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(Continued from last week.)

"Art mad?" he at last exclaimed; "thou mightest as well at once ask for and almost inspiring in it; it lent at here, is it not?" my hand. If thou hadst seen the least the feeble aid of human emotions emperor's face when he issued his to the more powerful austainment of orders, thou wouldst have known he grace. The very shout of an insulting

reported as dead." "And if he finally recover?"

care to keep him out of the way." twelve. "

twenty-fifth hour, for what I care." "It is impossible, Jubala, impossible;

he is too important a person.' to our bargain. The money is given pearance of a piece of cruelty, about recollection of the fire which she only on this condition. Six hundred to be acted in a gloomy forest by had kindled that morning in old pounds thrown away!" And she turn. banditti, than open and glorious con-

'Stay, stay,''said Hyphax eagerly, the demon of covetousness coming tyrdom. uppermost. 'Let us see. Why, my in bribes and feasting."

in reserve for that. '

that will be too much for my scound- suffering endured for His sake! rels. We will give them half, and settlements, shan't we?"

thing is done according to my pro of applause accompanied each hit, so

we will have a glorious wedding."

by the wall of the court. Fatigued siber earnest-each sharp pang, the

that needs no preparation. The soldier | the gate. who suddenly declares himself a It was indeed a dreary death; yet

Hyphax opened his door and saw him | mark the spot where he fell. he could have crept across the court

and worshipped him on his face. Sebastian awoke as from a trance; and the chink of sesterces sounded in the mental ears of Hyphax; so he set scientifically about earning them. He picked out of his troop of a hundred, five markemen, who could split a flying arrow with a fleeter one, called them into his room, told them their reward, concealing his own share, and arranged how the execution was to be managed. As to the body, Christians had already secretly offered a large additional sum for its delivery, and two slaves were to wait outside to receive it. Among his own followers he could fully depend on secrecy.

which separated the quarters of these seized by the arm. African archers from his own dwelling. consecrated to Adonis. He walked cheerfully in the midst of his executioners, followed by the whole band, who were alone allowed to be spectators, as they would have been of an ordinary exhibition of good archery.

The natural play in through the shadows crept in through the shadows, and mingled with the red glow which the fire-light diffused throughout the room, and together they formed a phantasmagoria, it was more from the feeling is if the document has not been of an ordinary exhibition of good archery. It was planted with rows of trees, and captor bitterly, "I should not have ordinary exhibition of good archery.

The officer was stripped and bound to a tree, while the chosen five took their stand opposite, cool and collected. It was at best a desolate sort of death. Not a friend, not a sympathiser near; not one tellow Christian to bear his farewell to the faithful, or to record for them his last accents, and the constancy of his end. To stand in the middle of the crowded amphitheatre, with a hundred thousand witnesses of Christian constancy, to see the encouraging looks of many and hear the whispered blessings of a few loving acquaintances, had something cheering will have no trifling with him here." multitude put a strain upon natural 'Pshaw! pshaw! man; of course the courage, as the hunter's cry only nerves prisoner will appear dead, and will be the stag at bay. But this dead and silent scene, at dawn of day, shut up "His fellow-Christians will take most unfeeling indifference tied up, re to keep him out of the way." like a truss of hay, or a stuffed figure, "Didst thou say twenty four hours to be coolly aimed at, according to the alive? I wish thou hadst made it tyrant's orders; this being alone in the midst of a horde of swarthy savages, "Well, but I know that thou canst whose very language was strange, uncalculate close. Let him die in the couth, and unintelligible; but who were no doubt uttering their rude jokes, and laughing, as men do before a "Very well, then; there is an end ing to enjoy; all this had more the apfession of Christ's name; it looked and felt more like assamination than mar-

But Sebastian cared not for all this. fellows will consume half the money Angels looked over the wall upon him and the rising sun, which dazzled his soon?" said Helen. "Well, I have two hundred more eyes but made him a clearer mark for his bowmen, shone not more brightly down town; and I beg, Helen, "Sayest thou so, my princess, my on him than did the countenence of that you will speak more respectsorceress, my charming demon? But the only Witness he cared to have of fully of him," said May.

The first Moor drew his bowstring add the other half-to our marriage to his ear, and an arrow trembled in the flesh of Sebastian. Each chosen 'As it pleases thee, provided the marksman followed in turn; and shoute cleverly approaching, yet avoiding, ac beef, bread and butter, and a pie, remained to nurse me, and keep "It is a bargain, then. He shall cording to the imperial order, every left from yesterday." live twenty-four hours; and after that, vital part. And so the game went on; Sebastian in the meantime was un- jeering and enjoying it, without a famishing." conscious of these amiable negotiations particle of feeling for the now drooping for his safety; for, like Peter between frame, painted with blood; all in sport, two guards, he was slumbering soundly except the martyr, to whom all was with his day's work, he had enjoyed enduring smart, the exhaustion, the the rare advantage of retiring early weariness, the knotty bonds, the con to rest; and the marble pavement was strained attitude! Oh! but earnest a good enough soldier's bed. But too was the steadfast heart, the untirafter a few hours' repose, he awoke ing spirit, the unwavering faith, the half angry with the selfish one, as refreshed; and now that all was hush- unruffled patience, the unsated love of she handed her the table-cloth, ed, he silently arose, and with out- suffering for his Lord. Earnest was which was put on one-sided, while stretched arms, gave himself up to the prayer, earnest the gaze of the eye the bread was cut in chunks. on heaven, earnest the listening of the When May came in from the pan-The martyr's prayer is not a pre- ear for the welcoming strain of the paration for death; for his is a death heavenly porters, as they should open

Christian, bends down his head, and this was not the worst. After all, mingles his blood with that of the death came not; the golden gates reconfessor, whom he had come to exe- mained unbarred; the martyr in heart, bread. ute; or the friend of unknown name, still reserved for greater glory even who salutes the martyr going to upon earth, found himself, not sudden- May, binding it up. "Helen, I death, is seized, and made to bear him ly translated from death to life, but really feel very sorry for you. willing company, is as prepared for sunk into unconsciousness in the lap You will have so many disheartmartyrdom, as he who has passed of angels. His tormenters saw when months in prison engaged in prayer. they had reached their intended It is not a cry, therefore, for the for- measure; they cut the cords that bound giveness of past sin; for there is a con- him; and Sebastian fell exhausted, and sciousness of that perfect love, which to all appearance dead, upon the carsendeth out fear, an inward assurance pet of blood which he had spread for of that highest grace, which is in com- | himself on the pavement. Did he lie, | like noble warrior, as he now appears His countenance was glowing as in marble under his altar, in his own with the very reflection of the vision, dear church? We at least cannot her polite reply. and the morning dawn just brightening | imagine him as more beautiful. And (oh, what a dawn that is!), caught his not only that church do we love, but face as he stood up, with his arms in that ancient chapel which stands in a cross, opposite the east; so that when the midst of the ruined Palatine, to

CHAPTER XXVI:

THE REVIVAL

Night was far advanced, when the black slave, having completed her marriage settlement, quite to her own more than once, with sad forebodsatisfaction, was returning to her mis ings of her encounter with her But it was a lovely night, and the moon seemed to be stroking, with a silvery hand, the downy robe of the fountain. She paused heridair. fountain. She paused beside it; and, after a silence of some moments broke out into a loud laugh, as if some ridic. she was carrying on with Mrs. ulous recollection connected itself in Tabb. her mind with that beautiful object. Sebastian was conducted into the She was turning round to proceed on neighbouring court of the palace, her way, when she felt herself roughly

"If you had not laughed," said her

CONSCIENCE

Or, The Trials of May Brooke.

AN AMERICAN CATHOLIC STORY

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CHAPTER IV "Why, Helen, it is very cold

"I am nearly frozen." "Why on earth did you not

step into the next room and get coal? There is a hodfull on the hearth." "I am not in the habit of fetch

in the court of a house: this being, with ing soal and building fires," she said, haughtily.

"And supposing that I was, I presume you waited for me," said May, with a feeling of exasperation she could not control. Then laying off her bonnet and wrappings, she went out and brought in the hod, emptied it into the grate, let down the ashes, and put up the blower; and by the time she finished the recollection of the fire which she recollection of the fire which the thought angel she was sufficient for involving four discounts of the fire were founded in 1908.

The fire were the she was the fire were founded in 1908. match or a game, which they were go- the ashes, and put up the blower; Mabel's cottage came like a sweet memory into her heart, and the bitterness passed away.

"When do we dine? I suppose the ogre of the castle will be in

"Oh heavens! what a bill of everybody laughing, and brawling, and fare; but lot us have it, for I am

"Before you get even that, my dear, you must help about a little. Here, spread the cloth, and cut the bread; I will do the rest."

"Spread the cloth, and cut the bread; I don't know how!"

"Learn, "said May, half diverted try, a butler's room as it used to be in the time of the old marquis, Helen was crying over a bleeding finger, which she had cut in her awkward attempts to slice the

"This is a bad business," said ening trials in your new way of life; but keep up a brave heart—I will learn you all that I khow, if you are only willing."

"Thank you, May, that is very nice. I don't care much about learning such low pursuits; but give me something to eat." was

May crossed herself when she sat down, and asked the blessing of God on the food she was to partake of. Helen fell to, without a thought of anything but the cravings of hunger. They conversed cheerfully together; and while Helen ralkied her, cousin on her long absence. May thought, more than once, with sad forebodings of her encounter with her uncle down town that morning. But she determined to keep her haps furiously angry at the traffic

CHAPTER V

silent hour, which the Scotch so enjoying the world, fancied that it beautifully call the "gloaming," was of little importance while I was over the earth. Subdued was so young. My poor father which seemed to ebb and flow like which makes a seldier swear by ally distributed associated

a noiseless tide. And with the his flag, than my higher motive. shadows, memories of the past This has been my religious train. floated in, and knocked with their ing but my dear, indulgent father spirit-hands softly and gently a- is dead-gone forever, and I am gainst the portals of those two here—here—Oh, May!"and Helen hearts which life's tempest had went on May's shoulders thrown together. Helen wept.

"Do you remember your mother dear Helen?" asked May, while she WASHINGTON LETTER folded her hand in her own.

"Ao and yes. If it is a memory it is so indistinct that it seems like this hour does a vision come to took place in 1898, and as a cense, my mind of a dark-eyed, soft-voic quence the separation of the State ed woman, holding a kneeling from the Church was involved. It a dream of long ago."

"Angel mothers! Oh, how that there are not many things to be Toke Merkelly, with beautiful the thought angel accomplished bet everything points a pane custoful a

Canton. He never saw me."

house for him. I can never express how much I owe her. She reported a scarcity of teachers which there were on the contrary many was ignorant in worldly know-probably accounts for the lack of opposed Him and refused to yield; With a mother's tenderness, she ed in the next few years. shielded me from spiritual ignor-

"Had you no other instructor? inquired Helen.

you, dear Helen?"

ways so full of official business that eighty of these private roads some of our defects which had very little time to attend which have a mileage of only one to assend our to religion, and all that kind of mile and even less while others go as thing. His official duties engrossed high as sixty miles, "The total length his time entirely. But he always of the plantation railroads is 871 miles impressed it on my mind that it and their value in estimated at would be extremely dishonorable

The Habana Electric Railway by brought during the Holy Cly. not to avow myself a Catholic Company operators milesge of forty, which drams will be some at the land when occasions demanded it; and eight, and give an excellent street car tions! These next Monday Tuesda I believe he would have been pleas- service. They operate 160 closed and Wednesday with Tuesday and ed to see me practise my faith. I motor passenger can and fifteen freight was sent to a convent school in cars. The employees number 1.100. Louisiana when I was ten years of They are principally natives of Cubaage, but was suddenly removed to and their nest appearance and polite ant until I must confess it. I grew | Father Ketcham satatement before interest and was too busy to think of me, on Indian Affairs, United States Senate he always saw me well dressed in the matter of the use of the Indian and in good company, and imagin. tribal funds for the maintenance of Carter's lates triumph was ed that all else was going well with The day waned; and that soft, me; while I, proud, flattered, and

[To be continued.]

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child against her bosom, to whom she taught a whispered prayer to the madonna And the child seems me—and the lady, my mother; but it flits away, and then I think it it doubled in 1908. It can now be said that the a dream of long ago." Not that there is no improvement for and is a war will also

"Not at all. She died when I ceiving careful attention in the larger was a little wailing infant. Four months afterwards, my father, who was an officer in the navy, died at their number is rapidly growing.

The parochial action system is recorded to the second at the parabolic state. The parochial action in the larger was an officer in the navy, died at their number is rapidly growing. About 1.000 students attend Catholic "And you have been here ever colleges and modernies at the sauce

while the diocene of Cleveland, Ohio. Our Lord to hear His words and three hundred priests. There is also ledge, and only a poor slave; but in school facilities in some places; but a opposed Him and refused to ried; her simple earnest faith, she knew gradual improvement is seen in this much of the science of the saints. respect, and a better report is anticipat-The health of the island has been

ance and error, and let my soul to materially improved within the last the green pastures of the fold of five years. The more important cases of death during the past year have been tuberculomis, diseases of the circulatory system, bromchitis and pricumonia and malaria. Not a single "Oh yes. Father Fabian. He case of yellow fever has developed instructed me in the divine my during the past year, or the two presteries of our holy faith. He has ceeding years, nor, with single exception, has there been my director ever since I was tion, has there been any smallpox continues to sovie to the end of the single exception.

a little child. But how was it with Malaria, too, has lost the prominent by means of His minimum of His minimum. place formerly occupied among the you, dear Helen?"

"I have lived a great deal with Protestants, May," replied Helen, after a short pause. "My father was a major in the army—the only brother of the old man here. He was a Catholic, but he was all plantation railroad. There are about

secretarian schools, has just been pub- presented at the Baker Pass lished by authority of the Senate first half of next week with any Committee. The appeal of Father gain matiness is concerned. Ketcham to the Senators present, prettiest scenic soco (pages 14 and 15) and the unaccount greatest dramaticefort that able hostility of Senator Teller of emanated from the verse

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To believe in Joses Christ, to "My uncle generally dines down town; and I beg, Helen, that you will speak more respectfully of him," said May.

"And shall we not get nothing until he comes?" acreamed Helen.

"Yes, "said May, laughing at her cousin's consternation. "We can dine now. I have some cold roast beef, bread and butter, and a pie, left from vesterday."

since?"

"Ever since. A faithful servant of my mother's, who had been many years in the family brought, me in my helplessness to my uncle for protection. But he, unused to interruptions, would not have reconstruction. "We can dine now. I have some cold roast beef, bread and butter, and a pie, left from vesterday."

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"Ever since. A faithful servant of the other two diocess only a small in the other two diocess only a small of this wooderful works, in the other two diocess only a small of school facilities. The archdiocess of should construct the manufacture of the other two diocess only a small of school facilities. The archdiocess of should construct the form the American standpoint of the manufacture of the His words and und who had these necessary conditi the many proofs He sontinually many of His mission and His divine mate When therefore He mid, He that he cars to hear let him hear: He me to say He who is faithful to the zi he receives and hears Me with a cere mind and upright heart, wunderstand the meaning of My pa bles and the salutary agnificance. My words.
The seed is the word of God,

teachings of the Gospel, and the so

A striking example of the dra