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CHAPTER VII. A YOUNG LADY BUYS A LOAD OF HAY. AS the magistrate given his decision yet?" asked Alma

Jurnieff as she met Orderly Alexander Borge in the corridor of the living rooms a few days after the trial. "No decision has been made public, Mile. Jurnieff. There is much secrecy.

There is to be a squad of prisoners sent to Siberia in a month. I believe the American is numbered among them." "Siberia! They would not dare! To

send an innocent American to Siberia would bring on war." "Not if he died," said Alexander,

with a shrug. "Some who are numbered for Siberia never start. They die before the time comes. Hush! Here comes Colonel Jurnieff!" He walked away without saluting

her, and her face was devoid of expression when her eyes met those of her

"I have news for you," he said, closely observing the girl. "The governor is to give a ball to Prince Dellnikoff. The prince will arrive in a few days. He will attend to his new official drties while here, and the governor wiskes to entertain him."

"There is no objection, is there? What are the new duties of the prince?"

general of prisons for Stavropol, Tiflis and Astrakhan. It was probably through the influence of the general, your father, that he obtained this important post. I received a letter from your father today. Would you like to read it?"

Alma listlessly.

"It will save me the trouble of repeating his wishes to you. Take the letter to your room and study it. Consider well its contents. You will profit by meeting your father's wishes in this matter. You have been severely pun- ons." ished. I know, by your semi-imprisonment here. Hereafter I am going to permit you to have your own way. I for now." want you to meet the prince at the ball. It may be necessary for you to likes to have good Bread, and the make purchases. You are at liberty to and 4."

"Thank you," said Alma. She bowed and went to her room.

"Some plot," she murmured as she shut her door. "What deviltry is afoot now? So I am asked to read a letter from my father, the first of his letters that have been even spoken of to me." She sat down and read:

My Dear Brother-You will doubtless be surprised to hear of the appointment of rie?" inquired Alma as the carriage Prince Delinikoff to the important post of inspector general of prisons. It was a happy thought of mine to have him appointed to a position of power and importance, sufficiently so to please him and make his sojourn in your portion of Russia not unwelcome. It will bring him often to Tiflis and give you an opportunity to bring the prince and my obstinate daughter together. It is probable that the governor will entertain the prince. If so,

that will be a good opportunity. We must compel the girl to obey some way or other. It is a cherished idea of mine to see the families of Dellnikoff and Jurnieff united. The father of Prince Alexis was a good friend of mine, and we spoke frequently in other days of the pleasure it would give us to see our only children united. Therefore do your utmost to bring about this most desirable marriage. shall not receive my daughter again until she comes to me as the Princess Dell-

"What a kind and loving father!" exclaimed Alma as she crunched the letter in her hand. "This is a threat-a threat that my uncle preferred to have me read rather than to tell me himself. Let them threaten! But I will attend the ball and will assist in entertaining Prince Dellnikoff, the most dissolute prince in St. Petersburg."

"Have you received a letter at last, mademoiselle?" asked Marie as she entered the room.

"At last, Marie, I have been permitted to read a letter. It is not, however, addressed to me. It is one that was sent by my father to my uncle with some very interesting news. Prince Dellnikoff is coming to Tiflis." "Heavens! To be married?"

"I presume that is the real object. Openly he comes as the inspector gen-

eral of prisons." "Inspector general! He will be a

proud one in that uniform." "Why so, Marie? What distinguishing uniform does the inspector general of prisons wear?"

"All gold lace, mademoiselle. It is fine. I once knew the inspector general of prisons for Perm. He was a grand looking man in his uniform."

"I should like to see it," said Alma, with a smile. "I suppose I will have the opportunity soon." of Russia. Shall I get it?"

"No, never mind. Well, get it. It will serve to pass away a few miserable moments." Marie brought a little leather cover-

ed book. "It is Alexander's, mademoiselle. DESK. He hopes for promotion and is studying the fine uniform he will wear." "Alexander is noble and faithful. I hope he will win his promotion and not

disgrace himself by assisting me." "He would die for you, mademoi-Alma turned the pages of the book.

saw pictured were familiar to mer. The uniform prescribed for the in spector general of prisons was a gorgeous affair, all gold lace, shiny boots, a cap and a medal that hung from the golden sash. She closed the book and sank back in the chair with her eyes closed. Instead of returning the book Alma rose from her chair and placed it

"I like to look at them, Marie," she

said. "I will keep the book awhile." The approach of the governor's ball in honor of the new inspector general of prisons roused great interest. A governor's ball was always a grand affair, but this one, coming at the close of the fair, with so many notables from all parts of the east in Tiflis, was certain to surpass in splendor any of its predecessors. The bazaars brought out their best goods and displayed them to the best advantage. Women of all nations began feverish shopping and preparing. Officers of the garrison, Persian grandees, Chinese princes, Turkish pashas, vied with one another in their efforts to do credit to this great occasion. Alma seemed imbued with the same spirit of rivalry. One day as she and Marie were going out Jurnieff stopped Marie.

"Marie," he said, "what has brought the great change over your mistress? Heretofore she has been morose and "He has been appointed inspector | sad; now she is smiling and cheerful. What has caused it? She acts like one who knew that her lover had come to

Marie started. Did he know that Alma was aware of the presence of Irons in the prison?

"It is not that, I think, Colonel Jur-"I will read it if you wish," answered | nieff, but that perhaps one is coming." "Do you mean-you cannot mean the

"It may be, though Mile. Alma says little to me. Is he not a great officer?" "He has a high and honorable position. He is inspector general of pris-

"Ah! That enlightens me, your excellency. I know what she wanted it "Wanted what for?"

"The book-the pictures of uniforms. I saw her studying the uniform of the

best Bread is to be had at Stinson's. use the carriage any day between 2 inspector general of prisons. She seemed pleased after that." Jurnieff turned away.

"What was there in the general's letter to produce this change?" he asked himself. "It is remarkable. I can now write to him that he is in a fair way to have his dearest wish gratified. ought to be promoted myself if that comes off."

"What did my uncle ask you, Mawas being driven off.

"He had noticed that you were gay nd smiling of late. He asked me the

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cause. I said I believed it was because the prince was coming. I told him you had studied the uniforms of the inspector general of prisons and had seemed pleased."

"I must be cautious." Arriving at one of the largest busaars, Alma left Marie in the carriage and proceeded to do her shopping alone. She was attired becomingly, her gown setting off her form to advantage. Among the things she purchased was a long cloak, reaching almost to the ground, having a hood for covering the head in winter.

"Permit me, lady, to carry your purchases to your carriage," said the mer-

"You may, but not yet. I shall need some more things. I am going to a cafe for lunch and shall wear my new hood and cloak. These Perstans and Turks stare at one so. When I return, I shall make more purchases."

"I will await your return with impatience, lady, and your goods will remain in my charge."

Not even Marie noticed the cloaked figure that came from the bazaar. A drosky was standing near, and Alma stepped into it.

"Take me to the hay wharfs," she

The ivoshtshik stared, but the money that was put into his hand was many times the regular charge, and he did not hesitate.

The hay wharfs on the Kur were in themselves part of the show. Boats of all descriptions crowded against one another, for the supply of hay needed during the fair for the horses and camels was very great. The shouts of Circassians, Georgians and Turks and Persians were deafening.

Alma sat in her drosky and looked about at the busy scene. These hayboats were mostly from the towns along the upper Kur and the Volga. They were of all kinds, sizes and degrees of safety. Those from the Volga were the largest, for they needed stability to travel on the Caspian. Near one of these, with an Astrakhan owner and crew, she halted.

No subjects of the czar hate the Muscovite rule more than the Astrakhans. It was only after a prolonged war that Astrakhan was subdued, and her fealty has never been more than nominal. Every little while some new mollah rises to preach a holy war, and a new crusade against the Muscovite

The Astrakhan, seated upon the prow of his boat, was tall, dark and picturesque. He was smoking a pipe, regardless of the proximity of several tons of hay belonging to himself.

As he looked around he saw a small white finger beckoning him. He sauntered to where Alma sat. She got down from her seat and spoke in whispers. "Are you not from the lower valley

of the Volga?" "I am, sweet lady. I have come from Astrakhan with hay to sell."

"Is it sold?" "Alas, not yet. The fair is breaking up, and there is less demand for hay." "Will you sell it at a good price and And rock with her; deliver it where I command?"

"If the price be sufficient, sweet lady, I will carry it to Moscow." "What is the price you get for your hay at this wharf?"

"This load will bring me 300 rubles." "If you will take a passenger, keep your tongue still and deliver the hay where I bid you, I will give you 2,000

"It is a fortune, sweet lady! Where shall I deliver the hay?" "At the port of Astrabad, Persia." "I agree. But the passenger?"

"Is a man. Remain at this spot until he is ready." "Under the cover of my hay he will be safe. Sweet lady, you may rely

upon me. I am Charka of the town of Ashkar. Ask for me when you want me. I am at your feet." "Return to the bazaar from which I And art of me

came," said Alma to the ivoshtshik. "I am growing reckless," she mused. "Two weeks ago I shivered if I had to look my uncle in the face. I dared not go a step beyond the limits set. But now! The blood of the Jurnieffs is

Arriving at the bazaar, she made another purchase, walked to the carriage, answered Marie's question as to what kept her so long and in half an hour was back in her apartments.

As Colonel Jurnieff passed her door he stopped, a look of astonishment on

"What next?" he said. "She is actually singing a love song. Evidently my brother has not managed this affair In Purchasing Dr. Harte's well. Why, the girl is already happy as well as conquered. Really my brother's influence must get me promoted. I am too great a diplomat to We Guarantee Them to Cure or Your be governor of a prison. I should be in St. Petersburg."

As his footsteps died away the love The curative qualities of Dr. HARTE's song came to an abrupt end.

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Lucky. "Well, Pat, I heard your brother w sent to prison for life." "Yis, but he's so delicate he'll never

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And seek with her The cheek of her To brush with little kisses and Quite all she says is "Goo!"

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And tries with me To rise with me When romping time is over, and She looks up and says "Goo!"

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