

# THE EXPLOITS OF BRIGADIER GERARD.

## HOW THE KING HELD THE BRIGADIERS.

### A Conan Doyle

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III. Heavens, how I ran! The wind buffeted my face and buzzed in my nostrils. The rain pelted upon my skin and hissed past my ears. I stumbled into holes. I tripped over bushes. I fell among brambles. I was torn and breathless and bleeding. My tongue was like lead, my feet like lead, and my heart beating like a kettle-drum. Still I ran, and I ran, and I ran. But I had not lost my head, my friends. Everything was done with a purpose. Our fugitives always made for the coast. I was determined to go inland, and the more so as I had told Beaumont the opposite. I would fly to the north. Perhaps you will ask me how I could tell which was which on such a night. I answer that it was the wind. I had observed in prison that it came from the north, and so, as long as I kept my face to it, I was going in the right direction.

Well, I was rushing along in this fashion when, suddenly, I saw two yellow lights shining out of the darkness in front of me. I paused a moment, uncertain what I should do. I was still in my hussar uniform, you understand, and it seemed to be that the very first thing that I should aim at was to get some dress which should not betray me. If these lights came from a cottage, it was probable enough that I might find what I wanted there. I approached, therefore, feeling very sorry that I had left my iron bar behind; for



"Perhaps I can be of some assistance to you, Madame."

I was determined to fight to the death before I should be retaken.

But very soon I found that there was no cottage there. The lights were two lamps hung upon each side of a carriage, and by their glare I saw that a broad road lay in front of me. Crouching among the bushes, I observed that there were two horses to the carriage, that a small postboy was standing at their heads and that one of the wheels was lying in the road beside him. As I looked, the window was lowered, and a pretty little face under a bonnet peeped out from it.

"What shall I do?" the lady cried to the postboy in a voice of despair. "Sir Charles is certainly lost, and I shall have to spend the night upon the moor."

"Perhaps I can be of some assistance to Madame," said I, scrambling out from among the bushes into the glare of the lamps. A woman in distress is a sacred thing to me, and this one was

not, at this instant, heard a faint halo in the distance, which was answered by a shout from the little postboy. In the rain and the darkness I saw a lantern some distance from us, but approaching rapidly.

"I am sorry, Madame, that I am forced to leave you," said I. "You can assure your husband that I shall take every care of his coat." Hurried as I was, I ventured to pause a moment to salute the lady's hand, which she snatched through the window with an admirable pretense of being offended at my presumption. Then, as the lantern was quite close to me, and the postboy seemed inclined to interfere with my flight, I tucked my precious overcoat under my arm, and dashed off into the darkness.

And now I set myself to the task of putting as broad a stretch of moor between the prison and myself as the remaining hours of darkness would allow. Setting my face to the wind once more, I ran until I fell from exhaustion. Then, after five minutes of panting among the heather, I made another start, until again my knees gave way beneath me. I was young and hard, with muscles of steel, and a frame

which had been toughened by twelve years of camp and field. Thus I was able to keep up this wild flight for another three hours, during which I still guided myself, you understand, by keeping the wind in my face. At the spot of that time I calculated that I had put nearly twenty miles between the prison and myself. Day was about to break, so I crouched down among the heather upon the top of one of those small hills which abound in that country, with the intention of hiding myself until nightfall. It was no need for me to sleep in the wind and the rain, so, wrapping myself up in my thick, warm cloak, I soon sank into a doze.

It was not a refreshing slumber. I tossed and tumbled amid a series of vile dreams, in which everything seemed to go wrong with me. At last, I remember, I was charging an unshaken square of Hungarian Grenadiers, with a single squadron upon spent horses, just as I did at Elchingen. I stood in my stirrups to shout "Vive l'Empereur!" and as I did so, there came the answering roar from my hussars, "Vive l'Empereur!" I sprang from my rough bed, with the words still ringing in my ears, and still tried to look severe. "My husband," she answered, "is Sir Charles Meredith, and he is traveling to Dartmouth prison upon important government business. I only ask you, sir, to clear light of morning the very last thing that I should have either expected or chosen."

It was Dartmouth prison! There it stretched, grim and hideous, within a furlong of me. Had I run on for a few more miles in the dark I would have butted my head against the wall. I was so taken aback at the sight, that I could scarcely realize what had happened. Then it all became clear to me, and I struck my head with my hands in my despair. The wind had veered from north to south during the night, and keeping my face always toward it, had run ten miles out and ten miles in, winding up where I had started. When I thought of my hurry, my falls, my mad rushing and jumping, all ending in this! It seemed so absurd, that my grief

changed suddenly to amusement, and I fell among the brambles and laughed and laughed, until my sides were sore. Then I rolled myself up in my cloak and considered seriously what I should do. (To Be Continued.)

### COREAN CEREMONY.

A Scheme to Strike the European with Wonder.

From the St. James' Gazette.

As I entered Seoul a royal procession, with which the king visited some of the ancestral tombs, was returning by another gate. Its novel feature was that the minister of war rode in European evening dress and a "bowler" hat. On the day following I witnessed a ceremony of the coronation of the king which may have far-reaching results to Koreans. The Japanese have resolved to clean the Augean stable of official corruption, and compelled the king to begin the task by proceeding in state to the altar of heaven, and there taking an oath before the spirits of his ancestors to the proposed reforms. His Majesty, by exaggerating a trivial ailment, had for some time delayed the ceremony, and even the day before, a dream, in which an ancestral spirit appeared to him adjuring him not to depart from ancestral ways, terrified him from taking the proposed pledge. But the spirit of Count Mougey proved more masterful than the ancestral spirit; and the oath was taken in circumstances of great solemnity in a dark pine wood under the shadow of Puk Han, at the most sacred altar in Corea, the center of three inclosures, in the presence of the court and dignitaries of the kingdom. Old and serious men had fasted for two days previously, and in the vast crowd of white-robed and black-hatted men, which looked down upon the striking scene from the hills in the gardens of the palace, not a word was spoken. The sky was gray and grim, with a bitter east wind—ominous signs in Korean estimation.

After a long delay and much questioning as to whether at the moment the king would resist the foreign pressure, the procession, in solemn silence, emerged from the palace gate; huge flags, on trident headed poles, purple bundles carried aloft, a stand of sacred stones conveyed with much ceremony, groups of white-robed men, and such in hats shaped like fools' caps of the same color, the king's personal retinue in yellow bamboo hats, decorated with pink roses, and men carrying umbrellas, followed by—not the magnificent state chair, with its forty bearers, but a plain wooden chair with green roof and glass sides, in which sat the sovereign, looking very pale and dejected, with the crown and scepter in his hand. Behind him followed the crown prince in a similar chair, Mandarins, ministers and military officers were then assisted on their caparisoned ponies, and each, with two attendants, followed in his own carriage. In the rear of the king's party, in a gorgeous raiment, hid in behind the home minister on a dark donkey conspicuous by his foreign garb.

Half an hour later, by passing along a street so narrow that two horsemen cannot ride abreast, the king reached the altar of heaven, where the military escort was left outside the outer wall, and only the king, dignitaries and attendants proceeded to the altar. The king, in a scarlet robe, and with a sword under the dark pine, was met by a band from an artistic point of view, and from a political standpoint the taking of the oath by the Korean king was one of the most significant acts in the tedious drama of the present war.

### EPIGRAMMATIC.

We should quietly hear both sides.—Goethe.

He scatters enjoyment who enjoys much.—Lavater.

Life has no blessing like a prudent friend.—Euripides.

Hanging and wiving go by destiny.—Shakespeare.

Who gives a trifle meekly is meaner than the trifle.—Lavater.

Present fears are less than terrible imaginations.—Shakespeare.

Every man is a volcano if you know how to read his face.—Taylor.

Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind.—Shakespeare.

There can be no high civility without a deep morality.—Emerson.

Frugality is founded on the principle that all riches have limits.—Burke.

When a man is at the most corrupt, then the laws are most multiplied.—Tacitus.

He who has health has hope; and he who has hope has everything.—Arabian.

Fear nothing so much as sin, and your moral heroism is complete.—C. Simmons.

Profraternity is the vice of a weak nature, as avarice is of a strong one.—Taylor.

A crowd always thinks with its sympathy, never with its reason.—W. R. Alger.

Educate men without religion and you make them but clever devils.—Wellington.

He hazards much who depends upon learning for his experience.—Roger Ascham.

To be happy is of far less consequence to the worshippers of fashion than to appear so.—Colton.

Blessed is the man that has found his work. One monster there is at the world, the idle man.—Carlyle.

By gambling we lose both our time and treasure, two things most precious to the life of man.—Lavater.

Commend a fool for his wit, or a knave for his honesty, and he will receive you into his bosom.—Fielding.

The most happy man is he who knows how to bring his life to the end and the beginning of his life.—Goethe.

The Mohammedans have ninety-nine names for God, but among them they all have not "Our Father"—Anon.

The fault-finder is in his nature's plague to spy into himself; on his jealous shapes faults that are not.—Shakespeare.

Ovid finely compares a man of broken fortune to a spy into himself; the lower it sinks the greater weight it is obliged to sustain.—Goldsmith.

There are two freedoms; the false, where the man is free to do what he likes; the true, where the man is free to do what he ought.—Kingsley.

Faith is found beneath the most refined life, the freest government, the profoundest philosophy, the noblest poetry, the purest humor.—T. Munster.

The blossom cannot tell what becomes of the odor, and no man can tell what becomes of his examples, that roll away from him, and bestow on his neighbor their perilsous mission.—H. W. Beecher.

Some men may gain a fortune where proceeds a stream of liberal and heroic deeds; the sweet of pity, not to be confined within the scanty limits of the mind, disdains the bank and throws the golden sands, a rich deposit, on the bordering lands.—Coeper.

A Remarkable Phenomenon.

From the Washington Star.

"It is wonderful that a cat that has nine lives," said the woman with an inquiring mind.

"I don't know whether it is or not," replied her husband, "but even it, it's nothing extraordinary. The average person gets murdered hundreds of times a day."

### Valuable Real Estate

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1895.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Expositio, issued out of the court of common pleas of Lackawanna county, to me directed, I will expose to public sale by venditioni expositio, at the court house, in the city of Scranton, Lackawanna county, on SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, all the right, title and interest of the defendant in and to all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the Fifth ward of the city of Scranton, Lackawanna county, and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of the lot of John H. Howell, and running thence north one hundred and fifty feet to the northeast corner of the lot of John H. Howell, and running thence east one hundred and fifty feet to the southeast corner of the lot of John H. Howell, and running thence south one hundred and fifty feet to the southeast corner of the lot of John H. 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