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## ORDER OF THE LEAGUE

BY FRED. M. WHITE.

CHAPTER XVL.

set out on the was determined to commit comes to Rome, see her if you can and lay —Jesu, mercy!" and trusted to time and his own your case before her." to interest him now; he saw nothing all. his own fate before his eyes; and the

with the citizens taking their evening asleep. er, and in the corner two crossed daggers. | broken rest. wasted as he opened it, knowing full Visci noticed this and smiled gently. ned like a ghastly dream. Visci, the have been." st friend man ever had; Visci, the from the very jaws of death-from the fore now." ow waters of the Tiber. And this was king on the fatal document, staring him | shall fail them yet." the face from the table. "Et tu, Brute!"

faxwell looked up swiftly. And there, razed mournfully down upon the table. re something like tears in his eyes now. "('arlo! is it possible it is you?" Max- there is something laughable in it after all. ll cried, springing to his feet.

herway, for it is your task, I know."

kill me, as I stand here now."

"Visci, I swear to you that when I join- the last time"-37 Yonge St., Toron old me Visci was a traitor. Even then I I can do fer you when—when —

"Yes, I am a traitor, like you," Visci of the League now." miled mournfully. "Like you, I was deeived by claptrap talk of liberty and freeon; like you, I was allotted to take ven-Your threshing do sence on a traitor; and like you, I refustratricide upon one's soul !"

"Fratricide! I do not understand." e is the most populate relationships. Flesh and blood and art! But the League does not counten- alarm.' parator among with paltry ties are nothing to the friends of urged. rs and thresherme berty, who are at heart the sternest tyrants

look at you again, you have changed."

remedy. I may die now, at any moment; after all. Now, do listen to reason." cannot live four months."

careless students together, and Maxwell did me." isci of other days.

Salvarini advised me to come here. absolutely touching. on remember him; he claims to be a true to form my plans.—But tell me how you was in Rome. I have only just for me, Fred."

and of Isodore herself."

tern a Leaguer to give you such friendly gether?" e is very beautiful."

where she is now." woman's trustfulness and a man's de day." saked. "Come, there must be some do see her once more, say that I"— avial woman like that, though I cannot l altogether like your picture. I should

| | could laugh the mandates of the League to by conflicting emotions and her protection, and wherever the large to live, I should sue for Take hold of my hand. Let me look in your medical writer in St. Louis, treating of this her protection, and wherever she may be, by a thousand hopes and fears, Max she would come to me. Even now if the die Fred Will the look in your medical writer in St. Louis, treating of this honest face once more. It is not hard to subject, says: The heat excites the skin to

"One in a million," Visci answered calm-

was night when he arrived and secured began to dwell upon the fact of gaining asinstinct of danger, he turned round. The of those offered from which to make a sewas night who less the had occupied sistance from the mysterious Isodore. At feet that followed stopped. "Who is lection. student days, the happiest time in his meetings of the League in London, he had there?" he cried. he thought now, as every ornament re. heard her name mentioned, and always with

A muffled figure came towards him, and some extent by the use of fluids cooled to this silent voice or that forgotten methis shell the freezing in some corner of his brain. could not absolutely relieve him from his blow, a fierce struggle for a moment, a man's to the freezing point, the ice itself may be increased ability to perform labor, either slumbering; the very air of the undertaking, she could at anyrate shield cry for help borne idly on the breeze, a mist was oppressive to him; so he put on him from non-compliance with the mandate. rising before the eyes, a thousand stars hat and walked out into the streets; all Full of these cheerful thoughts, he fell dancing and tumbling, then deep, sleepy un-

and gay with light laughter over flirta- He found his friend the following mornand cigarette smoke. He wandered long ing quite cheerful, but in the daylight the far, so far, that it was late when he re- ravages of disease were painfully apparent. ed; and there, lying on the table, was a The dark rings under the eyes and the thin ed packet, bearing the device of the features bespoke nights of racking pain and

the packet contained the hated "instruc- "Yes, I have changed," he said. "Some-"as they were called. He tore them | times after a bad night, I hardly know myread them hastily, and then looked self. It is cruel, weary work lying awake of the window up to the silent stars. And hour after hour fighting with the grim King. Visci, his old friend Carlo Visci, he But I have been singularly free from pain sent here—to murder! The whole thing lately, and I am looking much better than I

dsome genius, whose purse was ever replied with a cheerfulness wholly assumed, fortunes. Young people are usually in love y for a fellow-creature in need; the man and thinking that this "looking better" was with some one of the opposite sex who is had sat at his table times out of num- the nearest approach to death he had ever either dark or fair, and a journey is immithe student who was in his secrets; seen. "An absence from Rome, a change nent in nearly all conditions. Crossing the art that has nearly reached perfection, are man who had saved his life, snatched of climate, has done wonders for people be water may mean going over a ferry or a

Visci shook his head. "Not when the mely to Maxwell's ears, as he sat there too late. Some inward monitor tells me I of mystery.

"You will for me, Visci, you may depend upon that. Time is no object to me." "And if I should die and disappoint you hone trembling forefinger pointing to of your revenge, how mad you would be !" documents, stood the figure of a man Visci laughed. "It is a dreadful tragedy ha look of infinite sorrow on his face, as to me; it is a very serious thing for you; and yet there is a comic side to it, as there was young-not more than thirty, per- is in all things. Ah me! I cannot see the and his aquiline features bore the droll side of life as I used; but when the rks of much physical suffering. There bloodthirsty murderer sits down with his victim tete-a-tete, discussing the crime,

"I daresay there is," Maxwell answered "Yes, Fred, it is I, Carlo Visci, who grimly, "though I am dense enough not to ands before you. We are well met, old notice it. To me, there is something horwork. Mfrs. of Printers'Le lend; you have not far to seek to do your ribly, repulsively tragic about it, even to and the point sticks in the floor, somebody Fahrenheit. The effect of a moderate urniture. Send for prices diding now. Strike! while I look the hear you discussing death in that light is coming.

"As there is a heaven above us, no!" | "Familiarity breeds contempt. Is not fool. arwell faltered. "Never, my friend! Do that one of your English proverbs?" Visci u think I would have come for this? Lis- said airily.—"But, my good Frederick," nto me, Visci. You evidently know why he continued, lowering his voice to a solemn m here; but sure as I am a man, never key, "the white horseman will not find me all my hand be the one to do you hurt. | unprepared, when he steals upon me, as he have sworn it!"

might at any moment. I am ready. I do glass it is a sign of misfortune.

"I had expected something like this," not make a parade of my religion, but I have by you come. You had best comply with honourable. I have faced death so often, are understood. y request. It would be a kindness to me that I treat him lightly at times. But

the Brotherhood, I was in the blackest | Maxwell pressed his friend's hand in silent | Indeed, a Shakespeare fortune-telling book morance of its secret workings. When I sympathy. "You always were a good fel- would not be a bad enterprise. It would fact that no "anti-fat" system of diet is so 000 for coal, £14,000. as chosen for this mission, I did not even low, Visci," he said; "and if this hour must give a higher tone to the soothsayer's art. emprehend what I had to do. Then they come so speedily, tell me is there anything It might be called "Easy Lessons in the

id not know it was you. Standing there "I am dead? No reason to hesitate over book in supernatural lore, with a motto by the room, I swore never to harm a hair of the word. No Maxwell; my house is in the second witch: our head; and, heaven help me, I never order. I have no friends besides my brother and he, I hope, is far beyond the vengeance

"Then there is nothing I can do for you any way

"No, I think not. But you are my principal care now : your life is far more impor- Jupe ?" he Celebrated Wit M. Better the secret dagger than the crime tant than mine. I have written to Isodore, laying a statement of all the facts before her; and if she is the woman I take her "I do not understand either. Frederick, for, she is sure to lose no time in getting nails an' sich." and fast work it was detailed to murder—for it is here. Once under her protection, you are othing else—is my only brother.—You safe; there will be no further cause for

"But it seems rather unmanly," Maxwell

"Unmanly!" echoed Visci scornfully. at ever the mouth of man execrated.—But "What has manliness to do with fighting brings you here? 1 ou can have only cowardly wendetti in the dark? You must, Portable or the object in coming here. I have told you you shall do it!" he continued vehemently; raction Engine ! would be a kindness to end my but the exertion was too much for him, and he swayed forward over the table as if he But why? And yet, when I come to would fall. Presently, a little colour crept into the pallid face, and he continued: I have changed," Visci echoed mourn- "You see even that is tec much for me. "changed in mind and body. My Maxwell, if you contradict me and get me heart is affected, diseased beyond all kope angry, my blood will be upon your head

"If my want of common-sense hurts you they sat down together, and fell to dis- as much as that, certainly. But I do not old times when they were happy, see how this mysterious princess can help keep ber."

Intial to notice the painful breathing and "Listen to me," Visci said solemnly. gasping spasms of his friend, altered Then he laid all his schemes before the other beyond recognition from the gallant | his elaborate plans for his friend's safety, designs whose pure sacrifice of such were an answer, dear ?" he said, gently, though

Maxwell began to take heart again. mend of yours" Maxwell observed at length. "You are very good," he said gratefully, the said it would gain time, and enable "to take all this infinite pains for me." "In a like strait you would do the same

"Yes," Maxwell answered simply. my eyes." "I had a sure warning. It came from 'he "How Salvarini's words come back to me now! Do you remember, when I wanted get away." have heard much of her; she seems to throw my insignia out of the window Powerful. But I thought she was too that evening, the last we all spent to-

Have you ever seen her? I hear "I recollect. It was two days before little Genevieve disappeared," Visei answer-Beautiful as the stars, I am told, and a ed sadly.—"Do you know, I have never the hearted woman too. She is a sort of discovered any trace of her or Lucrece. then of the League; but she uses her Poor child, poor little girl! I wonder

has a history, report says—the old story where she is now.

"Perhaps you may see her again some "Perhaps you may see her again some

"And show the strustfulness and a man's de- day."

"And show the sis no bed of roses!"

"It has long been my dearest wish; but "It has "And she put you on your guard?" Maxit will never be fulfilled now. If ever you it will never be fulfilled now.

lips, his head hung forward, and he fell from lips, his head hung forward, and not be surprised if you did behis chair. For a moment he lay motionless,
his head hung forward, and not be lously, "that he told her that I do."
Yes; he said that you keep ever many days. She is the one to protect then raised his face slightly and smiled. A In irom violence. With her sanction, you thin stream of blood trickled down his fair you get a hold of."

beard, staining it scarlet. He lay quietly on Maxwell's shoulder.

"Do not be alarmed," he said faintly. "It has come at last. -There are tears in your eyes, Fred. Do not weep for me. Do not forget Carlo Visci, when you see old friends; and when you meet little Genevieve tell her I forgave her. Good-bye, old friend by a thousand normal to Rome. At she would come to me. Even now, if she die, Fred. Tell them that my last words—

"Speak to me, Carlo-speak to me!" me, and trusted to the me, and trusted to me, carlo speak to me!"

Never again on this side of the grave.

Never again on this side of the grave.

Never again on this side of the grave. wit to show him a way before him. All That does not sound like the chivalrous And so the noble-hearted Italian died; and of liquids is scanty, or much below the difficulty which the passed through Visci of old. She is only a woman, after on the third day they buried him in a single actual demands, the greatest dangers are ingrave under the murmuring pines.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SYMBOLS OF FATE.

Tellers.

What to learily

The secrets of the past, present or future. There is always some lucky hit - lucky for the fortune teller.

The most of people who have lived to any age have friends coming from a distance. "There might be a chance yet," Maxwell Many have relatives who die and leave them of them may be noticed for the purpose of running brook, as well as an ocean.

friend he was going to stab in the back main-spring of life is broken," he said: "no the person telling all these things is an an-such drinks are practically unknown. If he dark night! A party of noisy, light- human ingenvity, no miracle of surgery can nounced seer—born with a caul, like David the universal use of the frying-pan, hot total of over 1,131,000, against 1,022,007 in rted students passed down the street, mend that. Maxwell, if they had deferred Copperfield, and having intimate relations bread and the American fire were blamed 1885. Of Cape weels there were 1,354,000 English voices amongst them, coming their vengeance long, they would have been with the world of futurity and the powers for their results the truth would be much bales, against 1,202,000.

No matter how ignorant of the civilizing main cause of dental imperfection. influences of this life the inspired fortuneteller may be, how cheaply gotten up, or knowledge.

A new mythology would be a boon to society in its present condition when every body is looking for a sign.

The crowing of a cock was an omen of ill to Peter. It heralds a visitor in those days millions of blood vessels are carrying the as well as a change in the weather.

If your left hand tickles you will handle a

sum of money. If the right hand, you will shake hands with a friend.

But these signs of necromancy are as old onstrated. never tear that when he comes to me for as the doings of Macbeth's witches, whose weird incantations are practiced to this day.

Horation Philosophy" and serve as a text-

"By the pricking of my thumbs Something wicked this way comes."

Contagious. " Laws, Mrs. Jupe, what a-ailin' Mistah

"Po' man got de lockjaw."

"Whew! Is it ketchin?" "Oh, yes, indeed! ketch it from rus'y

Making "a Clean Breast of It." Softhearted Old Lady (when she heard the story and assisted applicant)-Dear

me! Ah, poor man! You must indeed have gone through dreadful trials. Tramp-I b'lieve yer, mum! An' what's still wus, mum, I was nearly al'ays con-

The Servant Question.

Wife. "Bridget is absolutely worthless; she tries me from morning until night. I've a great mind to let her go." Husband. "Well, how much do we owe Wife. "Only two months wages."

"Oh, well, we had better Husband.

The Old, Old Story.

his heart was throbbing double throbs.

"It is all so strange and unexpected, George,"-the words came soft and low. " If sometimes in my dreams the thought has come that you might some day call me -Ah, dear, you must read your answer in

And the answer read, "I'll no t let you

Partly.

Mrs. Buckrum, "How's dat baby ob you'n? Ye' wife was a sayin' tudder day ez how she hadn't named it yit. Reckon she'll call it arter yo', ob course ?" Mr. Hodge Crabtree. "Wall, no'm,

only partly. She's goin' call 'im Willyum Crabtree, Willyum arter her brudder Bill, and Crabtree arter me."

A Firm Clutch.

Clara asked pa last night if you were a taken in large quantities it is pretty sure to As the last words fell from the Italian's young man who keeps the Sabbath." "Thope, Bobby," replied Featherly, anx- acids have no place in beverages except in

NOW FOR SUMMER DRINKS.

With the advent of warm weather the demand for liquids to supply the wants of the body becomes vastly increased. exalted action, for it is mostly by means of the perspiration that the temperature of the body is kept down to its natural level, curred. These are from accumulation of No call to remain longer now. One last waste materials, which are naturally rehis own late been a place of ly. "If she holds out her right hand to solitary evening ramble, Maxwell took out moved by way of the skin and kidneys, City which had been done to you, cling to it as a drowning desperate man side the city wall ere his departure. As he besides the still graver (immediate) risks gery and delighted fancy like a tomb, every broken does to a rock; it is your only chance of walked along wrapped in his own sad of sunstroke and heat exhaustion. Beveristorted land, finger, and every fractur. salvation. And now it is late. I must go." thoughts, he did not heed that his footsteps ages of some kind must be taken, and we Despite his own better sense, Maxwell were being dogged. Then with a sudden may with some advantage study the claims

The heat of the body may be modified to any degree from that of the normal standard swallowed when necessary to hasten the physical or mental. reduction of temperature. When beverages needed is reduced. Hence the instinctive craving for refrigerating drinks in summer. the temperature being less, makes such with the aromatic and stimulating princidrinks advantageous in many ways. Too ples, and this sadlyjinterferes with digestion Professional and Uuprofessional Fortune sion of the stomach and consequent weaken. bicarbonate-ordinary "baking-soda"-adding of digestion. Profuse perspiration is ed to the leaves at the time boiling water is apt to irritate a sensitive skin and cooling poured over them, and the "steeping" probeverages lessen the necessity for such increased work of the sweat apparatus.

OBJECTIONS AGAINST ICED DRINKS.

Many objections have been raised against ce-water and cold drinks generally. Most of these have no real foundation. A few showing their weakness. Thus the bad teeth observed so often among Americans, which has made dentistry in that country an often attributed to the use of iced beverages. But the dental imperfection is to be noticed nearer approached. Bad cookery is the

gestion is in progress there is a large flow age of England. of blood towards the stomach. The lining of that organ is in a state of congestion. The presence of a little ice-water or the like can scarcely be felt for a moment when blood to and from it at a tremendous speed If you drop the scissors, a fork or a pen, and that at a temperature of 1:0 degrees amount of ice-water would be simply a little If your nose itches you are going to kiss a stimulation, increasing rather than retard- been low, the average, including the dues of ing the digestive process. Of course no one advocates the filling of the stomach with per ton. ice water or other fluid at any temperature during the digestive process, but a moderate amount of the former can do no harm-in fact, is rather beneficial. This If you first see a visitor in the looking- cannot be said of alcoholics in any form, or of hot or very warm beverages. All these isci replied mournfully. "Yes, I know tried to do what is right and honest and Two spoons signify a wedding; tea-spoons interfere more or less seriously with digestion, as experiments have abundantly dem-

THE BENEFITS OF WATER DRINKING. That water promotes appetite and diges- some £11,000,000 for for tion when taken with meals is shown by the the value of annual a remarkably successful as that in which no | 000 for water, maldrinks are permitted to be taken with meals | Then then ther or until two hours after them. When it is tobacco, amou an object to reduce the amount of the blood, gross. as in certain heart affections, the dry diet system is of great service, but the kidneys must be in excellent working order or this system must prove injurious. As a matter was 88? of fact, however, a considerable number of tariff. people in every community take too little under fluids of any kind. They are afraid to drink when warm, do not desire it when lacool, will not take it before or with meals, fearing to weaken digestion, and avoid drinking after meals, fearing an uncomfortable sensation of fullness. Liver and ki 4. ney tronbles, headaches, neuralgia, &c., are often to be traced to this unnatural a reidproportion of the benefits derived from mineral springs is to be attributed to the taking of unusual quantities of water. Hence the reputation of many a health resort is based upon drinking water, not upon any real virtue resident in any special quantity of that imbibed.

Enough, perhaps, has been said of the dangers of well water, of impure ice, and that obtained from defective cisterns. The purity of drinking water cannot be too carefully watched. The ordinary filter only makes matters worse. The materials a breeding place for the lower orders of whose leaves a regiment of soldiers coarser particles of dirt and give it a delusive appearance of purity. The unglazed porcelain filter is mostly free from such there were four hundred braziers making objections. This takes out all organized up a caldron; two hundred within and two "And will you let me go away without bodies, and when the ice is not brought hundred without beating the nails in. The into contact with water thus filtered it traveller asking for what use that huge calgives all the security that can be required dron was, he told him, -"Sir, it was to boil against taking into the system the germs of your cabbage. disease. There is no security against the products of putrefaction passing through such a filter. In fact, the only way to guard against these is to watch the source of water supply with unceasing vigilance. LEMONADE.

such as lemon or lime juice or vinegar, and slightly nourishing. Such liquids money.' satisfy thirst in smaller amounts than would plain water at ordinary temperature. Sometimes a mineral acid-sulphuric, muriatic or phosphoric—give the requisite sour to the "lemonade." Of these the dilute phos-"Mr. Featherly," said Bobby, "Sister phoric acid is the least harmful. When impair digestion. Muriatic and sulphuric certain fevers and other conditions of actual "Yes; he said that you keep everything disease. They should never be used as habitual drinks. Because phosphorus is an

essential ingredient in brain, nerve and bone, it has been thought that it might be well to increase the amount in the body by continually taking some compound, containing it into the stomach. There is an immense amount of humbug in this, which the enterprising manufacturer to not slow to utilize. The phosphates, along with the different forms of phosphoric sold, do not add to the phosphorus in the body which can be used to advantage in building up new bone, nerve or brain. It has already become used up as much as the ashes and cinders after coal and wood has been burned. Combined with iron it makes an elegant, palpable preparation of that useful tonic, but no better than many other preparations. of the metal. It certainly possesses no marvelous restorative properties by reason of the phosphorus present in this used-up condition.

OATMEAL WATER AND COLD TEA.

The addition of oatmeal to drinking water makes it nutritive, satisfying and agreeable to the stomach. For laborers it makes a useful addition to the diet, costs but little and repays the small outlay in the form of

Diluted cold tea has long been known as are taken cooled in this way the amount an agreeable, slightly stimulating beverage For this, or any other purpose, the tea leaves must not be boiled. If they are, & The amount necessary for keeping down large amount of tannin is extracted along great bulk is avoided; this lessens desten. in many individuals. A pinch of soda cess limited to six or seven minutes, will remove almost all objections from cold or iced tea as an agreeable, stimulating summer drink. Coffee treated in a similar way may be used instead, but it contains much less of the stimulating principles.

## STATISTICS.

The total number of bales of Australian wool received in England in 1885 was as follows-New South Wales, 279,516; Vic toria, 349,034; South Australia, 131,400; But the mystic quality lies in the fact that in every village and farm-house, where New Zealand, 253,830; Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania, 117,454; or a

Railways in India are in their infancy. If India were as well supplied with railways That dyspepsia—the American disease— as England is, it would have 365,000 miles, is due to defective cooking and imperfect instead of the 12,376 miles it now has. If with what sordid circumstances environed, chewing of the food and too great haste in the Indian Government continues the conprofessors of all the sciences are willing to eating, is undoubtedly the case in most in- struction of railways at the same rate that kneel at her feet to learn the secrets of the stances; still there are many who believe it has been doing during the last thirty past, present and future, from her occult that iced drinks are responsible for almost | years, it will take more than 900 years to every variety of indigestion. When di- give India for its area the equivalent mile-

In 1886 London imported from different parts of the country, by sea, 4,671,127 tons of coal, as against 4,563,966 tons in 1885; and by railway and canal, 7,128,380 tons in 1886, as against 7,081,488 tons in 1885. After making due allowance for exports, there has been a total increase in the coal trade within the London district during the past year of 150,043 tons. The price has the London market, being only 16s. 2d.

Next to the annual expenditure for and drink of the people of the U Kingdom comes that on articles of principally consisting in cotto linen, and silks, in boots, shoes, , and hats, as well as in gold and silver ornaments and jewelry, involving an ou day of wellnigh £148,000,000 gross, c r £123,000,000 net or real value. The he ose expenditure comprises about £72,000 ,000 for acuse-rent arxiture, estimating 1ditions, £15,000,000 c'00 for gas, and £2,000. ing in all £114,000,000. e in the expenditure in Ating to some £13,000,000

In 1855 th a number of telegraph messages in England 1 at from one shilling and six 2 our shillings, with free addresses ,360. In 1860, under the same hey had risen to 1,863,839. In 1865 : a reduced rate of from one to twosings, and a sixpenny rate in certain ge towns, the total rose to 4,650,231. In .869 the number of messages was estimated at 7,500,000. Subsequently, under a tariff. of one shilling for twenty words, the return for 1870 was 9,850,177; for 1875 it was 19,253,120; for 1880 it was 26,547,137 ance of fluids. It is probable that a large October, 1885, to October 1886, under the and for 1885 it was 33,493,224. From sixpenny tariff for twelve words, the address being counted, the total mounted up to 47,508,509 messages. By separating the inland messages in the last two returns the great immediate increase by the change of tariff becomes more evident, as these figures give 24,615,395 messages in 1884 85 at the shilling, and 37,692,249 in 1885-86 at the sixpenny rate.

A Monstrous Cabbage and Huge Caldron.

Howell tells a tale of a traveller who rethrough which the water flows soon become ported that he had seen a cabbage under vegetable life, while they strain out the were sheltered from a shower of rain. Another who was no traveller, yet the wiser man, said he had passed by a place where

## Too Poetical.

Lady (to husband in the background). "Isn't it exquisite, George? Notice how delicately and harmoniously the tones of the Water as a beverage, iced or at the ordi- colors are blended. That pale turquoise nary temperature, is frequently modified to blue catches so beautifully the shell pink render it more agreeable to the palate or plush of the brecaded flower. What do you stomach, or slightly nourishing or stimu'a. think of it, George? Is it not a veritable ting. The addition of a vegetable acid, poem. And only sixteen dollars a yard !" Husband. "Yes dear, it is a poem; but usually with sugar in some form, makes the I think something in simple prose will drink agreeable to the taste, more digestible wear as long and won't cost so much

To Sir Walter Scott.

"Who loves not more the night of June Than cold December's gloomy noon?" Well, he who hath but flannels thick, With ne'er a chance to live on tick ; The man who owns toboggan chutes; The vender of the rubber boots: The mortal who by selling skates His lack of lucre mitigates All find your sentiment at fault,

Sir Walt. And dub it rot,