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CATCHING A TARTAR.

A TRADITION OF SWEDEN.

Charles the XII of Sweden, surnamed, on account of his warlike propensities, by his admirers, the "Lion of the North," and by his detractors, with equal justice perhaps, the "Madman of the North."

Charles the XII had that desire which seems to be inherent in the breast of greatness—he wished to be loved for himself alone, without regard to his state and grandeur.

Baron Gortz was highly delighted at the prospect of becoming the uncle of the king; but that delight was tempered by a wholesome dread of his prospective nephew-in-law.

Baron de Gortz had proof of this one day, when he received a letter from the king. It contained these words: "BARON GORTZ: Information has reached me that the Captain of Hulans, Gustavus Reinold, who was condemned to death for neglect of orders at the battle of Pultawa, but who escaped before the execution of his sentence, has been seen in Stralsund."

This letter troubled the good baron sorely, for his niece had made him promise to intercede for this identical young officer. He broke into a cold perspiration, when he reflected that if he did so the probability was that he would get himself shot for his pains.

He wrote the order to the governor, and sent it by a servant, who informed him that an officer of the police wished to speak with him. Wondering at this he hurried to the hall below.

"What is the matter?" she asked. "I want to put you on guard," he exclaimed, breathlessly. "The police have sent to say they have reason to believe that a young man is concealed somewhere in my chateau."

"I know it," answered Ikla, coolly. "Who?" exclaimed the astonished baron. "Who is he?" "Gustavus Reinold."

"Then why the deuce did he leave it?" "To follow me when you sent for me. Finding the pursuit so hot, I thought the best asylum for him was your chateau."

"There is but one chance for us all!" he exclaimed: "marry the Count, and then—" He checked himself abruptly. "If it depends on that, our chance is small," she returned roguishly.

"A pardon for Captain Reinold," he exclaimed, and his brow darkened angrily. "Indeed, then, my dear little friend, if I were Charles the Twelfth, this would be my answer."

He tore up the paper. Nothing discomposed, she immediately drew another paper from her pocket.

have caused a massacre of the Swedish prisoners by the remorseless Russians. For this reason alone he did not deliver it, and thus incurred your majesty's displeasure.

"I desire to know the reason of the extraordinary interest you take in this young man?" he asked. "You shall know, count," she answered, "when you have promised to obtain his pardon from the king."

"I will make no such promise," cried Charles sternly. "A timid knocking at the door disturbed them. Ikla would have opened it, but Charles, aware of the ridiculous manner in which he was dressed, restrained her.

"Wretched girl," he exclaimed angrily, "you have forced me to declare myself. I am the king."

"But she only laughed the louder. "Sire," she answered with mocking courtesy, "I have known it from the first. Sign the pardon, therefore, or I will at once admit the countess."

"The king was obliged to acknowledge himself vanquished. He signed the pardon, and Ikla freed him from the obnoxious garments. Then she admitted her uncle, and informed the king that he was all the council there was assembled, and reassured the poor baron, who looked half frightened to death for his share in the little plot.

"Baron de Gortz," said Charles, "for certain reasons I have pardoned Captain Reinold. Let the pardon be sent to him at once."

"There is no occasion to send it, sire," she said archly. "I can deliver it myself. Gustavus is concealed in this chateau."

"Gustavus again!" cried the king, sharply. "Is this man your lover?" "He is; and would have been my husband."

"Then you have deceived me every way." "No, sire; you deceived yourself. Had I been ambitious, I might have sealed your ruin; as it is, I have saved Sweden from a queen who would not have been worthy of her, and restored to her a king who is."

Stability in Financial Affairs. That "stability in financial affairs" promised last Fall by the Radical party as sure to result from the re-election of Grant, and the same doctrine reiterated this Fall in the platform of the Radical party of this State.

The Troy Press says that by the action of the iron works in that city in suspending work 3,000 men will be thrown out of employment, who were paid \$174,000 per month.

The number of persons at work in the Glenham Mills, DuBois county, is decreasing day by day. As fast as work is finished in the different departments, the employees therein have to quit, as no new work is begun.

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