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The Viper of Milan.

A ROMANCE OF LOMBARDY.

BY MARJORIE BOWEN.

(Continued.)
"I only know this," retorted the other. "I would I were the Lady Graziosa," and she looked defiantly at Visconti's angry sister.

"For shame, Costanza," said Valentine. "Remember yourself."
They stood in silence till, at the turn of the street, another splendid cavalcade crossed theirs. It was the Lady Graziosa and her suite. Tizio Visconti and d'Orleans were in attendance; she rode a white palfrey.

The sun lay tenderly in her soft hair; her green dress was covered with pearls, and round her throat she wore the emerald jewels in Italy, robbed from Della Scala.

Valentine noticed them, she noticed Graziosa's happy face, the joy she took in the homage paid her, in Visconti's success that so galled her, Visconti's sister, and a sudden purpose rose in her eyes.

She smiled at Graziosa, and rode up to d'Orleans; the Frenchman remarked with pleasure how she outshone the Duke's betrothed. The deep blue of her velvet robe made her skin appear of dazzling fairness, her hair was like burnished gold, her mouth like a red flower, but her eyes, for all her smile, as dangerous as Gian Maria's could be as mad, almost as wicked.

"We are well met, my lord," she said, smiling. "Have there been even greater victories?"

"I know not lady; they say something of Luca having fallen," returned d'Orleans. "I have been escorting the Lady Graziosa to view the new church—by the Duke's orders," he added in a lower tone, "could I have chosen my companion it would not have been she."

Valentine listened with downcast eyes, playing with the rubies at her wrist. Her escort was grouped about her, and Costanza glanced aside at her curling lips with some mistrust.

"The Lady Graziosa is happier and fairer today," she whispered to her companion, and Valentine overheard and smiled the more.

"And my brother, the Duke?" she asked.
"I have not seen the Duke all day," replied the Frenchman. "There is talk of an embassy to the enemy—confusion and crowding."

"You have been riding Milan to see the rejoicings?" interrupted Valentine, and she raised her eyes to Graziosa once—her glance was not pleasant—then she fell to glancing with her bracelet again.

"Yes," said Graziosa innocently. "My lord bade me ride to the new church."
She was very happy and affection well-up in her tender heart, even for the woman who had used her so cruelly—for she was Gian's sister.

With a timid gesture she held out her little hand to Valentine.

"Will you not ride back beside me?" she asked, pleadingly.

But Valentine ignored her hand and her request.

"Have you visited any other churches in your ride?" she asked.

"What other church in Milan should interest the Lady Graziosa?" asked d'Orleans wearily, fearing to be sent back on some distasteful journey.

"I did not know—I thought there might be one—Santa Maria, close to the western gate."

And Valentine looked straight at Graziosa, who paled beneath her tone.

"How should that interest me?" she faltered.

Costanza put her hand on Valentine's sleeve.

"Have a care," she whispered. "Not before them all, madama, for pity's sake!"

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Daily Fashion Note for Times Readers.



NOVEL IN MODE AND MATERIAL.

The vogue of polka dots is responsible for some of the most charming separate waists we have this season. Soft, sheer silks, chiffons, mousselines and even lawns in dark colors, blue, brown and black are seen, with a satin stripe over-dotted with a spot of white. These are the materials which are used in some of the prettiest dressy separate waists quite simply with bits of fine lace. The striped dotted chiffon over white taffeta. The body of the waist is laid in three half-inch tucks, either side of the center front, which give the necessary fullness over the bustline and blouse at the belt. The back is treated in the same way, and the neck, both back and front, is cut in a shallow V and the points of the material laid back in revers and outlined with embroidery applique. The neck is filled in with a chemise of Irish crochet and Val insertion over white mousseline, the collar supported with fine featherbone and finished at the top with a blue satin piping. The sleeves are full, simple puffs to the elbow, finished with a narrow puff of cluny, headed with a Val lace edged flit of blue satin.

glancing at de Lana, wondered if she were to be murdered before their eyes.

Under the look in her brother's face Valentine stepped back again and huddled herself against the wall; she saw Visconti draw his dagger—and she hid her eyes—but motionless and without a sound.

"I have had enough of you," said Visconti, and strode down upon her in a white madness of fury, forgetful of all else.

"I will clear you from my path—yes, as I did the others." Then he looked at de Lana, and something in the soldier's face told him he would have to kill him first.

"And as I will any who oppose me," he cried, furiously. "Am I not the Duke of Milan? Take thy hand from thy sword de Lana. Now we will settle scores. Valentine, 'His hand was lifted, Giannotto turned his face away, and de Lana had thrown himself forward, when a light knock on the door close by broke the moment's silence, and Visconti's hand sank to his side.

"Open!" he cried. "It is the messenger from the Lady Graziosa," and de Lana, eagerly seizing the interruption, flung wide the door.

Visconti looked up and met Valentine's eyes, and she knew how near she was to death.

"My lord," said de Lana, returning, "the Lady Graziosa hath recovered—there is no fear of her life, my lord."

"Ah!" Visconti returned his dagger to its sheath, and Giannotto gave a gasp of relief.

(To be continued.)

Crippled With Rheumatism

CURED BY GIN PILLS

Mr. Derragh certainly did have a hard time of it, winter before last. Caught cold, and it settled in his kidneys. First thing he knew, he was in bed with Rheumatism. He nearly went mad, the pain was so intense. The doctors gave him the usual treatment—drugs, but never such a happy man in your life, after he had taken two boxes. Pain all gone—stiffness and lameness completely left—that ache in back and hips disappeared—and he was well in no time. That was two years ago and he has been in perfect health ever since.

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SENATE BAR TO BE CLOSED

Hereafter the Red Chamber Restaurant Will be Run on Club Principle.

Ottawa, April 25—The senate decided to have its restaurant managed by a salaried superintendent on the club principle. It was also decided to close the bar.

There was a good attendance at a concert held in Calvin church last night. The entertainment was the last of the season, held by the Young People's Society of the church. The programme, which consisted of musical and literary numbers, was excellent. The following took part: Miss Jean Gordon, Miss Adam, Miss V. Buchanan, Miss Sprout, Miss Gerie McHarg, Lester Hayward, Mr. Stokes and Master Harry Heans. Refreshments were served.

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WEDDINGS

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The bride and groom were kindly remembered by their relatives and friends. They will reside in Boston for the summer.

Manager Gorbell of the Seamen's Institute acknowledges with thanks receipt of 23 lbs. 3d. from Capt. Curry of the steamer Lake Erie, proceeds of collection on the steamer on the voyage to St. John.

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THE NEW Y. M. C. A.

Tenders for the New Building Were Accepted Yesterday—Subscriptions Received.

At a meeting of the board of management and board of trustees of the Y. M. C. A. Thursday tenders were accepted for the new building, which will be commenced at an early date. A ways and means committee was appointed and an active campaign to secure the balance required to complete the building fund will be commenced at once.

The committee decided to accept the following tenders for the classes of work tendered for:

Painting and glazing—H. L. & J. T. McGowan.
Street metal work—James McDade.
Wrought and cast iron work—James Fleming & Co.
Carpentry and joinery—A. Dodge.
Masonry—R. Maxwell.

A resolution was passed that the successful tenderers should be notified and that contracts should be signed by May 15. L. P. D. Tilley, the president, and George E. Barbour and G. C. Jordan were appointed a committee of ways and means. In addition to subscriptions already promised, the treasurer received Thursday \$100 from Hon. William Pugsley and \$100 from Judge McLeod. The amount now required to complete the building fund is \$5,000, and the committee will at once begin an active canvass to receive this sum.

ALFONSO AND EDWARD

Their Meeting Will Result in a Better Understanding Between Great Britain and Spain.

NEW YORK, April 25—A despatch from Madrid says: "The Correspondencia de la Espana says it has diplomatic authority for stating that the effect of the meeting of King Alfonso and King Edward at Cartagena was the perfection of a far-reaching understanding for the purposes of war and peace. It would have been considered in the last century, according to the paper, an alliance, but in modern diplomatic language it is an 'entente cordiale.' Everything concerning Morocco was ratified, everything in reference to the general European situation was discussed, and the basis was formulated of an agreement which is now in the hands of the diplomatists."

London's Homeless

LONDON, April 24—According to a census taken by the London County Council, one person out of every 2,000 of London's population is homeless. The percentage is growing every year.

It is interesting to note what the facilities are for obtaining cheap food. At a mission in Shoreditch 500 men are fed daily for four cents a meal. Free food is distributed to an average of 350 on Sundays and 900 on Thursdays.

From 900 to 1,500 are supplied on the Thames, Embankment with soup and bread nightly, and 400 bread tickets are distributed nightly in Limehouse. In this manner the London County Council's report says, a man can live, so far as food is concerned for four cents a day.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER

LONDON, April 25—"Pedlar" Palmer, the ex-champion bantam weight English pugilist, and another man, were arrested at the Purley railway station yesterday on suspicion of having caused the death of an unknown man, whose body was found in the carriage of a train coming from Epsom after the races, in which Palmer and his companion had ridden. The man apparently was killed by heavy blows. Other passengers heard the sounds of a violent quarrel coming from the carriage occupied by the party.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Maud M. Holmes, wife of H. Fenwick Holmes, died of heart trouble, at Sussex Portage (N. B.), on April 25, after an illness of four years, the last year and a half being in New Brunswick. She had previously lived in Rat Portage, Ontario, now called Kenora. Mrs. Holmes was a daughter of the late Charles H. English, and granddaughter of the late Judge A. K. Snedden Wetmore, of Woodstock (N. B.), one of the New England loyalists. She spent the early part of her life in Woodstock, and taught for a number of years in the Sunday school and sang in the choir of the English church of Woodstock. She will be buried in the church yard at Sussex Portage. She was always a devoted and attached member of the Church of England.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Forster intend returning to St. Andrews to take up their residence.

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