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Or, The Trials of May Brooke.

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CHAPTER VI.

"No, honey; my mother was a done."

"In this case, I am glad it was not done," said May; "for now, when, after due preparation, you receive holy baptism, your soul will be washed white and stainless as that of a Christian babe. You will have a clean and beautiful banqueting room to receive the Lord Jesus when he comes to you, under the sacramental up through faith and repentance, cage. without a stain, into the presence of our divine Lord!

"Me, Miss May! all that for an old crippled nigger like me?" exclaimed things to pass with old Stillinghast, Aunt Mabel, wiping her eyes.

"Yes, all that, and more—ten thousand times more. But now, Aunt Mabel, you must begin to examine carefully your past life; to remember the sins which have blotted it, and beg of Almighty God the grace of true repentance, sincere, humble repentance, that you may make a good general confession. And here,"continued May, taking off her own medal, and hanging it around Aunt Mabel's neck, "say the little prayer on this a hundred times a day, if you can remember it: 'Oh, | Mary, conceived without sin, pity me, a poor sinner, who have recourse to thee.' It is a medal of our Blessed Lady, who will obtain from her di-

pity me, a poor sinner, who have recourse to thee," repeated the old

you know it perfectly," said May. "I got it in here, honey, fast,"

her heart. "That is right. Now, can I do

any thing for you?"

"No, my misses, only call my grandchild as you go 'long. I let | her go to have a run in the sunshine despatch this morning from New this morning.'

"It will send her to you; and tomorrow I think you will see Father Fabian,"said May, before she closed the door. And she went away, wrapped as with a royal mantle, in the blessings of the poor.

CHAPTER VII

In a small and elegant boudoir, which opened into a conservatory, and was crowded with articles of taste and vertu,-the gleanings of a tour through Europe, -a lady, somegated mosses which stood on it. There was a look of high bred indolence about her, and an expression their plans. Protestants, practical of pride on her countenance so earthing the dark mosses amidst them. until they looked like a rare Flemish painting, the door opened, and a distinguished-looking young gentleman came in-called her mother-kissed her on the cheek, and threw himself with an easy air into a fauteuil.

"You see how busy I am, Walter, just from Paris," said the lady.

"I see,dear mother, that you have the affairs of a nation on your shoulders. I hope, for your health's sake, you have no other momentous concerns to look after this morning," he said, playfully.

had you with old Stillinghast?" "Faith; mother, it is hard to tell. He is a tough personage to deal with. I got in, however, and saw the two nieces."

"Well?" "One of them is extremely beautiful. I shall have no objections to making her Mrs. Jerrold, provided-'

"The old miser makes her his heiress," interrupted Mrs. Jerrold.

"Exactly. The other one is a nice, graceful, little thing, with such a pair of eyes! She has a spirit of her own, too, I fancy."

"I have been thinking over our plan to-day, and it really seems to be a feasible one, Walter, if you can only win Mr. Stillinghaut's confidence, How do they live?"

"I presume they consider it comfortable;—it would be miserable to me. The old man appeared quite Baptist, and they don't baptize babies flattered this morning, when I got and after I growed up, I didn't like him to invest that money for me; 'em, somehow, and so it's never been and shook my hand warmly when I inveighed against the present mania for speculating in fancy stocks,"

"You have tact enough, Walter, if you will only use it properly and prudently. The mortgage on Cedar Hall has nearly expired; I have not a solitary dollar to pay it, and the consequence will be a foreclosure, unless some miracle occurs to redeem it. Your business must not be broken Agnes, making on herself the sign of veil; and, being near the end of your down, by drawing on your capital!" pilgrimage, it is not likely that it said Mrs. Jerrold, pressing the yolk will be again defiled by sin. Oh, of a hard-boiled egg through the how happy is the thought of going gilded wires of her mocking-bird's

"I'll move heaven and earth, mother, before Cedar Hall shall go out of the family. If I can bring I might, on the credit of marrying one of his heiresses raise the money at a ruinous interest. At any rate, Cedar Hall, goes not from the Jerrolds," he exclaimed.

"But, Walter, I understand that

bothof those girls are Catholics?" "That's bad; but I fancy I shall

horror of low families."

"Make yourself easy on that score they are our equals, I imagine. I am very certain that none of them have been hung, or sent to the penitentiary; and I presume there have been more gentlemen in the family, me?" vine Son, for you, all that you may than self-made men, from the simple "Because I saw your violent pre-"Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, been left quite penniless, and depend-us as practisers of the most ridiculous

replied the old woman, pointing to consideration with me,"observed the

"Dear lady mother, I had not the remotest suspicion that it was; but I must be off, he replied, while he con-York, giving me the very pleasant information of a failure in the coffee crop; and I am going to attend a sale at ten o'clock, and expect to purchase my investment will double its value." "You were fortunate, indeed," cheek once more,said "good-by,"and was gone. Neither mother nor son imagined they had been saying or doing any thing contrary to the laws suggested such an idea, he would Christian." what past the prime of life, leaned have felt grossly insulted; and that over an Or-molu table, arranging red spot of pride on her forehead with exquisite touches, a quantity of would have glowed into a flame of splendid flowers in a basket of varie- resentment. They were only keeping a sharp eye on their interests. Thus, at least, they would have defined idea of anything so immediate.

"I shall certainly call you, ma'am, replied the respectable domestic.

> To be continued.] Forty Hours.

The devotion of the "Forty Hours, will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows: March 26 Fairpert; Penn Yan.

FABIOLA

Or The Church of the Catacembe By His Eminence Cardinal Wiseman,

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CHAPTER XXVIII

"I was arrested a few hours ago,

and brought hither," "And is Fulvius fool enough, as cusation against you, which five rather called an aspirant after her minutes will confute? I will go to fortune." absurd charge at once."

"What charge, dearest?"

"Why, that you are a Christian," "And so I am, thank God?" replied the cross.

The announcement did not strike Fabiola like a thunderbolt, nor rouse her, nor stagger her, nor perplex her. Sebastian's death had taken all edge or heaviness from it. She had found that faith existing in what she had considered the type of every manly virtue; she was not surprised to find it in her, whom she had loved as the very model of womanly perfection. The simple grandeur of that child's excellence, her guileless innocence, and unexcepting kindness, she had almost worshipped. It made Fabiola's difficulties less, it brought her problem nearer to a solution, to find two such for himself. For he hates Fulvius. be able to put down all that sort of thing, in case I win the lady," he grown plants, but springing from the palpably reasonable plan, of giving God, and that if He, Christ, could ed it without the alightest heritation. a kind of reverence for the child, who worships the gods—this Fabioand asked her, "How long have you la does, don't she?" been so?"

"All my life, dear Fabiola; I suck-

"And why did you conceal it from

fact, that both of those girls have judices against us; how you abhorred father." ent on their uncle. I believe, however, superstitions, as perpetrators of the that the father of one was a major most odious abominations. I per-

that had I known that you or Sebassulted his watch. "I got a private hated it. I could have loved anything in you."

"You think so now, Fabiola; but you know not the force of universal prejudice, the weight of falsehood daily repeated. How many noble depends upon whether I am accepted largely at the present prices. At one, minds, fine intellects, and loving hearts have they enslaved, and induced to believe us to be all that we are said Mrs. Jerrold. He kissed her not, something even worst than the worst of others!"

"Well, Agnes, it is selfish in me to argue thus with you in your present position. You will of course compel of honor or morality. Had any one Fulvius to prove that you are a

> "Oh no! dear Fabiola; I have already confessed it, and intend to do so again publicly in the morning."

"In the morning!—what, to-morrow?" asked Fabiola, shocked at the

"Yes, to-morrow. To prevent any and nominal, think of the judgment clamour or disturbrnce about me ly, that even the passing stranger as an idea too remote to influence (though I suspect few people will shrunk from it. And while with a the acts of their daily life. They care much), I am to be interrogated fine harmony of colors, she blended have no confessionals for ever re- early, and summary proceedings will minding them of the right principles be taken. Is not that good news, of a true rule of faith ; and no spiritual dear?" asked Agnes eagerly, seizing free and independent as ever." guides, whose duty it is to probe the her cousin's hands. And then putting erring conscience, and heal with di-on one of her ecstatic looks, she ex-makes short work of spirit. Is her we will leave Mrs. Jerrold's recherche coveted, I already see; what I have sure?" bouldoir, and accompany May from hoped for, I hold safe; to Him alone the Cathedral to Father Fabian's I feel already associated in heaven, parlor. She was disappointed at not whom here on earth I have loved and until I am disengaged, look over finding him there, but determined to these new energyings. They are mait as the servent informed her that the servent i wait, as the servant informed her that beautiful, Fabiola, lovelier far than ficing so young a life, and for an inhe had been sent for just as mass was the angels who surround Him! How secure result. over, to carry the Holy Viaticum to sweet His smile! how mild His eye! a laborer who had fallen from a how bland the whole expression of sternly, looking as cold as a grey scaffolding in the next square, and His face! And that sweetest and rock in the morning mist; "no softwas dying from the effect of his most gracious lady, who ever accom- ness, I hope, in this matter. Do you Sexony since 1697. panies Him, our Queen and Mistress, remember what day is to-morrow?" "I will go into the church and who loves Him alone, how winningly "One more, Walter; my goldfinch wait. Will you please to call me doth she beckon me forward to join lends of February." is half-starved, and the mocking-bird when Father Fabian comes in? I her train! I come! I come! They are is really on his dignity, because he have something of importance to say departed, Fabiola; but they return It was on this day that to gain anhas not had egg and lettuce for his to him," said May, while awe and early for me to-morrow; early, mind other's wealth you committed and we part no more."

> and heave, as if a new element were ways remind me of everything I On sale every day to May loth. entering in. She knew not what it most wish to forget?" was, but it seemed something better "Because of this: you wish to for- many points in Minnesots, North and he will be located in than a mere human emotion. She get yourself, and that must not be. I South Dakots and Manatobs on tale bandlong son the had not yet heard the name of must take from you every pretence each Tuesday during March and 348 Main St. Grace. Agnes, however, saw the to be guided by conscience, virtue, or April. For full information write R. better favourable change in her spirit, and even honour. It is folly to affect com- E. Payne, general agent 291 Main St. inwardly thanked God for it. She passion for any one's life, who stands Buffalo. N. V.

begged her cousin to return before in the way of your fortune at dawn to her, for their final farewell. what you did to her? At this same time a consultation was being held at the house of the Perfect, between that worthy func. Five Migute Sermon reader had better listen to it, to learn

t a purport. "Certainly," said the magistrate, "if the old soroeress was right in one thing, she ough to be in the other. I will answer, from experience, how THE ORITIOAL DAY: ITS FIRST PART ANY resistance."

nave made, that among the competiwell as scoundrel, to trump up an ac- been one who could no justly be

"Yourself included, my dear Cor-

"Yes, so far; but not if I succeed in offering her, with myself, the Lady Agnes's great wealth.

"Admirable, father! I never saw the second alternative before. Do you think there is no possibility

securing it except through her?" "None whatever. Fulvius, course, will apply for his share; and the probability is, that the emperor will declare he intends to take it all

"Certainly, father." "I think he will embrace it; while ed the faith, as we say, with my I am sure there is no chance of his making a free gift to me. The proposal from a judge would enrage

"I will have an imperial rescript prepared during the night, ready for Wednesday 29-St. Jonas and Comp. in the army; the other, a captain in ceived how you contemned us as undiately after the execution to the Thursday 80-St. John Climachus. "Say it over and over again, until the navy," said Mr. Jerrold, laughing. intellectual, uneducated, unphilosophi palace, magnify the unpopularity "I am glad to hear it. I assure cal and unreasonable. You would not which is sure to follow it, lay it all you that family is no unimportant hear a word about us; and the only on Fulvius, and show the emperor object of hatred to your generous how his granting the property to the next in the settlement of it, will re-"True, dearest Agnes; yet I think dound greatly to his credit and tian was a Christian, I could not have and rapacious; and one vice must be glory. He is as vain as he is cruel

made to fight another." "Nothing could be better, my dear father: I shall retire to rest with an easy mind. To-morrow will be the ences that shall stimulate the whole the public schools was held critical day of my life. All my future or rejected."

"I only wish," added Tertulius, rising, that I could have seen this peerless lady, and sounded the depths of her philosophy, before your final tered upon his duties at Manile. of her philosophy, before your final bargain was struck,"

Fear not, father; she is worthy of being your daughter-in-law. Yes, to-morrow is indeed the turningpoint of my fortunes."

Even Corvinus can have his critic al day. Why not Fabiola?

While this domestic interview was going on, a conference was taking place between Fulvius and his amiable uncle. The latter, entering late found his nephew sitting sullen and alone in the house, and thus accested him-

"Well, Fulvius, is she secured?" "She is, uncle, as fast as bars and valls can make her; but her spirit is

vine gifts, the repentant soul. But claimed, "Behold, what I have long fate certain? and are its consequences

"Why, if nothing else happens, the first is safe: the second have still to

"Yes, the twelfth before the ca-

"Peace, peace!" interrupted Ful-Fabiola felt her own heart swell vius, in agony. "Why will you al- Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

To be continued.

TO SEE THE PROPERTY PORTS

Jesus Caucaout a Dayll.

From the context of the other of religious interested a Gospels we learn that this unfortune schools of Washington atemas, of to-days Gospel was not given a great in particular only durab but also blind, and that meeting, some weeks ag his condition was not the result of an cutisens and classes and classes, but the work of the devil, discussed the question as powerful is wealth in conquering sickness, but the work of the day "And you will sllow, too, "rejoined by whom he was possessed. St. will be remembered to Corvinus, "from the enumeration we have made, that among the competition overy, says that three miracles were meeting, and that the contract of the co covery says that three miracles were meeting and that they coworked in him. The blind was made liberation and delay to see, the dumb to speak, and the Mothers Congress has taken possessed delivered from the power question, and the W.C. T.U. of the devil.

human race, which, being a victim of part in the personation of a the demon, like the blind man cannot Smoot of Utah, and their cont see its own misery nor the infamy of been marked by exactly the its morals, nor the light of truth, nor brazen misrepresentations that And in a manner, too, methinks, that will more easily gain upon what I hear of her generous and lofty disposition. Giving her that wealth independent of conditions, and then a figure of those sinners who, blinded to Smoot of being an appeal of the last the Congress according to her, will not her its duties, nor God. And like a dumb obtained in the spitation of a offering yourself to her, will put her by their passions, cannot see things Morman Church, when ill the under one of two obligations, either pertaining to God or to their own mony before the Senate cold to accept you as her husband, or souls; and, being mute in matters of showed exactly the contrary. religion, they open not their lips to the W.C.T.U has kept a most confess their sins, to praise God, or to getic lobby at the Capitol. The implore His mercy. Let us pray people do nothing by halves, and God that He may not permit us to shown in their work against the arm

By the words related in the Gos-threats of defeat against Representations pel Christ proved that it was im-possible for the demon to contend practically unanimous testimony of cast out devils, then the time foretold I simply quote these instance to show the prophets had come—the time the character of the forces at hearts by His grace.

confessor. -St. John Damascene, confessor and doctor.

I needay 28 St. Sixtus, pope and conabbot.

Friday 81-The Five Wounds. Saturday April 1-St. Hugh, bishop and confessor.

Do Your Share. Each one of us is bound to make the of religious teaching upon wa little circle in which he lives better and they have agreed, in the Pass happier. Each one of us is bound to see schools of Washington, the have their own way about it. est good may flow. Each of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single house may flow influcommonwealth,

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Rosery is recited in the Irigh language every Sunday evening at the regular devotions at St. Vincent Teerer's church, New York city.

the British Isles since 1901 from 248 was adopted by a large majority is to 288 and the convents from 586 to It is the opinion of some Catholical

In the Indian missions of the northwest of Canada there are 0,500 Catho face it looks innocent enough, but lies attended by twenty-eight mission the bottom it is nothing more than aries. There are ten schools in which the boys and girls are instructed in useful employments.

Cardinal Gibbons has authorized the establishment of a new church to be lo Jews are also strongly opposed to r cated at Fourteenth and East Capitol The movement, however promise it streets, Washington, to be known as gather strength, and if the Protestant the Church of the Holy Comforter. The sects unite in the demand for reli-Rev. Joseph L. Maguire is to be its first gious teaching in the public school

The Ming of Saxony. The new king of Saxony will enjoy of being a Catholic ruling over a Protestant country. Out of a population of something like 3,000,000 only about 80,-000 are Catholics. The state church is Lotheran. The Catholic faith has been that embraced by the royal family of

Very low colonist rates to the of \$8.70 for tickets good Pacific Coast via the Nickel Plate on or before April 27th, the Road. \$42.50 Buffalo to principal ing Thursday. California and North Pacific Coast points. Also very low rates to many other points in Oregon, Washington, Special one-way Settler's rates to

f the devil.

This dumb man is a figure of the of these bodies have taken a become blind and dumb like so many canteen, the abolishing of which the accomplished by dint of die operating to introduce the Prote ant religion into the public solid Weekly Cherch Calendar.

The movement is apparent ill the country, but especially strong the District of Columbia, Heretical there has been difficulty in qui the innumerable sects upon form of religious instruction, se possibility of their getting tog seemed remote. Now the most has become anti-Catholic in on ter, and lo and behold, the discorda clements are already presenting formidable front. There is no n predicting that, if the diff. Protestant sects make a united peal to Congress to permit the for

Another meeting of the conf tion favoring religious education 15. The meeting was called to hear the report of the comme which and been appended a second condition (this to be conditioned to be conditio the reading of the Bable and the paration of a reader especially all for this your Considerable (Market followed the sading of the committee of The immigration of expelled Brench Day Baptists alone opposing to a monks and nume into England and rest of the delegates were practical Wales has increased the monasteries in a unit in favor of the report was priests here that there is grave the ger in this movement. On the same Protestant propagands. No Catholicould ever be satisfied with the kind of religious teaching, and the they will get it.

OF THE SHAPE TO SHAPE

CHANGE OF THE PARTY OF The West Shore R R AND hat arrangements have be OF An excursion to New York Saturday, April Street at a Call from Rochester tickes groot to ing on or before the following day. The New York Garage arranged for an excursion so the place on Saturday, April 25 at 25

CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF