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CHAPTER L If I take the wings of the morning and the to the others of parks of the earth, even there shad The based find man-John



awe which it arouses exceeds by far such feeling created under ordinary circumstance and in paths of life where such sights are not uncommon. The violent contrast chills and paralyses the senses and for the moment we know not how to act or what to do. We stand and gaze in horror, as if struck dumb, until the actual touth which has burst suddenly upon us is made clear and indisputable, when we begin to use our remaining powers, and look for cause. Such an experience was that of Anton Reyman on a bright July morning, as

Anton was the foreman of the Posada wine cellars. Three years before he had left his home on the Rhine, and could, doing old jobs in various large towns of Middle California, but poor

ward the free, fresh country. man as Anton.

vice and had been rewarded accordingly.

Anton was in a gay mood this morning. He had breakfasted well and had kissed his young wife and year-old leabe. when he parted from them with such bright amiles us he had not worn for many a day. His thoughts were tinged | any reasonable theories. The old man with gayest hoes, and as he walked | knew everybody for miles around, but along he same fastily an old German hunting song in a manner which would

Auton had been born in the midst of beautiful rural somery, but nature had not lost its charm for him. He was never weary of gazing admiringly at the beautiful landscape which lay stretched before him. For him the brown, vineclad hill possessed a never-failing, irresistible charm and he loved to revel in the grandeur of the sight while he compared it with the onchanting country be had left beyond the sea. In this manner was he engaged when he easially withdress his glance from the hill and vineyards and east it on the ground As he did so he halted suddenly and stooped to make certain that it was a thick line of blood which he had bekeld in the dust of the road. No, he had not mistaken. Blood indeed it was but what could it mean? Blood was one of the last things he would be apt to associate with his surroundings here, and

arrestly was now rampant in his mind. He followed the trail a few feet and found that it turned towards the vines. A few steps further and ho saw the body of a large, finely-formed man, lying flat on his back. In almost a single bound he was bestdo it, and then with an throats can possibly atter, he threw up. his arms with mixed feelings of horror



DE THEEW UP HIS ARMS IN HORBOR.

and anguish. "Mein Gottl" he exclaimed, "who has done this?" It was enough to shatter stronger nerves than Anton's, for there, in a pool of his life's bloot, lay his beloved and respected employer, where between two rows of his own carefully tonded wines he had apparently crawled to die,

It almost asemod as though he had with the dirt on the road-side, and had

strength dragged himself to the soft, feetile soil which he had for so many years tilled.

On his face was an expression horrible as that which some of us have seen on the face of a dead soldier, when death has come by a beyonet wound, struck by a hand skilled in the use of that weapon, boulds which he lay in a listless attirule. His arms were spread outward and one knee bent; while his eyes were unclosed, and, although covered by the glassy film of death, seemed to gaze upword with a wild, weird stare. Every thing pointed to a cruel, audden and unexpected end.

Who has not at one time or another experienced the awful, inexplicable sensation which now held full sway over simple-minded Anton? Even at tiave loved and cherished lie cold in death after long and tedious sicknesswhen we stand in the presence of the King of Terrors, after we have been, sorlars, sadly waiting his arrival for rather too perfect for the locality. many days even then we are prone to ask: "Can this be our friend slooping his last sleep? Can this be he who a few days since?" And sudden death only intensifies this dreadful inability to grasp and comprehend what is, alas,

Yesterday, Mario Delare, in the warm | winerwise.

had come to tempt fortune in the land | that Mario Delaro, the beloved of all | of the setting sum. For months he had | who knew him, the man who never wandered around carning what little he | feared to face his enemy, had been

success, or rather entire lack of success. which his soul was filled prevented him the books. at last made him so disgusted with city | from action, so that for many mements life that he turned his back upon bricks he knelt staring at the corpse, as and mortar and set his face and feet to though he expected to see it come to

In his old home he had learned At last, however, he awakened to the enough to make him a very useful hand | necessity of the hour and arose to look in a vineyard or a wine cellar, and after around. There was not a being in wearying in his useless efforts to reap a sight, so without stopping for further fortune from the sidewalks of San Fran- reflection he bastened in the direction cases, he had found his way to the beauth of the cellars, the entrance to which ful and fertile Sonoma valley. His advent | was scarcely a stone's throw from where here was as devoid of good results as his to atood. There he expected he would reaming through San Francisco had find some one He was not disappointed. been until be finally had the good fort- for two of the cellar-men soon appeared une to meet a friend in the person of and in a short time he had told them Mario Delaco, a presperous vintager, the dreadful news, as well as his exwho had noed at that time of such a cited state would permit, and they all three made their way to the victim of a From that day until the one in the | foul and, at present, mysterious crime: early morning of which we find him. They were all Germans and with wending his way to work he had given natural Teutonic caution each refused. of authority was present. One of them was an old man who had worked around the vineyard and cellars for years and the other atall, gaunt young fellow who

was a recent acquisition to the place. Neither of the three could alvance could not remember that Mario had an enemy. Anton had known the dead man for more than two years, and had never heard a bitter word spoken of him, while the youngest man of the three only knew that during the short time he had been there he had received his pay regularly, and had heard his em-

ployer spoken of as a good fellow. The other two looked to Anton for some suggestion, and he gave the only one of which he could think. It was that the young man should make all haste into the town of San Paola and inform the authorities of what had happened, without letting any more

The messenger washardly out of sight bis wife - pior souls" asked the officer. when the two watchers fell to talking

violent death.

harsh or unkind word from him since the brish trut, and the sad little party through a peop note before the appli-

The oil man could go further back moved on at a slower pace. -told of deeds and acts of charity which

would ever tire of talking about lime, to America immediately after the close and when they crossed for a moment of the civil war, while he was still a ber, and would reserve to any means in account an account a strengt sense. to nulogise his character they would Fouthmeasurger was seen returning up the which had turned out a failure. road followed by two uniformed officers: Young Mario full of pluck and apirit, the only two of which the little town determined not to become in any way could boast) accompanied by another dependent on his father in his strait-

man in civilian's clothes. dead man lay, they were evertaken by luch in California. Like many others, a doctor who had received instructions before and since, he was doesned to to follow them and had done so, calling | meet with some hitter disappointments, Into service the wagon and herse of a but as he had made up his mind to hat-The sight of these people gave Auton | little fear that he would starve. infinite relief, and he breathed more the first tried the mining districts, easily when he felt that the care of his but there not with indifferent success.

body was the marshal. He took a care. there. There he was more successful ful survey of the surroundings, but and soon saved several thousand dolfound nothing that aroused his curiosity larsin an unusual degree; nothing that would serve as a clew, or indicate that dram life of the city, he resolved on there had been a struggle. The dector, trying his hand in the wine-growing with the with the assistance of the others, ex. districts, and bought a few acres of land amined the body, and found only the one wound immediately below the left shoulder blade, though that was evident by very deep.

In the fertile Sonoma valley.

Owing to his imperfect knowledge of the beaters he at first lost a great deal of money in the wenture, and by the

therefore with his last remaining a strong arm and hand, which had not errod in its purpose. It was useless to surulus, there was nothing to say in matter except the plain, harrible tenth that it was a cold-blooded murder, though whose hand had dealt the blow no person could imagine.

The officers noted all the particulars. which they possibly could, and the doctur, having taken a diagram of the exnot position of the body, there was

nothing left to do but to remove it. They carefully carried the remains to magon and covering it up with some coupty bags the metancholy little procension started for the town. They had not gone for when they were met by a man en herseback. His appearance demorrance in the community. He was tall but rather thin and had a very pereptible steep, although hoing on been back it was not easily noticed. His eyes over jet black and were covered by teary, bushy eyesbrows: his heard was carefully terminal and his dress

While the expression on his face was not repulsive, it was of a kind which would cause a man to exercise extremetook our hand and spoke so choselly but care and caution in dealing with him. A clance at his features was enough to make clear the fast that he was not Stancisco and made frequent demands he make got clear with his share of the American been although his dress and for money, which at first Mario in- bioty,

inquired: "What is the meaning of this fired. cause of this terrible spectacle.

He examined the breast of the deal man, but found an wound; then he noticed that the blood hal flower from



"- WHAT HAVE YOU LYING IN THE WAGON?"

man who here the good will of every body, as Mario Delaro did, can have been claim in sold blood?" "Such is the case," calm'y replied the officer.

"And is there nothing to indicate by "Loon Velasquez, on the other hand."

Loon Velasquez, on the other hand. The other hand had a time collect on the case, and the companies of markets of mark

with the body?" pursued the questioner. | amouth and easy. the town and prepare for an inquest," he was answered. "Meanwhile, Mr. Velasques will you kindly undertake to see that the news is gently broken to bloogh none over knew his exact age.

"I can not as present," was the reactor of him who had not with such a with her little daughter, Armida, to iolent death. . . . Santa Rosa, but I will try to make ar-With tears in his eyes and a voice rangements to that the news can not tender regard he had for his dead one to her fromte at Santa Rosa as noon as possiblinself much during the day. player, he mentioned the many fittie I am reach the deput. It is not a long the acted like a man who was afraid of kindnesses he had received from Delars, ride, but I will start at once and join being seen, and his haunts at might and said that he had seldom heard a von later at the mayor's office." Saying | were places where it required a possible | 100

all redounded to the credit of the vin-It seemed as though neither of them Indicates as Italian who had emigrated

His parents had been well-to-do, but endeaves to speculate on the prohable. His parents had been well-to-do, but cause of the murder, but no tangible his faiber met with reverses in consetheory presented itself to either of their quence of a patriotic endeavor to estab-In the space of palf an hour the lish some large factories near to Naples,

Young Mario full of plack and spirit, ened circumstances, so with praise-As they neared the spot where the worthy energy he resolved to try his grocer, with the grocer's boy for driver. He in carnest with the world, there was

ghastly charge was being shared by Still, by hard work he managed to get a little money aboad and drifted to San The first of the officers to approach the Francisco, where he opened a fruit

Plainly the blow had been struck by I time that he had mastered all the nec-

wary points and was turning out safe infactory wines, he found that the poor | cines which many of his competitors ere patting on the market had caused to people to speak disparagingly of concette wines, so that the trade in cens was considerably failer off. However, he continued to persevere in the face of ill fortune, and was at fast rewarded with ancesia.

Eliated with his good fortune, he conselved the idea of becoming part owner and manager of one of the largest winegrowing concerns in Sonoma County, i 2 and in an evil hour took into partnerahip a Portuguese named Leon Velasqued so that he might have the means to purchase some neighboring vinc-

Velasquez brought quite a large sum of money into the business. Though how he came by it was often afterwards a AFTER DINNER THEY REPAIRED TO THE theme for speculation in the mind of

For nearly a year all went well and managed to keep his photograph out of the prospects for the next year were the various regues galleries, quite brilliant. But before the end of A short time before he twelve months' partnership Velasquez Delaro he had been implicated in a egan to show signs of resenting per- | stage-roach robbery in Nevada, but besimal interest in the business.

manners would not have indicated variably met without questioning; but when one day Velacuez proposed to inglest his phenomenal luck should deglow of perfect, healthy mannesed to day, a southest corpec, ghartly and man to lim be stopped his horse and quarrel ensued, caused by Mario's re- hands of justice, he concluded to try a

rash speculation, and frequently lost Velaminis became greedy for more.

The hard that the last two sure for the particular to the fact that the last two sure for the particular to the fact that the last two sure for the particular to the fact that the last two sure for the particular to the particu

in the business. To this Velasquer would not listen his obligations.

wine-cellars and he knew enough to tiflexion. stick to his partner. Mario Delaro had built bimself a re

pleasant from on the billiado a little franciar violence when he stayted bebelow San Paola. To this home he took, to San Paola houset Delaro. He reserve allowedy wife, by whom he had one child. Delares house, where he had also norge responded Velasquez, "and are a daughter, who was at the time of her been a guest, about seven eleck on the there any marks of violence?" 'Indeed there is no doubt but that he has been foully murheanty of her handsome father and the . After dinner he and Delazo repaire! "But, my God." exclaimed Velas- sweetness of her levely nother-the to the library, and commenced to discreas it be possible that a gentle- latter a daughter of a wealthy Spanish; encountered by successful.

"And is their nothing to indicate by who are designed a listory which was again so conversed and the speciment of neglect on the part of one of appears and appears that day, the possessed a listory which was again to neglect on the part of one of appears and appears and the workings." We have carefully scarched and can first how in San Paola with a profiner of the conversation was quiet enough at first and Delaro calmy signed the necessarious growing at the conversation was quiet enough at first and Delaro calmy signed the necessarious growing at west in south

ner of Delaro, and at the time when the partnership was formed be appeared to be nell to see specificling further and be a runn of about thirty-five years, had been If any one had followed him on his

of the excellent qualities in the chars ply, "for she went yesterday morning would have discovered that he went there to participate in all kinds of Josevices, and, as men whose deeds are exitthick with emotion, Annua told of the tweet her waldenly and will telegraph | would have found that he did not ex-

cant was admitted.

It looked as though his seclusion to the quiet Posada vineyard was a forced | Posada one, though he had not apparently enough discretion or force of will in keep entirely from the autide world.

order to gain the material with which to tempt fortune's earls. He had in order to square numbelf, he must jugged olbows with the worst classes of horrow at least twenty thousand dolinteres and villains in San Francisco, lars. and any one aware of his history would to turn referred to lend the amount have known that it was not the first and should proposed that they should time he had associated with question; at on dissolve partnership, offering

able characters.
The fact of the matter was that Velusian in the business.

By V-insques fifty thousand dollars for the same and walked in crime from an early age. His parents had affected consented on syndition that Belief him a good education, and at the age of would give him a note for the name sixteen he had entered a large mercanthon and there, for which he were

tunity which presented itself to steal in the entree of a day of the quite a large sum of money, and, falling the all part Velagora rates Delice. in his efforts to fasten the crime upon a mate for the value of the city as a fellow clerk, he cluded the vigilance of which im held to realize on, and . the Lisbon police and secreted almostly deal was substion a sailing vessel bound for America — It was not of clock by feed the book — back — The captain being susceptible to a bribe — was stilled — At that because it is he managed to land safely in New York. a built seal the sail was Velasquez lost no time in improving colored servant his knowledge of the English language. may not be back till In v. on you.

At Chicago he found his way into a hodgoom," said his muster, ring of gamblers who soon flewest him. "All right, sig," responded the s-



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drifted West, but he always, however,

A short time before he fell in with ing new in that business the authorities

Homening somewhat seared, and fear-It took Auton some moments to recover from the shock, but when he did,
his first thought was to look for the
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his first thought was to look for the few years' seclusion in the valley of the

more of that the blood had flowel from beneath the loft shoulder and he know that Mario Delaro, the belayed of all who knew him, the mast with never the had been street to face his enemy, had been street from behind.

He was mystlind, and the terror with which his soil was filled prevented him from action, so that for many moments he knew to life.

At last, however, he awakened to the corestly of the hour and arose to look around. There was not a being in sight, so without stopping for further.

This and his frequent absence from the Pesada cellars gave Delare good time the Pesada cellars gave Delare good time the possibility then he gave his notes for the Pesada cellars gave Delare good time the pesada cellars gave Delare good time the possibility then he gave his notes for the success twent the value and, after realing sure to Velasques the purchase of his share thousand deliars in debt, with no im-

Volumer was in a lad mood, and

"And what are you now going to do whose path in life was particularly transfer of the mining stock so that receive of our country th the body?" pursued the questioner. | amouth and easy. | We are going to take the body into | As r lated, he soon became the part | take on his return to San Prancisco.



tile house in Lisbon. meh- over a receipt. The papers. He took advantage of the first oppor- dissolution to be filled out and sign

and after perfecting himself as far as not wait up for too; but see that possible he started across the conti- higher are put out except the one at the house of the stairs, and the one in ta-

eat deal side then sank into every kind of tendent that is there a sideral by the vice imaginable. From Chicago he want before your

After such had in a cigar and drank one of the start. Delays are in to start. " her nor company," said

buyers, "I may or the eith you."

cal non-inverse; in Velangues's mind. Her was modificating on essentiting a devel which would share him in comattyours for all the at least,

Herandly weighed the chances of de-

has been bonds wors steeped in with million his reach to radical visual want of money. Dularo had mus upaned him with his repairment, health a his was exasper-

amates to see aper to a difficultation. harmen mu hir a nament," he said,

He was only come for a few moments. A 15 was long energy to get what he

emen on their wall towards the town I on beyond it to the cellars; their concentrate settled and only one or called marriers non-best to discuss, on they were about two hundred eds from the carriers to the cellars, buspace stormed and scated himself

He was always sure of a good thing, as He had realized on his own share of he knew full well, so long as he retained the dealth which Delare was informated his interest in the vineyard and the but Delare had not yet cashed his me bedged the with some work his interest in the vineyard and the but Delare had not yet cashed his me.



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