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Duchemin accepts, despite his de sire to avoid all social activities dur-English Secret Service. He was anx- a day even more oppressive than its Before the man with the knife

a strange motoring party of four men mented by thirst, refreshed himself Fist-work told. For an instant he and a woman. He was able to learn at the auberge where the barouche stood quite free, the centre of a

and the chauffeur, Jules. GO ON WITH THE STORY.

CHAPTER VII.

THE APACHE STRIKES BACK.

Duchemin took back with him to Nant, that night, food in plenty for thought, together with a notion that he had better resign himself to stop on indefinitely at the Grand Hotel de l'Univers and . . . see what he should

That fatality on which he had so bitterly reflected, had him now fairly by the heels. Impossible and the more so the longer he pondered it-to credit to mere coincidence the innuendoes uttered at the chateau by Mr. Monk and his party.

No: there had been malice in that, Duchemin was satisfied, if not some darker purpose which perplexed the most patient scrutiny.

Now malice without incentive is un-But Duchemin searched his memory in vain for anything he could have said or done to make anybody desire to discredit him in the sight of the ladies of the Chateau de Montalais. Still the attempt so to do had been unmistakable: the Lone Wolf had been lugged into the con- could hear the voice of the landlord versation literally by his legendary inside, grumbling and growling, to

what purport he couldn't determine. Surely, one would think, that noc- Before Duchemin was finished he turnal prowler of pre-war Paris had found himself the cynosure of more been so long dead and buried even the than a few pair of eyes set in the illmost ghoulish gossip should respect favored faces of natives of La Roque. his poor remains and not disinter | One gathered that the dead guide them merely to demonstrate that the had enjoyed a fair amount of local past can never wholly die!

Had he, then, some enemy of old While Duchemin drank, a lout of a hidden under one of those sleek sur- lad shambled out of the auberge,

popularity.

Having rested, he picked himself

After a time something, call it in-

In dusk of evening he stumbled

Going fishing—take Minard's Liniment

caught and saddled a dreary animal, An excellent visual memory re- mounted, and rode off in the direction viewed successively the physical char- of Nant. acteristics of Messieurs Monk, Phinuit Then Duchemin committed his secand de Lorgnes, and their chauffeur ond error of judgment, which consist-Jules; with the upshot that Duchemin ed in thinking to find better and could have sworn that he had never cooler air on the heights across the before known any of these.

And Madame la Comtesse? In re- Accordingly he crossed the Dourbie, spect of that one memory again drew reached the top in a bath of sweat, a blank, but remained unsatisfied. and sat down to cool and breathe When one thought of her some remote. | himself. faint chord of reminiscence thrilled The view was splendid, almost and hummed, but never recognizably. worth the climb. Duchemin could see

Setting aside then the theory of for miles up and down the valley. positive personal animus, what other Across the way Duchemin identified reason could there be for the effort the figure of the landlord, standing in



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and beg a cup of water. As he lifted that the flash of the shot was still a hand to knuckle the door he was vivid in Duchemin's vision when the

With no more warning than a cry, others, scattering them like chickens. the signal for the onslaught, and the Simultaneously the brakes were set, sudden scuffling noise of several pair the dark bulk began to slide with of feet, he wheeled, found himself al- locked wheels to a stop, and a voice ready closely pressed by a number of cried: "Quickly, monsieur, quickly!" men, and struck out at random. His -the voice of Eve de Montalais. stick landed on bomebody's head with In two bounds Duchemin overtook a resounding thump followed by a yell the car and before it had come to a Baye, where long turquoise pathways of pain. Then three men were grap- standstill leaped upon the runningpling with him, two more seeking to board and grasped the side. He had aid them, and another lay in the road- one glimpse of the set white face of way clutching a fractured skull and Eve, as she bent forward, manipulat-

spitting oaths and groans. His stick was seized and wrenched spat again; its bullet struck him a away, he was overwhelmed by num- blow of sickening agony in the side. bers. The knot of struggling figures Aware that he was dangerously toppled and went to the dust, Duche- wounded, he put all that he had left min underneath, so weighed down of strength and will into one final that he could not for the moment move effort, throwing his body across the door. As he fell sprawling into the a hand toward his pistol.

Half-stifled by the reek of unwashed tonneau consciousness departed like a flesh, he heard broken phrases growl- light withdrawn. ed in voices hoarse with effort and

"The knife!" . . . "Hold him!" "Stand clear and let me-!" . . "The

Struggling madly, he worked a leg only one thing-poor quality. A lot of free and kicked with all his might. poor quality teas are now being of-One of his assailants howled aloud fered. The public should be advised and fell back to nurse a broken shin. not to buy them. to fasten upon Duchemin suspicion Two others scrambled out of the way, In appreciation of his daring in of identity with the late Lone Wolf? leaving one to pin him down with rescuing her and her companions from A sinister consideration, if any, knees upon his chest, another to wield and one, Duchemin suspected not un- the knife.

Mme. de Sevenie had invited the connected with the much-talked-about Staring eyes caught a warning man who preferred to be known as jewels of Madame de Montalais. . . · gleam on descending steel. Duchemin And then, partly to kill time, he re- squirmed frantically to one side, and sumed his character as the pedestrian felt cold metal kiss the skin over his ribs as the blade penetrated his cloth-He took the road in the heart of ing, close under the armpit.

yesterday. In the valley of the Dour- could strike again, Duchemin, roused Eve de Montalais, the American bie the air was stagnant, lifeless. to a mightier effort, threw off the widow who had been one of those After eight miles of it Duchemin was ruffian on his chest, got on his knees saved by Duchemin from the high- guilty of two mistakes of desperation. and, raining blows right and left as In the first instance he paused in the others closed in again, somehow pondered over the arrival in town of La Roque-Sainte-Marguerite and, tor- managed to scramble to his feet.

ways have his nose in the air?" and guide had been hired to convey circle of uncertain assassins whose Phinuit, apparently a secretary, the party from Montalais on to Mont- cowardice gave him time to whip out news." pellier. The landlord remembered Du- his pictol. But before he could level chemin and made believe he didn't, it a man was on his back, his wrist serving the wayfarer with a surly was seized and the weapon twisted part of Canada, so great in fact that in

Duchemin drank sitting on a bench A cry of triumph was echoed by outside the door of the auberge. He exclamations of alarm as, disarmed, Duchemin was again left free, the thugs standing back to let the pistol do its work. In that instant a broad Dominion produces the best grades sword of light swung round a nearby and the demand for Canadian apples corner and smote the group: the twin, from other countries is steadily growglaring eyes of a motor car flooded with blue-white radiance that tableau of one man at bay in the middle of the road, in a ring of merciless enemies.

Duchemin's cry for help was utter- A salesman must be a good loser. ed only an instant before his pistol He must be able to take punishment, exploded in alien hands. The head- as the pugilists say. In the course of lights showed him distinctly the face a year, even the ablest salesman will, of the man who fired, the same face very likely, take more rebuffs than of fat features black with soot that orders. That is why a salesman must had seen at Montepellier-de-Vieux. be a good sportsman. That is why he But the bullet went wild and the must take his job as a game, not as a automobile did not stop, but drove drudgery.

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(To be continued.)

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ing the gear-shift. Then the pistol Riven and whipt by breeze. -Hida McDonald

Waterloo Still Attracts.

gium of world-significant battle has been carefully examined, and it is A low price for tea to-day means South Africa, England, France, Ger- spent to save Versailles. many and, of course, many from

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in spite of over a century's lapse, the destruction. A small kind of toad-

Byerywoman Maid-of-all-wor

To Save Historic Edifice.

The Palace of Versailles, where the Peace Treaty was signed, is one of the greatest historic treasures of France. It always seems a curious fact that It appears that it is threatened with work of greens and browns; squares fighting of many greater battles and, stool is eating into the woodwork. The above all, the existence in little Bel- palace has been under observation and softer green of growing grain, stretchgrounds of more recent date, Waterloo found that the whole of the woodwork to show. And far over on either side, still has its daily stream of tourists is crumbling into a powdery dust. A from all over the world. Some of good deal of money has already been those who visit are from Australia, spent, but much more will have to be of oaks and beeches.

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### A NEWLY HOUSE

The road went straight up intermin ably, so straight that the beeches that flanked it on either side seemed to be clinging robustly to earth with tenacious strength up the upper side, and bracing themselves with stiff downthrust roots on the lower. There were deep gullies on either side of the road where the spring freshets had precipitated their waters, leaving in their wake a trail of water-smoothed peb-

At the top of the hill the horses broke into a swinging trot along the road that stretched through a patchsquares and oblongs of the fresher, the plateau dropped away in cascades

Straight ahead a farmhouse peered out through draperies of lilac bushes, with an apple orchard flanking one side. At the back a tall barn with windows set high up in the front gable, gazed over the shoulder of the house in lofty watchfulness. A few outbuildings stood about in casual fixedness, and a stump waited at the side of the house with alertly poised handle.

At the wide gate in front of the farmhouse, a boy in blue overalls and wide straw hat, gazed up in shy cuitosity at the carriage as it came to & halt before him. One of the horses tossed his head restively with a jingle of buckles, little clouds of dust rose from his unquiet hoofs and drifted into the railroad grass.

"Hello, sonny," the driver called, leaning forward in his seat. "Can you tel me where George Bradley lives?" The boy took two steps forward in the pleasureable glow of his knowledge. "It's down the road about a half mile, on the right," he exclaimed, "you can't miss it," he continued, diffidence floating away on his words. "It's a newly house, painted kinda

The horses struck into their swinging trot with a rattle of harness and a whir of wheels. "A newly house," the driver smiled gently at the horses' ears, "painted kinda white. What's kind of white, I wonder."

A little further along, the road curved gently, and just where it straightened out once more, a house stood with a thick carpet of clover be fore its door. At one end of the roof of the house, the shingles were weather stained and graying; they sheaded all the way along until at the other end they shone new and bright. A builders' staging stil clung to the side of the house, and everywhere were evidences of a protracted and extensive rebuilding and renovating. The house had been a small, old-fashioned farmhouse. . This was now but an adjunct to the larger, newer building. "Well you couldn't exactly call it a new house," the driver said musingly. "It's a newly house all right," he chuckled

His companion smiled, and gazed at the house where new lumber and weathered boards shone through the first, inadequate coat of white paint "And it's painted kind of white," he added "When George gives it another coat or two of paint, it will be white."

From the long, green garden rows behind the barn, a man was walking houseward. The driver waved his arm vigorously, his companion leaned forward in pleasurable excitement, and the man in the field halted and watched the approaching carriage with a mild and expectant wonderment.

# How Beavers Handle Trees.

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A beaver needs bark for food and timber for building his house, and he is the greatest "logger" among the lower animals. You probably are familiar with his dam-building talents, but he is equally clever and efficient in the forest.

At tree-felling each beaver works independently. A small tree is cut through from one side, but a large one usually on two sides or all around, the chips being split out much as by a woodman's axe. The common impression is that only

small saplings are cut down by beavers, but this is a mistake; trees three feet in diameter are sometimes felled and in workmanlike style, too.

The small tree offers no problem at all. A big one may keep a family of beavers busy for several nights, but a single experienced beaver can fell a four-inch poplar, chop it into five-foot sections, and transport the whole tree to the water in a single night. It's a sight worth seeing to watch a

beaver take a log over the ground to the lake or stream. He grabs it with those wonderful teeth and drags with a strength that is positively astounding. In the water he tows it, or sometimes grips it with his arms, swimming alongside, and steering with his broad, agile tail. I have seen a beaver go to the pond

bottom, reappear with all the sticks he could hold in his arms, and walk upright on his hind legs to the top of his house. They have not only brains to think, but the strength and suppleness to execute their pleus.

When he has a choice, the beever will nearly always select the aspen. The bark of poplar, willow, alder and birch is acceptable, but aspen bark is the preference.--Lester Banks.

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