CHAPTER XXI.

The End of the Chateau.

through the tiny opening in the wall



CHAPTER XIX—Continued.

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I went to Jacqueline and took my seat upon the earth bag barricade, I had my revolver in my hand, but it was not loaded. I threw the cartridges upon the floor.
It seemed only a few minutes before a voice halled me from the tunnel.

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"Paul Hewlett", said "Levitus, "gou bave made a good fight, but you are done for. I ofter you terns,"

"What terms?" I saked,
"The same as before. I can afford to let you go; for, though my instincts cry out loudly for your death, I am a business man, and I can suppress them when it hest to be done. In brief, M. Hewlett, you can go when you choose."

"M. Leroux," I answered, "I will say "M. Leroux," I answered, "I will say something to you for your own sake, and Mine. d'Epenay's, that I would not deign to say to any other man. She is as pure as the best woman in the land. I found her wandering in the street. I saved her from the assault of your bired ruffians. I gave sault of your bired ruffinns. I gave up my own apartment to her and went away. Do you believe what I have said to you?"
He looked hard into my face.
"Yes," he said simply. "And it makes all the difference in the world

makes all use universely to me."
"Pere Antoine will marry you?" I asked.
"Yes," he replied.
"And he father?"
"Is safe in the chateau, playing with his wheel and amassing a fortune in his dreams."

his dreams."
"One more word." I continued.
"Mime. d'Epernay is very ill. She was
struck by one of those bullets that
you fired through the door. Wait!" for
he had started. "I think that she will you freg through the door. White Ton the hose edge stood the mocking he had stated. "It think that she will live. The wound cannot have piercel a vital part. But we must be very scentle in moving her. Ton had better bring the sleigh here, and you and I will lift her into it. And then—I shall not see her again."

CHAPTER XX.

Leroux's Diable.

I went back toward the cave. But I could not bring myself to see Jacqueline.

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I had reached the yerge of the enta-ract and stood hestide the little plat-form, looking down. I gazed in awe at the great stream of waiter's cading, its considers current down into the little plate of the stream of the stream And then I saw Lacrotx. He was peering after me from among'the rocks, and as I turned be was scut-ting away into the tunnel.

I followed him hotly; but he must have known every fissure in the cilif, for he vanished before me yees, appar-ently through the solid rock, and when I reached the place of his disappear-ance I could find no sign of any pas-sage there.

sage there.

And at that moment I heard Leroux's voice halling me, and looked
round to see him emerge from the tunnel at my side. He was staring in be-

round to see him emerge from the tunnot at my side. He was string in bewilderment at the rataract.

"By Heaven, Hewlett I don't know
what possessed me to tuke the wrong
turn tonight." he swore. "I have come
through that tunnel a hundred times
and never anissed the path before."

He swung round petulautly, and at
that moment a shadow glied out of
the darkness and stood in froat of him.
It was Pierre Carlou, lean, sinewy
and old. He blocked the path and
faced Leroux looked at him he read, the
Carloux looked at him he read, the
cheer's purpose upon his face. Squarlog, his mighty shoulders and cleachlong its flish, he leuped at him headlong.
There stepped quietly aside, and
Simon measured his full length within
the tunnel. But, when he had scrambled to his feet with a heliowing challenge, Pierre was, in front of him
again.

"What are you here for?" roared

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again.
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again.

"What are you here for?" roared Leroux, but in a quavering voice that did not sound like his own. "Get out of the way or I'll smash your face!" The Indian still blocked the passage, "Your time come now. Simon. All finish now," he answered.

"You come here one, two year, ago," Plerre continued. "You eat, up hotne of. M. Duchalne, my master, too. I belong here. You eat up all, come back, eat up some more. Then you sell Mile. Jacqueline to Louis d'Epernay. York. I ask your diable when your time come. You day of the way to your diable and wait. Mile, Jacqueline to Louis d'Epernay. York. I ask your diable when your time come. Now your diable tell he he seed you here touight because your time come. Now your diable tell he he seed you mee touight because your time come.

Now your change ten me he send you here tonight because your time come, and all finish now."

The face that Simon turned on me was not in the least, like his own. It

was that of a hopeless man who knows that everything he had prized is lost; the had never cowered before anyone in his life, I think, but, he cowered now before Pierre Caribou. Then a roar burst from Leronar's lips, and he lings himself upon the Indian in the same desperate way as I had experienced, and I nat instant the out of the darkness crying ceaseless; in my ears:
"Help me! Help me!"
I raised myself and tried to struggly to my feet. I found that I could move my limbs freely. I tried to rise upon my knees, but the roof struck my head my kness, but the root struck my head. I stretched my arms out, and I touched the wall on either side of me. I must have been stunned by the concussion of the landslide. By a miracle I had not been struck. "Help me!" I tried to find, the voice. I crawled three feet toward it, and the wall stopped me. But the voice was there, it came from under the wall. I felt about me in the darkness, and my hand touched something damp. I whipped it back in horror. It was the face of a man.

had experienced, and in an instant the vones, were struggling; at the edge of the platform.

They best and swayed, and now Leroux was forcing Pierre's head and soudders included by the best of the b

throat. Leroux's face blackened and his eyes started out. His great chest heaved and he tore impotently at his sensy's strong fingers that were shutting out at and light and consciousness. They rocked and swayed; then, with a last convulsive effort. Leroux swang Pierre off his feet, raised him high in the air, and tried to dash his body against the projecting rock at the tunnel's mouth. But still the Indian's fingers held and as his consciousness began, to fade Leroux istageed and silphed; and with a neighing white that burst from his constricted throat, a shrick that pierced he torrent's roar, he sild down the catract. Pierre locked in his arms; I crief out in borror, but leaned forward, fascinated by the dreafful spectacte. I saw the bodies gilde down to straight jet of water, as a boy might slide down a column of steel, and plungs into the black chidron theseath around whose edge shood the mocking and fanjastic figures of Ice. The seethhroat. | | Leroux's face blackened and his eye



there in that embrace. And still the cataracts played on, so folling their loud, titumphant, never-efting tup.

I was running down the junnel gain.

I, was running to Jacqueline, but something diverted me Jit was the face of Laccus, neering at me from hing diverted me. It was the Lacroix, peering at me from the crevices of the rocks with the evil smile. I know from the It that he had seen all and had

look on it that he had seen all and had been influitely pleased thereby.

I caught at him; I wanted to get my hands on him and stringle him, too, and filing him down, had stamp his features out of human symbiance. But he ended me and darted buck info

He has come for me! He deserved to die. He tricked me after we had found the gold. He 'tricked me twice. He told Leroux, thinking that he would win his grattique and get free from the man's power. And the second time he told Carson. Then there were three of us in the secret."
"What did you do?" I asked, though it was like conducting a post-mortem upon a murderer's corpse.

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If kirdsked in my grasp and screamed.

"Let me got" his howled. "Ah, you will rebent it! Mondeur, let me god it will give you a half-share in the gold. What do you want with me?"

What did I want? I did not know. It must have been the same lastice that leads one to stamp upon a noxious insect. I think it was his joy in the hidebus spectacle beaseth the cataract that had made me long to kill him. OUT COUNTY BIT.
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ract that had made me long to kill, November 39, 1782, and by the final him.

But how a dreadful fear was dawn ing on he.

"Jacqueline" I screamed.
"I have not seen her," he repiled.
"Now ize me go! Ab, mon Dieu, will you nefer let me go? It is too late."
Butbing it ln.
"For heaven's sake, don't try to selve that man a talking machine."
"Why not?"
"He has been married twice."

onous roses. "You have killed both of us!" USE OF TRACTOR And, with the swent still on his force IS NO SINECURE ne.
"If you had let me go," he said you would have died just as you are

"rou would have died just as you are going to die."

I saw the face of the cliff quiver; I saw an immense rock, half-way up, leap into the air and seem to hang there; then the ground was upheaved beneath my feet, and with a frightful rour the rocky walls swayed and felt together.

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## together. And the rivulet became a cataract that surged over me and filled my ears with fumult and sealed my eyes with sleep. ELIMINATE WASTE OF TIME

cossary to Lay Out Fields So Tha High-Class Job Can So Done— Short Turns Are Awkward— Advantages Summarized.

Darkness impenetrable about me and a thick air that I breathed with great gasps that hardly brought relief to my choking throat. And a voice out of the darkness crying ceaselessiy

Advantages Summarized.

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Proving with tractors presents some problems that never behave the man who ness horse-drawn implements. It is necessary to lay out fields, so that a high-class fold of plowing can be done over the entire area with the minimum use of a horse-drawn plow in starting and finishing the work. The methods in general use are divided into we classes—those in which the plows are elevated and no plowing is done across the ends, and those in which the plows are left in the ground continuously. In most cases better plowing can be done when the plows are idle across the ends of the fields, and for this reason the methods of this class are more popular, but many farmers prefer the other methods, as they elliminate waste of the and labor.

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Plowmen using tractors wish to rewhipned it back in horror. It was the face of a man.

There was only the face. Where the body and limbs copis to have been was only rock. The face was om my side of a wall of rock, pinning down the body that itsy outstretched beyond.

I recognized the voice now. It was that of Philippe Lacroix.

"Ah, mon Dieu! Help rise, Help me!"

He continued to repeat the words in every conceivable tone, and his suffering was pittable. I felt one hand come through the tiny opening in the wall Plowmen using tractors wisn to re-duce to a minimum the time spent in running with plows out of the ground. While it is neeessary to do some traveling while the plows are idle, care should be taken not to do too much of it, as it reduces the num. too much of it, as it reduces the number of acres which can be plowed in a day, making the tractor that much less efficient. Short turns however, are awkward for most tractors, and where such turns are necessary the operator often has more or less; difficulty ingetting the outfit in the correct position for starting into the new furrow at the right point. Some tractors turn more easily in one direction than others, and this should be taken into consideration in laying out the fields.

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The advantages of plosing by the methods in which the plows are idle across the ends of the felds are that the short, awkward turns are eliminated, except in some cises at the beginning and ends of the lands, and foully less spaces will be left at the corners to be plowed with horses. The advantage of the other methods are that little or no time is lost in tray.



Plowing With Tractors Presents Prob-lems That Never Trouble Man Who Uses Herse-Drawn Implements.

eling with the plows out of the ground, and that ordinarily the number of dead furrows and back furrows will be considerably less.

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To using the first-named methods it is necessary to measure the lands in increase and the center of the field ecutrately, lenving an equal area on all sides of the field in the center of the field a winterly, lenving an equal area on all sides of the field in which to turn the outfit, and which can be ploved last by running the tractor completely around the field several times. If one end of the field is unfenced the outfit can be pulled out into a road or lane, or an adjoining field, for turning. If may be preferable to plow up to the fenceion field in being plowed, and leave the headined only across the end of the field which is fenced. The width of the heading and the depend largely on the turning radius of the tractor. With easily handled outfits it is not necessary to leave more than 15 or 20 feet.

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Gareful Plowing Sayes Time.

If the field is to be finished ap in the best manner, with an trogular, men the best manner, with an trogular, men the provided strips between the hand of the provided strips between the hand of the same width clear around the field, to have the distances meahaused exactive when starting new lands, and to have the first turnows as nearby straight as a possible. A little extra time taken to have the distances will nearly always be more than returned in saving time at the finish. If the tractor pulls there or more plows, cutting a total width of three or more feet, some effort should be made to have the width of the headiands and to have the width of the headiands are called the same than the same th

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