NAPOLEON'S MERCY.

A SCENE AT FONTAINBLEAU.

Napoleon was conversing with Josephine, when one of his officers entered and announced a young woman from Lyons. 'What is her business with me?' Some petition'; answered De Merville, the officer.

'Show her into our presence,' said he. The officer soon re-appeared, with a lady leaning upon his arm, whose face, as much as could be scanned through the thick folds of a veil, was very beautiful. She trembled as she approached the door.

'Mademoiselle,' whispered her guide, kindly pressing her hand, 'take courage, but answer promptly whatever question the Emperor proposes. He detests hesitation.' Then ushering her into the spacious apartment he bowed and retired.

The trembling girl, perceiving Napoleon on whom her fondest hopes depended, forgot herself, and her timidity; she thought only of another. Throwing herself at the feet of Napoleon, she exclaimed, in a voice choked with emotion, 'mercy, Sire, I sue for mercy and pardon'; she could articulate no more.'

Josephine stepped from her partial concealment, and approaching the ground, contributed more by her sympathizing words of encouragement to restore the courage of the young petitioner, than even the Emperor, by the graciousness of his manner as he bade her arise.

'Your petition, Mademoiselle,' said he, Henriette Armand, for that was her name, looked imploringly at the Emperor, and exclaimed.—'Ah, Sire, I ask pardon for Louis Delmarre, who is condemned to be shot on to-morrow! Oh! grant him your royal pardon,'

A cloud gathered on the brow of Napoleon, as he interrupted her with—'A deserter, Mademoiselle, he has twice deserted. No, he must be made an example for the remainder of his regiment.'

'But, the cause of his desertion?' cried Henriette, in agony; he was compelled to join the army against his will'

'What were the causes of his desertion?' interrupted Napoleon.

'Two weeks since,' answered Henriette, 'he received news that an only remaining parent, a mother, Sire, was on her death-bed, and longed, day and night to behold her son again. Louis knew that relief or release from his post was impossible. His mind was filled with one thought, that she might close her eyes forever, ere they rested on a son she so fondly loved.

'Did she die,' asked the Empress with interest.

'No madame,' replied Henriette, 'she at last recovered. But hardly had Louis received her blessing, and been folded in her arms, ere he was torn from her grasp by the officers of justice, and dragged hither. Oh! must he die? Mercy Sire I beseech you.'

'Mademoiselle,' said Napoleon, apparently softened, 'this was the second offence—name the first—you have omitted that.'

'It was,' said Henriette, hesitating: and colouring—it was—that he heard that I was to marry Conrad Ferant, whom I detest as much as he does,' answered she, with *naivette*.

'Are you his sister, that he feels so great an interest in your fate?' asked the emperor.

'Oh no, sire,' said Henriette, her lovely cheek assuming still deeper the hue of the rose, 'I am only his cousin.'

'Ah! only his cousin,' repeated Napoleon, glancing at Josephine, with a half suppressed smile.

'Oh! Sire,' cried Henriette, recollect the anguish of his widowed mother, when she recollects that the affection of her son for her is the cause of his death. 'What can I do to save him,' she continued, and the poor girl, forgetting the presence of royalty, burst into tears. The kind-hearted Josephine glanced at the Emperor with eyes expressive of pity and sympathy. She noticed the workings of his face, and felt at once it was very uncertain whether Louis Delmarre was to be shot the next morning.

Napoleon approached the weeping girl. She hastily looked up, and dried her tears. 'Mademoiselle,' said he, 'would you give your life for his? Would you die could Louis Delmarre be restored to life, liberty and his mother?'

Henriette started back deadly pale, looked fixedly at the emperor for a moment, then turning away, she buried her face in her hands. After a silence of some moments, Henriette looked up, an air of fixed determination rested upon her face; 'I am willing,' she said, in a very low voice.

Napoleon looked at her with surprise, as if he had not anticipated so ready an answer to his proposal. 'I will see you again,' said he, 'in the meantime accept such apartments for your accommodation as I shall direct.'

As soon as the door closed upon the fair petitioner, Napoleon walked to the window, against which Josephine was leaning, and said—'I see how it is; this Louis Delmarre is the lover of that young girl. True to woman's nature, she has braved difficulty and danger to beg his release.'

'How strong the love must be she bears for him,' said the Empress.

'Ah,' returned he 'I have a mind to subject this same love to a severe test. Much I doubt, she will not give her life for him. Nevertheless I will see.'

'Sure,' cried Josephine, 'you are not serious.—Louis certainly can be pardoned without the death of Henriette.'

Napoleon drew her near the window and conversed in a low voice.

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Henriette stood alone in a magnificent apartment. Hours passed unobserved, so intensely was she absorbed in reverie. A small folded paper was tightly grasped in one small hand. On it were traced these words:—'A prisoner is condemned by the laws of the army to suffer death. If you wish Delmarre restored to liberty, the means are in your power. Ere day dawns he may be on his way to join his mother, whom he so much loves'

'Ah,' murmured Henriette, 'do not I love him too?' Pressing her hands upon her heart, as if to still its tumultuous beating, she paced the apartment. The door opened, and Chevalier de Merville entered. He paused ere he articulated, 'Mademoiselle.'

'I am ready,' replied Henriette, 'my decision is made.'

De Merville appeared to comprehend the import of her words. He looked upon her with reverence as well as admiration; as she stood with the high resolve impressed on her beautiful brow. Follow me Mademoiselle,' said he. They traversed, long corridors and numerous suites of superb apartments, and descending a staircase, quickly reached an outer court communicating with the guard-house. Entering this, Henriette was ushered by her guide into a small apartment where she was soon left to herself.

On a chair was flung a uniform of the regiment to which Louis belonged. On a table a large plumed hat. Henriette comprehended all in a moment. Quickly habiting herself in the uniform she stood before the mirror, and gathering up her beautiful brown tresses in a knot, placed the hat upon her head. She almost uttered a cry of joy at the transformation. She knew that she was to be led to the fatal ground at the morning's dawn. The bullet which would have struck Louis to the ground would pierce her heart, but she shrunk not back; love triumphs over the timid woman's nature. Louis' mother will bless me in her heart, she whispered. Louis will never forget me. Ah, often has he sworn that he loved me better than all things beside.—Drawing a lock of raven hair from her bosom, she pressed it to her lips, then breathed a prayer to heaven.

Morning dawned and the sound of footsteps aroused Henriette. She started up, grasped the band of hair, awaiting the summons. The door opened, and two soldiers entered, repeating the name of Louis Delmarre; they suddenly led her forth to die. The soldiers, whose bullets were intended to pierce the heart of Louis had taken their stand, and only awaited the word of command from the Emperor, who was stationed at a window commanding a view of the whole scene.

'Oh,' cried Josephine, who stood by him, but concealed by the window drapery from the view of those below. Oh, sire, I can endure it no longer; it seems too much like a dreadful reality—mark the devoted girl.—No shrinking back.—See she seems calmly awaiting the fatal moment.'

'Stop,' cried the Emperor from the window, Louis Delmarre is pardoned. I revoke his setence.'

A loud burst of applause from the lips of the soldiers followed this announcement. Not one of them but loved and respected their comrade. The next moment, ere they could gather round to congratulate the supposed Louis, De Merville had eagerly drawn the bewildered Henriette through the crowd, back to the cell, from which she had emerged but a few moments before. 'Resume your dress again, Mademoiselle,' hurriedly whispered he. 'Lose no time. The emperor wishes to see you, I will return soon.'

Henriette was like one in a dream, but a gleam of delicious hope thrilled her soul she felt the dawnings of happiness break upon her heart. Soon again resuming her pretty rustic habiliments, De Merville re-appeared, and once again she trod the audience room of the Emperor. Lifting her eyes from the ground as the lofty door swung open, she beheld Louis! An exclamation of joy burst from the lips of both, as regardless of the presence of others, they rushed ihto each other's arms.

Napoleon stepped forward: 'Louis Delmarre,' said he, you have just heard, from my lips the tale of this lovely girl's devotion and courage. Do you love her as she deserves?'

'I could die for her,' answered Louis, proudly.

'Well,' cried the emperor, this severe test of love of one will suffice. So dutiful a son, so faithful a lover, will doubtless make the best of husbands. You, Lieutenant Louis Delmarre, are discharged from your regiment. Return to your native valley, with Henriette, as your bride.'

'Here,' said the benevolent Josephine, emerging from the recessed window, 'here are one hundred louisdors, as the marriage dowry of Henriette!'

A charming blush suffused the cheek of the beautiful girl, as she received the purse from the hand of the empress.

'Long live Napoleon,' exclaimed Louis as with a heart too full of grateful emotion for further utterance, he took the hand of Henriette, and making a graceful obeisance, quitted the apartment.

As the dove will clasp its wings to its side, and cover and conceal the arrow that is preying on its vitals—so it is the nature of woman, to hide from the world the pangs of wounded affection. With her the desire of the heart has failed. The great charm of existence is at an end,—she neglects all the cheerful exercise that gladdens the spirits, quickens the pulses, and sends the tide of life in healthful currents through the veins. Her rest is broken, the sweet refreshment of sleep is poisoned by melancholy dreams—'dry sorrow drinks her blood,' until her enfeebled frame sinks under the last external assailment. Look for her after a little while, and you find friendship weeping over her untimely grave, and wondering that one, who but lately glowed in all the radiance of health and beauty should now be brought down to 'darkness and the worm.' You will be told of some wintry chill, some slight indisposition, that laid her low—but no one knows the mental malady that previously sapped her strength and made her so easy a prey to the spoiler.

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It was in the year
lovely woman, the Co
became an inhabitan
which city the news
death—a Colonel
France, and slain, as
letter of the Minister
battle of Moskwa—h

One night after h
her female attendants
her writing desk, int
the perusal of a man
window of her boudoi
She was utterly paral
ment, with fear. She
lost forever. Three o
ing had just struck, a
was silence and darkne
were all fast asleep.
footstep on the distan
heard. It was a favo
the perpetuation of
could be committed sa
vation of any witness.
den terror, the Counte
toward the window th
open; but the dimn
which the wax lights
but an uncertain an
and she could only
with difficulty, the
figure at the lower
fancying for the mo
a terrific illusion, sh
turned it toward th
What was her terror
vinced that there was
man! He was very
concealed by a black
was covered by a
thought was to ring
masked man grasping
her from carrying her
tion.

'Have no fear,' sa
'and though appearan
ment against me, still
me with the common
fill this city. Althou
are such as to give y
tain such an idea, yet
that you will soon aba
would do my feelings
honest man; but ver
cumstances, such as
not to explain to you
thus. That is all I c
say to you.'

The tone of voice in
were said, and the a
and calmness of den
known, excited the a
Countess, without le
her uneasiness, nor di

'How can you ex
her singular visitor,
your presence in my
alone?—besides there
conceals your features

'That mask shoul
you. For heavens
have this false visage
for that discretion th
conduct, and until
unhappy than those
permit me to make m

'Well, then, wha
asked the Countess,

'A very great ser
upon which depend
my honour, and th
life'

'I know not, Sir,
manner, I ——

'I am about to tell
to listen to me, with
ble feeling.

You have in your
sixty thousand franc
you—*as a loan.* U
ly. It is under the
I shall receive it fro
sum will not accomp
compels me thus to
supplicate you to ad
case. I shall have
rate value put upo