

CHAPTER VIII .- (Continued.) "Don't you think that a girl who's engaged to one man ought to tell other men

She drew back sharply and faced me with astounded eyes,

"Why, what do you mean, Mr. Selden ?

I was in for it, so plunged ahead. "That day you came to the Ship, I had no idea," I blundered on. "I did not know were such a friend of Islip's." 500

"Well," she said, "and now that you know ?" "I think you should have to'd me ought to have known before that after-

DOOT: She was haughtiness itself, "Why,

what affair was it of yours?" I shrugged my shoulders, "I was entl tled to know.

"I cannot understand why. What makes you think that Mr. Islip and I". she heisitated a second-"are such old friends 7

Of a sudden we were in a very nasty tempest, facing each other.

"I happened to see his pleture in your locket. It was lying open, face upward."

She did not even tap her foot ; she simply sat still and looked her indignation at me.

"Really, Mr. Selden, I cannot see how that affects you. What reason could there be for telling you my personal affairs?" I stuck doggedly at it. "I think I

should have been told." I repeated. She gave me a single glance, then rose,

going back to the Penguin Club," "I am she said.

I rose also, "Very good. I will see you there

"No;" she turned to me sharply. "I table. prefer to go back alone."

She was imperious; I could be equally "And I prefer to go with you. The

pines are lonely, and it is growing late. owe at least that duty to your annt."

"You are very tiresome, Mr. angrily. Selden. I am my own mistress, and I do not want your company."

"And I will not let you go back alone." "You are very rude." She looked over at the beach as if for some possible help. "Is there no one else?" she asked aloud.

These came a voice from the cabin steps behind me. "If you will permit me, mademoiselle, I should esteem it a

great honor." We both started as if we were shot, and faced about. A tall, somewhat angu-

lar man stood before us, hat in hand, howing low to Miss Graham. "I heard your question," he said, "and took it on inywelf to answer it. Permit

He stepped forward and placed

Miss Graham, "and I count myself fortunate in coming on a lady in distress. We both stood still, taking in the queer

remont this so much as I might have, be cause things had been coming to a very bad pass, and might speedily have resulted in even more serious trouble than had securred I questioned Charles closely as to

whether he had detected any suspicious haracters prowling about the beach, but his answer was in the negative. "If you should notice anything unusual," I told him, "be sure to report it immediately to It was clear to me that something was happening of more substantial texture than a dream

Later in the evening I lighted my pipe and walked in the direction of the Ship. As I came to the path I saw the man in the clouk sitting on deck, and hailed him. "May I come on board, Monsieur Du-

Minesau? He rose and peered at me through the dush. "Is it the gentleman who dined here this afternoon?" he asked, somewhat suspiciously.

"The same." "You are welcome,' he answered, and I ould not help smilling at his assumption

of ownership. He shook hands with me as I came or board, waved to the vacant chair, and

poured me water in one of my own glasses. "I must apologize that I have no wone to offer you," he said in such a manner that my likings instantly went out to "I should not even have had the him.

pleasure of offering you this but for the fact that you yourself provided it." "Will you smoke?" I handed him a ci-

gar, which he accepted, and lighted with a match I furnished. For the first time noticed a pair of heavy pistols on the

"You travel well guarded," said I, loos ing at them.

"I have need," he answered, need." I looked closely at him I looked closely at him. He was in perfect earnest, his pale face absolutely serious, his deep eyes set beneath black Than she tapped her foot impatiently, brows. He pushed his somewhat long hair back from a fine, broad forehead. do not know you you are, sir, but I take you for a friend-one I assure you of a

class now sadly small." "I live near the beach," I explained, and my name is Seldon. I imagine that

you are a stranger to this shore?" "An absolute stranger. I come from the other side of the ocean. This is the first time I have ever been to America." I waited, but he would vouchsafe noth-

ing further. So we sat and smoked silently, while I felt his keen eyes studying

"May I ask your age, Mr. Selden?" sald at length.

"Certainly. Twenty-eight." "Ah! You are very much younger than I. I am somewhere between 40 and

ment, for I was surprised out of my wits, "My name is Pierre Dupogcean," the stranger said, ignoring me and oth." I could not imagine other

he said, as though in answer to my thoughts. "When I hear a woman in thoughts. distress I am water. I cannot but interfigure. Never had I seen a man just pose. Still, as I returned here this even-like him. He was dressed all in black. ing I thought that possibly you might his clothes were singularly rich and feel aggrieved. Belleve me, Mr. Selden, was not something of a hypnotist when I found that he was speaking in a soft, low, ruminative

"I like you, Mr. Selden, I like you extremely, and so I would not bring you into any harm; and yet if you are 1015 friend I shall most likely do so, for that curse was laid upon me in the past. I have had many friends and even enemies, and some of the friends have turned enemies, but none of the enemies friends. I tell you this so that you may the better judge, because you must be one or the other. Nobody has ever been Indifferent."

I could not detect arrogance; simply the statement of facts. "I would rather be your friend," I an

swered. Ho was silent again, gazing at and through me with his dreamy, speculatice vision. I had the feeling that I was in a measure spelibound—that I could not start a conversation for myself, could not

act without his volition. "There are reasons," he continued in time, "while I cannot tell you much. 11 I am not one of the world's great men by birth, I am by achievement. There was a Corsican born in the last century whom all the powers of Europe sought for years to bind and allence; there are many men there who would do the same for me Wherever Napoleon went he brought he brought strife; wherever I go strife follows." He ceased looking through me, and gased at me, "You have your quiet beach, your snug house, your summer with the fair lady of this afternoon; do you still wish me to stay?"

"The Ship is any one's property," I said, "and the shore is free. If you want more, you have only to ask for it at my ottag

What would the lady say ?" he contin-

"The lady has nothing whatever to may in the matter," I returned, annoyed at his continual reference to Miss Graham.

"I am free to choose for myself." Duponceau smiled. "Mr. Selden, you are a young man of spirit, but you are ignorant, very ignorant. It all depends on the lady. You would not weigh me in the balance for a moment if she willed otherwise. No one is free; there is always some other power. Even the Corsican could not withstand his star." The smile faded, vanished; Duponcean's even were stern and fixed.

"I have been called a pirate, a robber a modern Juggernaut, but it was only be cause I had my vision, and could see farther than others could."

He was leagues away, his thoughts fighting. I watched him until his mind came back.

"Now," he said, "we will fight it out, I take you at your word-the Ship is ne, the shore any one's property. Suddenly he rose and stood peering up "Some one is coming. the beach.

said, and I saw that his hands felt for the pistols on the table. I looked, and saw Charles swinging a

"It is only my servant," I an lantern. swered.

"Can he be trusted?"

"Implicitly."

"Tell him who I am." We walted until Charles came on eard. He showed no surprise at seeing the two of us.

"I came for the dinner things, Mr. Feĺπ, be stated, looking at me and ignor-

ing Duponceau. "Charles," I said, "this is Monsteur Duponceau, who has lately come to stay fitted out with the apparatus. in this Ship. You are not to mention his presence here to any one, but will do whatever he asks. You need not take the things away; they way be of use to him in the cabin.

ay rely on Charles as on your black, a Charles bowed to the man in black, a ne figure, gazing steadily at my man. ald not he made, his hand still on the pistols, his lights in proper position to give the soft black hat low upon his forehead, his cloak flung across his shoulder.

Charles turned to go. "Has there been

THE OPERA IN PARIS-THE GRAND STAIRCASE.



A SPECTACULAR VIEW IN THE PARIS OPERA HOUSE

Perhaps at no other point can so vivid an impression of the riches and grace of the French capital be gained as at the foot of the grand staircase leading to the interior of the opera house at Paris. The exterior of the building with its colonnade lit with blue mercury lights is familiar to everyone who has been to Paris, but until the visitor has witnessed this scene of shimmering satin and sparkling jewels he will have missed a remarkable sight which only the opera can show him.



Arkansas leads among the states in the production of bauxite, her output being more than 60 per cent of the total last year. Holland has a new law forbidding

the adulteration of butter, under panalty of imprisonment, which may reach one year. The brilliancy of a limelight used in a demonstrating lantern can be in-

creased by slipping it over an ordinary gas mantle. The United States government main tains fifty-seven wireless telegraph

statons and has ninety-six vessels A professorship of acrostatics has been founded in Gettingen University, and schools for training aeronauts Monsieur Duponceau, you are to be established in several Ger-

man citles. 'The word "tungstoller" has been coined to define the fixture used to | ing tory and describing the American help noting the picture that hold a group of tungaten electric

> beat service. Austria limits the number of drug

mated to have had a height of 450 feet, and a diameter, at the ground, of more than 40 feet. The bark on feet in thickness. Besides the giant pines and yellow pines from 8 to 10

ARNOLD'S TREASON EXPECTED.

phia, Oct. 5, 1780, by Charles Petit,

treason Petit wrote;

cause, was any great surprise to me The constant and uniform tenor of his

that way, and the court he paid to

BIRD CASTLES IN THE ROCKS.

Ten Thousand Bleds Live I pon Rock on the Magdales islands, To see the other rock-dwellers wa must go on farther to the norta, From the Magdalens to the most northern lands one will mest that precipitous Islands and headlands tenanted by the hardy scabirds which delight in sheer heights such as turn most men diazy. Great Bird Hock, of the Magdalen group, far out in the turbulent Gulf of Bt. Lawrence, is the most accessible from civilization of any of the colonies of this sort, says Horbert K. Job, in Outing. 11 almost scotts like mocker, though, to apply to it the term "accessible." It is a question of degree, for even this is remote and hard to reach at its best. Yet such a place as Great Hird Rock ts one of the seven wonders of the world. If any one who truly loves wild nature desires a real and unique thrill, by all means he or she should somehow vialt Great Bird Hock. It. towers from a stormy, for begint ocean, lonely, buffeted on every side, exposing its towering cliffs to the almost unremitted assaults of the elements.

It has been my good fortune twice to visit this great castle of the birds. The first time we went in a schouler of goodly size, were left on the rock, and called for two days later. The toxt time, four years after, the veniel failed to keep the appointment, and, rather than give it up, we watched our chance and ran out from the Magdalens in an open lobster hoat. We were hurled ashore by the surf on the me bit of rocky beach under the cutt. Hurriedly hitching on the steam winch tackle, we had the boat holsted out of danger, and scrambled up the long ladder 110 feet to the summit, where we were loyally cared for by the keeper and his family, who had received but one visitor since the previous November.

On the sheer walls of this precipitous island, on the many ledges, live some ten thousand sea birds. That sights are impreasive beyond the power of any words adequately to describe. From below, as we approach these trees runs from 6 inches to 2 in the beat, we gaze upward with awe at the circling swarm of the sequolas, there are hundreds of sugar birds, note the rows and companies upon the ledges, listen to the screams, feet in diameter, and ranging to 275 of the birds and the din of the surf, which pounds away ceaselessly at the cliff. Our boat is plunging, in everything there is motion, the height of the rocky wall is appalling, and the

very universe seems to reel and stag-And when, either by climbing ger. the ladder or being holsted up by the steam winch, we gain the summit and look down, the scene is equally impressive. From some promoniory of the cliff we gaze down upon hosts of birds upon their eggs. Some of the engs we can see as the owners iaunch forth and scale swiftly downward and circle out over the ocean to

join the ever-circling throng. SOME MARRIED MEDITATIONS. By Clarence L. Cullen.

When a woman looks just right in a bathing suit it's a sign that all the conduct in this city looked strongly other women call her a bold, brazen creature.

feet in height.

Revolutionary Letter Lately Sold Tells of Ilis Tory Friendship. An interesting historical letter, relating to Benedict Arnold's treason, Gen. Gates' disastrous campaign in the Southern States and the appointment of Gen. Nathanael Greene to suczeed him there, fetched \$55 at Freeman's in Philadelphia a few days ago, the New York Times says. The letter was written to Greene from Philadel-

a member of the continental congress, who also was assistant to Greens while the latter was quartermaster general. In regards to the West Point

"I cannot say that Gen. Arnold's treason, so far as respects his turn-

of strange pattern.

any other man. His height was over six feet. I recognized the figure that I had seen in the storm.

He was smiling easily, the least perturbed of the three. "Permit me, made-molaelle," he repeated, and offered Miss Graham his arm.

She shot one glance at me, and then, half smilling, placed her hand on his arm. So he led her across the deck to the lad-

I was still dumb with surprise. I saw man in black leap to the path, help Miss Graham down the ladder, cross the causeway, and disappear with her behind the cliff. Then I sat down on a chair. Was I awake or dreaming? A man had come out of the Ship at a crucial moment, and a man who, my instinct told me, was not of our age or people. I no longer recognized Alastair; I was beginning even to doubt my sober self.

CHAPTER IX.

Darkness fell, and still the man in the cloak did not return, and I went back to the cottage with my curiosity unsatisfied. I did not know what to make of his sudter did not so much surprise me, for I what closed around him, and muffiel feit intuitively that we were dealing with about his chin, so that ill of his face a gentleman. As far as my recollection could clearly see was his long, wonderful of sea-rovers went, I recalled that pirates black eyes. Indeed, they were wonderful had always been scrupulously polite in . their relations with the gentler sex.

There was no gainsaying that this sud-den apparition had interposed himself be-tween Miss Graham and me, yet I did not I was just wondering if this Dupenceau

From his shoulders at the time I had eyes only for the lady. hung a black cloak held under his chin He paused, then went on : "If you will by two heavily wrought gold chains. pardon a much older man, I would give Across his open waistcoat, which was you a bit of counsel. Never coutend with black satin flowered in white, were three a woman; let her have her way. Above you a bit of counsel. Never contend with rold chains, and there were rings on his fingers. Moreover, his manner was strange, exotic, polished to a degree, and "I have the least reason in the who

"I have the least reason in the world his voice had a peculiar, fascinating for-eign softness that I had never heard in He made no reply, but smoked thoughtfully. I suddenly found his further aiience unendurable. "What are your plans, sir?" I asked

"For I do not suppose that abraptly. you dropped down here entirely by chance and intend to stay until chance again moves you away."

"No, I did not arrive solely by chance," he answered, "although that had much to do with it. But I expect to atay until ertune, he it good or had, sum That is, always supposing, Mr. Selden, that you do not drive me away from your beach.

"I?" I said, much surprised. "How an your stay here hurt me?"

My new acquaintance let his eyes res spon my face a moment, then smiled as though at a passing joke of his own.

"You have a saying that 'where ignor ance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise'; I will not explain, therefore, and only hope that you may never know; but"-and his eyes shifted for a moment from mine to the gistols on the table-"if you do know, it will not be a very pretty piece of information."

I clenched my pipe between my teath; den appearance, nor of the summary fash-ion in which he had interposed between Miss Graham and myself. He, a total as strongly as the sait breeze from the stranger, escorting her home through the sen. I felt myself indescribably fasci-woods! And yst this phase of the mat-oated. Duponceau drew his cloak somwhat closed around him, and muffled it -those eyes of his. The more I looked into them, the more they hold me, and

any message for terthought.

Mr. Felix." Charles hesitated. "No. "but I found a man prowling about the back road after supper, and, though I'd never seen him before, I couldn't learn his husiness. He looked like a sly one,

sir.' I turned to Duponceau; he was smil-

"You see, Mr. Seldon, how quickly my words find proof. Where I come strife follows."

(To be continued.)

In Distress.

"Where be you going in such hurry, pa?" asked the tall woman in farm horses.

"Going to pull an automobile party out of the mud, sis," inughed the old farmer. "They've got the 'C. D. Q.' meeting of the academy Mons. A. signal flying from their machine."

Tactical Skill.

He (thoughtiessly)-This bread isn't like the kind-

She (angrily)-Well, your mother made it, all the same.

He (deprecatingly)-I was going to say, my dear, like the kind we had the last time you made it,-Baltimore American.

Works Both Ways.

"Matrimony without love," remarked married woman, "Is something the awful."

"It can't be more awful than love without matrimony," sighed the spinster.

Unantisfactory Satisfaction.

Biquor-How does the new furnace work?

Kiquor-Work? Say, it makes my blood boll every time I think of it!

stores to the number of inhabitants of a district or city, and the need of an additional one must be clearly shown before the license is issued.

The geological survey is creeting at Pittsburg a testing plant for structural material that will be able to handie girders 65 feet long and give them a tension of 19,000,000 pounds.

Government tests have shown that many coals which are too high in ash and sulphur for economical use under hotlers or for cooking may be made

commercially valuable by proper washing.

Messara. Henri and Stodel recently demonstrated to the French Academy the red sunbonnet as her husband of Sciences the practicability of sterildashed by with a powerful pair of izing milk by means of the ultraviolet rays emitted by mercury vapor lamps. Milk thus treated can be completely sterilized in the cold. At the same Gascard showed that milk to which potassium bichromate has been added as a preservative keeps much better In the dark.

> The Yana language of northern California represents a distinct linguistic stock, and had formerly three dialects one of which is now extinct. It posasses two forms of speech, one of which is employed by men speaking to men, while the other is used in all other cases. Practically, the language has only nouns and verbs, the adjectiives, adverbs, numerals, interrogative pronouns and conjunctions being formed from the verba

In the Calaveras National Forest there are two groves of big trees. In the North Grove, in Calaveras County, there are ten trees each having a diameter of 25 feet or over, and more than seventy having a diameter ranging between 15 and 25 feet. The tree called the "Father of the Forests."

which now lies on the ground, is esti-

tories was too plain and evident. and too universal to arise from any other motive than the laying of a foundation for joining them at some day or other, but the magnitude of

his treason and the extent of his plan, I must confess, startle and amaze me: 1 could scarcely have conceived that the pride of an ambi-

tious man and that sense of honor, or at least the pretension to it, which every man of station thinks himself bound to wear the appearance whether he really feels it or not,

would have prevented a man of his situation to rush at once into a villainty so atroclous and degrading to human nature. But he seems to have his own nurse, been determined not to be a little villain. Nothing short of the highest rate could satisfy him, and in this he has shown his courage, though his plan has failed. I shall at present add only one reflection upon this affair, and that is that I consider it as a public benefit not only that the

plot has been so seasonably discovered, but that the attempt has been made."

In writing about Gen. Gates' Southern campaign Petit says: Tho Southern gentlemen particularly seemed destrous that Gen. Greene should be appointed. The Southern people are strongly prejudiced against a Caledonian (Gen. St. Clair), having an ugly pest of them in their own bowels in North Carolina."

"New thought will beautify the plainest girl."

"That may be so, but very few girls are going to give up lotions for no tiona."-Milwaukee Journal.

It costs more to avenge a wrong than it does to let it go by default.

The man who can't swim, but whose wife can, has to stand for a lot of patronizing by his spouse during the bathing months.

The woman who looks the most follful and supervillous in a motor car usually is the woman who is the least accustomed to such vehicles.

Familiar quotation: "Now, I wara you if you go out this evening without taking me, you won't find me here when you come back. Mark my words, of, str!"

There are slews of pretty and agreeable trained nurses, but the only time a married man draws one is when he gets sick away from home and picks

The only way to get even with her for squirming and wriggling when you're hooking up the back is to pull that squirming number yourself when sho's tying your dress tie.

The woman who keeps her hair in "kids" nearly all day Sunday can't understand why her husband is so choppy and so anxious to go som where-anywhere-on his day of rest.

One of those serio-comis effects is when a woman, unconscious of an unhooked back placket, haughtily turns her back upon a rival and then looks stunned and puzzled when she hears the strgles behind her.

The woman who harps the most upon the swell matrimonial chances she tossed away to marry the man whose name she bears is the one who runs around in tantrumish circles if her husband even accidentally lets slip the name of some girl he knew before his marriage.

A baby averages up fairly well if it is half as pretty as its mother says it is, or half as homely as the acighbors think it is.

Quite So.