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CHAPTER XXVII.

son arrived at New Orleans.

at Shell Island, seen a copy of the made my home, and whose laws I proclamation issued by Jackson while have never been found guilty of transyet at Mobile, after the general had gressing. All I asked in return was received from Gov. Claiborne a full that the names of myself and followstatement of the proposition made to ers should be freed from the obloquy Lafitte by the English, together with which has unjustly become attached the Baratarian leader's offer of serv- to them." ice on behalf of himself and his fol-

Between 8 and 9 o'clock of an evening toward the middle of December. Jackson and Gov. Claiborne were seat. lenge. ed in the library of the latter's residence, engaged in an earnest discussion of some of the many perplexing Lafitte, and of being a privateer?" he questions with which they were con- asked. in a tone of dry sarcasm.

I feel-to be frank with you-some | zens of the state." lating to damned Britishers."

in the face of the pledges they have gard to privateering?" made, neither the legislature nor the

or more to one," growled Jackson.

was to the door-could reply to this see who it might be, while his face showed the irritation he felt at any one presuming to interrupt him at

But his expression changed to one of mingled anger and consternation; and Jackson, who had been sternly regarding the intruder, started to his

After bowing respectfully, the newcomer stood silent, while his black eves searched with curious intentness the stern face of Gen. Jackson, whose right hand had stolen into the breast ot his coat.

he saw the key turned in the door, peared absorbed by, his own refecnow made a step or two toward the tions. chair where lay his sword; but the stranger, picking up the weapon be- resumed, speaking with less em-

made were true, and my former offer Early in December, 1814, Gen. Jack- was submitted in perfect good faith, inspired by earnest desire to fulfil my Lafitte had, some time before this, duty to the country in which I have

Lafitte's words and manner were full of stern dignity, and Claiborne made reither reply nor comment. Jackson, however, accepted the implied chal-

"Have you never been accused of smuggling, and slave-trading, Capt.

"Accused, yes; but never convict-"We are too weak, by far, I tell you, ed," was the quick reply. "I was Claiborne," Gen. Jackson was saying once, as Gov. Claiborne will tell you, with irascible emphasis, "and without indicted; but I was tried before an anything like a sufficient strength to impartial judge, and acquitted by a meet what is now at our very doors. jury composed of the foremost citi-

doubt of our ability to sustain the Jackson's face expressed surprise, present enthusiasm of these people and he glanced inquiringly at Claiwho were talking so lately of capitu- borne, who nodded, as if in affirmation of the statement. Then the former, "Capitulating!" echoed the governor, again turning his stern eyes upon La-"Surely, general at this late day and fitte, asked, "How is it with you in re-

"Let me ask how it is with you, Gen. citizens would return to any such Jackson, and with your own country, ir. regard to privateering?" And a "I am not so sure of that, if they curl of scorn touched Lafitte's lips. were forced, as are you and I, to real- "Tell me, I pray you, sir, how many ize that the enemy outnumbers us ten | scores of vessels, flying the flag of the United States, are, at this moment, Before the governor-whose back preying upon foreign commerce?"

"But only upon the commerce of outburst, he became aware that a Great Britain, with whom we are at third person had entered the room; war," declared Jackson, his grim featand he glanced over his shoulder to ures relaxed-but only for an instant -by a satisfied smile: "and they are acting under regular letters of marque his-the governor's-sense of loyalty. and reprisal.'

of that nation. Never, since I con- governor wonder. trolled them, have they interfered with the ships of any nation excepting munion with that pictured face, and Henry tell you?" Spain, with whom, as you are aware, the Republic of Carthagena is at war."

Jackson was silent, and glanced scowlingly at Claiborne, who was tap-The governor, who had risen when ping the tabled abstractedly, and ap-

"I thank you, general," Lafitte *ore Claiborne could reach it, present- phasis, "for the opportunity you have

"But it matters not at whose instigation the outrage was committed. The facts are as I have stated, and what is past must stand. Now, Gen. Jackson, may I ask that you open that package, and read the papers it con? tains?"

As Jackson perused the first paper, the impressions he gathered were plainly observable in his look, and

half-audible comments. "Fine bombast," he growled, before going very far. Then, a little way on, "Sophomorical rubbish! Savors of Eton, with some of George the Third's silly maunderings." And so on, until the end was reached.

Claiborne had seated himself closer to Jackson; and presently, the latter, with an exclamation of the strongest disgust, handed him the paper.

"Here, Claiborne, you have seen a copy of this; but you had better refresh your memory by reading the original."

The governor took the paper, and had begun to read it, when, chancing to glance at Lafitte, he was puzzled by the expression of the latter's face.

his lips half-parted, and his face soft- for his Teutonic guests, and ascerened by a glow seeming to come from an inward light, as his eyes rested wall, back of the governor. It was an old engraving of Napol-

eon, one that, as the governor knew, was brought from Barataria by a soldier from whom he-an ardent admircr of the emperor-had restued it.

The thought of this made him-in the new light thrown by Lafitte's accusations with reference to the attack upon Barataria-feel uncomfortable: for, should Lafitte recognize the picture as his own property, its present possessor would be placed in an unenviable position. He had forced his eyes back to the

paper, whose contents he recalled quite accurately. But now, with the impression already made upon him by-Lafittte, and the latter's face-as he had just seen it-intruding itself between his eyes and the writing, he was forced to acknowledge to himself that, pirate and outlaw as he had been shown the greatest generosity and count of stock patriotism, together with a personal courage which appealed strongly to

"True; and the vessels in which I again at the younger man, to see him of the larder. have been interested acted under let- still looking in the same direction, ap-Carthagena, and sailed under the flag | while his rapt expression made the

with its original, whom he seemed to ing the voice uttering words of oldtime affection.

(To be continued.)

SIMPLE LIFE IN JERSEY.

Inhabitants Not All Imbued With the Spirit of the Octopus.

"How far is it to Somerville?" asked the newspaper photographer. "Nigh on to six miles." replied the his last.

me over?"

rapher.

enger were on the way.

manage to make a living."

"Shoemaking profitable, is it?" do other things, you see. I carry the twice a week, sure. Then I drive the dollar. And I do barbering, too. Some weeks I make \$4 clear, but generally not more than three-fifty. We get along somehow, me and my family, and we ain't gone hungry yet. Once in a long while somebody wants to be took over to Somerville, and then's when I strike it rich. Oh, you needn't think I ain't going to soak you!" And

beside him. The photographer remembered that he had less than \$5 in his pocket. "How much will you charge me?"

he smiled broadly upon the passenger

'Well, you work for one of them big, rich metropolitan papers, and I'm going to make you pay as much as-75 cents, by gum!"-Newark

Troublesome Children.

Everything is relative, after all. even age: yet one might suspect that to believe that I come here for no Crleans, thrown into the common gaol, the "children" of one of Mr. Muzzey's "Men of the Revolution" might have arrived at years of some discretion and proper regard for behavior.

> When I saw the old soldier, says Mr. Muzzev, he was the sole survivor of those who witnessed the battle of Bunker Hill. At the age of 95 years he was attending a Whig celebration held at Boston in 1850, and there I

I asked him if he had any children. "Oh, yes, I have two sons," he re-

"Why did you not bring them with

The old man's smooth brow wrinkled into a semblance of a frown as

"I didn't want to be plagued with compliment, and drawing a package for the trouble and bereavement that those boys on an occasion of this sort." "Why, how old are they" I asked.

> wondering if he could mean his grandchildren. "Oh, one is 70 and the other is 72.

White Jet Jewelry.

White jet is the jewelry novelty of 1905 in Europe. It is like ivory, but "And yet," said Lafitte, with dry sparkles, and when it has been careis being unearthed and reset. Queen nition of the invitation, but remained | Claiborne winced; but before he | Victoria had a magnificent collection.

Cheese Brought the Tears

the Strakosch Grand Opera company at the Academy of Music, New York city, figured in an episode a la limburger, says a writer in Lippincott's. most inappropriate in consideration of their nationalities.

One evening "Faust" was the opera scheduled to be given. Nilsson the on. Tagliapietra was "off," and had invited some German friends to a absence from the room. 'small and late" at the then famous drawing to a close the singer found the feast lacking in what he consid-He was leaning back in his chair, ered the essential limburger cheese of his doublet, he rushed "on." taining Moretti could not supply them with it, rushed forth to an establishtearing about distractedly to find him.

> curtain is up and there is no one to morse, were merely due to a too close diately bought three boxes of the pills finish the part of Valentine."

Remonstrances from the barytone cheese.

Christine Nilsson and Signor Tag-, proving vain, he was obliged to hasten diapietra, at one time co-members of to the "academy," where, depositing the cheese in a corner of his dressing room, he donned his costume and with lively interest the story of the comdispatching a note to his friends at the restaurant "to keep it up until from chronic dyspepsia which was he was dead, when he would rejoin thought to be incurable. them," he answered his "call" and "To be ailing for nine years is not a went on the stage.

scene Tagliapietra bethought him of of her illuess. "For two years I was Marguerite, the late Del Puente (alter- his purchase, and, to his dismay, dis- critically ill and could not attend to my nating barytone) the Valentine, and so | covered that members of the chcrus | household duties, and at one time I was had demolished half of it during his so weak and miserable that I could not

old Moretti restaurant in East Four- theft he seized what remained and I da sallow complexion. I had no apteenth street. As the dinner was before he could find a safe had a place for it his "call" came, so jam ou suffering great distress." ming the limburger within the weeks

During his death agonies Marrier different doctors, but without getting ite throws herself prone across her any benefit whatever." brother's body, bending over iraniupon something hanging against the ment in the vicinity, where he pur- cally to kiss him. The audience said cure?" chased a quantity and was returning Nilsson had never acted the part so "A book about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills therewith when he ran into the arms realistically, little dreaming when she was thrown in our doorway one day. of the Impresario Strakosch, who was raised herself so suddenly and faced My husband picked it up and read it them with that horrified expression through carefully. He was so impressed "Come quickly, 'Tag,' Del Puente and tear-streaming eyes, which they by the statements of those who had been has been taken ill," he gasped. "The naturally ascribed to a passion of re- cured by that remedy that he immecontact with the barytone's limburger and insisted on my taking them."

Wife Was Good Manager

Mrs. Benton had been away for a them piping hot and say nothing?' much-needed vacation, and "Aunt Jane," her husband's sister, had kept house for her. When she came home the house looked bright and shining, but Jane seemed a good deal depress-The two women sat down together the next morning, after Mr. Benton named, the Baratarian leader had had gone to his office, and took ac-

"I don't believe you've had a very good time, after all," said Mrs. Benton, looking at her sister-in-law keen- thia, I'm not a good manager." Possessed by this feeling, he glanced ly, after they had discussed the state

many mistakes.

"Why, I don't know! Anyway, I such a thing as buying a canned The surest way to make sound diges-"What else did you do wrong?" in- cerned. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills give

quired Mrs. Benton, dryly.

"I used the table butter for cooking. Henry said that was frightfully extravagant, and in all your life you'd never been guilty of such a thing. Those are only two mistakes, but there were lots of others. No, Cyn-

"Well, I am" said Mrs. Benton, firmly, "and hereafter you take pattern by "Oh, yes," was the answer. 'Only I me. I haven't had a stock kettle for ters of marque from the Republic of parently oblivious of all surroundings, feel sort of depressed, I've made so years. I always buy canned soups, and I talk over the neighborhood news "How did you know they were mis- while Henry eats them blissfully. I Jean Lafitte's heart was in com- takes?" inquired Mrs. Benton. "Did have never had an ounce of cooking "Well, yes, I suppose so. He did say person who said there is but one apbe once more facing upon Elba, look- his wife was the only good manager | propriate place for cooking butter, and ing into the eyes that had rested so he knew. That was after I'd bought | that is on the axles of wheels. But I | kindly upon him at the last, and hear- some canned soups, and had to send never discuss those subjects with them back because they were the Henry. My dear, why should I? He is quite right. I'm a good manager; but

The Railway Mail Clerk

The postmaster general has had a material, so that in the event of acci-

Roads. mail'twice a week, and that's another | ing United States mail cars are gen- | sary that some men risk life and limb | between the National Good Roads erally accompanied by the death of in order for the world to move along Association and the officials of the and those who do should be held to Burlington and Northern Pacific The first thing for the government | be a trust by those who are the bene- | roads, to install a Good Roads Special to do evidently is to insist that mail ficiaries of their sacrifice.-Woon- over these systems, to leave Chicago Alaskan Climate Not Bad cities of the systems. The object of this itinerary is for New York Life Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

the agitation, education and organizathe wildest parts of Alaska says that which in Alaska, so the prospectors tion of communities for permanent the climate of that country is not so declare, "look as big as rabbits and improvement of primary roads, and to aid cities in questions of street pavspending seven months in the country | There is a curious theory among | ing, etc. Government experts and men of national reputation will go on this Special, and participate in the conventions. The entire arrangements, so far as the Burlington sysa small cotton tent was not unbear- believed by some to be a species of tem is concerned, have been passed over to the charge of W. H. Manss, Industrial Commissioner. After comwrites, "but others were just about is thought to be possible that this pleting the itinerary of Burlington cities the Special will continue from Billings to the Pacific Coast, over the end of September the weather was a which have long since reverted to the Northern Pacific, and will hold a final convention the last of June, to be known as the Pacific Coast National Good Roads Convention. The full equipment of the Special is provided for by the Burlington and Northern Pacific roads, whose object is to aid days without rain or wind as those ago they were probably united and, the cities on their systems in the imin the Kenai peninsula." But, on the as ibex are found in Asia, it is quite provement of public roads. The first other hand, mosquitoes are a great within the bounds of possibility that stops will be in seven or eight prin- DR. McGREW cipal cities of Illinois, then a number of cities in Missouri, also in Iowa, Nebraska. Wyoming, Montana, Washington and Oregon.

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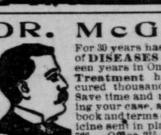
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ject of my mission. And I pray you tally wounded, was brought to New

Then, turning quickly to Jackson, that my former offer was made from he added, extending both arms to their | legitimate and patriotic motives." full length, either side of him, "Sureiv Gen. Jackson will not fire upon an cence. trarmed man!" And he advanced to

Gov. Claiborne's face had reddened voice, "how was it received? My moangrily as he took his sword from the tives were impugned-my statements stranger's hands and replaced it on the | branded as false; my messengers were chair: and Jackson's expression imprisoned. And, as a fitting sequence changed somewhat, as, with "Assur- to this, an armed expedition was sent edly not, sir," he withdrew his hand to Barataria; my men were butchered.

other reason than a desire to be of and left there, to die." use to you, and to the country both | Lafitte had been standing all this

was no sign of softening. "I am the man whom your excellen- that had just poured from his lips. cy has been pleased to proclaim an Jackson and Claiborne looked at one outlaw, and for whose capture you another, as if each were waiting for met him. He was a good-looking old have offered a reward of five hundred the other to speak, until the former, man, with a large, well-shaped head, dollars; the man"-now fixing his while he fingered the package he had blue eyes and mild expression. His piercing eyes upon Jackson's face- taken from the table, said in a tone whole countenance beamed with benwhom, with his followers, you, sir, whose gravity held something akin to have branded as 'hellish banditti,' and tenderness, "Capt. Lafitte, you under-

Jean Lafitte." to venture into New Orleans, to say prior to my assuming command here. you" nothing of presenting yourself here," But, speaking as a man, and as one was the governor's unconciliatory re- who has had his own share of hard-

from his breast, held it across the ta- seem to have been yours." ble toward Gen. Jackson, who was still staring at him, as if in wonder at his youth and appearance.

condemned as false." "Be seated, Capt. Lafitte," said Gov.

The former bowed slightly in recog- ernor of Louisiana." areased emphasis. "The statements I ed, with a shrug of his shoulders, wig-Holstein inherited.

ed it to the latter with a graceful bow, give me to explain these matters. coupled with a courteous "Permit me, And, without going into them any far-

ther, I wish to assure you once more Jackson bowed, as if in acquies-"But," demanded Lafitte, a sudden rush of indignation sounding in his

or taken prisoners; my vessels seized, "I beg, gentlemen, that you will par- and my property destroyed. In addidon my intrusion," said the unknown tion to this, and harder than all else. visitor, "until you shall hear the ob- my foster-brother, after being mor-

time. But now, as he finished speak-"May we know your name, sir?" ing, he seated himself and folded his inquired Claiborne, stiffly, and with a arms, while his face took an expreshaughtiness of manner in which there sion of stoical indifference contrasting sharply with the impassioned words

as the 'pirates of Barataria.' I am stand, of course, that I an officer of the army, cannot criticise in your | plied. "You are a bold man, Capt. Lafitte, presence anything that took place ship and sorrow, I may venture to ex- he said: Lafitte bowed, as if acknowleding a tend to you my regret and sympathy

Lafitte bent his head silently. Claiborne, who had been fidgeting impatiently, now hastened to say, "I ask, general," he said, "that you, "You will do me the justice, Capt. Laand you, also, Gov. Claiborne, will ac- fitte, to believe that I wished to ac- But I couldn't be bothered with cord me the honor to read the original | cept your offer. But my personal | them."-Youth's Companion. documents I received some time ago views were overruled by those upon from your enemies, and in respect to | whose judgment I relied; and the exwhich I understand my statement was redition to Barataria was sent at their

instigation-not mine." Claiborne, with rather reluctant court- sarcasm that brought a faint smile to fully cut the effect is said to be daz-Jackson's firm lips, "you are the gov- | zling. Old jet, both black and white,

standing as he continued, with in- could answer the thrust Lafitte add- which Princess Victoria of Schles-

"What made you tell him they were | what's the use of managing, if I can't the wrong kind? Why didn't you serve manage Henry?"-Youth's Companion.

one or more of the clerks.

timely word to say about the peril to | dent the hazard of the clerks shall village shoemaker, looking up from which railway postal clerks are sub- be less. The second is to provide for half dollars, about one-sixth of the jected in their calling. Theirs is in the men more pay in accordance entire capital invested in railroad "Can I get somebody here to drive deed an unusually hazardous calling. with the perilous nature of their work. Property. These investments repre-They are penned up in strong cars. Risk of life should be rewarded in "I'll do it, if you'll wait till I hitch | Unlike the engine crew, brakemen and | the envelope, not because flesh and even conductors, they have no way of | blood can be expressed in dollars and In a few minutes the team was warning when disaster approaches. cents, but because the men earn more ready, and the cobbler and his pass- The engineer and fireman usually see by their constant danger than others. the cause of accident before it hap. Another desirable thing would be a

"Pretty quiet life you lead up here pens, and may save themselves, all system of insurance for all such emin the hills," observed the photog- though to their credit be it said, very ployes. We believe that as the world few engineers abandon their trust grows more civilized employers who "Yes, pretty quiet-not much doing, until everything has been done to subject their workers to daily risk of like there is down in town. But I save the passengers, and not often their lives will recognize the justice even then. So with brakemen and of providing some kind of assurance conductors. There is always a pos- for their families independent of what "No, not very. I s'pose I'll aver- sible chance for them. But the mail the men may possess in their own The Burlington and Northern Pacific age 80 cents a week at that. But I clerks live as rats in a cage. If seri- societies. This we believe is only ous accident accurs they have little quid pro quo. Many occupations are papers, and that's good for a dollar hope of saving themselves. Statistics notoriously unsafe. The work, howshow that disasters to trains carry- ever, has to be performed. It is neces-

coaches shall be constructed of better | socket (R. I.) Call.

terrible as has been alleged. After | bite like dogs."

great revelation to our party, bad wild state.

longer than duck eggs.

A hunter and traveler who recently | Mosquito veils and long gauntlets are ended an expedition through some of some protection against these insects,

in a season noteworthy for the ex- prospectors and others in Alaska that treme lateness and severity of the in the mountains and the interior an spring he bears ample testimony to animal exists which is neither a wild the decency of the weather. Life in sheep nor a mountain goat. This is able, even in April. "Many days in ibex, an animal which has never vet May left much to be desired," he been identified in North America. It as good as could be wished. During animal may turn out to be no more June, and from thence onward to the | than the descendant of domestic goats |

weather being an unknown quantity. On the other haid, there is no sound The summer closely resembled a very reason why wild ibex should not be fine summer season in Norway, with found in the heart of Alaska, scienthe exception that I have not seen tists say. Asia and North America in that country such long spells of are here very near together. Ages curse, even to the toughened hunter. I they also exist n Alaska.

Money in Alligator Raising

Hatching alligators is the latest use | for \$1 apiece to visitors from the to which incubators have been put. Forth. As many alligators are raised Beginning with chickens, ducks, geese to maturity as the inclosed swamps and turkeys, the use of incubators and streams of the alligator farm will was extended to ostriches and babies permit. They are valuable for the and now a manager of an alligator hides, which are used for bags, belts, farm in Arkansas has adopted the use purses and like purposes. of incubators there. The supply of alligators is much

swims in the water like a fish and lays | find, and there is as yet no close seaeggs, but instead of laying them in son in the game laws for their prothe water it goes out and makes a tection. Like the terrapin, they are becoming extinct in their wild state. nest on the land like a hen. In this nest it lays twenty-five or | At the alligator farms no more old thirty eggs, and then trusts to the alligators are kept than are needed warm weather to hatch them out. The for breeding purposes. Most of them period of incubation of alligator eggs are sold when a month or six weeks

is not accurately known, but it ap- old, and the others are killed at an

proximates five weeks, or a fortnight | early age, when their hides are more

An alligator is in its propagating less than the demand, as the hide

habits between a fish and a hen. It hunters have killed off all they could

longer than chicken eggs, or a week | pliable and easily worked. Alligator farming so far has proved Most of the alligators hatched at a profitable industry.-Amateur Natthe alligator farms are sold in infancy uralist in New York Tribune.

very pleasant experience," said Mrs. Before appearing for his death Darvoux, when asked for some account even walk. My trouble was chronic dys-At white heat of anger over the pepsia. I became extremely thin and empire.

"Did you have a physician?" "Yes, I took medicine from a dozen

"How did you get on the track of a

"Did they help you at once?"

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