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of my friend and my foe.

but he smiled.

which maddened me.

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ing its end. What could I do?

I struck his head twice, thrice, with

gers would never have relaxed until

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me sorely; but, then, I hardly felt it said, a smile upon his lips.

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tal and Brain Worry, still upon the sides of it. As I looked | Spaniard, Costa. Vew pamphlet mailed side her-Jasar. Foes surrounded her mor.

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I raised my head to look about me. coming to the side of the litter.

"Yes. It's hot, and I'm thirsty. May a prisoner drink?" "Why, yes. We've been doing our

best to keep you alive since yester-"Since yesterday! A day and a night

He nodded. "You know me?"

"You were in my company when you were in the king's guard." "I remember. It is almost like being

among friends."

"You'll hardly find it so yonder," and he waved his hand toward the city. "I suppose not. Tell me, where is the princess?" "In front."

"Well-safe?" "She is well cared for; have no fear of that. You are both too precious to die for the want of a little attention." "Could I speak to her?" "No," he answered sharply.

"No; I cannot do it. I have no ill will toward you. I admire a worthy foeman, and if I can do anything for

you yourself I will, but I cannot do

what you ask with regard to the prin-

"Not for the sake of old comrade-

"And Count Vasca?" I asked after a "Much as you are, getting better."

the debt was paid." "You did your best," he returned. "Though we be jailer and prisoner, we have something in common, at any

"That is bad news. I had hoped that

rate," I laughed. "What is that?" "We both regret that I did not suc-

We crossed the river by the bridge f boats, and it was evident that many of the citizens had come out to meet us, for there was much shouting. My former comrade came to my side an's.'

"A conqueror could not command more interest than you," he said. "That is poor consolation." I cut down the man who struck the "I think I would be a great traito blow, and, my horse stumbling, I came

to the ground, falling across the bodies | rather than nothing," he answered. "I am not even a great traitor," was unhurt and sprang to my feet, said. A clear space was round me. With his "I would not say so if I were you. It MILTON sword in his hand Count Vasca looked is easier to confess and have done with

at me. He did not ride at me at once. It. Better to die quickly than slowly in the fortress youder. If I dared do better, much better. She has beauty will doubtless have the pleasure of their country, and their blood cries to "The time has come, Sir Verrail," he it I would plunge my dagger into you enough to make fools of some men." witnessing your enemy's discomfiture, us to be avenged. Are there any words It was his smile, not his words, ness "You think so, friend, but I had

me but a little space to prove this man straits than this. I may live to be in woman has brought you to." a coward and a liar, and on my oath worse again." I will throw down my sword and you "You will, and then you may find my charge too?" death too long in coming."

answered. "You are a brave man, but a fool!" Vasca says of me?" leave, for Vasca had not too many friends, but the count he said.

gave them no time to an. With help I walked across the pal- matters, that I need not tell you of." swer. In a moment he was upon me, ace yard between ranks of warriors and his first blow split my harness at and then was face to face with the the shoulder. I knew that the wound king. was deep, for afterward it troubled "So you come again to Yadasara," he it?"

My whole ambition was to kill Vasca. I did not answer. My eyes were fixed That done it mattered not what hap on Daria, who stood a few yards from pened. Even Daria was fergotten for me, guarded by soldiers. the time. It was an unequal struggle. "And you bring a welcome compan-He was mounted and fresh, I on foot ion this time. We thank you. You and weary. As he tried to ride me made many enemies by your escape, easier than you think-it depends." down I caught the horse's bridle and PHONE 192.

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Attempted to throw him back upon his had failed. There's little strength in

haunches. The count was too good a you now. We must see that that is horseman to let me succeed in this, restored a little before we punish you pause. however. He knew his advantage and for your treachery. It would be a He shrugged his shoulders. was not going to throw it away by poor recompense to see such a man die like a woman." "The time is nearing its end," he "Your highness shall not see that,"

laughed. "I told you that I always I said. "We have heard many a strong man cutioners." He dealt me a blow which staggered | boast as much," he answered. "We me as he spoke. The time was nearhave good arguments against the boast. To the fortress with him, but He followed me up as I staggered treat him gently. He shall have a chance of proving his boast. You, I made a feint, then dodged his madame, too, are weak, for all you were round him. His horse plunged, we shall find means to pay you for the of course. and in an instant the count and I were lives of our subjects which your re-

on the ground. Now we were both bellion has caused. To the fortress swordless and helmetless. My fingers with them both." I was placed in the litter again and "The time has come!" I hissed as carried up to the fortress. They were still gripping his throat with one hand, very gentle with me, and, knowing what was in store for me, some of

I should have killed him. My fin- them may have pitied me. The guard of the fortress received they had gripped life out of him, but us, and with a considerable amount of it was not to be. Men rushed in to formality I was handed over to my lying on my back, my arms bound to sitting in a porch within the gateway. ner. The walls and the floor were The man sat limply, looked as though hopeless. Such solid masonry would this woman and this man? The count was not dead, but he was he were in pain, and I saw that his yield but slowly to a company of men unconscious. They took him up, and arm was in a rough sling. Hope was with all appliances at hand. But the a space was cleared for them to carry not dead. I had a friend in the for-

him to some spot where he could be tress. attended to. And it was through this "O'Ryan!" I cried, a tone of joy in who took it. I wonder how often and S PHOSPHODINE. space that I saw the last incident of my voice doubtless.

The Great English Preparation. that terrible day—the end of the fight. He looked at me, but did not move. trap, fascinated by the thoughts it the whole The rising ground was before me, and There was an exasperating chuckle gave rise to. makes new Blood its gallant company of defenders lay at my ear, and I turned to face the I lost count of time. Days and nights

er. As a warrior there was no quarter this fortress is honored now." for him, and I saw him fall dead at He laughed as the heavy door closed Costa sat down on a stool and re- of wielding a good sword again.

lying upon a rough litter, which four have good food and drink. You are

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"Do you mean the princess?" "Call her so if you will," he an- tain?" queen-in armor, too; nothing of the who had stood silently with folded of what you are accused. In Drussenmiserable prisoner about her. Ah, it arms, burst out laughing.

amuses me greatly." "Is she lodged in the fortress?" asked as unconcernedly as possible. "Yes, my friend. As chief of the temptuously toward O'Ryan. fortress I have the honor to entertain "Rascal!" exclaimed the Irishman exyou both. She is now clothed as a citedly. woman, and as a woman- Ah, she is "Steady." Costa interposed. "You

"You are too good a warning," he The city turned out to see me on "Ah, good foeman," I cried, "grant rather live. I have been in worse answered. "See what the love of a the morrow when I was taken from "Love!" I laughed. "Is that laid to

> "Do you say you are not in love with "Death and I seem to be old friends; this woman who calls herself a prinwe have walked so long together," I cess? Count Vasca spoke differently." "Am I to be judged by what Count "There are other matters, many other

> > "And the punishment?" "In good time. It will come." "When I am strong enough to bear

> > "The machinery and torture, then death and an exit from Yadasara that way." I pointed to the corner of the cell where the locked flagstone was. "Yes," he said, rising, "but it may be

"Upon what?" "And the princess?" I asked after a

"It is always difficult to prophesy the fate of a beautiful woman," he answered. "But for you, my friend, let me advise-make friends with the exe-

CHAPTER XXI. E XCEPT that for many hours a day I sat in a gloomy twilight, I was well treated. I the fortress to the palace. The king our own Charles II. about this monwas well fed and was allow. was surrounded by his court and was arch. If an answer were ready enough

blow and sprang up at him, my foot stand so bravely. You shall have rest ed to walk for a certain time each talking and laughing with those about he could appreciate it, even if it were upon his foot in the stirrup. My arms and gentle treatment for awhile. Then day upon the ramparts—well guarded, him. A callous assembly it was to I had hoped to catch a glimpse of distance from me stood Daria, very king we forego the happiness of being Daria during my daily constitutional, pale and very beautiful. Had my but the hope was not fulfilled. I think courage faltered for a moment the it is possible that Costa might have so sight of her, firm, resolute and fear say then, madame, of Count Vasca? arranged matters as to grant me this less, would have filled me with new Surely he is a true Drussenlander request had I asked him, but I dared strength. To her I bowed; to the king

not do so. Her beauty might save her. I made no obeisance. Near the king My love might condemn her. So I led sat Count Vasca and next to the count Costa to believe that she was no more Lady Aldrida. The count was paleto me than any other woman. In my lonely hours I was not idle. separate us. I was dragged from my new jailers. I hardly noticed them, I examined my cell, its floors and its proceedings thoroughly amused her. victim and a few moments later was for my eyes were fixed upon a figure walls and the locked trap in the cor-

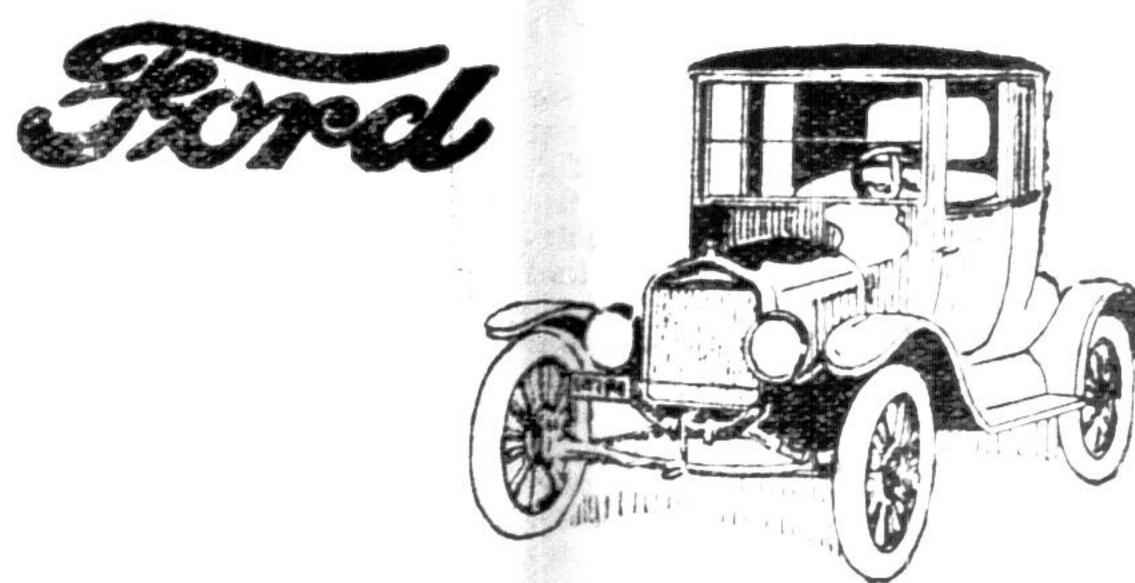
trap attracted me. It was a way out I knew, even if it were only dead men how long I have stood gazing at the

passed, and I knew that I had been a the enemies' hands were laid upon the | He was fatter and greasier than ever, prisoner for a long while. 'An imagiprincess, and only one friend was be- and he was tricked out in bright ar- native man might have hoped that he

the feet of the woman he had loved upon me. Presently he returned, fol- than was his wont-and with him

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"Madame," he said, turning to Daria,

land there cannot be two rulers. It

season, bringing war where peace

should be. At your door lie in heaps

"Net yours so much as the wom- asked. Then the smiles went from the king's "Oh, yes, but it would be well to face, and those around him were sihave a care what you say, eh, cap- lent.

Thus directly appealed to, O'Ryan, "there is little need for us to tell you "I might say too much to please has pleased you to set yourself up that rascally companion of yours, is against your rightful king and with that It?" I asked Costa, nodding con- the help of traitors to their king and their country to defy us for this long

"Take care you are not one of them," but it is not for you to administer the punishment."

"I AM NO TRAITOR."

perhaps by reason of his recent

wounds. Lady Aldrida looked as if the

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that can say aught in your defense? If so, speak them. This court shall judge you, not we, and truly your fair face should find many a one to deal out lenient judgment."

> "I am no traitor." The words came firm and clear, no suspicion of trembling in her voice. She was as much a queen now as when I had first seen her, surrounded y her knights. "I stand here princess of Drussenland," she said. "The fortune of war places me here standing, while the real traitor remains seated in my presence. You, who call yourself the king, are no king, nor are you established here in Yadasara by the will of true Drussenlanders. You are king only by the help of these paid foreigners, whose very names and country are unknown to you. For the judgment of your court I care nothing."

"We shall find means to subdue that bold spirit within you, madame," said "To kill it, not to subdue it," she an-"So have many spoken. Words come easily. But let us argue a little, ma-

dame. In your accusations be just.

We are not all foreigners. Am I not a Drussenlander?" "One I should have delighted to honor had you been true to your country and your sovereign," was the anexpected to see the king become savage, but he astonished me by laugh-

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had been forgotten. I knew my enemies too well to think so, and Costa the aid of bank loans. was constantly advising me regarding bave considered that his life was still I glanced at O'Ryan. He had risen | the future. He seemed to enjoy sitting In the country, many farmvaluable to his mistress, that he might from his seat and looked so different in my cell, and if his conversation was ers are doing likewise, and we help her in her captivity. But the from what I had known him that I not of the most consoling kind it helphands were laid roughly upon her, and concluded that the wound I had given ed to pass some weary hours. I have are always glad to extend our that hurt him. His sword came down him in that desperate fight upon the never been able to make up my mind hearty co-operation. upon the nearest of her enemies, and stairs must have been deeper than I what the Spaniard's true feelings toward me were, whether he had some for a minute he was dealing out death | had thought There is always a welcome around him. They would not have "I will come and make you comfort sort of respect for me or whether it awaiting you at the local killed a priest, possibly, but Jasar, able presently when I have attended delighted him to speak of the grewor save in raiment, was a priest no long- to your princess," Costa said. "Truly some tortures which were in store for

lowed by two men carrying rugs, with came O'Ryan. My quondam friend which they proceeded to make me a had evidently recovered, for he walked isode of that day-for a blackness not uncomfortable bed in one corner. Vigorously, and his arm looked capable "It is tomorrow," said Costa, fixing "You have a good couch," he said the torch in the ring in the wall.

I thought this quite probable.