

CHAPTER II.

The Terrible Julian. awaiting the coming of the terriple your affianced husband." robber. Half an hour passed, and she time she had witnessed transactions her words. which were not calculated to allay her king's guards bound and led away, and she saw that a number of the robbers her every thought. had been placed on guard at the entrance of the rocky passage. They were wild, savage looking men. appearing to her fear-wrought vision. like the evil spirits she had heard her old black nurse tell about.

At length the sound of feet was heard near at hand, and very shortly the door of the apartment was opened, and a black slave entered. It was a woman, and one of those whom the king had left.

"Good lady," she said, trembling as come. I am a slave to a new mas.er, and that master has sent me to tell you that he wishes to see you." 'Who is he?" asked Ulin.

"I don't know, but I think he is Julian, the Scourge. His look is terrible.. Upon his brow sits the thundercl ul, and in his eye flashes the forked lightning!"

"Will he come up here?"

"He said so."

"I have no power to prevent him. Tell him I am weak and defenceless, and at his mercy."

The slave bowed and withdrew, and In a little while some one else came. A heavy footfall sounded without, and the door was slowly and carefully opened.

But, who is this? What spirit has had entered the chamber alone. He was youthful-not more than three or four-and-twenty-with kindly look, and of noble bearing. He was not larger of frame than common men; but the perfect symmetry of form, the exact correspondence of all the parts; the delicate rounding of the graceful outline, and the filling up of all points where sources of strength could be deposited, gave token of a power which might lead the careless observer to pronounce him a giant.

He gazed upon the beautiful maiden for some moments without speaking. seeming to drink in a new inspiration from her loveliness, as the student of nature does when some new and un-

horrence. But of one thing I give you is the most noble looking man I ever warning: In telling the story of Ju-In fear and trembling sat Ulin, Han I must speak harsh words against

"My-affianced-husband?" repeated had not been troubled; but during that Ulin, with a troubled pause between

"I mean Horam, King of Damasfears. She had seen over fifty of the cus," said the stranger, regarding the beautiful maiden as though he read

> "I am not keeper over the character | the form of questions. of Horam. The truth, sp ken in a true cause, will not offend me."

"Then, lady, let me first assure you that Julian is not the monster your fears have painted. He has never done wrong to any, save the powerful of Damascus. Go to the forests and mountains of Lebanon, and you shall find a thousand poor peasants whose families he has befriended. He has taken gold and jewels, and precious stuffs of silk and linen, from the stores she spoke, "the hour of doom has of Horam; but he hath not made himself rich therefrom. He and his followers have lived, and beyond this the booty has been bestowed upon the poor and needy. Julian hath also waylaid and broken up caravans; and turned back many expeditions which the king had sent out. He may be just what hath been said-he may be the Scourge of Damascus, but he has no wish to trouble honest men. His aim has been, vengeance upon the king."

"And why should he seek such vengeance upon the king?" asked Ulin.

"I will tell you, lady. But for the king of Damascus Julian might be now one of the most free and happy men living; but as it is, he is a stranger and an outcast upon the face of the earth. He is a wanderer, without a home, and there here?" with only such friends as are bound thus appeared in the palace! A man to him in his adventurous and dangerous course. Once many years ago-he had parents and the prospect of life was bright before him; but in an unhappy hour the gloom and the darkness carie. Horam, in wicked, jealous wrath, swept away all that was bright and proinising from the path of Julian and shut out the star of hope forever. O, sweet lady, I dare not pain your ear with all that Horam did. Were I to tell you all, you would regard the heart would close against him, and your very soul would shrink at the sound of his name. As true as the heavens are above us, so true is it that vacant spot, and then added: "I shall sistently. Our State Department h s

fraught with vengeance?"

"And yet you fear him, lady?"

mistake his intent. I can tell you why

he came hither. He heard from a mes-

senger whom he met upon the plains of

up here-a maiden whom the king in-

tended to marry. It might have pleas-

ed him to deprive Horam of a wife;

but it pleased him more to release a

gentle lady from such enslavement. He

knows what the king of Damascus has,

ere this, done unto his wives. He

meet a worse fate than the encounter-

he commit a grievous sin in this,

"Will you not see Juliain? Do not

know he would like to speak with you

-he would hear from your own lips

that you do not think him a monster;

and he would also know your pleas-

"Let it be tomorrow morning, lady,

It is near evening now, and your rest

upon your mother's bosom, and so

shall you be safe while I am near you.

You will see Julian in the morning?"

"I do wish it, for I feel that I am

And thus speaking the visitor arose,

and moved towards the door. He tura-

"I trust that your dreams may be

come to your pillow they shall not be

acquainted with you; and, further-

"You will come with him?"

"If you wish it, lady."

"It shall be so."

breathed upon thee."

"When will he come?"

so much."

against me."

lady?"

say.'

ure."

you."

added:

"My dear mistress, is not this a strange adventure?"

"Very strange," replied the princess, casting her eyes to the floor, and then slowly raising them to that vacant

spet. "What do you think of the strange man?" the slave girl pursued, sitting Shall We Increase Prosperity by Distindown by her lady's si ve.

'What do you think of him?" said Ulin. "I think he is very handsome. He

saw.' Ulin showed by her look that she

was grateful for this answer. It pleased her, though she may not have known it.

"Such a man could not be a bad man," she said. "Deception cannot dwell in such a face."

"I should think not," returned Albia, to whom the remarks had been put in

"And what do you think of the story he told concerning the robber Julian?"

so before. He told us the truth."

man, Albia?"

can be done."

that:

"I must not answer you lady. The when he says: king is to be your husband, and it is not well that you should urge me to speak against him."

should speak against the king."

question touching his character. would rather talk of this man who has just left us. I, who am only a poor slave, could love such a man."

Ulin lifted her hand to her heart, and pressed it there as though some new feeling had crept in to worry her, and, as she sat thus, one of her black slaves came in to see if she would like her supper.

"Not now, Calypso," said the princess, starting up. "You may bring me some grapes, and a few dates. But first, tell me what these strange men swallow a doctrine without a qualm. are doing. How many of them are

"Not more than a score of them are they used to. in the palace, my mistress, but there are thousands of them outside of the valley."

Ulin had no disposition to argue the point; so she asked what the robbers were doing.

"Albia," said the princess, after the black slave had gone, "I do not believe that Julian is such a terrible looking man, after all. What do you think?" "I think," replied Albia, "that people have described him who never saw countries, and they are permitted, in king as such a monster that your him, and that their fear-fraught imag- return, to send certain goods here inations drew the picture."

"So I think," returned Ulin. She While this has been our avowed polgazed a few moments upon that old icy, we have not lived up to it conthe heart of Julian is not evil. When see him on the morrow, and I must say negotiated a number of treaties p othat the thought is not frightful. I viding for reciprocal reductions, and

GREATNEEDOFSTUDY

the wines of American production. If IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND RECIPROCITY QUESTION.

ishing the Employment of Domestic Foreign Made Good ?

devotees of the policy of tinkering the sumption of domestic wines. tariff schedules by means of special trade treatles. He is quoted as being

firmly convinced that our foreign matkets are threatened and that the e is election of President McKinley in 1896 their country home, taking Sim with danger of an alliance of European on the protection and prosperity plat- them. About a week ago the family countries to resist the incoads of Amer- form we heard frequent inquiries on came into town to spend Sunday, and ican trade through the imposition of the part of the enemy as to why pros- then the question as to what disposiretallatory duties upon American ex- perity was lagging so long behind its tion to make of the monkey during ports. Thus we see one more timid advance agent. Facetious suggestions their absence came up. It was finally soul frightened into fits by the bugb ar were made in respect to the advis- decided to tether him to bis box in the "I think he told us the truth, my which certain interests are so indus- ability of inserting in the newspapers kitchen, and leave him with enough lady. As he went on with the tale, triously exploiting for the purpose of a "lost, strayed or stolen" notice for food and water to last until their re-I remembered that I had heard it just extending their own export trale at General Prosperity. Those scintillat- turn. Monday morning the family arthe expense of anybody and everybody ing free-trade wittleisms no longer rived, and went to see how Sim had "Then the king must be a hard, bad except themselves. Senator Cul on shine forth to dazzle a long suffering fared. It did not take them long to easily drops into free trade dialect public. It has been many a day since find out. The dining room looked like

made it a very familiar figure of speech. It has also become a very absurd figure of speech in view of the

fact that we are sending out more exports than any other nation on earth, and are taking in of competitive imdoubt, be renewed. ports all that we ought to take, and

THE MAN WHO WORKS.

The old stagers don't have so much to say about the "Chinese wall" as OVERTIME So far as the senior senator from Illinois has gone in his study of the DOUBLE problem of increasing domestic prosperity by decreasing the employment of domestic labor he is of the opinion "Probably much of the difficulty can be met by reciprocity. It is a case of give and take. We get lower duties on certain of our goods going to other without paying such a high tariff.

lars a year for foreign wines that are MONKEY A PRACTICAL JOKER.

no better than, often not as good as. Sin's Fun Cost His Owner Money and Brie-a-Brac.

Americans were better informed as to There is today in Baltimore a family the real quality and merit of their which is bemoaning the destruction of some valued chinaware and bric-a-brac, total value, \$26.20, and there is a small simian of the ring-tail species with an abnormally developed sense of humor who is directly responsible for the mischief, yet who wonders daily at the sudden coolness which has sprung up between his master and himself. According to the story told by the aggrieved owner, he bought young simian as a pet for his cihldren, and for a few weeks the relations between all parties were amicable. Then, as the For the first few months after the spring drew nigh, the family moved to any free-trader cared to assert that it had been the scene of a bull-fight. "If we build a wall around our mar- prosperity had not come in with pro- A sofa had all the stuffing pulled out kets the Europeans say we can hardly tection. Now, instead of making face- of it and arranged in tasteful bunches complain if they follow our example. tious inquiries as to the whereabouts about the room, china pitchers and "Indeed, girl, I asked you to do no And that is the situation. It is a sm- of General Prosperity, the free- plates lay smashed on the floor, and such thing. I did not mean that you ple business proposition that as busi- traders devote themselves to claiming the small bronze clock on the mantel ness men, or as a business nation, we that the formerly much praised Gen- was upside down in the fireplace. Ruin "Then you should have asked me no should be on the alert. In danger of eral Prosperity is an unattractive greeted the explorers on every hand, I losing our markets, we must see what gentleman of protruding stomach, who but the greatest chaos was found in appeals to men's appetites instead of the kitchen. Sim had piled everything Frequent mention of that "Chinese to their hearts and brains. The great portable up in a heap in the center of wall" by the enemies of protection has majority of the people of the country, the room, dusted the whole copiously however, have found him to be a very with sait and flour, and after pouring a pleasing guest and are more than will- kettle of water on to finish the job, sat ing to entertain him for an indefinite on top of the pile and greeted the period. Four years more are already master's family with squeaks of simarranged for, and at the end of that ian pride. It was later discovered time the invitation will, without that he had gnawed the string that

kept him near his box, and had improved the shining hours not only in accomplishing the ruin told above, but a great deal more besides. As has been hinted, he is not in favor these days. Hs is bound with a chain, and a good monkey with a keen sense of and skill in practical joking is for sale.

WHEN SMOKING WAS A CRIME.

Colonial Legislature Was Severe on the Users of Tobacco.

It is one of the curiosities of oldtime legislation that the use of tobacco was in early colonial days regarded as far more injurious, degrading, and sinful than intoxicating liquors. Both the use and the planting of the weed were forbidden, the cultivation of it being permitted only in small quantities, "for mere necessitie, for phisick. for preservation of the health, and that the same be taken privately by anncient men." But the "creature called tobacco" seemed to have an in destructible life. Landlords were ordered not to "suffer any tobacco to be taken into their houses" on penalty of a fine to the "victualler" and another to "the party that takes it." The laws were constantly altered and enforced, and still tobacco was grown and was smoked, No one could take it "publicquely" nor in his own house or anywhere else before strangers. Two men cent speech, that the reason for the were forbidden to smoke together. No trade with the United States, France the meeting house on the Sabbath day. were caught smoking around the corstreets was prohibited, and innocent cigarette loving travelers were astonearly days a great indulgence was per-

dome-tic wines they would drink more of them and less of the imported wines. Keeping at home the \$10,000,-000 or more spent every year for Labor Through Larger Furchases of French champagnes would be of vast benefit to the growers of grapes and

the laborers in vineyards and wine According to a recent interview in cellars. Alike as a gastronomic and the Beston Transcript Senator Cul- an economic proposition there is much lom of Illinois is among the f.cs. force in the plea for a larger con-

A Pleasing Guest.

expected scene of grandeur bursts upon his vision.

"Fair lady," he said in softest tones, "permit me to hope that this intrusion may be pardoned. I would not give you pain, and if you have been alarmed, be assured that you have cause for it no more. Tell me how I may serve you."

He approached her as he spoke, and she, without hardly realizing what she did, arose and gave him her hand. If he had gazed upon her with admiration, her own feelings had not been entirely different. Her woman's instinct told her that here was a man whom she could trust; and her woman's heart beat with an emotion enthrely new and strange.

"Noble sir," she said, meeting his gaze with the strength of perfect trustfulness, "Heaven has sent you to save me from the dread man who has made his way to this place. If you have the power to do it, you will lead me to bless you forevermore."

"Of what man do you speak?" asked the stranger, still ho'ding her hands. "I speak of him who is known as the Scourge of Damascus-of the terrible Julian."

The man was silent for a few moments, but he did not withdraw his gaze from the maiden's face.

"Sweet lady," he at length said, speaking very lowly and tenderly, "I am informed that the king of Damascus has sent you hither to keep you safely until he can make you his wife." "He hath done so, sir."

"And yet it seems that he did not provide so wisely, after all. Would you wish to be carried to the king?" "No, no, sir-not to the king. I

would be carried to my father."

There could be no mistaking the character of the emotions under which the princess spoke. With all the king's power her hope was not in him. The shall not be disturbed. You may sleep stranger marked the changes of her as safely tonight as ever you slept countenance; and, while a warmer light shone in his handsome eyes, he resumed-

"I cannot say when you shall be returned to your father; but I can give you my solemn assurance that I can protect you. I will protect you from the hands of those whom you have cause to fear; and, at the same time, 1 will regard you as a sacred trust, to be respected and purely cherished. And now, lady, have I your confidence?"

He let go her hands, held until now, and when he had taken a seat not far from her, he continued:

"Lady Ulin, you have spoken of Ju-Han, and I see that you fear him. D.d. you ever see him?"

Ulin shuddered as she answered in the negative.

"Did you ever hear his story?" "No, sir. Albia has told me some-

thing, but not much." "I can tell you the whole, if you

would hear it."

"I should like to hear it, fair sir." "Believe me, lady, when you have heard what I shall tell you, you wi'l started, and looked up; and it was only not regard Julian with so much of ab- Albia.

he looks back upon the utter desolafeel assured that he means me no then the senate has proceeded to igtion of his young life, and realizes that the king of Damascus mal.gnantly harm."

and cruelly brought the curse upon "Yet," ventured Albia, "it is a curihim can you wonder that his soul is "I never heard this story before," said Ulin, her voice trembling with deep emotion. "If it is true, as you have told me, I cannot blame Julian know--"

> The princess motioned for her companion to stop.

"I cannot help it. He hath come hither in battle array, and made war bia: and, touching this Julian, we shall know more when we see him." "Nay, nay, sweet lady. You do much (To be continued.)

COURTSHIP ENDED.

The Marriage of a Couple Stops Gossip Marthal, that a fair damsel was shut In the East.

The end of the troubles of Miss ing of the Scourge of Damascus. Did ated with regard to worldly goods, an intelligent solution. Mr. Dean frequently visited Miss Howell in Scranton, and a story was soon "Indeed, sir, I know not what to circulated that they were engaged. This was violently opposed by Miss Americans Buy Them to the Extent of Howell's brother, Franklin Howell,

pers a short time ago. In answering the questions of the marriage license that he was divorced from his first wife in Cameron county in December. 1879, and his second wife died on

March 17, 1900.

Cork Industrial Exhibition.

lin, but it has now been given the sup- this our consumption of French still more, I have said that I would trust port of the Irish department of agri- wines, brandies, liqueurs, etc., and it culture and technical instruction, of will be seen that Americans are users which Mr. Horace Plunkett is presi- of French beverages of the value of dent. The department, it is an- fully \$12,000,000 a year. nounced, has allocated a sum of This is a large sum of money to ed, with his hand upon the latch, and £5,000 for the purpose of the exhibi- pay for foreign drink products that tion, subject to the general scheme be- for the most part are of no better sweet and pleasant. If dark phantoms ing approved by the department. A quality than those made in this counportion of the sum will be devoted by try. The standard brands of Amerof Julian. There is another whom you the department to the organization of ican champagne, for example, are have more cause to dread-one who, in an exhibit of products, appliances, and made after the French formula and hard and hoary age would feast upon processes relating to industries, which process, and are in every respect equal the charms of your loveliness. Parare capable of being introduced into to the French champagne, though selldon me, for I go with a blessing Ireland, or when already established, ing for only about half the price. It

or being developed.

In a moment more the man was gone, and the door was closed behind him. Ulin gazed vacantly upon the spot where he had stood, until she interested in ther. felt a hand upon her shoulder. She

importance .- William Hamilton.

nore them. To foreign nations this looks like bad faith. In my opinion it cus whim which should lead him to behooves the Senate to take up these seek to release you from the hands of treaties and give them serious consilthe king. But I don't know as we can eration. They should be viewed and wonder at it. Ferhaps he thought you voted upon from the standpoint of the were some friendless girl who did not whole country's welfare, and not s mply from supposed local self-interest.

more, too. It is your zealous new

convert who can be relied upon to

I have been giving the subject some special study this spring and will do Congress next winter."

FOREIGN CHAMPAGNES.

About \$15.000,000 a Year.

ceedings finally collapsed in the face ending April 1, 1901, 3,873,420 bottles could possibly be made, of the testimony of expert physicians of champagne were imported into this from Philadelphia was told in the pa- country. At an average of \$3.50 per bottle this would mean an expenditure of \$13,606,970 for imported sparkdocket in court, Mr. Dean had placed ling wines. Allowing for the lower on the records mention of the fact price of wines bought by the case, the total would still be considerably in excess of \$10,000,000. Out of the 20,608,251 bottles of champagne exported from France in the past twelve months, at least 3,000,000 bottles came to this country. It thus appears that close upon three-fourths of our im-The Cork Industrial exhibition, ported champagnes come from France which is to be held next year, has not and that about one-sixth of the entire only been supported by substantial French product of champagne finds a subscriptions from both Cork and Dub- market in the United States. Add to

day. is probable that not one per cent of

American champagne drinkers have

Free-Trade and Lost Trade.

President Robertson, of the British Chamber of Commerce, said, in a re-"We will not talk of the king, Al- my part to press it on the attention of decline which had come in British one could smoke within two miles of Senator Cullom should persevere in and Germany was to be found in the There were wicked backsliders who his special study of the subject. Spe- protective policy which was in force cial study is precisely what is needed | in each of those three countries; and ner of the meeting house and others on Close application for the next six he prophesied that the time would the street, and they were fined and set months may enable him to arrive at surely come when Great Britain would in the stocks and in cages. Until witha sound conclusion regarding the very be obliged to follow the example set in few years there were New England important question. What industries by the countries referred to and enact towns where tobacco smoking in the shall we sacrifice through diminish d a protective tariff law. British free-Jennie Howell of Scranton, Pa., and protection in order that some of the trade sentiment is evidently accom-Edward B. Dean of Hackensack, N. J., Illinois senator's influential const ti- panying British trade in its decline. ished at being requested to cease smokcame when they were married. The ents may increase their exports of No nation is willing to play a losing ing. Mr. Drake wrote in 1886 that he courtship of Mr. Dean and Miss Howell machinery and agricultural imp'e- game forever, and Cobdenism has been knew men, then living, who had had was attended by unusual difficulties. ments? This question wil have to be a losing game for Great Britain for to plead guilty or not guilty in a Boshas heard that the dark waters of the The young couple met at Atlantic City answered when the reciprocity treatles many a day. That it was not a losing to plead guilty of not guilty in a hos-Pharpor are but a short span from the last summer and were mutually atroyal bed. And hence he came to tracted. Miss Dean was a woman of ator Cullom will need all the special ly to the fact that Great Britain had, set free one whom he feared might 31, and an invalid. Mr. Dean was a study he can spare to the subj ct if under her former policy of protection, mit.ed to travelers-a man could widower of 48, and each was well situ- he shall be prepared with a wise and made herself greatly superior in in- smoke once during a journey of 10 dustrial resources to all other coun- miles. tries. That, in spite of the great industrial advantage which England possessed when she adopted Cobden's economic theories, she has so soon fal-

Thoroughly Discredited.

The tariff duties per capita last year amounted to but \$3.01. Even if the tariff tax were a tax on the consumer. which it has been conclusively proved not to be, in the vast majority of cases, this would be a small amount the unparalleled prosperity which the under the Dingley law. We have a too, in time of war. American factories have been crowded with orders, labor has been everywhere employed at high wages, and the supply of men at work has fallen short of the demand for workmen. An immense balance of trade has been rolled up in our favor. the United States has been changed from a debtor nation into a creditor nation, and New York has been made the financial center of the world. The old-time and wen-known irre trace cry about the "burden" which a protective tariff lays upon the people of this country has never been more thoroughly discredited than it is to-

Solidly Based.

To get people interested in you, you ever given a fair trial to the really been rotten or unsound the recent and a half ago found no purchasers have got to make them think you are fine champagnes of the leading Ameri- Wall street panic would have spread at \$75. can producers. Therefore it may be everywhere and convulsed the coun-The bighest reach of human science said that ignorance as well as preju- try. The fact that it did not shows 'a the scientific recognition of human dice is at the bottom of this folly that McKinley prosperity is very solof spending ten or fifteen million dol- idly based .- Indianapolis Journal.

The Bad Man as a Hero.

Homer sang the ruffian Achilles into len behind in the race for commerce thirty centuries of renown. The deeds Statistics of the Treasury Depart- is one of the most serious indictments of many frontiersmen excel the most gentle in his bearing. But I declared a lunatic. How these pro-Yet I doubt not the McKandals gang would have made Goliath look like an amateur. Ivanhoe, in his iron kettle with his long lance killing the neighbors for love of God and lady, never surpassed in courage and sacrifice Wild Bill and his comrades. But the dime novelist has been their biographer, to pay for the inestimable benefits, for and cheap notoriety is their reward. They deserve a stateller history and people of this country have enjoyed a sweeter requiem. With all their faults they were brave and gallant surplus instead of a deficit, and that, gentlemen, who made it possible for quiet men to bring decent women and establish American homes on the plains and in the mountains. Wild Bill Hickok's adventurous career should have come to the knowledge of that fine old Scotchman, who delighted in the blare of bugles, the clash of arms, the tale of chivalry. Walter Scott would have made this great scout and peace officer a hero of romance and a prince of the border.E. C. Little in Everybody's Magaizna

Horse Famine in Kansas.

Central Kansas is complaining of a horse famine. The farmers have been too ready to sell their horses to English army purchasing agents, and now the farmers are compelled to pay from If general business conditions had \$125 to \$140 for animals that a year

> "And she actually fell in love with the first baseman. Why?" "I really couldn't say. He certainly didn't seem a good catch."