CHEMINS DE FER

Heures d'arrivée et de départ

NEW ORLEANS GREAT NORTHERN R. R.

DEPART
Ozone Spécial.
Folsom, Mandeville et points int. ..... 7:20 a m
St. Tammany Spécial
Covington, Mandeville et points int. ..... 4:30 p m
Excursion des dimanches et mercredis
Covington, Mandeville et points int. ..... 7:20 a m

ARRIVEE
Ozone Spécial.
Folsom, Mandeville, et Points int. ..... 7:10 p m
St. Tammany Spécial
Covington, Mandeville et points int. ..... 8:25 a m
Excursion des dimanches et mercredis
Covington, Mandeville et points int. ..... 7:10 p m

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE

ARRIVEE
Mail tous les jours.... 7:15 a m
Express tous les jours..... 6:00 p m
Limited tous les jours..... 8:15 p m
N. Y. fast mail tous les jours 11:15 a m
Mob. and coast tous les jours.....
Pacific train, tous les jours, excepté dimanche. ..... 8:50 a m
Dimanche excursion. ..... 9:45 p m

DEPART
Fast mail tous les jours..... 6:15 p m
Express tous les jours..... 7:00 a m
Limited tous les jours..... 9:25 a m
N. Y. fast mail tous les jours....

ILLINOIS CENTRAL

ARRIVEE
No 1 Chicago limited..... 8:15 p m
No 3 local mail..... 6:40 p m
No 5 Cincinnati and Louisville 8:15 a m
No 7 fast mail ..... 3:35 a m
St Louis and Chicago... 10:35 a m
No 31 McComb Acod ..... 9:30 am

DEPART
No 4 Chicago limited..... 9:15 a m
No 14 local mail..... 6:30 a m
No 6 Cincinnati & Louisville 9:15 a m
No 8 fast mail..... 7:10 p m
St Louis and Chicago.. 7:10 p m
No 32 McComb Acod ..... 3:20 pm

THE YAZOO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

ARRIVE
Memphis Express ..... 8:15 a.m.
Woodville, Bayou Sara Acc 9:10 a.m.

DEPART
Memphis Express ..... 3:15 p.m.
Woodville, Bayou Sara Acc 4:00 p m

ST. LOUIS AND PACIFIC

ARRIVES
Fort Worth and Hot Springs express ..... 7:30 a m
Local ..... 12:05 p m
California express ..... 7:45 p m

DEPART
California express..... 8:30 a m
Local ..... 3:15 p m
Fort Worth and Hot Springs express ..... 6:20 p m

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY

ARRIVES
Houston ..... 11:10 a m
E. T. and Houston..... 5:10 p m
Pacific Coast Express..... 8:35 a m
Sunset Express..... 6:45 p m

DEPART
Local ..... 3:00 p m
E. T. and Houston..... 6:40 a m
Pacific Coast Express..... 9:00 p m
Sunset Express..... 11:55 a m

NEW ORLEANS, FORT JACKSON AND GRANDISLE R. R.

ARRIVER
Dimanche seulement.
Lafitte..... 7:30 p m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche et samedi.
Lafitte..... 9:55 a m
Samedi et dimanche seulement
Lafitte..... 9:55 a m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche.
Lafitte..... 6:40 p m

DEPART:
Dimanche seulement.
Lafitte..... 8:00 a m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche et samedi.
Lafitte..... 4:30 p m
Samedi et dimanche seulement.
Lafitte..... 5:30 p m
Tous les jours excepté dimanche.
Lafitte..... 8:00 a m
Fort Shell Beach..... 10:02 a m
Fort Shell Beach..... 7:00 p m

DEPART
Tous les jours excepté dimanche.
Pour Belair et Shell Beach.. 4:10 p m
Dimanche seulement.
Fort Shell Beach..... 5:30 a m
Fort Shell Beach..... 8:00 a m
Belair..... 5:30 p m
Fort Shell Beach..... 7:30 p m

LOUISIANA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

ARRIVER
Tous les jours excepte dimanche.
De Belair et Shell Beach.... 9:10 a m
Dimanche seulement.
De Belair..... 7:00 a m

L'état des navires partis pour la Nouvelle-Orléans

NEW YORK.
Steamship El Monte, Mason.....parti 29 sept
Steamship Prosna, Kemble.....parti 3 oct.
Steamship El Dorado, Prescott.....parti 3 opt.

KEY WEST
Steamship Alexandria.....parti 2 oct.

LIVERPOOL
Steamship Magician, Rabv.....parti 25 sept
Steamship Florida, Bruce.....parti 1 sept.
Steamship Albonian, Harrison.....parti 5 sept.
Steamship Auxilian, Japha.....parti 13 sept.
Steamship Chancellor, Booth.....parti 15 sept
Steamship Barrister, Goodie.....parti 8 sept.
Steamship Nicaraguan, Shacklockper 20 sept.
Steamship Irishman, Merrick.....parti 24 sept.
Steamship Musician, Woodfenderper 18 sept.
Steamship Dictator, Vincent.....parti 22 sept.
Steamship Alexandrian, Bruce.....parti 22 sept.
Steamship Texas, Herrocks.....parti 29 sept.

CARDIFF.
Steamship Maine, Rehm.....parti 22 sept.

SANTOS.
Steamship Homer, Taylor.....parti 14 sept.
Steamship Yearby, Johnson.....parti 17 sept.
Steamship Phidias, [illegible].....parti 23 sept.

RIO DE JANEIRO.
Steamship Phidias, Alison.....parti 11 sept.
Steamship Moorby, [illegible].....parti 14 sept.
Steamship Homer, Taylor.....parti 22 sept.
Steamship Goodwood, Boas.....parti 7 sept.

HULL.
Steamship Comedian, Marshall..parti 5 sept.

MONTEVIDEO
Steamship Warrington, Hall.....parti 12 sept
Steamship Blue Cross, Storm..parti 27 sept.

BARRY.
Steamship West Point, Roche..parti 19 sept.

LONDRES.
Steamship Celonian, Chadwick parti 20 sept.

PALERME.
Steamship Lesio, Dodero.....parti 15 sept.

SWAKEMUNDE
Steamship Asia, Brummer.....parti 20 sept.

DENIA
Steamship Principessa Laetitia parti 17 sept.

ANVERS
Steamship Estonian, Jacobsen..parti 24 sept.

MACEIO
Steamship Warrior, Rushforth parti 25 sept.

BARBADES.
Steamship Philtias, Allen.....parti 27 sept.

PERNAMBUCO.
Steamship Capella, Gill.....parti 30 sept.

PORT TALBOT
Steamship Glenarm Head, Eyers.....parti 2 oct.

BULLETIN FLUVIAL

Nouvelle-Orléans 6 octobre 1906.
Journal par le Bureau Météorologique de la Nouvelle-Orléans Départements de l'Agriculture des Etats-Unis.
L'étiage à 8 heures A. M.

Stations.	Pieds hauteurs au rive. pieds	Chutes du dernier pieds	Hauteur pied.	Changements depuis les 24 heures
Arkansas		4	7.2	—0.2
Dardanelle	10	15	5.3	.....
Little Rock	33	30	11.5	—1.2
Dardanelle	44	45	25.8	+0.8
Memphis	32	32	16.3	+0.9
Nashville	43	42	21.4	+1.3
Nashville	44	45	19.6	+1.3
Cumberland River				
Nashville	23	25	9.0	+1.6
Cumberland	9	16	6.1	+0.2
Evansville	.....	21	18.9	—0.6
Vincennes	.....	61	7.0	.....
Mount Carmel	.....	31	8.8	—0.5
Pittsburg	30	32	4.0	—2.5
Cincinnati	45	50	10.5	—0.1
Louisville	.....	38	5.0	—0.2
Evansville	.....	40	21.6	+0.7
Chattanooga	28	34	13.6	—0.2
Fort Smith	.....	23	5.2	—0.1
Little Rock	.....	32	6.2	—0.3
Arthur City	.....	37	8.4	—0.3
Fulton	30	28	11.6	—0.4
Shreveport	31	30	5.9	—0.3
Alexandria	33	33	9.1	—0.2
Barbre				
Camden	36	39	5.5	—0.5
Monroe		40	4.9	+0.4

L'état des navires dans le port

Navires.	Venant de	Quai
Jem	Liverpool	1er dist 37
Appomattox	Port Limon	1er dist 15
Antwerp City		2me et 63
Atlas	Danemark	Point
Cymbeline		rue Harmonie
Cambyses	Brême	rue Ursulines
Civilian	Liverpool	2me dist 27
City of Tampico	Mexique	Algier
El Sud	New York	2me dist 8
Elsie	Port Limon	1er dist 14
El Valle	New York	Algier
Fort	Gênes	rue 7me
Genessee	Philadelphie	Southport
Herm	Danemark	1er dist 27
Heathpool	Rotterdam	Stuyvedock
Isabelone	Anvers	Chalmette
Isel Helme	Cette	Gretna
Irene	Trieste, Venice, etc	rue 2me
Joe W Fordney		Algier
Kileyth	Bordeaux	1er dist 21
Lesio	Gênes	Point
Mailoche	Progreso	Stuyvedock
Manchester	Mariner Manchester	Westwego
Monarch	Rotterdam	rue 14re
Olympia	Belize	1er dist 15
Rosina	Honduras	2me dist 30
Rathlin Head	Belfast	rue Lafayette
Transit	Havane	Slaughterhouse
Traveller	Liverpool	Westwego
Venus	Port Limon	Algier
	BANQUES.	
Fortuna	Portugal	rue Richard

CHARTER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

BE IT KNOWN, That on this Thirteenth day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and twenty-ninth, before me, ERNEST TOURO FLORANCE, a notary public in and for the Parish of Orleans State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations and especially of Act No 36 of the Session of the General Assembly of said State for 1888, they have formed and organized, and do by these presents form themselves, their successors and assigns into and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations and agreements hereinafter set forth, which they hereby adopt as their charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of the corporation hereby formed is declared to be the H. W. SLOAN COMPANY, LIMITED under which name it shall have and enjoy corporate succession for the period of ninety-nine years, and shall have and exercise for the purposes of the business to be carried on by it, all the powers conferred by law upon corporations.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans. Service of citation or other legal process shall be served on the President of the Company, or in his absence, on the Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE III.

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be the conducting of the business of purchasing and selling, or either on orders and the exporting of cotton and other commodities to loan or advance money on cotton and other commodities, to act as agent or attorney in fact for any individual, firm or corporation for the purpose of purchasing or selling or exporting cotton and other commodities, to buy, sell, receive and dispose of, by assignment, transfer, donation or own all kind of property corporeal or incorporeal, choses in action, notes, bills of exchange, or otherwise; to borrow money and to pledge, mortgage or hypothecate any property belonging to it; to sue and be sued in its own name, or its own account, or for the benefit of others.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) divided into one hundred shares (100) of the par value of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each, which said shares shall be paid for in cash or its equivalent in real estate, merchandise or property at the time that the same is issued. All transfers of stock shall be made on the books of said Company on the surrender of the outstanding certificates, pursuant to such rules as shall be prescribed by the directors. This company shall have the right to commence business when the total capital stock of the said corporation, ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) shall have been paid in.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers and authority of this corporation shall be vested in a President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and one Director, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, and shall be elected at an annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on the second Monday in January of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

All elections shall be by ballot, and held at the office of said corporation, under the superintendence of two commissioners to be appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors. Each share of Stock shall be entitled to one vote, to be cast by its owner, either in person or by proxy, and a majority of the votes cast shall elect. This corporation shall not be dissolved by failure to hold an annual meeting, and to elect directors thereat, but in case of such failure, the said annual meeting shall be held as soon thereafter as possible. Until the said first annual meeting the Board of Directors of this Company shall be composed of the following persons, to-wit: H. W. Sloan, A. Franklin Pugh and N. P. Sloan, with the said H. W. Sloan as President, the said A. Franklin Pugh as Secretary and Treasurer.

All the directors above named and all thereafter elected shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VII

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the corporation on the shares owned by him, nor shall any more informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his stock.

ARTICLE VIII

At the termination of this charter by limitation or otherwise, the business and affairs of this corporation shall be liquidated by two commissioners to be appointed from among the stockholders at a meeting convened after ten days' prior notice in writing, shall have been given by the Secretary and Treasurer to each stockholder or his fully authorized agent; said notice to be delivered in person or sent by mail. Said commissioners shall be elected, and their duties defined, and their compensation fixed by a majority of the shares of stock of the corporation or Company. Said Commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully liquidated, and in case of the death of any one or more of said commissioners, the survivor or survivors shall continue to act.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered or the corporation may be dissolved, by a vote of three fourths of the capital stock represented at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose after ten days' notice shall have been given in the manner as set forth in the first paragraph of this article.

Thus done and passed at my office at New Orleans, Louisiana, aforesaid, the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of Hiddleston Kenner and D. Wright Wilcox, competent witnesses of lawful age, domiciled in this City, who hereunto sign their names with the parties and me, said notary, after the reading of these presents.

Signed H. W. SLOAN.
Signed A. FRANKLIN PUGH.
Signed N. P. SLOAN.
p.p. H. W. Sloan.]

Witnesses
H. KENNER.
D. W. WILCOX.
Signed ERNEST T. FLORANCE, Not. Pub.

Recorded in Mortgage Office, Parish of Orleans, in Book 842, February 14th, 1906.

CHARTER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

BE IT KNOWN, That on this Twenty-third day of the month of July, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and six.

Before me, ERNEST T. FLORANCE, a notary public in and for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, duly commissioned and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named, personally came and appeared the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that availing themselves of the provisions of the law of Louisiana, as well as of those of the general laws of this State relative to the organization of corporations, they have formed and organized, and do by these presents form themselves, their successors and assigns into and constitute a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the stipulations and agreements hereinafter set forth, which they hereby adopt as their charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The name and title of the corporation hereby formed is declared to be COLUMBIA COFFEE MILLS, LIMITED, under which name it shall have and enjoy corporate succession for the period of ninety-nine years, and shall have and exercise for the purposes of the business to be carried on by it, all the powers conferred by law upon corporations, including the power to purchase, lease, sell, mortgage and pledge real and personal property, in the prosecution of its business; to contract, and be sued; to make by-laws for its government and generally to exercise all the powers necessary or convenient in carrying on its business.

ARTICLE II.

The domicile of this corporation shall be in the City of New Orleans, Louisiana. All citation or other legal process shall be served on the President of the Company, or in his absence on the Vice President or Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE III

The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be the carrying on of a general coffee and molasses business including the roasting and packing of coffee and the packing of molasses in tin, glass or any other receptacle.

ARTICLE IV.

The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at Thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00) divided into three hundred (300) shares of the par value of One hundred dollars each, which said shares shall be paid for in cash or its equivalent in real estate, merchandise or property at the time that the same is issued. All transfers of stock shall be made on the books of said Company on the surrender of the outstanding certificates pursuant to such rules as shall be prescribed by the Directors. Said capital stock may be increased to the amount of One hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) or may be decreased by proceedings in accordance with the requirements of the laws of this State. Should the said capital stock be increased the existing stockholders shall have the right to take shares of the additional stock in proportion to the number of shares then owned by them within thirty days after the increase shall have been made. This Company shall have the right to commence business when Five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) of the capital stock shall have been subscribed for.

ARTICLE V.

All the corporate powers and authority of this corporation shall be vested in a President and Manager, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer and one Director, who shall constitute a Board of Directors, and shall be exercised as follows:

The President and Manager shall have power to manage and conduct the business of the said corporation, subject to the control of a two thirds vote of all the members of said Board; each of said officers and said directors shall own in his own name, at least one share of this corporation and shall be elected at an annual meeting of the stockholders to be held on the first Monday in July of each year.

ARTICLE VI.

All elections shall be by ballot and held at the office of said corporation under the superintendence of two commissioners to be appointed for that purpose by the Board of Directors. Each share of stock shall be entitled to one vote to be cast by its owner, either in person or by proxy, and a majority of the votes cast shall elect. This corporation shall not be dissolved by failure to hold an annual meeting and to elect Directors thereat, but in case of such failure, the said annual meeting shall be held as soon thereafter as possible. This first annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the First Monday in July, A.D. 1906. Until the said First annual meeting the Board of Directors of this Company shall be composed of the following persons, to-wit: C. W. Ziegler, president; R. F. Clerc, vice president; Joseph Graff, secretary and treasurer, and J. M. Armbruster. Both the Directors above named and all thereafter elected shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VII.

Both the stockholders subscribing this charter, and all future stockholders agree mutually with each other not to dispose of their stock without first giving in writing to the other stockholders (three days) notice of such intended transfer and allowing such other stockholders to have the privilege of purchasing said stock at the price fixed by the book values as shown in the preceding trial balance. In case of the purchase of such stock by the existing stockholders, they shall acquire the same in the proportions in which they already hold stock in the corporation. If any one of the stockholders declines to purchase the others may purchase in the proportion of their existing holdings.

ARTICLE VIII.

No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsable for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due to the corporation on the shares owned by him, nor shall any more informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his stock.

ARTICLE IX.

At the termination of this charter by limitation or otherwise, the business and affairs of this corporation shall be liquidated by three commissioners to be appointed from among the stockholders at a meeting convened after ten days' prior notice in writing, shall have been given by the Secretary and Treasurer to each stockholder or his fully authorized agent; said notice to be delivered in person or sent by mail. Said commissioners shall be elected and their duties defined and their compensation fixed by a majority of the shares of stock of the corporation or Company. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully liquidated, and in case of the death of any one or more of said Commissioners, the survivor or survivors shall continue to act.

This act of incorporation may be changed, modified or altered or the corporation may be dissolved by a vote of three fourths of the capital stock represented at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose after ten days' notice shall have been given in the manner as set forth in the first paragraph of this article.

Thus done and passed at my office at New Orleans, aforesaid, the day, month and year first above written, in the presence of Louis Battistella and R. F. Becker, witnesses of lawful age, domiciled in this City, who hereunto sign their names with the said parties and me, the said Notary, after the reading of these presents.

(Original Signed)
Witnesses: Charles W. Ziegler, L. Battistella, Rene F. Clerc, Rud F. Becker, Joseph Graff, J. M. Armbruster.

(Seal) Ernest T. Florance, Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned Recorder of Mortgages, in and for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Act of Incorporation of the Columbia Coffee Mills, Ltd. was this day July recorded in my office in Book 849, Folio 359.

New Orleans, July 24th, 1906.

(Seal) (Sd.) Emile Leonard, D. R.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original thereof on file and of record in my office in this City.

Witness my hand and official seal this 1st day of August 1906.

ERNEST T. FLORANCE, Not. Pub.

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DEUXIÈME PARTIE

L'EXPLOSION

III

AU PESAGE.

(Suite.

—Vous avez tant de peur qu'on sache ce qu'il y a dans vos correspondances avec la Rousette que vous les cachez dans la poche de votre vieux pardessus, là où vous mettez votre argent, et pour les lire vous allez à travers champs, derrière les haies et, ne dites pas non, l'autre jour, Toine, que vous ne saviez pas là, vous entendait soupirer comme le soufflet du maréchal !.... A votre âge, si ce n'est pas une honte !....

—Véronique !

—Eh bien ! après ? Véronique vous dit des vérités et voilà la dernière ; — C'est rudement bête, les hommes !

Elle s'en alla à ses légumes en grommelant entre ses dents :

—Parce qu'une drôlesse a une peau couleur de mauvaise crème, avec des cheveux filasse, ils tirent la langue après comme mes veaux quand je les change de pâture.... Oui, ils sont bêtes, diablement bêtes !....

L'ancien dragon serrait les poings rageusement.. mais il se taisait.

Sans cette Véronique, que serait-il devenu ? Où trouverait il une travailleuse comme elle ?

D'ailleurs, il lui était lié par une force extraordinaire, celle de l'habitude.

Elle connaissait ses goûts, ses manies.

Il serait toujours temps de la laisser partir quand Pascaline consentirait à prendre la direction de ses affaires.

Au surplus, il n'avait rien à craindre.

Sa servante pour le moment ne songeait pas à le quitter.

Un attrait tout-puissant la retenait à Arville, celui des intérêts de Colette.

Dans la maison du greffier elle se tenait au courant de ce qui se passait ; elle pouvait la servir ; elle recevait de ses nouvelles.

C'était pour elle un baume souverain qui lui faisait oublier tout le reste.

Quand elle allait chez le père Laurent, le maître d'école, elle passait une heure délicieuse en parlant de sa Colette.

Dieu merci ! jusque-là elle n'était pas trop malheureuse.

A l'hôtel de la richissime madame Raimbaut, elle jouissait d'une grande tranquillité. Elle avait conquis sa patronne et possédait sa confiance.

On lui laissait autant de liberté qu'elle pouvait en désirer.

Elle se disait presque heureuse, dans ses lettres à Véronique et au maître d'école.

Mais elle les trompait pour leur éviter un grand chagrin.

Elle avait une plaie au cœur et cette plaie elle la cachait avec soin à tous les yeux, même à ceux de ses meilleurs amis.

Jusque-là, Véronique ne lui donnait que de rares nouvelles de Marcel Fabrice, puisqu'on ne le voyait plus à Arville et que le juge de paix ni son greffier ne parlaient de lui à personne, comme s'ils se fussent donné un mot d'ordre.

D'ailleurs qu'auraient-ils pu en dire ? Qu'il était de plus en plus triste et sombre !

Les Fabrice étaient de ceux qui n'aiment pas à prendre leurs voisins pour confidents.

Ce jour-là, comme le plus souvent, ils restaient enfermés chez eux, tristes l'un et l'autre, le mari accablé par des pressentiments douloureux, la femme obstinée de plus en plus dans ses idées, se refusant à envisager la possibilité d'un pardon pour une faute dont ils ne doutaient ni l'un ni l'autre, assis dans un de ces petits salons de campagne où çà et là quelques meubles apparaissent, parcimonieusement espacés, froids et gauches d'aspect, lorsque la porte s'ouvrit :

La mère jeta un cri de joie :

—Marcel !

Elle se leva et ouvrit ses bras.

Il lui sembla que c'était un baiser de glace qu'elle recevait et elle recula d'un pas en murmurant :

—Comme tu es pâle, mon pauvre enfant !

Le père disait.

—Pourquoi ne nous as-tu pas avertis ?.... Je serais allé te prendre.... Enfin, te voilà ?....

—Oui.

L'officier prononça ce seul mot avec un grand soupir.

La mère revint à lui, l'examina longuement et le fit asseoir entre elle et son père.

Marcel Fabrice s'accouda à la table, posa son front sur sa main gauche et demeura immobile, les yeux vagues, dans une attitude qui révélait un indicible abattement.

Alors sa mère lui demanda, avec une tendresse et une émotion dont on l'aurait difficilement supposée capable :

—Voyons, parle-nous, mon enfant, qu'as-tu donc ?

Il essaya de réagir et murmura :

—Rien de grave, ma mère....

—Dis moi la vérité, je t'en supplie.

—Eh bien ! voilà.... Je m'ennuie....

—A Rennes ?....

—Oui, au régiment. Cette existence de caserne, si monotone et si vide, m'est à charge.

—Elle te plaisait autrefois... Tu le disais du moins.....

—Oui, ma mère; mais on change.... à la longue.... Et j'ai besoin de distractions, d'activité.... Je dois changer d'air.... de pays peut-être.... Le major du régiment me l'a dit.

—A cause d'elle ?.....

—Oui, à cause d'elle.... mais ne m'en parlez pas, je vous en prie.... J'essaie de l'oublier... Je me suis entendu avec mon colonel... Je vais à Paris.... trouver le ministre.

Le juge de paix se leva :

—Tu veux le voir ?

—Oui.

—Qu'as tu à lui dire ?

—Peu de chose ; que je veux donner ma démission.....

—Et ensuite ?

—Je suis jeune.... j'irai tenter les aventures au loin.... à Madagascar, par exemple....On s'en occupe beaucoup en ce moment et on dit qu'on peut y faire fortune.... Je vous demanderai une petite dot, vingt à trente mille francs, et j'essaierai d'organiser une affaire, de trouver une concession de fonder un petit établissement qui deviendra grand peut-être.. avec le temps. Pourquoi pas ? Vous avez bien quelques petites économies.... Je n'ai jamais été dépensier ni exigeant....

Il s'animait ; il essaya de sourire et dit :

—Je suis votre fils, unique.... Vous m'aimez bien, je le sais.... Vous ferez quelque chose pour moi....

Ses yeux s'emplirent de larmes ; il s'affaissa sur la table et appuya son front à ses deux bras sans pouvoir ajouter une parole.

Le juge de paix le regardait d'un air morne, ne trouvant pas pour lui un mot de consolation ou n'osant pas le prononcer, de peur d'encourir les reproches de la femme devant laquelle il s'était habitué à trembler.

Ce fut elle qui s'approcha de son fils et qui, accablée de ce désespoir et aussi de la crainte de voir cet enfant, son seul amour, s'éloigner pour jamais, se pencha sur lui et, doucement, avec une tendresse infinie

—Tu la veux donc, malgré son indignité ?....

Il se redressa lentement, l'espérance dans les yeux, et il demanda à son tour :

—Si c'était vrai, ma mère ; si je ne pouvais pas l'éloigner de mon esprit ; si elle était là sans cesse devant mes yeux ; si, à la pensée qu'elle est perdue pour moi, je sentais ma raison chanceler.... si je me jetais à vos genoux, en vous disant : —Vous avez raison de ne pas vouloir... mais, par pitié pour moi, consentez !.... Ne me refusez pas le droit de croire à son innocence et laissez-moi vous l'amener ici.... Promettez moi de lui pardonner, de l'aimer !.... Que feriez vous ?

Madame Fabrice eut un mot sublime :

—Veux tu que j'aille la demander à son père ? Veux-tu que j'aille te la chercher ?

Il la pressa sur sa poitrine, longuement, et, secouant la tête :

—Non, dit-il, je ne veux pas vous imposer ce sacrifice..... Ou la honte a passé, je n'ai rien à reprendre.... Je tâcherai d'oublier.... J'anéantirai ce souvenir.....

—Mais tu partiras ?....

—Il le faut. Ici, je suis trop près d'elle encore.... Trop de choses me la rappellent. Qu'est-ce qu'une courte absence, un voyage de quelques mois pendant lequel je vous écrirai souvent ? Je vous expliquerai mes projets, mes espérances.... Peut-être