

SCARAMOUCHE

by Rafael Sabatini

A death warrant, charging him with sedition, forced ANDRE-LOUIS MOREAU to flee from his native town of Gavrilac and delay refuge on the great and powerful MARQUIS DE LA TOUR D'AZYL. When the Marquis had deliberately tricked the idealistic divinity student, PHILIPPE DE VILMORIN, into a duel and killed him, because he feared that Philippe had a dangerous gift of eloquence, Andre-Louis swore to carry on his friend's work of destroying the power of the nobles. His second motive against the Marquis was his love for the beautiful ALINE DE KERCADOU, niece of the Lord of Gavrilac, who was popularly believed to be the father of Andre-Louis. The profigate marquis sued for the girl's hand. Warned by Aline that he is about to be arrested, Andre-Louis flees and takes refuge with a band of strolling players presided over by MONSIEUR BINET.

The conversation becoming general, Andre-Louis soon learnt what there was to learn of this strolling band. They were on their way to Guichen, where they hoped to prosper at the fair that was to open on Monday next. And then M. Binet fetched a sigh.

"But we shall miss Felicien. M. Binet turned to Andre-Louis. "He was our property man, our man of affairs, and occasionally he acted."

The three ladies had taken their departure to the chaise. The men were already climbing into the house on wheels when Binet turned to Andre-Louis.

"We part here, sir," he said dramatically, "the richer by your acquaintance." He put forth his podgy hand.

"I part from you reluctantly," Andre-Louis continued. "The more reluctantly since I do not perceive the absolute necessity for parting."

"How?" quoth Binet, frowning, and slowly withdrawing the hand which the other had already retained rather longer than was necessary. "Thus," Andre-Louis explained himself. "You may set me down as a sort of knight of rueful countenance in quest of adventure. On your side you tell me that you are in need of some one to replace your Felicien."

M. Binet was musing. "What should you say to ten livres a month?"

"I should say that it isn't exactly the riches of Peru."

"I might go as far as fifteen," said Binet, reluctantly. "But times are bad."

"I'll make them better for you."

"I've no doubt you believe it. Then we understand each other?"

"Perfectly," said Andre-Louis, dryly, and was thus committed to the service of Theopis.

To Keep Skin in Fine Condition All Summer

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CHAPTER III

At 5 o'clock that evening the curtain rose on "The Heartless Father."

The performance was in every sense unexciting; the audience meager and unenthusiastic. By the time M. Binet had paid the expenses there was not likely to be very much left toward the wages of his players.

"Possibly it could have been worse; probably it could not," said he.

In sheer amazement M. Binet checked his stride, and turned to look at his companion.

"Huh!" said he. "Dieu de Dieu! But you are frank."

At supper half-hour later he reviewed the topic.

"Our latest recruit," he announced, "has the impudence to tell me that possibly our comedy could have been worse, but that probably it could not." And he blew out his great round cheeks to invite a laugh at the expense of that foolish critic.

From the tail of the table Andre-Louis was challenged by Clime, who sat there between Columbine and Madame.

"You would alter the comedy, would you, M. Parvissimus?" she cried, giving him the name which earlier he had suggested as appropriate to the least of the company.

"I would suggest that it be altered," he corrected, inclining his head. "I should go back to the original and help myself more freely from it."

"The original?" questioned M. Binet—the author.

"It is called, I believe, 'Monsieur de Pourcaugnac,' and was written by Moliere."

"You do not imply that I have been stealing from Moliere?"

"I advise you to do so, monsieur," was the disconcerting reply.

"He is outrageous," said mademoiselle, indignantly.

"Outrageous is the word. I thank you for it, my dear. You sit at my table and to my face you advise me to become a thief—the worst kind of thief that is conceivable, a thief of spiritual things, a thief of ideas! It is insufferable, intolerable!"

He was very angry. His voice boomed through the little room, and the company sat hushed and something scared, their eyes upon Andre-Louis, who was the only one entirely unmoved by this outburst of virtuous indignation.

"You realize, monsieur," he said, very quietly, "that you are insulting the memory of the illustrious dead?"

"Eh?" said Binet.

"You insult the memory of Moliere, the greatest ornament of our stage, one of the greatest ornaments of our nation, when you suggest that there is villainy in doing that which he never hesitated to do, which no great author yet has hesitated to do. You cannot suppose that Moliere ever troubled himself to be original in the matter of ideas."

It was as a consequence of this that Binet retired soon after, taking Andre-Louis with him. The pair sat together late that night, and were again in close communion throughout the whole of Sunday morning.

CHAPTER IV.

At 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon the curtain rose on "Figaro Scaramouche" to an audience that filled three-quarters of the market hall. M. Binet attributed this good attendance to the influx of people to Guichen for the fair.

The company excelled itself. The

audience followed with relish the sly intrigues of Scaramouche, and delighted in the beauty and freshness of Clime.

On Tuesday the success was repeated artistically and augmented financially. Ten louis and seven livres was the enormous sum that Andre-Louis, the doorkeeper, counted over to M. Binet after the performance. Never yet had M. Binet made so much money in one evening.

And then the tragedy occurred. It announced itself in a succession of bumps and thuds, culminating in a crash outside the door that brought them all to their feet in alarm.

Pierrot sprang to open, and beheld the tumbled body of a man lying at the foot of the stairs. It emitted groans, therefore it was alive. Pierrot went forward to turn it over, and disclosed the fact that the body wore the wizened face of Scaramouche, a grinning, groaning, twitching Scaramouche.

Binet rolled through the group of players, scattering them to right and left. Apprehension had been quick to seize him. Fate had played him such tricks before.

"What ails you?" quoth he sourly. "My foot's broken, I think," Scaramouche complained.

The doctor came. Having seen the patient he reported that nothing very

serious had happened. He had sprained his foot a little. A few days' rest and all would be well.

"A few days?" cried Binet. "God of God! Do you mean that he can't walk?"

"It would be unwise, indeed impossible for more than a few steps."

M. Binet paid the doctor's fee and sat down to think.

He thrust his arm through Andre-Louis' and led him out into the street, where there was still considerable movement.

"I am thinking of you in the part of Scaramouche."

Andre-Louis disengaged his arm. "I begin to find you tiresome," said he.

"A moment, M. Parvissimus. If I am, to lose that fifteen louis, you'll not take it amiss that I compensate myself in other ways?"

"That is your own concern, M. Binet."

"Pardon, M. Parvissimus. It may possibly be also yours." Binet took his arm again. "Do me the kindness

to step across the street with me. Just as far as the postoffice there. I have something to show you."

Andre-Louis went. Before they reached that sheet of paper nailed upon the door, he knew exactly what it would say. And in effect it was, as he had supposed, that twenty louis would be paid for information leading to the apprehension of one Andre-Louis Moreau, lawyer of Gavrilac, who was wanted by the King's Lieutenant in Rennes upon a charge of sedition.

M. Binet watched him whilst he read. Their arms were linked, and Binet's grip was firm and powerful. (Continued in Our Next Issues.)

PURSE AND \$100 STOLEN

Woman Reports Money Taken While on Interurban Car.

Miss O. Della Pruitt, 130 Kealing Ave., told the police today she believed her purse, containing \$110, was stolen while on an interurban car.

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A Great Sale of SILK DRESSES

Downstairs Store's Greatest Values This Season

\$13.50

Dresses Made to Sell at Considerably More Than \$13.50

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Accordion-Plaited Panels Loose Embroidered Panels
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Straightline and Blouse Models, Bateau Necklines
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Dresses for Sports, Street, Afternoon and Evening Wear

Special arrangements have been made to serve large numbers of customers in this sale. Sizes include misses' 16, 18, 36; women's 38, 40, 42 and larger women's styles 44 and 46. (There are plenty of large sizes.)

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Boys' Khaki Flapper Suits, \$1.10

Two-piece, summer wear for boys; of good washable khaki with short sleeves, low neck, sport collar, two large pockets, straight leg pants with belt; 2 to 8 years.

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A Series of Summer Bargain Events

THE full resources of the store, at home and abroad, have been and are being employed to provide during July and August a series of at least two bargain events a week, which in their seasonableness, high quality of merchandise and impressively low prices will distinguish L. S. Ayres & Co. anew as "always the best place to trade."

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In Black—In White—In Cordovan Brown

This, the first day's offering in a 3-day Hosiery sale, will be held Thursday in the regular hosiery department, the hosiery booth, the knit underwear department and the glove department, street floor, also in the shoe department on the second floor.

Two other bargain groups will follow in order, Friday and Saturday morning. There'll be "just one place to buy silk hosiery this week!"—at Ayres!

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A Clearance of Junior Girls' Dresses With Prices Considerably Reduced

All Garments From Regular Stock—Sizes 7 to 16 Years

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One lot of dresses in colored organdy, all imported materials, in the pastel shades, 7 to 14 years. At \$4.95, \$6.95, \$12.50.

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—Ayres—Girls' and juniors' dept., fifth floor.