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CONSCIENCE

Or, The Trials of May Brooks.

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her accustomed place near the altar soon?" said May, standing at the that altar, which, to her clear faith, door: was a throne of majestic and clement love, where the Shepherd of souls was May went away, feeling quite happy, for ever present, to make intercession Mr. Stillinghast and not forgotten for those who, through His bitter May's refusal to explain the cause of passion and death, hoped for eternal her appearance, the day before, on life. Earnestly she becought His the wharf; and being determined to mercy for that soul in its last sudden discover it, he stopped, on his way agony. She besought the Queen of down to his counting bones, at the Sorrows, by the pangs she endured wood-yard office, and inquired if a on Calvary, to come to his aid and obtain from her divine Son the grace of a good death! She implored the saints, who had gone up through reply to your question; but I be his line of account of the line of the saints, who had gone up through much tribulation, and who pity those who suffer and weep in this valley of tears, to pray for him, that he might not be overcome in the hour of trial by the enemy of souls. In her earnest charity she took no heed of time, and was startled when the and would see her. When she went lous. in, he was taking a cup of coffee and some toast, which it was very evident bright hazel eyes?"

"Ah, my dear child!"he said, holding out his hand to May, "I am very glad to see you. How are you?"

from his pale, excited countenance,

open near him.

ment after the late melancholy

scene,"she replied. "Melancholy, indeed; but oh, so full of consolation l'iobserved Father Fa- of oak wood, and paid for it!" bian, while his eyes filled up. "We priests, like physicians, are called on wood?"cried Mr. Stillinghast, becomto witness a great many distressing ing more impatient every moment. scenes, which many a time appal our poor man lying on the sidewalk, burn."

crushed and almost speechless. A crowd, collected together by curiosity it?" was the sharp response. surrounded him. I asked a physician, threw on my stole, requested the visitor burst out with, crowd to stand back a little, and knelt on the bricks beside him and |bowed my ear close to his lips. He Certainly, Mr. Stillinghast, cerhad recognized me, and his eyes al- tainly. Excuse me, sir, for not recogready dim, lit up with joy; and in nizing you," stammered the clerk.

countenance?'

"I cannot imagine, father."

ample. you want. I have to run away out serpent's tooth has been grawing ceptibly drawing nearer and nearer countenance, and thought she had

Father Fabian, don't mind any thing sharp were the struggles, and sharp were the struggles, and

CHAPTER VII

And May went back and knelt in a crived; shall I bring her to see you

"Whenever you please to;" and

of time, and was startled when the ple merino dress—and—something, I in the confiscated property. Suppose servant, kneeling beside her informed don't know what else she had on;" her that Father Fabian had returned said Mr. Stillinghast, feeling ridicu-

"Was she very small, sir, with

"I know nothing about the color he needed. His Breviary was lying of her eyes, but she's something higher than my walking stick," replied the irascible old man.

"The same, sir. She came with Mr. Copeland; and if her eyes didn't "Quite well, father. But do not make me dance in and out, it's a won't let me disturb you; you need refresh-|der!" observed the clerk.

"Well, what in the deuce did she want here?"

"She bought a quarter of a cord "What did she want with oak

"To burn, I presume," replied the weak human nature, and almost over- young man, paring off a chew of tocome our charity by terror. This bacco; "but the fact is, sir, we didn't affair was truly heart-rending. When ask her. We always take it for I arrived at the spot, I found the granted that people buy wood to

"Who does know any thing about

"The sawyer, I fancy, if he can be who was examining the extent of his found. I have not seen him about injuries, 'whether or not he could be to-day, however," said the young removed?' 'He has not fifteen minutes man, with a broad grin, which he to live, poor fellow 'was his reply! I speedily changed, when his strange

> "When he comes.send him to me. -My name is Stillinghast."

faltering and whispered words, he 'I'm determined," muttered the made his short confession. Happily, old man, going out and slamming the Life or death to you hang upon it; it his conscience was not burdened door, without noticing the young is the great day of your existence. with mortal sin. He was one of my man's apologies, "I'm determined to Courage, then, or rather an inflexible penitents, and I knew how regular sift this matter. If I had a feeling determination, steel you to work out and pious his daily life had been. of humanity left, it was for that girl Quickly I gave him absolution, after -papist though she be; if I loved or which I administered the Holy Viati- cared a tithe for any living being, it cum, which he received with great was she! I intended—but never mind fervor. 'I am resigned; but, sweet | what I intended. She has been doing Jesus, pity my little ones,' he whis- wrong and I'll find it out. She has pered. Then, in a little while, with tried to deceive me, but I'll convince our dear Lord to conduct him, he her that she has mistaken her dupe. "It is, I believe, one of the first until he had defined a plan that well house of the just. practical fruits of the Catholic faith suited his present mood. "If she From his lodgings Eulyius went in his dark cloak, creaching down to he ever saw," said May, quite forgetting her own humble, patient exyellow hands together, with grim crisp and sharp, to cool his blood, dungson, looked like a black and nple.

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Then, Fabiola looked into her smiling; "but tell me now what is it inflicts it, that sting me. But the purpose; but found himself imperto the north-western limits of the these many years at my heart-why to the Tullian prison. As he was never seen it half so sweet. No trace

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"She is so very grateful, that she dued the storm of wild and indigimagines that I have done a great
nant resentment which swept like
deal for her, and really makes me
sahamed of the triting amount of
her tallends—the Orose of Jesus
good I have extended to her. Will
you give me your blessing, father?"

She is so very grateful, that she dued the storm of wild and indigchance.

She would give her another
be supposed to stamp mean the eschance.

He was now at the prison-gate, of
which he possessed the matchword,
they were more akin to reverse
they were more akin to reverse
splinters inflicted many a sharp
his desire, was conducted to his vioesol of her own, crossed them upon "I shall certainly go, my dear wound; but mone so sharp, that the tim's cell. She did not flutter, nor her own calm bosom and looking in child-mean while, pray for me, "said balm it distilled could not heal and run into a corner, like a bird into to her face with a gam of blands

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is granted?" pay my debte, and retire to some

country where my name has never been heard." "Suppose your claims are reject-

"Impossible, impossible!"exclaimed, Fulvius, racked by the very idea; it is my right, hardly carned. It

o other prospect before me of re- portunity, and leave me, the last trieving my fortunes here. Still I privilege of the condemned colimust fly hence."

"Good; and what do you owe at Janus's arch?"

"A good couple of hundred sestertia, between principal and compound interest at fifty per cent, to that unconscionable Jew Ephraim." "On what security?"

"On my sure expectation of this lady's estates."

"And if you are disappointed, de you think he will let you fly?" "Not if he knows it, most assured-

this moment for any emergency; and that with the utmost scorecy. "Leave that to me, Fulvius; you see how eventful the issue of to-morrow may be to you, or rather of death?"

to-day; for morning is approaching.

passed into eternity. I doubt not Where did she get the money to buy led you to its first vespers, divided as Christian, an angel of light and a that his sentence was full of mercy." wood with?" And at that thought, they are between Sebastian of yester- spirit of darkness; and truly Agnes There was a pause of several mo-such a fierce, sudden suspicion tore day, and Agnes of to-day? Have not looked like the first, if human creature ments, during which May dashed through that old, half ossified heart, the two sung them together, without ever did. In preparation for her more than one tear from her cheek. that he paused on the flags, and gasp- jealousy, and with fraternal impar- coming festival of full espousals to "But who, think you, I saw, when ed for breath. "My God!" he mur- tiality, the one from the heaven which the Lamb, when she should sign, her I lifted my eyes from that dying mured," has she robbed me?" And he ascended in the morning, the other contract of everlasting love, as He "Your uncle. Yes, indeed! he neglected. Foul and ungenerous Church of Christ! great in the un-mourning a white and spotless bridstood watching the scene with a suspicion held possession of his mind clashing combination of thy unity, al robe. In the midst of that dark most intent and singular expression and inflamed with a maliciousanger, stretching from heaven to beneath prison, lighted by a solitary lamp, of countenance,"said Father Fabian. he plotted and schemed his revenge the earth, wherever exists a prison- she looked radiant and almost dazzl-

"That will suit precisely, dear But several days passed, and he could be his attraction thither? It hectic excitement and pallid depressfather. It is a poor, paralytic old had obtained no clue to the mystery, was a strangely compounded feeling, ion. Her eyes beamed with more woman, I wish to direct you. She which increased his anxiety, and made up of as bitter ingredients as than their usual mild intelligence ther has determined to become a Catholic made him more fretful and testy ever filled the prisoner's cup. There smile was as placed and cheerful as Pacific Coast, via the Nickel Plate and wishes to see you. She needs than usual. He allowed no opportun- was gnawing remorse; there was it ever was, when they discoursed Road. \$42.50 Buffalo to principal. instruction; but her faith is so docile, ity to escape, to make May feel his baffled pride; there was goading a together. Then there was a noble California and North Pacific Coast that I do not think you will hesitate displeasure. Bitter and contemptu- varice; there humbling shame; there air about her, a greatness of look and points. Also very low rates to many long to grant the ardent desire of her soul, which is, admission into the church of God."

"And where does our neophyte live?" asked Father Fabian.

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whose cage the hawk has found en language trance; celms and intropid she stood before him.

"Respect me here, Fulvius, at fused me any; I am more yes will least," she gently mid; "I have but not this." a few hours to live; let them be

spent in pasce."
"Radam," he replied, "I have Pive Rilante Seri come to lengthen them, if you please to years; and, instead of peace, I offer happiness.**

obstinacy will give you over to plore the negligeness of to many death. I have come to renew once Christians, who show no he is a more my offer, and with it that of follow Christ in the way of salvation life. It is your last chance,"

"Have I not before told you that His ministers I am a Christian, and that I would forfeit a thousand lives rather than in the desert; and at the time betray my faith?

to Him alone I keep eternal faith?" Christ enlivened our faith, increased ? "Folly and madness! Persevere our gratitude, and favored us in the University for official as in it till to-morrow, and that may be favoring them.

Fulvius had been gradually losing

patience, and could no longer festrain his passion. Rejected again, baffled once more by a child, this time the Elmira... sword hanging over her neck! A flame irrepressible broke out from the smouldering heat within him; Sunday April 9 Gospel St. John vi and, in an instant, the venomous ingredients that we have described as mingled in his heart, were distilled into one black, solitary drop—hatred. With flashing look and furious ges-

But we must be prepared from ture he broke forth-"Wretched woman, I give thee one more opportunity of rescuing Friday 7—The Most Precious Blood, thyself from destruction. Which Saturday 8—St. Dionyslus, Malloy and confessor.

> "Death even I will choose for her rather than life, with a monster like

The state of the s to make you. You have mere to

The Mirada of the Larray and Plan Surely, sir, if I understand you, the time is past for this sad vanity. of the multitude to hear the words. Thus to address one whom you have delivered over to death is at best a sire that caused them to make the makings. mockery.

"It is not so, gentle lady; your fate issues of the journey and to lay mide is in your own hands; only your own their worldly cares. We must deand to bear His word appounded by

The multiplication of the break when Easter was near at hand is "But now I ask you no longer to do this. The gates of the prison are figure of the Blessed Saorament with yet open to me: Fly with me; and, in spite of the imperial decrees, you shall be a Christian, and yet live."

"Then have I not told you that I am already espoused to my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that to Him slone I keep eternal faith?" Christ anlivened our faith, interested by the restor as professer, of the restor as professer, of the figure of the Blessed Saorament with the restor as professer, of the said by Catholic theologians to be a figure of the Blessed Saorament with the Tourish the Whole Christian Raster of the Mary Construction of the Mary Construction of the Mary Construction of the Saviour Jesus Christ, and that the Jordon in feeding that multitude to him, but that he would be said to the Saviour Jesus Christ, and that the Jordon in feeding that multitude to him, but that he would be said to the Saviour and the said the saving that he would be said to him.

cannot be denied me."

warded to you which you fear more when we take our meets. As the discuss the matter coolly. Remember our proverb: 'From the stixing to that I have a state of the stixing to the take our meets. As the people received the food from the lands of the stixing to the take our meets. As the people received the food from the stixing to the take our meets.

Forty Hours, The devotion of the Forty Hours." will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows: will be held in the churches of the lar faculty. This part, will discouse of Rochester as follows:

'April 9—Holy Rossry, Rochester; signature of the rector I he Pitteford; Lyons; 55; Peter and Paul, in my possession I rectify.

Weekly Church Calen

1-16—St. Francis of Paols; confessor. Inquanty sens my cord to the Monday 8—St. Richard, bishop and for and to others, but no one lafe confessor;
Tuesday 4.—St. Isidore, bishop, con
fessor and doctor.
Wednesday 5.—St. Vincent Ferrer, con feeor and doctor.
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Expursions to New York The West Shore R. R. announce believe, sayone des would a thee!" exclaimed a voice just within that arrangements have been made the same impres Life or death to you hang upon it; it is the great day of your existence. Courage, then, or rather an inflexible determination, steel you to work out its destiny!"

CHAPTER XXIX

THE SAME DAY: ITS SECOND PART

The day is not yet dawning, and nevertheless we speak of having reached its second part. How may this be? Gentle reader, have we not speaker to her, had she been is a standard to New York on Saturday, April Sth. at rate of \$8.00 the statement of the state

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University. A room was a to me, and my card, minor our proverb: 'From the stixing to the saddle there has been many a fall.' Suppose only that your rights are refused you."

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ried to deceive me, but I'll convince reached its second part. How may ber that she has missiaken her dupe. Where did she get the money to buy wood with?" And at that thought, such a face, sudden suspicion tore through that old, half ossified heart, that he paused on the flags, and gasped of the flags an finally agreed to compatible And here I would have ever fire a little empois its trouble or the University

variably with Comments in the distant Arists