CHAPTER XVII. CONTINUED.)

He spoke all languages, even English, impartial pronunciation; and he had all that polish of manner which I suppose has given rise to the old proverb, that if you scratch a Russian gentleman, you will draw he said, without the least expression of irthe blood of a Tartar savage.

I need only add that he was obviously incapable of truth unless with a serious object, or by way of amusing himself with a novelty, and that he was extremely entertaining.

Englishmen call themselves cosmopolitan. Americans laugh at us English as insular, much as an Englishman from St. James's would laugh at the best man in all Tristan d'Acunha. Russians laugh, and laugh very fairly and justly, at the United States, with New York for its St. Petersburg, and Boston, that" hub of the universe," where the axis of the earth visibly sticks out through the earth's surface, for its Moscow, and the Boston Philosophical institute (if that be its name), for its Kremlin.

The Prince called on us the next day, and our acquaintance soon improved, so that he became one of the four men whom I could say I had really known. I may at once put aside my late husband and the me under all the circumstances. Very Reverend the Dean. It is more difficult to institute any comparison between Prince Balanikoff and George Sabine. I can only suggest it by saying that each was a perfect specimen of his type, the one of an English gentleman of old family, the

on the Seine. What with the Opera, and long drives on the roof of the drag, and delightful runs in the launch on the river, we hardly ever needed to complain that we had lost a day.

what the English world in London, or even the Parisian world, which is smaller and more lenient, might say or think?

My position was quite secured. I could do as I pleased, and I intended to do so, was free to take up the Prince if I pleased, and to throw him over again when I pleased

Society, in the strictest sense of the term, Court in Europe hopelessly shut in my gains, and there had been even more than useful result. face; and as I now knew, beyond the this. circle of the Court there is no society in any capital of Europe.

nights of his salon for the Court circle, and others for the remainder of his necessary | me-at me, my dear. Well, I smiled de. asinorum. acquaintance. The two great circles may murely, much as a Queen might smile to a meet; they may even, in geometrical bow, and he followed me all along the Rue phraseology, touch; but they never inter- | St. Honore-shying horribly when I looked

Gotha" may be as devoid of real mean- couldn't help it-he touched his soft felt ing as the pedantries of heraldry. But it is | hat most politely, and said in Ollendorf, none the less an appreciable factor in that 'It was making a beautiful day.' So human life.

most sacred rights of the Church .

have seen it. To be strictly truthful, I | more serious matters. will own that I have seen it, but had simply shut my eyes to it.

and, as Russians have very little sentiment | gusted me." about them, I can put the story plainly and straitforwardly.

the most faultless English and with a con- ister had dropped from Heaven after the Muscovite passion of laying his heart and three hundred thousand francs a year at my

His frankness was something refreshing. He could not marry, he explained without the permission under his sign manual of the Czar himself, who would never consent to the union of the representative of a family | prison diet - no wine, no beer, no pastry, allied to the Romanoff with the daughter of an English priest, however exalted in his three bread, and a quarter of a pound of holy calling.

There was besides a little difficulty in the fact that his own wife happened unfortunately to be still alive, and that her father, although not of very exalted birth. held a position of the highest trust and confidence in the Imperial Chencellerie. Money, however, was the merest trifle. He would deposit a sum with the Rothschilds or any other French or English house sufficient to secure me a yearly income of three hundred thousand francs, and I could tomorrow select and furnish any hotel in Paris that took my fancy.

All this was said as plainly and as brutally as if he had been talking to any member of la haute cocotterie, and yet with the most imperturbable grace and polish.

I remember only two ideas-if I can so term them -that flashed through my mind. One was to ask myself what I had done to merit this insult, or if I could in any possible way have given him the idea that I had been laying myself open to do it.

The other was an almost insane desire to kill him as he stood there, leaning with all his great length against the mantel-piece, and twisting his watch-chain into knots between his great fingers.

I believe I should have been idiotic enough to have done as much if a pistol had been lying ready to my hand; and I am quite sure that it would have been one of those cases in which the late Maitre Lachaud would have secured a triumphant

acquittal. Luckily, there was no pistol, or, indeed, any other weapon more dangerous than a paper knife at hand; and so, not caring to trust myself to French, I addressed him in

my own tongue. I began by telling him that he was a coward to insult me as he had done, and that, if I had lacqueys within call, I would have him thrust out. This, I said, he might take as my definite answer and as my final answer, since I unhappily knew no Englishmen in Paris to call him to account. Meantime he saw the door, and

he could go. And here, I am afraid, I somewhat spoiled the dignity of my harangue by adding that the sooner he went the better.

I was excited. with equal fluency, and with a sufficiently him by surprise or not. I must only pre- square. He may have been brutal person- partner in the firm. In fact"-and here he provoked it if he had forseen it.

> ritation, that he deeply regretted the unfortunate misunderstanding which had occurred, and the whole blame of which he made me a most profound, and at the same time graceful bow, and departed in the most | moment?" natural manner, and without the least aploss of dignit

myself on the sofa and instead of fainting, possible. And then, too, it was made to him to call upon me, and to bring his wife, whirled round suddenly. The memory of George Sabine flashed through my mind as straight out for a high price. You are not that I remembered the circumstances as a streak of lightning flashes through a fair on the man."

pitchy dark sky. After the lightning follows the thunder

then burst out crying passionately. When I recovered myself I began

I may have been doing that worthy man an injustice; but I came to the conclusion Amongst the Prince's other cosmopolitan a new and better life; that it was not for you would have had from him?" accomplishments he possessed the art of mortal man to too severely judge his fellow; driving four-in-hand. Amongst his pet that the manner of my refusal had been, to ered what he said?" toys at Paris was, in addition to his box at | say the least, uncharitable, if not actually | in its tenets from our own that he for one And why need I trouble myself about never despaired of seeing, even in his own lifetime, the reconciliation of the two, in which happy event he should be able to exclaim with the aged Simeon, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

CHAPTER XVIII.

Your richest roturier sets aside certain Place Vendome, when I ran almost full tilt | what is a point, it is idle to link arms into a young Englishman, who looked at | and endeavor to cross the fateful pon in at the jewellers' windows, until we The etiquette of the "Almanach de reached the end of the street. Then-I what did I do? I kept my countenance, Not even the Church of Rome, which and answered him in English with a French freely dispenses the sacrament of matri- accent. 'Naughty little boy ! go home at mony, will recognize as Princess at the once, or I will write and tell the Proctors Court of the Vatican the morganatic wife and the examining chaplain to his holiness of a Prince, lawfully married by all the the Bishop.' My child, you should have seen the little parson make tracks."

I might have seen what was coming. To | When we had finished laughing over this be more exact, I should say that I ought to defeat of the church militant, I turned to

"We must really take counsel together, Ethel. I have had, this morning, a pro-What happened fell out upon this fashion; posal which has fairly bewildered and dis-

"Good gracious!" "I feel pretty much as the Dean might The Prince one day did me the honor, in have felt three years ago if the Prime Minthe roof, and alighted at the hearthrug at the Vicarage, and had then said without any attempt at preliminary warning : "Mr. St. Aubyn, you are the ablest man in the whole Church. Mr. St. Aubyn, I will make you a bishop to-morrow, only it must be on the distinct understanding that you live on gruel four days a week, and on the other meat! What would the dean have said?"

"Perhaps, my dear," replied Mrs. Fortescue, "he may at some time have read of His Excellency, Don Sancho Panza, Governor of the Island of Barataria. If so, he would most certainly have declared that he would prefer to have the stipend of Ossulston raised to five hundred a year, and to go back to it and get drunk every night with his crony the churchwarden, as you telling, of "La Juive Errante." tell me he used to do."

what I have done."

all that had taken place with Prince Bal-

of these vagabonds. They live among their | might go, and, by way of color, to always serfs, and they think that they have only carry an umbrella, or a box of water-colors, to throw their handkerchief, or to show the or some such lumber. shadow of their little finger. And, on the other hand, you know," and here she drop- | call upon me. First came the, wife of a ped into a meditative tone of voice, " he doctor, whom a convenient chill and sore of age, recently walked from Mexborough was certainly very straightforward. What throat had obliged me to summon. he said about the Rothschilds was perhaps brutal, but eminently satisfactory.

the Emperor, and equally impossible to ob-Russian, to be strictly true. Of that I can assure you there is no manner of doubt I went. whatever; and when he told you he was married already, I think you may pretty fairly be construed in the most adverse the ladies took for jet. We must look them in the face, for time they all clustered round me. and tide do not wait for any of us.

with-shall I say-these insulting propos-

no manner of doubt. And if poor George come and go, and perhaps it is a surprise to Sabine were alive it would have been a very | each of us to meet the other. My name," different matter. But he isn't alive, and I he added rubbing his hands, " is Jenkins, think you were a little hard upon the Rus- When I first made your ladyship's acquaintsian. After his own barbarous fashion, and lance, I was only managing clerk in Lincoln's on the other hand, that I can fairly plead according to the best of those Northern Inn Fields to Messrs. Nisi, Slowcoach, & Lights which do duty in his wretched Absolute, Sir Henry's solicitors. I am sure I cannot tell whether this outburst took | country for a sun, he meant to act on the | you will be glad to hear that I am now a sume it did; for he would have hardly ally. Most of those Tartars are. But a dropped his voice to an odiously confiden-Russian is never a cad, and he is always tial whisper, "I am down here at this mo-As there was clearly nothing else to do, generous. I fancy very much that your | ment apparently on pleasure. No man likes prince could have taught our own Ambas- pleasure better than myself ; but I never let sador at St. Petersburg a lesson in manners business interfere with it, your ladyship. as well as in a good many other things." | And I do not mind telling you that our firm

was frankly willing to accept. And he then starting to my feet, "that you would have negotiations, much reminding me of those entertained his infamous proposal for a in which I had the honor of being concerned

proach to anything like discomposure or me that beg the whole thing. In the first is !' place, the proposal was made to you calmly

"Not fair on him !" "Let us just admit," she continued, "for and then the rain. I began to sob, and the mere sake of argument, that he is taken with you. Without flattery; there are | whether his wife derived any benefit from to few who would not be; and Russians are wonder dreamily, what sort of advice the extremely impulsive. He couldn't marry Very Reverend the Dean would have given | you. Why should you blame him so severely | ride with the --- hounds. for blurting out the truth in his own fashion, without any lying or beating about at once, "finds the waters do her a deal of the bush? You may have done wisely or good. She suffers from obstinate liver that he would have urged that there was unwisely; it is for you to judge, not for me. | complaint, for which I am told they are much in the past history of the Prince You may have rightly or wrongly, but you invaluable. I don't ride myself, especially | never had much of what the world would which called for pity rather than for have no right whatever to complain of hav- after hounds, but we have very pleasanger; that his affection was evi- ing been insulted. The man told you the ant drives in the morning, other of a Tartar Prince with unmeasured dently sincere; that he was no doubt truth, the whole truth and nothing but the been already to Warwick and Kenilestates, and unexhausted mines and forests. anxious, under my better influence, to lead truth, and I should like to know what more worth, and we mean to do the neigh- little girl do pretty much as she pleased.

the Opera, an exquisite little steam launch | unchristian; that from a mere worldly | wer yes. If it had been myself, I should point of view, I had perversely sacrificed a not have considered what he said at all. conversation was interrupted. very brilliant future with infinite oppor- I am afraid I should have jumped at it. tunities in it of usefulness and good, and It is so hard to live comfortably, and a that the Greek Church differed so slightly nice little rente of three hundred thousand francs goes such a very long way." "You are then really in earnest?"

"Never more so in my life, my child, and now let us have a cup of tea.'

With the cup of tea we tacitly allowed it, "my lady" and "your ladyship." the matter to drop. Each of us thoroughly knew the mind of the other, and when me from my blunder in not having at once there is an insuperable difference of opinion taken him into my confidence and given at the very outstart, you must remember him warning. But then, what a terrible When Ethel returned she was bubbling that life is short, and that it is worse than prospect! Am I forever to be taking over with little details. She had been here, waste of time, the most precious of all everybody into my confidence and giving was closed to me. As the divorced wife and she had been there; and in one or two divine gifts to man, to keep a discussion them warning, from the solicitor's managing of an Ambassador, I had the doors of every shops she had seen some wonderful bar- going which cannot possibly end in any clerk down to the dressmaker's fitter-on

> "Only fancy, Miriam, I was coming from disputantibus non est ratio." If you cannot The first danger was over; but he would be the Rue de la Paix, and was crossing the agree as to what is a straight line and

CHAPTER XIX.

No more talking over matters with Ethel Fortescue would have altered the position an inch. I understood her point of view thoroughly, and she knew I did so. She understood mine. We were far too good friends, and too sincerely attached to one ground-floor window. another to quarrel, especially over what was entirely my own affair. And, each of daughters successively do the same. Indeed us in her own way, we were more like men all three of them had a good stare at me. than women, regarding friendship as a very rare and precious thing which must not be broken by differences of opinion-opinion tion of a restic ingenue ordered to tell a her. being a transitory matter, and liable to lie, that her mistress was not at home. sudden changes and shifts of the wind, or to periods of entire calm, such as you get | me summarize it by saying that exactly the in that horrible region the Duldrums. same thing happened at half-a-dozen other Whereas friendship, like the trade winds, | houses. Scandal flies through Leamington, always blows steadily in a direction which or through any other English wateringcan be anticipated and consequently is not | place, like wild fire through a field of ripe to be made light of, or treated as a matter corn. I found myself in Leamington an of indifference and a disturbing element in outcast and a pariah.

your plaus. A compromise, however, was possible. him a week's notice. He was too truthful siderable amount of more or less sincere fashion of a thunderbolt, straight through I had my fifteen hundred a year. As to a little man to tell a downright lie, and he beam. But alas ! on the fourth day her that there could be no possible doubt. If piteously pleaded the many calls on his we are to come to the details of household | time. management, of which my sad and long experience at Ossulston had taught me only too much, two women can live together as cheaply as one can live by herself. | bread and cheese and table-beer. Consequently I was not hampered in my calculation by my loyalty to Mrs. Fortescue no doubt have been only too delighted to whom I could welcome at any time and have come, so far as he himself was concern-

upon any notice. live decorously and respectably. Not that | do I accuse thee;', and if he paid me the I suggest for a moment that I had ever compliment of writing upon the ground, I done otherwise. This resolution determined | was not present to see him do as much, and upon, we parted company with honestly so was in no ways solaced by the operation. sincere expressions of goodwill and affection Ethel went off to Carlsbad; I made my way to Leamington. And now begins the story, which, I fear, I must abridge in its

"I don't get tipsy with you, my dear | months. I lived in unexceptionable lodg-Ethel; but your opinion is sound all the ings. I kept a little pony-carriage at the same. If you had been at my shoulder just | adjacent livery stables. I lodged the largnow, you would have told me to do exactly est sum at my disposal at the Joint Stock Bank-for at Joint Stock Banks every And I then told her, as briefly as possible, | clerk tells the affairs of the customer to all his friends. I engaged a maid, a bloused Warwickshire woman of thirty, whose "Well, Miriam, it is just the impudence orders were to accompany me wherever

After about two months people began to

that I had not that honor. This, no doubt, was vulgar; but I think, done the right thing. About that there is meant for a sentimental smile, "the months a poor house.

"But do you seriously mean," I cried, has intrusted me with some very delicate on your own account. What a very strange "My dear, you mustn't force words upon | world and a very small world after all it

Now of course I ought to have conciliat-As the doo-closed behind him, I threw enough and in the most courteous manner ed this little snob. I ought to have asked burst out laughing. Then my thoughts yourself. It was not as if the Prince had if he had one, with him; but Iwas utterly letter to Daisy. She had never been to the gone to the Dean and asked him to sell you unable to do more than to reply frigidly perfectly as himself, so perfectly indeed that I had no need to be reminded of them. And I then found myself, without knowing down, "that will be jolly." whether he possessed one, actually asking the Leamington waters, and whether he found the time and had the inclination to

> "My wife, your ladyship," he commenced borhood thoroughly before we "Then you would seriously have consid- We are here in quite a humble way, or else I would ask your ladyship to call, and to do "If I had been you, dear Miriam, I ans- me the honor of being introduced to Mrs. Jenkins." And at this point happily our | self-reliant to others.

I left almost immediately. I felt that I was threatened by two dangers. One was entirely my own fault; stopping at Leamington as Mrs. Chichester-the nom de station, and put her under the care of a guerre I had chosen-I had been addressed kind-hearted conductor. She rebelled at and recognized as Lady Craven. After all he had only said, when I came to think o

That was well enough so far, and saved It would be better to go to Kamschatka at As the Dean used to say, "De principiis once. Luckily he had not used my name sure to tell his wife everything as soon as he went home; and if he did so, Leamington would be impossible for me. And this second danger soon proved a reality.

Some few days after I went in the morn ing to call on the wife of a clergyman whose acquaintance I had made. He was only a curate, but he had a sufficient private income, and lived in a big house in Lansdowne Terrace. I knew they were in, because as I knocked at the door, I saw the excellent lady put her head over the blind in the

I then sawher two eldest and eligible When the servant came to the door, it was to inform me with the obvious hesita-

It is a dreary story to give in detail. Let

lasked another curate to tea, giving

This was absurd, as he notoriously lived upon his parishioners making his tea and supper out a compensation for his mid-day

He was a good little fellow, and would ed. But he was weak and terrified. He So I decided to go to England, and to could not bring himself to say, "Neither

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

HE FOUGHT AT WATERLOO

I had been at Leamington about two And His Grateful Country Generously Rewarded Him.

A London despatch says: - Handbills were distributed the other night throughout the working class residence district calling for a mass meeting to be held on Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Social Democratic Federation, to consider the remar kable case of John Stacey. a Waterloo veteran, which has just been

brought to the attention of the public.

Stacey, a Waterloo veteran, who is 96 years in Yorkshire to London and returned, a to-I praised her husband's skill and tact. I taldistance of over 300 miles, for the purpose | bold, and down she went, down to the drew a comparison between him and the of interviewing the war office authorities | very bottom on her face. Grandpa had his "What he said about its being impossible great Sir Timothy Carver, by no means and begging for an increase in his pension, for him to marry without the permission of favorable to that most distinguished sur- which for nearly a quarter of a century geon. I regretted that the sphere of her has amounted to 25 cents per day. Accordtain that permission to the marriage in husband's abilities should be bounded by ing to the official documents he was drafted self dripping with oil. Grandpa hurriedly question happens, although it comes from a Leamington, and I sent her away radiant, into military service in 1816, and when fished her out. What an object she was! Within a week I was asked to dinner, and eighteen years of age he was sent to join The oil scum spoiled everything except the I was dressed in black with a high neck assigned to prevent Napoleon's escape into proved, for a very penitent little girl crept trimmed with some of my most valuable Germany. He afterwards joined the army into grandma's arms that night. "I will safely adopt the rule of English law- lace. I wore a small cap-a cap of protest as a regular soldier, and took part in num- be good," she said softly. The next day yers which I understand to be that I might also call it-and my only jewels erous engagements under Lord Gough, Sir she went home. "I never will be bad any all admissions are evidence against were a black pearl brooch and pendants Henry Outram, Sir Henry Havelock and more," she told her mamma; so grandma's the party that makes them and may which, I believe, upon my honor some of other noted generals. He rose to the rank forgiveness was secured and everything of sergeant, and was one of the Queen's was happily settled. But Daisy has never sense. And yet in spite of all this, I was a success; and when the men came escort on the day of her marriage. In 1860, forgotten her lesson and we hope she never my dear Miriam, I declare that if I had been up from their cigarettes and five-year-old at the age of 63, he was discharged on pen- will. When she is tempted to disobey you I should have thought twice. You see, port, bringing the full aroma with them, I sion of tenpence per day. On his recent she will think of her fall in the oil well. of course, it is no good blinking at matters. | could see that I had made my mark, for | visit he was advised that his request would be filed for consideration. Since his return Amongst them, however, was one who home, however, he has been advised that "In a worldly point of view you would claimed acquaintance with me, reminding the war office finds it impossible to accede have gained considerably by coinciding me that I knew him. I, of course, replied to his representations. The object of Sunday's meeting is to initiate a fund to save als. Of course, dear Miriam, you have "Ah, my lady," he said, with what was the old veteran from ending his days in

YOUNG FOLKS.

Wilful Daisy's Lesson.

"Daisy, Daisy, come here !"

"Yes, Mamma, I'm coming." " Here is a letter from Grandma. She wants you to come and see her and stay two or three months. Now, what do you think of that? I will read the letter to you."

Dear Daughter: I want to ask a great favor of you. Will you let Daisy come to see us, and stay a long while? I think she is old enough to come alone. We will meet her at the station. Our country air will do her good. The air of town has made her cheeks pale and thin, poor little dear ! Let her come to grand ma's and she will get well. - Mother.

That was all, but it was a wonderful country in all the nine years of her life, and now the thought of a summer in the country! "Oh!" she cried, jumping up and

"Yes," said mamma, "but you must be a good girl."

"I'll see about that," said rebellious Daisy. Now let me tell you about this little Miss.

Her wilful ways had often caused her trouble, as well as those around her. She call real trouble. Her parents did not expeet any hard tasks of her, but let their go. | She kept herself very neat and clean ; for she loved to be "fixed up," as she expressed it, and loved to appear independent and

The eventful day at last arrived, when she was to leave home to go to her grandma's. Mamma and papa accompanied her to the this, as she wanted to take care of herself, but for once her parents had their way and she had to submit.

She was very thoughtful all the way. The passengers noticed the bright little girl with her golden curls and thoughtful face, and thought she must have winsome ways and pretty manners.

In the car was another little girl who had a blank book, in which she noted down what interested her, and what she thought would interest others. This is what she wrote about Daisy:

Saw a little girl to-day, while on the train, that looked like a big wax doll. I wished I had her for mine. She had long, flaxen carls and big, blue eyes, and beautiful fair skin. Her name, they told me, was Daisy Darling. She is a darling too. Wish she was my sister, cause mine is dead.

If Daisy could have known what this little girl was thinking about her, she would soon have caused her to confide in her the story of her dead sister. Her warm, impetuous manner would have made a freind of the little girl, but she never knew

Soon her journey was at an end. She was at grandma's station where she received a warm welcome from those waiting for

"She is just like a beam of sunshine come to gladden my old days," said grandma to grandpa. Grandpa replied in the words of Only a beam of sunshine,

But, oh, it was warm and bright (

Daisy had overheard these remarks about herself. "I will try to be a sunbeam to dear old grandma," she thought, So she tried and succeeded all that day and the next and the next in being indeed a suninterest flagged; she had grown tired of being good.

"I declare! I don't know what to do with Daisy," said grandma on the morning of the seventh day. "She has not done her work half so well the last three days. Yesterday, when I told her to come and set the table, she said 'I don't have to,' and ran off. I don't like to tell Elsie, but I ought to ! I'll wait awhile first;" and grandma went about her work hoping to be able to spare Daisy the disgrace of having to be reported to her mamma.

"I wish something would teach her a lesson." Her poor grandma little dreamed of the lesson that was in store for the naughty little Daisy.

Soon after this, one day at noon, when grandpa was getting ready to go up the mountains to his oil wells, Daisy said, " Grandma, may I go too ?' "Why no dear, don't you see the dishes"

aren't washed ?" "I don't care! Wash them yourself!" said this wicked little girl. "I am going ! Come, Grandpa," as if that settled the matter ; but it didn't, quite. So she went. All the afternoon, she played around the

At the close of the day grandpa said, "Come, dear.

wells without once falling in, she told

"Wait a minute," said wilful Daisy. "I want to look in each well again before I

Just as Daisy was looking into the last and deepest one, she grew a little too back turned, but he knew her shriek.

"Oh, if she had only minded grandma!" Such were her thoughts as she found herthe German legion, which was specially little girl herself. We hope she was im-

Regard for the Unities.

Servant-" Please, mum, Mrs. Nexdoor wants you to land her some reading matter suitable for a sick person."

Mistress-"Certainly. Give her those medical almanacs."