

HELEN.

The autumn seems to try for the,
Best lover of the autumn day,
Each ac'nt-tipped and wine-red tree,



DESCENDING THE IRON CABLE.

words. If we possessed a rope, we
should not hesitate to hang ourselves
outside the window, so that we might

having been left in them. He found
nothing. Then it occurred to him that
it would not be impossible to take off

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"TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES
UNDER THE SEA," ETC., ETC.

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CHAPTER IX.—CONTINUED.

"We'll all three go," said Sandorf.
"Wait till we get out before we
separate!"
Eight o'clock then struck from the
clock in the town. The prisoners had

"In a well probably," answered Sand-
orf, "but certainly outside the donjon,
and we'll take advantage of it. I do not

"Suddenly a 'Sh—sh—sh—' escaped
from Zathmar's lips.
The work instantly stopped.
'What's the matter?' asked Bathory.

This window was exactly three and a
half feet wide and two feet high. The
gap widened as it ran outwards through
the wall, which hereabouts was nearly

"The first thing was to clear the pas-
sage through the window. The crossbar
that obstructed it would have to be re-

And so the last word, the name of
the donjon, was lost in a loud peal of
thunder. The prisoners could not hear

But once the passage was free, how
were they to make the descent down the
perpendicular side? By a ladder? The

But it was not explanation, but work
that was wanted, and that without
losing a moment. If they could manage

CHAPTER X.
DOWN THE BRICO.
Count Sandorf resumed his task at
the window. Three out of the four

reaches the ground, because that is
necessary for it to be of any use. And
so we shall reach the ground without the

The reasoning was right, as a rule, but
it was wrong in this instance, for the
end of the conductor was plunged, in
the waters of the Foiba.

"My friends," said Sandorf, "this is
what we had better do. I am the young-
est, and, I think, the strongest. It is

The storm burst forth again with ex-
traordinary violence. It did not rain,
but the wind was terrific. Flash over-

Count Sandorf was fully aware of the
danger to which he was exposed. A
sentiment more powerful than that of

Count Sandorf stopped to recover his
breath. His feet rested on the ledge,
his hands grasped the iron cable. He

As soon as the thunder ceased for
an instant they could speak and hear
each other.
"An Ladjilas?" asked Sandorf.
"He will be here in a minute."

rang out:
"Save yourselves!"
It was Zathmar's voice.

Immediately a bright light shot from
the wall, followed by a sharp report.
This time it was not the cable broken by

"Heaven have pity on him!" said
Sandorf. "But we must escape—we
must avenge him! Come Stephen,
come!"

It was time. Other windows in the
lower story of the donjon were being
opened. New discharges lighted them

Crape-weaving in Japan.
A Japanese correspondent writing to
The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says:

Why Women Fail as Employees.
If women would only regard them-
selves as entities, put into this world

Prompt Piety.
"How do you like apple pie, Mr.
Cross?" asked the landlady.
"Why, cut up in large pieces and
served with cheese," replied the level-

Personal Paragraphs.
Old John Brown, of Ossawatimie,
was hanged at Charleston, Va., De-
cember 2, 1859—twenty-six years

Mrs. Stanford, wife of the California
Senator, has diamonds valued at over
\$1,000,000.
United States Senator Pike, of New
Hampshire, who was recently very ill,

The Walking Skeleton of Anderson-
ville is the title of which James Mc-
Laughlin, a Delaware and Hudson

At a recent marriage in Ohio the
bride a Miss Morris, wore a dress that
was imported from Paris in 1742, for

St. Louis has a scandal similar to
the Loud divorce case in Boston. Mrs.
Amelia Coquard, the wife of L. A.

Ben Perley Poore says that at the
marriage of Mary Eleanor Ewing to
General W. T. Sherman, in Washing-

An Uncommon Kiss.
The Hartford Post thus moralizes
over a style of kiss that is not very