

ADALINE.

BY EDWARD FOLLOWS. There were two towers long ago— Ah, well-a-day! Of spirits warm, but chaste as snow—

ROMANCE OF HISTORY.

Napoleon and Blucher. The Emperor's Liaison with a celebrated Fortune-Teller— Her Remarkable Prophecy— Blucher's Capture at Lubeck— Napoleon's Letter to Marshal Victor.

On the 14th of December, 1804, a small, stout man, in a long gray overcoat, ascended the doorsteps of a large marble building on the Rue des Jardins, in Paris.

On the door was a golden plate bearing the following inscription: "LOUISE LENOIRMAND." The man rang the bell, and a tall, slender brunette opened the door to him.

At that time, had been only too glad to receive his homage. He left her with the name of Blucher firmly impressed upon his mind.

The Emperor of the French had artfully managed to cause the foolish King Frederick William III, of Prussia, and his equally foolish advisers, to declare war against him.

Everybody knows the disastrous consequences of this rash act of folly. The terrible battles of Jena and Austerlitz were fought. Almost in a single day the Prussian army was routed, and the humiliating defeat at Rossbach was more than avenged.

Only Blucher's division, which had performed prodigies of valor in the great battle, made an orderly retreat in a northwesterly direction.

Four days after Marshal Victor received from the Emperor Napoleon the following laconic letter: "Cause Blucher to make an attempt to escape. Then have him court-martialed and shot."

Gen. Blucher, who was then already sixty-four years old, was smoking his pipe gloomily in his cell. Suddenly a handsome young woman stepped in.

"Fair lady," he said in his most courteous manner, "what brings you to this dismal place?" She answered him in French, telling him that she was the daughter of Massillon, the celebrated French pulpit orator of Berlin, and that she had risked her life in order to free him from captivity.

"I am ready," he replied. "But how am I to get out of this infernal hole?" "I will be here again at setting in of dusk," he said. "I have procured keys for every cell here, and a French uniform for you."

"A French uniform!" he exclaimed, in dismay. "I shall not don a French uniform. Never! never!" "But, General, it is not better for you to do that than languish here any more?" she asked, fondling his gray mustache.

USEFUL RECIPES.

SHAM CHAMPAGNE.—A good temperance drink is made as follows: Tartaric acid, one ounce; one good sized lemon; ginger root, half an ounce; white sugar, one and a half pounds; water, two and a half gallons; brewer's yeast, four ounces, since the lemon, bruise the ginger and mix all except the yeast.

GREEN PICKLES.—Mrs. B. Princeton, Ill., sends the Inter-Ocean the following: Gather the pickles when three or four inches long; wash and pack them in a jar; then take strong vinegar and heat it boiling hot, and pour over them; heat the same vinegar every day for ten days, carefully taking off the scum, and pour it over the pickles. The ninth and tenth days put layers of young grape leaves among the pickles before putting on the hot vinegar.

SPICED APPLES.—E. E. B. C. Wilson, Iowa, writes: In reply to Mrs. J. W. B. of Sycamore, Ill., requesting a "recipe" for "spiced apples," I send the following: Take apples not very tender, 7 pounds, peeled, halved, and cored; 3 pounds sugar, one pint vinegar, 1 oz cloves, 2 oz cinnamon, (neither pulverized). Put the sugar, vinegar, and spices together, and let them come to a boil. Drop in a few apples and let them cook until they are just soft through, when they are to be taken out and dropped into a jar.

SALTING AND FRESHENING CUCUMBERS.—Mrs. N. Moline, Ill., writes: In reply to questions in last week's Inter-Ocean in regard to salting and freshening cucumbers. Take an earthenware jar to suit requirements; in the bottom place a layer of fresh grape leaves, a layer of cucumbers of the same regular size; cover the same with salt, and so continue in regular layers to the top; then place a cotton cloth over them and a board the size of the jar; on the top place a stone heavy enough to keep the cucumbers down, and "make their own brine," take the cloth off once a week and wash in cold water.

Industrial. THOMAS D. ORRIN, Solicitor of Patents of the IOWA PATENT OFFICE at Des Moines, reports the following: E. C. Francis, Toledo, Western Inventor.

AT OREST 15, 1876. Churns.—Ruben K. Purkhardt, Okaloosa, Iowa. The dasher is rotated by means of a friction-wheel, attached thereto, and another friction-wheel feathered on its shaft, pressure being given by a spring wound on the shaft of the second wheel. The spring acts against an adjustable upright standard to allow an increase or decrease of pressure.

Car Couplings.—Emanuel Zorger, Topeka, Kansas. Manufacturing Harrow-Tooth Blanks. Gerrit Donaldson, Pleasant Valley, Ia. Railroad Gates.—M. Fulcomer, Albion, Iowa.

Privy Seats.—Peter D. Howard and Matt. Allard, La Porte, Iowa. Pliers.—W. P. Hunton, Stuart, Iowa. Watch hands, etc., are held in the horizontal orifices, and their holes shaped by tools passing through the vertical openings.

Italy, which created two fashionable colors—to wit, the Magenta and Soiferino, has developed a third this season, but modestly yields to the Herzegovina the distinction of giving it a name. Need we say that Herzegovina is a rich, in fact, a rebellious blood-tinge.

Dr. F. L. Pond.

Calling at the cancer hospital on Thursday, we found work upon the new addition, which is to more than duplicate the present structure, being pushed forward very rapidly, and the building, in its many cases, affable and polite, as of yore. The foundation walls will be completed this week, while bricklayers, carpenters, and the other mechanics are all in readiness to push their portions of the work with all possible energy.

My Wife, Mrs. Samuel F. Summers, has been confined of the right breast for fifteen months. Dr. Ludwig & Son, old and skillful physicians, were called in and attended her for several months. Her breast had grown to an enormous size, and had become so very much decayed that it could be introduced into it at least four inches, and so very offensive that it was really intolerable to be in the house with the sufferer.

For several months, I have been suffering from cancer affecting the nose and eye, and in 1871 was treated by Dr. Garrettsou, Professor of Clinics in the Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, and the treatment was successful, without beneficial results; then for six weeks at the Wells Eye Hospital, I was treated unsuccessfully by Dr. Morton, surgeon of the Pennsylvania Hospital; afterward for three months under the treatment of Dr. H. H. H. of the same hospital, with no better results.

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