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White Hand

A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

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CHAPTER VII.—(Continued.)

"Speak to me, Louise," uttered Goupert, now speaking quickly and eagerly, "and tell me if you have forgotten those words I used to speak. Have you forgotten them?"

"No—not one."

"Then let me speak them again. Let me now speak them as one who knows the ways of life, and to one who can judge for herself of the deep meaning that passing years have given to all those emotions that have outlived the destroying wear of time. In the heart where this image was first enshrined, none other has ever come. I have cherished your sweet face, and in humble prayer have begged that I might see you once more on earth. And, at times, my soul has been well enough in its flights of hope to picture that one most holy thought of all-life-union with the dearly loved one. When my feet first touched these shores, I dreamed not that I was near to this. But I found you, and here I sat me down to pray with more of hope, and to hope with more of promise. And now, Louise, let me ask you, as I have asked you a hundred times before, will you be my wife?"

"Goupert, I have a father whose every earthly wish is for the good of his children, and not for worlds would I—I—"

"I understand," said St. Denis, as the maiden hesitated and stopped. "And he assured that I would not ask, even for life itself at his hands, against thy noble father's wish. But suppose I ask him and he bids me take you?"

"Then I am by his permission only what in heart I have been for years."

A short time longer those two sat there, and their words had a solemn, prayerful cast, such as one who holds gratefully the human soul; and as they walked towards the house, they spoke not of the subject upon which their life hung.

It was already dusk when they reached the hall, and while Louise went to remove her moccasins, St. Denis went to seek Brian St. Julien. He found him in his library.

"How now, Goupert?" cried the old man, as his young friend took a seat. "What has happened? Any more Indians? What on earth makes you look so sober?"

"It is a deep and sober subject which is on my mind," answered the youth.

"Then out with it, for I am a father confessor here."

St. Denis knew the marquis too well to hesitate, and he spoke boldly and to the point.

"My friend," he said, "I love every member of my immediate family more to you; but you will not be jealous if I also inform you that my love for Louise is rather stronger than for any one else."

St. Julien arose and placed his hand upon the youth's head, and, while his big eyes shined like stars, he said:

"Goupert, my noble boy, you have made me the happiest of men. O, I have prayed for this moment many a time, and now it has come. Among all my acquaintances, you were the only one to whom my hopes could be turned. You shall take my child, and on shall take me. I am growing lazy, if not old, and not much longer will Simon remain with me."

"Ah," uttered the youth, with a look of relief, "is Simon going?"

"Yes. He isn't just the man for me. I will let him have his money, and so we keep peace; but yet much of my nephew's conduct makes me nervous. I do not like his plans about the estate, and yet he shows an abrupt, willful spirit if I offer a word of expostulation. He seems bent on realizing all the ready money he can from the place without any regard to its future worth and improvement. I do not like it. Yes, yes—Simon must seek some other home."

"Hark!" interrupted Goupert. "What was that noise?"

"I heard nothing," said the old man.

"Let me look a moment. And thus speaking, the youth went to the door and looked out. But he saw nothing. He stepped out into the entry; but there was no one there. "I must have been mistaken," he said, as he returned to the library and closed the door after him.

As he did not look in the right place, he had his eyes cast upon the ceiling. He would have seen a small hole where the host once had a copper pipe lead down to feed a showering bath. And had he but gone up into the small lumber room overhead, he would have found a man there, lying flat on a serpent, with his eyes to that ungodly ceiling. He would have seen at a glance that the watcher could both see and hear all that transpired in the library!

CHAPTER VIII.

Days flew on now upon golden wings, and suspicion had ceased to work in even Goupert's mind. Old Tony had watched carefully, but he could find nothing to excite him. Only one thing came up to his mind, and that was a sudden visit of Simon Laboulaye to New Orleans. He professed to have business there, and he said he would see how much corn he could find a market for, there being several hundred bushels now in the granary; but the marquis informed him that he need not trouble himself about the corn, as he already had a use for it, meaning to keep a large quantity on hand to serve in case of a falling crop. Yet Simon must go, for he had business of his own; and one fine morning, down the river he went, in company with some men who were bound for Fort Ross.

"I give up!" he cried, at the top of his voice. "Come, Louise!"

He waited a few moments, expecting to be assailed with a burst of joking at his want of success. The smile was already on his face, and the exclamation with which to meet the hidden ones was upon his lips all ready for utterance. But no one came.

"They could not have heard," suggested St. Julien.

"Ah," uttered Goupert, "they must have gone into the house."

"So they have," said the father. "That's

as they went out and snuffed up the sweet, balmy air of the beautiful evening. Louise clasped her hands and proposed a game of "hide and seek." The others shouted acquiescence, and even the old man was bound to join in the sport. Louise and her brother knew all the hiding places within the enclosure, and the former pulled Louise aside, and whispered merrily with him.

"Now, none of that," said Goupert—"none of that! It is not fair for you to conspire against me. If you two put your heads together I'll go and charter old Tony to come and help me. Now mind!"

But the only answer he received was a joyful laugh as Louise ran away to dress herself for the outdoor sport.

The moon rode high in the heavens, and her face was but slightly turned away from earth. In the wide courtyard the merry voices rang tunelessly out upon the calm night air, and the glad notes were caught up and flung back by the distant forest.

Away over the brow of a gentle hill, where a copse of beautiful acacia trees were left standing, moved many dark objects. They were crouching in the wood, and listening to the shouts that came from the distant dwelling. Among them gathered together and conversed in a strange tongue, and then they moved slowly up the hillside, and crept down towards the corn field. On they moved, like specters in the moonlight, until they neared the high barricade, and then settled lower down and crept on like huge cats approaching their prey. Straight they moved towards the postern, and there they lay, beneath the wooden wall, and listened to the merry voices from within. Soon one of them arose to his feet. He was in the shade of the wall, but yet the many colored paint upon his dark skin could be seen, and the dusky-browed warrior was no more concealed.

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"What is it?" the latter asked.

"See that foot?" the black man gasped, trembling like an aspen.

"What of it?"

"It had no heel! It is the print of a moccasin!"

While the people were crowding about the spot, one of the women found an arrow, and in a moment more a moccasin was picked up.

"The Chickasaws!" exclaimed Tony, as soon as he saw the moccasin.

"O heavens!" gasped Brian St. Julien. And with a deep groan he staggered back. But he quickly revived, for the thought of pursuit came to him. Goupert hastened the men to pursuit in wild, frantic tones.

Just as the great old clock in the hall told the hour of four in the morning, the party returned to the house, pale and fatigued. The first gray streaks of dawn were penciling the eastern horizon as the marquis and Goupert stood in the sitting room. One of the women brought in a lamp, and the youth started when he saw how pale his old looked. And St. Julien started, too; for he looked into his companion's face, and it looked terror-stricken even to death.

They spoke not a word. And one by one moved forward and extended his hand, and on the next moment his head was pillowed upon Goupert's shoulder, and such deep, mighty sobs broke forth from his lips that it seemed as though a heart were rent in sunder. And one by one the eager servants came into that room, for they dared not yet trust themselves to sleep. They stood and witnessed the great grief of their loved master, and with one accord they wept with him. Truly that was a dark hour!

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FIRE EATS UP MILL

Sweeps Through Business Cincinnati with Disaster Cincinnati, Feb. 28.—A o'clock this morning flames covered in the cellar of Geor grocery in the Pike building street, between Vine and Washington later there was a supposed to come from liquor age, and the flames soon after up through the roof of the stone front building, and from there on for several hours the beyond control.

The flames destroyed half a center of the business district, causing a loss of over \$2,000,000. Burning embers were carried for the Kentucky suburbs being with them. The fire department Covington, Newport and other tucky towns came to the assistance of the local firemen, but it was no fore their combined efforts had the under control. Crews were at the time on the roofs of the surrounding buildings, and a general con tion was narrowly averted.

It was perhaps the greatest scar city ever had, and it was scar only one time that the entire business of the city was doomed, and would have been the case if there been brisk winds.

FATAL BLAZE IN NEW YORK.

Eight-Story Building Totally Destroyed and One Fireman Killed.

New York, Feb. 28.—Several firemen were hurt, one fatally, at a fire in eight story building at Broadway and Thirteenth street, early today. The property loss is estimated at \$260,000. Captain John Andreise, of an engine company, while at work at the fire, fell through an open shaft, striking on his head. He died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

A dozen firemen were at work on the sixth floor, when a part of the fireproof ceiling fell. Battalion Chief Gooderson was knocked unconscious by a piece of tile. Fireman Daniel Foley's right leg was broken. Fireman Joseph Kinsch and Thomas Nix fell from a ladder and broke their legs, and a piece of cornice crushed fireman Joseph Kimmel's foot.

Sparks from the burning building were blown toward the Morton house, at Broadway and Fourteenth street, and the 200 guests of that hotel who had been aroused by the fire engines all went down to the street for safety.

Dr. Gatling is Dead.

New York, Feb. 28.—R. J. Gatling, inventor of the Gatling gun, died here today at the home of his son-in-law, Hugh P. Pentecost. Dr. Gatling died very suddenly in the arms of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh O. Pentecost. At 1:15 o'clock Dr. Gatling returned home from a trip down town. Being 84 years of age and accustomed to resting after any physical effort, he told his daughter he would lie down. Shortly afterward he commenced to breathe heavily. A physician was called and he administered strychnine, but to no purpose.

To Double-Track Union Pacific.

Denver, Feb. 28.—The Union Pacific is to be double tracked all the way from Omaha to Ogden, according to statements of surveyors who left Denver today. The contracts were let a few days ago for double-tracking 100 miles west from Omaha. This morning I. C. Elvins left for Rock Springs and Green River, where he joins other surveyors in laying out cut-offs this side of Ogden. He states that plans are now being drawn up for double-tracking the road from Cheyenne to Laramie.

Will Pass at Extra Session.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The fight congress against the Panama canal treaty, and Morgan is determined to defeat it at this session of congress. He is being aided by men who are known to be opposed to the Cuban treaty, and there is a probability that both will go over for a special session of the senate, but they will be ratified then, or at least a vote will be taken upon them, and, from a close canvass of the senate both will pass.

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CAN'T EXCEL

Senate Naval Committee Ships of the Navy.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The naval committee believe that the battleships sent the most perfect afloat today, and according to the house program and authorized four new ships of that type rather than the heavier vessels provided for in the house program. It is smaller by more of them, the house program provided for two large ships. When the bill passes goes to conference, there ability of the senate provision, or at least the two or more ships of the Senator Hale says the perfect warship in existence in the Oregon, and the count better than to add other class to the navy as soon

FIRE EATS UP MILL

Sweeps Through Business Cincinnati with Disaster Cincinnati, Feb. 28.—A o'clock this morning flames covered in the cellar of Geor grocery in the Pike building street, between Vine and Washington later there was a supposed to come from liquor age, and the flames soon after up through the roof of the stone front building, and from there on for several hours the beyond control.

The flames destroyed half a center of the business district, causing a loss of over \$2,000,000. Burning embers were carried for the Kentucky suburbs being with them. The fire department Covington, Newport and other tucky towns came to the assistance of the local firemen, but it was no fore their combined efforts had the under control. Crews were at the time on the roofs of the surrounding buildings, and a general con tion was narrowly averted.

It was perhaps the greatest scar city ever had, and it was scar only one time that the entire business of the city was doomed, and would have been the case if there been brisk winds.

FATAL BLAZE IN NEW YORK.

Eight-Story Building Totally Destroyed and One Fireman Killed.

New York, Feb. 28.—Several firemen were hurt, one fatally, at a fire in eight story building at Broadway and Thirteenth street, early today. The property loss is estimated at \$260,000. Captain John Andreise, of an engine company, while at work at the fire, fell through an open shaft, striking on his head. He died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

A dozen firemen were at work on the sixth floor, when a part of the fireproof ceiling fell. Battalion Chief Gooderson was knocked unconscious by a piece of tile. Fireman Daniel Foley's right leg was broken. Fireman Joseph Kinsch and Thomas Nix fell from a ladder and broke their legs, and a piece of cornice crushed fireman Joseph Kimmel's foot.

Sparks from the burning building were blown toward the Morton house, at Broadway and Fourteenth street, and the 200 guests of that hotel who had been aroused by the fire engines all went down to the street for safety.

Dr. Gatling is Dead.

New York, Feb. 28.—R. J. Gatling, inventor of the Gatling gun, died here today at the home of his son-in-law, Hugh P. Pentecost. Dr. Gatling died very suddenly in the arms of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh O. Pentecost. At 1:15 o'clock Dr. Gatling returned home from a trip down town. Being 84 years of age and accustomed to resting after any physical effort, he told his daughter he would lie down. Shortly afterward he commenced to breathe heavily. A physician was called and he administered strychnine, but to no purpose.

To Double-Track Union Pacific.

Denver, Feb. 28.—The Union Pacific is to be double tracked all the way from Omaha to Ogden, according to statements of surveyors who left Denver today. The contracts were let a few days ago for double-tracking 100 miles west from Omaha. This morning I. C. Elvins left for Rock Springs and Green River, where he joins other surveyors in laying out cut-offs this side of Ogden. He states that plans are now being drawn up for double-tracking the road from Cheyenne to Laramie.

Will Pass at Extra Session.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The fight congress against the Panama canal treaty, and Morgan is determined to defeat it at this session of congress. He is being aided by men who are known to be opposed to the Cuban treaty, and there is a probability that both will go over for a special session of the senate, but they will be ratified then, or at least a vote will be taken upon them, and, from a close canvass of the senate both will pass.