CMAPTER VII.—(Continued.) The president looked round the assem bly, rose in the midst of a profound silence, stretched out his arm toward the general, who stood cold and passionless before him, and, after darting at him a withering glance through the holes made In the crape that concealed his face, he said, in a grave, stern and impressive voice :

"Caballeros, remember the words you are about to hear. In the first place, in order to reassure you and restore your freedom of mind, learn that you have tions, the inutility of some of which I not fallen into the hands of Indians thirsting for your blood, or of pirates who intend to plunder you first and assas-sinate you afterward. When you have meted as impartial witnesses you will be at liberty to continue your journey, without the forfeiture of a single article. The rnen seated on my right and left, although masked, are brave and honest hunters. The day may perhaps arrive when you will know them; but reasons, whose importance you will speedily recognize, compel them to remain unknown for the pres-

One of the travelers belonging to the second caravan stepped forward; he was a young man, with elegant and noble features, tall and swell built.

"Caballero," he answered, in a distinct voice, "I thank you, in the name of my companions, for the reassuring words you have spoken. I know how implacable are the laws of the desert; but permit me to ask you one question." "Speak, caballero."

"Is it an act of vengeance or justice you are about to carry out?" "Neither, senor."

"Enough of this," the general said haughtily; "and if you are, as you assort, an honorable man, show me your face."

"No, Don Sebastian," said the president, "for in that case the game would

not be even between us." The general attempted to smile, but in spite of himself the smile died away on his lips. The president looked round

with flashing eyes and began speaking again in a sharp, cutting voice. "Now, listen, senores," he said, "and

judge this man impartially; but do not judge him according to prairie law, but to gour hearts. Gen. Don Sebastian Gueris standing so bold and upright before you at this moment, is one of the time is immense, almost incalculable.

This man, by the mere strength of his will, and the implacable egotism that forms the basis of his character, has always succeeded in everything he has undertaken. Coldly ambitious, he has covered with corpses the bloody road he has followed to attain his proposed object, and he has done so without hesitation or remorse; he has looked on with a smiling face, when his dearest friends and nearest relations fell by his side; for him nothing which men respect exists. He had a daughter, who was the perfection of women, and he coldly lacerated her heart; he finally drove her to suicide, and the blood of the poor girl spurted on his forehead while he was irlumphantly witnessing the legal murder of the man she loved, and whose death he resolved on because he refused to palter with his honor. This human-faced tiger, this monster with the mocking skeptical fact, you see, senores, has only one thought, one object, one desire—to attain the highest rank, even if, to effect it, he were compelled to clam-ber over the peating corpses of his nearwe out an independent kingdom in lapsing republic, which is called be wishes to seize, at least, on preme magistracy, and be elected sident. This man is Gen. Don Sebasian Guerrero, military governor of So-

"Oh!" the audience said involuntarily. as they instinctively recoiled in horror. "If this man is the ex-governor of Sonora," the hunter who had already spoken said, in disgust, "he is a wild" beast, whom his ferocity has placed beyoud the pale of society, and it is the duty of honest men to destroy him."

"He must die! he must die!" the newcomers exclaimed.

CHAPTER VIII.

"Nonsense," said the general, shrugging his shoulders with a contemptuous smile. "I know now who you are; your hatred of me has unconscously discovered you. Remove that veil which is no Longer of any use. You are the French filme path to impede my projects, or overaunter whom I have constantly met in

mmunicaring dd," the hunter interrupted, "and you will ever meet. Brothers," he completed immediate the turning to his assistants, "my mask ve MacLean to a set for my plans of vengeance that ne armies of Eurouid remain unknown."

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Get Three More Optine Guillois!" the general ex-'ortland, Aug. 15.—T "I was sure of it."

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rtland yesterday in the hen my unhappy friend fell at ikebreakers. Two of ors were assigned to 1 I intended to kill you; but reestern Union office early ort n came, and I saw that it hile the third, Charles tter to let you live. Thanks Astoria, was pressed i all eek after the Mexican governce of the Postal. Withgood tisfied with disavowing your on of these additions betterry and refused to explain to betterry and refused to explain to brobabes of their conduct." that were

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musually propitien, like yourself, they bountiful harvest, acould not remain long blow that had fallen-

nora and proceed to Mexico, where, thanks to your colossal fortune and the influence it would necessarily give you, you could carry on your ambitious projects. Your preparations were soon made -listen attentively, general, for I assure you that I have reached the most inter-

esting part of my narrative.

"As you fancied, for certain reasons which it is unnecessary to remind you of, that your enemies might try to lay some ambush for you, you thought it necessary to take the following precaupresume that you have recognized. While, for the purpose of deceiving your enemies, you started in disguise, and only accompanied by a few men, for California, in order to return to Mexico across the Rocky mountains; while you gave questioners the fullest details of the road you intended to follow, with your men-your real object was different. The man in whom you placed your confidence, Don Isidro Vargas, who had known you when a child, and whom you had converted into your tool, took the shortest, and, consequently, most direct route for the capital, having with him not only twelve mules loaded with gold and silver, the fruit of your plunder during the period of your command, but a more precious article still, the body of your unhappy daughter, which you had embalmed, and which the captain had orders to inter with your ancestors at your Hacienda del Palmar. Your object in acting thus was not only to divert attention from your ill-gotten riches, but also to attract your enemies after yourself. Unfortunately, I am an old hunter so difficult to deceive that my comrades gave me long ago the glorious title of the Trail-hunter, and hence, I alone was not deceived."

"Still your presence here gives a striking denial to the assertion," the general interrupted.

"You think so, senor. That proves you are not thoroughly acquainted with me: but patience, I hope that you will, ere long, appreciate me better. Again, you have not reflected on the time that has elapsed since your departure from Her-

"What do you mean?" the general asked, with a sudden start of apprehension. "I mean that before attacking you, I resolved to settle matters first with the captain.

"Well, general, it is my painful duty to inform you that four days after he left Pitic, our brave friend Don Isidro fell into an ambuscade resembling the one into which you fell to-day, with this ex-

"What exception?" the general asked, with greater interest than he would have liked to display. "My men were so imprudent," the

hunter continued, "as to leave the captain the means of defending himself. The result was that he died, bravely fighting to save the gold you had intrusted to him, and the coffin containing your daughter's corpse."

"Well, and I presume you plundered the caravan, and carried off the gold and silver?" he asked, contemptuously. "So, most probably, you would have

acted under the circumstances. Don Hebastian," the hunter answered, "but I thought it my duty to act differently. What could you expect? I, a coarse, uneducated hunter, do not know how to plunder, for I did not learn it when I had the honor to serve my country. This is what I did; so soon as the captain and the peons he commanded were killed-for the poor devils. I must do them the justice to say, offered a desperate resistance -I myself, you understand, friend, I myself conveyed the money to your Hacienda del Palmar, where it now remains in safe-

The general breathed again, and smiled ironically. "Instead of blaming you ircnically. "Instead of blaming you, senor," he said, "I, on the contrary, owe you thanks for this chivalrous conduct." "Do not be in such a hurry to thank the hunter answered; "I have not

told you all. Captain Don Isidro Vargas not only escorted the money, but there was also a coffin. Well, general, why do you not ask me what has become of that

An electric shock ran through the audience on hearing the ironical question so coldly asked by the hunter.

"What!" Don Sebastian exclaimed. "The assassin can have no claim to the body of his victim, and you are morally your daughter's murderer, I have robbed you of this body, which must rest by the

side of him for whom she died."

There was a moment's silence. The general's face, hitherto pale, assumed a greenish hue. At length he yelled in a hourse and hissing voice:

"It is not true; you have not done this. You cannot have dared to rob a father of his child's body,"

"I have done it, I tell you," the hunter said coldly. "I have taken possession of the body of your victim, and now you enderstand me; never shall you know where this poor body rests. But this is on't the beginning of my vengeance. What I wish to kill in you is the soul and not the body; and now begone, and remember that you will find me in your path everywhere and ever."

"One last word," the general exclaimed, affected by the deepest despair, "restore me my daughter's body; she was the only human creature I ever loved.'

The hunter regarded him for a moment with an undefinable expression, and then in a harsh and coldly mocking voice,

Then, turning away, he re-entered the grotto, followed by his assistants.

Don Sebastian, who was the more overwhelmed by the last blow because it was unexpected, stood for a moment like a man struck by lightning. At last a heartrending sob burst from his bosom, two burning tears sprang from his eyes and

he rolled like a corpse on the ground. In the meanwhile the Jester had ordered the peons to saddle the horses and load the mules. The general was placed by two servants on a horse, without apesolved to leave So- pearing to notice what was done to him, and a few moments later the caravan left

he fort of the Chichimeques, When the Mexicans had disappeared in he windings of the road Valentine emerged from the grotto, and walked courteously up to the hunters.

"Forgive me," he said, "not the delay, but the involuntary alarm I caused you; but I was compelled to not as I did. You are going to Mexico, where I shall soon be myself, and it is possible that I may require your testimony some day."

'A testimony which will not be refused," the first hunter gracefully answer-

"What!" the hunter exclaimed amazement, "are you French?"

"Yes, and all my companions. have come from San Francisco, where, thanks to Providence, we amassed a fortune, which we hope to double in the Mexican capital. My name is Antoine Imperial. The first named is largely Rallier, and these are my brothers, Edward and Augustus; the two ladies who accompany us are my mother and sister." The hunter pressed the hand his coun-

tryman offered him. "Then," he said, "I will not let you go alone! These mountains are infested

by dangerous bandits, but with my proection you can pass anywhere." "I heartily accept the offer; but why do you not come with us to Mexico?"

"That is impossible for the present." Two hours later the Fort of the Chlchimeques had returned to its usual solitude; white men and Indians had abandoned it forever.

CHAPTER IX. We will now leap over about two conths, and invite the reader to accompany us to the heart of Mexico, to the capital. Half-past nine was striking by the cathedral clock at the moment when a dull sound resembling the rustling of reeds shaken by the wind was audible on the gigantic highway joining the city to mainland. This sound soon become more distinct, and changed into the trampling of horses, which was deadened by the damp air and the ground, softened by a lengthened rain. A black mass emerged from the fog, and two horsemen wrapped moonlight.

These horsemen seemed to have made a long journey. They at last reached a low roofed house through whose dirty panes a doubtful light issued, which showed that the inhabitants were still awake.

The horsemen stopped before dismounting one of them gave the door no hurry to answer, and would have probably left the strangers for some time in the cold if the man who had kicked, probably tired of waiting, had not thought of an expeditious means of obtaining an an-

bullet through his window."

ere the door opened as if by enchantment and the landlord appeared on the thresh-

"Believe me, senor, that if I had known what a distinguished caballero did me the he said. "A truce to such impertinent remarks,

and open the door."

A glance was sufficient for the travelers to understand the place to which accident had led them, still they did not disas they could at a table, and the one who had hitherto addressed mine host went

"Look here, we are dying of hunger, natron: could you not serve us up a morsel of food?"

"Hum!" said the host, with an embarrassed air, "it is very late, caballero, and I don't believe I have even a maize tortilla left in the whole house."

"Nonsense," the traveler replied, "I know all about it, so let us deal frankly with each other; give me some supper, plants under. for I am hungry, and we will not squabble about the price."

"Even if you paid me a plastre for every tortilla, excellency, I really could not supply you with two," the landlord replied, with increased constraint. (To be continued.)

Senntor's 'ife an Architect. Mrs. Berri Chapman Hansbrough, wife of the senior Senator from North Dakota, is original among the social put through the reel of wire as shown leaders of the National Capital in that she is a clever architect, and were she not blessed with plenty of the needful gold, she might be reaping laurels in that honored branch. Mrs. Hansbrough designed the handsome home in which she and the Senator pass the winter. As a remarkably well-made gown calls forth the query, "Who is your modiste?" so all of Mrs. Hansbrough's visitors look around admiringly and ask, "Who was your architect?" She could have received a score of orders had she wished to enter competition with the experts. Her dining-room, a sunny apartment with a southwestern exposure, is a symphony of browns and reds, with illuminated leather walls, a ceiling painted in oil by the fair hands of the owner, and the grandest of old Flemish carved oak buffet, tables, and chairs. Mrs. Hansbrough was an artist before she was married to the statesman, but she has recently taken a course of architectural design in a famous New York Institute.-New York Press,

Shopping.

There is nothing finer for the temnew frocks takes a woman out of herself. Cut a woman off her shopping, and the result may be disastrous .-London World,

What the Stork Learned.

afraid they'll displease your patrons? bird made its home in Madagascar, and says he often hears 'em telling each known to exist. Each is a foot long

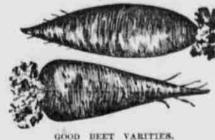
one.-Puck.



Excellent Sugar Beets.

Those who have raised beets for sugar know the value of the two varities shown in the illustration. The one on the right is the famous Klein Waenzelben sugar beet; the other the planted for sugar making, and they are rich in sugar. The Imperial is also a good sugar beet for sugar making. In this item, however, attention is called to these two sorts as being especially valuable to raise for the winter feeding of stock and especially of the cow.

Being rich in sugar, they will supply much food matter, and at the same time give the needed amount of green or succulent food so much needed by cows during the winter. Neither variety is especially new, but they have



not been so freely planted as they should be. The seed is low in price, and it will pay any one with stock to in thick cloaks stood out distinctly in the plant a small field. Both varieties are exceedingly productive, and they will grow in any good soil.

How to Find Scale Insects.

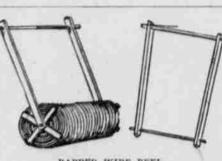
Prof. Troop of the Indiana Expert mental Station gives the following directions in a recent bulletin: In lookhouse, which was an inn, and without ing for the scale insect most persons will pass it by unnoticed on account of two or three kicks and called the host in its very small size. The female scale a loud, sharp voice. The latter was in is only one-twenty-fifth of an inch in diameter, while the male is only about half that size. The shape of the fe male is nearly circular, while the male is more elongated. The female is sharply convex or conical in the center. This "Ah!" he shouted, as he drew a pistol last characteristic will help to distinfrom his holster and cocked it, "since this guish it from many of the other more dog is resolved not to open, I will send a common species. Its color is nearly like the bark on which it is found, An-This menace had scarce been uttered other distinguishing character is found in the reddish discoloration of the bark immediately surrounding the scale, extending through both the outer and inner bark. These characters will enable honor of stopping before my humble one with an ordinary pocket magnifydwelling, I should have hastened to open," ing glass to readily detect the presence of the insect.

Cowpeas as Orchard Cover.

Growers of peaches are using cowpeas as cover crops in the orchard. The vines shade the land, and may be turnplay any of the disgust with which the ed under when the pods are nearly ripe, sight of this cut-throat den inspired them, or may remain as a mulch in winter. It They seated themselves as comfortably is more profitable to use the vines for food for cattle, but, at the same time, if a mulch is required, it is well to grow the mulch, especially when a leguminous plant answers so well. One advantage in growing the cowpea is that it is almost a sure crop, and lime or wood ashes may be used as a fertilizer with it. The peach orchard will in no manner be injured by growing the cowpea as long as the land is given the benefit of the crop by plowing the

Handy Fencing Device.

A very handy device to be used in handling barbed wire is shown herewith. Take two strips 21/2 inches wide and 30 inches long and bore holes through each end. Through these, says Farm and Home, put old broom handles or any round stick, and fasten by driving a nall through the square timber. Leave one loose so that it can be



BARRED WIRE REEL.

in the cut. The spool of wire may be enrolled by drawing it over the ground with this simple device.

Corn Cultivation.

When cultivating young corn it must be done in a manner to destroy all weeds; hence shallow cultivation may not answer, as the weeds must be destroyed by any method possible, rather than to permit them in the cornfield. But after the corn is well advanced it may prove detrimental to run the cultivator deep, as it then cuts many roots. Root cutting has been tested and found injurious. After the weeds are killed the only work required is to keep about per than a new hat, no balm for hurt an inch or two of the surface soil feelings like a fresh gewgaw. Ordering loose, in order to conserve moisture, as well as to put an end to any young weeds that may be ready to start.

Two Gallons in One Egg. Worth \$300, an egg of a tall, flightless bird, the aepyornis maximus, is on The Owl-Twins, ch? Ain't you exhibition in Liverpool. This gigantic The Stork, Certainly not. Cupid only twenty of its mammoth eggs are other that two can live as cheaply as and nearly a yard in circumference. One will hold two gallons of water.

Effect of the New Ment Law. One highly important result of the new laws regulating the meat packing business may already be seen in the tendency to keep more stock. "I am going to increase my herds a little," a leading farmer says; and the arguments he uses are these; More pork, beef and mutton will be eaten hereafter. Folks are satisfied now that the packers will send out only good, pure meat, and they will use it freely. Some one must grow the cattle to make this meat. We might as well all have a hand in it. Not that all should drop everything else and put the eggs all into the meat-growing basket; if we did that there would be a big crash, but we can keep more stock and make it pay. And this is a sensible view to take of the matter. It will mean better times for farmers all over the country.

Better Cultivation.

The farmer should endeavor to increase his proportion of wheat by better cultivation rather than by planting more acres. The latter method is be ing adopted in other countries that have the available area. Our people have an immense area of wheat culture in foreign lands to compete with, lands where labor is cheap. Europe, except perhaps in Russia and Roumania and India, have dense populations and are less dangerous competitors. European and Asiatic Russia, Argentine and perhaps before many years large areas of Africa will be in the market against ux. We must diminish the cost of production by improved methods.-Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

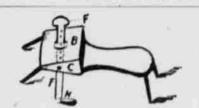
The Disc Harrow.

Too much reliance is placed on the disc harrow as a substitute for the plow. There is no implement more useful than the disc harrow in some lines, but its place is to cut up the sod and 1619-First legislative body of English render the soll fine after the land has been plowed though farmers frequently use the disc barrow for preparing stubble land, leaving out plowing altogether. There is something more in plowing than simply loosening the ground for seed. When land is properly plowed it holds more moistures, absorbs warmth rapidly and permits of greater feeding capacity for plants.

Thinning Apples. The effort to produce the seeds of apples exhausts the tree more than to produce the much larger quantity of ment, because seeds contain a much larger proportion of the mineral elements. As much meat (or pulp) can be grown on 500 fine, large apple trees as upon 1,000 small, inferior ones, but the production of seeds will only be onehalf as great. This "thinning" not only adds to the value of the present crop. 1782 Savanuah evacuated by the Brisbut economizes the energies of the tree for future use.

Draw-Knife Bench.

(2-inch oak), 6 feet long and 12 or 14 delphia for ten years, and thereafter inches wide. Next take a piece of some 20 or 24 inches long and 3 or 4 inches



DRAWKNIFE BENCH. wide, and shape like (C). Nail one on each side, as in cut, after having bored a hole near the middle of each. Na!l on end piece (D). Nail on (B), having first chiseled a hole 6 or 8 inches long and 3 or 4 inches wide in it to admit of lever (F).

About Chickens.

Keep the early pullets for next year's layers, and kill off all the young cockerels for market, so as to give the pullets more room. They should be kept in good growing condition, so as to reach maturity before November, in order to become winter layers. Late pullets seldom begin to lay until spring.

Man Not Born to Read.

Many of the commonest physical defects of civilized man are due to an imperfect adaptation of his body to new conditions of life. Nearsightedness is an example.

C. W. Saleeby, the English writer on scientific subjects, says that all the talk about the degeneration of the human eye is "undiluted nonsense." The truth is that "man was not born to read." An instrument made for seeing long distances is forced to accommodate itself to little marks and signs on a piece of paper. Says Dr. Saleeby "The eye which we have inherited from our ancestors is one that is used without effort at long range, merely containing within it an apparatus enabling it at the cost of nervous and muscular effort to be used at short

The general need of glasses arises from the necessity in modern life of the use of the eyes at short distances. If the eye were naturally focused upon near objects the advantage, as Dr. Saleeby admits, would be great. However, he continues, "If one started to make a list of the bodily characters of man which the amazing development of his intelligence has rendered more or less appropriate to his needs than originally one would require a volume."

Breeding Salty Onlons.

Joseph Zuch, an enterprising gardener of Marietta, Pa., succeeded in raising a variety of onions which have salt flavor, so that no seasoning at all is necessary, whether eaten raw or

Insult and Repartee. The difference between repartee and insult depends on whether you or the other man makes the remark.-Life,



1174 Henry II. paid penance at the tomb of the murdered Archbishoo . Becket.

1191-Acre taken by Richard L and other Crusaders after two years' 1302-Flemings defeated the Count of

Artois at Courtray. 1450 Jack Cade, who raised an insusrection in Kent, killed.

1460 Henry VI. taken at Northampton (War of the Roses). 1537-Almagro defeated Alvarado at

Abancay. 1584 - William, Prince of Orange, amps. sinated ... Sir Walter Raleigh land

ed on the Island of Wocokon and named the country Virginia. 1000 Samuel Champlain discovered the lake which bears his name,

men in America met at Jamestowa. Virginia.

1675-Lord Culpeper appointed Governor of Virginia for life.

1685-Duke of Monmouth beheaded.

1700 Swedish army under Charles XL defeated the Russians under Peter the Great at battle of Pultows. 1758-French victorious at battle of Th-

conderogs. 1776-British soldiers under Sir William Howe landed on Staten Island .... Pennsylvania adopted a State co-

stitution. 1778-Articles of confederation signed by the delegates from eight States. 1780-Count de Rochambeau and 6,000 French soldiers arrived at Newport

to aid Americans. 1781-Congress ratified the Articles of Confederation.

1787-Slavery abolished in the territory north of the Ohio river. Make a bench of some heavy timber 1790-Congress decided to meet at Phile-

on the Potomac. 1808-Murat made King of Naples. 1812 Gov. Hull of Michigan made us-

successful attempt to capture Fort Malden. 1814 A British fleet captured Eastport,

Maine. 1815-Napoleon I, surrendered to the captain of the Bellerophon at Rocks

1826 Luther Martin, counsel for Asta Burr in the latter's trial for tres son, died. 1832 First steamboat arrived at Co

cago ... Henry M. Schoolcraft de covered the source of the Mississipp 1835-Liberty bell cracked while being tolled in memory of Chief Justice

Marshall. 1843 - Fremont's expedition sighted Pike's Peak, Colorado. 1846 Commodore Sloat hoisted th

American flag at Monterey. 1849 Restoration of the temporal posts of the Pope proclaimed. 1856 United States Senate rejected W to admit Kansas as a free State ...

British forces evacuated the Crims 1857-Massacre at Cawapore by Nam 1863 Cincinnati proclaimed under ma tial law ... Indiana invaded by Ges

Morgan's Confederate cavalry. 1864-First organized national ba opened in Philadelphia...Riots of anti-draft mobs in New Ys Clty. 1805 Barnum's museum, at Ann ste

and Broadway, New York, destroy 1878 British flag hoisted at Cyprus. 1882 Bombardment of Alexandria.

1883 - "Gen, Tom Thumb" (C. H. Sirs ton), famous dwarf, died. 1884 National Democratic convent at Chicago nominated Grover Cler

land for President. 1800-The President signed the Wyon ing admission bill, . . . The new t ton aqueduct opened in New Ye ... Idaho admitted to the Union, Many lives lost by tornado in M

nesota. 1891—Attempted assassination of Pre dent Carnot of France. 1802-Stewart Free Silver Coinage

defeated in the House of Repres atives . . . . Ravachol, anarchist dynamiter, guillotined in Paris. St. John's, Newfoundland, ass destroyed by fire...An avalant from Mount Blanc destroyed villa and 200 lives.

1894 Constantinople shaken by quake; over 1,000 persons killed-American Rallway Union striks clared off. 1895-Remains of the Pitezel child

supposed to have been murdered H. H. Holmes, discovered at ronto. 1898-The Anglo-American League organized in London.

1900 -Gen. Porfirlo Diaz re-elected I ident of Mexico. 1902-Gen. Kitchener received an

tion on his return to England South Africa.