

CHAPTER VI.

Worthy M. Blandureau was expecting his future son-in-law. Hector had given three months' warning, which had been employed in making preparations for his reception.

Every one knows the Blandureau family. Paterfamilias is a stout little man, with short legs and short arms. His features are not deficient in intelligence, and his sly, bright eyes alone suffice to explain how it happens that he has managed to retire from business with an enormous fortune.

Mademoiselle Aurelie is very different. She is the true mistress of the house. Her will is law. And this, he it noted, is but one instance out of many, for vain folks of the middle classes are habitually their children's slaves.

folkes declare to be easy enough, providing one has plenty of money to spare.

Although Hector's appointment with the Blandureau family was fixed for the dreary autumnal season, Aurelie and her parents were still sojourning at their country house at Ville d'Avray. This country house, by the way, was the work of M. Blandureau's spare time.

When Hector presented himself at Ville d'Avray on the morning of his departure from La Fresnaie, M. Blandureau only waited to learn his name, before declaring that he would have recognized him among a thousand.

"Ah! here you are!" joyfully exclaimed M. Blandureau, as soon as he perceived her, and taking hold of her hand and placing it in Hector's, he paternally added: "Come, kiss each other, my children."

But the children did not embrace—to tell the truth, Mademoiselle Aurelie retreated a few steps back and made a most elaborate curtsy, while Hector fairly bowed to the ground.

"Dear me, I can't say I like this big, arrogant-looking girl. Even if I had not previously decided to break off the match, I should certainly do so now."

He had come direct to Ville d'Avray, realizing that he must in common politeness keep his appointment with M. Blandureau but on the other hand anxious to find some means of compelling his chosen father-in-law to initiate a rupture.

Just think, mademoiselle," he added, "we shall have opportunities to undertake some splendid speculations, and we are bound to make large profits, for we shall have hardly any office expenses at all."

Aurelie made no reply, but in her mind she vowed to thwart all these elaborate plans.

"Well," said he, "when shall we fix the marriage?"

"Oh, there's no hurry," replied the retired commission merchant. "We'll talk it over another day."

CHAPTER VII.

At nine o'clock on the following morning he presented himself at the Hotel des Etrenegers in the Rue de Rivoli, and asked to see Sir James Wellesley, whereupon a servant escorted him to the fourth floor and ushered him into a little sitting-room.

The young baronet was an Englishman from head to foot. He looked some thirty years of age. His hair was not particularly fair, but his beard was of the approved fiery tinge.

"Have I the honor of speaking to Sir James Wellesley?" he asked.

"Yes, replied the baronet, in a curt tone.

"Then allow me to hand you this letter," resumed Hector, drawing from his pocket the missive which the old priest had entrusted to his care.

"Sir James took the letter and begging Hector to excuse him tore the envelope open. He read the abbe's communication at a glance, for the priest had taken the precaution of writing him in English.

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"Ay, we will be friends and no mistake. As you are so candid my fine fellow, my task will be all the easier, and you may be sure I won't lose sight of you till I have destroyed all chances of your ever marrying Mademoiselle d'Amblecay."

To Be Continued.

PAUL KRUGER.

Henry Stanley Pays His Respects to the Transvaal President.

Henry M. Stanley, in his book, "Through South Africa," just published, has this to say of Paul Kruger, President of the Transvaal Republic: "There is abundance of life and vitality in the President, but he is so choleric that he is unable to brook any opposition."

THE 'HUMBUG POSE.'

If by the latter is meant the repetition of stale platitudes, and the reiteration of promises which will never be carried out, I fear I must agree with the critics.

"That so many people should have united in singing this man's praises can only be accounted for by the fact that they must have had some interest, political or pecuniary, to serve, otherwise how is it that his 'greatness' solely consists in my mind of what he has derived from the cowardice and weaknesses of others?"

SO PITFULLY WEAK.

"This is the man whom the Johannesburghers hope to weary with their prayers and petitions, but they never will do it. Nor will they convince him by their arguments, for he is too dense, ignorant, and impenetrable.

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NEW BURGLAR ALARM.

Wife suddenly awakening—Hark! Horrors! What's the matter? Fido is 'way down stairs, yelping as if he were hurt. What's happened to the little dear?

A TROUBLE NO LONGER REGARDED AS INCURABLE.

An Orangeville Lady Who Had Suffered Severely Speaks of Her Illness and Tells How she Found a Cure.

From the Sun, Orangeville, Ont. A remarkable case recently came under the notice of our reporter, and for the benefit it may be to some of our readers, we are going to tell them about it.

CHARACTER IN GAIT.

Individuality is Very Pronounced in a Man's Mode of Walking.

Experts say that handwriting never varies in its essence—that is that its true characteristics are always preserved, even when one attempts to imitate the writing of another.

Walking, however, comes under another category. No one can imitate another's walk for more than two or three steps without making it obvious to any but the densest observer that he is acting—or walking—a part; that he is thinking constantly of the length of his stride, of the way the foot should reach and leave the ground, of the speed and of the swing of the body.

So very characteristic is walking that even the most unobservant requires only to hear three or four footfalls in a passage, etc., without seeing the walker, to be absolutely assured of his individuality, if, of course, the walker is familiar to the listener.

And how does character show itself in walking? We should be inclined to say, "In every way." For example, could one imagine a busy, alert criminal lawyer lolling along with a long, heavy, laborious stride, or could one imagine a lethargic, unambitious routine life living farm laborer pass along a street with a springy, alert, active and nervous tread?

The cautious, suspicious man could not possibly walk in the same manner as the hail fellow well met, open handed sportsman, neither could the walk of the dignified High Church clergyman resemble that of the bustling, all there grocer bent on making himself a millionaire.

The cowardly cannot walk as do the fearless, the restless as do the phlegmatic. And for this reason it seems to me that the police have often some thing stronger to go on when they find a prisoner's boot mark tallies with the impress of the foot of the known criminal, for if placed under observation when at exercise he will demonstrate to those watching him the weight he puts on the different parts of the foot where the impress would be greater, and so on.

A WEIGH OUT OF IT.

Mrs. Flynn—Wot'll I do? This weighin' machine goes only up to two hundred, and I weigh nearly three? Mr. Flynn—Git on twice, Biddy, an' add up the totals.

SHE WAS WILLING.

We've got to economize, said Mr. Gargoyle to his wife. Very well, replied the good woman, cheerfully. You shave yourself and I'll cut your hair.

We must all recognize the cow is the foundation of the machine. The dairyman does his work by which he produces. She takes the raw milk, corn, oats, bran, etc. them into the finish course she is more chine as she reproduces well as sustains her from these functions, fined to her power milk. This being the man in selecting of in the selection of is most efficient in power. The manufacturing machinery for that best adapted work. Economy in the qualities desired which will produce work with the least energy. The farmer as truly a manufacturer making cloth, tools, farm is his factory machinery by which material of his farm or cheese. The governing the selection of the factory, should tion of his cows. economical production that will produce —the cow that will and best milk at the other words, the cow ed to the production special purpose cow of a double purpose before the demands methods of farming has earnest adhered admit that the speed produce more and the special dairy coster at a less cost than a cow, the claim is greater profits for two. We suppose this idea would be the old-fashioned, and mover for gra reaper with the rail not be as efficient improved self-bind economical in the er as the ball-bearing date; nevertheless could be used for up-to-date farmer idea of such a machine the same man ytion that the double most profitable, because in the on of the special parent, while in the not taken the trouble investigation, the dairyman of the be driven to a m ledge of his cows polled to exercise Judgment in select produce butter at profit. Loose an ods in all departments be supplanted by plication of the r and methods. D tion. The dairy must of necessity, facture his butter cow.

PLANTING AN GRAPES

Plant vines eight way. Run rows in holes 18 inches s 15 inches deep. If to eight pounds c bottom of each hol good top soil and as possible. One cuttings are best old will do. The done as much a hands. Place the ural position, an closely with good mellow. At plant back to two buds i top of the original growth will start growth. When th ed, rub off all e looking ones, th vine, which shou it lengthens, to at the time of pl

It is best to pl work is pressing till summer or f trellis is recomme the posts are set tops off square f the ground. A c feet long is laid of and securely nail the direction of 12 galvanized wire these cross piece the post, and the ends of the cr growth of the v center wire pincl formation of l now begins, an pinched back and all three of the bearing canes of Very little snu with thumb and the bearing shoot or three leaves b of fruit, and mos are removed.