

THE FAIR GOD.

BOOK SIX.

CHAPTER X.

(Continued.)

He led her to the steps. The infidels below seemed to have held their ground as well, fighting desperately. Eight or ten horsemen were driving them, though slowly; if one was struck down, another took his place. The street was dusty as with the sweeping of a whirlwind. Under the yellow cloud lay the dead and wounded. The air was alive with missiles, of which some flew above the temple, others dashed against the steps. It looked like madness to go down into such a vortex; but there was no other chance. What moment Don Pedro might tire of killing one could tell; whenever he did, the recall would be sounded.

"What do I hear? What dreadful sounds!" said Teocli, shrinking from the tumult. "Battle," he answered; "and what that is I have not time to tell; we must go down and see."

He waited until the fighting was well past the front of the old Cu, leaving a space behind the cavaliers clear of all save those who may never fight again; then he threw back the hood, loosed the cord from his waist, and flung the disguise from him.

"Now, my pretty beadsman, now is the time! begin the prayer again in O Mother, beautiful Mother, save us for Christ's sake!" Keep the count with one hand; but the other about my neck. Life or death—now we go!

He carried her down the steps. Over a number of wounded wretches who had dragged themselves, half dead, out of the blood and trample, he crossed the pavement. A horseman caught sight of him, and rode to his side, and lifted the battle-axe.

"Hold, Señor! I am Ortega. Viva España!" The axe dropped harmless; up went the visor.

"In time, boy—in time! An instant more, and thy soul had been in paradise," cried Alvarado, laughing heartily. "What hast thou there? Something from the temple? But stay not to answer. To the rear, fast as thy legs can carry thee! Faster! Put the baggage down. We are tired of the slaughter; but for thy sake, we will push the dogs a little farther. Begone! Or stay! Arrows are thicker here than cures in hell, and thou hast no armour. Take my shield, which I have not used to-day. Now be off!"

Ortega set the girl upon her feet, took the shield, and proceeded to buckle it upon his arm, while Alvarado rode into the fight again. A moment more, and he would have protected her with the good steel wall. Before he could complete the preparation he heard a cry, quick, shrill and sharp, that seemed to pierce his ear like a knife—the cry by which one in battle announces himself death-struck—the cry one heard never forgotten. He raised the shield—too late; she reeled and fell, dragging him half down.

"What ails thee now?" he cried, in Spanish, forgetting himself. "What ails thee? Hast thou looked at the sun again?" He lifted her head upon his knee.

"Mother of Christ, she is slain!" he cried, in horror. An arrow descending had gone through her neck to the heart. The blood gushed from her mouth. He took her in his arms, and carried her to the steps of the temple. As he laid her down, she tried to speak, but failed; then she opened her eyes wide; the light poured into them as into the windows of an empty house; the soul was gone; she was dead.

In so short a space inhabitants of the three worlds—when was there the like? From the peace of the old chamber to the din of battle, from the dia of battle to the calm of paradise—brief time, short way!

From the sinless life to the sinful she had come; from the sinful life sinless she had gone; and in the going what fullness of the mercy of God!

I cannot say the Spaniard loved her; most likely his feeling was the simple affection we all have for things gentle and helpless—a bird, a lamb, a child; now, however, he knelt over her with tears; and as he did so, he saw the rosary, and that all the beads but one were wet with her blood. He took the string from the slender neck and laid her head upon the stone, and thought the unstained bead was for a prayer uncounted—a prayer began on earth and finished in heaven.

CHAPTER XI.

THE PUBLIC OPINION PROCLAIMS ITSELF.—BATTLE. "How now, thou here yet? In God's name, what madness hast thou? Up idiot! up and fly, or in mercy I will slay thee here!" As he spoke, Alvarado touched Ortega with the handle of his axe. The latter sprang up alarmed.

"Mira, Señor! She is just dead, I could not leave her dying. I had a vow." The cavalier looked at the dead girl; his heart softened.

"I give thee honor, lad, I give thee honor. Hadst thou left her living, shame would have been to thee for ever. But waste not time in maudlin. Hold! she is not dead!" With raised visor he stood in his stirrups.

but without its continuity, a divided, throbbing sound, such as has been heard in the throat of a volcano. Alvarado threw up his visor.

"What now?" asked Serrano, first to speak. "One, two, three—I have it!" the captain replied. "Count ye the strokes—one, two, three. By the bones of the saints, the drum in the great temple! Forward, comrades! Our friends are in peril! If they are lost, so are we. Forward, in Christ's name!"

Afterwards they became familiar to the sound; but now, heard the first time in battle, every man was affected. They moved off rapidly, and there was no jesting—none of the grim wit which old soldiers sometimes cover the nervousness preceding the primary plunge into a doubtful fight.

"Close the files. Be ready!" shouted Serrano. And ready they were—matches lighted, steel-cords full drawn. Every drum-beat welded them a firmer unit.

The roar of the combat in progress around the palace had been all the time audible to the returning party; now they beheld the temple covered with infidels, and the street blockaded with them, while a cloud of smoke, slowly rising and slowly fading, bespoke the toils and braveries of the defence enacted under its dim shade. Suddenly Alvarado stood in his stirrups:

"Ola! what have we here?" A body of Aztecs, in excellent order, armed with spears of unusual length, and with a front that swept the street from wall to wall, was marching swiftly to meet him.

"There is wood enough in those spears to build a ship," said a horseman. (To be continued.)

What a Mistake!

One half of all the people in this country have been or are now afflicted with catarrh or bronchitis. No doubt many of them have tried every blood purifier they have seen, with the erroneous idea that catarrh is a constitutional disease of the blood. Why, a greater mistake was never made! Stop for a moment and ask any reputable physician what common catarrh is, or bronchitis (which is a catarrh in the bronchial tubes), and what causes it, and the answer can only be this: "It is an irritation or inflammation of the mucous membrane of the nose and throat, caused by neglected colds, damps, piercing, irritable winds, foreign matter in the air, which is poisonous to some persons and not to others; just as the bites of a certain insect is a poisonous torture to some and no unpleasant affect to others." The reason for this is found in the different structure of the outer skin and its counterpart which lines all the inner organs of our bodies. Some people have chapped hands and chilblains and others are never so afflicted because of the peculiar structure of the skin of different individuals. It is not blood purifiers you want, but good good wholesome food, the plainer the better; then "keep your feet dry and warm, your head cool, and bowels open," and use an external application (Johnson's Anodyne Lintiment is the best we know) to allay the inflammation, cleanse the surface, heal the sores, and your catarrh will disappear like magic; we do not say never to return, because you may cure a severe cold and in three months catch another equally bad; so with catarrh and bronchial troubles, exposure may bring it on again. We learned more about treating catarrh from a wrapper around a bottle of Johnson's Anodyne Lintiment we ever knew. Certainly this good old medicine deserves to be called "A universal family remedy." It will pay you to send to I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., for a pamphlet, free, just to learn how to use the Lintiment economically. A teaspoonful properly used will do more good than a half bottle as some people use it. This Lintiment is made from the formula of an old family physician.

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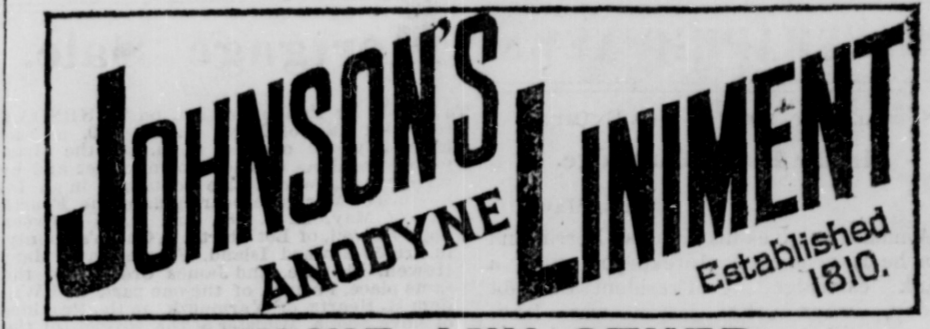
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