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CHAPTER XXXV.

The Proxy of Pakenham.

A man can not possess anything that is that is worse than a bad one.-Simonides.

When I reached the central part of the city, I did not hasten thence to Elmhurst mansion. Instead, 1 returned to my hotel. I did not now my chief. It is not for me to tell what feelings came to me when I left Helena von Ritz.

Steep such as I could gain, reflections such as were inevitable, occupled me for all that night. It was mid-morning of the following day when finally I once more sought out Mr. Calhoun.

He had not expected me, but re ceived me gladly. It seemed that he had gone on about his own plans and with his own methods. "The Senora Yturrlo is doing me the honor of an early morning call," he began. "She is with my daughter in another part of the house. As there is matter of some importance to come up, I shall ask you

He dispatched a servant, and presently the lady mentioned joined us. She was a pleasing picture enough in her robe of black laces and sulphurcolored silks, but her face was none too happy, and her eyes, it seemed to me, bore traces either of unrest or tears. Mr. Calhoun handed her to a chair, where she began to use her languld but effective fan.

"Now, it gives us the greatest regret, my dear senora," began Mr. Calhoun, "to have Gen. Almonte and your husband return to their own country. We have valued their presence here very much, and I regret the disruption of the friendly relations between our countries."

She made any sort of gesture with her fan, and he went on: "It is the regret also of all, my dear lady, that your husband seems so shamelessly to have abandoned you. I am quite aware, if you will allow me to be so frank, that you need some financial

"My country is ruined," said she. "Also, senor, I am ruined. As you say, I have no means of life. I have not even money to secure my passage home. That Senor Van Zandt-"

"Yes, Van Zandt did much for us, through your agency, senora. We have benefited by that, and I therefore regret he proved faithless to you personally. I am sorry to tell you that he has signified his wish to join our army against your country. I hear also that your late friend, Mr. Polk, has forgotten most of his promises to

"Him I hate also!" she broke out. "He broke his promise to Senor Van Zandt, to my husband, to me!"

Calhoun smiled in his grim fashion. "I am not surprised to hear all that, my dear lady, for you but point out a known characteristic of that gentleman. He has made me many promises which he has forgotten, and offered me even of late distinguished honors which he never meant me to accept. But, since I have been personally responsible for many of these things which have gone forward, I wish to make what personal amends I can; and ever I shall thank you for the good which you have done to this country. Believe me, madam, you served your own country also in no ill manner. This situation could not have been prevented, and it is not your fault. I beg you to believe that. Had you and I been left alone there would have been no war."

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"But I am poor, I have nothing!"

slipper and its contents! There was in the toe of that little shoe a message. As you know, we got from it certain information, and therefore devised certain plans, which you have hetter than a good woman, nor anything helped us to carry out. Now, as perhaps you have had some personal animus against the other lady in these same complicated affairs, I have taken the liberty of sending a special mescare to see any of my friends or even morning. I should like you two to with such friendship as may exist in al post." the premises."

I looked suddenly at Mr. Calhoun.

"Yes," he said to me, smiling, "I have neglected to mention to you that Yturrio, if your husband gave you of our helplessness in Oregon." also.

He signaled to his old negro attendant. Presently the latter opened not accuse me beyond this." the door, and with a deep bow an-

oughbred quality which comes in the highest types of womanhood. Afflictthe other hand, Helena von Ritz, who map for us. had lived tragedy all her life, and was . The baroness herself turned.

was smiling and debonair as though she had never been anything but can not spare you yet." been through her own act that nego material, caught up here and there on it raises statesmen. You foolish, dear tiations between England and Texas the shoulders and secured with silk- Americans! One could have loved you were broken off. All chance of Mex- en knots. Her white neck showed, all." lost through her influence with Van short sleeves of the time. She stood, ing to her. "My dear lady, two of us Zandt. Now, when all was done, here composed and easy, a figure fit for any are too old for that; and as for the she was, deserted even by those who company or any court, and somewhat other-"My dear senora," said John Cal- never was a court at all, only a pri- chance remark might smite, but as our exchequer, and you, of course, deep color flamed in her cheeks. She this country produces." ters. I regret that my personal for brilliantly. Her curtsey was grace am a very poor sort of man. I am tune is not so large as it might be, itself. Our dingy little office was old, and I fail from month to month.

dear lady," said Dr. Ward, "Senator itself does not desire to see fulfilled.

Oregon to Washington," said I. "Perhaps bullet molds and powder flasks may have damaged it."

"It still would serve as a little postoffice, perhaps," laughed the baroness. But I think its days are done on such errands."

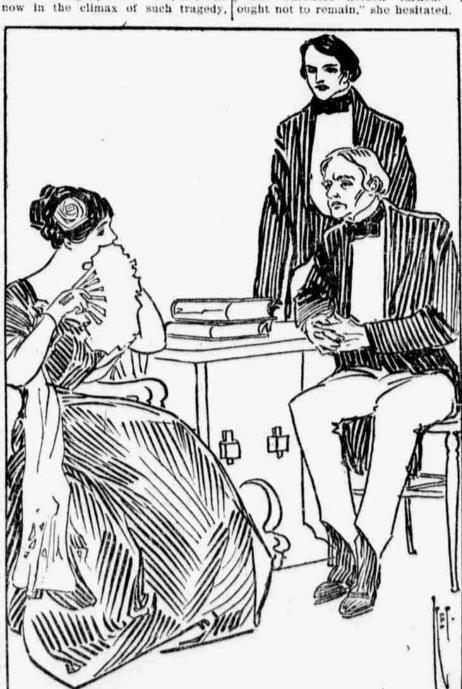
"I will explain something of these errands to the Senora Yturrio," said Calhoun. "I wish you personally to senger to ask her presence here this say to that lady, if you will, that Senor Yturrlo regarded this little reto take up matters of business with meet, and, if that be possible, to part ceptacle rather as official than person-

For one moment these two women looked at each other, with that on is more than we deserve or could ex-It seemed he was planning without their faces which would be hard to pect. With our army already at war

the Baroness von Ritz also is here, in cause to think there was more than Without further answer, she held another apartment of this place. If diplomacy between us. At least, I can out to him a document whose appearyou please, I shall now send for her say to you that it was the sport of it alone, the intrigue, if you please which interested me. I trust you will

A stifled exclamation came from nounced the Baroness von Ritz, who the Dona Lucrezia. I have never seen entered, followed closely by Mr. Cal- more sadness nor yet more hatred on houn's inseparable friend, old Dr. a human face than hers displayed. I have said that she was not a thorough-The difference in breeding between bred. She arose now, proud as ever, these two women was to be seen at a it is true, but vicious. She declined blazing with eagerness. "It is Oreglance. The Dona Lucrezia was beau. Helena von Ritz's outstretched hand. tiful in a way, but lacked the thor- and swept us a curtsey. "Adios!" said she. "I go!"

Mr. Calhoun gravely offered her an ed by nothing but a somewhat mer- arm; and so with a rustle of her silks cenary or personal grief, she showed there passed from our lives one unher lack of gameness in adversity. On happy lady who helped to make our



"Yes, Van Zandt Did Much for Us, Through Your Agency, Senora."



"Madam," said Mr. Calhoun, "we

She flashed upon him a keen look. "It is a young country," said she, "but

"Eh, what?" said Dr. Ward, turn-

He did not know how hard this usual Helena von Ritz was brave and smiling.

"You are men," she said, "such as we do not have in our courts of Europe. Men and women-that is what

"Madam," said Calhoun, "I myself I cannot live long, at best. What you see in me is simply a purpose - a purpose to accomplish something for my country-a purpose which my country Republics do not reward us. What you say shall be our chief reward. I have asked you here also to accept the thanks of all of us who know the intricacies of the events which have gone forward. Madam, we owe you Texas! "Twas not yonder lady, but yourself, who first advised of the danger that threatened us. Hers was, after all, a simpler task than yours, because she only matched faiths with Van Zandt, representative of Texas, who had faith in neither men, women nor nations. Had all gone well, we might perhaps have owed you yet more, for Oregon."

"Would you like Oregon?" asked, looking at him with a full glance of her dark eyes.

"More than my life! More than all my fortune!" His voice rang clear and keen as that of youth. "All of Oregon?" she asked,

"All? We do not own all! Perhaps we do not deserve it. Surely we could not expect it. Why, if we got onehalf of what that fellow Polk is claiming, we should do well enough-that describe. At last the baroness spoke: on the southwest, England, as we all "It is not wholly my fault, Senora know, is planning to take advantage

ance I. at least, recognized.

"I am but a woman," she said, "but it chances that I have been able to do this country perhaps something of a favor. Your assistant, Mr. Trist, has done me in turn a favor. This much I will ask permission to do for him."

Calhoun's long and trembling fingers were nervously opening the document. He turned to her with eyes gon!" He dropped back into his chair. "Yes," said Helena von Ritz, slowly. It is Oregon. It is bought and paid for. It is yours!"

So now they all went over that docament, signed by none less than Pakenham himself, minister plenipotentiary for Great Britain. That document exists to-day somewhere in our archives, but I do not feel empowered to make known its full text. I would I had never need to set down, as I have, the cost of it. These others never knew that cost, and now they never can know, for long years since both Calhoun and Dr. Ward have been dead and gone. I turned aside as they examined the document which within the next few weeks was to become public property. The red wafers which mended it-and which she smilingly explained at Calhoun's demand-were, as I knew, not less than red drops of blood.

In brief, I may say that this paper stated that, in case the United States felt disposed to reopen discussions which Mr. Polk peremptorily had closed, Great Britain might be able to listen to a compromise on the line of the forty-ninth parallel. This compromise had three times been offered her by diplomacy of United States under earlier administrations. Great Britain stated that in view of her deep and abiding love for peace and her deep and abiding admiration for America, she would resign her claim of all of Oregon down to the Columbia; and more, she would accept the forty-ninth parallel; provided she might have free navigation rights upon the Columbia. In fact, this was precisely the memorandum of agreement which eventually established the lines of the treaty as to Oregon between Great Britain and the United States.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Particular as to Color and Quantity. Albert, aged four, heard his mother ask his grandma, who was going shopping, to buy her a bunch of little black kids (curlers), at which Albert began crying, exclaiming:

"I don't want a whole bunch of little black kids. I only want one little sister, and I want her white, like me."

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NOT ANNOYED, OF COURSE

Capt. Butt Was Merely Giving to His Friend a Few Philosophical Reflections.

Capt. Archibald W. Butt, the president's military aide, was called out of bed at nine o'clock one morning to answer a telephone call.

"Archie," said his friend on the other end of the wire, "I called you up to tell you that I shall not be able to keep the appointment I made with you for eleven o'clock today." "I'm sorry," sald Butt, his tone a

triffe chilly. "Yes; it's too bad," agreed the other.

There ensued an ominous pause. "You know," remarked Butt sententiously, "telephoning seems to be a habit, a bad habit, in Washington. People are beginning to issue their invitations by telephone. They 'phone on the slightest provocation. They don't seem to know when not to telephone. They even get you out of bed

to talk to you on the telephone." "I'm afraid I annoyed you, and you're bawling me out," said the friend.

"Oh, no!" contradicted Butt in a louder tone. "My remarks are merely a few philosophical reflections induced by the early bour of the morning."-The Sunday Magazine.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

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it Was Muffing.

" 'Rugs' Raymond, the handsome and brilliant pitcher of the New York Giants, is a great wit on the field," said a sporting editor at the Pen and Pencil club in Philadelphia.

"Raymond was disgusted one day at his team's wretched outfielding. Batter after batter sent up high flies, and these easy balls were muffed alternately by left and center. Bugs at the sixth muff threw down

his glove and stamped on it. 'There's an epidemic in the out field,' he said, 'but, by Jingo! it isn't catching."

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Tired and dusty, a party were returning by rail from a holiday trip. Simkins, a little bald man, seated himself to read, but dropped off to sleep. On the rack was a feroclous crab in a bucket, and when Simkins went to sleep the crab woke up, and finding things dull in the bucket, started exploring. By careful investigation Mr. Crab reached the edge of the rack. Down it fell, alighting on Simkin's shoulder, where it grabbed the man's ear to study itself. The passengers held their breath and waited for developments, but Simkins only shook his head and said: "Leggo, Sarah! I tell you I've been at the office all the evening!"

Evidently an Amateur. "Getting ready for your suburban

gardening?" "Yep. I've got a spade, a pick, a hoe, a rake and some garden seeds, but I've ransacked the market and nobody seems to have any angle worms for sale."

Well Known. Bloobs-Is Harduppe pretty well known in your town?

Slobbs-I should say he is. He's so

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A Good Score.

"What's bogey at your suburb?" "Forty cooks a year. Last year we

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