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CAST FOR FORTUNE.

Don Maurizio. And, by the bye, we have forgotten about the target-practice. Shall we not try it? Yonder is a water-fowl on the beach. Let me see you knock it

over." "No," she answered, as she drew out her pretty, toy-like weapon, "I have never yet killed a living creature, and I could not bear to do it. There is something terrible in the thought of extinguishing the spark of life,—the very breath of God,-which all the powers of earth cannot restore. But just beyond the bird is a scarlet cactusbloom. I will strike that."

She raised the pistol, and, without seeming to aim, fired. The hills gave back the sharp report in multiplied echoes; and, as the startled bird flew away, Derwent saw the blossom hanging broken. The bullet had cut its stem.

"Dona Zarifa is a wonderful shot," he said, showing the flower to Don "Im glad that she was not the person who aimed at me. I am afraid his departure, with many wishes I should not have got off so easily."

"She has an unerring eye, and a hand that never varies," her father answered. "Many a time she has beaten me at a target practice. Her training has been in some respects more that of a boy than a girl. But I am certain that every woman should understand the use of fire-arms."

"There can be no doubt of it," said Derwent, as he fastened the crimson cactus-blossom on his coat. CHAPTER XII.

coming out the next morning to Mexico. find the usual group gathered under the arcade, around the great doorway,-to wit, Dona Zarifa, Derwent, the horses, and the mozos,-"that I shall have to disappoint you received that I must go on business to Eitzatlan, and it would not be agreeable to either of you to accompany me there."

sugar, which the heautiful, intelligent creature took daintily from —at least, so far as I am concern-ed—that the ride is deferred," she has presented appear according to her hand. "And it is really as well went on. "When I went to the hospital this morning, I found poor Benita wandering in mind, and my beauty,"—she patted the horse's arching neck: "are you sorry that you will not have to carry me this

allowed to interpret his sentiments by my own," said Derwent. "And you are going to the hospital, senorita? I can say nothing against such
a charitable intention; but before
with a still smoking pistol in her you spoke—so quick is thought— I was about to propose a visit to the canada. Ever since you said that you would like a picture of it, I have been anxious to try what my efforts can accomplish in the way of a sketch."

"But I thought that you disclaimed any artistic skill?" she said, with some surprise. "I said that I was not an artist.

That is true. But I have a little facility in sketching from nature, in a clear, vibrant tone, pointing to not promise you a finished picture,

"I shall be delighted," she said. "I hope that you will try. And surely my absence cannot matter.
You do not need assistance in your drawing?"

trigger. His aim swerved, and he fell. I think I killed him."

"I will see," said Derwent, turn-

"Oh, yes," said Derwent, though he had the grace to blush, "I need your assistance to determine the best point of view,—that is, the one you would prefer. But I will take my materials and follow my own judgement. Then, when you have finished your chartiable ministrations, you will perhaps come and tell me if you like my choice."

"Yes, I will come," she said, smiling. And then without waiting to change her dress, she walked away toward the village on the other side of the gardens.

Derwent stood and watched her as long as she was in sight. The close-fitting habit showed every line of her staturesque figure and the perfect grace with which she moved, as she passed down one of the shady avenues, her favorite companion, a beautiful greyhound, walking beside her, and looking as thorough-bred as herself. All him, looking down at the man's him, looking down at the man's face with an expression of intense dappled with sunshine and shadow; while the long vista of the tree-arched avenue held only the one "Is he deed?" moving figure, as a perfect picture, in the heart of the green lovliness. Derwent gave a deep sigh. "If I could only paint that!" he said, half aloud, and then turned with some starting away impetuously. But confusion, to find Padre Francisco

view of the gardens? Yes, it is very charming. But is not that Dona Zarifa that I see walking away, yonder? How is it that your usual ride is not to be taken?

This distance away. "Have you the pistol in your hand!" she said, "Be on your guard: some of these people are very treacherous. I will soon bring assistance and Padro Francisco. Lieft him at the your usual ride is not to be taken? Padre Francisco. I left him at the Derwent explained, adding "So hospital.

Dona Zarifa has gone to the hospital to see some poor woman who is wandering in her mind—"

"Benita. Yes, she will die I "And I am going to try and sketch the canada, Will you

come, padre mio, and see my fail-"I will come for a little while

and see your success," the padre answered, "for I do not think that you are likely to attempt anything in which you would fail."
"I should not wish to attempt

what I knew to be beyond my powers, certainly. But a man can-not always tell beforehand whether he will succeed in an effort, even when he thinks he may." "If he has gauged his powers

correctly, he can generally tell,at least in some degree. You, curately, I think, what you can

"I wish I did!" said Derwent. devoutly. "But I am like other men: misled by vanity, I sometimes essay tasks beyond my strength and fail. I shall probably fail in making this sketch; but I mean to try. Fortunately, I have sketching materials with me; for I thought I would do something of the kind in Mexico. This will be

Senor Derwent, know pretty ac-

my first attempt.' A few minutes later, with a portfolio under his arm and accompanied by the padre, he was on his way to the ravine, where he had spent many delightfui hours since the day when he was first introduced to it. They tried various points of view, and it was finally decided that the sketch should be made from the pavilion. So Der-went settled himself, with the more satisfaction because he had a support on the railing for his book, and a roof overhead to keep away the intrusive rays of the sun. Padre Francisco lingered talking Maurizio when the latter came up. pleasantly, until he was finally at work; and then, saying that his own work awaited him, he took

for the success of the picture. As his slender, cassocked figure went down the glen, Derwent watched it with a smile. saying to himself that if his picture was a success that figure should enter into it. "Dona Zarifa will like Union and other Couplings, that," he thought, for he knew how Globe and Check Valves, dear the gentle priest was to every one at Miraflores. He had heard "I am sorry," said Don Maurizio, yet quietly doing the work of God in poverty and obscurity all over

The young man was thinking of that figure, and of all the long line of such figures which had Christianized and civilized a savage about our ride this morning. I facility that surprised himself. people, as he worked with a find by a letter which I have just Perhaps the stimulus was the desire to gratify Dona Zarifa,-for love can do wonderful things and develop powers almost undreamed "Of course not, papa," said Dona Zarifa, who was standing by her limagined. At all events, his sketch limagined. At all events, his sketch Dunlap, McKim & Downs, tory manner, and he was so absorbed in its progress that he had alher promise, when suddenly in such quick succession as to be almost simultaneous, two shots rung sharppresence seemed to soothe her. So ball—just grazing his ear, and then flattening itself on the stone column beside which he sat.

The book dropped from his hand, and the sheet of paper on "I am sure that he is, if I may be by a current of air over the railing and fluttered unheeded into the uplifted hand.

> In an instant he was by her side, for instinct told him that the shot had not been fired idly. "For God's sake, what is it?" he cried, gazing with astonishment at the pale, set face, the shining eyes, and the uplifted hand pointing so steadily without a tremor in the direction of the pavilion.

"There is a man, an assassin, behind yonder rock," she answered. a low, long boulder, that crowned the hill which rose immediately in but I may make a passible drawing the rear of the pavilion. "I saw him about to shoot you, and I fired just as he had his finger on the

ing quickly; but she stopped him by a motion, and extended the pistot. "He may be merely wounded," she said. "Be cautious."

With no recollection of his weakness, he sprang forward and hastened up the steep ascent. Eighteen or twenty yards brought him to the boulder, and there on the ground behind it was the assassin, his rifle where it had fallen beside him. At the first glance Derwent thought he was dead, but on examination discovered that, though insensible, he was still breathing. Throwing open his loose white upper garment, the young man saw that the pistol-ball had entered his chest some little distance below the heart. A stream of dark blood was flowing from it; and Derwent's first act was to place his thumb on the bullet-hole. The next moment he heard a step, and, turning his head, saw Zarifa standing beside

"No; and I am not sure that the wound need be fatal, if we can get "Yes, certainly," she answered, starting away impetuously. But before she had gone three steps she "What is that you would like to paint?" asked the priest. "This man's weapon, carried it a short

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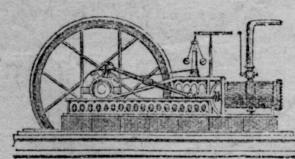
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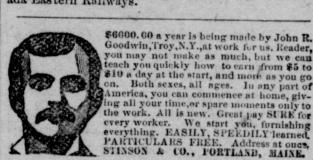
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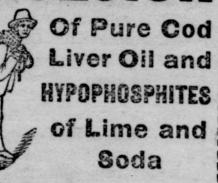
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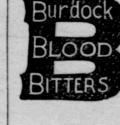
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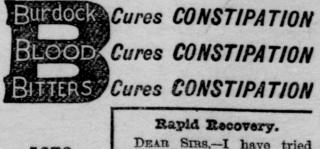
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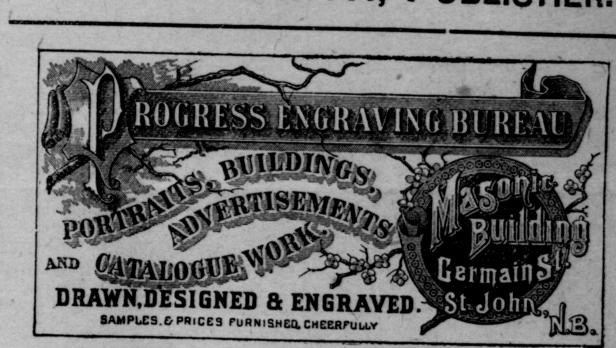
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