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FROM THE FRENCH OF ARTHUR DOURLIAC.

"No, my dear friend, under no pretext whatever must you send your nephew to me. What pleasure I might experience in this meeting I prefer to forego rather than dispel our illusions. We have not seen each other since the day you took leave of me to accompany M. de Lafayette to the New World. Less wise than he, who had married before you, expected to marry me on your return. Sixty years have elapsed and you are still a bachelor.

"Pray do not have the fatuity to take this as a reproach. It would be unfair of my, for just one year after your departure it was I who broke my vow of fidelity in allowing myself to become the wife of the poor Marquis whose life ended so wretchedly at Vendee while you were fighting for the cause of the revolution under Napoleon after your return from a similar

mission to America. "In order to return to my subject, from which I wander so at random, I would say that for sixty years we have cherished an unblemished picture of our beautiful youth, and the spectacle of our decreptitude would afford us no pleasure. I can always see you, my dear Tristan, as you appear in your portrait with that dovecolored coat which was so becoming to your slender form, and the first down just beginning to shade your chin; in short, an elegant gentleman.

"As for me, I know you have carefully preserved the miniature I gave you as bade you adieu. In it I represesent a shepherdess, a sheep book in my hand. 'Tis hus you, in fancy, see your friend; 'tis thus you have portrayed her to your nephew. Alas! his smile would soon cause this reflection to banish; he would tell me of your wig ; he would count my wrinkles and tarnish the mirror in which we still are reflected young and beautiful. Last year we dreamed of this folly; but believe me we did wisely to give it up."

The letter was lying open on the bureau. "Verily. my dear old friend," ran the reply, "from your ingenious letters one would never imagine the sum of our ages could make us contemporaries of Louis IV. Or lather, I am mistaken, to read you, my dear Marquis, one would think Mme. de Sevigne still in the world protesting against the usurpation of 'our cousin of Orleans.'

"So you do not wish that Gaston pay his respects and his uncle's, the latter being prevented by the gout-by the gout and that only-which opposed the real-

which you so irreverently term folly?

"But why folly? "You must think I carry my fourscore years very badly? True, my strength and energy are exhausted, but it may yet be possible to present a fine appearance. Do not ridicule my pretensions, for you banter in regard to yourself offends me. That it is coquetry on your part I would swear, and your white hair must suit you marvelously.

to grant this favor either to an old graybeard or a young fellow, your will be done! Although greatly grieved, we are resigned to kiss, from afar, your beautiful

Signing this letter "Tristan de Haudret," the gentleman folded and sealed it and rose from the huge chair in which he to me." had been sitting. Singular that this old man, far from wearing a wig, to which his correspondent had so ironically alluded, had black hair, white teeth, a sparkling eye and a fine moustache; and, attired in a coquettish uniform, the old person became a handsome officer of scarcely 25 years of age.

Having adjusted his belt he lightly descended the hotel steps and went toward the boulevards.

"And so you have come to say fare-

"Au revoir, at the longest. I do not think I shall be long absent."

"The soldier proposes, my poor Gaston; the state disposes."

"However, whether I grow moldly at Svissons-God forbid-or whether I am sent to Africa-as God wills it-I shall be absent from Paris for some time, and am obliged to make my arrangements accordingly."

"Do you intend making your will." "No, I have simply come to ask a favor of you."

"Proceed." "It is this. I have with a certain person a correspondence which I am not at liberty to interrupt. As it is necessary that this person believes me still in Paris. I shall depend on you to post the letters which I shall send you, inclosed in an

postmark of the capital." "The deuce! here is a mystery which comprises your prudence."

outer envelope that they may bear the

"O! if you but knew the lady whom it concerns."

"Allow me to say, dear friend, that I did not even ask if it were a woman."

"But I can name her without inconvenience; it is the Marquis de Trembleand she is 80 years old."

"You are joking."

"Not the least in the world." "Then why these precautions? The good lady cannot be under the care of a

"It is a touching story; one that would cause you who are skeptical and blase to

"You knew my uncle, Gen. de Haudret. "Certainly! I have preserved a living remembrance of his handsome military

"You know what he was to me. Unmarried, he loved me as a son and I ven-

erated him as a father." "This mutual affection excited general

"Deep as it was it did not entirely fill the life of this excellent man. When very young he had passionately loved the Marquise de Tremble. Separated by passing events they soon lost each other from view. Thirty years passed. One day, it was during the Polish war, my uncle received a letter from his friend. His name accidently spoken before her had awakened memories of long ago. Though a widow and grandmother her thought went out to the friend of her youth, and she wished him to share with her the delightful emotions which had reanimated her heart grown old.

"All this she told-in a charming manner punctuating here with a tear and there with a smile, and alone in his tent on the banks of the Vistula the old soldier wept like a child over the evocation of his youtnful affections. Since then this renewed correspondence has never ceased, and last year, when my uncle felt death approaching, he said to me :-

"'I do not wish my old friend to learn of my sickness and death; it would cause her great pain. I depend on you, my child, to spare her the grief. You are the sharer of all my thoughts. Your writing so resembles mine that you might write in my stead without being detected by the good Marquise. When I am no more fill my place and always maintain this pleasant deception till our souls are united

"I have kept the promise I made my foster-father. Mme. de Tremble has n ver discovered the subst tution, and this a large room flooded with light, admitted But we have inherited from our dear de- B. B. B."

dowager."

a stir abroad ?"

tion she has with the outside world are the he had seen in the valley and whose meletters which I regularly address her lodions voice had with such warmth de-All has gone well until now. Fearing the | fended him. "But never mind; as you will not deign awkwardness or negligence of a servant, I have counted on your friendship to serve me on this occasion without exposing me

to ridicule." "On the contrary, my dear Gaston, I respect your filial sentiments; I find a piquant charm in the romance of a past generation and accept the trust committed

"Thank you."

"By the way, do you know this octo- lives, so why disturb him?" genarian ?"

"No, and more curious still, those two old lovers never saw each other after their you wish him to leave the Chateau de youth, and the General took with him to the tomb the fresh and smiling image of her whom he had loved."

"Do you think you will ever see her?" "I had entertained such thoughts as her residence is but a short distance from my new quarters, but on reflection I feared disappointment. From afar I fancy I see one of these delightful old grandmothers of long ago, so beautiful beneath their white hair and coifs of lace, while near by something ridiculous, or some whim might spoil my ideal; 'tis best so preserve

the illusion." "You sybarite!"

"Let us go; and once more thanks, and

"Au revoir, but look out! Your enthusiasm disquiets me. Do not marry your grandmother!"

III.

Lieut. de Hanchet had been in Soisson two months and found it dull enough. pines and rocks. The soft earth sunk under the weight of his horse and the odor of the spermint mingled with the acrid smell of the woods.

The young man, admiring the wild scenery, reached a sort of glade, watered lively when you were brought here covby a brook whose waters were clear and silvery. On the edge of the stream was constructed a rural cabin surrounded by hives alive with bees. Seated on the trunk of a tree before a rough table a young girl was lunching on a piece of brown bread and a golden honeycomb.

Charmed by the sight, Gaston halted. The fair stranger had fine, delicate features and thick, blonde hair coiled under a small hat; her riding habit delineated a willowy form of perfect grace and symmetry. At a short distance stood the horses attended by a servant.

The Lieutenant, motionless, sat contemplating the beautiful tableau, when suddenly with a cry of pain, his nag reared, a swarm of bees surrounded him.

The young girl looked up. "Do not stir, sir," she cried. "Father brain? Vincent! Father Vincent!"

An old man appeared on the threshold of the but.

At that moment the horse, maddened by the terrible stings, suddenly jumped aside and threw the horseman to the earth.

"Are you sure. doctor, that all danger

"Sure and certain, mademoiselle; the violence of the shock caused the swoonbut to-morrow he will be up, and in two days can rejoin his regiment."

"You see, Cecile, how utterly useless it was to burden yourself with this boyuseless and improper."

"Pardon, aunt, but humanity comes before propriety."

"Besides, madame," interrupted the doctor, "though the condition of the young man is not serious, he requited more care than Father Vincent could have given him at the hut. Mademoiselle Cecile did well to have him carried here, your chateau being the nearest.

"But we know nothing of him." "That he is a French officer, aunt, is sufficient."

"That sufficient! Only a gentleman." "Pardieu! madame," again interrupted the doctor, and thus preventing the girl from making an indignant reply, "the good Samaritan cared not for the rank of

the unfortunate one whom he rescued." Notwithstanding his weakness the years old, and has the most beautiful eyes wounded man heard every word of the discussion, suffering indescribable agony at his inability to take part. Though time, and in their touching solicitude one

unable to move or speak.

change a love letter with a venerable cut over the fields. The persons about were, first, the physician, a large man "But the General's death created quite with a red face; he was carefully arranging his case of instruments. The second "The Marquise lived a retired life on personage was an old lady, whose harsh her estates, receiving no one, and has not face was in keeping with the amenities read a newspaper since the usurpation of she was lavishing on her unlucky guest. Louis Philippe. The only communica. The remaining one was the beautiful girl

"How pale he is!" she remarked.

"Well, he lost enough blood from the wound in his head. However, it was fortunate you called Father Vincent, else he might have fared worse."

"I have said a hundred times that those hives should be taken from the old fool." "You forget, aunt, that Father Vincent is the oldest and most faithful servant in our family. He enjoys the rude life he

"Come, come," said the doctor, "enough of this. Let my patient sleep quietly if Tremble."

This, then, was the Chateau de Tremble! And this crabbed, scolding old woman was the venerable Marquise whose bright letters seemed to reflect a soul so are as much dependent on it as the High- fering eyes upon his visitor and put out benevolent and amiable. The young man was broken-hearted at the deception. But who was this graceful person who called her aunt?

He sought to collect his thoughts. Had there not been something said of a granddaughter or niece? He could not

But this radiant apparition had so completely upset him that he passed a very restless night, falling asleep toward morning. Notwithstanding; he awoke retreshed and collected. His short rest had sufficed to repair his strength and alter his thoughts.

However, if the Marquise did not exactly correspond to the picture his imag-One day while returning from a visit to ination had traced, the niece surpassed one of his friends with whom he had been the ideal of his dreams and at the age of hunting he crossed a dark valley lying be- 25 one finds the merits of a young girl of tween two hills covered with gigantic more interest than the faults of an old

When the doctor entered he found his

patient up and dressed. "The deuce! What is your hurry, young man? Yesterday you weren't so ered with blood. O, youth! Youth! the great remedy."

"The nursing I received was a powerful auxiliary, doctor, for which I thank you-likewise the Marquise de Tremble."

"The Marquise de Tremble?" "Certainly; am I not in her home?"

"In her home, her home-" "And I sincerely desire to pay her my

respects." "That, my young friend, would be dif-

"Because the Marquise has been dead one year." "Impossible! She wrote me eight

"Because ?"

days ago." The doctor looked anxiously at his patient. In his fall had he injured his

"But, who then is this lady?" "It is Mme. de Griec, Mlle. Cecile's re-

lative and chaperone." "And Mlle, de Cecile?"

daughter." Gaston was greatly disturbed. "Doctor, I must speak to Mlle. de

"Is the deceased Marquise's grand-

Tremble. My name is not unknown to her. I am Count de Haudret, nephew of

girl stood by a table. "Mademoiselle, first of all, I must thank

you for your generous hospitality.' "Sir. I am happy to have had the opportunity of assisting the kinsman of my grandmother's dearest friend."

A short silence followed. "Is the General still in good health?" finally asked Cecile. "My uncle died last year," gravely re-

plied M. de Haudret. "Last year! Well, who then-" A glance at the open letter on the table

finished the thought. "Pardon me madsmoiselle," said the young man, "I only fulfilled, as you did, a sacred duty."

"My dear Raoual, you prediction is realized-I am to marry my grandmother! But compose yourself, she is but twenty The two noble hearts who so loved each other ceased to beat at about the same

ization of last year's beautiful dream, is why, my dear friend, every week I ex- through three large bay windows looking parted their mutual tenderness and their KIPLING'S HYPNOTIC POWERS, love from beyond the tomb blooms again in the hearts of their children."-Translated by Marie Bertrand.

ENGLAND'S POTATO CROP.

TUBERS CERTAIN.

crop has proved a dismal failure this year. the elephant house. In the West the tubers are already very scarce. The price per bushel in Cornwall Mr. Kipling of the keeper. stands at from three to four shillings highmarkets. Over the whole of England this him,' was the answer. scarcity is being felt. The potato has and unvarying factor in our daily diet. landers of Scotland once were on the oat which gave them their daily meal of porwill be unable to get food for themselves, had found. much less rear cattle, pigs or poultry. In impossible that these shopkeepers can give credit to the extent of £300 or £400 a did. week. The whole situation is intensified by the fact that farmers are now parting | that elephant?' I asked when I overtook with their milch cows. Nothing can save

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HALIFAX MILITIA. from St. John's says the governor to-day known to medical science for the treat-An instant later the Lieutenant found cancelled all the appointments made by ment of the nervous membranes of respirhimself in a small room where a young the Whiteway administration after its de- atory organs. Dr. Chase compounded feat at the polls a few days ago. The new this valuable Syrup so as to take away the government's commission on the reform unpleasant tastes of turpentine and linof the customs tariff will begin work in seed December. The commission consists of Receiver General Morine, Attorney General Winter and Hon Geo. Shea. By- and will positively cure Croup, Whooping elections for departmental officers have Cough and chest troubles. been fixed for December 6th.

(By Associated Press.)

ST JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 17. Sir James Winter and his colleagues in the new cabinet formally assumed office at noon today. The first act of the new government was to cancel all appointments made by Sir. William Whiteway and his colleagues, in immediate anticipation of their resignation vesterday.

SIGN OF STRENGTH.

The sign of strength, a ruddy countenance depends upon rich, red blood. To make the blood rich and ruddy, the coun- dike, and last summer I accumulated tenance clear and bright, and the step firm | 50,000-" and elastic, use BURDOCK BLOOD BITTEBS. conscious of his surroundings he remained for the other, had conceived the same in- J. A. Gillan, B. A., Toronto, Ont., says: genius plan. I held my uncle's pen and "I enjoy good health now to the greatest He was lying on a bed in the centre of Mile. de Tremble that of her grandmother. | degree, ever since the day I started to use

(From the San Francisco Argonaut.) An American traveller who spent some time in the company of Rudyard Kipling in London lately, tells the following

story: "One afternoon we went together to the Zoo, and while strolling about our ears were assailed by the most melancholy A West of England newspaper speaking sound I have ever heard, a complaining, of the potato crop says:- "The potato fretting, lamenting sound proceeding from

".What's the matter in there?" asked

"'A sick elephant, sir; he cries all the er than is being asked in the London time; we don't know what to do with

"Mr. Kipling hurried away from me in come to be looked upon as an important the direction of the lament, which was growing louder and more painful. I fol-We are unable to imagine how our fore- lowed and saw him go up close to the cage fathers got on without it. We have not where stood an elephant with sadly dropa great variety of easily produced vege- ped ears and trunk. He was crying actual tables at our command. Hence we have tears at the same time that he mourned elevated the potato to the importance of his lot most audibly. In another moment a national dish in our dietary. But the Mr. Kipling was right up at the bars, and importance we in this country attach to I heard him speak to the sick beast in a the potato dwindles into insignificance language that may have been elephantese, when compared with the esteem in which but certainly was not English. Instantly it is held by the Irish. In a marked the whining stopped, the ears were lifted, measure many poor far ilies in Ireland the monster stopped his sleepy little suf-

Mr. Kipling began to caress it, still ridge. A potato famine in Ireland is, speaking in the same soothing tone, and therefore, a very serious thing indeed to in works unintelligible to me at least. the peasants. It means dire poverty, lack After a few minutes the beast began to of food, affliction, loss of health and ex- answer in a much lowered tone of voice, treme wretchedness. But the peasantry and evidently recounted his woes. The and farmers are not the only class who whine went out of his voice, he forgot that suffer in such times of failure as the pres- he was much to be pitied, he began to exent. To a large extent the shopkeepers change experiences with his friend, and he and merchants generally share the same | was quite unconscious, as was Mr. Kipling fate. Many families in West Kerry and of the amused and interested crowd colother districts will have to part with lecting about the cage. At last, with a everything saleable in order to get through start, Mr, Kipling found himself and his the six or seven worst months of the year. | elephant the observed of all observers, and Before Christmas numbers will not have beat a hasty retreat leaving behind him a a single potato for food or seed. They very different creature from the one he

"Doesn't that beat everything you ever one parish every one of the 600 families saw," ejaculated a compatriot of mine, as will have to depend on the credit of shop- the elephant trumpeted a loud and cheerkeepers for the wherewithal to live. It is ful good-bye to the back of his vanishing visitor, and I agreed with him that it

"'What language were you talking to

"'Language? What do you mean? he

answered, with a laugh. "'Are you a Mowgli,' I persisted, 'and can you talk to all those beasts in their own tongues?' but he only smiled in re-

SUDDEN DEATH OF FATHER

BRADLEY. The sudden death of Father Patrick Bradley, of Cape Bauld, Westmorland County, will be heard with sincere regret wherever the reverend gentleman was tinction of a hearty recommendation by known. Father Bradley was an early most eminent physicians. It relieves dis- riser, but was not about at his accustomed tressing kidney disease in six hours. hour last wednesday morning, and his Never fails to cure if persisted in. Acts servant, hearing an unusual noise in his directly on the circulation and eradicates room about 6 o'clock, suspected somefrom the system all solids and foreign thing was wrong. Father Martineau, the substances which clog up these sanitary assistant priest, was accordingly summonorgans of the human anatomy. You test ed, and entered Father Bradley's room, what others have proved. These words was shocked to find him in a dying confrom a letter received to day: "I des- dition. He passed away a few minutes paired of recovery until I used South later, heart disease being, no doubt, the American Kidney Cure." Sold by W. cause of death. The funeral took place Friday morning.

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BACK FROM THE KLONDIKE.

Opening the door in response to an insistent knock the lady beheld the figure of one she remembered.

"Oh, it is you, is it !" she said, icily. "It is me," was the answer. "Your long-lost husband, who has come to tell you that he is sorry he ran away two years ago."

"Maybe you are sorry you went," retorted the lady, "but I ain't. What did you come back for ?"

"My dearest, I have been to the Klon-

"Fifty thousand dollars !" shrieked the loving wife as she fell on his neck.

"No! Mosquito bites." It was a moment later only that he fell on his neck himself.-Exchange.