

# The Spy

A PARLOR PLAY  
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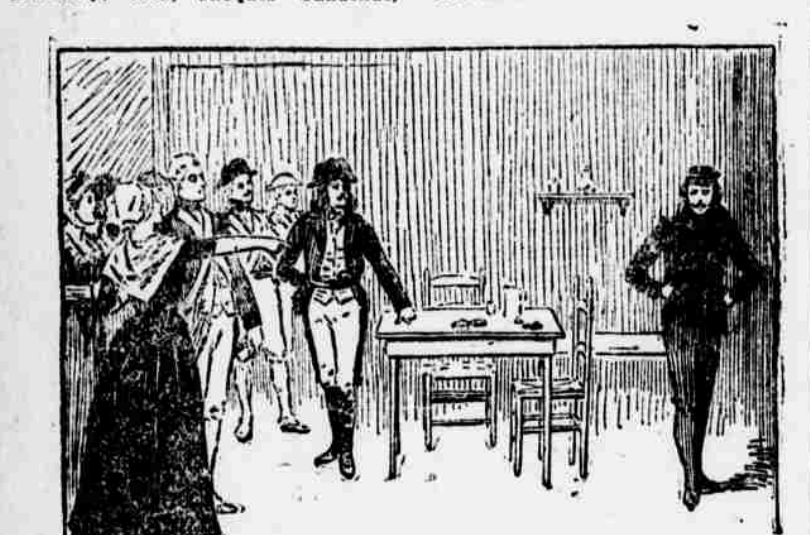
## DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Georges Cadoudal, Leader in the Vendée War.  
Michel Le Robine, Sergeant. Foster brother of Madeleine.  
Mehée de la Touche, The Spy.  
Félicité, Servant.  
Madame Landlady of the Inn.  
Annette, Her Servant.  
Madeleine des Lieux Saints, Fiancee of Cadoudal.  
Time. The war of Vendée.  
Place. The principal room of the Inn of Lokmariaer.

## ACT I.

Scene.  
Summer evening. Window at back with long bench or chairs underneath it. Doors R and L. The Landlady seated in a high-backed chair looks on knitting all the time. Men in rustic garb with belts and cartridge boxes and side arms, each carrying a gun, come in gradually half a dozen or more. They take off their hats to Madame; they shake hands with each other; they stack their guns in the corner and sit down in twos and threes, playing cards, dominoes, etc., at the back. Annette behind bench at R. corner has an earthenware tub in front of her in which she is shredding vegetables and cutting bread for next day's soup.

Landlady. They will be here presently. Annette, if the Captain and Mamzelle want to be alone go into the garden and eat lettuce.  
Annette. Yes, Madame.  
Landlady. The tender lamb! They see so little of each other, Annette. Annette. Yes, Madame.  
Landlady. In case the Captain takes his supper here be ready with a chicken to roast.  
Annette. Yes, Madame.  
Landlady. Ah me! The poor fellows must needs sup off broken heads or worse on the campaign.  
(At the window appears the face of Mehée de la Touche. He wears a sailor's jersey, black hair over his forehead and hanging on his shoulders and a red flannel cap; a pale face. He peers about, steps round to the door and enters.)  
Mehée. Good morning, Madame.  
Landlady. Good morning, friend. I don't know you. Where do you come from?  
Mehée. From Sarzau--on the other side of Morbihan. My name is Jacques Candéac.



## "I DON'T KNOW HIM."

Landlady. Well, there's no harm in that. And don't tell me here; Mehée. I want to join Georges Cadoudal. He is in the village, is he not?  
Landlady. Perhaps he is--perhaps he is not.  
Mehée. I cross the Channel tomorrow. I can take letters for him.  
Landlady. Well--sit down. (Aside) Humph! I don't like your looks, Jacques Candéac. (Mehée goes to the door, looks up and down the road curiously--takes out pocketbook.



"ANYONE THERE NAMED JACQUES CADÉAC, CONTRA-BANDIST?"

Landlady. Annette, come here, child. You know Sarzau--is there anyone there named Jacques Candéac--contrabandist?  
Annette. No, Madame. No one.  
Landlady. Then hold your tongue. (Mehée returns.)  
Mehée. A cup of cider, Madame, if you please.  
Landlady. Annette, cider.  
(Enter First Soldier.)  
First Soldier. Good morning, Madame. (Puts his musket in corner behind door.)  
Landlady. Good morning, Annette, cider.  
(Enter Second Soldier.)  
Second Soldier. Good morning, Madame. (Puts his musket behind door.)  
(Enter three more soldiers.)  
Soldiers. Good morning, Madame.  
Landlady. Good morning, friends. Annette, cider. Three.  
(The men drink about and sing.)  
The Blues are on their way,  
They think of yesterday;  
They think of what to plunder and to borrow--  
They do not count the cost.  
Of what must be won and lost  
When the reckoning shall come upon the morrow!  
(Enter Michel le Robine.)  
Michel. Steady, boys, steady. Not too much cider. (Shakes hands with the Landlady.) The captain will be here directly.  
Men. (All together.) The captain? Captain Georges? The captain is not one in the world.  
Men. Not one! Not one!

Michel. No, Madame, I am worse. I had something to say. (Michel? Do not mind it now. Think of yourself. Michel. I had something to say--what was it? I forget it. It was important. I have lost it. Madame, I am dying. Bring the cure--I must confess. Madame. The cure is with the army. Cadoudal. For my own ear? Well--speak.  
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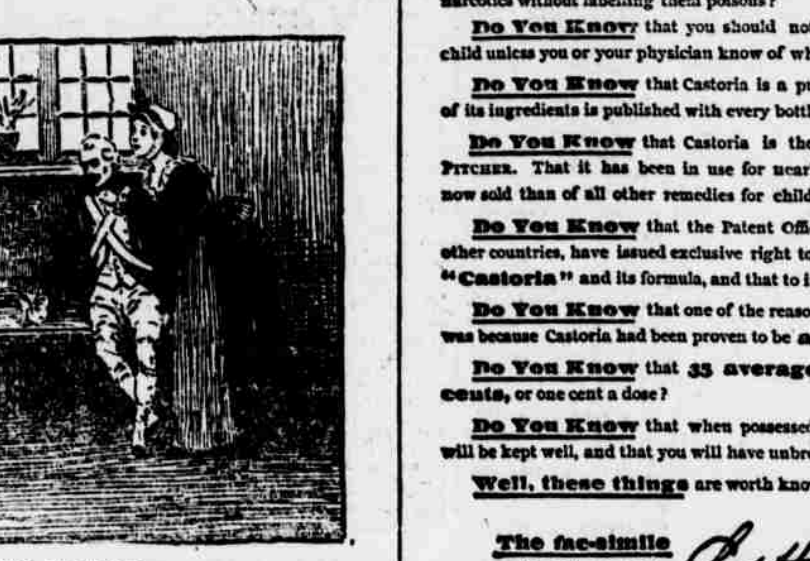
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"QUICK, ANNETTE, WATER!"

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