

COLUMBIA'S FOUND PARTY.

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ROMANCE OF HISTORY.

King Charles X. of Sweden - A Crowned Donkey - Horrible Fate of a Swedish Wit - A Woman's Plot to Punish the King - Its Entire Success.

"A favor, Gilderstrene! Certainly!" replied the young King. "What is it?"

"Gilderstrene," said the King, "you have saved my life, and I would gladly do almost anything for you."

"Not only do I refuse to pardon him, but I order you to be present at his execution, which shall be accelerated, and take place at two o'clock this afternoon!"

"The officer looked somewhat surprised upon receiving this strange errand; but he bowed, and departed to perform the mission with which the King had intrusted him."

"This is terrible," said the Warden, "we expected all along that Sixterblatt would be pardoned."

"The King says he must die," "Very well. I will break the news to the poor fellow."

"Sixterblatt had at one time been the wit of Stockholm. An unusually handsome man, he had had many love affairs with some of the foremost ladies of the Swedish capital."

"At first, after his arrest, Sixterblatt had made light of his fate; but when the King had declared that the offense was an exceedingly grave one, and when the Judges of the Criminal Court ordered him to be subjected to the torture of the thumb-screws, he became alarmed."

"The Warden received him. 'Your Majesty,' said that official, 'I have served you faithfully...'

"What are you driving at?" asked the King, with a scowl. "Pardon the unfortunate Sixterblatt!"

"He must die!" said the King, coldly. "Do your duty. Is the headsman present?"

"He is, your Majesty," "Call him. I want to speak to him." The headsman arrived. He was a tall, repulsive-looking man.

"I never yet saw a man take his fate harder." "So he does not want to die?" "I never yet saw a person that did. But this Sixterblatt is the worst frightened man I ever laid my hands on."

"Let the enemies of the throne and altar perish!" Master Swensen, do your duty!" Gilderstrene averted his face. Sixterblatt, whose hands were tied, was placed in an arm chair, to which his legs were fastened.

"The executioner bared the culprit's neck and then cut his throat with a small knife from ear to ear." Then he violently jerked back the head of the victim, who expired in a violent shudder.

"He is more of a fool than anything else," replied Gilderstrene. "I wish now I had not saved his worthless life. O, for a chance to punish him for what he has done to-day."

"The modiste from Paris was as clever and shrewd as she was pretty. Putting her soft arms round the young Swedish courtier, she said to him: 'Ronald, I know a way to punish the King.'"

"Do you, indeed? let us hear your idea." "They say he is superstitious..." "Very. I never saw a more superstitious man."

"Very well. You told me once he liked to go out late at night. Can you bring him to this house at the very hour of midnight?" "I can. But what will happen?"

"You shall have revenge, darling. Leave everything to me." Gilderstrene passed the evening with Charles the Tenth. The King, as usual, drank a great deal of wine. Shortly after 11 o'clock, the young courtier said to him:

"Your Majesty does not perhaps know the prettiest woman in Stockholm?" "And who is she, Gilderstrene?" "A most bewitching French woman. She calls herself Adeline Narbonne. A prettier creature cannot be found."

"A few days afterward the King, who had never left his bed after leaving the house of the French woman, was found dead. In his clenched hand was found a paper containing the following words: 'The warning came in time. Life was long a burden to me. The throne and the altar are in greater danger than ever.' 'CAROLUS REX.'"

The Land of Flowers.

Florida is not the paradise that it has been represented to be. Invaders who go there for their health, report that the dense fogs that greet them at the time are extremely disagreeable, making the atmosphere so damp as to render clothing unwearable in the morning.

The most of Northern invalids stop at Jacksonville, and "the land of flowers" that they had read about looms up a desert of sand—at least in the streets and adjoining that town. A great many Northerners visit Florida every winter as explorers of the promised land, but very few purchase and remain there.

There is no society there outside the villages, and the lands have to be cultivated without much manure, as cattle are never stabled, and what little they produce is scattered over the uncultivated pastures. But very little grass can be made to grow there, and the consequence is the little butter made is very poor.

The growing of oranges is the principal occupation of agricultural Northerners, and that business is not always a success, as after the trees have been cultivated for years at great expense, a "norther" is liable to come and kill them all. The western counties of Florida, the best section of the State as regards health, beauty of scenery, richness of soil, etc., unfortunately has too much "ebony" for the good of the white people, and where pig-raising and poultry-breeding are a very uncertain business, the negroes having heard that "the victor (stealer) belong to the spoils." The Northern people are mostly settling in the eastern counties along the St. John's river, where alligators bask in the sun upon its banks by the hundred. The thermometer last December stood at Jacksonville as low as 28, 32, and 34 degrees, but usually it stands at noon in the winter season at 65 to 80 degrees in the shade. Within twenty years it has fallen as low as 25 degrees, when oranges were generally killed. If it were not for these cold "northerners" that sweep down with icy coldness on some occasions, the growing of oranges would be a very profitable business for Northern men to follow.—N. Y. Graphic.

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Rubenstein who was sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Sarah Alexander in New York, has been granted a stay of execution until his case is reviewed by the general term of the Supreme Court.

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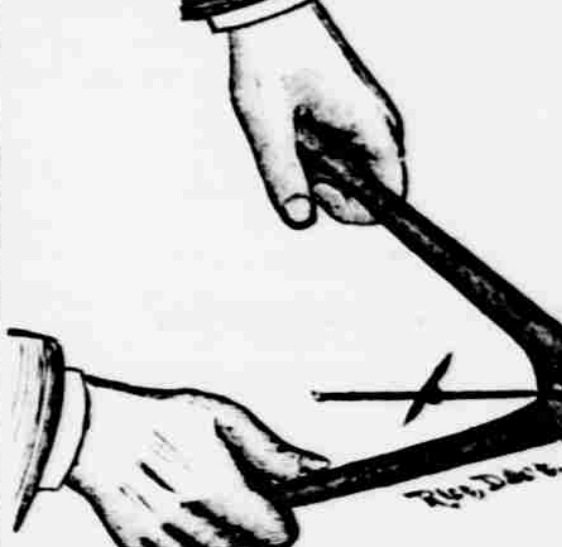
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