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"What I said to you then I say now!" cried Michau fiercely, an almost canine curl of his apper lip showing his strong white tee h. "I will never, pardieu, set foot on you: land

"Then," retorted Le Hardy coolly, "you are likely to remain where you are forever, monsieur. For how can you escape from your house without setting foot on my land, seeing that last night's avalanche has set your cottage in the very middle of my field?'

"I will die where I am!" snarled Michau. And he meant it.

Never in the history of the capton had Antoine Michau broken his word. When Le Hardy had besought Michau to give him the latter's golden haired Jeanne Marie the angry father had not only posted the girl off to her aunt in the village below the great mountain on which Michau and Le Hardy dwelt, but he had forbidden Le Hardy to be seen on his property.

All of this because of an ancient feud between the Michaus and the Le Hardys.

Therefore it may be fancied what Michau felt when fate, pleasantly ironic, sent an avalanche which deposited the Michau cot-

tage in the center of Le Hardy's little farm. It had happened just before daybreak that very morning. Luckily for Le Hardy himself, his own cottage was not damaged, it being on the very edge at one side. His astonishment when he discovered the plight of the irate parent soon gave away to glee when he thought how neatly Michau would be forced to forswear himself. But Michau had no such intention. As he could not fly or lay a bridge across and as his provision would not last two days, he grimly prepared to starvo, an arrangement which Lempriere, Le Hardy's special friend, advised the lover to encourage.

"For when the old fox is dead in his own folly," chuckled Lempriere, "'tis thou who shall coasole the pretty Jeanne Marie."

But Le Hardy, eating his own ample meals, could not in enjoy them for thinking of Michan's rapidly diminishing larder. On the noon of the second day he filled a tray with food and carried it himself to Michau's

"Voils, mon voison," said the young fellow good temperedly. "Thou must not starve. I will share with thee while thou remainest in thy chicken coop. Thou art

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welcome to it."

"Ag diable with thee and thy welcome!" velled the enraged Michau, and there descended on Le Hardy's head a perfect shower of porridge, poached eggs and bits of bread. Lampriere from a safe distance doubled himself up in his efforts to suppress his convulvive joy.

"Now wilt believe me?" asked he as the over hurriedly re reated.

To his surprise the young man burst into a fit of laughter.

"What a tab'eau!" he said, holding his sides, "After all, though, one must admit he old rascal has spirit!"

That night Michau slept but ill. Hunger gnawed at his vitals till he rolled in agony, but he clung sullenly to his determination. Over and over he repeated to himself that the neighbors should see of what stuff Michau was made. Common sense did whisper in his ear that such a course was to leave the field free to Le Hardy; but, though he ground his teeth and admitted it, yet he had no thought of yield-

Dawn came, and the old man arose and tottered out on his tiny porch. There a surprising sight met his view.

Le Hardy was standing close beside the steps; panting and resting on the handle of a broad shovel. From the steps to the outer edge of the field which marked the confines of Le Hardy's property ran a narrow trail of fresh soft earth richly dark and about an inch thick.

"What devil's folly has thou done now?" snarled the gaunt old man, leaning on the nearest railing to hide his weakness.

"Vraiment," smiled Le Hardy good humoredly as ever, "I have turned thief, mon coison, and have been thieving all night! This trail of earth which you behold"-He waved a band toward it.

"Nom de Dieu-of course I see it. What

"It came from thy garden, mon votsin. I chose it there that you might see the difference in color distinctly. My land along here is lighter and not so rich."

"From my garden, scelerat!" gasped the old man. "How hast thou dared! Twas because you had me trapped here, coward!"

"Rather," said Le Hardy coolly, "'twas because I wished thee to leave thy trap. Tiens, mon voisin, you swore never to set foot on my land. Well, there is thine own land. Mayest walk away on it when thou dost please."

The hunger clouded senses of the prisoner went aflush for joy. Here was a dignified method of exit. He was saved.

Reaching for his cane, he stepped coldly down and walked along the fresh trail, his feeble feet making irregular prints that stirred Le Hardy to fresh pity.

At the edge of the path he paused and turned to the man who followed him.

"Why didst thou do this for me? Thou wouldst have had a clear coast to win the girl had I died, and thou couldst have proved the offer of food to me."

"I hope I am a man," said Le Hardy proudly. "And as a man I wage fair fight, when fight I must. I love thy girl. I shall strive to gain her. But I will never stoop to take a mean advantage of one thrown at my feet by a force of nature which not even giant could have defeated."

He paused, then added, a little wistfully: "Hast thou nothing kindly to say to me, ieux voisin?"

The old man, now safely off the Le Hardy land, turned and grinned bitterly.

"I have this to say to thee," he snapped. "that thou are a vile scoundrel for stealing my garden soil to fertilize thy barren fields." He vanished in the distance, and Le Hardy, red and disgusted, went back to

It was sunset when La Hardy stopped for the day and went into the house to get his simple supper from his bachelor cupboard. He was setting out the viands, not a little sadly, when a rap on his door startled him.

his work.

"Tis Lempriere," he muttered as he hastened to open it. But it was not Lempriere. It was a slender, girlish figure, with droop-

ing head, that half whispered: "Mon pere would speak with thee." The sweet tones were seconded by a peremptory command from his late prisoner, who once again stood on the fresh trail and called to him, "Come!"

Le Hardy came, doubting his senses.

"Tiens," said the fellow brusquely, "I have arrived to give thee notice that there's but one escape for thee from prison. Thou hast stolen my nice garden. Thy infernal shovel hath unrooted my best onions in thy digging. Thou canst not deny the theft and shalt suffer unless"-

"Unless," repeated the bewilded Le Hardy.

"Unless than dost instantly wed my girl," snapped the ex-captive. And Jeanne Marie hid her blushes in her lovers joyous arms. Jeanne Murie's toddling children often

wonder why Grandpere Michau always follows a certain path in coming to the second cottage on the Le Hardy farm. The other cottage he never appears in. This certain path is carefully marked of by lilies growing long it, and resolute Grandpere Michau will die happy because he has never yet set foot on the Le Hardy property.

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Prof. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., said on Sunday. "Halley's comet, on which all eyes in the astronomical world are now centered, it is about 1,000,000 times as big as the earth. Yet, although the earth's gravity may change the orbit of the comet, the earth's path through the sky will be unaffected by the proximity of the two bodies."

This supplements information contained in "circular respecting observation of Halley's comet, 1910," which has just been issued by the Asoronomical and Astrophysical Society of America. The circular says that an expedition to observe and photograph Halley's Comet from the Hawaiian Islands, is to be

arising from the close approach of the comet to Venus on May 1 and to the earth on May 16, meridian observations are especially desired during the period in which the comet is sufficiently bright for that purpose."

bations?' Prof. Frost was asked.

on those dates the comet w.ll be near enough the planets mentioned to be affected by their attraction."

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millionth of the size of the comet. "All meteors are bits of solid mattersupposed to be debris of comets-which travel around in comets' wakes," continued Prof. Frost. "They are not visible unless they come within 100 miles of the earththat is, unless they come within the earth's atmosphere.

"The theory that a comet's tail is longer when it is nearest the sun is somewhat awry. Theoretically, it would be so, because it is the reaction from the sun's light which cause the emanations of streaming vapors that form the tail. But actual observation shows that when a comet is near the sun there are other changes in its composition which offset the greater force of this reaction of light. A comet's head, for instance, shrinks when near the sun instead of expanding."

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Hear ye not the fond wife's plea Her husband thus to save; Why do you turn your face away While the demon binds his slave?

Hear ye not the sister's cry. As her brother's feet are sinking? And you like statues stand afar, Gazing like an idiot blinking.

Is it that you fear you'll lose Some position that you hold? Or is it that you do not care, To check the demon bold.

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