A NIGHT IN STAMBOUL.

Late upon an August evening, in Constantinople, or rather in the dirtiest yet most picturesque of its suburbs, Pera, a party of five gentlemen were seated at a dinner-table in one of the large houses that stood upon the brow of the hill, which slopes downward till it reaches the Bosphorus, not far from the new palace of the Sultan. Their undress uniforms, and the litter of sabres and foragecaps scattered about the room, suggested at once that the occupants were attached to one of the armies then carrying on the great struggle in the Crimea. The frequent references made by all of them to "the front." and the tone of interest in which the latest news was inquired for and given, was usual enough in any company at that time in Constantinople, but their familiarity with the subject, as they discussed it over their wine, made it apparent that most, if not all, of them were well acquainted with the lights and shades of a campaigner's life in the Crimea.

The conversation was carried on in French, and the light-blue uniforms of the chasseurs a cheval, and the dark uniform of the chasseurs a pied, sufficiently established the nationality of the wearers. The youngest of the party, although wearing the undress of the cavalry, from the marked accent with which he spoke, and from those various shades of difference, more or less defined, which distinguish the Saxon from the Gaul, was evidently an Englishman. At this moment he was speaking across the table to a tall, dark, soldierly-looking man, whose brenzed countenance bore marks of more than one hard-earned victory in Algiers.

"I say, St. Heliers, a propos of our new commander-in-chief. Did you ever serve under him in the colonies? Duchesne here was telling me to day some stories about him that would augur rather sharper work at the front than any we have had hitherto."

"I was a sous-lieutenant under him one summer in Oran, my dear Arden, but we were in barracks the whole time. Still, I know a good deal about him, and can venture to promise you we shall let the Russians see that that they have at last caught a Tartar in old Pelissier.'

"Well," said the gentleman referred to as Duchesne, "I am glad he has the command, but I should be sorry to have on my conscience the load the old fellow must carry on his, after that affair at the Caves."

"Pshaw !" replied St. Heliers, "what in the deuce was he to do with the beggars? He had to choose between losing the best part of his own men, and the destruction of a horde of murderous rascals. But come, we won't discuss the matter; it's too soon after dinner for an argument. What's to be done to-night?"

"First, to arrange where we are to mess tomorrow-with you, I think, D'Epernay?" said Arden.

"All right, mon cher !" rejoined D'Epernay, a good-looking fellow in the uniform of the line, as he rose from the table. "Parbleu. Arden," he continued, halting before the large double windows, the eastern lattices of which were thrown back to admit the soft night air that came gently breathing over the pine-tops from the cool waters of the Bosphorus below, "I envy you such a view as this. Look here, St. Heliers; look, D'Ardier ! Zounds ! a man might : all get romantic with that scene before him !

And perhaps no more beautiful stand-point could have been selected among the many around this most beautiful city of the world. A vast Turkish graveyard, with its dense

"True. Come, D'Epernay! Duchesne! clear the table. Put the decauters and glasses on the floor-anywhere.

Amid shouts of laughter the table was cleared, and the cloth twisted into a very fair substitute for rope. There was some hesitation how to fasten the end, till Duchesne suggested there would be a difficulty in getting the massive dinner-table through the window, and, acting upon the hint, that piece of furniture was pulled up close to the lattice. and the cloth made fast to one of its solid

Between the wall of the garden and the side of the house ran an alley, four feet wide, and it now became a problem among the four adventurers-for D'Ardier refused to join them-how this gulf was to be passed, the top of the wall being eight feet below the level of the window.

"I'll tell you," said Arden. "I am the lightest, and will lower myself down part of the way and see if I cannot swing over. I shall then baable to hold the other end of the rope while you fellows slide down.'

Lowering himself cautiously, Arden suc-ceeded, with some little difficulty, in establishing a foothold upon the wall. St. Heliers joined him, immediately followed by D'Epernay and Duchesne.

Stopping for a moment to wave a farewell to D'Ardier, who promised to remain at the window till their return, they scrambled down from the wall, and began to force their way, as silently as possible, through the dense and tangled hedge that surrounded the park. Not a word was spoken, except an occasional smothered exclamation from D'Epernay, the dandy of the party, as the thorns of an acacia or aloe threatened destruction to some favorite garment, until they stood within a small enclosure, from which paths branched off in apparently all directions.

'Now, then, for a council of war," said St. Heliers, halting. "Which way, Arden, do you suppose the old fellow's villa to lie ?"

"Either of those paths, I imagine, would reach it," replied Arden, pointing to two that ran hearly in the same direction.

"Hold on !" cried D'Epernay; "let us divide and try them both. Four of us together will be awkward."

"Come along, then, Arden; we will take this," said St. Heliers, starting forward. "Au revoir, vous autres.'

St. Heliers and his friend followed the path they had chosen for some time, winding among parterres of flowers and past little summer-houses of the quaintest devices. painted and gilded in the extremes of Oriental taste.

"Upon my word, St. Heliers, this is enough to carry one back to the Arabian Nights, Look at the fountain yonder, it seems spouting diamonds. Was ever anything more charming? And see that kiosk, how it glitters in the moonlight! Ah! what's this?

A turn of the path had brought them before a large building, standing embowered in trees, and apparently uninhabited. But as they approached it St. Heliers touched his comrade's arm and pointed to a lattice, partly concealed by the luxuriant foliage of a running vine, through the leaves of which streamed a ray of light.

"Unbuckle your sabre," he whispered, as he took off his own; "we may be heard." Then, stealthily, keeping as much under the shadow of the trees as possible, they crept on until they stood under the lighted lattice.

"To get up is the next thing," said St. Heliers, below his breath, as he looked up doubtfully at the tangled mass of foliage formed by the vine which promised to be their only assistant in the attampt. "What do you think, Arden; can we climb it?" "Hold on till I get my boots off and I'll tell you," replied his companion, in the same subdued tones, as he endeavored to kick off one of the articles in question. "Now, then, let me see what we have to hold on to.' The next moment the young soldier had commenced his escalade. The vine was a large one, and trained by iron clamps driven into the crevices of the wall, so that, although requiring a good deal of exertion, he progressed more rapidly than he expected, and was soon on a level with the lattice.

"The most glorious creature I ever saw," replied his companion. "She shall never-Before he had time to finish his sentence, a shout, so flerce and wild, rose from the opposite side of the villa, followed by a prolonged sac-r-r-e, and a volley of oaths so unmistakably French, that Arden exclaimed:-"D'Epernay's in a mess, and, confound it all, how are we to help him?"

"I don't know, I'm sure. Diable! look here! We shall first have to think of helping ourselves."

And, as he spoke, one of the doors of the harem was thrown violently open, and a con-fused crowd of female slaves and eunuchs rushed in. Apparently something of the most alarming character had occurred, which the two friends at once judged to be the discovery or capture of D'Epernay.

A hurried consultation convinced them that, for the present, they were less liable to discovery by remaining where they were; and it was with the most intense interest that they watched the scene within the harem.

A perfect babel of female tongues ensued for the first five minutes, until an old eunuch, [evidently of high authority, succeeded in some measure in restoring quiet. During the confusion, the lady whose won-derful loveliness had so strongly attracted St. Heliers and Arden remained quiet and composed, although deeply interested in the tale the old eunuch, with marks of the most profound respect, had begun to relate to her. After listening for a short time, she interrupted him to utter a few words of command, which were followed by the immediate departure of several slaves.

During this time the female slaves of the household had collected near the entrance door, and were squatted in groups, awaiting some new scene in the drama.

"St. Heliers," whispered Arden, "we had better be off; they are going to search the park, and, by this bright moonlight, we shall be seen to a certainty."

There was no time for a reply; the old eunuch, as if struck by a sudden thought, walked across the roem to the lattice, and began to unfasten the inner sash.

"You old villian, may Sheitan fly off with you!" exclaimed St. Heliers, shaking his fist at him with so much energy that he lost his balance, and fell with a crash through the thick foliage of the vine to the ground. A loud yell announced to Arden that all hopes of concealment were at an end, and he began to descend as rapidly as the detaining branches of the creeper would admit; but, in the haste of the moment, his foot slipped, and he also came tumbling to the ground; and, landing on top of St. Heliers, who was busily searching on his hands and knees for a missing boot, they rolled over lovingly on the grass together.

"Hope I didn't hurt you, old fellow!" ex-claimed Arden, breathless with laughter, in spite of himself.

"Only knocked out of me the little breath I had left. Where's that confounded boot gone? Look sharp, Arden, these fellows mean mischief.'

A pistol-shot or two was fired from the lattice; but in the confusion and bustle of the moment, the balls went high overhead. The yells of the eunuch, mingled with the shrill screams of the women, made such an uproar that both the young soldiers felt they had no time to lose. Seizing boots and sabres, without stopping to draw the former articles on, they ran at full speed as nearly as possible in the direction from which they entered the garden.

Noises in several quarters indicated that more than one party was in pursuit, and the knowledge that Turkish vengeance was apt to be prompt and summary in cases like this. caused them to exert every energy to reach their friendly table-cloth. More than once, as the flashing of torches and the sound of voices warned them of the approach of a party, they were obliged to conceal themselves within some of the coverts of myrtle scattered through the park. "I'll tell you what," whispered St. Heliers, as they were crouched under the low branches of a jessamine, while the sound of eager questions and the occasional ring of steel, as a scabbard struck sharply against the ground, gave warning of the closeness of the pursuit, "I am alarmed about D'Epernay, these fellows look so savage; now it seems to me they are all off in this part of the grounds away from the house; what do you say if we go back and look for him and Duchesne?"

"Look out, St. Heliers, here come the ras-c 1- in force," should Arden, as half a dozen white figures came leaping down the bank toward them.

We shall have to draw upon them, Arden. And the next moment their heavy cavalry

sabres flashed out in the cool moonlight. "Charge and drive the scoundrals back,

while D'Epernay brings up the boat!" shouled Heliers. A mad whirl for a moment-shouts, and

groans and curses, and the dashing of steel, as the two soldiers, side by side, drove steadily back the slaves. A moment later, and D'Epernay was beside them having left Duchesne in charge of the caique.

"Back, Arden, come back for heaven's sake, or those informal caiquediis will swim in and take the caique from Duchesne !!

It was plainly the wisest course, for reinforcements could be seen pouring down from all quarters of the garden, some wearing the blue uniforms of the Turkish infantry, showing that the guard from the adjacent barracks had | een turned out.

"Come along, Arden," cried D'Epernay, seizing his friend by the arm and dragging him back followed by St. Heliers.

"Look sharp, Duchesne, and shove off ! he added, as all three tumbled on board. A few vigorous strokes of the oar carried

them out into the swift current of the Bosporus; their pursuers contenting themselves with a volley of random shots, and shouting curses until they were out of hearing. "Well," said St. Heliers, resting on his our

as they floated past the eastern point of the Golden Horn, "you have heard our story, D'Epernay, now tell yours.

It was soon related. Duchesne and himself, after wandering through the park in various directions, had reached the villa on the side opposite to that gained by St. Heliers and Arden; in attempting to explore, they had frightened an old female slave, who gave the alarm. Beating a rapid retreat for the table-cloth, the pursuit was so close that they had been obliged, as Arden suggested, to double on their pursuers and seek an escape by the Bosporus.

They had succeeded in making a bargain with the owners of a double-oared caique, when the reports of the pistols, discharged from the villa, induced them to delay, in the hope that their comrades might make their retreat by the same route; but, on their approach, pursued by the slaves, the caiguedjis became frightened and endeavored to force them on shore. All persuasions proving un-availing, they were obliged to resort to more forcible measures, and, as the only way of securing the retreat of the whole party, had quietly pitched the rightful owners of the caique overboard.

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"I think," said St. Heliers, as they lighted their cigars before separating, "the less said about this little affair, for the present, the better. We are not the only Frenchmen in Constantinople who are fond of an adventure. Come, Arden-good night!" B. VON FLINDERS.

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groves of cypresses, lay almost beneath their feet. On the right extended a large, parklike enclosure, its lofty wall bordered with myrtles and fig trees, whose heavy foliage and interlacing boughs formed a dense screen against the intrusion of impertinent eyes. Beyond, over the pines, like a dark line, swept the rapid Bosphorus, with here and there a dim glimmering light, as a calquedji or belated fisherman shot across the straits, with his paper lanterns suspended from the prow. Occasionally the moon, breaking through the fleecy clouds that covered the sky, lent an increased brilliancy to everything. The pines and cypresses waved in silver spires, deepening the dark-ness of the shadows below; the numerous palaces of the pachas, with their long glittering lines of illuminated windows, were scattered in the distance, and the night-breeze, cool and moist, from distant Marmora, came sweeping past, bearing its stolen fragrance from the jasmines and myrtles of Scutari.

The fragrance of Latakia was apparently preferred to that of the myrtle by the little knot that collected around the window at the call of D'Epernay, and meerschaums and cigars were lighted in despair of any more active method of killing time.

"What a bore it is," yawned St. Heliers, "that the opera is over for the month!-D'Ardier, you have not spoken for the last two hours. I condemn you to suggest something to do.'

"Good-night, then," replied D'Ardier; "I am off to bed. It's nearly eleven, and I've a six-o'clock parade in the morning. You fel-lows on leave can lie in bed as long as you like.

"Hang it all, don't go yet!" said D'Epernay. "I say, Arden, what's this enclosure next door to you ?"

"It belongs to some old pacha or other, replied Arden. "My man tells me he has got his harem in a villa down there among the trees."

"By the sacred camel!" shouted St. He liers, making a plunge off the divan, and nearly upsetting Duchesne, who was perched on the back of a chair endeavoring to see how long he could preserve his balance, "I have an idea !'

"Well, please don't break my neck in your astonishment at the novelty, but let us have it. I've not had such a thing for the last twenty-four hours.

"Nor the twenty-four years preceding, you might add," chimed in D'Epernay, with a laugh.

"Listen, you fellows," continued St. Heliers. "You say, Arden, that the pacha has his seraglio over there ?'

"So my servant told me the other morning. But what has that to do with your idea ?

"Only that I am going to try and get a peep at it." There was a general shout of assent at this

announcement-from all, except D'Ardier, who attempted in vain to dissuade them from

undertaking it. "Well," he said, at last, "you will get into a confounded scrape, I warn you. You have not been here as long as I have, and don't know how savage it makes a Tark to interfere with his women.

"Don't bother, D'Ardier," replied Arden. "We won't let the old fellow know anything about it. But how shall we manage to get over," he continued, turning to St. Heliers, who had been reconnoitring from the win-

"Have you got a rope?" "No; but you can take the table-cloth."

A smothered exclamation broke from him, and made St. Heliers inquire eagerly what was the matter.

"Hush! Not a word! Come up as quickly as you can, and make no noise, for pity's sake

Although heavier and less active than his companion, St. Heliers was soon seated beside him upon the broad stone slab forming the ledge of the lattice. Carefully putting aside the leaves that screened it, and placing his eye to one of the interstices of the beautiful fretwork of the sash, a sight so extraordinary burst upon his gaze that his start of delight and astonishment caused him almost to lose his seat; for there, before them, in all its Eastern magnificence and loveliness, was -the harem of the pacha.

Reclining in the most picturesque and natural positions, some half buried in piles of crimson cushions from Tripoli, or shawls from Cashmere; others seated, smoking, upon the low divan that crossed the end of the room opposite the treacherous lattice, the long tubes of their nargiles glittering with jewels, they lay, the dark haired, starry-eyed Circassians. Charming little children were playing about the apartment, and the peals of musical laughter that broke from within indicated the most unrestrained enjoyment.

The chamber was large, and evidently one in common for all the members of the harem, profusely decorated with all the rude splendor of the Saracenic school. The soft light shed through it from some unseen source lent a tone and refinement to what might otherwise have appeared meretricious and gaudy.

Neither of the two soldiers spoke as their eyes followed the graceful movements of the occupants of the room; and it was, in truth, a rare and beautiful picture. With their raven hair flowing in waves over their shoulders, the graceful Persian costumes, all combined with that attraction which female loveliness exerts over men, now heightened by the romantic circumstances under which they were beheld, made the enchantment of St. Heliers and his friend complete. But before long it was evident that one figure attracted their undivided attention, nor could a fairer vision of mere material beauty well be found to dazzle the senses of men.

In a semicircle of cushions, a little apart from the others, lay the pearl of the harem: a Persian jacket of crimson silk open across her bosom, loose white trousers of the same material, gathered at the ankle, which was clasped by heavy bands of gold above a tiny naked foot, that played carelessly with the embroidered slipper which had fallen from it; her dark hair fell in folds, long strings of pearls wreathed carelessiy through it, forming at once an pinament and support. Ap. parently the beanty was in a pensive mond, for, while one hand held listlessly a late, the other, half buried in the wealth of her dark tresses, formed a rest for a lovely face that appeared all unconscious of its surroundings. "Well, St. Heliers, what do you think of

this?" at last whispored Arden.

"Wait till I get my boots on, and I am ready to go back, of course. Now then!'

Carefully retracing their steps to where they supposed their companions had been discovered, to satisfy themselves, if possible, that they were not held as prisoners; and, taking advantage of the deep shadows around them, they at length reached a spot a short distance from the villa. An anxious survey satisfied them that their friends were not deteined without the building.

"St. Heliers !" suddenly cried Arden, "the Bosphorus must be close to us. I'll wager that D'Epernay has managed to double on these rascally slaves, who, you see, are all at the other end of the park, and has reached the shore, where he may get away in a caique."

"True," replied St. Heliers, thoughtfully, "At all events, we had better look."

Judging now that there was less danger of being seen, they walked rapidly forward, without taking their previous precaution of keeping in the shade. Arden was even laughing at St. Heliers' sober countenance, and accusing him of thinking of the harem, when the fizz-izz-zz, followed by the heavy, lumbering report of a matchlock, warned them of their mistake.

"Come, Arden, our only chance now is the water!" cried St. Heliers, plunging into a thick coppice, followed by his friend.

The report of the matchlock at once brought the rest of his pursuers upon their trases, and it was soon evident to both that, unless happily a caique should be near the shore, they would have to swim, or be taken prisoners. On they went, regardless now of all concealment, dashing through brakes, and over parterres of flowers, while the moon, breaking through her thin veil of silvery clouds, drifting across the sky, lent all her brilliancy to aid their pursuers, whose white dresses could be seen hurrying from all parts of the park, their shouts and yells filling the air.

"This way a little," called out Arden, who, being the most active, led the way-"this way, St. Heliers-by Jove, there is a caique! and, by all that's glorious, there is Duchesne and D'Epernay, too; but-what the devil !-Halloo, there, D'Epernsy!-hold on; don't push off yet! What the deuce is the matter ?" shouted Arden, as he and St. Heliers rushed down breathless to the shore.

Something was evidently the matter, for, in defiance of the shouts of both, the caique receded from the shore; a struggle of some sort was going on, for a heavy fall was followed by a volley of Turkish curses, and then a splash as of some solid body thrown overboard, succeeded immediately by another. A cheer from D'Epernay, as the calque was pushed rapidly in shore, indicated a change of ownership, to and home coarts'

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