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The Viper of Milan.

A ROMANCE OF LOMBARDY.

BY MARJORIE BOWEN.

(Continued.)

"'Tis no matter what I know—I will not pass them," cried Visconti, fiercely, and clutched at the rough wall as if to keep himself from being made to enter them even by force. Giacomo looked into the chamber curiously; the lantern showed only parts of it, and that dimly—an empty audience chamber, stiff chairs against the wall, the couch, dust on the floor and shadows in the arras—nothing more; and Carrara turned impatiently.

"I risk my life for this," he said. "What do you think it will mean, Visconti, if I am found helping you escape?"

He stepped across the threshold, and flashed the lantern around.

"Nothing!" he laughed over his shoulder. "Nothing," but as he advanced he paused a moment, and lifted up a corner of the dragged coverlet, "save that this coverlet is riddled as if with dagger-thrusts," he added, "and the floor seems stained" — he sank his voice — "with blood."

He looked back at Visconti standing in the doorway, and with sudden fear of him his hand sought his sword.

"Whom did you murder here, Visconti?" he asked, awestruck. "Whoever it was," he added presently, "I would not lose my life for fear of them, seeing they are dead."

In a second Visconti was at his side, gripping his arm, and Carrara, startled, shrank, and kept his hand upon his dagger.

"I do not fear them," whispered Visconti, in his ear. "Nor you."

And he hurried across the chamber, Carrara at his heels.

Room after room they traversed, deserted, gloomy, and unopened since that night."

"Hurry!" breathed Visconti. "Shall we never see the blessed sky again?"

And snatching the keys, he pushed on, taking every door and turning with a certainty that showed he knew them well.

"At last!" he cried, as they stepped out into the air.

They were at the back of the castle, on a ledge overhung with ivy, and overlooking a narrow flight of steps, the masonry half-ruined and overgrown with flowers.

The storm was over, a few great clouds tore across the sky, but the moon was clear and serene, the night calm and peaceful.

The cool air blew around Visconti-s damp hair, and stirred the dark ivy leaves, glistening with the rain. Beneath them lay the tents, a large body of men, half the army, silently and swiftly preparing for flight.

"Some have gone already," said Giacomo. "These wait for me and you, Visconti: come," and stepping past him he led the way.

There was no one to observe them save Giacomo's men, that he had been careful to station there; but when they had gained the bottom, and Carrara would have passed on, Visconti caught at his sleeve and drew him behind a clump of elder.

"The German!" he whispered, and they waited, breathless.

A soft voice was gayly singing, and the words of the song came clearly through the night.

"Heinrich was my bosom friend,
White feather and purple cloak:
Now that folly's at an end,
His the flame and mine the smoke!"

"He comes this way," said Carrara. "If he takes to questioning where I am——"

"If he takes to coming nearer," smiled Visconti, "I shall be obliged to--kill him."

"We parted for a silken knot,
White feather and purple cloak:
Whose fault it was I have forgot,
His the flame and mine the smoke!"

The last words were lost in a burst of laughter, as Conrad and Vincenzo, each mounted on a white horse, and attended by an escort with torches, rode past, back to their tents.

So close they came, that Visconti, with gleaming eyes, leaned forward, longing to strangle the singer with one of those long curls that hung around his laughing, careless face.

But Carrara was relieved

"As long as he does not inquire for me," he said. "But even then my officers understand."

Visconti smiled grimly; he was to pay for that.

"Now!" he said, and as Conrad's German song and Vincenzo's wild laughter passed, Visconti and Giacomo stepped out from behind the bushes and looked after them, the freedom of one secured, the treachery of the other well-nigh accomplished.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN.

Giacomo Carrara's Reward.

The dawn was breaking the sky streaked and barred with cold gray light, and along the winding road to Milan rode the Visconti and Carrara, the army before them.

It had been accomplished, without demur, openly and completely; behind them they left the Veronese and Mantuan troops, over whom Giacomo had no command—and Count Conrad, laughing in his folly.

Quite near to them lay Milan—and Visconti rode in silence, wondering what had befallen in the city; wondering, and fearing Valentine had revealed too much of his own spirit; he was afraid of her.

Along the distant horizon the gray walls of the city began to be visible across the flat plain, and Visconti's eyes lit at sight of his city, and he turned to Carrara impulsively.

"Give me a sword, Carrara," he said. "'Tis not fitting I should enter Milan weaponless."

"The Milanese will so rejoice to see you, my lord," returned Padua, "they will never notice—"

"That I come as a prisoner?" flashed Visconti, but the next moment he laughed and urged on his horse. "But what care I how, so long as I do re-enter Milan? Now, with you as my ally, Carrara, I can crush Della Scala without France or the Empire; and together, as you say, we will rule Lombardy."

Carrara rode abreast of him, glancing at him keenly.

"Even now he will try to outwit me," he thought, and resolved he would not be outdone in cunning for the lack of care.

"How came it you were captured?" he added, "and in this guise?"

"The chances of war," laughed Visconti. "Foolishly I went myself to defend the gates, and pursued Della Scala's men too far."

But this candor did not deceive Carrara. "Foolish indeed!" he smiled, "Your hurry excelled your prudence, lord." And he wondered what was the truth.

"You have cause to thank heaven no one knew you," he continued.

"They were German boors," answered Visconti, "Count Conrad's men, and there was nothing to tell my degree. Yet, had they looked a little closer, they might have found one thing that would have told them I was different from what I seemed—these."

And he drew out of his doublet the turquoise gloves.

Even in that cold, faint light they showed brilliant and beautiful, and Carrara gazed at them in wonder.

"As I was summoned," continued Visconti, dreamily, "I was looking at them. Are they not beautiful. Carrara? Two years they took to make, and cost more than I care to tell. Each turquoise is flawless, and set by Antonio Fressi himself."

"And is this a gift for some one?" asked Carrara, and he looked keenly into Carrara's face

"It was one of my bridal gifts to the Duke d'Orleans. I must honor him, Carrara, although I love him not," said Visconti simply. "But now I will offer it to one to whom I owe my life. Take the gloves, a gift from me, Giacomo." And he turned to the saddle and held them with a winning smile to Carrara, who, mistrustful, looked at him doubtingly and keenly.

"Thou wilt not refuse my gift?" and Visconti looked at him proudly. "Let it seal our bargain, Carrara. Take it, for the sake of the goodwill with which it is offered."

Carrara's ruling quality was prudence, and all Visconti's seeming guilelessness did not deceive him; still, he hesitated, considering where the trap lay.

Then, as he glanced down at the gloves, his eyes caught the gleam on the hilt of his dagger, and a thought struck him.

"He means to make me put them on," he thought, "and snatch the sword meanwhile;" and he smiled to think Visconti could be so simple.

"Thank thee for thy gift, Visconti, and for the goodwill that offers it," he said, with an ingenuousness equal to Visconti's, and reaching out his hand, he took the gloves, meaning to have the gift and outwit Visconti also.

Gian's manner had lost its gloom and wildness, he seemed light of heart and in a pleasant mood.

"They are riding-gloves," he cried. "Wear them into Milan, Carrara."

"Ah," thought Giacomo, "I see the plot. Thou wouldst snatch a weapon while my hands are busy," and, priding himself on his cunning, he deftly slipped them on his hands, keeping his elbow on his sword-hilt and his watchful eyes upon Visconti.

"A beautiful dawn," said Gian softly, seeming to take no heed of Carrara's clever maneuvering; his eyes were fixed on the sunrise behind Milan. "All pearl and silver, blushing into life anon; about the time when I shall enter Milan.'"

And he fixed his eyes on Giacomo with a strange expression.

(To be continued.)

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The most deplorable feature of kidney disease consists in its subtle and delusive character, and so insidious are its ravages that many victims do not even suspect its existence until the advanced stages have been reached. The startling statement has been made by prominent doctors that in nine cases out of ten where the invalid thinks he or she is suffering from neuralgia, rheumatism, pleurisy, heart weakness, indigestion, or other acute forms of disease, the pain is in reality due to hidden troubles with the kidneys. And this is not strange when the complicated and delicate construction of the kidneys is considered, together with the further facts that, while they are the most susceptible to attacks, they are called upon to perform more work than any other functions of the body.

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Peter Clinch returned to the city last evening.

BOARD OF WORKS MAKES AN OFFER

But Manager Graham Says His Cold Storage Company Will Not Accept It.

At an adjourned meeting of the board of works yesterday afternoon it was recommended that a block of land situated to the north of Nelson slip and 350 feet east of Union street, should be offered to the Lands Produce & Cold Storage Company, on a ten years' renewable lease, for the erection of their building, at a rental of $250 a year, with tax exemption over $25,000 valuation, on condition that the building be completed this year. The two other sites previously discussed were abandoned for various reasons.

R. J. Graham, the manager of the company, had left the meeting before the resolution was adopted, but in a subsequent interview with a newspaper man he intimated that he could not recommend his company to accept the terms. He contended that the rental was excessive, and that by taxing the undertaking, as was proposed, there was no encouragement to a new industry to locate in St. John and attempt to work up a business. He added that an alternative offer by his company might be expected in a few days.

During the meeting F. E. Williams, who has a plan for a cold storage building on the east side, was heard by the board in opposition to the scheme, and made some rather scathing remarks on the new company and its promoters.

The resolution adopted was as follows:

Resolved, that this board recommend to the common council that an offer be made to the Lands Produce & Cold Storage Company, to be open until the 1st day of May next, of a lease upon conditions hereinafter set forth of the following site that is to say: A block of land situate north of Nelson slip and about—350 feet east of Union street, said block of land being 250 feet east and west and extending from the line dividing the tiers of lots, southerly to within eight feet of the centre line of the Shore Line Railway track as at present located and constructed.

The cold storage building to be erected and plant in operation during the year 1907 costing not less than $100,000 otherwise the agreement to give lease to voided.

Taxes to be exempt over $25,000 in all other respects; act of 1897 Cap. 55 to apply.

Rental to be $250 per year.

Lease for ten years renewable by terms of ten years; at each expiry improvements to be valued by abritrators to be appointed, one by the company, one by the city and the two in case of disagreement to choose a third; the city to have option to take over the property at the valuation so determined or to renew the lease at the rental fixed by the arbitrators.

KIDNEY DISEASE COMES ON QUIETLY

Perhaps no other organs work harder than the kidneys to preserve the general health of the body and most people are troubled with some form of Kidney Complaint, but do not suspect it. It may have been in the system for some time. There may have been backaches, swelling of the feet and ankles, disturbances of the urinary organs, such as, brick dust deposit in the urine, highly colored scanty or cloudy urine, bladder pains, frequent or supressed urination, burning sensation when urinating, etc.

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TRADE WITH THE U. S.

Canada's Trade Shows $50,000,000 Increase in Twelve Months.

Ottawa, April 10—(Special)—The trade returns of the dominion for the past fiscal year indicate that the increase in Canada's trade with the United States has been considerably more than double the increase in trade with Great Britain. The trade with the other British possessions has remained comparatively about the same in volume while the trade with foreign countries, other than the United States shows a fair increase.

The figures for the last month of the fiscal year are not yet available but for eleven months ended Feb. 28th last the increase in imports from Great Britain over the corresponding period of 1905-6 was $13,640,512, and in exports to Great Britain $9,024,030, making a total increase in trade with Great Britain amounting to $22,664,542.

During the same period the increase in imports from the United States was $31,654,696, and on exports $18,309,336, making a total increase in trade with the republic of $49,964,032.

Canada's total trade with the other British possessions increased during the eleven months by $392,162 and with other foreign countries, other than the United States, the increase was $4,727,707.

NEW CHAIR FOR DELMAS

E. LeRoi Willis to Send Thaw's Lawyer a Giant Rocker.

Sydney, N. S., April 10—LeRoi Willis, proprietor of the Sydney Hotel, is forwarding in a few days to Lawyer Delmas, the distinguished member of the San Francisco bar, engaged in conducting the defence in the Thaw trial, a rocking chair made of Cape Breton wood. The following letter of knowledgment has been received by Mr. Willis:

"New York, April 4, 1907.

"E. LeRoi Willis, Sydney:

"Dear Sir: I shall be pleased to receive the gift which you are kind enough to offer, to send as an expression of your good wishes for my success in the case which seems to have won your interest and sympathy.

(Signed) "D. M. DELMAS."

The 5 o'clock tea and sale held yesterday afternoon by the memebrs of the Doorkeepers' Circle of the King's Daughters was much enjoyed. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not as large as was anticipated and the sale will be continued this afternoon, commencing at 3.30 o'clock. During the afternoon Miss Inez Ogilvie gave some excellent music. Mrs. Fiske and Mrs. W. E. Jones presided at the tables.

B. B. Hardwick, of Annapolis, was registered at the Victoria yesterday.

Thomas McAvity went west last evening.

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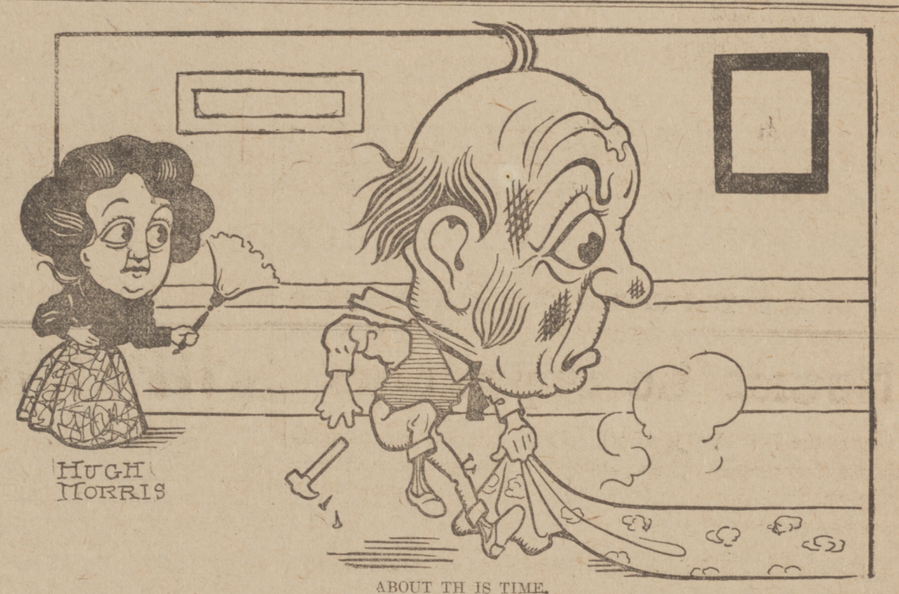
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My eyes and nose are filled with dust,
My face begrimed with smut;
My fingers are all badly smashed,
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My knees are both stuck full of tacks,
My back is broke with pain,
My temper, too, is ruffled up—
I'm cleaning house again.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

EARL GREY TO SPEAK

Ottawa, April 10—(Special)—Enquiry at Government House today elicited the information that the governor general will leave for New York on either Monday or Tuesday of next week. He is going there to attend a banquet to be held on the 17th inst. It is in connection with the peace conference and Earl Grey will be one of the principal speakers.

Last night the Union Hall bazaar proved successful. Tonight the fair will close and a large attendance is looked for. The prize winners last evening were: Door prize, Mrs. Mabee; bean toss, H. Green, mattress; ladies' air gun, Mrs. Green, pickle dish; Mrs. Scott, ladies' bagatelle, sofa cushion; men's, H. Seller, fancy picture.

The News—No Pure Drug Cough Cure Laws would be needed, if all Cough Cures were like Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure is—and has been for 20 years. The National Law now requires that if any poisons enter into a cough mixture, it must be printed on the label or package.

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At the annual meeting of the St. John Real Estate Company yesterday afternoon in the company's office, the shareholders elected the old board of directors, viz: R. G. Haley, J. M. Queen, F. Neil Brodie, Robt. Maxwell and L. P. D. Tilley. The report of Alfred Seeley, the auditor, showing the Company to be in excellent financial standing was received. A half yearly dividend on an 8 per cent per annum basis will be paid on May 1st next.

Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



AN ATTRACTIVE USE OF LACE.

The fashion of combining several laces in a waist or frock grows apace. The prettiest waists of the winter were those of plain or figured net, elaborately inset and trimmed with sometimes as many as four different kinds of lace. Now comes the lingerie frock with the waist made entirely of lace and joined to a skirt of lingerie material by a deep lace girdle, such as illustrated in this frock. In this model the skirt is a robe pattern of fine batiste inset and frilled with Valenciennes and finished with a wide, graduated embroidery flounce. The waist is composed of narrow Valenciennes insertions made frilly with narrow lace ruffles and embellished with large lace and embroidery medallions. The collar is modishly high and properly featherboned, as is the lace girdle.

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