By PIERRE VIVANT.

(Continued from last week )

CHAPTER III.

To finish the gayeties of the season Bate had obtained the consent of her father to give a large and brilliant party. Invitations were scattered far and wide, and great calculations were made

by the village ladies for a grand display away is triumph.

season of unusual profit. Indeed she the various articles of female adornment, and her two assistants were busily engaged from "morn till dewy eve" silks, satins and muslins which had been lying carefully enveloped in pillowcases for years in dark closet drawers, which were strewn with bits of gom camphor or chips of red cedar, sure preventives against the ravages of moths and other destructive annoyers. At the judge's no one was idle, and the occasion was one which called forth an exhibition of Kate's domestic accomplishments. The great parlors had been thoroughly over- compliance with his request, but she hauled, the carpets removed to admit of dancing, and the old fashioned dining hall had been carefully cleansed and very tastefully decorated with evergreens, among which were arranged numerous candles and lamps. The busy notes of preparation were heard "from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same," and when they were at last all completed the whole house never looked more cheerful or inviting in its interior appearance.

The expected night at last arrived. The halls were brilliantly lighted, and up the broad oaken stairway guest after smest passed to the dressing rooms, Kate, arranged in a dress of simple white and with no other ornament than a simple white rose in her glossy hair, stood at the head of the long parlor, leaning upon the arm of her father and receiving her guests with the grace of a queen. Never had she looked more charming, and there was a silent yet unmistakable feeling of admiration plainly perceptible upon the countenances of those who had the pleasure of any conversation with her. She was the acknowledged belle of the evening and the cynosure of

At a late hour the doors of the supper room were thrown open, and the gay company proceeded thither to discuss the merits of Kate's housewifery. Many were the compliments she received, and many the exclamations of delight at the appearance of the table, which groaned beneath its load of delicacies. Angusto make himself generally useful in sec-The guests had done ample justice to its ed. merits and the doors were again closed Kate took Augustus' arm and returned to the supper table to partake of some refreshment herself, having been too busily engaged in her duties as hostess to think of self before. Now was the long looked for opportunity, and Augustas at once embraced it to declare the ardor of his passion and offered his hand, this heart-in short, all that Dame Nature and his tailor had produced under the name and title of Augustus Fitz Clarence Boobie.

Kate directed her glances to the floor and for a moment hesitated to reply, but at last, summoning all her resolution, she referred him to her father, saying that if he was not opposed to it she would accept him.

So intent was Augustus upon the consummation of his hopes that, not able to restrain his impatience until the close of the evening, he hastened at once to ber father and requested his presence for a moment in the library. The judge tollowed him thither and closed the door behind them. Augustus, with the air of one who was rather conferring than soliciting a favor, informed the judge that the attractions of his daughter bad made more than ordinary impressions upon his heart, and that he had accordingly addressed her upon the subject. She had, he said, considered it in a faverable light, but referred him to her Tather before giving a decisive answer to his proposal. He had therefore the bonor of announcing himself as a candislate for her hand and flattered himself that he should meet with no opposition whatever from the judge.

The latter had anticipated this piece of information, but was not quite prepared for the pompous manner in which



She referred him to her father it was delivered. However, he soon recovered his equanimity and gave our here to understand that he must decline the honor with which Augustus was about to invest him, Moreover, he would suggest that his visits at the house should from that time be discentinued. He acknowledged that he had at least until she was his wedded wife. wevicusly shows him more or less civil. On, on they drove, through woodland

ities, but further than as a guset he nad not regarded him and therefore looked upon his proposal as but a poor return for those civilities, especially so as he had made it without first consulting him. Augustus expostulated, but in vain. The judge was inexerable and would listen to no further arguments upon the subject. Finding, therefore, that his attempts were unavailing and only served to exasperate the judge, who put on a most fierce frown and spoke very tragically, Augustus returned to the drawing room in search of Kate, to whom he communicated his want of

success. He then proposed that if she of wardrobes upon the occasion. For a had the slightest regard for him to fly week preceding the event the stores at once from "parental tyranny" and were besieged, and many were the yards make him without further delay the of lace and ribben that were carried happiest man alive by being joined in the holy bonds of matrimony at a neigh-To Miss Jones, the milliner, it was a boring town, to go thence to Philadelphia, pass the honeymoon there, after had never known a greater demand for which they would return and throw themselves at her father's feet, and obtaining his forgiveness settle down quietly, as married people should do, in cutting and trimming and altering for the remainder of their natural lives. He painted the delights of a home such as theirs would be in very much the same strain as that in which Claude Melnotte described his to Pauline and represented the magnificent estates which he was to inherit from his father as sufficient to enable them to live in courtly style.

To all this Kate gave an attentive car and then argued very sensibly against a



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was sufficiently versed in diplomacy to know that such objections would but serve to render him only the more importunate, and after a long discussion she, with apparent reluctance, gave a silent consent and named the corresponding evening of the following week as the one on which the elopement should take place. Then bidding him "good night" she cautioned him not to venture to tus was appointed by Kate to aid her in meet her except at the house of a friend, doing the honors of the supper room and where all the preliminaries could be arranged, and returned to her guests, who ing that no one was overlooked. After soon after separated, and the party end-

CHAPTER IV.

During the week following Augustus complied strictly with Kate's request to meet her only at the house of a friend, and there they arranged all the preparations for the flight.

Happy Augustus-happy in thine ignorance of the snare which is being laid for thee!

Since ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise. It was decided that on the proposed evening a carriage should be in readiness at the corner of a street one or two blocks distant from the house, and that at midnight precisely our bero should make his appearance under Kate's window, give a signal and then repair to the back piazza and remain in concealment till her appearance.

Accordingly, all preliminaries baving been satisfactorily arranged on the proposed evening, the darkness of which was relieved only by a few struggling stars, Augustus Fitz Clarence Boobie, in a bridal suit of the finest of black broadcloth, a vest of snowy whiteness and the other various articles of his toilet in corresponding style-all of which had been obtained "on tick"-Augustus, ecstatic youth, proceeded to the rendezvous under Kate's window and in a low tone gave the preconcerted signal. The window was raised gently, and Kate in a whisper asked him if all was in readiness. Being answered in the affirmative, she as noiselessly closed the casement, and Augustus on tiptee hastened to the back pinzza, at one end of which was a trellis covered with honeysuckles, just behind which a private door led from the ball. Behind this trellis he enseenced himself, trembling with excitement and the bold step he was about taking and all impatience to be beyond

the reach of parsuit. A few moments only elapsed when the door slowly and stiently turned upon its hinges, and a female figure, enveloped in a large cleak and closely vetled. emerged. She said nothing, but silently took his arm and pointed toward the gate at the back of the garden, through which they were to pass. Harrying on, they soon reached the carriage, and Augastus, baving handed his companion in, took his seat beside her and bade the driver hasten on. His directions were oboyed, and they were soon beyond the confines of the village, in which not a light was visible. Augustus' happiness was complete. He had exceeded his most sanguine hopes, and in a delirium of joy he clasped the gloved hand of

his companion and pressed it to his lips. The vetted head soon rested upon his shoulder, and he endeavered to fathom its terpenetralatity and "look love to eyes" which he fancied would "speak again," but the darkness resisted all his attempts. He could see nothing but a lighter shads where the sky was visible through the ceach window. But it was well enough to feel that Kate was beside kim, and from her he would not part-

and over plains. Hill and dale were swiftly passed and just as the old church clock was striking 2 they entered the village of G--, The driver had slack-ened his speed a little, that no suspicion might be excited in the village, and drove quietly up to the hotel. The carriage door was opened simultaneously with that of the hotel, and the landlord came out to welcome them. He had been previously apprised of Augustus' wishes and led them to a private parlor, where a cheerful fire was blazing upon the hearth. The minister who was to perform the seremony was also engaged,

and the landlord went at once to summon him. Augustus had intended that they should remain as short a time as possible at G-- and then hasten on to the railway to take the carly morning train for Philadelphia.

The landlord at length returned, accompanied by the clergyman, who, being duly introduced to the parties, commenced a exhortation upon the duties of the state matrimonial. Augustus listened impatiently, and perceiving that there was no immediate prospect of a conclusion reminded the good man that ingly commenced a prayer by way of preliminary, which threatened to be of equalty long duration, and Augustus inwardly muttered anathemas upon the devoted man's bead,

At length, however, he drew to a close after taking a census of the world in general and praying "for all sorts and conditions of men" and then requested the candidates for matrimony to make ready for the ceremony. The lady had thus far kept her veil closely drawn over her features, but at the request of the clergyman made preparation to remove it.

The landlord was to be a witness to the ceremony and had taken his seat by the side of the minister. While waiting for his companion to divest herself of bonnet and voil Augustus fell into a reverie and was lost in a brown study. from which he was suddenly aroused by a burst of laughter from the jolly landlord. What could be the matter? He glanced at his dress inquiringly to see if there was anything there to excite these demonstrations of mirth; but, no,

there was not a spot or blemish. What, then, could it mean? Another and another peal of merriment caused him to look around, and—oh, shade of Uncle Tom-what think you, gentle reader, met his astonished vision? There stood his "compagnon du voyage." the one whose hand he had pressed to his lips and into whose ears he had breathed such yows of endless love and unchanging fidelity-but, oh, how changed! She to whom in five minutes more he was to have been united for life was metamorphosed into a young negro boy, whose height and figure were the counterpart of Kate's! He was enveloped still in the cloak, but had removed the bonnet and veil and stood shaking his sides and grinning as only a darky can grin, while Augustus stood completely bewildered and horror stricken.

"Waal, wat's the matter, massa?" quoth Sambo. "I spees you radder not be jined in de bon's ob mattermony now, eh? I golly, I nebber hab a feller kiss me afore. Waal, I guess Massa Lincoln know he cards, and Missy Kate she am up to snuff too."

Like a flash of lightning, it occurred to Augustus that he had been victimized. He raved and swore, and it was with difficulty that the parson and landlord could quiet him. At length his passion cooled down, and he paid his bill-the only one he ever was known to be guilty of discharging-and left the house.

The supposed Kate returned in the carriage the next morning to M-highly elated with the exploit. The real and "the new weed" into Europe. Kate and her father laughed heartily at the success of their plot and telt that well. they had relieved the village of a most dangerous character. All the village was agog before noon with a thousand but all praised Kate's ingenuity and rejoiced at the benefit she had conferred

upon the community at large. Then did the creditors of Augustus hunt up their accounts and cry "Sold, Then was the sheriff consulted, but he only gravely shook his head and said all was in vain, for our hero was beyond the bounds of his jurisdiction, the grapes first. Then did he who rented him the office repair thither to obtain collateral secur-

ity for past quarters still unpaid. Vain search! He found a broken, wornout trunk containing three soiled collars, a pair of false mustaches, an antiquated sheebrush, a well thumbed pack of cards and a dilapidated bootjack. All other articles had vanished no one knew whither.

Our hero has never reappeared upon the stage of M-. Still he is not forgotten, and Kate has many a laugh over her midnight elopement with Augustus Fitz Clarence Boobie,

THE END.

Recording a Claim.

A former resident of California tells many appusing incidents of the people of the mining district in which he lived for some years. When a person discovers a mineral vein, it is the duty of the mining district recorder, at request, to proceed upon the spot and record a notice of the claim. The recorder of one | cd by some writers to make up the number. of the mining districts, having to absent himself for a short time, left, as be thought, a corepetent deputy in his stead, charging him particularly in recording any "claim" to mention its distance from some other object for fature reference and identification. On his return he found that the deputy had recorded only one claim during his absence, and that was graphically deserfied as "located about 300 yards north of an old, broken wheelbarrow." -Youth's Companion.

The Difference. "Did you see that young Takeasy had

scepted a position?" "No, I didn't see it, but I heard some one say that he had finally got a job."-



No. 115. Beheadments. Behead what is advanced in support of a ause and leave a meadow.

Behead obliquely and leave distorted. Behead beginning to exist and leave an Behend a tract of land and leave a ridge

or raised streak

North America.

Behead froth of malt liquors and leave from or toward the sun. My whole is a plant native of cultivated fields and gardens throughout Europe and

No. 116 .- Hidden Trees.

Today I must be as busy as a bee, churning, washing, and if I really feel like it the meat for pies ought to be minced. A really good mince pie should be made several days before it is caten. I will have to keep them locked up, or Tom will eat them before Thanksgiving. I must give them a plenty of piemento, a kind of spice that every one likes. Those that Ethel made were a great success. Pru certified to that by enting his time was limited and desired him to two large pieces, and because Mr. Tabir proceed at once to business. He accord- charged to tell of it Pru was very anary and no doubt will owe Mr. Tabir a grudge for many a day. They say popcorn is cheap in Eaton store. We shall want to pop large quantities of it for the children. We will let Tom do the popping as penance for run-ning away when we needed his help before.

No. 117, - Double Triangle.

1. A letter. 2. A pronoun. 3. A pronoun, objective case of she. 4. A plant with a succulent stalk, 5. Collection of dried plants. 6. Quiet, peace. 7. A suffix meaning state or quality of being. 8. Latin word mean-ing in order that. 9. A letter.

No. 118. - A Little Boy's Speech. Fill the blanks with words that rhyme

properly, and you will have a nice little speech for a little boy: They thought I couldn't make a —, I'm such a little —!

I'll show them whether I can ---A thing or two, or —. Don't be afraid to fight the — Or stand up for the And when you've nothing else to -

No. 119. A Picture Puzzle.



The initials of these objects, when placed in their proper order, will give the name of a well known animal.

No. 120. Progressive Enigma. 00000000000 1, 2, a word in frequent use.

3, 4, an exclamation. 1, 2, 3, 4, a patriarch. 5, 6, 7, the work of an insect. 5, 6, 7, 8, "textile fabries."

8, 9, 10, 11, a suffix. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, a well known

No. 121. Historie Characters The promoter of "Clinton's Big Ditch." 2. He who introduced "the new root" 3. He who sank the first successful oil

4. "The Little Giant." 5. The outcome of whose famous western journey secured Oregon to us. 6. The Virginia general whose motto and one different versions of the story, was, "Do your duty, and leave the rest to

The Grape Trick.

The grape trick is a good one. Put three grapes upon each of two plates, and give them and a fork to two people sitting on opposite sides of the table. They are to look into each other's eyes, without moving, and see which one will be able to car

The Easiest Way to Draw.

Stories are told of great artists who could draw on their thumb nails. Nothing remarkable about that. We know a number of very ordinary people who can draw on their imagination.

Key to the Puzzler. No. 107,-Blank Rhymes:

There is a stretch of silver sky, That nightly in the west doth lie Like some untroubled, radiant sea, Upon whose bosom constantly The finted cloud waves rise and fall. Obedient to the west wind's call.

Across this ocean, sunset lit. A tiny craft doth lightly flit, mitaid by rock or reef or bar, And piloted by one pale star It allps the rosy ripples through, Light freighted with a fairy crew. No. 108.—The Etruscan Nine:

"Lars Persena of Clusium, By the nine gods he swore. -Maraulay's "Lays of Ancient-Rome." The gods of the Etruscans were Juno, Minerva, Tinia, Vulcan, Mars, Summanus and Vedius. Saturn and Hercules are add-No. 100.-Crossword Enigma: Spring-

No. 110.-Rhombolds: HOTOR RIDER SAVES DECAY PASIC LHGAL HULLES DESI No. 111.-Proverb Making: "Strike while

No. 112 - Double Acrostic: Primals, Emerson; fluxis, Concord, Crosswords; L. Ethic, 2 Motto, 3 Exten. 4 Belic, 5 Sambo, 6 Otter, 7 Nomad.

No. 113.—Transposition: Attila., No. 114.—A sagrams: 1, Horse, 2, Seal. 3, Deer. 4, Zebra, 5, Dormouse, 6, Ar-madillo, 7, Hare, 8, Martin, 9, Toroise, 10. Poiecat, 11. Panther, 12. Leopard. 13. Weasel. 14. Stoat. 15. Sable. 16. Wolf. 17. Ichneumon. 18. Elephant. 19. Camelopard. 20. Autelope.

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