

She looked at the prisoner again standing rigid before her, and from the prisoner to her officer.

"How came he here?" she asked, her voice curiously strained.

"He climbed the rock on the southern side at the risk of his neck," said Tolentino.

"And what sought he?"

"Tis what we cannot precisely ascertain," Tolentino admitted. "Nor will he tell us. When captured last night he pretended to be an envoy from Duke Guidobaldo, which plainly he was not. That was but a subterfuge to escape the consequences of his rashness."

And the captain explained, with a pardonable parade of his own shrewdness, how he had at once perceived that had Messer Lorenzo been what he pretended, there would have been no need for him to have come to San Leo thus, in secret.

"Nor need to risk his neck, as you have said, by climbing the southern side, had he been employed by Cesare Borgia," said the lady.

"That is too hasty a conclusion, Madonna," Tolentino answered. "It "is only on the southern side that it is possible to climb the wall; and along the summit itself there is no way round."

"To what end, then, do you conceive that he came?"

"To what end? Why, to what end but to betray the castle into the hands of the Borgia troops?" cried Tolentino, a little out of patience at such a superfluity of questions.

"You have proof of that?" she asked him, a rising inflection in her voice.

"To common sense no proof is needed of the obvious," said he sententiously, snorting a little as he spoke, out of his resentment of this feminine interference in men's affairs. "We are about to fling him back the way he came," he ended with 'a certain grim finality.

But Madonna Bianca paid little heed to his manner.

"Not until I am satisfied that his intentions were as you say," she replied; and her tone was every whit as firm as his, and was invested with subtle reminder that she was the mistress paramount of San Leo, and he no more than the castellan.

Tolentino glowered and shrugged. "Oh. as you please, Madonna. Yet I would make bold to remind you that my ripe experience teaches me best how to deal with such a matter." The girl looked that war-worn veteran boldly in the eye.

"Rnowledge, sir captain, is surely of more account than mere experi-

## His jaw fell.

"You mean that you-tha' you have knowledge of why he came?" "It is possible," said she, and turned

rom the astonished captain to the all more astonished prisoner.

Daintily she stepped up to Messer Lorenzo, whose deep sapphire eyes dowed now as they regarded her, resting some of the amazement in which he had listened to her words.



She Looked at Him in Silence for a Moment.

ing a woman's lackey, dismissed his men in a rage, and sat down by the well in the center of the courtyard to await the end of that precious interview.

Leaning on the embattled wall. looking out over the vast, sunlit Emiiian plain, Madonna Bianca broke at last the long spell of silence that had endured between herself and Castrocaro.

"I have brought you here, Ser Lorenzo," she said, "that you may tell me the true object of your visit to San Leo." Her eyes were averted from his face, her bosom heaved gently, her voice quivered never so slightly.

He cleared his throat to answer her. His resolve was now clear and definite

"I can tell you what I did not come to do, Madonna," he answered, and his accents were almost harsh. "I did not come to betray you into the hands of your enemies. Of that 1 here make oath as I hope for the salvation of my soul."

It may seem perjury at the first glance; yet it was strictly true, if not the whole truth. As we have seen, he had not dreamt that she was in San Leo, or that in delivering up the

that had destroyed him.

reckless of all danger, so that he might come to her? "Poor-poor Lorenzo!" she mur-

mured fondly. He started round and stared at her, or their labor. very white, A

"Oh. Madonna !" he cried, and sank upon one knee before her. "You have surprised my secret-my unutterable secret! Ah, let me go! Let them hurl me from the rock, and so end my wretchedness !"

It was supremely well done, the villain knew; and she were no woman but a very harpy did she now permit his death. He was prepared for a pitying 'gentleness toward an affliction which she must now suppose her own beauty had inspired, and so he had looked for a kindly dismissal. But he was not prepared for any such answer as she made him.

"Dear love, what are you saying? Is there no other happiness for you save that of death? Have I shown anger? Do I know aught but gladness that for me you should have dared so much?"

He gave utterance to his overmastering amazement.

"Oh, it is impossible!" he cried: and this time there was no acting in his cry. "What is impossible?" quoth she:

and, setting her hands under his elbows, she raised him gentl," from his kneeling posture. "What is impossible?" she repeated when they stood face to face once more. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

## Saying's That Cannot Be Termed Gallant

A Spanish rhyme runs-Were A woman as little as she is good, a pea pod would make her a gown and a hood.

An old English saying-If a man lose a woman and a farthing, he will be sorry he lost the farthing. French adage-A man of straw is

worth a woman of gold. German-There are only two good women in the world-one dead, and the other can't he found. -

Scotch-Honest men marry soon. wise men never. In Fife they say-The next best

thing to no wife is a good wife. Arabian-Words are women; deeds are men.

A Persian sage says that a woman's . wisdom is under her heel. perts.

The Persian asserts that women and dragons are best out of the world. Corsican-Just as a good and a bad horse both need the spur, a good and a bad woman both need the stick. -London Tit-Bits.

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She knew, and hence the confidence an average profit of \$2.45 on each hen, with which she bad interposed to while that one-third of the farms brush Tolentino aside. For had he which had the poorest records realized died, had the executioner driven him an average profit of six-tenths of over the ledge in that horrible death- one cent on each hen. The best oneleap, it would have been her hands third showed meat receipts of \$1.68 a hen in contrast to 88 cents from the For was it not she who had be poorest one-third, while the feed cost

witched him? Was it not she who per hen on the best farm records was had drugged him with a fove-philter- \$2.01 as compared to \$1.99 on the poorthe elixirium aureum procured from est cne-third. In other words, it cost Messer Corvinus Trismegistus? Did the farmers who had the poorest recshe not know that it was that elixir, ords about the same for feed as it did burning fiercely and unappeasably in those who had the best records, Vanhis veins, that had possessed him like dervort said. Farmers who turned in a madness and brought him thither, that one-third of the records which were best realized an average of \$1.41 return for each hour of their labor. while those who turned in the poorest records got only 25 cents for each hour

> Close culling did its full share toward boosting the profits of the farmers who turned in the best one-third of the records, Vandervort believes. These best flocks paid a profit of \$2.45 a hen, while the poorest flocks paid less than one cent a hen. In the best flocks, 53 per cent of the original number of chickens were culled out and disposed of during the year, while in the poorest flocks only 40 per cent of the birds were culled.

### Kafir for Dairy Feed

in ground corn as compared with ground kafir during tests conducted at the Kansas Agricultural college. However, the advantage in producing milk and butterfat was very small. One was practically as good as the other in maintaining body weights. A basal ration of alfalfa hay and sorgo silage was used. In addition the cows received a grain ration consisting of four parts of the grain to be compared, two parts of wheat bran and one part

of having some secret sorrow and seem worried and unthrifty and nervous, examine them carefully for head lice. The head louse is a peculiar parasite and quite destructive. There is a sure and easy remedy for him. He cannot endure grease. Rub the heads of affected chicks with lard aft er you have verified the presence of head lice by examination, and they will get almost immediate relief. Do

Hogs Utilize By-Products

Hogs utilize the animal by-products of the farm which would otherwise be wasted, such as milk and dairy waste, garbage, and the meat' from animals lost on the farm. Moreover, they consume profitably garden waste, the non-marketable grains, and the feeds made from the by-products of animal slaughter. Hogs multiply more rapuickly than any other animal.

etting some of the breeding of which is unknown and which may introduce weeds onto his own farm, the grower keeps his seed clean, grows pure-bred varieties, cleans and grades his seed thoroughly with the fanning mill to get rid of the small weak kernels and any foreign seed, and as a result has a high grade of pure-bred seed adapted to his particular conditions by being grown and selected on his own farm.

The effort to provide farmers with good seed, carried on by the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment association, has not only gone far toward accomplishing this purpose, but has made the state an outstanding source of supply for seed grain.

#### Feed for Young Calf

Until the calf is about one month of age it should be fed sparingly about four to six pounds a day. The milk can be fed morning and evening. Some persons prefer feeding young calves three or four times a day, but this is not necessary unless the calf is a weakling. By the time the calf is a month old the milk can be increased gradually, so that by the time it is six weeks old it can be receiving ten to fifteen pounds a day.

## Turkey Is Dainty Eater

Turkeys are naturally dainty eaters. Not only as to quantity, but also as to quality. The turkey's food must be clean, or it sickens and dies. Clean food and live meat is the lure free range holds for turkeys. It is not proved that they won't live and thrive in confinement, but the flocks of turkeys that have thrived, though fenced in comparatively small quarters, have been given free range conditions as to fresh air, cleanliness and food.



Money spent in culling chickens is money saved.

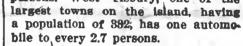
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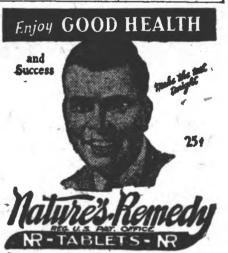
It is not too late to thin fruit on trees that set heavily. The color, size and general quality will be improved by thinning.

Acid soils need an application of lime before seeding to alfalfa. Your farm bureau or, state agricultural college will test your soil.

Horses' collars should be washed with warm water frequently to keep them clean and smooth. If they are scraped with a knife they are likely idly than any other farm animal, and to be rough. Collars that do not fit may be prepared for market more well, or are dirty or rough, make the horses' breasts sore



Joyous Hours "Is Bernice happily married?" "Yes, indeed, her husband's away most of the time."



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