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Emile Gaboriau.

Madeleine killed him the day she jilted

him. He takes no interest in anything on

he remained at Vesinet, a though it was

very uncomfortable and disagreeable, there

piate his sins in solitude. The truth was

ed his liberty, and escaped his mother's

ous to Madeleine. She was more certain

than ever that the plot was now ripe, and

would suddenly burst apon them, without

warning. She did not impart her presenti-

ment to her aunt, but prepared herself for

"Yes; what can they be doing ?" Made-

Louis and Raoul gave no signs of life

because, like expert hunters, they were

able opportunity of pouncing upon their

Never losing sight of Prosper for a day, Raoul had exhausted every effort of his

fertile mind to compromise his honor, to in-

snare him into some inextricable entangle-

ment. But, as he had foreseen, the

cashier's indifference offered little hope of

Clameran began to grow impatient at

"Perhaps nothing; perhaps everything. I

"I had him, Madame Gipsy, and three

Prosper took no interest in it, although he

"Now, don't be in a hurry; wait until

silently hiding and watching for a favor-

sudden lull, after

storms, appeared omia-

in the winter. He said he wished to ex-

the face of the earth."

the worst.

persecute us ?"

inquired.

leine would murmur.

when he is thirsty because he sees a little mud at the bottom of the backet. I suppose you prefer theft on a small scale, steal tem lead you to? The alms house or police station. You prefer living from hand to mouth, supported by Mme. Fauvel, having small sums doled out to you to pay your They did, wait, and, to the great sur-prize of Mine. Fauvel, Raoul once more because an affectionate and dutiful son, as he had during Clameran's absence. From teckless extravagance he changed to great economy. Under pretext of saving money,

little gambling debts." "I am neither ambitions or cruel. "And suppose Mme. Fauvel dies to-morrow, what will become of you! Will you go eringing up to the widower and implore him to continue your allowance ?" terrupting his uncle. "I never had an idea of retreating. This arrangement suits me very well, but where are my securities?" Where am I to obtain justice if you de-No, thank you. I would be made to pay as dear for your hide as for that of an honest

Finally after long debate and much ecrimination the matter was arranged and they shook hands before separating. Alas! Madame Fauvet and her niece soon felt the evil effects of the understanding between the villains. Everything happened as Louis had ar-The day came when Mme. Fauvel and Madeleine found it impossible to give an-

The evening previous Mme. Fauvel had a linner party, and with difficulty scraped together enough money to defeay the ex Raoul appeared, and said that he was in the greatest need of money, being forced to pay a debt of two thousand frames at once.

In vain they implored him to wait a few days, until they could with propriety ask M. Fauvel for money. He declared that he must have it now, and that he would not leave the house without it. "But I have no way of getting it for you," said Mme. Fanvel, desperately "you have taken everything from me. have nothing left but my diamonds; do you want them? It they can be of use, take Stiffing his better impulses, he said, arshly, to Mme. Fauvei :

"Give me the jewels; I will take them to have just left Prosper.' the pawubroker's " Mme. Fauvel handed him a box containing a set of diamonds. It was a present other friends to dine with me. After dinfrom her husband the day he became worth ner I made up a game of baccarat, but And so pressing was the want of these women, surrounded by princely luxury, with their dozen servants, beautiful blooded horses, and jewels which were the

was quite tipsy." "You must be drunk yourself to come here waking me up in the middle of the night, to hear this idle gabble," said Louis, admiration of Paris that they implored him angrily. "What the devil do you mean by to bring them some of the money procured on the diamonds to meet their daily wants. He promised and kept his word. you have heard the rest." But they had revealed a new source, a mine to be worked; he took advantage of

Seeing an expression of doubtful surprise

Raoul. The total amount was twenty-

Mme. Fauvel was shocked and amazed.

"I can't imagine what he does with it,

three thousand five hundred francs.

returning home said to Madeleine

confirmed her presentiments.

him radiant.

ter; he may be a good man after all."
Madeleine sadly shook her head.

had anticipated just what happened.

Clameran's magnanimity and generosity

Raoul came to see his uncle, and found

"Everything is going on awimmingly, my smart nephew," said Clameran ; "your

receipts acted like a charm. Ah, you are

a partner worth having. I congratulate

france in four months." Forty thousand

about that much from the pawnbrokers.

"Yes," said Raoul, carelersly. "I got

"Peste ! Then you must have a nice lit-

"That is my business, uncle, and not

and Madeleine have turn-

yours. Remember our agreement. I will tell you this much; Madame

ed everything they could into money; they have nothing left, and I have

"Your role is ended. I forbid you to

"What are you about to do? What has

"The mine is loaded, nephew, and I am

Louis de Clameram relied upon making

his rival, Prosper Bertomy, furnish him this ardently desired opportunity.

He imagined that there would be no

state of miserable entanglement, and obliged to resort to all sorts of make-shifts to

escape his creditors, his caution prevented

the world from knowing it.

Vainly did Raoul, with his pockets full of gold, try to tempt him to play high; every effort to hasten his ruin failed.

When he played he did not seem to care whether he lost or won; nothing aroused him from his cold indifference.

His friend, Nina Gipey was extravagant, but her devotion to Prosper restrained her from going beyond certain limits.

Raoul's great intimacy with Prosper enabled him to fully understand the state enabled him to fully understand to drown

of his mind; that he was trying to drown his disappointment in excitement, but had

his disappointment in excitement, but had not given up all hope.

"You need not hope to beguile Prosper into committing any piece of folly, said late committing any piece of folly, said Racul to his uncle, "his head is as cool as a source". We can't galvanize, a dead man.

awaiting an opportunity to set fire to it.

had enough of my role."

hereafter ask for a single centime."

a four months.

"Pooh ! speak then !" "Atter the game was over we went to supper: Prosper became intoxicated, and One by one all Mine. Fauvel's jewels folbetrayed the secret name with which he lowed the way of the damonds and when clozes the money safe." hers were all gone those of Madeleine were At these words Clameran uttered a cry The end was nearer than Clameran sup-

of triumph. "What was the word?" posed. Toward the latter part of Novem-"The name of his friend." ber Mme. Fauvel saw that it was impossible "Gipsy! Yes, that would be five to postpone the catastrophe any longer, and as a last effort determined to apply to the Louis was so excited that he jumped out marquis for assistance. of bed, slipped on his dressing-gown, and He received her with a cold, studied politebegan to stride up and down the chamber. ness, like a man who had been misunder "Now we have got him !" he said, with stood and had been unjustly wounded. After listening to her report of Raoul's scandalous behavior, he became very indignant, and swere that he would soon make him repent for his heartlessness.

vindictive satisfaction. "There's no chance of escape for him now! Ab, the virtuous cashier won't touch the money confided to him; so we must touch it for him. But when Mme. Fauvel told of the im-The disgrace will be just as great, no matter who opens the safe. We have the mense sums of money forced from her, Clameran seemed confounded, as if he could word ; you know where the key is kept." 'Yes : when M. Fauvel goes out "The worthless rascal!" he exclaimed; vays leaves the key in the drawer of his "the idea of his audacity! Why, during secretary, in his chamber." the last four months I have given him more "Very good. Go and get the key from Madame Fauvel. If she does not give it than twenty thousand france, which would not have done except to prevent him from applying to you as he constantly threatened to do."

up willingly use force, so that you get it that is the point ; then open the safe, and take out every franc it contains. Ah, Master Bertomy, you shall pay dear for being upon Mme. Fauvel's face, Louis arose, and took from his desk some receipts signed by loved by the woman whom I love !" The plan seemed feasible. The scoundrels made all their arrangements, and fixed the day for committing the crime. They selected the evening of the 27th of February, because Raoul knew that M. "He has obtained torty thousand francs from me," she faintly said, "so that alto-Fauvel would be at a bank director's din gether he has spent sixty thousand france ner, and Madeleine was invited to a party on that evening.

Unless something unforeseen should secur, Raoul knew that he would find He appeared to pity Mme. Fauvel sin-cerely, he promised that he would at once Fauvel alone at falf-bast eight see Raoul, and reason with him about After breakfasting together they separ the shameful life he was leading; perhaps he could be persuaded to reform. Finally, Clameran was so elated by the prospect after many protestations of friendship, he wound up by placing his fortune at her success that he lost sight of the great crime intervening. Raoul was calm, but resolute. The shameful deed he was about Although Mme. Fauvel refused his offer, o commit would give him riches, and she appreciated the kindness of it, and on release him from a hateful servitude. "Perhaps we have mistaken his charac-

one thought was liberty, as Louis' was Everything seemed to progress finely. The banker did not ask for the notice of time, but promised to pay the money at the pecified hour. Prosper said that he would have it ready early in the morning. The certainty of success made Louis almost wild with joy. He counted the

hours, and the minutes, which passed but "When this affair is ended." he said Raoul, I will reform, and be a model of virtue. None will dare hint that I ever indulged in any sins, great or small." But Raoul became more and more sad as the time approached. Reflection gradually betrayed the blackness of the contemplate

CHAPTER XIX. HOW IT WAS DONE. Clameran's last injunction to Raoul was : "Be very cautious when you enter the oom; your appearance must tell every. thing, so you can avoid preliminary explan The recommendation was useless.

The instant that Raoul went into the

little salon the sight of his pale, haggard face and wild eyes caused Mme. Fauvel to pring up with clasped hands, and cry out:
"Raoul, what has happened? Speak, difficulty in ruining the unfortunate young man. He soon found himself mistaken.

Though Prosper led a reckless dissipation, he preserved order in his disorder. If in a The sound of her tender affectionate volce acted like an electric shock upon the young bandit. She alook like a leaf. But, at the same time, his mind seemed to change. Louis was not mistaken in his estimate of is companion's character. Raoul was on the stage; his part was to be played; his assurance returned to him; his cheating, lying nature assumed the ascendant, and stifled any better feeling in his heart. "This misfortune is the last I shall ever

suffer, mother?"

Mme. Fauvel rushed toward him, and seizing his hand gazed searchingly into his eyes, as if to read his very soul.

"What is the matter? Raoul, my descend, do tell me what troubles you."

He gently pushed her from him.

"The matter is, my mother," he said, in a voice of heart-broken despair, "that I am an unworthy, degenerated son! Unworthy of you, unworthy of my noble father?"

Bhe tried to comfort him by saying that his errors were all her fault, and that he was, in spite of all, the pride of her heart.

"Alas!" he mid, "I have been a week feel. Happiness was within my reach, and

I had not the sense to stretch for h my hand and grasp it. I rejected a heavenly reality to eagerly pursue a vain phantom. I, who ought to have spent my life at your feet, and daily striven to express my gratitude for your lavished kindness, have made you unhappy, destroyed your peace of mind, and instead of being a blessing I have been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch have been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch have been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch have been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch have been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch have been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch had been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch had been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch had been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch had been a curse ever since the first tend days and the stretch had been days and the fatal day you welcomed me to your kind heart. Ah, unfeeling brute that I was, to squander upon creatures whom I despised, a fortune, of which each gold piece must have cost you a tear. Too late, too late! With you I might have been a good and

happy man !" He stopped, as if overcome by the con-viction of his evil deels, and seemed about to burst into tears. "It is never too late to repent, my son," murmured Mme. Fauvel, in comforting

"Ah, if I only could !" cried Reoul; "but no, it is too late! Besides, can I tell how long my good resolutions will last? This is not the first time that I have condemned myse. pittlessly. Stirging remove for each new fault made me swear to lead a house life to sin an more. What was the better life, to sin so more. What was the result of these periodical repentances? At the first temptation I forgot my remorse and good resolutions. I am weak and mean-spirited, and you are not firm enough to govern my vacillating nature. While my ous. The disproportion between my extravagant desires, and the means of gratifying them, is too great for me to endure any longer. Who knows to what fearful lengths my unfortunate disposition may

lead me? However, I will take my fate in my own hands !" he finally said, with a reckless laugh. "Oh, Raoul! my dear son!" cried Mme. Fauvel, in an agony of terror, what have you been doing?" "What can they be doing?" Mme Fauvel would say; "can they have ceased to

"Money was entrusted to me; I gambled, and lost it." "How much did you loose?"
"Thirty thousand france." "You shall have them to-morrow." "But I must have the money to night." Mme. Fauvel wrung her hands in de-

"Oh! why did you not come to me sooner, my son? Why did you not have confidence enough in me to come at once for help This evening? There is no one in the house to open the money safe; if it were not for that -if you had only come before Andre "The safe!" cried Raoul, with sudden joy, as if this magie word had thrown a ray light upon his dark despair; "do you

this delay, and had fully determined to bring matters to a crisis himself when one know where the key is kept?" night, about three o'clock, he was aroused "Yes; it is in the next room." "Well!" he exclaimed, with a bold look that caused Mme. Fauvel to lower her eyes He knew that some event of great importance must have happened to make his and keep silcut. Give me the key, mother," he said, in nephew come to his house at this hour of tone of entreaty. "What is the matter!" he anxiously

'Oh, Raoul, Raoul ! "It is my life I am asking of you." These words decid d her; she snatched up candle, rushed into her chamber, opener the secretary and took out M. Fauvel's

But when about to hand it to Raoul she seemed suddenly to see the enormity of what she was doing. "Oh, Ra ul! my son," she murmured, what could you go with the key? You do not know thes cret word of the bustons." "No, but I can try to open it without moving the buttons." "You know that money is never kep lin the safe over night."

"Nevertheless, I can make the attempt If I open the safe and find mency in it, it will be a miracle, showing that heaven has pitied my misfortunes and provided relief." "And if you are not successful will you romise me to wait until to-morrow, to do nothing rash to-night?" :'I will swear it by my father's memory. "Then take the key and follow me."

Pale and trembling, Raoul and Mme. Fauvel passed through the banker's study, and down the narrow staircase leading to the offices and cash room below. Raoul walked in front, holding the light, and the key of the sate. They reached Prosper's office, and Raou placed the light on a high stool so that it thted the whole room. He then summoned up all his coolness,

or rather that mechanical precision o movement, almost independent of will, which men accustomed to peril avail themselves in time of need. ence, he slipped the buttons on the five letters composing the name of G, i, p. s, y. His features during this short operation expressed the most intense anxiety. He inserted the key softly, turned it ound; pushed it further in, and turned it time, then thrust it in suddenly.

and turned it again. His heart beat so loudly that Mme. Fauvel could hear its The word had not been changed ; safe opened. Raoul and his mother simultaneously ut tered a cry ; she of terror, he of triumph. "Shutitagain!" cried Mme. Fauvel, frightened at the incomprehensible result Raoul's attempt; "come away. Don't touch anything, for heaven's sake! Racul!" And half frenzied she clung to Raoul's arm and pulled him away so abruptly that the key was dragged from the lock, and

slipping along the glossy varnish of the safe door, made a deep scratch some inches But at a glance Raoul discovered on the upper shelf of the safe four bundles of bank notes. He snatched them up with his left hand and slipped them inside his vest. Exhausted by the effort she had just made, Mme. Fauvel dropped Raoul's arm, and almost fainting with emotion, clung to the back of a chair.

"Have mercy, Raoul," she moaned. "I implore you to put back that money, and I solemnly swear that I will give you twice as much to-morrow. Oh, my soo, have pity upon your unhappy mother!" He paid no attention to these words entreaty, but carefully examined the scratch on the safe. He was almost alarmed at this trace of the robbery, which it was am-

Possible for him to cover up. He carefully closed the safe. "Come, mother, let us go back to sitt ng-room. A servant might go there to look for you, and be astonished at our ab-Raoul's cruel indifference and cold cale lation at such a moment filled Mme. Faure

with indignation. She saw that she had no influence over her son, that her prayers and tears had no effect upon his hard heart.

"Let them be astonished," she cried

"let them come here and find us! I wil be relieved to put an end to this tissue erime. Then Andre will know all, drive me from his house. Let come what will, I shail not sacrifice another victim. Prosper will be accused of this theft temorrow. Clameran defrauded him of the woman he loved, and now you would de-prive him of his honor! I will have nothng to do with so base a crime." She spoke so loud and so angrily that Recul was alarmed. He knew that the errand boy slept in a room close by, and might be in bed listen-ing to her, although it was early in the

"Come upstairs !" he said, seizing Mme. Fauvel's arm. "I have been cowardly enough to moriruin Prosper."

Raoul had an argument in reserve which he knew would make Mme. Fauvel submit

laugh, "do you pretend that you do as know Prosper and I arranged this little affair together, and that he is to have half "Impossible ! " d. Recal f "Upon my soul, I am not. Madeleine sjected Prosper, and the poor follow has a comple Simuelf for her erusity; and

these sorts of consolations are expensive, He took up the candle, and gently but firmly led Mme, Fauvel toward the stair-

She mechanically suffered herself to be led along, more bewildered by what she had just heard than she was at the opening of "What !" she gasped, "can Prosper be She began to think herself the victim o a terrible nightmare, and that, when she waked, her mind would be relieved of this intelerable torture. She helplessly clung to Raoul's arm as he helped her up the

parrow little staircase. "You must put the key back in the sec-retary," said Raoul, as soon as they were humble manner: in the chamber again.

But she did not seem to hear him, so he went and replaced the safe-key in the place from which be had seen her take it. He then led, or rather carried, Mme

auvel into the little sitting room, and wretched woulan's eyes, and her dazed man-ner, frightened Baoul, who thought that she had lost her mind, that her reason had finally given way beneath this last terrible Finding bis efforts to restore Mine Fauve fruitless; that, in spite of all his affectionate

regrets and promises, she still sat silent, motionless, and death-like; and fearing that M. Fauvel or Madeleine might enter at any noment, and demand an explanation-he hastily pressed a kiss upon his mother's brow, and hurried from the house. At the restaurant, in the room where they had dined, Clameran, tortured by anxiety, awaited his accomplice. "The deed is done, uncle, thanks to you

and I am now the most miserable, abject rillain on the face of the earth." He unbuttoned his vest, and pulling out the four bundles of bank-notes angrily dashed them upon the table, saying in a tone of scorn and disgust : "Now I hope you are satisfied. This is the price of the happiness, honor, and per-haps the life, of three people."

cheer her mind. I shall be from home all Clameran paid no attention to these angry words. With feverish eagerness he seized the notes, and rattled them in his hand as if to convince himself of the reality "Now Madeleine is mine !" he cried, ex-

"I forbid you ever to allude to this evening's work," cried he, fiercely. you hear me ! I wish to forget it." Clameran shrugged his shoulders at this outburst of anger, and said, in a bantering

Raoul looked at Clameran in silent dis-

"Just as you please, my handsome nephew; I rather think you will want to remember it though, when I offer you these three hundred and fifty thousand france. ing at this time of your affliction, but I have a duty to fulfill. You will not, I am sure, refuse to accept them as a slight souvenir. Take them ; they are yours." This generosity seemed neither to surprise nor satisfy Raoul. "According to our agreement," he said,

sull-nly, "I was to have more than this." "Of course ; this is only part of your "And when am I to have the rest, if you "The day I marry Madeleine, and not before, my boy. You are too valuable an assistant to lose at present, and I promise you I will require nothing more of you save a few trifling services. You can retire behind the scenes now, while I appear upon

the stage; my cue is called." CHAPTER XX.

MADELEINE'S GIFT. For more than an hour after Rosal's departure Mme. Fauvel remained is a state of stupor bordering upon unconscionances. Gradually, however, she repvered her sensos sufficiently to comprehend the horrors of her present situation, and, with the faculty of thought, that of suffering

taken part was still before her affrighted vision ; all the attending circumstances, unnoticed at the time, now struck her She saw that she had been the dupe of a shameful conspiracy, that Raoul had tor-tured her with cold-blooded cruelty, had taken advantage of her tenderness, and had

peculated upon her fright. But had Prosper anything to do with the She was undesided whether to confide in Madeleine or bury the secret in her own Fatally inspired, she decided to keep

As fate would have it, the banker, as soon as he entered the room, began to speak of Prosper, saying how distressing it was that so interesting a young man should be thus throwing himself away, and won-dering what could have happened to make him suddenly cease his visits at the house, and resort to bad company.

If M. Fauvel had looked at the faces of his wife and piece while he harshly blamed the cashier, he would have been puzzled at their strange expressions. All night long Mme. Fauvel suffered the most intolerable agony. She counted each stroke of the town clock as the hours

dragged on. "In six hours," she said to herself, "in five hours-in four hours-in three hoursin one hour-all will be discovered, and then what will happen? Heaven help me!" At suprise she heard the servants moving about the house; then the office shutters opened; then, later, she heard the cierks going into the bank. Sue attempted to get up; but felt and weak that she sunk back on her pillow; and lying there, trembling like a leaf,

bathed in cold perspiration, she awaited the discovery of the robbery. She was leaning over the side of the bed, straining her ear to catch a sound from the ash-room, when Madeleine, who had just oft her, rushed into the room. The white face and wild eyes of the poer girl told Mme. Fauvel that the crime was iscovered.

"Do you know what has happened, aunt?" cried Madeleine, in a shrill, horrified tone. "Prosper is accused of robbery, and the police have come to take him to groan was Mme. Fauvel's only answer "Raoul or the marquis is at the bottom of this," continued Madeleine, excitedly.

"How can they be concerned in it, my

"I can't tell yet, but I only know that Prosper is innocent. I have just seen him, spoken to him. He would never have look ed me in the face had he been guilty."

Mme. Fauvel opened her lips to confess all; fear kept her silent. "What can these wretches want?" sale Madeleine; "what new sacrifice do they de-

mand? Dishonor Prosper! Good heavens! why did they not kill him at once? He would rather be dead than disgraced!"

Here the entrance of M. Fauvel interrupted Madeleine. The banker was so ingry that he could hardly speak.
"The worthless scoundrel!" he cried; "to think of his daring to accuse me! to insinuate that I robbed my own safe! And that Marquis de Clameran must needs doubt my good faith in keeping my engagement

Then, without noticing the effect of his story upon the two women, he proceeded to relate all that had occured down stairs.

"I was afraid this extravagance would lead to something terrible," he said, in conclusion; "you know I teld you last night that Prosper was growing worse in his conduct, and that he would get into trouble."

Throughout the day Madeleine's doveion to her ount was severely tried. The generous girl saw diagrace beaper pon the man she loved. She had person ith in his innocence; she felt sure know who had laid the teap to rain him;
yet she could not say a word in his delenes.
Fearing that Madeleine would suspect
her of complicity in the theft, if the pomained in had and beinged so much up-

It was a dreary meal. No one tasted a morsel. The servants moved about on their tipross, as silently as if a death had occup-red in the family.

About two o'clock a servant came Fauvel's study, and said that the de Ciameran desired to see him. "What!" cried the banker, "d

"Ask him to walk up."

The very name of Clameran had outleed to arouse all the siumbering wrath of M. Fauvel. The victim of a robbary, finding his safe empty at the moment that he was called upon to make a heavy payment, he had been constrained to conceal his sager and recentment, but now he determined to

and recentment, but now he determined to have his revenge upon his insolent visitor!

But the marquis declined to come appreciate. The measurer returned with the answer that the gentleman had a particular reason for sociag M. Fauvel in the office below where the cierks were.

"What does this fresh impertinence mean?" cried the banker, as he angrify jumped up and hastened down-stairs. M. de Clameran was standing in the middle of the room adjoining the cash-room;

"What do you want now, monsieur? You have been paid your money and I have your To the surprise of all the clerks and the

banker himself the marquis seemed not in the least offended at this rude greeting, but suswered in a deferential but not at al "This morning I was irritated, an thoughlessly gave way to my temper. Although I am gray-headed my disposition is as excitable as that of a fiery young man of 20 years; and I hope you will forges words uttered in a moment of excitement, and now deeply regretted."

M. Fauvel, being a kind hearted thou quick tempered man, could apprecia e Clameran's feelings; and knowing that his own high reputation for affected by any hasty or Limeive language uttered by a creditor, at once calmed down before so frank an apology,

and holding out his hand to Cameran, "Let us forget what hopp ned, mon-They conversed in a friendly manner for some minutes, and, after Clameran had explained why he had such pressing need of the money at that particular hour of the morning, turned to leave, saving that he

would do himself the honor of calling upon Mme. Fauvel during the day. "Tant is if a visit from me would not be considered intrusive," he said, with a shade of hesitation. "Perhaps after the trouble of this morning she does not wish to be disturbed." "On, no !" said the banker ; "come, by all means ; I think a visit from you would

day, trying to trace this uncomfortable Mme. Fauvel was in the same room where Raoul had threatened to kill himse t the night previous; she looked very pale and ill as she lay on a sofa. Madeleine was bathing her forehend.
When M. de Cameran was announced

they both started as if a phantom had appeared before them. Although Louis had been gay and smil-ing when he parted from M. Fauvel down stairs he now wore a melancholy aspect as he gravely bowed and retused to seat himself in the chair which Mme. Fauvel "You will excuse me, ladies, for intrud-

"Only one hour ago," he replied, "I discovered that Raoul last night forced from his mother the key of the money safe and stole three hundred and fifty thousand Madeleine crimsoned with shame and in dignation; she leaned over the sofa, and

seizing her aunt's wrist shook it violently, and in a bollow voice cried: "It is false, is it not, aunt? Speak!" "A'as! alas!" grouned Mme. Faurel What have I done ? "You have allowed Prosper to be ao used," cried Madeleine. "You have suffer

ed him to be arrested and disgraced for "Forgive me!" sighed Mme. Fauvel. "He was about to kill himself; I was so frightened! Then you know-Prosper was to

share the money; he gave Raoul the secret "Good Heaven! Aunt, how could you believe such a falsehood as that ?" "Madeleine!" remonstrated Mmo. Fauvel, who trembled at the rising anger of the man who held her fate in his hands, "Madeleine, be careful !"

"Mademoiselle is pitiless," sald Clameran, sadly ; "she cruelly punishes an honorable man whose only fault is having obeyed his brother's dying injunctions. And I am here now, because I believe in the joins responsibility of all the members of a Here he slowly drew from his pocket several bundles of bank-notes, and laid them on the mantel-piece.

"Raoul stole three hundred and fifty thousand france," he said ; "I return the same amount. It is more than half my fortune. Willingly would I give the rest to insure this being the last crime committed by him." Too inexperienced to penetrate this bold yet simple plan of Clameran's, Madeleine was dumb with astonishment ; all her calculations were upset.

Mme. Fauvel, on the contrary, accepted this restaurious as salvation sent from

To be Continued. 'How's our old bachelor friend, Smith 'Oh, he's mending.' 'I didn't know he'd been ill.' He hasn't. I just left him struggling with a needle, a brace-button, and a pair of trousers.

MAGISTRATE (to prisoner) - 'Did you

really call this gentleman an old fool last

night?' Prisoner (trying to collect his thoughts)- The longer I look at him the more probable it seems to me that I She was a wealthy soprano, and at the concert sang. 'Oh, for the wings of a dove; yet an hour later, at supper, she took the wings, legs and most of the breast of a turkey, and then passed her

plate for more stuffing." A STATIONER's traveller, having had a run of bad luck in prosecuting business, received from his employer the following telegram-'If you can't make expenses, come home at once.' The reply was -'All right. Can make plenty of expenses, but no sales.' CONTMENT. - Professor - 'Who is the

happier, the man who owns a million dollars or he who has seven daughters. 'The one who has many daughter' 'Why so? 'He who has a million dollars wishes for more; the man who has seven daughters does not. Among the replies to an advertisement of a musical committee for 'a capdidate as organist, music-teacher, &c. was the following:-Gentlemen,-I noticed your advertisement for an organist

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'Mo her,' said a little girl. looking up from her book, 'what does 'Trangat lantic mean? 'Oh, across the Atlantic of course! Don't bother me? Does "trans" always mean across? " pose it does. If you don't stop bette ing me with your questions, you'll go to hed.' Then does " menn & cross present? The later that little girl was reating on b