IN THREE CHAPTERS, -CONCLUSION. To say that there was a "sensation" would feebly describe what followed. Every one in court sprang to his feet. The priecner looked as if he had seen a ghost. There was a perfect hubbub of voices, as bar and jury talked among themselves, and my brathren at the solicitors' table poured questions upon me-to none of which I replied. Silence being restored, the voice of the judge—grave and dignified, but with a perceptible tremor -descended like vocal oil on the troubled waves of sound. 'Who instructs you, Mr. Clincher?

"Mr. Bentley, my lord." The judge looked more astonished than ever. My name was familiar enough to him as a judge, and he had known it even better when, as a leading barrister, he had held many a brief from me.

"I am persuaded," said he, "that a gentleman of Mr. Bentley's repute and experience has good reason for what he does. But so extraordinary and unheard-of- I will ask Mr. Bentley himself if he really considers that duty requires him to offer himself as a witness, and when and why he came to that conclusion?"

greatly to blame if I did not testify on oath | brought a lump into the throat even of call me as a witness, your lordship will presently understand why it is that, with all submission, I cannot at this moment, or until I am in the box, give my reasons. And I must add that the value of my evidence to the prisoner will greatly depend on his answers to certain questions which I wish, with your lordship's sanction, to put to him in writing. And if he answers me as I expect, I believe my evidence will put an end to the case against him."

"Really, gentlemen of the jury," said his lordship, "this matter is assuming a more and more remarkable aspect. I hardly krow what to say. T. at a prisoner on trial for his life should answer questions put to him in private by the prosecuting solicitor is the mest extraordinary proposal, I am bound to say, which ever came under my notice. It is the more difficult for me to decide because the prisoner has not the advantage of counsel's assistance. - Prisoner, is it your wish that this gentleman should be called as a witness on your behalf? You have heard what he has said about certain questions which he wishes to put to you beforehand. Of course you are not bound to answer any such questions; and may nevertheless call him. What do you say?'

"I am in God's hands, my lord," answered the prisoner, who was quite calm again. "It may be that He has raised up a deliverer for me-I cannot tell. But I know that if He wills that I should die, no man can save me; if He wills to save me, nought can do me harm. So I am ready to answer any questions the gentleman wishes."

"I propose," said the judge, "before deciding this extraordinary point, to consult | but I thought you'd like to hear what's hapwith the learned Recorder in the next court."

All rose as the judge retired; and during his absence I escaped the questions which assailed me from every side by burying myself in a consultation with my counsel. When he heard what the reader knows, he fully upheld me in what I. proposed to do: and then threw himself back in his seat with the air of a man whom nothing could ever astonish again.

"Si-lence!" cried the usher. The judge was returning.

"I have decided," said he, "to allow the questions to be put as Mr. Bentley proposes. Let them be written out and submitted to me for my approval."

I sat down and wrote my questions, and they were rassed up to the judge. As he read them, he looked more surprised than ever. But all he said, as he handed them down, was, "Put the questions."

I walked up to the dock and gave then into the prisoner's hands, together with my pencil. He read them carefully through, and wrote his answers slowly and with consideration. With the paper in my hand, I got into the witness-box and was sworn.

My evidence was to the effect already stated. As I described the man I had seen under the lamp, with my face averted from the prisoner and turned to the jury, I saw that they were making a careful comparison, and that, allowing for the change wrought by twelve years, they found that the description tallied closely with the man's appearance.

"I produce this paper, on which I just now wrote certain questions, to which the prisoner wrote the answers under my eyes. These are the questions and answers:

"Question. Were you smoking when you came up to the corner of Hauraki Street?-Answer. No.

"Question. Did you afterwards smoke?-Answer. I had no light.

"Question. Did you try to get a light?— Answer Yes, by climbing a lamp at the corner; but I was not steady enough, and I remember I broke my hat against the cross-

"Question. Where did you carry your pipe and topacco?—Answer. In my hat. "Those answers, " I concluded, "are absolutely correct in every particular. The man whom I saw under the lamp, at eight. o'clock on the night of the murder, behaved | through the hard-hearted streets, until at as the answers indicate. That concludes the evidence I have felt bound to tender." And I handed the slip of paper to the usher for inspection by the jury.

"Prisoner," inquired the judge, "do you

call any other witness?"

your verdict?

"I do not, my lord." ing to the jury, "the one remark that I shall cuit, which he happened to have in his pockmake to you is this that if you believe the ets, until, after a day or two of weary beatstory of the prisoner's witness, there can be | ing about against baffling winds, when they little doubt but that the prisoner was the were out in mid-channel, the usual search man whom the witness saw at the corner of Hauraki Street at eight o'clock on the night | the captain, after giving him plenty of strong in question; and if that was so, it is clear, language and rope's end, had at length on the case of the prosecution, that he can- agreed to allow him to work as a sailor of not have committed this murder. I should board the vessel, How on landing at Sydnot be doing my duty if I did not point out | ney he had gone into the interior, taken see to you that the witness in question is likely, | vice with his present master-under another to say the least, to be without bias in the name than his own, withing to disconnece prisoner's favour, and that his evidence is himself entirely with his former life and by very strongly corroborated indeed by the honestly doing his duty had attained his prisoner's answers to the written questions precent position. put to him, Gentlemen, you will now consider your verdict."

"Gentlemen of the jury," sung out the hue and cry after him, but also to remain in clerk of arraigns, "are you all agreed upon | ignorance of his aunt's fate.

"We are." "And that verdict is?" 'Not guilty."

And that is the verdict of you all. your trust in the mercy and power of the All-merciful and All-powerful has not been in vain. You stand acquisted of a foul crime by the unhesitating verdict of the jury, and most wonderful has been your deliverance. You go forth a free man; and I am glad to think that the goodness of God has been bestowed upon one who has repented of his past sins, and who is not likely, I hope and believe, to be unmindful of that goodness

hereafter. -- You are discharged." Had he been left to himself, I think the prisoner's cld master would have climbed into the dcck, with the view of personally delivering his servant out of the house of bondage. But he was restrained by a sympathetic constable, while John Harden was re-conveyed for a short time to the jail, to undergo certain necessary formalities connected with his release from custody. volunteered to take charge of Mr. Slocum, and took him to the vestibule of the prison, "My lord," I replied, "I am certain that, | overwhelmed during the short walk by believing what I have had cause to believe | thanks and praises. We were soon joined within the last five minutes, I should be | by Harden, whose meeting with his master to certain facts which are within my own | tough criminal lawyer like myself. I saw knowledge. But if the prisoner chooses to them into a cab, and they drove off to Mr. Slccum's hotel, after promising to call on me the next day, and enlighten me on eertain pcints as to which I was still in the dark,

> As strange a part of my story as any, has yet to be told. I had hardly got back to my office and settled down to read over the various letters which were awaiting my signature, when my late client (Harden's prosecutor) was announced. I had lost sight of him in the excitement which followed the acquittal. He did not wait to learn whether I was engaged or not, but rushed after the clerk into my room. He was ashen white or rather gray, and his knees shook so that he could scarcely stand; but his eyes positively blazed with wrath. Leaning over my table, he proceeded, in the presence of the astonished clerk, to pour upon me a flood of abuse and invective of the foulest kind. I was a swindling thief of a lawyer, whom he would have struck off the rolls, &c.; until I really thought he had gone out of his

As soon as I could get in a word, I curtly explained that it was no part of a lawyer's duty to try to hang a man whom he knew to be innocent. As he only replied with abusive language, I ordered him out of the office. The office quieted itself once more being far too busy, and also too well accustomed to eccentric people to have time for long wonderment at anything—and in an hour I had finished my work, and was preparing to leave for home, when another visitor was appounced—Inspector Forrester. "Well, Mr. Forrester, what's the matter

now? I'm just going off."

The prosecutor in Harden's case has given himself up for the murder!" "What?" I shouted. "He just has, sir. It's a queer day, this When I heard you get up and give

I thought curiosities were over for ever; but seems they ain't, and never will be." "How was it?"

"Well, he came into the station quite quiet, and seemed a bit cast down, but that was all. Said fate was against him, and had saved the man he thought to hang in his stead, and he knew how it must end, and couldn't wait any longer. I cautioned him, of course—told him to sleep on it before he said anything; but make a statement he would. The short of it all 18, that the idea of murdering the old lady for her money had come into his mind in a flash when he saw that poor drunken fool exhibiting his knife in the tavern. He followed him, and picked his pocket of the knife, and then hung about the house, meaning to get in after dark. Then he saw the girl come out and go off, leaving the door closed but not latched, the careless hussy! Then in slips the gentleman, and does what he'd made up his mind to-for you see the old woman knew him well, so he couldn't afford to leave her alive-gets the cash and slips out. All in gold it was, two hundred and fifty pounds. When he heard that Harden couldn't be found, he got uneasy in his mind, and has been getting worse eve since, though he did well enough in trade with the money. Seems he considered he wasn't safe until some ore had been hanged. So, when he recognised Harden, he was naturally down on him at once, and was intensely eager to get him convicted-which I noticed myself, sir, as of course you did. and thought i queer too, I don't doubt. He took too much pains, you see—he must employ you to make certain, instead of leaving it to us; whereas if he hadn't come to you, your evidence

would never have been given, and I think you'll say nothing could have saved the

It was true enough. The wretched man had insured the failure of his own fiendish design by employing me, of all the solicitors

to whom he might have gone! I learned next morning, how Harlen, after trying in vain to light his pipe on that mem:rable evening, had wandered for hours daybreak he had found himself in the docks, looking at a large ship preparing to drop down the river with the tide. How he had managed to slip aboard unseen and stow himself away in the hold, with some idea of bettering his not over bright fortunes in foreign parts. How he had supported his "Then, gentlemen," said the judge, turn- life in the held with stray fragments of bisfor stowaways, had mearthed him. How

> By the light of this narrative, that which had puzzled me became perfectly clear mamory, how it was that he had contrived not only to get so entirely lost in spite of the

My client was tried, convicted, and exe- makes the difference.

me course; his ples of guilty and med to a strious lady, who ir. Sleene had generously left him.

MEX ICO'S GRAND PALACE.

Where Themsunds of Human Victims Were Slaughtered.

The "Palacio Del Gobemo" of republican Mexico was built by its kingly oppressors. This magnificent structure, occupying an entire square 675 feet in length, built around half a dozen interior patios, or open courts, was commenced by the Aztecs and finished by Cortez and his Spanish vice-royal successors. It is situated in the east side of the square, which is south of the cathedral. Tais square is the most beautiful in the city, being laid out after the European fashion, ornamented with flowering shrubs and encalypius trees and adorned with statues by the unfortunate Carlotta. This is also the place where the famous Teocoli, or sacred

place of the Aztecs, was situated, and where at least twenty thousand of human victims were annually slaughtered, Passing in at the central entrance of this building, where dusky soldiers were walking their beats, many others "off duty" were lounging around giving it more the appearance of a monarchial palace than a republican capitol, we saw before us the central patio or court. It is about one hundred feet square, surrounded by large, heavy stone pillars, thirty feet high, supporting on its round-headed arches a magnificent balcony. This also being faced with arches produces a very imposing aspect. Here we were introduced to the officer of the day, who kindly showed us the interesting parts of the palace.

An opportunity was here afforded us for seeing Maximilian's carriage of state, concerning the magnificence of which so much has been said. As the guard opened a heavily-locked door our eyes fell upon a carriage of great splendor, at least ten feet high andstwenty feet long, ornrmented with rich gildings covering all the wood-work, figures of cherubs, arms of Mexico, surmounted by heavy silver-work and eight very large paunels of plate glass. These are thick enough to deflect a rifle ball not striking it perpendicularly, and even then the only danger there would be from the pieces of broken glass. The inside was trimmed with rich white damask and silver braid. This elegant carriage, drawn along the pasoe with its prancing steeds, with uniform drivers, liveried footmen, and the royal personage clad in rich robes of state, was designed to impress the lovers of parade and show.

A magnificent flight of stone stairs, twelve feet wide, leads up from the patio to the main rooms in the second story. Going up this stairway we find the offices of the republic. The president and the secretaries of the army and navy have offices here. "Sorry if I put you out of the way, sir; Here also is the hall of the senate, and above on the roof the central meteorological observatory with the best telescope in Mexico.

We passed through several ante-rooms in which were huge marble vases, exquisite in workmanship, with the arms of Mexico upon them. This coat of arms, which was evidence for the man you were presecuting, also painted on the window shades, consists of an eagle with extended wings sitting on a cactus plant and contending with a serpent, It is the old symbol of the Aztecs.

We then came to the ambassador's ha'l, three hundred feet long and twenty-five wide. This room is lighted by fifty candelabra and six very large chandeliers covered with crystal pendants. It is also arranged tto as to be capable of division into smaller rooms by means of crimson cur

Mexico has sought to impress its own history on its foreign ambassadors by putting on the walls of this pantheon the portraits of its republican heroes. First comes Hidalgo, an insurgent priest, who was killed while endeavering to secure the liberty of Mexico. His portrait is accompanied by that of another priest, Mcrales; then Guerearo; Iturbide, who attempted to become emperor; Juares, the famous Indian president; Diaz, who is likely to become president again next June; Mina Arista, who was prominent in the negotiations that brought the war with the United States to a clase, and lastly, another priest, named Matamoras. One American has been admitted to this hell-namely Washington. In this hall is a large painting twenty-seven feet long, showing the battle of Pueblo, on the Cince de Mayo, when the Mexicans, esfeated the French. It is to be remembered that in this battle, when the rational existence was at stake, the Mexicans, especially the Indians, fought with more courage than ever before. At one side of the painting is a bust of Gen. Largo oza, the leader of the Mexicans in this battle.

Thus this imposing room is designed to preserve the important facts and factors of the history of the republic, to immortalize, its Mexican heroes, to stimulate patriotism, and maure the devotion of all (beervers to the future welfare of the state.

Sunday in Paris,

The Sabbathlessness of Paris strikes a stranger oddly and painfully; the ear and brain wait for the recurring seventh-day lull in the noises of the week, but it does not come. The rattle of business carts and the rumble of drays, the cries and calls of it inerant vendors, the hammering and pounding of masons and carpenters, go on without intermission; the one voice which is unheard is the sound of church-bells. I tried to get a motion of the system and statistics of att-ndance on public worship and pessation of labour on Sunday in Paris, but could come o no conclusion as to whether there is a general custom in either or not. There are so many services between six in the morning and one o'clock, with vespers and the benediction later in the afternoon that the whole working population might attend them by pense in the toil. There was one tribute to Bro's, has the genuine, J. & J.

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