## t Swords' Points:

A SOLDIER OF THE RHINE.

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A TO CHAPTER VI.- (Continued.) "Oh! as you please... You will always ad me cheerfully open for engagement, though next time the result may something more serious to you than mere saber slash."

His careless, almost flippant tone, rated on the nerves of the vanguished. Ton, next time it will be to the death," he growled.

And Rhinelander, looking him equarely in the eyes, replied slowly: two are right Herr Hoffman, this de world is far too small to contain both you and I. One of us must leave You know where I am to be found, speedy recovery, then, to your ound. Ladies, good-night."

It was a most singular and unlooked Then he left them. or termination to his visit. He had

wer once anticipated such a misercontretemps when laying out his In surveying the wreck of his hopes the only satisfaction he could find lay

ear himself with a fair amount of digity in the painful premises. And Hoffman must have correspondingly lowered himself in the estimation

the fact that he had managed to

of the ladies. After all what did it matter? Hildegarde would be nothing to him and were in any way related to that amily whose very name haunted him

as a synonym of all that was evil. He groaned to realize it, yet surely it would be an insult to his father's scred memory if he condoned the sin of the past by marrying one of that ated family.

The young American might not know it, but he left a sore heart behind him when he quitted the stage of the worthy fraulein.

Hildegarde had been building her chateaux d'Espagne, too. Even the strict German rules of etiquette governing the actions of young unmarried females cannot prevent a warmhearted girl from indulging in sweet day dreams, and the attachment had eally been as strong ou her part as or

The fact that Paul and turind out to the fateful dust that brought disaster to the proud young Prussian was not am plantent in the game that gave her

Indeed, perhaps she could be secretly pleased to know that after all his bosseful toler distressed met a master from over the sea, and that the victor, whose name must be on the line of every student in Heidel-bern was none other than he whose tman had already four engrayen on her gentle heart.

But there was something more. H and anoken of a sacred bond existing between Minimit and the girt whom Conrad chose to consider had been insulted by a stare-had even declared be would sooner cut his right hand off the hand that had so dextrously wieldof the blade that downed Conrad, rathan than offend her. That could mean only one thing. He loved her, this un-

And Hildegarde realized that such a endition of affairs brought unutterable bleakness and wee to her, for try an she might she could not drive his name from her heart.

CHAPTER VIL What Hildegarde Saw,

asveral days after his visit Paul more or less. By degrees, eyer, he conquered his gloomy and arose out of the quagnifre. Other things were growding fast upon past events—the talk of the university had turned upon the prospect of sudden war between France and Germany and the whole country had assumed a condition of suspense while awaiting the action of Louis Napoleon. In every town and hamlet of the

Fatherland, together with the provincas of the south, now apparently haunted my whole life?" to cast their lot with Prussia, niet but determined action was being aken to gather the reserves, and evman was waiting for the word to swered, soberly.

attle frymm were popular in Baden. in those days in theertainly, as well as the provinces further removed from orders and many times "hoch" d the "Warrh on the Rhine." attered the pulses of those who sed, as little else could do.

Paul sat one night in a concert a his eyes by accident fell once apon the face of the girl he had as to Germany to see his sister. before, Beatrix was in the company e middle-sged madam, but Hoff did not appear to be in sight.

nl's resolution was taken. must learn whether Beatrix red she ever had a brother ore he considered the metter, ater he was mystified, and the grew his resolution to dis-

to play the game directly into man's hands.

knew that if he saved that hat he would endear himself to the matron's

He recognized the distinct favor Providence, since all he had to do was to open his arms wide, and gently enclose the fugitive headgear as it calmly settled against his heart.

Another minute and he was bowing with the grace of a Chesterfield before the Waldeck. "Madam, allow me to return your

beautiful hat." he said seriously. That clinched matters. Here was man who at least appreciated a thing of beauty and a joy forever in the millinery line when he saw it, and, with

such rare attributes, he must be far

above the ordinary run of his sex. So she smiled sweetly and thanked him gushingly, while replacing the marvelous combination of straw and ribbons on her head.

When this had been accomplished, and she turned to look for the courteous young man, she found to her intense surprise that he and Beatrix were standing a little distance away engaged in the most animated of conversations.

It had not been so difficult to accomplish after all, this bringing her to his side.

A look did it. The young girl's eyes were glued upon his face, while red and white chased across cheeks and brows, and into her eyes crept a startled look, as though memory were struggling to solve great mysteries that had puzzled her often of late.

Thrilled by the emotion that welled up in his heart he bent down and said: "Beatrix-sister!"

Then she knew him, and, leaving her seat, came to his side and put hand on his arm, looking up into his face as she said:

"Oh! now I know you are Paul-my own brother. I am so glad, so glad!"

It was undoubtedly a miserable freak of fortune that caused Hildegarde to pass by just at this juncture, in company with her aunt, and the sight of Paul standing there, holding amother by the hands and bending down to look into her face so eagerly, gave her a shock from which she would not soon recover.

This is a world-of cross-purposes, of comedies and mistaken motives. Soonor on later, we all feel the wretched rewift in being judged from outward ap- swept over his countenance.

And Paul was faled to suffer in the many sid way, when a word of explanation would have altered the complexion of things.

"You remember me, then?" he saked. "You have not forgotten how happy we once were, although you were such a little thing?"

"I remember, Paul. The other night your face startled me, and I have been thinking so much, trying to recollect, But where have you been? Why have I not seen you? It is all so very strange," she said eagerly.

And then Paul groaned, knowing that this sweet girl was in almost utter ignorance of the fatal truth which he must tell her.

CHAPTER VIII.

Paul Makes a Bold Move. What Paul had to say was of too great importance to be dealt with in so public a place as a concert garden. He had waiter years. Surely a few hours more of less could not matter

"I must see you tomorrow, when we can have a long talk and a full explanation. All the dreadful mysteries of the past must be explained. Until then; say nothing to any one about

The young girl looked disappointed "Tomorrow is a long way off, and I have waited years to see a sign; but it shall be as you say, brother. You will tell me all, you promise, and take away the dreadful mystery that las

"I promise you faithfully, though the truth may, pain just as severely as the uncertainty does now," he an-"Anything is better than madden-

ing doubt," came the quick reply. So Paul sat down with them, and during intervals in the music, they chatted about things in general. though It was hard to refrain from

touching upon the subject that was uppe most in his heart.

Then Karl hove in sight. Paul turned his regards upon his sister, and when he detected the sudden blush that mounted to her temples an her eyes fell upon the student, he signed with relief, and muttered:

"It is well. They love, and love forgives much."

When Karl had joined them, which he eagerly did, Rhinelander took an early opportunity to bid them good-

He did this not simply because he wished to give his triend the whole field, but a desire to be alone with his thoughts had come upon him.

In the course of his wanderings through the garden, he came almost face to face with Hildegarde, and the

· Byldently gomething was working wretchedly, and the wheels of prognew peoded offine. Again he was fain to cast the burden upon the shoulders of Hoffman never once dreaming that jeulousy could have entered into the matter

After sauntering about for some time. Paul found a seat where he could feast his eyes upon the charming features of his inamorita, though utterly without her knowledge.

And, as he sat there, sipping from his mug, and indulging in such delightful dreams as a young lover is agtive have float through his mind, Paul suddenly became conscious of the fact that Hildegarde and her escort the madam, were objects of intense Interest to others as well as himself and the party who seemed to be so deeply interested in Hildegarde was no young gallant, but a woman.

How like a hawk she surveyed the girl. At times, such was her eagerness that she even leaned forward as though breathless and once Paul saw her hand steal to her bosom as though in search of a weapon.

Who was she? Why should she spy upon Hildegarde with such eagerness, when her actions reminded Paul of a tigress about to spring?

What was there familiar about that lissome figure? while the quick, supple motions seemed to haunt him as with a faint recollection of a forgotten past? Paul's curiosity overcame his prudence, and he resolved upon a bold

move to discover the truth. He held a whispered consultation with one of the waiters and a couple of coins changed hands. And presently the fellow came in sight, moving past the veiled lady, bearing his hands full of empty beer mugs and breakers.

It might have been sheer accident, since no design was apparent on the surface, but the waiter certainly managed to catch the offending veil upon a pin or button, and for a brief interval, her face was plainly revealed under the garish lights of the garden.

Paul's breath failed him, and, while the audience cheered the conclusion of a patriotic air, he sat and stared and gripped the table in front of him, for he had seen a spectre of his dead past arise.

CHAPTER IX.

Countess Aimee. The lady had once again covered her face with the veil, showing some annoyance at the apparent accident, and paying little heed to the clumay waiter's profuse apologies.

Paul had really gotten the worth of his money. Indeed, what he discovered was more than he had bargained for, if one could judge from the frown upon his brow and the expression of surprise, mingled with disgust that

"Phew! what can this mean? Why is Aimee, the Countess, in Heidelberg? Somehow I fear complications. appears to have some reason for hating Hildegarde-it can't be because I love the girl?"

And, while he crouched there in his chair, he saw again the peculiar circumstances under which he had been thrown into the society of this dashing young French widow, whose black eyes were eloquent with the ardor of

it was in Paris, and the conditions, while not far removed from the ludicrous, seemed to make him her debtor to a degree.

Perhaps it was hardly wise for Paul to frequent the salon of the countess so often, especially when he discovered that she seemed to show a decided preference to his company,

He aroused himself at length and hastily quitted Paris without seeing her again.

That was months ago. (To be continued.)

Not "One of the Boys." There is a good story going the rounds on one of the main officers of

the Illinois, the big battle ship which

steamed up the Mississippi to test the New Orleans dry dock. Congressman Adolph Meyer, who made such a valiant fight for the establishment of the dock at New Orleans, had gone over to inspect the big steamer that was to make the test. He was met in the most cordial way imaginable by the officers. Gen. Meyer remarked that he would leave for Washington shortly. "I beg you, general, to remember me te the boys in Washington," said one of the officers with a polite bow. "Yes, said Gen. Meyer, "I will call on the secretary of the navy as soon as reach Washington, and-" "No-I -excuse me general of course I " stammered the officer with evident embarrassment, and there was a titter in the little group, but the officer finally managed to say that he did not include the secretary of the navy when he referred to the boys at Wash ington. The incident passed pleasant-

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