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 You majesty does me honor．＂ ＂We could not
arming a repregentative of your
aeat country，my dear young lady，＂ 10 Mo melize． Alesty＂resuried the young woman． rught betore you under talse－pre

nees I am not a aerson－of rank， outlows．But for the wit of my | Ta ransoma，＂ |
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| ＂It were laige | ppolselle，Whatever yourseit，would It thank you，sire．Perhaps there

til be no future need．In sooth，trom
to way the bandit chieftain looked on cher of our party， 1 would rather
ha wo would preter him to myself ＂Wostage．＂＂O you mean？＂ ＂Again the Count Frederick！He
＂ems always to come into may antrat．＂
the annogance in the king＇s face was The annoy
nmistakab
＂He kas
 servant An officflal of the palace en
tered and stood motionless near the doorn hat then，Andreat ten；the Count Sachlo of Grahafien． ＂Let them enter，Andreas
Both sentlemen bowed Both gentlemen bowed deeply
they entered and each kissed
royal hand respectulliy．Kitty nored Count Sasphlo snd bowed but
coldy to Count Frederick． Count Frederlek，in whose mind
seemed to uliger but scant remem．
brance of any unpleasant scenes in brance of any unpleasant，scenes in
which he had Igured，smiled now，and
atter the American fashlon，as bo tanolod，held out hle hand．
Kitty could not refuse it． sthe shifted the broken bit of coty from her right hand to her left
quuckly，but not so quukekly as to es
cape the keen eyes of the man who
Count Sachio，you are welcome
from your king dom to ours．I belleve
you have never heard of the young you have never heard of the young
American of distinction who has come
among us of late－ among us of late－you have not met？
Kitty loked calmly at the count
＂Pas encore，votre majeste，＂replied
Sachlo in the common language used
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per－treasures．or the king；it was
Olain to her．These two pieces of
netal joined．ould represent a story

 aler I．stoind teel that the wort
 Sex deared this reen．Count Froed



 Hexterering canaot dirne some motre whice tad abumanat tro


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 people，the second to to discover some ashion which shall keep you here in
pur own country，Interested and use I am convtnced of your own wis rence in your land as to lawn an
law
and justice sometimes out o mouth of a woman－a a lady of
k，of expertence one might learn tank，of expertlence－one might learn
the better how to carry on the dutles

Took the Missive．
court．with strangers present．＂Not
ot．．His tace flushed deeply as he





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dispose your majesty wholly to the
good of hts peopler＂
＂Preeisely．It ts as I would have
． sald it，mademoiselle．You Americane
are extroardinary．
Kitty took from his hand the broken are extraorainary．his hand the broken
Kitty took from hetal and regarded it thought
tully． fully．
＂I thank you more than I can tell，
It your majesty＂，sald she，soberly．＂It
shall be mi，mission to find out for
your poople the uncompleted message your people the uncompleted message
of this coin．＂
A sllver sounded afar in the
hall，announclng the approach of a

 and again as＂Danislaw，＂so knew that
it was none other than the prime min－
ister of Gretzhotfer－with whom he

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＂My frien
cisive voice

rene demanding the answer to all thef
are
sufferings，to thefr poverty，their
anxietige
anxieties．That answer，if we do no
use every means to change it，surely
will be written red！＂
＂
＂But what plan do you propose，$m$
lord minister？What can $I$ do？＂
One thing．Let me be blunt an
brief－have the king sober tonight！
shame to say those words－but
are my words to you．Have ur mon
arch－whom we reverence－sober to－
night！If the people esee him drunken，
if they I
if they ind him careless，indifferent
in times like this－popt！－revolution．
it tell you，and the answer written wht
the pen of blood．＂
Cunt Frederck apparently paused
at this．
at this．There was a hint of some
thing suppressed in hits volce when a
length he did reply．
＂$M y$ lo
＂My lord minititer，Tn see the king！
Kitty thoughtitit now they claspe
hands．She heard the prime ministe hands．She beeprit the prime minister
depaitting，each giving the other for
mal words oficourtesy． mal words oficourtesy．
Now she heard Frederick calling to
his servants． cRubinofr，Franko－any of you rass
cals－well，you，Rubinotif．Go at once
to the apartments of the Count Sachlo
and ask hime it he will foln me at once．＂
Kitty，stilil trembling in suppressed
excitement，waited yet longer before excittement，waited yet longer before
declaring hesself．She heard Freder
fck paclng up and down in the room， muttering to himself－heard also afte an interminable interval the footstep
of another tin the hall－heard Freder
ick greet him．

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no no more than to go this after
noon，to win In some fashon into the
presence of King Men presence of King Michael the Second，
our beloved monarch－whom we both
reverence！－and then and there，by what means shah seem most expedi－ ent，to induce him to drink more wing
than ever he did in one day in his life， Count Sachio laughed loud and lone
＂For what purpose，my good Fred erick？$?^{\prime \prime}$ he inquirede，at length，
${ }^{\text {FFor a plain and defnite }}$ Listen．As you know，I have had $m \mathrm{~m}$
ejbs on the throne of Gretzhotren sinc the death of the old king．That throne
is rightfully mine，and will be mine is rightfully mine，and will be mine．
This land is full of discontent－like
your own，yonder．The people com．
platn．They are on the very verge of
俍 plain．They are on the very verge of
revolution at this moment．This great．
ball tonight－the thought of its ex． beise has enraged our people．Now
pense tonight they see our beloved mon
it it tonight they see our beloved mon－
arch－whom we both reverence tm hts
usual or morre than hhs usaual state of
intoxication－then there＇s the mateh
and to the powder mill．The revolution is
begun．The explosion 18 made．It
wil be too late then．Their wrath
agatnat agatnst
ing，wasti Woman so honored with this gitt as
its antekeeping for a little time．＂

 ments wind en ine too faithtul．The
of the king are none
bandittio of the desert are with us．To．
morrow there will be a new king in
Gretzhoten，and that king will be
Grederick the First＂ Frederick the First．＂
Frecerics slipped from the room．The
Kall was empty．An instant later the
hat
$\qquad$ to her room．Here was somewhat to be dos．plain as to the intentions of Fred－
warick in regard to the king dom of Gretzhoffen and to

held the throne． | portunity shall come．Meantime have |
| :--- |
| the word o o one who is solicitous for |
| your safety．Drink no wine．Beware．＂ |
| Once more she telephoned to the |$|$ Once more she telephoned to the

bureal of telegraphe chalef or a mes
senger，and sent her simple misisive to
the king．

|  | Quick！＂ <br> CHAPTER XIV <br> The Ballroom． |
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|  | g had passed the |
| are the reflection that now she |  |
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| telt |  |
| been taken trom her by force by Count |  |
| Frederick，she was tar as ever from |  |
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|  | reverenty，thid |
| tion came to Kitty＇s |  |
|  |  |
| ＂So？Then I will wait his coming． |  |
| please，the |  |
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| dresser，peering here and there， |  |
| fully： put |  |
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|  |  |
| turn．He met the count himself，and | one yourself．Am I not good co |
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| the coin this very morning－sent it to the king by specilal messenger．I I tow |  |
| in the |  |
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|  | acho |
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| er advising him of Kitty＇s |  |
| ch still uncompleted，Kilty | lef |
|  | ing |
| turned desperately like some trapped |  |
|  |  |
| （ex | －${ }^{\text {ded }}$ |
|  | ${ }^{\text {sc }}$ Drink heartily，good Count |
|  |  |
| The honor is mine，mademotselle！＂ |  |
| newth ley | dured |
| metaceed，co | in his own glass，and raised his han |
| able to make any explanation，Kıtty |  |
| could but stand and stare at him．Aid |  |
| in |  |
| e．She | －cess of his errand．${ }_{\text {Leave him the }}^{\text {cen }}$ |
|  |  |
| She sat alone，helpless，unnnswered |  |
| in spite of her pounding on the door |  |
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|  | Frederick，making urpent excuses |
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|  | wino－then there must to someone it |

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## ancers hastenez back to the siles of the room．All eyes turned toward

## ediby his unifccomed officers，himsent

as a king shauld be，there appeared
The hour of midnight
eyes of more than one man on the
great dancing floor－inclucing thae
booked at the king amazed．Here w
cups，come to male，mavalin in
cups，come to make a spectacle
himaile before his people．．lo，
walked straight as any．And beh
im from the st
shouts of derision，but something ot
welcome，－of confdence－a pittifi e ex
pression of a people willing yet long
er to endure a king．
ar to endure a king．
At the inings side．her hand of
arm，thete walked the figure

costume of black and whit
young woman whom not many
present recognized．A few p
word，＂The American！＂

## ceased．An instant and the broke out orve more in strains of a southern Michet

Michael as yet did not
gave word that the bal
ceed．A uniformed officer

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＂rour majesty＂whis

Count Frodenenck beat

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Kitty broke the simp
the platin envelope in $w h i t y$

The dance swept on，
reed and brass illing thip
of the great salon．
sreat doors came the
not splendidaly g
stood with
the kung！＂
But the
But the king stood cuariously reg
Ing．the change in exppressi
＂Well，then，madem cosselle？＂
（TO BE CON：iINUED．）


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