

A WARRIOR BOLD.

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CHAPTER V.
The Game Grows Warmer.
Of the frying pan into the fire. Charlie had just taken the oath of the professor's wife, and had not made two turns from the little parlor ere he ran directly up against the enemy.

There stood the professor, glaring at him like a wild beast.

"Will you again deny the truth, villain?" he said, endeavoring to calm himself just he lost his voice.

Charlie surveyed him with amusement.

"Yes; this time, I confess, it was your charming wife whom I have just left. Do you know that two women, your wife and her cousin, had been playing a very nice little game upon you?"

"What? She and Hildegarde—upon me?" Pray, with what object?

"To arouse your jealousy, to make you realize how dear to you this same wife is, to take you out of your wits, and to give you time to devote a fair part of your time to the woman who has given up her life to you."

The professor seemed astounded. "Can this be true?" he gasped.

"As heaven itself. She is in London. Go and learn for yourself. You will receive a warm welcome, and I assure you wish to be forgiven, professor."

"Sir, a thousand pardons. I shall take your kind advice. Our duel, then, is off. Oh, what an ass I have been!"

And Charlie quick agreed with him.

"So ends the scene in the drama. Now for another which may not have quite so pleasant a final outcome."

Again he bore down upon the functionary who kept watch and ward over the books. When he had cornered the clerk he made his request known, and a messenger was sent to find the countess and request her presence in a nearby billiard room.

Minutes passed. Still no one came to summon him.

Tired of waiting he walked directly to the door of the little parlor and stepped inside.

Involuntarily a groan welled up from his heart. He had entered this room to meet the countess, the charmer of men, who played with ambassadors and princes as though they were pawns upon a chessboard, and now he had found—Arline Brand!

There she stood before him, more beautiful than even his ardent recollection had painted her, a smile of welcome dimpling her cheeks, and the azure eyes glowing with pleasure.

Yes, it was Arline Brand. "Ye gods!" she said, "and I have not indeed, but I have not been able to comprehend how men would readily give up honor and fortune for the hope of her and her favor."

Almost a minute they stood thus, each evidently busy with a train of thought.

Arline was the first to recover. She dropped the curtains and advanced toward him. "Ah! you have come, Mr. Stuart," she said.

He took her hand and pressed it. Boldness was returning it seemed.

"Yes, I promised, you know, and though I dreading I have legends of faults, at least my words are as good as my bond. Pray, be seated," offering her a chair.

He was quite himself now, and that meant a wide-awake, ingenious young man, ready to meet and wrestle with difficulties as they arose.

Just opposite to her he sat down. It was at least a rare pleasure to be so near her in this confidential mood. The delicate, violet odor that permeated her rustling garments was like a breath of spring, and the magnetism of her presence almost intoxicated him.

"You have been wondering what astonishing chain of circumstances brought a girl like me into such a miserable place as that underground dungeon?" turning to Arline and smiling with a glance that did not escape the eye of Charlie Stuart.

"Well, yes, to some extent, but it was not alone the desire to hear the promised story that brought me here, in spite of warnings from the baron."

"He watched—but by no means in a parlor or start did he betray the fact that she knew to whom he referred by 'the baron.'"

POTTER PALMER, FOREMOST AMONG THE BUILDERS OF THE GREAT CITY OF CHICAGO.

Potter Palmer, financier, merchant prince and famous hotel keeper, died suddenly at his place in Chicago May 16. The cause was heart failure induced by an attack of pneumonia of the lungs. He took to his bed three weeks ago and did not rise, though his death was unexpected.

This man was one of the builders of Chicago, one of its most prominent property owners, and as a merchant he was nationally known. He was the intimate daily associate of rich men, and was himself a millionaire. He saw Chicago grow from a village on a muddy flat to the second station among American cities. In pre-war days, during war days, after the great fire, he never lost confidence in it. Panic came and went, great com-mercial houses crashed about him but he held on.

It was his maxim that any man could grow rich by buying Chicago land and retaining his holdings. He believed this to be as true in 1902 as in 1860. Marshall Field, worth one hundred million dollars, used to clerk for him in Lake street. Norman B. Ream, worth twenty million dollars, was once poor here by his side and sold his holdings, which he drove over the prairie, now filled with West Side buildings.

Mr. Palmer was of Chicago. He thought it the greatest town with the greatest town future of the world. He was a "landmark" in the ranks of Chicago business men his death makes a gap.



POTTER PALMER

THE MOST UNHEALTHY CAPITAL DEATH OF NOTED BRITISH SOLDIER

Spanish Metropolis Exerts This Unenviable Title.

Statistics recently published by the municipality of Madrid indicate that the Spanish capital possesses one cannot say "epidemic" an evil prevalence as the most unhealthy of the European capitals. Its death rate for the past five years has been about 23 per 1,000—much more than one-third higher than the average death rate of London.

Consumption is the chief cause of death, which is not surprising for the keen, dry breeze from the Gualartara, which, as the Spaniards say, "will not put out a candle, but will kill a man, must be fatal to consumptive patients."

The root of the mischief seems to be food adulteration and overcrowding. For 50,000 people are contained in 17,000 houses. There is a state of things for which there is no excuse. And it is the "eternal want of peace" for there is room enough and to spare on the vast bare plain which surrounds Madrid to build houses such to accommodate any number of people. The municipality is going to take the matter in hand, but means to put out a candle, but will kill a man in the land of "to-morrow."

HEAD OF PATRIOTIC SOCIETY

Edwin Wardell Made President General of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Edwin Wardell, who has just been elected president general of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, is one of the most prominent and patriotic citizens of Baltimore. For many years he has been conspicuous in state politics, and has been a candidate for Governor of Maryland. Wardell is a wealthy man, quite popular.

PROVE US OF PHYSICIANS.

In the United States there is one registered physician to every 647 inhabitants. California has a doctor for every 420 of its population, while New Mexico has one for every 1,391 of its inhabitants.

Holland, with the low death rate, has a larger proportionate number of doctors than any other country in Europe, and Norway has a small number of doctors and a high death rate. There is at once a good effect on the health of a country when its proportion of physicians increases. In England, where the number of physicians is constantly increasing, there is a corresponding decrease in the death rate.

In the vast Russian Empire, with its enormous population and small number of doctors, the high death rate continues.

BIRTHPLACE OF FAMOUS ACTOR

Birth of Brunswick, Mo. Where Sol Smith Stansell, now the Light, Footed services for Sol Smith Stansell, the actor, were held at the residence of Frederick Berger, his brother-in-law, in Washington, D. C. Rev. Perry of St. Andrew's Episcopal church officiated.

ARMY SHIPMENT TO RUSSIA

The great cargo of armor plate that ever left Homestead, Pa., was on a train leaving the other night for New York on express orders. It was shipment to the Russian government and will be hurried to Europe by fast steamers. The shipment consisted of thirty-six plates for the first-class battleships Bordin and Ariel, now building in the imperial yards at St. Petersburg, Russia. In addition to these plates there were thirty-six tons of paper plates. The whole lot took up eighteen cars, and represented six months' work at the armor department. The cargo attracted much attention as it left the place. Many persons commented on the fact that the order was a rush one, and that the car wanted to be prepared for an outbreak with the Japanese.

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PEOPLE AND EVENTS

MEMORIO OF THE PRINCE'S VI.

German Government Has Just Issued a Three-Mark Silver Piece. The mint of the German government has struck off a three-mark silver piece commemorative of the visit of Prince Henry to the United States.

The coin is about the size of the United States half dollar, but is a trifle heavier. Its value is 72 cents. On one side are the initials of President Roosevelt and Prince Henry, which are splendid examples of mint work. On the reverse side is a representation of a huge ship in midocean.

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