

A DAMASCUS NIGHT.

Being an Extract from the Journal of Andreas Dorian.

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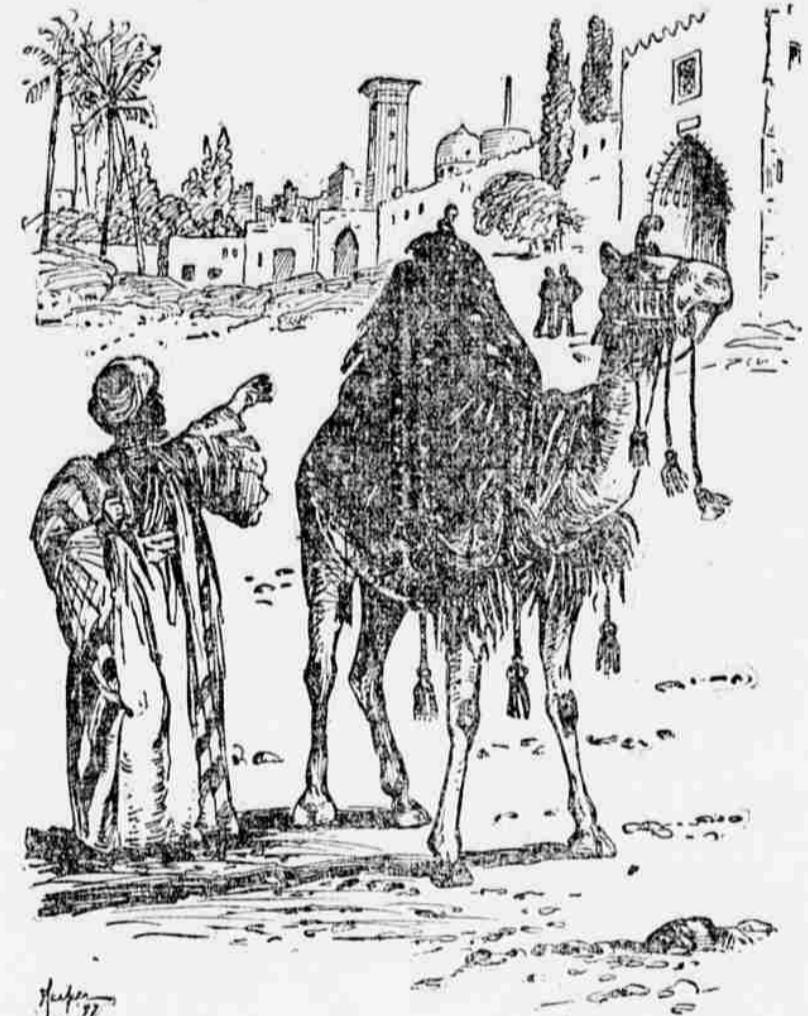
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PART I.

It was the ninth of July, 1886. The declining afternoon was sultry, and there was scarcely a breath of air stirring in the poplar trees. I was sitting with my friend Vitellus in one of the Barada gardens, smoking and smoking.

with my full weight upon him. He began to screech lustily for assistance, but I got my fingers upon his throat and choked his villainous life out as I would have choked a venomous reptile.



"ACCURSED CHRISTIAN!" CRIED HE.

"I do not fancy the presence of those turbulent fellows in the city. They are ever bent on making trouble."

"Just then there was the report of a gun or pistol, followed by a series of piercing cries. Both of us started to our feet. Never in our previous existence had such a thing happened.

"We had best look into this," Vitellus said, and together we hastened towards the entrance to the garden. As we emerged upon the highway leading to Palmyra, we encountered a camel driver with his laden beast. The man was a denizen of the desert, lean and foldling-featured.

"Accursed Christians!" cried he, and he spat at us as we passed him. We were not unaccustomed to such treatment from some of the more fanatical Mussulmans, and gave no heed to the insult.

"Are you armed?" I asked my friend, although we were not supposed to carry weapons. "There may be serious trouble."

"I have a dirk," answered he. "I am no better off than you," I said.

As we crossed one of the branches of the Barada, and drew within sight of St. Thomas' gateway, which those who speak Arabic call the Bab Tama, there was not a soul in sight.

"Stranger!" cried Vitellus. "I never knew the gateway to be deserted before. Even the guard has disappeared."

"Great God! It is a massacre!" my friend exclaimed.

A massacre! I had not thought of that, though a month before dark threats had reached my ears. Not by nature inclined to look upon the gloomy side of things, I had allowed myself to believe that there was no danger of such a crisis, and now—

As we sprang within the walls, out from the corner of an abutment where he had been concealed leaped upon us Vitellus, with a pace in advance, and did not see the murderous soldier, who established him through the back with a bayonet before I could raise a hand in his defense.

Just then there was the report of a gun.

stabbed him through the back with a bayonet before I could raise a hand in his defense. Forward on his feet he fell, and the wretch turned on me. The cowardly assault upon my friend filled me with a blind rage, and I closed in with his assailant before he had an opportunity to use his weapon.

Looking after the very large proportion of the usual pain and suffering may be avoided by the trying time almost painlessly by the aid of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

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was quite as much in use as the more pretentious one, inasmuch as the latter afforded a quick means of gaining the large bazaar than the wider thoroughfare which the dwelling properly faced.

I pulled a ringing summons upon the bell, and waited in anxious suspense, listening for footsteps both without and within. Very soon I heard quick footfalls along the passage, and a voice which I recognized as Madame Evander's, called:

"Who is there?"

"This is I, Andreas Dorian," I answered. "There is a massacre of the Christians, and I am pursued."

Instantly she began to undo the fastenings, and in a few seconds I was by her side.

(To Be Continued.)

AMUSEMENTS.

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Charles Franklin has an excellent authority as James A. Hearne to credit her with ability of the highest order. Miss Franklin played the leading role in Mr. Hearne's production of "Shore Acres" last season, and made a distinct success.

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