

THE EXPLOITS OF BRIGADIER GERARD. Now the Brigadier held the King. BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

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CHAPTER II.

But even as I was torn out onto the flint stones and realized that thirty ruffians were looking around me, I was filled with joy, for my pelisse had been pulled over my head in the struggle and was covering one of my eyes, and it was with my wounded eye that I was seeing this band of brigands. You see for yourself by this picture, and see how the thin blade rested between the socket and ball, but it was only at that moment when I was dragged from the coach that I understood that my sight was not gone forever. The creature's intention, doubtless, was to drive it through my brain, and, indeed, he loosened some of the ruffians around me as I lay upon the ground. I had frequently observed that the mountaineers were cloth swathed round their feet, but never did I imagine that I should have so much cause to be thankful for it. Presently, seeing the blood upon my head, and that I lay quiet, they thought that I was unconscious, whereas I was storing every ugly face among them in my memory, so that I might

black limbs and the white near the forehead. It was the very horse which I had begged for in the morning. What then had become of Commissariat Vidal? Was it possible that there was another Frenchman in as perilous a plight as myself? The thought had hardly entered my head when our party stopped and one of them uttered a peculiar cry. It was answered from among the brambles which lined the base of a cliff at one side of the clearing, and an instant later ten or a dozen more brigands came from among them and the two parties greeted each other. The newcomers surrendered my friend of the brambles with cries of grief and sympathy, and then turning upon me they brandished their knives and howled at me like the gang of assassins that they were. So frantic were their gestures that I was convinced that my end had come, and was just bracing myself to meet it in a manner which should be worthy of my past reputation when one of them gave an order, and I was dragged roughly across the little glade to the brambles from which the new band had emerged. A narrow pathway led through them to a deep grotto in the side of the cliff. The sun was already setting outside and the interior of the grotto was lit by torches which blazed from a socket on either side. Between them there was sitting at a rude table a very singular-looking person, whom I saw instantly, from the respect with which the others addressed him, could be none other than the brigand chief who had received, on account of his dreadful character, the sinister name of El Cucullito. The man whom I had injured had been carried in and placed upon the top of a barrel, his helpless legs dangling about in front of him and his cat's eyes still darting glances of hatred at me. I understood from the snatches of talk which I could follow between the chief and him that he was the lieutenant of the band, and that part of his duties was to lie in wait, with his smooth tongue and his peaceful garb, for travellers like myself. When I thought of how many gallant officers may have been lured to their death by this monster of hypocrisy it gave me a glow of pleasure to think that I had brought his villainies to an end--though I feared it would be at the cost of a life which neither the emperor nor the army could well spare.



Turning Upon Me They Brandished Their Knives.

see them all early hanged if ever my chance came around. Brwry rasicals they were, with yellow handkerchiefs round their heads, and great red sashes stuffed with weapons. They had rolled two great rocks across the path, where it took a short turn, and it was these which had torn off one of the wheels of the coach and upset us. As to the ruffian who had acted the priest so cleverly and had told me so much of his parish and his mother, he, of course, had known where the ambuscade was laid, and had attempted to put me beyond all resistance at the moment when we reached the grotto. I cannot tell you how frantic their rage was when they drew him out of the coach and saw the state to which I had reduced him. If he had not got all his deserts he had at least something as a souvenir of his meeting with Etienne Gerard, and the pain from my aimlessly about, and though the upper part of his body was convulsed with rage and pain he sat straight down upon his feet when they tried to set him upright. But all the time his two little black eyes, which had seemed so kindly and so innocent in the coach, were glaring at me like a wounded cat, and he spat and spat and spat in my direction. My faith, when the wretches jerked me onto my feet again, and when I was dragged off up one of the mountain paths, I understood that a time was coming when I was to need all my courage and resources. My enemy was carried upon the shoulders of the men behind me, and I could hear his hissing and reviling first in one ear and then in the other as I was hurried up the winding track.

I suppose that it must have been an hour that we ascended, and what with my wounded ankle and the pain from my eye, and the fear lest this wound should have spoiled my good looks, I have made no journey to which I look back with less pleasure. I have never been a good climber at any time, but it is astonishing what you can do, even with a stiff ankle, when you have a copper-colored brigand at each elbow and a nine-inch blade within touch of your whiskers. We came at last to a place where the path wound over a ridge and descended upon the other side through thick pine trees into a valley which opened to the south. In time of peace I have little doubt that the villans were all smuglers and that these were the secret paths by which they crossed the Portuguese frontier. There were many mule tracks, and once I was surprised to see the marks of a large horse where a stream had softened the track. These were explained upon reaching a place where there was a clearing in the fir-wood. I saw the animal itself halting to a fallen tree. My eyes hardly rested upon it when I recognized the great



"He Was Not Dead When We Buried Him."

was listening to the report of his lieutenant. Having heard everything he ordered the cripple to be carried out again, and I was left with only three guards waiting to hear my fate. He took up his pen and, tapping his forehead with the handle of it, he pursued up his lips and looked out of the corner of his eyes at the roof of the grotto. "I suppose," said he at last, speaking very excellent French, "that you are not able to suggest a rhyme for the word Cucullito." I answered that my acquaintance with the Spanish language was so limited that I was unable to oblige him. "It is a very rich language," said he, "but less prolific in rhymes than either the German or the English. That is why our best work has been done in blank verse, a form of literature which, as I need not remind a Frenchman, is capable of reaching great heights. But I fear that such subjects are somewhat outside the range of a hussar." "I was about to answer that if they were good enough for a guerrilla they could not be too much for the light cavalry, but he was already stooping over his half-finished verse. Presently he threw down the pen with an exclamation of satisfaction and declaimed a few lines which drew a cry of approval from the three ruffians who held me. His broad face blushed like a young girl who receives her first compliment. "The critics are in my favor, it appears," said he. "We amuse ourselves in our long evenings by singing our own ballads, you understand; I have some little facility in that direction and I do not at all despair of seeing some of my poor efforts in print before long, and with 'Madrid' upon the title

page, too. But we must get back to business. May I ask what your name is?" "Etienne Gerard." "Rank?" "Colonel." "Company?" "The Third Hussars." "You are young for a colonel." "My career has been an eventful one." "Tut, that makes it the sadder," said he, with his bland smile. I made no answer to that, but I tried to show him by my bearing that I was ready for the very worst which could befall me. "By the way, I rather fancy that we have had some of your corps here," said he, turning over the pages of his big, brown register. "We endeavor to keep a record of our operations. Here is a heading under June 21. Have you not a young officer named Southron, a tall, slight youth with light hair?" "Certainly." "I see that we buried him upon that date." "We buried him?" "But before you buried him?" "You misunderstand, colonel, he was not dead before we buried him." [To Be Continued.]

A Mixed Prayer. From Harper's Magazine. At the advanced age of five Marjorie developed an extraordinary liking for prayers. She had been taught not only "Now I Lay Me," but also the Lord's Prayer, and then, at her request, a codicil had been added, praying that "papa and mamma and all my relations," might be protected during the night. She said the prayers just before going to bed, in the morning, and her mother often heard snatches of them as the little girl went about her doll's affairs during the day. It was, no doubt, partly owing to this familiarity with her prayer, but largely to drowsiness, that one day the sleepy little girl, while her listening mother by hastily cutting short the Lord's Prayer and ending up the ceremony with, "Deliver me from evil, and--all my relations."

THE WORLD OF LABOR. Coal gas dates from 1723. We have 412 species of trees. London has 50,000 female clerks. New York has 10,500 telephones. The states have 1,828 daily papers. Uncle Sam leads in gold output. Canada has but one Sunday paper. England supports 200 daily papers. Chinese eat 10,000,000 dogs annually. London has 170 patent fort factories. Racine, Wis., reports a bicycle-boat. Persia has twenty miles of railroad. London theaters employ 12,000 persons. Norway is to have electric ferry boats. Lake Superior iron mines employ 10,000 men. In Ireland lace making employs 12,000 girls. United States contain 13,000 medical students. The Rothschild family is worth \$2,000,000,000. An England-Holland telephone is projected. The Atchafalaya railroad is capitalized in \$50,000,000. There are 750 officials in Queen Victoria's household. New York has 27,000 women who support their husbands. Straw plaiting gives employment to 50,000 women in Europe. The growing of corn may be heard direct by means of the microphone. Shoes were first mentioned in Egyptian annals 2,000 years before Christ. A new telegraphic invention will convey 2,000 words a minute over the wires. The Chinese make candles of a vegetable wax, the product of the candleberry tree. The cost of an ironclad is about \$400 a ton. This includes guns and all equipments. A lady had the wrong tooth pulled by a Detroit dentist, and she recovered \$500 damages. In India, it is said, the native barber will shave you while you sleep, so light is his hand. Nashville is the first city in the world for hard wood lumber, and the largest milling city in the south. The great cable corporations and construction companies of the world, all of them, have their headquarters in New York. There are forty-eight different materials used in constructing a piano, from no fewer than sixteen different countries, employing forty-five different hands. A London firm which has manufactured eight of the eleven cables linking the United States to England make fifty-five miles of cable each twenty-four hours. Since 1875 \$28,000,000 in silver has been shipped from San Francisco for use in the Asiatic trade. Over \$11,000,000 of it was in Mexican coin and the rest in bars. In London there is a manufacturer, in which every kind of rare or ancient coins are made, and a collector need not go out of the place if he wants to fill his cabinet with numismatic treasures. Most people talk about millions without realizing what is really is. An expert coin counter can count 3,000 coins per hour. If he works ten hours a day it will take 1-1/3 days to finish the counting of 1,000,000. The first printed books abounded to such an extent in abbreviation that they were extremely difficult to read and understand, and a treatise was prepared and printed in London in 1710, "Printed Book." It gave explanations of the abbreviations. Probably the largest fire insurance policy in existence, or even written, is that covering the property of the State of Hawaii company. It was issued by the Phoenix Fire, of London, Eng., in amount \$17,000,000, and takes \$170,000 to carry.--Philadelphia Record.

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