A LOVER IN BRONZE;

The Bonny Bride of a Gallant Englishman.

conclave - vunt A islands, with whom

intercourse had been cut off, and

cailed the Avenue of Heroes, Some

defunct von Zell had amused himself

one. Some of these statues (all life-

but the attendants were careful not

to disclose this secret to visitors.

There were also many empty pedes-

tals. This lack, instead of grieving

the present proprietor of the Schloss,

pleasure-it suggested picturesque

decay and the rum of departed splen-

dor, though the pedestals had always

"Very odd," said Baron von Zell to

his sister, "this passion for listening

to the nightingales which Hilda has

lately developed; on such dull moon-

ught nights, too. She was never in

he habit of troubling her head about

"It has rather a suspicious look,

Egmont. Are you sure the nightin-

gales are not made a pretext for clan-

destine meetings with that unprinci

paled young Hazledean? I have

Felix on guard, to watch the behavior

"Nothing at all amiss. The two

girls walk quietly up and down the

Avenue of Heroes, Hilda often lean-

ing sentimentally against one of the

statues-or they sit on a bench and

talk. No one approaches, and all

seems open and aboveboard. Felix

ther lootsteps for an hour or two

every evening; still, I don't like to

bade her going out in the evening,

her suspicions of something being

young Hazledean was here, and we

With such disturbing reflections

running riot in his brain, the baron,

to make assurance doubly sure, join-

smoke a eigar, but he took care to

keep his prey always in sight. The

illumed by the stars, but the baron

two ciris in the semi-darkness.

sould easily discern the figures of the

lither and her triented attendant

and Felix were well in the back-

"The old rascal is out himself to-

dreadful scenes. My courage fails me

were afraid of their meeting.

evenings indoors?"

stay indoors:

"And what does he report?"

been unoccupied, and had contributed

nothing to the ornate past.

hightingales..'

easiresss."

Said Baron von Zell to his valet : | except Jack, of course-whose voice "Felix, they say that good-for-naught young Englishman, Leutenant Hazledean, is lurking about Adlerberg again ; is this gossip true?"

"The Herr Baron has heard what is 'a tact. I myself saw him reading the 'spers at the 'Taube' this morn-

"Confound the fellow! You know, Felix-Ahem? These raw fogs give one a throat like a raven's. Felix, you are no tool, and you must have observed-in short, it is the dearest wish of my heart to see my niece Hilda the wife of Count Larie, my cousin. I mean to make the day on wh on we celebrate their maarriage a broky one for you, Feirx, as well as for the rest of us.

The Herr Baron is the soul of goodness on this as on all other occasions," replied the diplomatic Felix, afforced him a kind of sentimental sharpening his ears for the confidence he knew would follow.

Felix had grown gray about the muzzie, so to speak, in the service of Baron Von Zell. He, and he alone, knew of the little mixture in the bottle which kept his master's mustache black and glossy like the raven's wing; his hand adjusted the stavs and shoulder-padding which no one else suspected, and which preserved the figure that was the envy of the baron's contemporaries. It was therefore, but natural and seemly that a valet who so fully understood the physical make-up of his master should have, also, an insight upon his mental machinery.

"I believe and trust," continued the baron, "that my niece is unaware of this mis-guided young man's presence in the neighborhood. There was some silly flirtation between them at Falkenstein. My cousin Adelaide is so lamentably injudicious and careless in such macters, I apprehend of Hiida and her maid. that if opportunity offered for my niece to renew her acquaintance with Lieutenant Hazle ean, it might injure Count Lurie's suit. My c.earheaded sister, the Frei-Fraulein von Zell, will prevent any possible rendeevous, or silly communication of any kind, when my niece drives or walks abroad, and, at the Schloss, I feels much ill-used at having to dog hone my vigilance and yours, Felix, may fru-trate any attempts the young man might make to enter, extensive let nim off till Lurie arrives. Couldn't as the grounds are."

After which long speech, the baron.

Hilda von Zell, nineteen years old, and as bewitching a young goddess as ever vanquished the heart of man, had two idees fixes in her pretty head: amiss would be at once aroused, and one, that she would not marry Count Lurie; and the other, that unless she could be Jack Hazledean's w 5 she would mumble her life away over a string of beads in some convent.

She had met Jack while on a visto her aunt Adelaide, and had found him what most of the world decided down to the lake. him to be-a handsome, hearty, honest tellow, whom any girl might be proud to win. Furthermore, he came of a good Dovenshire family, able to furnish how comfortably with the all one than appears on the surface port substrated good the world our Way else should that substrate Clar

Between Aunt Adelaide, at Falken. I purposly asked Felix, in her hearstein, and the two old people at Al Ing, what strangers were stopping at derberg, there was a long and bitter the 'Taube?' And Hilda, singley. fetal. Adlaide's conduct, views and with such a happy light in her eyes. opinions were all wrong, and it was Last suly English or Scotch ditty, with great reluctance that Hilds was Jock o' Hazledean,' when she believallowed to make the short visit to ed no one was looking or listening I Ablerberg. And in that visit so much have a strong presentment that affairs had occurred to endanger the peace are not going right, and yet I can of mind of Baron von Zell and his discover nothing amiss." sister, set upon their niece marrying Count Lurie.

The count also took fright at the reports he heard, and being in no ed Felix and followed the two girls on this particular evening. He made mind to lose his prize, the lovely Hilda, he circulated stories at Alder. no secre; of his presence to Hilda, but berg very detrimental to the innocent walke i beside her for a turn or two Jack. Count Lurie's elderly relatives on the ayenne, talking with his cusproved themselves only too willing to tomary old-tashioned gallantry. He believe the young Englishman a vil. presently fell behind, ostensibly to lian of the blackest dye.

"Fancy Hilda going away to murky England with this feather-brained night was cloudy, and but faintly ejaculated Fraulein von

s-time in the management of the estate last to us forever. Perish the sammered up and down the path once thought!" replied that desicoated or twice, and then, when the baron stimster's brother.

Alas for the futility of Baron von ground, a very strange thing occur-Zell's calculation and plotting! Hade knew full well of the presence or her extended arm and voluminmous cloak. ancestral village of her faithful opened its mouth, and, in low tones, m els-maligned lover. Love has been gave atterance to these words . known, from time immemorial, to brigh at beckes nother and limity heart. Buy he exten nothing for ance doubly sure; furthermore, a

Hilda was forced either to give up her lover, or resort to subtorfuge, that your jamers are not of hearing, Driving and walking, her aunt kept | Oddly enough, this phenomenal for eye upon her tutently, as the occurrence caused not the least sur- hamiliation to the wrong-headed prescribial cat watches its victim _ prisc to Hilda and her maid. - Clare morse; and when that lady was chen, to whom the Anglo-Saxon off duty, the office of spy was rele- tongue was as Sanserit, sat down Evanteen von Zell's and an enciny of statue, while her young mistress Hilda's since the days when that leaned in a pensive attitude against young lady stole almonds and figs its pedestal. Then this most curious

om the storeroom. • of statues dropped its extended arm, Except for the precious dower of exchaiming. "By Jove! that position from the storeroom. . her beauty, vivacity and grace, Hilda is enough to finish a fellow!" Wherehad not a farthing in the world, upon the hand beneath the cloak Her patrons, her aunt and uncle, her reached down and clasped some tiny, heved that, in providing for the girl soft fingers which stole up to meet it out of their abundance, they had naturally as a cat assimilates the conearned the right to dispose of her hand in marriage as they chose, redearments that followed, too sacred, gardless of her wishes. No one, not or too silly, according to the sentieven a poor relation living in hopes of mental or jaundiced viewe of the auditor, for repetition in prosiac black a legacy, could call Lurie attractive either in appearance or manner. He and white, was nearly old enough to be Hilda's father, and had a peevish, fretral disposition, which he took not the skylt. est pains to control. But, to effect these drawbacks, he was very rich, worse all the time. He is coming

and unquestionably a brilliant part; next week, and then there will be for a portionless orphan. Great pressure was brought to bear at the thought. I have no one to upon Hilda to make her see the ad. help me-you are not there, you know vantage of this match, rendering her | -and it seems sometimes as if I | "I will go with you, Jack," Hilda one but sympathy or patience with dispose of me as they ake.

son e defunct warrior. "My poor little love, how often must I implore you to accept?"
"Hash, Jack! Here they come. Stratch out your arm !"

With military promptness the and stood as if pointing with unerring anger to the exact spot where his writercathing troops could most sectionsly harass the enemy.

Buron von Zeil passed, making some or linary remark to his nices, could scarcely be raised in the family | who sat beside Clarchen on the bench. Was she not cold? -the evenings were getting a little chilly,

Hilda's hard and faster sister Char-"Extraor-linary fancy, moping out chen. The poor victim seemed alarmhere in the dark," muttered the barou; ingly near the sacrificial aiter. Lead-"but it seems innecent enough." ing from the lawn at Schloss Adler-

If the old gentleman's wits had berg to the lake was a long approach been sharpened to that keenness upon which he piqued himself, he would have remembered that, in daytime, and emptied his purse, by having the pedestal behind that particular placed at each ride of this avenue bench, occupied by the two girls, bronze statues of warrors of Napolhore no statue. As the old man passeon's generation and the preceding ed out of earshot, Felix loitering after him, Jack continued: size) were simply of plaster, bronzed;

"Why can you not trust yourself to me, my darling? You love me, do you not?

"Oh, Jack. how can you ask such a queston?" and the little hand shole up again under the folds of the cloak. "If I were to ask your uncle to give you to me, he would probably order his servants to turn me out of the house. I can't win you by a straightforward demand; therefore there remains nothing for us but flight, or separa ion forever. As I have so often explained, it could be so easily managed. We would take Clarchen, and start at once for my aunt's vill, near Paris. She is the kindest soul in the world, and would feel unbounded sympathy for us. We could be married at her house, and then no living soul could mar our harriness."
"But, Jack, dear, isn't there always

something disgracoful in a runaway noticed a certain defiance of manner marriage? "How can there be in this? We

in Hilda of late, which causes me unhave no other alternative. If I "I really must compliment you on leave you here, you will be obliged our astuteness, my dear Isabel. I, to marry, in spite of yourself, that too, have had my suspicions of these nocturnal strolls, and have placed

Hilda trembled, and drew nearer to as much as she could reach of her

"I can't dodge about like this much longer without being found out; it is impossible-a dog might take exception to my being on this perch, and raise a row that would upset everything. Hilda, darling, be the brave little soul that you are, and promise to come with me-to-morrow -to-night, even. We have no time to lise; your hesitation may wreck both our lives. Give me your word now, sweet, that you will trust yours. If to me.

von persuade Hilda to spend her "Not to-night, Jack; give me until looking as fierce as the stable-boy s Scalery, Egmont. You know to make up my mind, At the fate of Hilda and Jack was dark bullang, devoted his attention to his she has always had unrestricted lib- this hour to-morrow I will tell you and threatening, with intermittent erty inside the Schloss gates, providmy decision.

ed Clarchen was with her, If I for-"Thank you for that, dearest, and may kind Heaven grant that you decide for me! And now I am going to jump down for a kis-."

she might discover the truth-that 'No, Jace; the risk is too great. Good-night, and ife cancious, I beg of you. Come, Clarenen, said Hilua, . True, true; out I wish she would seazing her patient and much-boret inthe mental by the arm, and hasten-That evening, as usual, Hilda and

her maid came out for their stroll The next evening was decidedly chilly, and Lieutenant Hazledean "Not a whisper from any bird equipped himself with a thicker, whatsoever about the place, and yet warmer cloak before starting to pose hese girls are out mooning about as as a statue in the Adlerberg grounds. usual. There is something more in Alas ! for the forth aght of a former bundlady, who had plentifully springand this coat with red peopler, to keep enen have olushed so furiously when Jack, when it was dark enough,

let himself in at the out of the way litt'e garden-gate, of which Clarchen and managed to give him the key. He made his way among the trees as silently as a spectre, and selected at random an empty pedestal, upon which he mounted. It was part of the plot arranged with Hilda that, to divert suspicion, he should vary the place of rendesvous. Scarcely had Jack struck a properly martial attitude when Felix appeared upon the scene, the first time he had come out in advance of Hilda, Unconscious of Jack's presence, he passed once down the avenue; as he retraced his steps, Jack hastily unfastened one button of his cloak, which was rather oppressive, and in so doing sent such a whiff of red pepper into his face that a sharp sneeze was the

inevitable result. Felix stepped short in his walk; there were certainly uncanny forces at work when a bronze statue took to needing. He was about to accost the brazen warror threatened with influenza, when another idea occurred to him. Felix was a sharp tellow, and that sneeze enlightened him upon i many points which had seemed dark. and mystersons during the past

week. Still, he would do nothing precipitately. Franiem Halla would bugger at hock-souths and finity heart-ed old uncles in corsets, and he sug-tism? Then in a send-tone higher: statue that could sneeze could also strike, if attacked. No, discretion "Here I am, darling! Don't let as was the better part of valor; Folk would make doubly sire of his bi game and then trap it in a way that young couple who had caused him such weary hours of watching. So the valet continued his pipe and his walk with an innocent, unsuspecting air that was of immense relief to Jack, though at the same time he

> safe and smooth as they seemed. The proceedings of the previous evening repeated themselves. Hilda and Ctarchen came sauntering down the avenue, and, at the usual signal,

felt, vaguely, that affairs were not as

halted beside one of the statue. "So I have found you out at last. my young lady !" said Felix, at a dis-creet distance, to himself." Have all the billing and cooing you like tonight, but to-morrow night I shall interrupt you with a little army from the kitchen and stables, and your gallant lever will come to grief, I very much fear. You shall be allowed to escape all blame to be sure, my dear young lady, for Count Lurie's

"Hilda, darling !" began Jack, hurredly, "is it Yes or No-heaven or worse than perdition?"

wast give in at last, and let them answered, shaply.

one in I sympathy or patience with the dispose of me as they are."

"Dies you for these words, my over the bootless rage of the Von spot, it cares near dead, toot like month or year. ALBANY,

nearly losing his balance upon the stick, when the woman he loves says pedestal on which he was personating she will marry him !!" "Don't attempt to get down, Jack,

"No; not yet. We are in danger, Hilda. A while ago I was idiot enough to sneeze; I couldn't repress i . There seems to be some internally bronze hero straightened himself up, irritating stuff in my cloak. I can't quite make out whether that rascal Felix heard me or not-he is such a siy oo. At any rate, there is great risk in delay, and we must be off to-

morrow might. You can be ready, can you not, darling ? "Yes; I have told Clarchen, and she is quite willing to go, and will

arrange everything. "Have her send a trunk, addressed to her mother, with what you need in it, as we planned, and it will be put in the carriage I will have waiting at the little gate to-morrow night. I don't see any obstacle to our getting

"Let us hope not. Oh, dear, it is begining to rain! I shall have to go back to the house. My staying here in the wet would look so very odd," said hilda.

"Nor will I allow you to run the risk of taking cold. Good-night, my sweetheart! Courage for our venture of to morrow might.'

"Felix, bring us an umbrella, please; it is raming quite smartly." Then the pedestar was suddenly denuded of its statue, there was the tenderest of leave-takings, and before fel x returned the garden-gate had closed upon Jack Haziedeau.

Kathrina, er washerwoman at the Schless Adierberg, had lately received from ner mistress a new a: .. - proof cloak, a long, voluminous garment, which was the delight of its owner until the first shower of rain descended upon it. Then, to Kathrina's dismay, she discovered that every raindrop had left a dingy spot upon the new cloak, making it look like a garment that had seen service for years. "Let it get a good soaking all over, and there will be no more spots

said the cook. "Would you have me dip it in the lake and ruin its shape, or shall I stand out in the next downpour till I'm wet through, with a creak of rheumatics in every bone?" said

Kathrina, scornfully. "Put it on one of them bronze generals' backs when we have the next rain. He would probably be very thankful to you for the warmth, and the cloak would get wet, and no mistake," suggested a housemaid. To attentively, without giving yent to the shout of derision which was expected. In truth, the owner of the lamaged cloak was saying to herself that the maid's idea was not a bad one; but for lear of being laughed at she kept her own counsel, and the subject was dropped.

The evening that was to decide rain, giving warning of a downpour dark, Felix out as softly as a cat and retook himself to the Avenue of Heroes, where he scanned each statue in the faint light the lamps at either end of the walk afforded. Presently, on one of these figures, the tolds of a cloak, which should hang so rigid, starred slightly in the wind. Felix waited for another gust, and watched the result narrowly. Yes, the cloak certainly moved, and he need no longer be in doubt as to the spot where he should rally his forces for

a i attack. being hastened back to the house; and as he shock forward in the shadow of the trees, he saw Hilda and Clarchen gliding like ghosts, in waterproof cloaks, down toward the lake. "Very little love-making for you to-night, my dear young lady," mut-

tered Felix with an evil smile. One by one shadowy forms stole through the shrubbery to a certain point on the avenue-the chief hostler, the stable, boy, an under-gardener, two sturdy young peasant lads, and last, but not least, Felix. Silently and quickly he placed his men in hiding near the suspected trespasser in the castle grounds, and then, stepping boldly forward, accosted the statue thus, wondering the while that Hilda and her maid were no-

where visible : "Lieutenant Hazledean, your disguise has been discovered, and there is no use in playing this comedy any lenger. In the name of Baron von Zell, master of this park into which you have stolen an entrance, I remest you descend from that pedestal and accompany me."

No response or movement from the delinquent statue. "Come, come, sir-no nor sense of

this kind. If you do not get down at once, my men shall drag you down.

Still a grave like silence. "Come forward you fellows. Tony Wolfram, uncover your laatern, and turn it full on this coward who is atra d to move."

The rays of the uplifted lantern lumed the stern features of the Iron Dake, one of the best of the eritable bronzestatues on the avenue. Round his august neck was buttoned a lank, damp woolen cloak, which swayed and flapped solemnly when starred by the wind.

"Donnerwetter-Sacrament! what does this mean?" cried Felix, furious at what seemed like a practical joke being played on him. The men stared at each other in stupid wonder. nobody able to vouchsate any explanation whatever of the mystery,

"Aca, mercy me! What are you doing here !" cried no other a personage than Kathrina, breatnless with her busk run from the kitchen. "1 saw the light and thought it was thieves taking my new cloak I put on that old fellow's back to get rained on-to take the spots out, you know. What are you all here for?'

"The deuce take you and your cloak !" exclaimed the raging Felix. "A pretty set of fcols you have made us all! And that fellow with the game all in his own hand! Come, we'll have a look for him, at least.

But it was too late. While Felix and his men were waiting to capture the bronze Duke of Wellington with Katerina's cloak round his neck,

> " O'er the border and awa" Wi' Jock o' Hazledean

Jack Hazledean, in his excitement | fellow has to stand up here like a | draw a veil. Possibly it was a consolation for them to read in a fashion journal, some morths later, that young Mrs. Hazledean was the belle fo a grand ball given at Bombay.

TIMELY WISDOM.

hey strolled along the wood together, A manly youth and a mailen fair, Gathering leaves in the autum weather, Tinted with colors most rich and rare

said: "You are much like the autumn With our cheeks of red and your has of And your heart the frest that the leat receives
Ere its lares are seen for your heart is
cold."

The maiden answered: "It may be so: You've known me long and perhaps know lest; But the trozen leaf soon thaws, you know, After 'tis gathered and properly pressed,"

LEAP YEAR'S LAST | NOICH.

Young Lionel, the trut's to tell, Called somewhat oft on Isabel. Twas hard to say from day to day, With what precise he went; Mid persiflege and bandinage, Speci on the hours and not a sign, Incre was of motive or design, Nor any trace of sentiment,

Yow Isabel was like thim well Was fein to haster L'onel In proper way, to plainly say Exactly what intent he meant. For persiflage and bandinage Amuse one when they give no sign Of matrimonial design.
If unalloyed with sentiment.

So Lionel it soon befel, Observed a change in Isabel She turned away from trifles gay. Her manner, coy but gentle, lent To persiff ge and bandinage A subtle meaning, and a sign Of something—it 'twere not design Decidedly like sentiment.

Thus Isabel contrived so well That pleased and flattered Lionel Became one day her willing prey: For knowing not her bent, he went Left persiffage and bandinage— And plumply said to her, "be mine." Since then, 'twere fair to state, in fine, No lack there is of sentiment. Walter Clarke, in December Table Talk

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