

THE SEASON'S PERIL.

Now the neat and careful housewife, As she often did before, Rises in the morning early, Sweeps the sidewalk at her door, Pours upon it pails of water...

Mathias Sandorf.

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"Escape? Yes. And they are safe on the other side of the Adriatic." From this conversation, which took place among a group of peasants, workmen and shopkeepers who were standing in front of one of the piazzas, it seemed that public opinion was rather in favor of the fugitives...

"All the better; for we have got a report that shoals of tunnies are coming up from the south, and there is no time to lose in getting out the madragues." "Good," said Andrea. "But we shall lose nothing."

CHAPTER XIV. CARPENA'S OFFER.

Ten minutes later after a smoke at his door Andrea rejoined his guests in the room, while Maria continued her work about the house. "Count," said the fisherman, "the wind is off the land, and I do not think the sea will be rough to-night..."

difficultly in evading the guard when night came on. The embargo, as we know, had only been put on the long voyage ships and the Mediterranean coasters and not on the local fishing boats. The ballenello would thus be able to get under sail without suspicion. But Andrea Ferrato had not reckoned on a visit he received in the evening...



AS A DISCHARGE OF BULLETS RAINED AROUND HIM, COUNT SANDORF PRECIPITATED HIMSELF INTO THE SEA.

He had scarcely gone before the door of the other room opened and Count Sandorf, who had lost none of the foregoing conversation, appeared on the threshold. Stepping up to Andrea he said to him in a low voice:

CHAPTER XV.

THE FINAL EFFORT OF THE FINAL STRUGGLE. Andrea Ferrato remained silent. He said nothing in answer to Count Sandorf. His Corsican blood boiled within him. He had forgotten the fugitives for whom up to then, he had risked so much...

But though a careful search was made no body was ever found among the breakers nor on the sands for more than a couple of leagues along the coast. After a minute investigation this was the verdict, a very natural one, to which the Austrian Government came. Stephen Bathory, captured as we have seen, was taken under escort during the night to the donjon of Pisino...