

Andre's presence under your roof."

not for the life of me foresee what was coming.

the great hall down stairs-a splendid hall, by the way; but is it not cold in winter? A space of that size would, I should say"

I could have twisted the little rascal's head off but for the frenzied desire 1 now felt to hear the end of his tale.

pleasure of seeing another gentleman besides the count, an Englishman named Herbert, or Hulbert, and of hearing the end of your father's conversation with | Count Landrinof, he is in effect nothing him, which fell in marvelously well of the kind, but Mr Kornilof, the with Ivanof's plans. The two gentle escaped convict. He will probably say with Ivanof's plans. The two gentlemen were, in fact, arranging for a that you are mad, and that your moth shooting party at a place called Erinofka, and fixed upon the days and hours for their sport in Ivanof's presence Then our friend laid his plans, which with her—being a mother's child—to were made very easy for him by his rid her in this crude way of a husband visit to the count and what he had of whom she has grown tired.

"Do you follow me now? Have you mastered the plot of my tale? Need I | cried scornfully.

detestable plot a little," I said. "My father fell, I suppose, into the hands of the precious villains who are your ac complices. What have they done with him? For by all that's sure"-

"Not so fast | I am no accomplice, so far as you can prove. May not a man to your father's fate

promise or anything else shall save you your English school or to the English

Will you allow me to go on in peace or not! I will not be hustled. remember that. You are stronger than I, but I have a will which is perhaps more than equal to your own. You cannot mitted "' I said. "You are saying all this, as Andre's friend, in the hope that I will allow matters to remain as they not ? I will not be hustled : remember compel me to speak. There is much are. You wish to screen Andre, and my more to tell, but I will not tell it unless father's fate is nothing to you. But do compel you promise to behave like a gentleman.

you have lied, and your friends have done father any injury, heaven help you, for I think I should kill you !"

the kind to kill a fellow creature, espacial'; one who is trying his best to do yon a very great service. Besides, I might ant be so easily killed. Killing understand the elements. There is science in it. Maybe I have thought over such matters more than you have, and es the trade.

adge," I said. "For all I know you may be a murderer already, but it is certain