

CHAPTER XVL.

THWARTED, BUT NOT SUBDUED. It was long after midnight, and yet the Widow Nevel had not sought her bed. She was now pacing to and fro across her kitchen, and the boy Paul sat nodding in his chair. Suddenly the woman stopped, and Paul started up.

for him.

ment.

work."

"Aye; I have."

hesitating tone:

"He has, my lord."

out your hands?"

"I would have come sooner if]

"Well, it is early, I know, but I

"I have not slept attail, my lord."

"And you have come to tell me

thought you were used to it?"

"He is not dead, my lord."

"Do you think that message was a false one?" she asked, looking the boy in the face.

"I don't know," he returned. "If he came from the black monk, as he said he did, then I think he spoke the truth."

"Oh, they would not have de ceived me.'

"No, my mistress; I am sure they would not." again with new clouds upon his brow. Thus he walked and pondered

"But it is very late."

"Hark! There are bells."

footfall close by the door .. He stop-The widow heard them, and, with a wildly fluttering heart, she sank into a chair. for. He moved to the door and

"They have stopped in front of the house," uttered Paul, whose ears were bent.

"Go-go-

"By St. Paul, Savotano, I feared you would never come," the duke Paul started. The widow heard the door opened, and she heard uttered as his workman closed the voices in the hall. In a moment door behind him. more the inner door was opened, and she looked up. She saw a man-ly form; she heard the magic word could, my lord, but even now it is carly morning. The sun' is hardly "Mother!" trembling upon the air. above the city walls." With one low cry of joy she started to her feet, and in the next moment have not slept well. she was clasped to the bosom of her son "No, Savotano. You look worn and weary. But you have been at

"Did I not tell you I'd bring him back to you?" cried Vladimir, rub-bing his hands with joy. "Oh, God bless you, sir!" the wid-

ow murmured, gazing through her tears into the monk's face. the result of that work. Does it move you so to do such work?

"So, so," returned the strange man. "The blessing of an honest soul is reward enough for one night, so I'll take myself off for the present.

"No, no," cried Rurie. "You'll remain here till morning."

But the monk could not be prevailed upon so to do. He had busi-ness to attend to, and he could not stop, and he hurried away as quickly as possible to avoid the thanks that were showered upon him.

After Vladimir was gone Ruric sat down and related to his mother all that had occurred since that day on which he left her to go and see the count. She trembled fearfully as he related the diabolical attempts that had been made upon him, and when he had concluded she sat for a there so terrible in that ?" few moments like one in a painful trance. him, but he escaped us."

"And do you think," she said at length, while a cold shudder ran through her frame, "that the Duke of Tula was the cause of all this?"

"I am sure of it, my mother." "Then you are not safe yet."

"But I shall see the emperor." "I have seen him, my son."

"Ah! And what said he?"

"Why, he said if we could find out to had done you harm he would

pur 1 must flee, my'lord. "Not yet, Savotano. I must have

for the life of hun he could not tell whether they were good or had. Once he dreamed that he was a duke our help within a very short time. By the true God, I swear that the Countess Rosalind Valdai shall be himself and that he had a wife my wife within the present week. I'll place the seal of fact upon that whose face he had never seen. She would not raise her veil until the ceremony was performed. Then she removed the obstruction, and Rurie matter at once. Fear not, for I know my influence over the emperor started on beholding the face of Vladimir, the monk! And then Vladimir seemed to say, "All this I have done for thee. Do you like it?" And Ruric dared not object, will shield you from all harm. Why, Peter would sooner lose his right hand than lose me."

"Then most surely I will remain, my lord, for I much wish to perform that ceremony for you. But who is this black monk-this Vladimir?" because Vladimir had done so much

The duke started across the floor, And now while Ruric awakes and for some moments he continued. from his dreams and wonders what pacing to and fro. When he stopthey mean let us look in and see ped, he brought his hands together what is going on in the ducal palace. with an energetic movement, and, looking the priest sternly in the It was early morning, and the Duke of Tula was once more in his own private apartment. He had not face, he said :

slept well, for he, too, had had "Let that monk be who he may, dreams, and they were troublesome whether man or devil, God or saint, I'll destroy him! I have the power, and I'll use it. As warden of the city ones. They hung about him even now, and they filled his mind with I have the power to arrest him upon dark and gloomy forebodings. He paced to and fro across the apartsuspicion of conspiracy. I'll do it! Where is he now ? ment, sometimes stopping and bow-ing his head and then starting on "I know not."

"Never mind; I'll to the emperor first. I'll study my plan, and ere the sun sets it shall be carried out. By until he was aroused by a stealthy heavens, I'll be baffled thus no more. ed and listened. He knew the step. I could have wished that this gun-"I'was the one he had been waiting maker had been quietly out of the way, for then all would have been opened it, and the humpbacked clear and plain, and I should not priest, Savotano, entered the aparthave feared the trouble of his clamoring about my ears. But let him go. I would not give much for the life he has left. I'll dispose of him soon. But that monk! By heavens, he dies at once and without consultation with the emperor, for I can swear he is a conspirator." "Good!" ejaculated the priest.

And thus the business was arranged for the present. Passion helped the duke wondrously in his conclusions, and the wish was made into the power. But even before the priest left the stout nobleman began to wish that he had a very little more power. In fact, as he came

soul so madly craved.

TRANSACTIONS OF A NIGHT. "I dare not! Oh, I dare not!" "But it is your only hope." "And whither shall we go?"

ere. Oh, my mistress, if you do stay here you know the fate which awaits you. There is no other means of escape from the wicked duke's power."

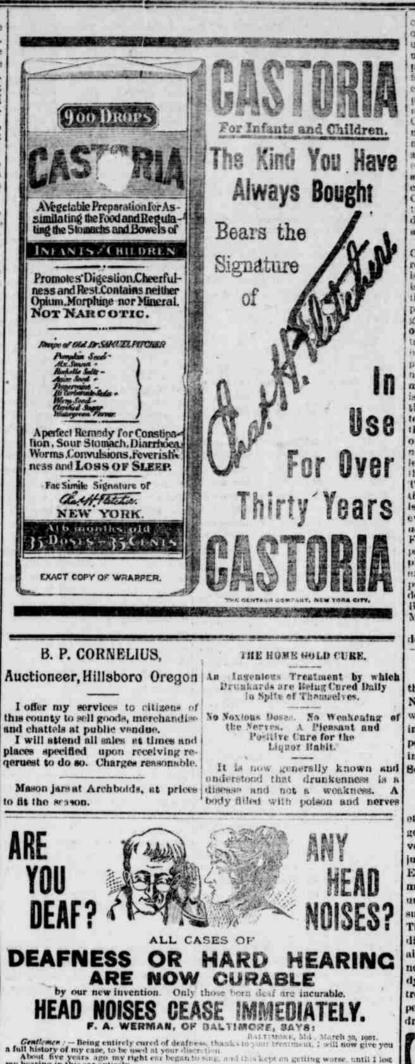
"And I must thus cast myself among strangers, lose my all of earth

"I know, but we could not do it." "Hold, Rosalind! By St. Paul, there is surely one in Moscow who will help you! Let us go to the em-peror. Oh, if he be the man I have heard, he will surely listen!" "Bah! I gave you credit for more firmness. Not kill a man? What is "You misunderstood me, my lord.

We did all we could toward killing "Ah, Zenobie, the duke is high in power, and his influence is great at "Hold!" cried the duke, starting forward and grasping the priest by the shoulder. "You do not mean that Rurie Nevel has escaped you?" court. Peter would not dare to thwart him."

"It may be so, but I do not believe it. And yet, my mistress, just think for one moment how you stand in that respect. You have nothing to lose. This life of earth, with all its

pains and sorrows and with its most exquisite tortures, holds nothing



Gentlemen: — Being entirely cured of deafness, thanks to your Prentment, i out now give your affail history of my case, to be used at your discretion. About five years ago my right ear began to sing, and this kept on getting worse, until I lost, my hearing in this ear entirely. I underwent a treatment for catarrh, for three months, without any success, constitued a number of physicians, among others, the most eminences specialise of this setty, who told me that only an operation could help me, and even that only temporarily, that the heard moses would then ease, but the hearing in the affected ear would be hear there. I then saw your advertisement accidentally in a New York paret, and ordered your treatment to day after five weeks, my hearing in the discould only an entry testored. I thank you heartily and heg to remain the discould can be here an intro your divertisement we have according in your divertisement. I than you heartily and heg to remain the discould can be here an intro your divertisement we have according to your divertisement. I thank you heartily and heg to remain the discould can be here an interpret. Our treatment does not interfere with your usual occupation. Examination and YOU CAN CURE YOURSELF AT HUME at a nominal INTERNATIONAL AURAL CLINIC, 595 LA SALLE AVE., CHICAGO, HL. better try it. Remember, you cannot possibly lose anything, but the **Asthma Cured Free** chances are for you. Let us go to Asthmalene Brings Instant Relief and Permanent "This evening, after the darkness of night has gathered over the city, let us go. I tell you I do not believe Cure in All Cases. the emperor will deliberately suffer SENT ABSOLUTELY FREE ON RECEIPT OF POSTAL. a great wrong to be done for the sake of pacifying the duke. He has more noble independence than Write your Name and Address plainly. There is nothing like Asthmalene. It The young countess did not an-swer at once. She pressed her small white hand hard upon her brow, and thus she remained for some time CHAINED brings instant relief, even in the worst cases. It cures when all else fails. FOR TEN The Rev. C. F. WELLS, of Villa idge, Ill., says: "Your trial bottle of Ridge, Ili., says: YEARS Asthmalene received in good constition. I cannot tell you now thankful I feel for buried in profound thought. At length she raised her head, and the I cannot tell you now thankini I feel for the goel desived from it. I was a slave, chain it with putifd sore throat and Asthma for ten years. I despaired of ever being cured. I saw your advertis-ment for the enro of this dreadful and tormenting disease, Asthma, and thought tormenting disease, Asthma, and thought fire of determination was in her eye. "I will go," she said. "I will go to the emperor. He will help me if he has a human heart." "You have one satisfaction, my you had overepolen yourselves, but re-solved to give it a triat. To my astonish-ment, the trial worked like a charm. Send me a full-sized bottle." mistress-he cannot harm you."

completely shattered by periodical INTERESTING uors, requires an antidote capable of noursilizing and eradicating this poleon and destroying the craving for intoxicants. Sufferers may now cure themesives at nome without whether on business

publicity or loss of time from husi-ness by this wonderful "Home Gold Care" which has been perfected affer many years of close study and treatment of incorintes. The faithful use according to directions of iths wond-erful discovery is positively guar-anteed to cure the most obstinate

Our records show the marvelous transformation of thousands of and upright men.

Wives cure your husbands!! In order to obtain this first class saw a Children cure your fathers!! This ask the ticket agent to sell you a remedy is in no sense a nostrum but

is so skillfuly devised and prepared that it is thoroughly soluble and pleasant to the taste so that it can be given in a curved term of the can be given in a cup of tes or coffee with-

priceless remedy and as many more

nave been cured and mude temperate men by having the "Care" adminmen by having the "Carrel' admin-istered by loving triends and rela-lives without their knowlodge, in tea or coffee and believe today that they discontinued drinking of their own free will. Do not wait, Do not delude by apparent and misleading "improvement." Drive out the disease at once and for all time. The "Home Gold Cure" is sold at the extremely low price of one dol-ler, thus plucing within reach of everybody, a treatment more effect as than others costig \$25 to \$59. Full directions accompany each package. Special advice by skilled physicians when requested without extra charge. Sent prepaid to any part of the world on receipt of one

dollar. Advress Dept. E. 750 Edwin B. Giles & Company, 2330 and 2832 Market Street, Philadelphia. All correspondence strictly couff dential.

Working Night and Day. The busiest and mightiest thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills, These plils change

power. 'They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25e per box. Sold by Delta drug store.

Slood Death OR.

E, B. Munday, a lawyer of Henrietta, Tex., once fooled a grave-digger. He says: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and Electric Bitters and he was soon much better but continued their use antil he was wholly Grad. I am sure Electric Bitters award his life." sure Electric Bitters saved his life," This remody expelie malaria, kills aids digestion, regulates liver, kid-neys and bowels, cures constipation, dyspensia, nervous diseases, kidney ings. Arrives Mon, Wed and Fri at dyspepsia, nervous diseases, kidney ings. Ar 3:30 p m. troubles, female complaints; gives perfect health. Only 50 : at Delta Leaves Riparia at 3:40 a m for Lewisdrug store. tor acceptable ideas. 6:15 State is patented. THE PATENT RECORD. Baltimore, Pld

In the second se

When people are contemplating a trip whether on business or ploysure, they esturally want the best service ob-isirable so far as speed, comfort and safety is concernent. Europeress of the visconin Central Lines are paid the visconin central Lines are paid to serve the public and our trains are operated so as to make close connec-tion with divorging lines at all inertion points.

cuse, no matter how hard a drinker. Poliman Palace Sleeping and Chair Cars Our records show the marvelous on through trains.

drunkards into sober, industr icar Dining Car service unexcelled. Me 'a and unright men.

ask the licket agent to sell you a ticket over

out the knowledge of the person- For full information call on your marent

General Agent, 246 Stark Gen. Pas. Agt., Milwankee, Wis.



SHORT LINE

AND UNION PACIFIC

TIME SCHEDULES FROM PORTLAND

Chicago-Portland Special, via Hunt-ington beaves 9 a m for Salt Lake, Den-ver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas Chy.St. Louis, C¹ ago & East, Arrives 4:30 p m.

At' de Express via Huntington, de-po

St. Paul fast mail via Spokane leaves weakness into strength, listlessness kane, Wallace, Pullman, Minneapolis, St. into energy, brain-fag into mental Paul, Dulath, Millwaakee, Dhicago and Enst. Arrives 7 a m.

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE From Portland

Leaves 5 p m for San Francisco every days. At ives 4 p m.

Lee as p m dail except Sunday, on juandice. I persuaded him to try landings 2 over 4 p m except Sunda y

Leaves Tues, Thurs, and Sat at 6 a m disease germs and purifies the blood; Mon, Wed and Fri at 4:50 p m.

ton. L. Riparia. Leaves Lewiston S:10 a m for

> Address, A. I. CRAIG, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

the Parry Riccas \$1.06 Port and, Samples free. Oregor

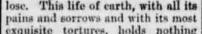
to reason he began to doubt, but he gave up not one idea of the plan he had formed for the vengeance his CHAPTER XVII.

"But how, Zenobie ?"

The priest gazed into his master's face, but he did not speak. "Bah!" uttered Olga contemptu-ously. "What is the killing of a man? But tell me, did you conceal the body so that no one will find It was some moments before Sa votano spoke. His frame trembled,

and his hands worked nervously to-

"But not entirely. You do not mean that he has fairly; gone from "He has, my lord. But listen"-



"Anywhere rather than remain

gether. But at length he said in a "Not dead yet? But you promis-ed me he should be."

punish them. Then I asked him, "Suppose it was a duke?" and he said in that case he should have to look into the matter. Oh, I fear he would not dare to punish the powerful Olar" Olga.'

"Perhaps not, but yet, my moth-er, I will give him credit for better things. Yet," the youth continued in a sad tone, "there is one for whom I care more than self and who is now within the wicked duke's power. Oh, she is his beyond any "Not absolutely beyond his pow-er, is she?" the mother asked.

"Why, of course, Peter has the power to set aside any wardship, but twould not be policy for him to in-terfere in the domestic affairs of his powerful nobles. I feel sure that his heart would bid him interfere, but his judgment would oppose it. You have seen Rosalind?"

"Yes.

"And was she unhappy when she

knew that I was missing ?" "Ah, Ruric," returned the moth-er, with a kindling eye, "you do not know how that noble girl loves you! Oh, her heart was almost broken when she know that evil had befallen you!"

The widow had it in her mind to tell of the scene which had transpired upon the duke's coming into the maiden's presence when she was there, but she thought a second time wre she spoke, and she then concluded not to speak of it at present, for she know 'twould only serve to give her son additional pain without bestowing any benefit.

"By heavens," uttered Rurie at the end of a troubled reverie and at the end of a troubled reverse and at the same time clasping his hands vehemently together, "was ever man so surrounded by impenetrable mys-tery before! This monk is surely a good man. He has served me well, and I am sure he would serve me more if opportunity of red. But more if opportunity offered. But who is he? Have you found out any-thing concerning him?" "Thave not, my son." "But is it not strange?"

"It is."

main apart, and then, having first rendered up their thanks to God and asked his help for the future, they retired to their respective places of rest. Rurie had strange dreams, and

"Listen, thou bungler! By the saints, what story can you tell to worse for you within the bounds of make that smooth and reasonable? possibility than to become the You had him in your power, and you duke's wife. If there were but one should have kept him. chance in the thousand, you had "But, my lord, the devil himself

is working for that man. We went last night to kill the fellow, and I waited all of two hours for Totma the emperor." and Viska, but the rascals did not

come, and I engaged others." "And did they prove treacher-ous?" cried Olga in sudden passion. "No, my lord; they did their best, but they were interrupted by that accursed monk, who came backed by some dozen men.'

"What! Do you meanthat Wladi-mir came there?" that."

"Yes." "And with a band of armed men?" "Yes."

"Then, by the gods, there's treachery somewhere?"

"I know not what to think, my lord," returned Savotano in aniuneasy, perplexed tone. "The only men who are absent are Lesko Totma and Frederic Viska, and they are surely our best men.

"But you see plainly that there must have been treachery," exchim-ed the duke passionately. "Oh, how I would like to know thetman!, And with that." did this monk carry of the gun-

maker?"

"He did. And he captured four of our men. I escaped without beon this new resolve the more hope did she derive from it. Ere long she ing seen." "That is fortunate"conversed more freely with her at-

"I mean that the monk did tnot

tendant, and at times that old smile see me, nor did any of his followers. But the gunmaker saw me."

would straggle for a moment upon her face. Yet she had gloomy mo-ments too. Her fear was too deeply 'And do you think he mistrusted you had any hand in the matter of fixed to be swept away so easily. his imprisonment?" The afternoon passed away, and

"I should judge so," returned the as the shades of night gathered over priest, with a poculiar twinge of the great city the two girls were vengeance about the lips. "The vil-natir. Zenobie gathered together such articles of clothing as would be such articles of clothing as would be

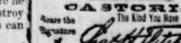
"Ha!"

"Aye; the moment he saw me." "But do you think he knows anything about it ?"

"No. I do not think the does. He

"Then we'll besprepared for him that you flee from the duke's foul And so they conversed until their if your own men are to be depended embrace." main apart, and then, having first that matter with the emperor. I'll

Goare the



needed and then proceeded to prepare her mistress for the adventure. "Fear not," she said as she drew

"Cannot ?"

will go this very night."

The more Rosalind pondered up-

on Rosalind's robe of fur, "for there can be no danger worse than that we

[TO BE CONTINUED.]



REV. DR. MORRIS WECHSLER, Rabbi of the Cong. Bnai. Israel. New Yonk, Jan. 3, 1901. Drs. Taft. Bros', Medicine Co., Goutlemens-Your Asthmalene is an excellent remedy for Asthma and Hay

Perer, and its composition alleviates all transless which combine with Asthma lite success is astonishing and wonderful, After having it carefully analyzed, we can state that Asthmalene contains no Very truly yours, REV, DR. MORRIS WECHSLER,

Avox Scalson, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1901.

Dr. Taft Bros. Medicine Co. Gentlemen: I write this testimonial from a score of duty, having tested the wonderful effect of your Asthmalene, for the curo of Asthma. My wife has been afficted with spasmodic asthma for the past 12 years. Having exhausted my own skill as well as many others, I chanced to see your size upon your windows on 130th Street in New York, I at once obta ned a both of Asthmalene. My wife commen-ced taking it about the 1st of November. I ver som untheel a radical improve-ment. After using one bottle her Arthma had disappeared and the is entirely free from all symptoms. I feel that I can consistently resonance the meticine to all who are afflicted with this distressing disease. Your respectfully, O. D. Pholes, M. D.

O. D. Pholps, M. D.

Dr. Taft Bros'. Medicine Co.

Feb. 5, 1801. For all Bross. Medicine Co. Gentiemen: I was troubled with Asthura for 22 years. I have tried numerous remedies, but they have all failed. I ran across your sivertisement and started with a trial bottle. I found relief at mice. I have since purchased your full-size bottle, and I an ever grateful. I have a family of four children, and for six years was mable to work. I am now in the best of beathth and am doing business every day. This testimony you can make such use of as you see BL S. EAPHAEL, Home address, 235 Rivington street. 07 East 129/b st., City.

Trial Bottle Sent Absolutely Free on Receipt of Postal. Do not delay. Write at once, addressing DR. TAFT PROS., MEDICINE CO. 79 East 180th St., N. Y. Chy.



The Academy prepares for College and gices a thorough English Education, the best preparation for teaching or business. All penses very low. Board and rooms a the Ldies' Hail \$3 to \$4 per week, includinelectric light and heat.

THE OCLLEGE DORMITORY

Under expe enced management, will furnish rooms and board at cost on the club plan, not to exceed \$1.50

> For full par iculars, address PRESIDENT MCCLELLAND, Forest Grave, Oregon



EVERY

RELIEF

piuom, morphine, chloroform or other.