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CHAPTER XVI

THE MOTHER OF A PRINCE

In such a critical state were the affairs of the black-gowned woman who gazed from the palace windows to the sea. The doctor was with her son. The boy's condition seemed to her no better, but worse than the day before; she was given the official verdict. The door opened and she looked up as a tall man came in.

"Doctor" she stammered and stopped—she feared to ask.

"Your majesty," the old man said gravely, "I grieve to be the bearer of bad news."

"Bad news, doctor?" The words came with a gasp; she felt that she could not face more trouble.

"Yes, your majesty, the fever has increased since yesterday. With his youth and strength we may hope—if he is

and his message they might have remarked that he trembled as he looked at the prince's mother, that his voice shook as he answered the queen's question.

"I have the unhappiness, your majesty, to bring you bad news," he said eagerly at her, but still gazing eagerly at the prince. The Marquis Zappi, my employee, is ill. He was taken suddenly last night, and today is much worse, and there is no chance that he can travel with your majesty tomorrow."

The queen threw out her hands with a gesture of helplessness. "What can we do?" she exclaimed. "Am I to plan and plan and have always an insurmountable obstacle? Can I not save my boy? I might have known that everything seemed too bright this morning."

At length it was time for Prince Louis and the sham marquiss to drop their liveries and travel as the sons of the English woman for whom their passport was made out. The clothes, which Beaupre was to wear, had belonged to the young man dead at Forti-

"You have fooled us, you young game-cock, have you? But wait. Do you know what we will do to you, you bantam of a Frenchman? Do you

CHAPTER XVIII

AFTER FIVE YEARS

arts and crafts, domestic science, and the introduction of programs of music and different phases of entertainment, and ere long the original chautauqua became a city of streets, business blocks, schools and churches, its area comprising about 300 acres and its activities annually witnessed by 50,000 people.

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