With such good luck blow should come on. hitherto unknown. With such good luck blow should come on.

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to repress any desire to break the scheme, even by a word. Far sabore across the marches hung a small cloud of smoke and dependent from it a dark gray gossamer film reaching to the earth like a strand of wool from the black fleece floating above. It marked the noon-lay meal preparing in some lone settler's but in a distant chemiere.

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