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# SCARAMOUCHE

by Rafael Sabatini

CHAPTER VII.—(Continued)

Andre-Louis stepped back. His eyes glared a moment, then he was smiling up into the face of his tall enemy.

"Better than the others, after all!" Wail! Wail! I beg you, with a history repeats itself with certain differences. Because poor Villomarin could not bear a life with which you gazed him, he struck you. Because you cannot bear an equally vile truth which I have uttered, you strike me. But always is the witness years. And now as then for the strike there is life!" He broke off.

"But there, I will meet you if you desire it, Monsieur?"

"What else do you suppose that I desire?" he asked.

Andre-Louis turned to his friends and sighed. "So that I am to go another day to the Bois, I think; perhaps you will kindly have a word with some of these friends of M. de Marquis, and arrange for me a clock to-night, as usual."

CHAPTER VIII

Monday morning at a quarter past eight, as with La Chapelle, Andre-Louis was rising from table to set out for the Bois, his housekeeper startled him by announcing Mademoiselle de Keradour.

He looked at his watch. Although his car had just come, he had time to spare. He turned himself from La Chapelle and went briskly out to the entrance.

She advanced to meet him, her nervous eyes fixed feverishly.

"I will not affect ignorance of why you have come," she said quickly, to a young man that only she must be allowed to be worth stating."

"But, Monsieur, Andre, this meeting must take place!" She came close to him, laid her hand upon his shoulder, and said so, her face within a foot of his.

"You know of course of some road reason why it should not," said he. "You may be killed," she answered him, and her eyes dilated as she spoke.

It was far from anything that he had expected that for a moment he could only stare at her. Then he thought he had understood. He laughed as he removed her hands from his shoulders, and stepped back. This was a shallow device, childish and unworthy in her.

"Come, now," said he. "There is too much between La Tour d'Azyr and me. There is an oath I swore on the great hand of Philippe de Vilmonrin. I could never have hoped that God would afford me so great an opportunity of keeping it."

"You have not kept it yet," she warned him.

He smiled at her. "True!" he said. "But nine o'clock will soon be here. Tell me," he asked her suddenly, "why did you not carry this request of yours to M. de La Tour d'Azyr?"

"I did," she answered him and flushed as she remembered her yesterday's rejection. He interpreted the flash quite otherwise.

"And he?" he asked.

"M. de La Tour d'Azyr's obligations," she was beginning; then she broke off to answer shortly: "Oh, he refused."

La Chapelle put his head in at the door.

"Forgive the intrusion. But we shall be late, Andre, unless you."

"Coming," Andre answered him, "if you will await my return, Alins, you will oblige me deeply."

She did not answer him. She was numb. He took her silence for assent and, bowing, left her.

Standing there, half-frenzied by her helplessness, she caught again a sound of wheels and heard the cobbles of the street below. A carriage was approaching.

She stepped to the door of the anteroom, and pulling it wide stood breathlessly to listen. It was a woman's voice asking in urgent tones for M. Andre-Louis—his voice at first vaguely familiar, then clearly recognized, the voice of Mme. de Plougastel.

Excited, she ran to the head of the narrow staircase in time to hear Mme. de Plougastel exclaim in agitation:

"He has gone already! Oh, but how long since? Which way did he take?"

She ran down that steep staircase, calling, "Madame!"

"Madame! Madame!"

The portly, comely housekeeper drew aside, and the two ladies faced each other on that threshold. Mme. de Plougastel looked white and gaunt, a nameless dread staring from her eyes.

The assignment is for nine o'clock in the Bois de Boulogne, Alins informed her. "Could we follow? Could we prevail if we did?"

"In the Bois!" Madame was flung into a frenzy. "The Bois is nearly as large as Paris." But she

ped suddenly forward, right within the other's guard, thus placing his man so completely at his mercy that as if fascinated, the Marquis did not even attempt to recover himself.

This time Andre-Louis did not laugh. He just smiled into the dilating eyes of M. de La Tour d'Azyr, and made no shift to use his advantage.

"Come, come, monsieur!" he bade him sharply. "Am I to run my blade through an uncovered man?" Deliberately he fell back, whilst his shaken opponent recovered himself at last. (To be continued.)

### HONEY LOAF CAKE

One cupful of sugar, 1 cupful of strained honey, 1/2 cupful of shortening, 2 egg-yolks, 1 cupful of milk, 2 1/2 cupfuls of flour, to which are added 2 teaspoonfuls of baking powder.

Cream the shortening and sugar, adding the strained honey. Then add the yolk of the eggs. Beat well and stir in the milk and flour. Add a pinch of salt. Bake in a shallow pan about half an hour.

Tip:—One cupful of strained honey, 1/2 cupful of sugar, a lump of butter. Roll until thick and spread over the top of the cake.

### A Forced Landing!

A new cavalry recruit was assigned to a lively horse for his first drill. He tried his best to hold on, but at last the horse kicked up his heels and off went the recruit.

"Did you have orders to dismount?" asked the sergeant, riding up hastily.

"Yes, sir."

"From Headquarters?"

"No; headquarters."

### Recognized.

The waiter was making out the bill for a customer.

"Did you have oxtail or pea soup, sir?" he asked.

"I don't know," said the diner; "I tasted like soap to me."

"Ah—that's it, sir," answered the waiter; "writing hastily, that would be the pea soup. The oxtail tastes like paraffin."

### Book-keeping can be easily learned at home.

All you need do is to refer to lend your volumes.



### A Needlecraft Tip.

You can make very attractive and serviceable hot-dish mats, using every ring one inch in diameter, as follows: Fill a ring with sixty-four needles, then work double in double treble, in next row-work a double treble in each of four stitches, chain three, and repeat making sixteen stitches in all, then rib-stitch to the middle of first group of double trebles, fill next space with six trebles, fasten with a double in middle of next group and repeat. A set of one dozen rings can be made by joining six for the mat-plate and making two smaller pieces of three each; but the mats can be made of any size and shape required. The work is interesting and there are many ways of making pretty designs by combining small rings with the large ones.

### A Dress Hanger Hint.

There is a "hangar" that some body who has been tried beyond the limit of patience by having her "best-gown-meeting" gown or coat slip off it shanger repeatedly. Just take ordinary rubber bands and wrap several times around the ends. This is a quickly applied and effective remedy.

### How to Knit the Kitchener Toe.

During the war, thousands of socks were knit under the direction of the Red Cross with what was known as the "Kitchener Toe." Just much as it is now impossible to get the directions from the Red Cross many of our readers will no doubt be interested in the official instructions printed during the war.

### Ladies First.

They were playing in a mixed foursome and Perry Plunkett was very much of color. It annoyed him because he wanted to put up a "show" before the girl of his heart.

After a particularly bad miss he fell compelled to indulge in a mild expletive.

"Sorry, Susie," he apologized to the girl, "I didn't mean to say that. Forgive me for swearing like that before you."

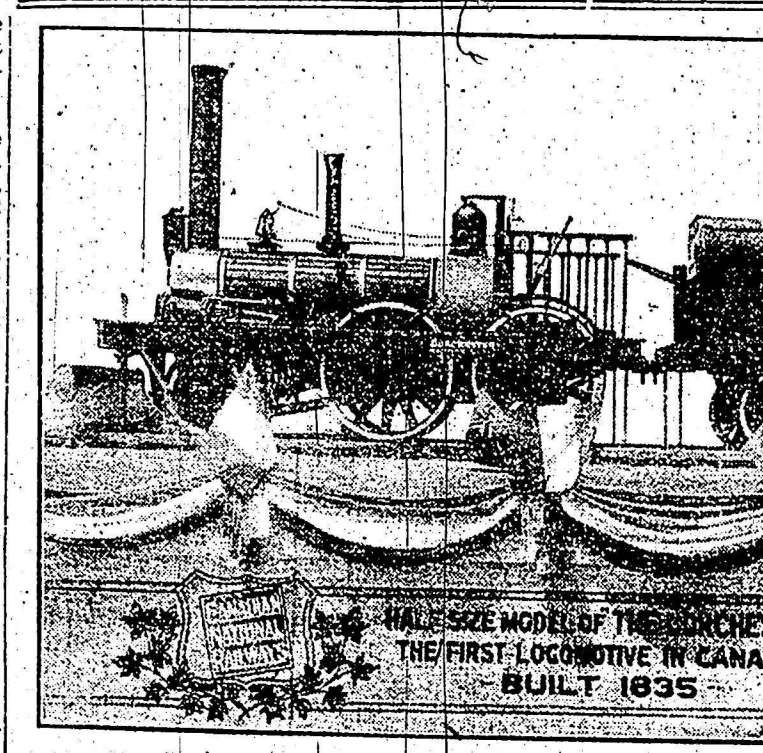
"That's all right," returned the maiden sweetly, "you didn't."

### Busy Father.

"First, realize my time's short. Secondly, say what you want. Thirdly, be short." Spend-thrift Son—"Firstly, I do. Secondly, I will. Thirdly, I am."

### The workmen of the nation and the middle classes lifted the radio from the laboratory stage to a billion-dollar-a-year-business within 6 years.

—Frank A. Arnold.



### Canada's First Locomotive Reproduced

The "Dorchester" was the name of the first locomotive placed in service in Canada and it was in use on the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad, built in 1835 and connecting Lake Ontario and St. Johns, Quebec, a distance of 16 miles. The "Dorchester" was built in England by the Stephenson Co. The original form was part of the Canadian National Railway system. On the occasion of the annual pro-cession of the St. Jean Baptiste Society at Montreal where a series of floats representing historical subjects were featured, the "Dorchester" built at the Point St. Charles shops of the Canadian National Railways, was seen. Afterward the re-enactment of the first Canadian locomotive appeared in the Diamond Jubilee parade at Ottawa.

### For the Knitter

#### To Use Tops of Worn Silk Stockings

A helpful suggestion as to how to make use of the tops of silk stockings after the feet are beyond repair is to cut off the feet, then go around and around the stocking top, cutting into an inch-wide strip as evenly as possible, and having it all in one piece when finished; by using a little care this can be easily accomplished. Start the next stocking in the same way, and continue until you have them all cut. The ends may be sewed as the work progresses, and the lengths rolled or wound loosely in a ball, except as yarn were cut and sewed and wound in balls to the old fashioned rug carpets or rugs, woven in days gone by. If most of the stockings are dark, or there is a sameness in color, it is an excellent plan to scatter bright pieces through the ball, even though in order to do this you must cut the lengths apart; but if there is a good variety, simply assort them and join the strips. After a little you can readily decide on a method that will give the best effect. Strips of from one to two yards, in light or bright, medium and dark colors, sewed in a harmonious "hitch" arrangement, give a charming oriental effect. Using a very large wooden crochet-hook, simply crochet the joined strips into any article designed—pillow-cover, wall-hanging, couch spread, or whatever is needed, using any plain or fancy stitch and working evenly but loosely. Do not stand the raw edges, they add to the pleasing effect; let them fray as they will. Finish the edge by binding with ribbon, with a crocheted scalloped or not at all. In any case, your work will be soft to the touch and charming to the eye, like some antique or oriental bit of drapery. One can knit the strips instead of crocheting them, using large wooden needles and any simple stitch—plain knitting, back and forth, is effective, as is secret stitch—one, two, or three, cast on a number of needles to be knit with, so they will alternate like fish cheeks. A very pretty open stitch is made by knitting one, then over, knit one, and repeat; on the return row, knit the stitch, and slip the edge without knitting, and the first stitch of each row is slipped, insert the needle as if to pull a neat edge result.

### Ontario Fur Farmers Will Benefit by Flood

#### Mississippi Area Almost Bare of Wild Life

While the loss of wild animal life may seem unimportant in comparison with the appalling property loss from the recent deluge, yet it is one of the distressing features of this unparalleled calamity, declares an article in the August issue of "Field and Stream Magazine," which quotes an estimate made by the United States Bureau of Biological Survey that at least fifty per cent. of the small game animals in the flooded districts have been killed.

"All floods destroy ground-dwelling game and fur-bearing animals, insects and young of ground-nesting birds, and even many of the birds themselves," points out Field and Stream, "though it is known to be able to say that in many wild areas all such wild life has practically been wiped out. The flood came at a particularly unfortunate time so far as animal life is concerned, because the young of most species were too small to save themselves from drowning. The same can be said of young birds such as wild ducks, quail, grouse and lesser-winged species of song and forest-birds which nest on or near the ground. The loss of quail and wild turkey is particularly unfortunate, as these two species of valuable game birds are at a rather low crop anyway, and many years of rare and precious fowl will be necessary to bring them back."

Imprecated prices for furs need not be anticipated because furriers must have quantity and quality of pelts to start a fashion for a particular fur but the Mississippi situation should enhance the value of breeding muskrat, mink and coon. This is where the Ontario fur farmer will profit by the demand for breeding stock to begin to get great and incidentally it would appear that the prices of good foxes should advance in sympathy. The nasty, nondescript patch silver fox will meet its Waterloo simultaneously with the advance of the higher grades. Now, more than ever, is a good time to raise furs squarely and squarely on the many worthless so-called silver foxes being bred in Ontario.

### Lightning Fire

#### Summer Season Calls Attention to Protective Measures

The heavy annual loss which Ontario farmers suffer from lightning fires could be reduced to almost nothing if all farm buildings were erected in conformity with the standard set by the Ontario Lightning Rod Act of 1927. This Act which is considered to be the most up to date piece of legislation of its kind in the world has for its primary purpose the insuring of maximum protection to the person who has his buildings rodded. The day of the unscrupulous lightning rod agent has fortunately passed. Every agent operating in the province today does so under a license from the Provincial Fire Marshal's office. A report on every installation is sent in to the Fire Marshal and if any are considered doubtful an inspector is sent out to look the job over and if changes are necessary, to see that they are made. Any agents who have been found slipshod in their work are not allowed to hold their licenses.

Some idea of the progress that has been made since the Lightning Rod Act came into force may be obtained by a study of farm fire-loss payments made by the farmers mutual fire insurance companies in this province. In 1917 lightning fire was responsible for 51 per cent. of the fire loss; in 1925 this had been reduced to 38 per cent, and in 1926 it was down to 12 per cent. Lightning is no such menace as ever; the change has been brought about by more efficient rod-ding. "Unless it is harnessed," said George E. Lewis, Deputy Fire Marshal of Ontario, "lightning must be considered the greatest fire menace on the farm."

### Because I Tell You To

Ethel Peterson.

It was about four, I should judge, and had come down-town with his mother on the street car. As they got off, he eyed one of those machines that hold balls of gum, wrapped in black, red and yellow. You drop a cent, push a rod and—lo and behold!—as if by magic a ball of gum drops out into your hand. Can't you see how fascinating it might be to play with that?

The little chap rushed toward it, crying, "Mama, please give me a penny, I want some gum."

"No!" returned Mother, walking right down the street.

"Please, please give me a penny, please!" she begged, but he just kept on his way, looking back and forth at the machine. He had just been told that it was "a bad habit," and that he should not do it. He had just been told that it was "a bad habit," and that he should not do it.

### Awful Fate.

"Tomato—Great Scott, there he is again, and I was just talking to his new boys ago!"

In Peril.

Just Ride tells of a Junior class who approached the head of a firm which was doing none too well, with a view to a raise in salary.

"Certainly not," was the reply, "let me warn you, young man, if you don't join careful I'll make you a poor man!" London Opinion.

### What to Expect.

Friend—"Why did you send that dish back if there was nothing wrong with it?"

Scotchman—"Well, mon, if ye gie the impression that ye're no satisfied w' the service the waiter'll no expect such a big tip."—Fighting Show.

"How are you getting on with George?" "Oh, he's a most disappointing lover. I purposely fuzed the electric light before he came last night, and he spent the whole evening mending it."

"Don't you think he is a convincing talker?" "I did, till he talked back to a traffic cop."

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