THE MISER'S DAUGHTER

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CHAPTER X .- (Continued.) are my own af-fairs, to sa-see after. of the window. I have n-n-never accepted a bill. What "You have go that you can b-b-buy them—"
"Yes," assented the president; "you

per cent. Do you understand?" Grandet held his hand to his ear and

the president repeated his remark.

But it s-s seems there are t-t-two to all this," replied the vine grow-"At my age, I know n-n-n-nothing stop here to blook after the g-g-grapes, family—the ruin of the firm of Guilthe vines d-d-don't stand still, and the g-grapes have to p-pay for everything we have come to express our sympathy Then I have a great d-d-deal on my with you in this sad calamity." bands at Froidfond that I can't p-p-pos ne to a see after it. You s-a-ssay that

himself, "so you are making up your duly satisfy their claims."

creditor, and say to him-

"Here just 11-listen to me a moment." er, he has a r-r-regard for his n-nephew; well. Don't drive the thing into b-b-bors, and ap-p-point 1-1-liquidators. Then -s-ee what Grandet will do. You will do a great d-deal b-b-better for yourby I-I-letting the I-I-lawyers poke their noses into it.' That is how it is, eh?"

"Quite so!" said the president. Because, look here, Monsieur de Bon- this is sublime!" fons, you must I-l-look before you I-l-leep. And you can't d-do more than you can. A big af-f-fair like this wants I-I-looking into, or you may ru ru-ruin yourself.

"Certainly," said the president. "I myself am of the opinion that in a few man of business to deal with it. There for a fixed sum and pay by installments. a bit of bacon. When a man has not must go to Paris on business of my own een declared bankrupt, as soon as the and I could undertakebills are in your hands, you will be as white as snow."

"As s-s-s-snow?" said Grandet, holdng is hand to his ear.

I don't underst-t-tand." the president. commodity subject to fluctuations in value. This is a deduction from Jeremy Bentham's theory of interest. He was a publicist who showed conclusively that

lenders were irrational." Bless me!" put in Grandet. "And seeing that, according to Bentham, money itself is a commodity, and odity called a bill of exchange is subject to the same laws of supply and demand that control production of all a bill of exchange bearing this or that signature, like this or that article of commerce, is scarce or plentiful in the market, commands a high premiam or is worth nothing at all. Where fore, I am of the opinion that you could easily buy up your brother's debts for twenty-five per cent of their value, and in law, if you hold all the outstanding bills of the firm of Grandet, your broth- I shall have to buy several thousand er, his heirs and assigns, would owe no livres' worth of consols for you?"

" stuttered the cooper, "b-b-busimess is business. So that is s-s-settled. But, for all that, you understand that it is a d-d-difficult matter. I have not the m-m-money, nor have I the t-t-time, nor

"Yes, yes; you cannot be at the tron-Well, now, I will go to Paris for poor nephew's sake." you if you like; you must stand the exense of the journey, that is a mere I will see the creditors, and talk to them, and put them off; it can all be arranged, you will be prepared to add sething to the amount realized by the liquidation so as to get the bills into your hands."

We shall k-see about that: I cannot d will not under-t-take anything un-You can't d-d-do more than

you can, you know." Quite so, quite so." "And I am quite bewildered with all here head-splitting ideas that you have prung upon me. Th-this is the f-f-first

th-th-think about such things. I am a p-p poor vine grower, and I know n-n-nothing about what you have just t-t-told me; I m-m-must th-think it all out."

CHAPTER XI.

mock at the door announced the
l of the des Grassins; their comid exchange of greetings prevented
of senior from finishing a sentence,
was he ill-pleased with this diverGrandet was looking askanes at
bready, and there was that shout
me on the cooper's face which indithat a storm was brewing within.

sebus reflection it seemed to the
me potary that a president of a
of first instance was not exactly

cont to dispatch to Paris, there to

lend himself to a dubious transaction. "Of course my b-b-brother's n-n-name which, however you looked at it, hardly same was Grandet—th-that is certain squared with notions of strict honesty; sure; I d-d-don't deny it—and, anyhow, and not only so, but he had particularly 1-1-1-liquidation would be a very noticed that goodman Grandet had shown g-good thing for my n-n-nephew in every not the slightest inclination to disburse way, and I am very f-f-fond of him. But anything whatever, and he trembled inwe shall see. I know n-n-nothing of stinctly at the thought of his nephew bethose sharpers in P-Paris, and their coming involved in such a business. He t-tricks. And here am I at S-Saumur, took advantage of the entrance of the coming involved in such a business. He you see. There are my vine-cuttings, des Grassins, took his nephew by the my d-d-draining—in sh-sh-short, there arm, and drew him into the embrasure

have n-n-never accepted a bill. What "You have gone quite as far as there a bill? I have t-t-taken many a one. is any need." he said, "that is quite b-b-but I have n-n-never put my n-n enough of such zeal; you are over-reachname to a piece of p-paper. You t-t-take ing yourself in your eagerness to marry em and you can d-d-discount 'em, and the girl. You should not rush into that is all I know. I have heard s-s-say thing open-mouthed; like a crow at a walnut. Leave the steering of the ship to me for a bit, and just shift your sails can buy bills on the market, less so much according to the wind. Now is it a part you ought to play, compromising your dignity as magistrate, in such a-

He broke off suddenly, for he heard M. des Grassins saving to the old cooper. as he held out his hand: "Grandet, we have beard of the dreadabout this s-s-s-sort of thing. I must ful misfortunes which have befallen your

laume Grandet and your brother's death; "There is only one misfortune," the sibly l-l-leave to any one else. I don't notary interrupted at this point, "the underst-t-tand a word of all this; it is a death of the younger M. Grandet; and if p-p-pretty kettle of fish; I can't l-l-leave he had thought to ask his brother for assistance he would not have taken his

to bring about & 1-1-1-liquidation I ought own life. Our old friend here, who is a to be in Paris. Now, you can't be in man of honor to his finger tips, is pret-t-tow p-p-places at once unless you are pared to discharge the debts contracted by the firm of Grandet in Paris. In or "I see what you mean," cried the no-der to spare our friend the worry of ry, "Well, my old friend, you have what is, after all, a piece of lawyer's friends, friends of long standing ready business, my nephew, the president, of-to do a great deal for you." business, my nephew, the president, of-fers to start immediately for Paris, so "Come, now!" said the vine grower to as to arrange with the creditors, and

The three des Grassins were thorough-"And if some one were to go to Paris. ly taken aback by these words: Grandet and find your brother Guillaume's largest appeared to acquiesce in what had been said, for he was pensively stroking his chin. On their way to the house the the cooper struck in. "Say to him--- family had commented very freely upon what? S-s-something like this: 'M. Gran- Grandet's niggardliness, and indeed had det of Saumur th-this, M. Grandet of almost gone so far as to accuse him of Saumur th-th-that. He l-l-loves his broth- fratricide.

"Ah! just what I expected!" cried the Grandet thinks a 1-1-lot of his f-family. banker, looking at his wife. "What was he means to d-do well by them. He has I saying to you only just now as we just as sold his vintage uncommonly came along. Grandet, I said, is a man who will never swerve a hair's breadth bankruptcy, call a meeting of the credit- from the strict course of honor; he will not endure the thought of the slightest spot on his name! Money without honor a disease. Oh! we have a keen sense selves by coming to an arrangement than of honor in the provinces. This is noble -really noble of you, Grandet. I am an old soldier, and I do not mince matters. I say what I think straight out; and

> "Then the a s-sub-sublime costs a great d-d-deal," stuttered the cooper, as the banker shook him warmly by the hand.

"But this, my good Grandet, is simply a matter of business," des Grassins went on, "and requires an experienced months' time you could buy up the debts will have to be acounts kept of sales and outgoing expenses; you ought to have Aha! you can trail a dog a long way with tables of interest at your finger ends. I

"Then we must s-see shout it, and t-t-t-try to arrange between us to provide for anything that m-may t-t-turn up but I d-d-don't want to be d-d-drawn into anything that I would rather not d-d-do." Why, then, just listen to me!" cried continued Grandet, "because you see, M. president. "A bill of exchange is a le President naturally wants me to pay his expenses." The good man did not stammer over these last words.

"Eh?" said Mme. des Grassins. "Why it is a pleasure to stay in Paris! For the prejudices entertained against money my part, I should be glad to go there at

She made a sign to her husband, urg ing him to seize this opportunity of discomfiting their enemies. Then she flung that that which money represents is no a withering glance at the now crestfallen less a commodity." the president went and miserable Cruchots. Grandet seized the banker by the buttonhole and drew

"I should feel far more confidence in you than in the president," he remarked; "and besides that," he added, "there are other fish to fry. I want to make an investment. I have several thousand francs to put into consols, and I don't mean to pay more than eighty for them. Now. runs down at the end of the month. You know all about these things, I expect?" "I should think I did. Well, then,

"Just by the way of beginning. But mum. I want to play at this game with out letting any one know about it. You will buy them for me at the end of the month, and say nothing to the Cruchots: it would only annoy them. Since you are

the same time what are trumps for my "That is an understood thing. I shall travel post to Paris to-morrow," said des Grassins aloud, "and I will come round to take your final instructions at

going to Paris, we might as well see at

-when shall we say?"
"At 5 o'clock before dinner," said the vine grower, rubbing his hands. The two factions for a little while re

mained facing each other. Des Grassins broke the silence again, clapping Grandet on the shoulder, saying: "It is a fine thing to have a good un

cle like-'Yes, yes," returned Grandet, falling into the stammer again, "without m-mak upon me. Th-this is the f-f-first ing any p-p-parade about it; I am a good in my l-life that I have had to uncle; I i-lioved my brother; I will give hink about such things. I am a p-p-proof of it, if-if-if it d-doesn't cost too much."

too much."
"We must go, Grandet," said the bank er. "If I am to set out sooner than in-tended, I shall have to see after some

business at once before I go."
"Right, quite right. I myself, in connection with you know what, must pnection with you know what, must p-p-put on my cons-sudering cap, as P-Pres-ident Cruchot s-says."

"Plague take it! I am no longer M. de Boufons," thought the magistrate moodily, and his face fell; he looked like a judge who is bored by the cause before

other, but to no purpose, as to the good-man's real intentions in this new turn HUMOR OF THE WEEK that matters had tuken.

lating in three houses at once; the whole town talked of nothing but Grandet's devotion to his brother. The saie of his vintage in utter disregard of the agreement made among the vine growers was forgotten; every one fell to praising his scrupulous integrity and to lauding his generosity, a quality which no one had suspected him of possessing. As soon as Grandet had bolted the house door he called to Nanon:

"Don't go to bed." be said, "and don't unchain the dog: there is something to be done, and we must do it together. Cornoiller will be round with the carriage from Froidfond at 11 o'clock. You must sit up for him and let him in quietly; don't let him rap at the door, and tell him not to make a noise.

Having thus delivered himself, Grant went up to his laboratory, and Nanon heard him stirring about, rummaging, going and coming, all with great caution. Clearly he had no wish to waken his wife or daughter, and above all things he desired in no wise to excite any suspicion in the mind of his nephew.

In the middle of the night Eugenie heard a sound like the groun of a dying man; her cousin was always in her thoughts, and for her the dying man was How white and despairing he had looked when he wished her good night; perhaps he had killed himself. She hastily wrapped herself in her capuchine, a sort of long clonk with a hood to it, and determined to go to see for herself. Some rays of bright light streaming through the cracks of the door frightened her at first, perhaps the house was on fire; but she was soon reassured. She could hear Nanon's heavy footsteps outside, and the sound of the old ser vant's voice mingled with the neighing of several horses,

"Can my father be taking Charles away?" she asked herself as she set her door ajar, cautiously for fear the hinges would creak, so that she could watch all that was going on in the corridor.

All at once her eyes met those of her father, and, absent and indifferent as they looked, a cold shudder ran through The cooper and Nanon were coming along carrying something which hung by a chain from a stout cudgel, one end of which rested on the right shoulder of either; the something was a little barrel such as Grandet sometimes amused him-self by making in the bakehouse when he had nothing better to do.

"What a pity it is only full of pence!" replied the cooper. "Look out! or you will knock down the candlestick." The scene was lighted by a single can-

dle set between two balusters. "Cornolller," said Grandet to his game "No, sir. What can there be to feat

get over the ground quickly." 'Is the carriage strongly built?" That's all right, mister. Why, what

three thousand of the like of them." "Well," said Nanon, "I know there's pretty well eighteen hundred weight Atlanta Constitution.

there, that there is!" "Will you hold your tongue, Nanon! You tell my wife that I have gone inte in this advanced age," remarked Mrs. dinner. Hurry up, Cornoiller; we must Suburbs, turning up the lamp. be in Angers before 9 o'clock."

and slept in spite of her bruised shoulder; and no one in the quarter had any spicion of Grandet's journey or of its object. The worthy man was a miracle of circumspection. Nobody ever saw penny lying about in that house full of He had learned that morning from the gossip on the quay that some vessels were being fitted out at Nantes, and that n consequence gold was so scarce there that it was worth double its ordinary value, and speculators were buying it in Angers. The old cooper, by the simple levice of borrowing his tenant's horse, was prepared to sell his gold at Angers, receiving in return an order upon the treasury for the sum destined for the purchase of his consols, and an addition in the shape of the premium paid on his

"My father is going out," said Eugenie to herself. She had heard all that had passed from the head of the stair

(To be continued.) How to Make a Real Omelet. Nothing is more simple to make than an omelet, and few things are more delicious when well made, but for some reason the light, delicate dish which is met with everywhere in France seems to baffle our American cooks. Milk and flour must be avoided, and the omelet must not be cooked until it is hard and dry. Lightness and definess of hand are prerequisites yer field yit, Silas? to secure the best results, but the game is essentially worth the candle, and practice will make perfect Ad omelet must be cooked quickly and in turned it over in yer mind. a large pan. Do not mix flour or milk in it under any circumstances. It may be economical, but it makes it heavy, dominate our politicians?" and thus made has none of the qualities of the omelet in the land of its ghum. "Quite the contrary. I beinvention. Use eggs only, Beat the lieve that every politician should eggs well, yellows and whites together. taking care not to beat them until they are thin and watery. For each ton Star. six eggs heat two tablespoonfuls of butter in a frying-pan. When it is quite hot put in the beaten eggs, with salt and pepper. With a fork bring the cooked part of the eggs from the edge to the center, and when it is thickened take hold of the pan, turn the omelet over on the dish, and serve at once. By turning over the edges while the center is still soft, the omeles will be kept julcy and tender .- Wornan's Home Companion.

An Explanation. "Yes, she asked for a divorce on the ground that her husband beat her." "Beat her?"

"Yes. But the judge made her or isin that she meant he beat her down to breakfast in the morning and gob-bled all the hot cakes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Romans had no hinges; their

of Grandet's magnanimity was set circu- STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

> Odd. Curious and Laughable Phoses of Human Nature Graphically Portrayed by Eminent Word Artists of Our Own Day-A Budget of Fun.

Arthur-You ask if it is the proper ing for a gentleman to carry his n hand baggage.

We think it is quite proper. Arthur. it wouldn't look well for his wife to arry it and if he carried somebody else's hand baggage he might be taken for a porter.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Making Up for It. "They've got a rule in ma's literary dub that bars out gum chewing." 'And what do they do to make up

"They talk just that much more."leveland Plain Dealer.

Kindly Advice.



"Young ladies," said the principal, who was distributing the diplomas, "each of these parchments shows that you have completed the courses in cooking and in elecution with honors. state that the one for elecution should "How heavy it is, sir!" said Nanon in be hung in the kitchen and the other one in the parlor."

> "I am strongly inclined to think that your husband has appendicitis," said the physician.

"That's just like him." answered keeper, "have you your pistols with Mrs. Cumrox. "He always waits till anything has pretty near gone out of for a keg of coppers? Besides, we shall style before he decides to get it."-Washington Star.

The Billville Idea. Office Boy-Man outside, sir, who is the weight of a few paltry barrels like says he ain't had a square meal in

Editor-What paper does he edit?-

Geographical Changes.

"If you were a mapmaker," replied The carriage started. Nanon bolted the Mr. Suburbs, glancing up from the gateway, let the dog loose and lay down new atlas on his knees, "you probably would,"-Cincinnati Times-Star

> His Experience. "Pa," said Wille, thoughtfully, "I think I know now what the minister meant when he said: 'It is more

blessed to give than to receive." "Yes? What was it?" "Castor oil."-Philadelphia Press.

Dreamed It.

Hiram Corntassie-Hev ye plowed Silas Hayrick-No, but I was think-

in' 'bout doin' it. Hiram Corntassie-I see; ye jes'

"Do you think that dollars should

"Not at all," answered Senator Sormake it his business to dominate as many dollars as possible."-Washing-

Hopeless Case. Pennibs-I am troubled with insomnia, doctor. What would you recommend?

Doctor-Do something to tire you. Pennibs-Impossible, doctor, I can't afford a vacation this year.

In 1950. Friend-Did you find the region you explored civilized? Traveler-Very. Thirty per cent of

the population can neither read nor write and 10 per cent do not own automobiles. The Other Kind. married. Higgins-Some folks say that woolen underwear is the only healthful kind and others say the same about

linen. How is a fellow to know which kind is the better? Wiggins-Nothing easier. The kind you didn't buy is the kind you ought to have got.-Boston Transcript.

Those Mine Blunders. It was at St. Petersburg.

"Your excellency," ventured the prime minister, "we must raise another fund to build warships."

The Czar smiled a wan smile "All right," he responded, "and I suppose it will be a sinking fund."

Friendly Boost. Helen-Tom Huggins asked me last night if I didn't think you would make

some man a good wife. Mabel-And what did you say? Helen-Oh, I merely said I thought you'd be glad of a chance to test your ability to make good.

Getting at the Facts. Miles-The duel has had its day. Glies On the contrary, my dear fellow, it never had a day. Miles-It didn't, eh? Giles-No; two seconds was its limit

Time Works Wonders. Sentimental Sue-Only last season Mand declared she wouldn't marry a eggs and a little milk. The mixture

man unless he was a hero. Tantalizing Tess-Yes, but she has off the spoon. Bake in a deep tin for outgrown that sentiment. She's look-two hours. Cut into squares. This ing for an old fool with money this ginger-bread will keep for weeks in a season.

As Indicated. He-I wonder if the report is true that old Gotrox bought his daughter a

husband? She-I don't know. But the poor fellow looks as if he had been sold.

Now They Don't Speak. Plainun, with decided emphasis. "Oh, I don't know," rejoined Miss and a very little sugar. Let the soup Dimples. "Some men are awfully simmer for two hours, then pass all reckless.

Very Shocking. Rodrick-This paper says that some things at St. Louis are so large they really appai the visitor. Van Albert-H'm! they must mean

Fine Finish. Gunner-But Russia has some fine warships in the far east. They are armored.

Guyer-Well, it won't be long before they are Japanned. No Unc. "No, sir. I never should ask a wom

in with brains to marry me." "Well, really, I don't believe it would be worth your while "-Cleve land Plain Dealer.



Sergeant-Judge, I strongly suspect the prisoner to be a man dressed in the flour, and pour this siquid into it, woman's clothes. Judge Knox-Why?

Sergeant-She refuses to talk Well Up. "Is he well up in his business?" "Most of the time. He's a lineman." to half an hour.

-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

me he was wholly unselfish. Bertha-Oh, nobody could ever have any doubt about that.—Boston Tran-sour milk in which a teaspoonful of

All Heart.

in so many words she said substan- about the same amount of graham tially the same thing. She told Daisy meal or enough to stiffen. Brown you were all heart.-Boston

Hard Pressed. hard times, ain't dey?

Hungry Hawkes-Dat's w'at der are, Ragsie, old man. So many people is offerin' me work when I asks for grub dat I'm runnin' out of excuses.-Philadelphia Press.

As Others Sec Us. money, has he not? Diggs-He ought to have. I never and choux a la creme. knew him to pay any out.

Delays Are Dangerous. Tom-But isn't your love for Miss Plainum rather sudden? Jack-I suppose so. But, you see, her rich aunt died suddenly.

Merely a Suggestion. "My salary," said the youth with the nosy neckwear, who invariably goes When making a pudding don't forget broke shortly after payday, "seems to to make a plait in the cloth at the top

"You should request the bess hand it to you in cold cash," suggested the fair boarder who manipulates the typewriter keys between meals.

Between Friends. Miss Golding-Do you think it is my smell. money that attracts bim?

Miss Prettymald-Shouldn't wonder He told a friend of mine that he had be lightened if before breaking the about made up his mind to marry you. eggs into the basin the latter is rinsed

Natural Deduction. She-They say Mrs. Peck is a hypnotist. Do you suppose it is true? He Shouldn't wonder, She has neither wealth nor beauty, yet she got When the white of an egg is used

Unlike a Woman Husband-My dear, your new walst doesn't fit in the back at all.

Wife-Oh, that doesn't matter. People in front of me will not be able to be made unable again. Whiten of eggs see it and I don't care what folks say must be kept covered if not used at



Thick Gingerbread.

Mix three quarters of a pound flour three-quarters of an ounce ground ginger, half ounce carbonate of sods, we ounces of shredded candled peel together; put two ounces butter and two ounces dripping into a saucepan to melt; add four ounces of brown sugar and half pound golden syrup, and allow sugar to dissolve over a gentle heat. Make a hole in the middle of the flour, and pour in sugar, butter and syrup. When it is partly mixed and slightly cooled, add two should be just moist enough to run covered tin.

Egg Soup.

Wash and scrape two small carrots, a turnip, two sticks of celery, and an mion. Slice these vegetables very thin and fry in a tablespoonful of butter until of a yellow color. Take up the regetables into a strainer, put them "No man could kiss me," said Miss in a stewpan, with three pints of water, seasoning of pepper and sait, through a hair sieve. Return the soup to the fire, and thicken it with potato flour made into a smooth paste with sold milk. Meanwhile, poach an egg for each person, lay these in a tureen. add a gill of cream to the soup, and pour it over the eggs. Scatter chopped yolk of eggs over the soup and SETTE.

Baking-Powder Economy.

The best baking powder I use is home-made. Here is my recipe: Two and one-quarter pounds of cream tartar, one pound of baking soda, one and one-quarter pounds of flour. Sift six or eight times thoroughly and keep in tin boxes. This makes four and one-half pounds of the baking-powder, and costs about half as much as that we buy. I buy the cream-tartar and sods at a drug store, as they are then sure to be pure, and the strength of the baking-powder depends so much upon the purity of the ingredients. Try this recipe, and you will be pleased with the result.-Exchange

Yorkshire Teacakes.

Put three pounds and a balf of flour into a basin, and, after adding a little sait, rub into it half a pound of lard. Dissolve two ounces and a half of yeast in a little slightly warm water, and add to it one pint of milk, also slightly warm, and three ounces of sugar. Make a hole in the center of letting it stand for a quarter of an hour, then work it up, and let it stand to rise for two hours. Roll out into cakes, and let them stand on the tins about half an hour, after which bake in a quick oven from twenty minutes

Grabam Corn Gems. Good graham and corn-meal geme Alice-Yes, I accepted George at are made with sour milk. To make the once. I knew when he proposed to corn-meal gems, mix half a cup of sugar, one egg and one tablespoonful of butter together. Add two cups of soda has been dissolved. Sift two cups of corn meal and one of flour, and Greene-Do you mean to say that stir the other ingredients into it. Bake Miss Felcher said I had no head on in a quick oven. Graham gems are excellent made in the same way, us-Gray-Well, if she didn't say that ing in place of the corn meal and flour

Pate a Chou. Put into a pan half a cupful of milk Ragson Tatters—Dese is mighty when boiling add eight rounding tablespoonfuls of flour; stir briskly for three minutes. Stand the pan on the table and when the paste is cooled to the lukewarm degree, break in an unbeaten egg, mix for two minutes. break in another, beat hard for another two minutes, and repeat with a third Biggs Shortskate has quite a lot of and a fourth egg. The pate a chou is then ready for use, in eclairs, puffs

> Short Suggestions. Making starch with soapy water is the best way to produce a gloss and prevent the iron from sticking.

The best way to mash potatoes is to rub them through a wire sieve; you can then be sure there are no lumps

of your basin, so as to allow the pudding room to swell.

Before using a lamp wick soak it in strong vinegar, then dry it thoroughly, and it will burn both brightly and without any unpleasant smoke or

The beating of eggs to a froth is sometimes tiring work. The labor will with cold water. Add to the eggs a pinch of sait and while beating them stand in a good current of air and they will soon froth.

the yolk is often left to barden and is then thrown out. A teaspoonful of cold water poured into the eggshell will keep it soft. If hardened, beat in a little milk, and the yolk may