

against her will. No idea except to save and protect her enters the humble heart of Lazzaro; when he first meets her she is fleeing from a probable union with a dreaded member of the House of Borgia. But in conducting Paola to his master's house for shelter, he lays her open to a fate that is quite as undesirable, for Giovanni falls in love with the girl and wants to marry her. Obeying a

Paola repents her uncharitable thoughts and attitudes, and is touched. To complete her admiration, an opportunity is afforded Giovanni of distinguishing himself before her very eyes. His castle is attacked; the choice lies between capitulation and a bold sortie with a mere handful of men. Paola is entirely won when she sees her lover go forth at the head of his little band, stern, silent, and with visor down. She as little suspects the face of Boccadoro behind that visor as that it was his hand that had penned the lines which so moved her. But Ramiro del' Orca, with whom Lazzaro was thus brought into conflict, discovers very soon that he is not dealing with the craven Giovanni, and recognises the Fool. Ramiro is unhorsed and defeated. He is not a man to forgive, and this happens to be the second time Lazzaro has got the best of him. There is a third time, but by then he has Boccadoro utterly in his power to be revenged upon. A more sickening scene could scarcely be imagined than that which takes place in Ramiro's castle. He also is a suitor of Paola's, the most undesirable of all. It is small wonder she is terror-stricken when she falls into his hands. How the pair will escape affords a very exciting bit of reading, but seeing that the book is written in the first person, the suspense is considerably lessened.

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VERSE.

The trails of the world be countless, and most of the trails be tried;
 You tread on the heels of the many, till you come where the ways divide;
 And one lies safe in the sunlight, and the other is dreary and wan.
 Yet you look aslant at the Lone Trail, and the Lone Trail lures you on;
 And somehow you're sick of the highway, with its noise and its easy needs,
 And you seek the risk of the by-way, and you reck not where it leads.

Songs of a Surdough,
 By ROBERT W. SERVICE.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

They can conquer who believe they can.

THE FOLLY OF THE OVERWISE.

Dreams of the proud man, making great
 And greater ever,

Things which are not of God . . .

All is vain,

The pulse of the heart, the plot of the brain,
 That striveth beyond the laws that live.

Coming Events.

June 27th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, 2.45 p.m. Social Gathering, 4.30 p.m.

June 27th.—Complimentary Dinner to Miss Isla Stewart, in recognition of her twenty-one years' work as Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and in appreciation of her publicwork for the Nursing Profession. Georgian Hall, Gaiety Restaurant. Reception, 7.30 p.m. Dinner 8 p.m.

June 30th.—Princess Alexander of Teck opens the Extension of the Nurses' Home of Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

July 1st.—Anniversary Service of the Guild of St. Barnabas. Preacher, Canon E. E. Holmes. 7 p.m. Followed by the Annual Meeting at the Holborn Town Hall, 8 p.m.

July 3rd.—Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., 3.30 p.m.

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July 4th.—The Queen, accompanied by the King, opens the new building of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, 15, Buckingham Street, Strand. Policy holders will have to be on the ground, Embankment Gardens, Charing Cross (outside the building) not later than 3 p.m. Indoor uniform to be worn and the armlet. There will be no admission without a specially issued ticket.

July 7th.—Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, opens a Garden Fête in aid of the funds of the Charing Cross Hospital, Royal Botanic Gardens, 3 p.m.

July 8th.—Garden Party at Guy's Hospital. Medals and prizes distributed to successful students by Lord Rothschild, 3.15 p.m. The laboratories, museums, college, the Henriette Raphael Nurses' Home, and the wards will be open to inspection from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

July 8th.—Shoreditch and Bethnal Green District Nursing Association. A Sale of Work at the Home, 80, Nichols Square, Hackney Road, N.E. Opened by Lady Alington, at 3 p.m.

July 10th.—The Prince of Wales presents the medals and diplomas of honour awarded by the Chapter General of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Marlborough House.

July 10th.—The Earl of Crewe unveils the Statue of Queen Alexandra at the London Hospital; Prize Distribution to Students and Nurses, 3.30 p.m.

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