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"These are vain thoughts. If the Valkier do go every day to the rotary's, what does that prove? They must go somewhere, and they must converse with some person. Poor France looks at me so sadly when I meet her, that I pity her. She, at least, is faithful to the memory of our friendship. But what could be the reason of the notary's extravagant joy? Why this dress of core mony?"

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am very unhappy!" she said. "What
has my will against this strong feeling f
e scarcely resolved to repulse with all my
gib the image that pursues me, when it
not itself even more forcibly to me Shall
er be able to conquer this sadness! Abl
erely hope—"

netherchief to conceal their paloness, and atted an air of gayery.
In an instant her father entered the apartmet. He walked to the fireplace, where there
we some simmering coals. Drawing his
air close and rubbing his hands, he said,
thout looking at his daughter:
'Adeline, I am cold, my child. This bleak
inth of March is the worst of the whole year
a willage physician. It will snow to-day,
is damp oold penetrates me. The road to the
m of the Cross is impracticable for carriages,
was obliged to go more than half a league
ough the mod of by-paths?
'he young gri approach-d the hearth, put
fresh coal, and busied berself in kindling it,
illst occupied in these cares, she said, enraggingly:

cause.

"Ab! Adeline, who could have foreseen that in my old age I should be condemned to such laborious life? Whilst I can support it, it is of little consequence, but I begin to feel that my strength diminishes. From being forced to go out night and day, during all kinds of weather. I might readily take some disease. God preserve me from such misfortune; that would be a complete triumph for my enemies! I am

"Yes, they are always talking about it. It is a ruse, Adeline; by means of the announcement of this contemplated departure, Adolphus enlists the regrets of these simple people. He knows that the peasants, with their proud spirit, are disposed to reject those who offer to serve them, and that they seek those who are more difficult of access. Do you really believe, Adeline, that the Valkiers will so soon leave our village i"
"Ourservant. Barbars, heard it at the baker's, father. Mrs. Valkiers herself said that she would not remain much longer in the village. It seems that her son desires, at any price, to go to Antwerp. Father, do not reject this consoling hope. If God, in his goodness, inspires him to execute this design, all will be here as before; you will be restored to happiness and obserfulness, and I shall no longer be afflicted by the sight of your anxieties."

The dector shook his head, and said, with an incredulous amile:

oere?"
Wounded by this suspicion, the young girl replied, with a sudden vebemence:
"Father, do you doubt that I sincerely desire this departure? I ask it of God in all my prayers! Believe me, for I speak the truth, I would consider it as a benefit from heaven."
The expression of her countenance was so remarkable, and her eyes shone with such brilliancy, that her father looked at her in astonishment, and tried to divine the cause of this extraordinary emotion. He remarked on her checks traces of recent tears, and said, in a reprecability tone:

extraordinary emotion. He remarked on her obeeks traces of recent tears, and said, in a representation, and the spectacle of your grief to the thousand reasons that I have to make me unhappy? Child, child, you have been weeping again."

The young girl blushed; but she conquered her emotion, and stammered."

"Oh! my dear father, your distress forces tears from my eyes"

"It is not that; you have been weeping during my absence."

"The heat of the fire, probably."

"No, no; you still think of those people opposite."

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"I acknowledge it, father," she said, with humility. "Man is not master of his own thoughts. When I am alone here for whole days together, eccupied with my embroidery, then remembrances of the past sometimes pre-sent themselves in crowds to my mind. Bo-lieve me, I combat their influence. In the end I will conquer. I should have already entirely overcome them, if everything here did not speak of them, and if you vourself, dear father, did not increasely sailed to your former friends.

for the Walkiers survived in spite of their cumity to me; but now I compassionate your sadness. However, I am pleased with you, be cause I know that, although regretting the friends of your infancy, you have not preserved friendship for the people who overwhelm your

the door. She then sliently took her seat by her father's aide.

"One thing we have not thought of," pursued the latter. "Your consin Philomens plays very well on the plano. It has been some months, Adeline, since you have opened yours, unless I requested it. I suppose, because you are always alone, you need some one to enjoy with you the pleasure of music; do you not! But soon you will have her to sing and play. This will be a pleasan—"

His discourse was interrupted by the loud tones of a voice which echoed through corridor. He arcse, in surprise, to inquire the meaning of this poise, but he had only advanced a few steps, followed by Adeline, when the door opened, and the old servant rushed into the room with uplifted hands.

"Who," she cried out, "oould have expected such news?" Sheb a marriage! A marriage portion of six thousand dollars! Now the Valkiers will be grand; their pride and ambition will be insupportable! Who could believe it? But there is not a shadow of doubt of its trath."

"Barbars, what do all these lamentations mean f Speak; what surprising news have you collected?" "It is trae. You do not know it!" replied the servant. "It is incredible. Adolphus Valkiers is going to marry Constance, the notary's denother?"

is going to marry constance, the notary's daughter!"

At this instant a cry of agony sounded through the spartment—a piercing cry, as if the breast from which it escaped had been struck by a mortal wound.

The doctor turned and saw his trembling daughter behind him, as white as death, and white deep distress depicted on her countenance.

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Dr. Heuvels's piercing looks and the anger that shone in his eyes arrested a second cry, and Adeline fell in a chair. The affrighted young girl bowed her head on her breast and hid her face in her hands, as if to shelter her confusion against her father's justindignation.

Dr. Heuvels ordered the servant to leave the apartment, by a gesture that did not admit of either resistance or hestation. He then returned with slow steps and stood before his daughter, and contemplated her for some time in painful silence. He trembled as much as she did, and his cheeks were pale. His glances were lightnings of anger, and he menacingly clutched his hands; but the bitterness of her feelings and the depth of her anguish calmed his anger, and in turn burning tears fell from his eyes. He said, in a smothered voice:

"Misserable girl! thus is, then, the secret that you have so carefully concealed. Your lips consoied me with hypocritical words, at the same time that your heart was consumed with love for my enemy! You love the person who shortens and empoisone my life! Ah! that God would now let me die! What remains to me on earth?"

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The young girl had listened, until this moment, immovably to all his reproaches; but this last exclamation affected her so deeply that she rose with a bound. The sight of thu tears on her father's cheeks forced from her a cry of anguish. She clasped his knees, and extended towards him her trembling hands:

"Ohl pardon me, father," she said. "Do not condemn me. Have pity on your poor Ad cline! Hypocrite! I a hypocrite! Mother, hear me in heaven, and be witness to the truth of my words! Next to, God, father, I love no one more ardenly than, I do you. My love for you is sincere and embounded. Ab! do not repolse me, or I shall die at your feet!"

Dr. Heuvels, still exceedingly irritated, moved away from his daughter. In tears, she dragged herself after him on her knees; but who she noticed that he approached the door, she collected all her strength, held him by the arms, embraced him in spite of his efforts to free himself, and cried, willy:
"No, father, do not leave me! You will listen to me. I implore it, and it is your duty! Condemn me afterwards: creak me!

The doctor knew very well that when Adeline had expressed a firm resolution, it was difficult to resist ber will. Should be succeed in dissograping himself from her arms, she would follow him everywhere, and would probably fill the whole house with her lamentations. It was, therefore, much better to listen to her. There was, besides, in Adeline's voice and in her sparkling eyes, a power that ine-noishly controlled the doctor. With dissortent in his heart, and an incredulous smile on his line he

phus Valkiers! When they were seated, the doctor resumed his ironical tone, and said:
"Of course, you wish to make me believe that you have never loved him?"
"No, father; I desire to tell you everything," she replied, in a solemn tone. "But, I beseen you, have pity on me! Do not forget that I am a young girl, and the weakness of my heart

Touched by his daughter's melancholy tone, the doctor took her hand, and replied:

"It is this continual isolation that makes you suffer, my child. Have patience for a couple of months. Your cousin Philomena will leave her academy during hely week; she will come to live with us, and will be an agreeable companion for you. You can halk with her theen-tire day. I will purchased on a light carriage and a pretty pony; and you can drive out with your cousin. The spring will soon be here; the hesel nuts are already in blossom. Be cheerful, Adeline When I see you gay and bright, and your eyes sparking with happiness and health, I mots easily find consolation for my sad fate."

The young girl tenderly embraced her father, saying:

"Bless you, father, for your gentle affection for me! May God grant me strength always to acknowledge it. But, whatever may happen, believe that I am grateful to you, and that I love you with all the strength of my heart."

"I know it, my dear Adeline," replied the doctor. "I understand that you still think frequently of Frances. It is difficult to forget a friend with whom you have grown sp."

"Difficult, perhaps impossible, dear father; but of what consequence is this remembrance, if we do not desire to see again the friends we have lost?"

"Indeed, Adeline, you are right, my child.

At first, I was hurt, thinking that your affection for the content which had taken rroot in my beart. In the solitude, in the perpetual silence which surconded me during your absence, the sixtble sentiment which had taken rroot in my beart. In the solitude, in the perpetual silence which surconded me during your absence, the sixtble sentiment which had taken rroot in my beart. In the solitude, in the perpetual silence which surconded me during your absence, the solitude, in the perpetual silence which surconded me during your absence, the sixtble sentiment which had taken rroot in my beart. In the solitude, in the perpetual silence which surconded me during your absence, the sixtble sentiment which had taken rr

determined. I would ascrifice myself, if my father's tranquillity required it; from him, as from all the world, I would hide my scoret, and I would carry it with me to the grave. Thus, at least, I would bave preserved you from the sorrow which the discovery of my feebleness would inevitably occasion you."

"Would to God that you had never betrayed this terrible secret!" sighed Dr. Houvels, touched by his daughter's words. "Wnat bitter disenchantment I should have been spared!"

"I was weak, father, and I was overcome by Barbara's unexpected recital. It is the truth, I pray flad every day to remove Adolphus from here. I would willingly fly to the end of the world to avoid any recollection of him; but to learn that he was going to marry another, to have my sorrows treated with indifference, are you surprised, father, that my heart should break at this unexpected news?"

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"No, father, do not be displeased with me; it was but a passing emotion. Have compassion on your poor child, who desires to combather own heart, but who is not strong enough to resist so cruel a blow. Now, a new light has brightened my spirit; instead of grieving at this marriage, I rejoice at it. I am happy that it is to take place, and I thank God for raising this barrier between Adolphus and myself. I will find strength to surmount this sorrow. I will be some cheerful by conscientiously reflecting upon the future. I will console you by my gayety. Henceforth, I will console you by my gayety. Henceforth, I will only live for you, and I will souncentrate all the powers of my life in one sentiment—the love of my good, my tender father."

Tears of sensibility and tenderness glistened in the doctor's eyes, but he continued silently to regard his daughter.

Adeline clasped her hands, and again spoke:
"I pray you, my dear father, forgive me.

"Ah! it did not suffice them to render your father unhappy! They must also entangle you in their note, and make your heart bleed from a cruel wound. Be consoled Adeline. I forgive you, my peor child."

The father and daughter, clasped in a fond embrace, mingled their tears of love.

CHAPTER IX.

"More ardently than you can imagine, sister?" sorre-fully answered the young man. "It is this love alone that renders the sacrifice of my liberty so painful; but I believe I may oberish the hope that Adeline's affection for me has never acquired the force of love."
"That is, a delasion, an error, Adolphus. You are making efforts to deceive yourself. Is tipossible that you have not penetrated the secrets of of heart? Since her infancy, I may say, Adeline has only lived for you. I, like yourself, might have thought there was no other bond between you than friendship, had not your long residence at the University permitted me to read her love in her heart, although she herself was not conscions of it. Ab! if you could, at that distance, have seen and heard her! All day, from morning until night, your name was on her lips. Every time that we spick of the success of your studies, or expressed our anticipations of your future

her father and for you. Her rather was nappy and prosperous; she enjoyed his devoted affection. Why, then should tears of tenderness shine in her eyes?"

Adolphus's attitude showed extreme discouragement, and it was in a scarcely intelligible voice that he replied:

"Sister, many things have occurred since that time. If the sentiment you speak of had ever dwelt in Adeline's heart, her father's animosity would have crushed it at once."

"How can you believe that?" exclaimed the young girl, "Dr. Heuvels' hostility to you existed previous to the day when you returned, filled with deepair, from farmer Storck's and from the betcher's. Perhaps Adeline had seen him rejoice at your discoundaries. But what did she not do to console you? She opened to your eyes her loving fleart, even betraying to you the secret of her soul. You understand this secret, Afolphus? You cannot deny it. Nothing less than this powerful means would have restored your courage and removed your suspicion. Probably you believe that Adeline's love has diminished, because she avoids us and lo were her eyes when we meet her? Ah! do not misunderstand the poor girl. She has become pale and thin, and she is wasting away She must submit to her father's will; it is an inexorable law. But, Adolphus, it is certain that poor Adeline suffers more than we can imagine. It is terrible! Now, to repay her, you would make her heart bleed, and condemn her to a premature grave. This thought forces tears from my eyes. Adolphus, Adolphus, have pity on her, and do not destrey her life!"

His sister's words deeply affected the young man. His agitation was evident. He was siloat a short time. He then slowly raised his head and sand, sadly:

"Do not weep, dear sister. Do not, I be seech you, deprive se of the courage necessary to easible me to accept this bitter tate. I know all you tell me, Frances. I acknowledge it. Urged on by an imperative duty, I was endeavoring to force myself to render the sacrifice less dreadful to myself. Yes, yes! I have loved Adeline, and I do lo

into the straightened circumstances which our grandfather and mother have been so long deploring."

"But what is that to you, Adolphus, if it is our happiness to suffer for you," interrupted the young girl.

"I know the immensity of your love for me," replied her brother; "and I doubt not my mother and grandfather would again renounce the hope of a happy fatre, if I manifested the wish. What else has your life been but one long sacrifice for me? But now it is my turn. What I propose to do is the death of a hope which, like a brilliant star, has illuminated my future path; but, however painful it may be, I will foldil the duty that is marked out for me. Cease Frances; restrain your tears. Man must endure patiently the fate that he cannot avert. Think how insupportable my position would become by my refusal; poverty, persecutions, the hatred and hostility of others would shorten my mother's life. If I reject the generous offer of the notary, and thus insuit his daughter; do you think that he will ever forgive me? He would hate me with all the warmth of paternal indignation. What would become of us, placed between Dr. Heavels's enmity and the notary's hatred—the two richest and most powerful families of the parish! Have I the right to render our mother,

Frances seemed convinced; she did not reply

stance filled her with despair. Her tears flowed anew.

"Poor Adeline!" she sobbed; poor lamb, who must be sacrificed! On my brother, if it must be, I implore you to hasten your marriage. Let us leave here quickly. I would not hear the funeral-bell of her who has so fattbuilty and ardently loved us. I would not follow her coffat to the grave that will be opened for her through your act."

This complaint, uttered in accents of piteous grief, drew from the young man a cry of anyonish. He convulsively classed his hands, and murmured, in a gloomy voice:

"The funeral-bell her of fin! Oh, my God! what a trial! To have no choice; sorrow, un happiness, and despair on every side. What can I do, my beloved sister, what can I do?"

This question was unanswered; a complete silence reigned for some time in the apartment.

"The 'Yes," gasped the young girl, in a smothered tone. "You will accept the based of Constance? It in impossible, Adolphus!"
"Woy not, sister?"
"Adoline will hear of my marriage as of a very unimportant event. If our intercourse had continued, she would assuredly regret my absence from the wilsage; but in the actual state of affairs she will have reason to rejoice at the departure of her father's enemy."

The coldness of these words startled Frances. She extended her hands to her brother, and continued, in a beseeching tone:

"Oh! Adolphus, de not talk in this manner. Have compassion on Adeline. Be assured that the news of your marriage will pierce her heart. If she is so cruelly wounded she will soon sleep in the tomb. She loves yon, Adolphus! She has loved you many years!"

"It is friendship; a sincere selection for the playmate of her infancy," murmured Adolphus, much embarraseed.

"You speak like a child," replied Frances.
"You know very well, brother, that she loves you with an unbounded love. Why do you with an unbounded love why do you with an unbounded love. Why do you with an unbounded love why do you with an anato fingratitude that makes you shudder Could I be deceived? Will you have the heartlessness to give Adeline her death blow? Have you ever loved her?

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