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HER LIFE FOR A SON.

The Pathetic Story of an Old Woman's Devotion for a Convict.

Honor to Mother Vidrae! Great was the mother of the Gracchi, but quite as great—many will say far greater—is old mother Vidrae. In the opinion of many Frenchmen there is in this year of grace no nobler Frenchwoman living, and there is already a general demand that France award to her the prix Monthyon, that coveted prize which France in her wisdom gives annually to the noblest among her children. Surely Mother Vidrae has earned this reward.

Some years ago a young man named Vidrae was arrested on a charge of murder. He was a hotheaded, excitable southerner, a lazy, good-for-nothing fellow, who would rarely do a stroke of honest work, thinking that it was his old mother's business to support him. She, a widow with no other child, worked for him uncomplainingly, never receiving from him a word of thanks. At times, when the angry fit was on him, he would strike and beat her with the utmost violence, but she never murmured, never protested against his unfilial conduct. Nay, the more brutal he grew the more loving tenderness she showed him.

When the gendarmes dragged him to court on the charge of having committed murder, all his old-time friends deserted him, but the mother's loyalty never wavered. During the entire trial she remained in court, her eyes fixed on her abandoned son and her old cheeks flushed with joy whenever he, in his theatrical fashion, would kiss his hand to her. These false kisses, doubtless, nay, surely, produced their effect on the jury. In any case, instead of condemning the accused to the guillotine, they sentenced him to penal servitude with hard labor for life. The prisoner thanked them in his mother's name (the hypocrite) for their clemency, and in a few days was shipped to the galleys in New Caledonia.

Mother Vidrae went to her desolate, childless home, but she did not stay there long. Within a few days she had sold her furniture, her cow and her four chickens and had started for New Caledonia. On her arrival at Noumea she went to the prison gate and asked if she could see her son.

"Your name," inquired the turnkey.

"Vidrae," replied the old mother.

Had the ground opened beneath him the turnkey could not have been more surprised.

"You are Vidrae's mother?" he faltered at last. "All right. Wait!"

No wonder he was so surprised. For no sooner had the convict Vidrae reached New Caledonia than he celebrated the occasion by murdering one of his fellow convicts. This being the second offence of the kind, the court had unhesitatingly condemned him to death and at the moment of his mother's arrival momentarily expecting the executioner's summons to come forth and die.

When the poor mother heard this awful news she fell in a dead faint. As soon as she recovered from it brain fever attacked her, and for three months she was bereft of reason. Finally she regained her senses, and then remembering the horrible past, her first thought was: "Oh why was I not so fortunate as to die?" To her, deprived of her idolized son, life seemed no longer worth living.

"Courage, Mother Vidrae! Your son is not dead!" So the kindly officials say to her and after while she understands that the apparently impossible has happened that he has been pardoned for her sake. The court had rewarded her by sparing the life of her son. Nay it did more; it instructed the governor of the jail to take Vidrae to his mother's bedside as soon as she recovered consciousness. Twice, then had this good mother saved the life of this scapegrace.

Did he show any gratitude? Not he, True, he knelt beside his mother's bed and kissed her and shed tears but they were crocodile tears and the kiss was the kiss of a Judas. He feigned penitence admirably, but only because a physician stood by his mother's side and was watching him closely.

Since that time many years have passed, through all of which Mother Vidrae has lived the life of a martyr. Her son works in the chain galleys under the ever watchful eyes of a stern guard. More murderous and brutal he has become with the lapse of time, but his native cunning saves him from putting his life again in peril. From dawn to sunset his back is bent at hard work, and so it will be till his life ends. The old mother earns a scanty livelihood by doing menial work, her only object being to gather daily a few sous so that she may be able to prepare a dish of good warm soup for her convict son. And every evening the loving woman goes to the prison with a can full of warm soup. As she enters scores of chained ruffians stand in line waiting for their supper, and at the warden's behest one of them, a gross, lowering fellow, steps forward, and, accompanied by two armed guards, goes forward, to his old mother, an iron plate in his hand and heavy chains on his feet. Without a word of greeting or gratitude he thrusts forward the plate, and, raising her trembling arms, she pours the good soup into it. Vidrae may then say "All right, old woman," but as a rule he pays not the slightest attention to the old woman. Why should he? What is the use of fawning over one's mother before a lot of convicts who cannot appreciate good acting.

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KIDNEY DISEASE CURED.

Mr. J. Kilfedder, 28 Gerrard street west, Toronto, an old and respected resident of the city, says:—"I have been suffering from Kidney trouble since last fall and found the lightest kind of exercise very painful. I concluded to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, which I saw advertised, and the effect was wonderful, the first box removing the pains in my back, and leaving me feeling very much better in every way. I can cheerfully recommend them as the workingman's friend. They are well named K. and L. Pills. The meaning which I took to be Knights of Labour Pills." One pill a dose. 25 cents a box.

Is Dreyfus Guilty?

Readers of the newspapers have followed the events connected with the Dreyfus matter, first the sentence of this officer in the French Army of exile on a lonely island charged with high treason, then the sensational charges of the novelist and journalist, Zola, implicating other officials and exonerating Dreyfus, more recently still, the confession of Col. Henry that he forged a letter, alleged to be written by Dreyfus, and upon what evidence, largely, he was disgraced. It was said that Henry, who was found dead after his confession had committed suicide. Now a Paris dispatch of the 3rd says:—

PARIS, Sept. 3.—Paris this morning is in a wild uproar over the latest rumor anent the death of Colonel Henry. It is hinted—and hinted very strongly—that he did not commit suicide, but that he was the victim of an assassin. It is asserted by the police that they have not seen the razor with which it is alleged Colonel Henry committed the deed. When the commissary of police asked for it he was told that it had been sent to the ministry of war. The *Ecclair*, referring to this matter says: "This controversy has shown us long ago to what depths certain individuals can descend, so we are not surprised to read that the suicide of Col. Henry was perhaps a murder." The popular opinion of the civilized world calls for a re-opening of the Dreyfus case.



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"It's the devil for any one to tell me a secret, for it is sure to come out in print."—HAZLITT.

The Canadian Magazine published in Toronto, and for sale here at Everett's and perhaps elsewhere, deserves the patronage of everyone who wishes to do his little best to encourage Canadian effort, in literary, as well as in other directions. In appearance this periodical will compare with many of its contemporaries, published in England and in the United States. The September number is peculiarly good. The frontispiece is a good photo of Archbishop Walsh, who recently died in Toronto. Among the leading articles is "Canada's International Status" by Sir C. Hibbert Tupper. Another article of value is Mr. Edward Farrer's "The St. Lawrence Route and the Grain Trade." Mr. Farrer is a writer of much excellence. Speaking of Montreal and its frozen state in winter he says, "It was cruel of nature when she had built so majestic an outlet for the great lakes to the Atlantic to place that heavy ban upon it." In order for Canadian ports to compete with America he thinks that "the C. P. R. should build large steamers with barge consorts between Port William and Owen Sound, with a first class ocean steamship line, so that the Manitoba shipper can get a through rate and through bill of lading direct from his elevator at Brandon, etc to Liverpool." Mr. Farrer has a good word for St. John, which, in such a case, would get the trade in winter, when Montreal is frozen in. Chas. Frederick Hamilton writes an interesting article on Great Britain and Russia, Arthur G. Doughty, deals with the Champlain monument to be unveiled in Quebec this week, and Norman S. Rankin writes of Jamaica Past and Present. Sir John Bourinot continues his series on the making of the Dominion. There is a mixture of bright articles, making the September Canadian one of the best numbers I have seen.

"Quo Vadis" is a novel that won lasting fame, and, it is said has been more widely read, on this continent, at all events, than any other novel of the age. The writer as every reader of the book must know is a Pole, Henry Sienkiewicz, a hard name to masticate, as, to use an Americanism, "I'll allow." The Polish author has another book before the public "With Fire and Sword," a tale of Poland and Russia and dealing with events about the middle of the seventeenth century. It is a capital work, and gives one an idea of the Russian character, which one can never get, accurately, by reading the ordinary English writer, who is greatly prejudiced against anything Russian. The reading of such a work at the present time is particularly appropriate. It is the fashion, now, to know or to pretend to know something of Russian life. I know of no more useful novel to the student of history than "With Fire and Sword." I am indebted to the Book Store for the privilege of reading a copy.

I think the action of the street committee, this year, in laying the asphalt sidewalks on Main street is very popular, and the curbing is something that reflects credit on the property owners. It would not have been surprising if there had been a hitch in getting the money for this curbing, for it certainly was quite a demand on the pocket. I have been accused of being too severe on townspeople, if so, I gladly give credit where credit is due. Having given this amount of taffy, I am about to start the ball a-rolling in favor of another reform. I ask that the town council of the ensuing year, put aside a small appropriation for painting the town hall. The prohibitionists are going to have us all sober and sad, now, and there will be no one to paint the town red, free, gratis. So, let the town council begin the work by giving a new coat to the bricks which constitute the town hall. Let the firemen who use the hall so much, see that this is done. The town hall being painted, private citizens would follow the example set, and we would have a general brightening up of the town. In this we might well emulate Houlton, which while doing much less business than Woodstock, is snarler and neater, in appearance.

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Mrs. Selina E. Core, Amherst, N. S., says: "At times I suffered intensely from palpitation of my heart. I was weak and my nerves shattered, Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills have regulated my heart, toned my nerves and built up my health."

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Opens Sept. 13th. Closes Sept. 23rd, 1898.

Live stock and farm and dairy produce must be on the grounds at 10 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday, 14th September, and live stock may leave after 6 p. m. Wednesday, 21st September. All other exhibits must be in place not later than 10 p. m. Monday 12th September.

Canadian Pacific Rail'y Arrangements.

The C. P. R. will carry exhibits from all points in New Brunswick and Maine stations, north and east of Vancoboro, on prepayment of one fare, which fare will be refunded when the exhibits are returned to starting point the property of original shipper. Other lines charge going freight and return free.

EXCURSION TICKETS will be sold at all stations on the Atlantic Division from 12th to 21st Sept., at Single First-Class fare, good to return until 24th September.

CHEAP SPECIAL FARES :

On September 15th, only Good for Return September 20th:

Caribou, Presque Isle, Grand Falls, St. Leonards, Green River, Edmundston, and Fort Fairfield,.....	\$3.00
Aroostook Junction,.....	2.75
Perth,.....	2.50
Bath,.....	2.30
Bristol,.....	2.25
Florenceville,.....	2.20
Hartland,.....	2.10
Newburg Junction,.....	2.00

A Special Train on 15th September Will Leave:

Edmundston,.....	6.00 a. m.
Presque Isle,.....	6.30 "
Aroostook Junction,.....	8.35 "
Florenceville,.....	9.55 "
Newburg Junction,.....	10.35 "

Arriving in St. John about 3.30 p. m.

On Sept. 19th only, Good for Return Until Sept. 21st.

Canterbury, Benton, Debec Junction, Houlton and Woodstock,.....	\$2.00
Harvey, McAdam Junction & Vanceboro,.....	1.50

A Special Train on 19th September Will Leave:

Woodstock,.....	7.45 a. m.
Houlton,.....	7.45 "
Debec,.....	8.15 "
Canterbury,.....	8.55 "
McAdam,.....	9.45 "
Harvey,.....	10.25 "

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