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CHAPTER XII.

THE LAW SUPREME. EPTEMBER of the year 1860 was exceptionally bot and dry even for the climate of Louisiana. Navigation of the Mississippi's tributaries was impracticable. The baked alluvion crumbled into a depth of impalpable dust, which rose in clouds at the disturbance of a dog's trot. The stiff lands were of stony hardness. Creamy white lay the cotton fields on either side of the bayous to the green borders

beds of the deep, yawning bayous served. themselves could almost be traversed dry shod.

telles' gate. Though he had driven the ed apologetically. long distance from Red River landing, heated. Rather he looked spotless and parish-Baldouino and Quillebert-one cool. Laure, in a gown of stuff which gifted as if from God, the other as if might have been woven of the spider's by the devil." web and which clung lovingly to her perfect figure, welcomed him with a "I have also heard that Baldouino tion. But the narrow forehead and ests. mouth spoke as much of will as of

She led Evariste to the shaded veranda and, serving him a draft of refreshing wine, said: "Now tell me, great traveler that you

are, all about the wonders of the grand city, for you know I have never been "Oh, no," he replied. "I saw no won-

ders except miles of steaming streets and swarms of sweltering people." "Nothing short of Paris for you, then?" said Laure. "Well, I might compromise on Vien-

na or possibly Nice. But see, Laure, what I bring you." Evariste took from his pocket a small packet, opening which she discovered a dainty Russia within it the watch given her by Quillebert, which Evariste had taken to be repaired in New Orleans. Lifting the watch, she discovered at the end of the chain a charm, a gold crescent studded with wine red rubies and sparkling diamonds.

She could not speak her delight at once, but looked in an eestasy from the jewel to the young man and from him to the jewel-her face would then have been an artist's treasure-until words , came to her, when she exclaimed:

"From you to me?" "If you will accept." he said.

"I do accept," she cried, "and shall prize this crescent as the most precious of my possessions. But what will Estelle say?" "What will Quillebert say?" returned

Evariste, with some shade of irritation in his voice. "Why?" asked Laure, startled.

"He gave you the watch and chain," he said "And she gave you the"- She checked herself and bit her lip in vexation. "The what, Laure? Say it and let it "Forgive me, my friend. Yes, let it

go and with it any thought of those two persons who"-"Let us not speak ill of the absent, but talk of other things. Be prepared

for unwelcome news from the city later on. Quillebort will lose the suit." "Why do you say that?" "Because I heard the arguments in

the assembled lawyers. The whole matter is exceedingly distasteful to me, left the service of the defendant until the negro-dumb cause of contentionas you know; still I could not well decline my brother's invitation to be prestithis suit. On the contrary, he admitted Avoyelles. ent at the trial of the appeal. Zabourin he was a slave to a person whom he made a learned and forcible effort for | wished to bargain for him. Quillebert, quoting authorities and drawing deductions which appeared rouze may have been that the plaintiff absolutely unanswerable. But Horace, should become free, their wishes alone with an ease at which I marveled, met | could not make him so. This being a | his imperial master's displeasure. every proposition, and his irresistible logic picked it into shreds. He ex- required the action of the public au- Though discountenancing negro slavposed the sophistries of Zabourin's con- thorities before it could be brought tention and flung them aside. With about. made Leon's case so plain that every versy it is a matter of no consequence

childlike simplicity of language he eloquence that comes of unaffected Tailleur. He appeared to carry every man within hearing of his voice, and when he concluded it seemed that all has never enjoyed his liberty for one plantation office.

dress." Laure was interested, but not pleased, by Evariste's glowing account of his brother's brilliant and masterly oratory.

ety of learning he displayed in that ad-

"Where is M. Horace?" she asked. "He came up on the boat with you?"

"No. Why?" "Oh, nothing. I only supposed he had returned with you and stopped at Esas long as wanted; interest, 7 per cent telle's. That is what he will do when

he does come back."

"Laure, why do you persist in such allusions. You surely know full well how they wound me." "Of course I do. But it is not to

who they are that care nothing for your happiness. That girl is as indifferent to you as the pearl whose beauty she vainly affects. She reaches for fortune; you have none. She aspires to American ladyship; you are a creole. Stay with your kind, my friend. It will pay you best in the long run." This speech was a whip cut to Eva-

riste's spirit, and words of chagrin and anger rose to his lips, yet he forced them back and, consummate actor that supreme court has adjudged you a said, as if he had struggled: he was, gave no sign of his suffering.

ing over the dusty road was heard, and Leon was again a runaway slave. you have not told me where your

race as being entirely between Mr. Breckinridge and Mr. Douglas. Lincoln's candidacy is laughed at."

of the moss hung swamps, and the opposed in this parish," Laure ob-

"That is a very big if," Evariste re-

"And if Lincoln should win a great It was afternoon at the close of the month when Evariste, attired in the many plans will be upset. I know latest of the city's modes, alighted nothing of politics, but they say these from his buggy at Mother Deshau- things on the highlands." Laure smil-

on the Mississippi, where he disem- Laure. The great heads in the city will barked from the steamboat on his re- hardly admit that Lincoln is running." turn from a visit to New Orleans, he "I have heard my grandfather say appeared neither travel stained nor there were just two smart men in this

"Well?" queried Evariste.

warmth of manner which would have said not long ago that if both Douglas proved fatal to any of her 20 Gas- and Breckinridge are candidates to the conoid admirers. Her beauty, though end Lincoln will be elected president, dark, was rich, dazzling and dangerous, and Quillebert has said that he will and she knew it. She realized the pow- win the suit in the supreme court." er of a smile made up of glistening Laure had spoken with a positiveness teeth and parted carmine lips. Sheglint- that was not without its effect upon ing of deep brown eyes, the arch pose Evariste, and as he pursued his jourof a pretty head and the springing ney homeward he seriously revolved in step of dainty feet were a poem of his mind these possibilities and their health and vitality of her own composi- bearing upon his own aims and inter-

ly anticipated the distinction his career en initials "L. L." inlaid upon it and of the Red River landing. One bulky sional friend of whom he had requested the earliest possible news of the court's judgment. The letter said:

One justice, as you will notice, dissented."

Quivering with interest, he read the following dictum of the highest court of the state, penned by its chief justice:

Leon himself was expressly exempted from the sale, being then in the keeping of one Mrs. Wyley, to whom he Queyrouze. About nine years after the defendant obtained possession of

institution of this suit. the supreme court and thought I obhe absconded after the bringing of gave somber color to the life of fair

"However desirous the heirs of Quey-

"It is apparent that in this controlayman understood the principles on who is the owner, whether Quillebert which it rested as thoroughly as did or the heirs of Queyrouze. The only the most learned lawyer, and with the question which we can consider is jean succeeded on the bench. whether the plaintiff had acquired the

law declares his emancipation or free-

"The judgment of the lower court, which was in favor of the plaintiff, must be reversed."

against the wishes of the heirs of Queyrouze."

Sick at heart, he let fall the paper wound you. No; it is to make you see and lowered his head, murmuring:

> Not colored like his own and, having power To enforce the wrong, for such a worthy or Dooms and devotes him as his lawful prey." saving:

thing wrong?" "Yes: I never was so sick as now, and

slave, the slave of Quillebert.'

start. Take this and go." Oakfell gave him a sum of money. "Some day I will prove I am grateful poor fellow, retreating from the door. Soon the muffled sound of a horse speed-

"O merciful God!" Leon groaned,

clutching a chair for support. "Save

me from that man, Mr. Horace, or kill

from the stable and fly for your life.

human wolf cannot reach you. The

one else in the parish for two days yet,

"Save yourself. Take a good horse

me!"

The newspapers of the city arrived two days later, bringing the intelligence of the supreme court's ruling, with editorial remarks commending it as a timely check to abolitionist propaganda. Great was the rejoicing on the highlands. The cabarets had a day of that it is more than food, drink, air, business recalling that of the trial. Dede did so thriving a trade that he life. Yet I have never told her of my was put to bed early in the afternoon, leaving the harvest to the madame. At night bonfires were lighted, and ponies clattered and flitted across the prairie, their courses indicated by the cracking of pistels and shrill cries of "Long live Quillebert!" "Down with

Oakfell!" The victor received the congratulations of his admirers at Dede's with dier," Horace resumed, "is so uncertain profuse entertainment of gumbo and that it would be unjust to leave her rum, but with the tranquillity of a plighted, though I knew my love to be strategist who had foreseen success returned, and I have no such knowlplanned through feigned retreat. Pratjean's lips and eyes were beyond con- aware of the weakness of her old trol and continued to dance long after | grandfather and how profitless to her the hot rum had stilled his tongue. Oakfell assembled his friends and,

explaining that the decision could be providence; also you cannot be ignorant used as an effective weapon against of the baneful influence exercised over him in the convention, requested their | the old gentleman by that conscienceleave to withdraw his candidacy. Aft- less wretch Quillebert. Swear to me, er much discussion the justness of his brother, by all you hold most sacred view was conceded, and the consent he | that you will advise, aid and protect desired was given. A formal note was her against the mischiefs these two received from Pratjean demanding the may work to her fortune and defend return to his client Quillebert of the her from danger and harm in every slave Leon, who, the writer said, was form. I place you on guard; give her harbored by Oakfell. It was consigned in charge to you. Swear you will preto the flames. A little letter came serve her safe till my return." Oakthrough the local post saying. "I suffer | fell's feelings had mastered him, and for poor Odette's grief, but more be- his eloquent eyes welled over. cause you suffer and through my fault." This was not consigned to the flames. The result of the litigation was a se-

vere shock to the young lawyer. His reward," Horace cried, embracing him confidence in his fellow men was weakened. He lost respect for authorities. night. Ambitions seemed but snares to peace of mind. Wrong, chicanery and cruel- tary uniform, Oakfell paid his visit of ty appeared essential to success. His brother, upon whom he had lavished so much affection, could not or did not cheer his drooping spirit. The time



'Save me from that man!' was sadly out of joint; the adjustment was that of the powerful, "brief, com-

fortable and wrong." Thus dejected and gloomy, he wandered for days about the plantation, "The plaintiff, with his mother and not caring to read, avoiding converse, unable to feel interest in what had formerly engrossed him, when in the One Poydre, acting as agent for the early days of November came the intelligence, astounding, incredible, yet but when I explain my action I beg you verified, that Abraham Lincoln had the mother of the plaintiff and her oth- been elected president of the United kinsman, your sole authoritative pro-States.

CHAPTER XIII.

TURBID WATERS. ■IME now seemed to quicken its flight. Events trod on the heels of events in scramble and hurry of occurrence. Disintegration of institutions, enterprises and associations, public and social, appeared everywhere like a corroding disease, and demoralization was the rankest of growths. Secession, civil war, suspension of industries, gathdissensions and suspicions, dread of

The first banner flung to the breeze was the flag of France, hoisted by Quillebert over his dwelling, thus warning both factions that molestation of him or his would be at the peril of

Oakfell was instant to take his stand. ery, he was wedded to the doctrine on state sovereignty and in its defense buckled on his sword. He was chosen lieutenant of the company of horse organized under the captaincy of Judge Honore Victor Tailleur, whom Prat-

The day approached for the company earnestness be held up the justice and status of a free person of color prior to to proceed to New Orleans for assignequity supporting the decision of Judge the promulgation of the act of 1857, ment to its regiment and brigade, to be boat landing amid huzzas and waving forwarded to the front. The half "It is quite clear that the plaintiff | brothers held a long conference in the

"Evariste," Horace said, "I do not had been demolished. His peroration He has been all his life under the con- concur in the general belief that this was beautiful and pathetic without trol of others, who have enjoyed the strife will end in 90 days. My forefood. It gives instant relief and never was beautiful and pathetic without trol of others, who have enjoyed the strife will end in 90 days. My fore-fails to cure. It allows you to eat all being theatrical—in fact, was what benefit of his labor. It matters not, so cast is that it will extend into years they call a prose poem. I was as much far as this controversy is concerned, and will be fierce and desolating. My amazed as any of his hearers could whether the defendent Quillebert has life has known three sweet affections have been. I cannot divine when and acted in good or bad faith or whether which have been as incense to it. The these elites of the southers countrywhere he got all the wealth and vari- he has acted against the wishes of the love I bore your mother still clings to side were swallowed up by the great, heirs of Queyrouze. If the plaintiff her memory. All my yearnings for seething army of the southwest. cannot show the facts on which the kinship have been centered upon you, whom I have cherished as son, brother and friend and have sought to shield from the rude experiences of life. Though absent, I wish to leave my protection with you and for that entreat Oakfell with burning eyes read again you to promise that under no circumthese words of the chief justice: "It is stances will you enter the military a matter of no consequence who is own- service during the coming war. I leave er, whether Quillebert or the heirs of with you full authority to manage all Queyrouze." "It matters not whether my interests, and this will supply you the defendant Quillebert has acted in with ample means to purchase exempgood or bad faith or whether he acted tion from any call which may be made fully smuggled cargoes down the for troops. Promise me, Evariste." "Would not that be taken as cowardice?" asked Evariste.

"Not necessarily," replied Horace, "after what I will say to our friends on the subject. But, even if it should, make that sacrifice for my sake and give me your promise, for should you enlist my anxiety for you would unman me as a soldier, and should you be killed this would never be home for me again. Promise me, my boy." Evariste walked to the door and look-

ed out into the starlit night. Returnsomething has gone wrong. Leon, the ing, he gave his hand to Horace and "I promise, brother."

"I thank you, Evariste. Now let us pass to another subject near my heart. You know I have intended always to divide with you all I own. Such is still my purpose. Perhaps it should have been done in form before this, but you Never stop until you are where that have never intimated the wish, and I have been much distracted by other cursed news may not be known to any | matters. But it is here provided for." Giving him a sealed envelope, he conand, if so, you will have that much | tinued: "If I fall, open this and act upon it. A second and last pledge you must give me. I told you three affections have made life sweet to me. The for all your goodness, sir," said the last, Evariste, is my love for Estelle Latiolais."

Evariste's heart suddenly ceased to

chair, but clutched the arms with

tightening grasp and by a supreme ef-

fort of will restored his self command

without drawing his brother's notice.

"I need not tell you what this love

is to me. You can well understand

edge. Now, Evariste, you are well

is his guardianship-indeed, how sadly

she needs protection against his im-

"I make the promise and swear to

"A wealth of gratitude shall be your

warmly, and the brothers spoke good

Wearing for the first time his mili-

keep it," said Evariste.

The latter continued:

love."

quickly.

"I have not."

riste breathed freely.

ed anxiously.

with Evariste's explanation that his intimacy with Quillebert and the cabaret was intended to enable him the better to guard her grandfather, for it was true that Leonidas was almost daily the third of the trio at Dede's testing the fortune of cards with Quillebert; that he made periodical settlements of losses by giving promissory notes, and habitually reached his gate stupefied by potations of rum.

After one of these seances, the old man having been lifted to his saddle and his horse's head turned homeward. Ouillebert and Evariste sat at tress," she said haughtily. table in the cabaret, the former drinking brandy, the latter sipping a light beat. He felt himself falling from his

"How much of Latiolais' paper do you hold?" asked Evariste. "Sixteen thousand dollars, to be paid in gold," Quillebert answered. He said: "How much of it is secured by mortgage?" "Eleven thousand dollars."

"What will you take for half the rest or sleep. It is all that makes whole batch?" "Fifty bales of cotton."

"Have I that much under your shed now?"

"You have not?" Evariste exclaimed "Yes: more." "Where are the notes?"

need is there for such haste?"

"But you will before you go?" he ask-"At my house." "Will you transfer them today?" "I will not," replied Horace, and Eva-"Yes, if you will come with me. But why do you want this paper, and what "The fate that awaits me as a sol-

> "It does not concern you to know. Come." Evariste said, rising from his "I am not so sure of that," replied Quillebert, following him. The exchange having been completed,

Evariste continued on to the Latiolais

home. Most solicitously he plied Es-

telle with inquiry as to her comfort and health, the affairs of her plantation and behavior of her slaves. "None of these matters gives me the care that mry dear grandfather does, M. Evariste," she said sadly. "Not only does his intemperance increase But time will show. You will come to appallingly, but he seems haunted by me yet. You are of my kind. You will some secret fear, and he cannot sleep | come to me yet." Her eyes blazed with unless in his cups or under the effect passion as she confronted him again, of a drug. So kind, so gentle and lov- and her words seemed to burn their ing, it is killing me to see his old age | way into his soul. She ran into the

bert. Oh, can you not stand between her overwrought feelings in a fit of viohim and that wicked man?" "Mademoiselle, believe me, I am sm- and eyes in the cool waters of the macerely distressed by what you say and rais, she stood long upon its edge, am doing all I properly can to effect thinking intently. Setting her teeth what you desire. A more direct inter- firmly and clinching her little fists, she ference on my part would be resented by M. Latiolais and render me powerless for future service in his behalf. But let us be hopeful. For your sake one whose spirit had never known I will be watchful and ready to act for tribulation. his protection." Evariste accompanied his words with look and gesture of sincerest devotion.

designs. He could not estimate the po-"I know you will. I know you will," tentiality of her influence with Quille Estelle replied, "and I trust in your friendship and tact unquestioningly, as | bert, who could make disclosures fatal your noble brother bade me." to him in the regard of the pure hearted Estelle. He recognized that he had Evariste flushed and said: made no progress in her goodagraces. "Is it impossible for me to win your

confidence by my own merit, mademoiselle? Must I have it only at the bidding of another, though that other be my brother?" "M. Evariste," Estelle exclaimed, "do not speak so! You wrong yourself,

"Possibly, but I have feelings, though you persist in ignoring them. "My friend, forgive me if a word of mine has wounded you. I did not so intend. Your brother always delighted at the mention of you, and I supposed"-

alone I am seen. I only mean that I strive by my own endeavors to deserve your trust and seek it not through the federate army of the transmississippi inspiration of another." and northern borders of Louisiana, the "I do trust you, M. Evariste, because, people of Avoyelles were in a state of being Horace Oakfell's brother, you

"Yes, mademoiselle, except when he

cannot but deserve to be trusted," she said firmly. ace even the very possibilities of exist-This display of loyalty to Horace ence. Commercial navigation of the staggered him, and he retired, nettled and meditating things which boded no rivers, on which they depended for much of their supplies, was stopped. good to the dependent girl's peace. .

A number of the largest planters had The second year of the war witnessed taken refuge with their slaves and ania second conscription of recruits to



Gave vent to her overwrought feelings. strengthen the armies at the front, and Evariste's name was drawn, to the infinite amusement of Quillebert and Dede. He joined in the merriment and by the application of 4,000 francs sent | Look to your own interests. Come to Dominique Binoret of Par en Haut to my house. When this war is ended and the enrolling officer in his stead. Six I have finished the harvest it yields to weeks later Dominique was capering me, I may go back to France to end as nimbly as ever at the gumbo balls of my days. Perhaps we may then mar-Bayou Blanc, vanishing with the stars ry." of morning and as completely.

Evariste hastened to explain to Estelle that his sending of a substitute was in fulfillment of the promise ex- have no kin here. It is nothing to me acted from him by his brother, adding cynically:

But when at sight of him Laure sang teasingly, "Soldier, soldier, marry, marry me;

I will give you a fife and drum, he was annoyed not a little. "Very well," said he; "if you wish it so very much, mademoiselle, I can vol-

"No, you must not; you shall not," said Laure, suddenly dropping her gayety and showing alarm. "It is not your fight. You own neither slave nor land to fight for. Even the gains of your ventures with M. Quillebert you must account for to your hero brother if he returns, for they were made by the use of his money."

Evariste replied. "A little presumption in the way of good advice would be but slight return for your devoted protection of herself Estelle, who repelled them as malicious and her doting grandfather, protection and whose trusting heart was satisfied

so disinterested and costing so much self sacrifice on your part." Laure laughed contemptuously, assuming a 3-ply Roofing Paper......75c per roll. mock attitude of humility and lifting her saucy eyes to the young man's burning face.

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brother is," Laure said, fondling the crescent lovingly. "I left him at New Orleans talking politics. One hears nothing else there now. The supporters of Breckinridge encourage Horace to run for congress, and he is quite willing to do so, though he tells them he is opposed to the extension of slavery. They regard the

"If the lawsuit should be decided against M. Horace, he will be bitterly

plied.

"You must make that 'ir' still larger,

Oakfell returned a week later, and his supporters set actively to work to secure a favorable delegation to the convention called to met at Baton Rouge on the 15th day of October. They were successful, though considerable strength was developed against him. It was believed be would receive the nomination, which would be tantamount to election. His friends proudin congress would give to the parish and had agreed upon three representative citizens to accompany him in a short canvass of the district after the convention. He had spent a happy hour with Estelle and was sitting in his plantation office thinking of her when Leon brought letters and papers from New Orienns just arrived by way envelope bore the card of a profes-

"I caused a copy to be made of the opinion handed down by the supreme court this morning in the suit of Leon Queyrouze versus Quillebert for freedom and mail it by today's boat in order that you may know the result before tomorrow's newspapers can reach you. The chief justice was the organ of the court and had the concurrence of three of the associates.

other children, were inventoried as belonging to the estate of Queyrouze. heirs, made sale of the property, with the exception of the boy Leon. He sold er children to the defendant Quillebert. had been sent by the expressed wish of

the plaintiff and enjoyed the benefit of his labor until he ran away after the "There is testimony in the record to show that Queyrouze and his heirs intended that Leon should be free and some conversations in which he said served their effect upon the judges and he was free. The plaintiff, however, erings and departures of volunteers, never asserted his freedom and never

matter affecting the public order, it

which now prohibits emancipation. doubts of the rightcousness of his case | week, much less the space of ten years.

dom, he must fail in his action.

"He finds his fellow guilty of a skin

From his gloomy reflection he was recalled by the voice of Leon at the door. "Mr. Horace, are you sick? Is any-

your brother and me by such words." Oakfell saw the action. is held up as the lens through which adieu to Estelle on the eve of the company's departure. Both had schooled themselves for the ordeal, she to appear brave and he to keep back the words of love that were ever rising from his heart to his lips. As is usual in such trials, the result was diluted

understood the other better than if free rein had been given to speech. "Mademoiselle," Oakfell said on taking leave, "I have perhaps been somewhat officious concerning your affairs. to approve. M. Latiolais, your only tector and adviser, is growing old and, as you have admitted to me, is, through his amiable weaknesses, to some extent subject to Quillebert's domination. I have charged my brother to be especially watchful of your welfare

with emotion. It is safe to say each

charge?" Estelle asked. "Most willingly, and bravely he will keep it," Oakfell answered. "His soul is a noble one, his heart as true as steel. Rely upon him and trust him implicitly, mademoiselle, should any peril or crisis arise. I have chosen him for this because I know his lofty character and love him next to-his mother's memory."

"I will be guided by him because you

tell me to," Estelle said, her trembling

voice forbidding more of reply. "Wear

this," she added, pinning to his coat

and in all things to stand between you

"And has M. Evariste accepted the

and harm."

a tiny cockade of red, white and red. "And wear you this," Oakfell answered, passionately kissing her hand. "Au revoir, and God keep you." "Au revolr, and God bless"- Estelle could say no more, but threw her arms about Odette, who stood behind her, and wept as if her heart were broken.

akin to joy. It was a gallant company that pranced down the bayou road to the steamchevaliers by heredity, fair skinned Americans, soldiers by instinct. None sat his horse with braver mien than Sergeant Valsin Mouillot, who, refusing to be repressed, had placed his daughters in the keeping of his sister and determinedly followed where Oakfell led. And in a few short weeks

Quillebert exploited his tricolored standard to the utmost. His accustomed boldness progressed to daring audacity. As the rigors of the times and privations of the people increased he pushed his ventures and speculations, trading the necessaries of life at exorbitant valuations for cotton, which commanded enormous gold prices in the markets of the world. Though embargo was laid by the authorities upon exportation of the staple, he success-Atchafalaya through Berwick bay to French traders and brought back packets of consols and notes of the Bank of France. A strange companionship came to be

observed. Evariste Oakfell and Quillebert were seen much together and not infrequently at Dede's cabaret, but so engrossed were the neighbors with the growing miseries of their isolation that theirs was only silent wonder. The rumor that the two were partners in contraband adventures was received with mere shrugging of shoulders and turning up of eyes, save by

peared, and indifference to neighborshautelles, the doctress, who was found dead in her thronelike chair, with Egyptian cotton in her hands and an unfinished fillet in her lap, yet when Laure accepted the protection of Quillebert and became his housekeeper, an event which in normal times would have set the entire parish by the ears, the spirit of gossip and censure materialized now in mere shruggings of shoulders and shakings of heads. On returning to the cottage after the funeral Quillebert had said to her:

Oakfell saw the action. His grief was

"Therefore, mademoiselle, you will not only acquit but you will praise me."

unteer and march to the battlefields, gaining the credit for two recruits instead of one."

"Laure, why are you continually saying things which you know vex me?" "Because I want you to realize your situation, learn the truth, see your interest and know who are your friends. Does that girl over there," extending her arm in the direction of Estelle's home, "ever tell you a truth for your profit?"

"She does not presume to advise me,"

"Do you make bold to insinuate that I am acting selfishly?"

"Bah!" exclaimed Evariste.

forbid that. We are friends?

acts?

"Oh, I do not call it making bold to 20-th. Paper............38c per roll. say what I know or what I think, and 30-th. Paper......50c per roll. I never insinuate." "How, then, can you know my motives save as they are indicated by my

"Have a care, Evariste; have a care.

Laure's warning was so serious and

dramatic that Evariste involuntarily

checked the impetuosity of his manner.

"Laure, I meant no insult, no disre-

"Friends?" she repeated. "I am your

friend. I do not believe anything

could make me other than your friend.

But what does it mean to be friend to

one? Is it not to tell the truth and

warn away from danger? I am not

what are called convent proprieties, but

I do know when to speak and what to

speak to a friend who is blindly endan-

gering his career. Hear me well

Openly join hands with Quillebert and

trust in me, and independence and hap-

piness will be yours. Pursue your dou-

ble faced course with that tearful chit,

and upon your brother's return your

post will be that of servile dependence

upon his bounty. Bold? Yes, because

I feel the truth and say it for your

sake and"-turning away and hiding

"Laure, you have said too much!" he

"The senseless infatuation for a girl

who despises you makes you say that.

lent weeping. Then, bathing her cheeks

mentally vowed, "I will it-he shall be

mine!" and returned to the cottage

with the bright look and airy step of

But Evariste's agitation was not so

quickly allayed. He now saw in Laure

an active, interested hinderer of his

Difficulties accumulated, but they only

hardened his determination and drove

him to devise a course of action of

swift and heroic severity in ending all

uncertainty. The event on which this

policy depended, though abhorrent,

was one for which he devoutly wished.

Laure's speech had stung him, and he

swore Estelle Latiolais should be his

CHAPTER XIV.

THE BLIGHT OF WAR.

department hovering about the western

by day and at times appeared to men-

mals in Texas and the Indian Terri-

tory. The scarcity of all staples of

Selfishness grew apace, community

interests waned, social phases disap-

was that, though a numerous cortege

attended the obsequies of Mother De-

"You cannot live here alone. Your

father and I were friends. I am older

han he would be if alive. Do not mind

what these dolts about here may say.

"No; we will not marry then or ever,

but I will go and keep your house. I

what the neighbors say. I can truly

speak worse of them than they of me,

and they know it. I am not beholden

to any one and will make my way ac-

ording to my own notions, not those of

In the autumn of 1862 news percolat-

ed into Marksville and thence spread

rapidly that a terrible battle had been

fought near Perryville, in Kentucky,

between divisions of the armies com-

manded by General Buell on the Union

side and General Bragg on the Con-

federate and that Judge Tailleur and

Horace Oakfell had been slain and left

on the bloody field by their retreating

comrades. For many months the re-

port could not be verified or tested,

communication with the army of the

southwest being cut off by the Federal

lines east of the Mississippi, but gen-

eral credence was given to it. An add-

Father Grhe strove in vain to prevent

these tidings from reaching Estelle.

She staggered as if under a bludgeon's

Odette knelt beside her and repeated

like a devotee telling beads: "There is

no proof Mr. Horace is dead. Then,

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ed gloom settled upon the people.

And Laure had replied:

others.'

TITH the line of Federal oc-

the east bank of the Mis-

sissippi from New Orleans

to Vicksburg and the Con-

her face, she sobbed-"for mine."

exclaimed hotly and started away.

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mistress, do not believe it." And by dint of her strange persistency she lodged a doubt in Estelle's mind, which

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brought her the consolation of a frail Quillebert gave the intelligence to Laure with a chuckle and observed: