

THE TREASURE

FRANCHARD.

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CHAPTER X.

HE beer being done, the doctor chafed bitterly while Jean-Marie finished his cakes. "I burn to be gone," he said, looking at his watch. "Good God! how slow you eat!" And yet to eat slowly was his own particular prescription, the main secret of longevity!

His martyrdom, however, reached an end at last; the pair resumed their places in the buggy, and Desprez, leaning luxuriously back, announced his intention of proceeding to Fontainebleau.

"To Fontainebleau?" repeated Jean-Marie.

"My words are always measured," said the doctor. "On!"

The doctor was driven through the glades of paradise; the air, the light, the shining leaves, the very movement of the vehicle, seemed to fall in tune with his golden meditations; with his head thrown back, he dreamed a series of sunny visions, and pleasure danced in his veins. At last he spoke.

"I shall telegraph for Casimir," he said. "Good Casimir! a fellow of the lower order of intelligence, Jean-Marie, distinctly not creative, not poetic; and yet he will repay your study; his fortune is vast, and is entirely due to his own exertions. He is the very fellow to help us to dispose of our trinkets, find us a suitable house in Paris, and manage the details of our installation. Admirable Casimir, one of my oldest comrades! It was on his advice, I may add, that I invested my little fortune in Turkish bonds; when we have added these spoils of the mediaeval church to be our stake in the Mohammedan empire, little boy, we shall positively roll among doubloons, positively roll! Beautiful forest," he cried, "farewell! Though called to other scenes, I will not forget thee. Thy name is graven in my heart. Under the influence of prosperity I become dithyrambic, Jean-Marie. Such is the impulse of the natural primeval man. And I—well, I will not say; such was the constitution of my youth like a virginity; another, who should have led the same snoring, countrified existence for these years, another had become rusted, become stereotyped; but I, I praise my happy constitution, retain the spring unbroken. Fresh opulence and a new sphere of duties find me unabated in ardor and only more mature by knowledge. For this prospective change, Jean-Marie—it may probably have shocked you. Tell me now, did it not strike you as an inconsistency? Confess—it is useless to dissemble—it pained you?"

"Yes," said the boy.

"You see," returned the doctor, with sublime fatuity, "I read your thought! Nor am I surprised—your education is not yet complete; the higher duties of men have not been yet presented to you fully. A hint—till we have leisure—must suffice. Now that I am once more in possession of a modest competence; now that I have so long prepared myself in silent meditation, it becomes my superior duty to proceed to Paris. My scientific training, my undoubted command of language, mark me out for the service of my country. Modesty in such a case would be a snare. If sin were a philosophical expression, I should call it, sinful. A man must not deny his manifest abilities, for that is to evade his obligations. I must be up and doing; I must be no skulker in life's battle."

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trating odor of the evening wood had already arisen, like a cloud of incense, from that broad field of tree-tops; and even in the streets of the town, where the air had been baked all day between white walls, it came in whiffs and pulses, like a distant music. Half-way home, the last gold flicker vanished from a great oak upon the left; and when they came forth beyond the borders of the wood, the plain was already sunken in pearly grayness, and a great, pale moon came swinging skyward through the filmy poplars.

The doctor sung, the doctor whistled, the doctor talked. He spoke of the woods, and the wars, and the deposition of dew; he brightened and babbled of Paris; he soared into cloudy bombast on the glories of the political arena. All was to be changed; as the day departed, it took with it the vestiges of an outworn existence, and to-morrow's sun was to inaugurate the new. "Enough," he cried, "O this life of maceration!" His wife (still beautiful, or he was sadly partial) were to be no longer buried; she should now shine before society. Jean-Marie would find the world at his feet; the roads open to success, wealth, honor, and posthumous renown. "And oh, by the way," said he, "for God's sake keep your tongue quiet! You are, of course, a very silent fellow; it is a quality I gladly recognize in you—silence, golden silence! But this is a matter of gravity. No word must get abroad; none but the good Casimir is to be trusted; we shall probably dispose of the vessels in England."

"But are they not even ours?" the boy said, almost with a sob—it was the only time he had spoken.

"Ours in this sense, that they are nobody else's," replied the doctor. "But the state would have some claim. If they were stolen, for instance, we should be unable to demand their restitution; we should have no title; we should be unable even to communicate with the police. Such is the monstrous condition of the law.* It is a mere in-

*Let it be so, for my tale! stance of what remains to be done, of the injustices that may yet be righted by an ardent, active, and philosophical deputy."

Jean-Marie put his faith in Madame Desprez; and as they drove forward down the road from Bourron, between the rustling poplars, he prayed in his teeth, and whipped up the horse to an unusual speed. Surely, as soon as her character, and bring this waking they arrived, madame would assert nightmare to an end.

Their entrance into Gretz was heralded and accompanied by a most furious barking; all the dogs in the village seemed to smell the treasure in the noddy. But there was no one on the street, save three lounging landscape painters at Tentailon's door. Jean-Marie opened the green gate and led in the horse and carriage; and almost at the same moment Madame Desprez came to the kitchen threshold with a lighted lantern; for the moon was not yet high enough to clear the garden walls.

"Close the gates, Jean-Marie!" cried the doctor, somewhat unsteadily alighting. "Anastasia, where is Aline?"

"She has gone to Montreaur to see her parents," said madame.

"Here, quick, come near to me; I don't wish to speak too loudly!" he continued. "Darling, we are wealthy!"

"Wealthy!" repeated the wife.

"I have found the treasure of Franchard," replied her husband. "See, here are the first fruits; a pineapple, a dress for my ever-beautiful—it will suit her—trust a husband's, trust a lover's taste! Embrace me darling! This grimy episode is over; the butterfly unfolds its painted wings. To-morrow Casimir will come; in a week we may be in Paris—happy at last! You shall have diamonds. Jean-Marie, take it out of the boot, with religious care, and bring it piece by piece into the dining-room. We shall have plate at table! Darling, hasten and prepare this turtle; it will be a what—it will be an addition to our meagre ordinary. I myself will proceed to the cellar. We shall have a bottle of that little Beaujolais you like, and finish with the Hermitage; there are still three bottles left. Worthy wine for a worthy occasion."

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It. He had his wine out of the cellar in a twinkling; he arranged the sacrificial vessels, some on the white tablecloth, some on the sideboard, still crusted with historic earth. He was in and out of the kitchen, plying Anastasia with vermouth, heating her with glimpses of the future, estimating their new wealth at ever larger figures; and before they sat down to supper, the lady's virtue had melted in the fire of his enthusiasm, her timidity had disappeared; she, too, had begun to speak disparagingly of the life at Gretz; and as she took her place and helped the soup, her eyes shone with the glitter of prospective diamonds.

All through the meal, she and the doctor made and unmade fairy plans. They bobbed and bowed and pledged each other. Their faces ran over with smiles; their eyes scattered sparkles, as they projected the doctor's political honors and the lady's drawing-room ovations.

"But you will not be a Red!" cried Anastasia.

"I am Left Centre to the core," replied the doctor.

"Madame Gastelin will present us—we shall find ourselves forgotten," said the lady.

"Never," protested the doctor. "Beauty and talent leave a mark."

"I have positively forgotten how to dress," she sighed.

"Darling, you make me blush," cried he. "Yours has been a tragic marriage!"

"But your success—to see you appreciated, honored, your name in all the papers, that will be more than pleasure—it will be heaven!" she cried.

"And once a week," said the doctor, archly scanning the syllables, "once a week—one good little game of bacarat?"

"Only once a week?" she questioned, threatening him with a finger.

"I swear it by my political honor," cried he.

"I spoil you," she said, and gave him her hand.

He covered it with kisses.

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HAIL TO THE CHIEF

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY IN THE HANDS OF THE TWINS.

Enthusiastically Greeted in Minneapolis, Where He Participated in the Exercises of Welcoming the Thirteenth Minnesota—Addresses a Multitude in the Exposition Building—In the Evening He Is Tendered a Reception at St. Paul and Makes a Short Address.

St. Paul, Oct. 14.—Yesterday was a busy day for the Twin Cities. They were obliged to divide their attention between the returning volunteers and the president of the United States. And although it seemed that their enthusiasm must wear out in the ovation they extended to the volunteers, they still had a sufficient reserve supply for the president. Everywhere he appeared he was greeted by the cheers of the admiring thousands. The presidential train reached St. Paul about 10 o'clock, only a short stop was made here in order to switch the train which then proceeded to Minneapolis. It was 11:08 when the Mill City was reached. A big crowd had collected around Third and Washington and people almost fought for places. As the train pulled into the depot the president's salute of twenty-one guns was fired and the chimes from the tower of the county building pealed forth a patriotic air. The jam was intense around the Third street entrance of the depot, and a favored few succeeded in getting inside the train sheds, while thousands looked on with anxious eyes with their faces pressed against the gratings that protected the train from assault.

The appearance of President McKinley at Twenty-sixth and Park avenue, where he joined the parade, gave the first opportunity for popular welcome, and all along the line of march he was greeted with the wildest applause.

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Shortly after the guests had been greeted by the members of the reception committee they were stationed along the front of the platform to shake hands with the throng that had been in line on Eighth street waiting for that opportunity. Gen. Moses E. Clapp presided over the exercises which followed. President McKinley received a tremendous ovation when he was introduced. He spoke for fifteen minutes in the twilight or fifteen hours I have been in Minneapolis and St. Paul the secret of success of these two great cities. He spoke of himself and they work every body else. (Laughter and applause.) I have been more than gratified in meeting the people of the State of Minnesota. It is a privilege to meet with my friends and fellow citizens of the great city of St. Paul.

I have been gratified with the splendid demonstration of patriotism I have seen on every hand as I have journeyed throughout the East and the West into your state. I never look into the faces of a great American audience that I do not feel that the free institutions of the United States are safe and forever safe in their hands. (Applause.) The patriotism of the American people takes the place of large standing armies. We don't need them in the United States. (Applause.) We can have an army on any notice if the nation is in peril or the flag is menaced. Eager is every American citizen to answer the call to arms and just as eager to get back to the path of peace when the emergency has passed. (Applause.)

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BUTTE SLIDING DOWN HILL.

Large Buildings Cracking and Separating.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 13.—The startling fact has become evident that for several weeks a large portion of the city of Butte has been sliding down hill. The evidence of it is seen on a number of large buildings and residences, including the county court house and the residence of United States Senator W. A. Clark, which have been cracked and fissured from one side to the other. Geologists who have investigated the phenomena express the opinion that the buildings damaged are located on a seam of rock or earth along which a slide, separation or cleavage is taking place. The evidence of the slide is seen from the court house, which is located on West Granite street, about half-way up the long hill, upon the slope of which the city is built, and from this point west two blocks and south and west to near the western limits of the city.

VETERANS IN LINE.

Army of Potomac Survivors Gather in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Oct. 13.—Not since the emancipation of the grand army of the Republic five years ago have there been so many veterans of the Civil war in Pittsburg as took possession of the city, the occasion being the first session of the annual reunion of the Army of the Potomac. The various corps first met and elected presiding officers as follows: First corps, Capt. J. H. Cooper, Pennsylvania; Second corps, W. W. Price, Pittsburg; Third corps, Gen. Thomas H. Matthews, Boston; Fifth corps, Gen. Fitzjohn Porter, L. S. A., retired. The latter was elected for life, an unusual proceeding. The Fifth corps also voted a contribution of \$100 to the McClellan statue in Washington. Fredericksburg, Va., was selected as the next place of meeting for the general society.

WISCONSIN PRESBYTERIANS.

Elect Officers and Discuss Church Schools.

Ashland, Wis., Oct. 13.—The Presbyterian synod, in session here, has elected Rev. H. A. Talbot of Dupere, moderator; Rev. O. L. Richards of Baraboo, vice moderator; Rev. J. S. Wilson of Merrill, stated clerk, and Rev. Walter Johnson of Mauston and Rev. R. B. Norton of Cranston, as clerks pro tem. The sessions have been devoted largely to discussion upon motion to combine all Presbyterian higher educational work in this state with Lake Forest university, making the institution distinctively Presbyterian and controlled by the synods of Wisconsin and Illinois. No final action has been taken on this question.

TO PREVENT FRICTION.

Tentative Agreement on the Alaskan Question Proposed.

London, Oct. 13.—Sir Louis Davies, Canadian minister of fisheries and marine, will confer regarding the Alaskan question with the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain. Sir Louis informed the Associated Press that the temporary line day filled with patriotic enthusiasm. Never was the president and the members of his official family greeted with a heartier reception or more enthusiasm in the same time and space. More would have been impossible for the building was filled to its utmost limit with citizens eager to shake the distinguished guests by the hand or at least to see and to hear them. "Acres upon acres of citizens," as Attorney General Griggs expressed it, surged about the entrance, unable to gain admission to the building, and waiting to see the president.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

Prominent Feature of the Welcome to Returning Soldiers.

San Francisco, Oct. 13.—The transport Newport, which arrived here from Manila with 464 discharged soldiers on board, has been docked and her soldiers will be landed to-day. The transport was the scene of a continual reception yesterday. All day long tug boats, small steamers and other boats hovered around the steamer and boxes of fruit and good things to eat were continually passed out to the boat by friends and relatives of the soldiers.

NECK WAS BROKEN.

Farmer Drives Over an Embankment in the Dark.

La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 13.—John Neperud, forty-five years old, a prominent farmer residing near Coon Valley, while driving home along a steep embankment two miles from that place, drove off the road and the team, wagon and all, fell a distance of over fifty feet. Neperud's neck was broken, his spine fractured and his skull crushed. He died instantly. One horse was killed.

INGALLS RELEASED.

State Prison Board Grants St. James Man His Liberty.

Stillwater, Oct. 13.—At the meeting of the state prison board eight prisoners were paroled. Among the number was Charles Ingalls, whose sentence was commuted by the board of pardons. Alfred Hillman, who was paroled, is very sick. He will not be released until his relatives are heard from.

Old Resident Killed.

St. Paul, Oct. 13.—Stephen Zywicki, a pioneer resident of Mondak township, was almost instantly killed by being thrown from a wagon. He was sixty years old and had resided in the township, where he owned a large farm, for nearly thirty years. Mr. Zywicki's horses shied at a white chicken that flew up in front of them and he was thrown from the high seat to the ground, striking on his head.

Statement for September.

Stillwater, Minn., Oct. 13.—The prison statement for September shows receipts amounting to \$8,600.96, of which \$3,611.75 was on account of binding twine.

Traffic Tied Up.

Sparta, Wis., Oct. 13.—Traffic on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road is tied up owing to a freight wreck at this place, caused by a head-end collision of two freights. Both engines were demolished. No one hurt.

Former Wisconsinan Kills Himself.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 13.—Henry Beecher, formerly of Minnesota, the proprietor of extensive strawberry gardens here, hanged himself because of the loss of \$1,500 in a local gambling house.

WARMLY WELCOMED

TWIN CITIES GREET THE THIRTEENTH MINNESOTA.

Enthusiastic Ovation Given the Boys of St. Paul—Breakfast Furnished by the Ladies at the Auditorium—In Minneapolis the Returning Volunteers Are Welcomed by President McKinley, Gov. Lind and Mayor Gray—Dinner Is Served at the Exposition Building—Brilliant Military Parade.

St. Paul, Oct. 14.—Right royally did the Twin Cities welcome back their own, for the Thirteenth Minnesota is practically a Twin City regiment, four companies coming from St. Paul, five from Minneapolis and one each from Stillwater, St. Cloud and Red Wing. Notwithstanding the early hour of their arrival in St. Paul, 5 o'clock, long before that hour the union depot was crowded with thousands of people eager to get a first sight of the returning soldiers. When the boys alighted from the trains they were immediately taken possession of by overjoyed relatives. After fond mothers, sweethearts and sisters had had ample opportunity to greet their loved ones, the regiment was escorted to the auditorium where the boys did full justice to a sumptuous breakfast which had been prepared for them by the ladies of the city.

The joy of the citizens at the safe return of the soldiers and their pride in the valorous achievements of the regiment on the field of battle were fittingly expressed in short speeches by Mayor Kiefer, Gov. Lind and the president of the Commercial club.

After breakfast the regiment was formed in open order in front of the Auditorium and for more than an hour the boys were kept busy responding to the greetings of relatives and friends. The regiment then returned to the depot and took the train for Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, gaily decked in flags and bunting, gave the boys a welcome that most have more than repaid them for the hardships they endured while upholding the honor of their flag in a foreign country.

Escorted by a brilliant military and civic pageant, led on by the nation's chief executive, with the cheers of the enthusiastic multitude playing a glad accompaniment to the booming of cannon and the shriek of whistles, the regiment proceeded to the exposition building, where the formal greetings of nation, state and city were extended.

Mayor Gray, in a short address, extended the welcome of the city of Minneapolis. He was followed by Gov. Lind, who paid a glowing compliment to the volunteer army and expressed the pride of the state in the brilliant record made by the Thirteenth.

When President McKinley stepped forward he was greeted with cheers for several minutes, and throughout the delivery of his address the applause was frequent. The president said:

"I have come from the capital of the nation that I might give the nation's welcome to a regiment of the nation's defenders. I have come to speak the voice of love and gratitude which comes from every American heart to-day that loves the flag. I have come to bid you welcome because you did your duty, and that is the highest tribute that can be paid to any soldier anywhere. I come to bid you welcome and give you the honor of the nation because you sustained the flag of the nation, because you refused to stack arms, refused to sound the retreat. And you have come back having a high place in the hearts and affections of the American people and gratitude that will continue for all time. You have also by your services added much to the cause of humanity, added much to the advancement of the civilization which has so characterized the century just now fading away. This century heralds the most wonderful progress of the world known to all history."

Attorney General Griggs and Secretary of the Navy Long also made short addresses.

At the conclusion of the exercises the returned volunteers were served with an elaborate dinner from the exposition building.

RED WING AT FEVER HEAT.

Soldiers of Company G Greet Home-ann Friends.

Red Wing, Minn., Oct. 14.—Company G arrived here at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The entire city turned out and was at the depot to meet the boys. Everybody is wild with delight and pandemonium reigns supreme. A general reception will be given Tuesday. Gov. Lind has accepted an invitation to be present.

CONDUCTOR KILLED.

In a Collision Between Freight and Gravel Trains in Iowa.

Fonda, Iowa, Oct. 14.—In a rear-end collision between a gravel train and a local freight No. 22 between Alba a Storm Lake Conductor, Charles Demore, of the gravel train, was instantly killed, and the road blocked for hours by the wreck. The local train stopped between stations, a heavy gravel train crashed into it, fore the flagman could get far enough back to protect his train. Demore was a brother of George Demore, Waterloo, Iowa, recently commissioned first lieutenant in the regular army gallantry while serving as private in the battle of San Juan Hill.

Killed by an Explosion.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 14.—A powder and dynamite explosion in the office of the Davis Coal and Coke company killed one man and injured five others. The building was completely demolished; loss, \$20,000.

New Job for Barr.