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VICTOR HUGO.

Man is neither master of his life nor of his fate.  
He can but offer to his fellow-men his efforts to  
diminish human suffering; he can but offer to  
God his indomitable faith in the growth of  
liberty.

VICTOR HUGO.



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### I.

**V**ICTOR HUGO was the third of three sons. His father was a general in the army of Napoleon, his mother a woman of rare grace and brave good sense. Six weeks before the birth of her youngest son she wrote to a very dear friend of her husband, this letter :

“To General Victor Lahorie,  
“Citizen-General :

“Soon to become the mother of a third child, it would be very agreeable to me if you would act as its godfather. Its name shall be yours—one which you have not belied and one which you have so well

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honored : Victor or Victorine. Your consent will be a testimonial of your friendship for us.

" Please accept, Citizen-General, the assurance of our sincere attachment.

" FEMME HUGO."

Victorine was expected, Victor came. General Lahorie acted as sponsor to the infant.

A soldier's family lives here or there, everywhere or anywhere. In 1808 General Hugo was with Joseph Bonaparte in Spain. Victor was then six years old. His mother had taken as a residence a quaint house in the Impasse of the Feulantines, Paris. It was one of those peculiar old places occasionally seen in France. The environs of London have a few ; America none of which I know. This house, roomy, comfortable and antiquated, was surrounded with trees and a tangle of shrubbery, vines, and flowers ; about it all was a high stone wall and in front a picketed iron gate. It was a mo-

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saic—a sample of the sixteenth century inlaid in this ; solitary as the woods ; quiet as a convent ; sacred as a forest ; a place for dreams, and reverie, and rest. At the back of the house was a dilapidated little chapel. Here an aged priest counted his beads, said daily mass, and endeavored to keep moth, rust, and ruin from the house of prayer. This priest was a scholar, a man of learning ; he taught the children of Madame Hugo.

Another man lived in this chapel. He never went outside the gate and used to take exercise at night. He had a cot bed in the shelter of the altar ; beneath his pillow were a pair of pistols and a copy of Tacitus. This man lived there summer and winter, although there was no warmth save the scanty sunshine that stole in through the shattered windows. He too taught the children and gave them little lectures on history. He loved the youngest boy and would carry him on his shoulder and tell him stories of deeds of valor.