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OR; THE RANCHERO'S MISTAKE. A Tale of the Rio Grande.

BY H. CLIFTON HAMILTON. magnificent western river, the Rio Grande, on the Mexican side, and about forty news abroad, good Armeda?" miles above point Isabel. Its date is a

independence, and but a brief period-a tion, which I suppose you have heard." few months-after a certain peculiar invention, made known in the sequel, had been regularly entered in the Patent Office at Washington by an ingenious Yankee.

About two miles from the tiver, and situated on the road leading to Mattamoras, was a long low built ranche, surrounded with its picket-fence and out hots, and such accommodations as a traveling public would be likely to need. It was dividied and subdivided into numerous departments, formed by thin board partitions, the largest, however, and that to which the entrance door led, being devoted to a drussing and smoking room, similar to a hotel bar. It was early evening, and this room was pretty well filled with a lot of roughlooking Mexican-, of various vocations and callings. Some appeared to be male drivers from their shall caps and loose check shirts; others loungers and lazarillo, while five were dressed in yellow skirts with blue bolies, closely buttoned to the throat, and a belt in which was plainly revealed a long dirk knife and a pistol. There was another who demands speeial attention. He was a tall, square-built man, with a light Creole Complexionranging between the Spanish and the Mexican-with bandsome features, relieved by a large black moustache and a haughty distingue air. He was dressed in a blue jacket, attistically ornamented with a half sling or mantie, which descended but a little below the whist, and concealed the weapons which glittered in bis polished belt beneath. He wore trunks of the same hue and material, which descended only to the top of his russet boots. A white ruffled shirt was visible between his open jacket, and a .potless broad collar extended over the a new comer, who rode up in front of the a ball went singing through his heart .-blue cloak. A short sabre hung at his ranche upon a jet black steed, of the He fell dead. nish corcomb in the days of chivalry. himself carelessly in a chir by a small inble and addressed a blooming, volup:uhind the bar, "give us a bottle of Cadez ettos!" then turning to the five banditti- curious gaze of those present. looking men, who were lounging upon a my purse is full to night!"

don't choose to make every man I meet "Bravo!" exclaimed the loungers all a- in a public ranche my friend; and they round the room, as they rushed forward are wise who will permit me to do it un-

with an eagerness which portended they molested." had not owned a doubloon during their "But, by St. Jago! I am one of those mundame existence. After they had who claim the privilege of infringing udrank, one of them, who seemed to be a pon your rules," cried the chief. familiar in the ranche, and was somewhat. "I have no doubt," said the stranger better attired than the rest, turned to the unmoved. "But before you do it, you had better consider the results. I might ranchero, and said: "Thanks, capitano! there's not a man make it a profitable job to defend my in Mexico I would sooner drink with than rights." The stranger straightened himyou, not even Santa Anna himself-tho' self up, and gave a quick glance around once had the honor of drinking with the room.

bim. It was the night after the battle of. The five rancheros each had their San Jacinto; he took refuge in my house, hands upon their knives, and were bendand we had a toast together. ing forward, as though ready to spring u-"Curse him! he ought to have lost his pon him. The rest were gazing idly on; other leg there, and never got from the they were used to such scenes.

field!" exclaimed the ranchero. "He's "What mean you, senor, by making the most arrant coward that ever led an it a profitable job!" said the ranchero, in Our scene is laid on the banks of that army, and as equal a bravado! But we a suspicious tone. "Do you not see those will not talk of him now. What is the fellows there? They are my followers, and even should the rest be neutral, we "Nothing of importance," replied [the are six to one!"

few years after Texas had declared her borgoise, "unless it be the new proclama-"I see," said the stranger, his features assuming a sterner calmness. "And yet "Not that I am aware of: what is it?" I might get that five hundred doubloons, asked the ranchero. which Gen. Almonte has offered for your

"Look there?" said the other, pointing head?" to a placard posted against the side of the

room. It was printed in Spanish, and chero, starting to his feet. dated City of Mexico. It read as follows: "Whereas, the authorities of the Republique of Mexico have been informed the bar. that the southern boarders of Mexico, and

"Down with him! Stand back, captain, we'll finish him!" cried the five ranthe settlements of the Rio Grande, have for a long time been infested by a band cheros, as they sprang towards him. "Back!" thundered the stranger, his of rancheros, led by one Senor Jose Dil-

ROBERY AND MYSTERY. they were dry as the head waters of Del stranger, calmly. "I am a traveler, and FROM THE UNPUBLISHED CHRONICLE OF you hither to negotiate a joan." A TRAVELER.

Soon after entering the capital of the so-called Mexican Republic, as was my usual custom while sojourning in a foreign city, I hired for my servant a man capable of acting as cicerone about the town. At this time I had in my possession a bill to exchange upon a wealthy bouse; but not caring to have it bonored before my departure, I thought it best to retain it till the last moment, as the care of a large sum of money would be troublesome to one whose desire was to be free from standing guard over his own effects.

For this reason I did not even call upon the drawees of the bill; and as I was a stranger to them personally, I thus laid myself liable to a total loss, in the event of the same falling into the possession of some dishonest individual, who might represent himself as the proper payee. That I committed a great error in thus negleeting to secure myself against false representation --- an error by which my means and life might have been the forfeit--the peruser of this transcript from my notebook will clearly perceive.

I had been some three or four days in the city, promenading through its principal thoroughfares and drives, glancing modestly at the dark, lustronseyed beauties that I continually met and passed, when I said to my man Pablo, that he must now take me in hand and show me that ever dodged the police and kept his

ting his questions.

Solomon !"

ioned my arms.

the scenes ?" he quietly inquired.

sible, the 'make up' of the actors.

"We will begin to-night, Pablo."

where a beautiful and fascinating Senori-

herself and numerous admirers. I said:

"Now then for our hotel, Pablo!"

worship shall retire with the wisdom of a

"One adventure more," I assented.

With this Pablo began to lead the way

through a dark, narrow street; when sud-

denly, as I turned a sharp corner, a hea-

ance, and you shall not be harmed. We

will tell you presently what we require of

I did so-for I was in their power and

could do nothing better-and in the

preparing for their parts."

Pablo," laughed I, "and observe, if pos-

thy self, have taken the liberty of inviting favorably answered, may restore you immediately to liberty." "In other words, to rob me?" said I. "Speak on then !"

"Will you solemnly swear, that if all "That is a harsh word, Senor, which we seldom make use of; we call our mode your effects are restored to you, even to of acquiring means a new way of borrow- your weapens, you will suffer yourself to ing; and for this reason; that instead o enter a carriage blindfold, and thus regiving the person borrowed from security main till driven beyond sight of this dwelof our own, we leave him safely house i ling! and then leave and depart without for the security of ourselves. In short, asking any questions, or seeking in any Senor, not to waste words, let me inform manner, or by any means, to pry into the you in brief that we want all your weap- mysterious occurrences which have surons, jewelry, and ready funds, with the rounded you within the last twelve hours?" exception of sufficient to support you till "Yes," said I, "for complete restorayou can raise more; and once possed of tion of all my effects, and my person to these, we will quetly depart and leave you liberty, I will solemnly swear, by all I here for such time as will be necessary to hold sacred and holy, to conduct myself

row night-when you will be set at liber- "Then, Senor, within an bour you shall erty in a very harmless way. You see at have your freedom !" was the reply, as once, Senor, you have Providentally fall- the masked lady stepped back, and closed en into honest hands, for which you should and locked the iron door, leaving me athank the saints-for had you fallen into gain alone, a prisoner still. the bands of villains, your life might have A few minutes later, as I remained

been the forfeit." your accent and mode of speaking, I ed figure entered, who said he had orders

judge you are no Mexican." to blindfold and conduct me hence, and "So much the better for our purpose," restore me to liberty.

replied the villain; "for you have a bill of All this might mean treachery, I thought; exchange on a house here which you have but I knew, if my life were really sought, never visited; and if I can personate a I was in the power of my enemies, and respectable foreigner-say you for in- could not escape; and by assenting quietstance-I can get it honored as well as ly to every proposition made me, my condition would certainly not be rendered another. I saw that I was really caught by rob- worse than by rejecting them. I thereeverything that could possibly interest a bers at last-that it would be useless to fore suffered him to bandage my eyes and foreign traveler. Pablo, I may remark, waste words-that perhaps it would be lead me to the carriage, which he enterby the way, was one of the keenest rogues best to yield with a good grace to what ed with me, my arms still remaining pia-

make our escape certain-say till to mor- according to the conditions named."

standing by the door, pondering this sin-"Oh, I am deeply and profoundly gular mystery, I fancied I heard the rumthankful, of course !" returned I, ironi- ble of carriage wheel-; and shortly after cally. And then I quickly added: "By the door was again unlocked, and a mask-

"Grotia Capitano." exclaimed the men, ded to call for their respective drinks.

The signora behind the bar possessed the endowment of two large, black, liquid an bour to take care of my horse; for the eyes, and a voluptuousness of form, which present, he will do very well til be cools off." seemed to gain high favor with the knightly leader of the rancheros-as the five men evidently were-and when she bro't round the room, and his gaze at last restapproval, and encircled her waist with his the room with a carcless air, he read it, arm.

have not seen so pretty a face since the called for a bottle of wine. last time I visited old Borgeo's ranche!--

garo Morian, notorious for his bold outrages and highway robberies-therefore, I do hereby offer the sum of five hundred doubloons, to whoever shall capture the said Senor Jo-e Dilgaro Morian, ranchero, dead or alive, or give this govern ment, or the nearest authorities, accurate knowledge of his retreat or whereabouts. [Signed] GEN. M. ALMONTE. President of Mexico.

The ranchero broke forth with a loud augh, as he concluded reading the pro-

nunciamento, and resumed his seat. "So, so," he cried, "the general is rewarding me for the assistance I gave him his features.

in helping him into power. But such is . "You tore them from my hands but I the ingratitude of rulers. I shall be in Mexico within a week, and in Gen. Almonte's conneil chamber! There, Armeda is a good chance for you to become wealthy.

"What, by betraying you, senor?" "Yes, 'tis easy."

"By the bright sword you wear, I would not do it, if you would let me tie the accursed band staggered, reeled and you without resistance," replied the bor-

"I'rue as steel, Armeda," ezclaimed have to culist you yet."

the hilt. A range of dark curls was visi- the same figure in height and form, as gasped the ranchero chief, as he struggled ble below his dark sombrero, which was the ranchero, but of an American cast of upon his elbow, and glared upon the

than five and twenty, and his clear, blue Almontel Farewell!" "Well, Martani," he said, as he threw eyes moved with a calm, steady glance, "Curses-curses on your infernal mac which betokened entire self possession. __." The curse died on his lips and the On entering the room, he glanced last sound which he heard, was the clat- you. Pray follow as we lead l" nous, and bright-eved Mexican girl be- round with a familiar air, and carelessiy tering of the ranger's horse's feet upon throwing his traveling bag upon the ta- the road, as he gailoped away toward estraganza, and a pack of your best eigar. ble, he said, as though unconscious of the Mattemoras.

good care of it."

weben cash they water. the ranchero. "And you may send some one in half

"Yes, senor."

The stranger then took another glance forth the wine, met her with a smile of ed upon the pronunciamento. Crossing and then, with the greatest nonchalance, "Now, by St. Mark!" he exclaimed, "I dropped in a chair near the rauchero, and

"Have you traveled far, senor?" a-ked

eyes flashing fire as he drew from his boworthy neck outside of a halter-though som a pistol, the curious formation of this I learned too late to save myself some which made the Mexican's pause. trouble-and he had the reputation of

"Ilold!" cried the ranchero, with a gesture of command to his men. "Tell me, senor, how you came to know me, and whether we have met before."

"You know me, then?" cried the ran-

"Yes!" thundered the stranger, spring-

ing over the table, into a corner, next to

"We have!" said the traveler. "At Alma?" "ALI" "Do you not remember Jasper Cor-

dean, your rival for the standard of the rangers?'

"Yes, varlet, I do!" eried the ranchero, as the blood swelled the tendron of

will now have my revenge!" And, drawing his sabre, he sprang toward the stranger.

There was a quick flash, a report, and the captain of the rancheros fell to the floor. The rest now darted toward him, but ere they could reach him there were four more quick reports, and four more of fell. The other paused in bewilderment, at this strange result, and the rest of the company cowered in the corners as though the ranchero. "By St. Mark! I shall Satan himself had made a sudden entrance into the room. The remaining The conversation was here arrested by bandit rallied his courage, however, when

with a diamond setting elistering in Mustang breed. The stranger was about "What-what accursed weapon is that?

adorned with a long ostrich plue. His features, and dressed in the plain attire stranger with his death glaring eyes. air was a mixture of the refined gentleman of an American citizen. There was a pe- "Only a new Yankee invention, Senor and desperate adventurer, while his dress culiar traveled air about him, for one so Morian. When I get to Mexico I shall barring his weapons, was that of a Span- young-he did not appear to be more claim that five hundred doubloons of Gen.

It is needless to say that the mail was "There, senors, is a parcel of but little not robbed that night, and the pretty bench, he added: "Order your liking, value, but you will oblige me by taking Martani never visited the retreat of the rauchero. These were avoided by a Tex-"Certainly, senor," said the bar-maid, an Ranger's courage, and one of COLT'S in a boisterous manner, and they procee- with a polite courtesy, but a sly glance at SIX-BARRELED REVOLVERS-the first

that had ever been in Mexico.

Buckwheat as Food.

Mr. Isadore Pierre has recently been making some investigations on buck wheat from which we condense the following interesting results:-Buckwheat cakes are equal to pure white bread as regards the phosphates or bone-making material, and the flour used, showing that such flour the reflection of a light; and immediately will retain forty to forty-one per cent of after this the mantle was removed, and water. Between different batches of two masked men, dressed in black, one ground buckwheat there is a great dis- of them holding a sort of dark-lantern, similarity of composition-one batch con- were revealed to my view. I glanced "Not to-day," was the reply, as the taining nearly seven times as much quickly around the spartment, and saw nitrogen, twenty-five times the amount that it was small, having rough stone "Bound to Montezuma, I guess?" per. of phosphates, and a hundred and walls, and only one outlet, the door fifteen times as much fatty matter, as through which we had entered. Save two the imperturable of the calmness of the another. The bran is the richest portion or three rough benches, it was cmpty also; of the buckwheat, but cannot be digested and pointing me to one of these, the same "Perbaps," replied the traveler, un. by weak stomachs. The finest qualities person who had before addressed me, of buckwheat flour, and the white mill said : "Come, senor, you are unsociable" said dust especially, are very suitable for children and persons in delicate health, while "That is ungenerous, and sometimes dan- the coarser varieties require a strong I complied with the request, and he at standing.

I had not the power to avert-and so 1 toned.

informed the gentleman that he was at . A few moments later we were whirling liberty to do what he thought proper, on- through the streets of the city, which we ly I would pray him to give me my lib- continued to do for some half an hour, having once been an indifferent actor. erty in a reasonable time, and not leave when the carriage stopped suddenly, the which will account for his mode of putme entirely destitute. bandage was removed from my eyes, and

"By San Marco !" he rejoined; "your I was solemnly charged by my masked "Dees your worship wish to go behind worship is the most sensible gentleman I companion, to'remember my oath, or else have had dealings with you for years! no power on earth could save me. I "Even into the 'green room' of the town and I assure you I am one not unacquain- looked from the window, and to my asted with the customs of the road. We tonishment saw we were in a fashionable will deal as gently by you as by an in- part of the city; and to my greater aston-"The best time for that then, Senor, is fant, and ever remmember you gratefully ishment, my strange conductor now proat night, while the dramatic corps are in our prayers." ceeded to cut loose my bonds, and restore

With this he coolly proceeded to rifle me my weapons and pocket-book, which my pockets and person, taking from me latter he opened and showed me the bill We did begin that night; and before my revolvers, knife, jewelry, purse, and of exchange which had been taken from the bell tolled the hour of twelve, I fanpocket-book, in the latter of which he me. cied I had seen the city of nobles and beg-

found the afore-mentioned bill of exchange "Now, Senor," he said, as he flung back gars turned inside out. At least I had the amount of which caused his eyes to the door of the carriage, "please mingle seen enough to content me; and as we isglisten, as I could see even through the with those people yonder and take no sued from a splendid gambling saloon. notice which way we drive. Adios !" mask.

"Pray tell me," said I, "how you knew The door closed as I descended the ta was dealing monte for the benefit of I had this draft, and had not presented steps, and the carriage whirled away, I it ?" never knew whither.

"Pardon me, Senor ! that would be ex- This whole matter, a mystery from be-"One adventure more, Senor, and your posing the secrets of our profession, which ginning to end, has remained so to this we never do to the uninitiated." day. I could not believe I was not rob-

"By treachery !" said I. "My servant bed until I had searched everything, and must have made the discovery, and you received my money on my draft; after are his accomplices." which I poudered the matter deeply, but "Suspect whom you please, Senor," he of course venturing to question no person,

replied ; "every gentleman is entitled to because forbidden by my oath.

vy mantle was thrown over my head, and his thoughts; but in order to show your At first I thought if a case of conscience my person at the same moment seized by worship the possibility of your being in merely; then a practical joke perhaps; two powerful ruffians, one of whom forced error, permit me to observe, confidently, but subsequently, on looking through my a gag into my mouth, while the other pinthat a watch has been upon you ever pocket-book, and finding in it a small silsince the moment you set foot in this glo- ver sybel of the Masonic order, I was led

"Senor," said a calm, quiet voice, "it rious city. Ah, Senor, I perceve your to conjecture that that had saved me from were easier for us to kill than take you purse is heavy, and will suffice for your robbery if not from death, and that one alive; but your life we do not seek; so be present wants-accept it back, sir; your or more of those who had me in charge governed by policy, and make no resistjewelry also may be of more value to you were members of this fraternal band.

than to us, and so we restore it; we only This of course was, and is, mere coudesire to do the fair thing; and this bill jecture; but it is the only reasonable soluof exchange, being even larger than we tion of the mystery I have ever been able supposed, shall satisfy us for the present." to obtain; Pablo, who might have thrown With this he returned the articles men- some light upon the matter, I never set

course of a couple of minutes I found mytioned; and then coolly remarking he did eyes upon again. self alongside of a carriage, with a request not think it safe to unbind me till the that I would enter it. I still obeyed- moment for restoring me to liberty, he Two farmers riding along together met not with the best grace and most pleasant turned on his heel, made me a polite bow a large number of clergymen, and one of feeling -- but quiescently and without disand, with his companion, walked out, clo- them said to the other -"Where are all turbance. My kidnappers entered with sing and locking the door behind him. these parsons coming from ?" To this me, still keeping me pinioned and gagged, I was thus left alone in my prison, in his friend replied, "They have been at a

total darkness, with my arms so pinioned visitation." The other no wiser than beas to be both useless and painful. My fore, asked, "What's a visitation ?" The have been-brought us to a halt beneath feelings during the long hours which fol- answer was, "Why it's where all parsons lowed, the reader can better imagine than go once a year and swop their sermons." "Senor," said the spokesman, "have I set forth; but though I suffered much His friend thus enlightened, quietly rethe goodness to alight and suffer me to physically and mentally, I did not at first marked, "Hang it, but our parson gets despair, because I believed I should e- the worst every time !"

ventually be set at liberty in some mys-

As hour after hour, however, passed a-

Doing up a Bank Bill.

And all thy promises are hollow."

The spirit of a specie dollar,

Thy paper fabric is but trash,

and away we whirled.

I got out of the carriage, and was led terious manner. down some ten or a dozen steps, into what

nitrogenous principles which they contain, I fancied, from the change of atmosphere, way in that dark and silent dungeon, I petrated the following upon the back of a and are superior to bread in fatty matters. to be a damp stone vault, beneath the began at last to grow more and more un- one dollar bill, Bank of Tennessee : The general yield of buckwheat when surface of the earth. The cloak was still began at last to grow mile I should be left "Thou art at best the ghost of cash, erably fair spirits.

some dark archway.

conduct your worship into a private apartment."

Fifteen minutes-or less time it might

I fear I	sha	i ha	ive to	make	war	ogainst	the t
old Bor	geo	and	carry	you	off as	a prize,	mom
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master's wit like very slaves; but the black eyes of the young girl seemed to melt in liquid fervor, and the blood mounted hot to her cheeks, as she replied: stranger carclessly drank. "Perhaps it may be unnecessary, sen-

or!"

"Indeed!" he replied. "Well, I believe, Martani, you always did look with favor on me, but it is the fate of all gay carialiers like myself, to have all the fair damsels of a kingdom in love with them. However, I shall keep you is my mind, and you may pay a visit to Captain Morisn's house before you think of it .---There now, one kiss!'

The young girl gave it with a flushed check and her eyes sparkled, as she returned to ber station behind the bar, to attend to some other customers.

"Now, boys, a health to our next job, and success in the capture of the Matamoras mails to night!" said the leader, as he raised his glass.

The five others drank with a boisterous obeer.

"Martani, distribute a glass round a- he cried, cholerie with rage.

anchero, after eyeing him for sor ents. ot very, was the laconic reply, as

The men laughed and buzzaed at their he poured out the wine which the girl had brought.

"From Point Isabel?"

risted the ranchero, not a little piqued at stranger.

moved.

the ranchero, assuming a bravado air .-gerous in these troublous times. I'll join stomach and much exercise for their per- once stepped forward and removed the you in a social stass," and he extended fect digestion. his hand toward the stranger's bottle.

"Not of my wine," said the traveler .---Coolly picking up the bottle, and pouring out another glass, he sat it out of the ran- you still have life and health. Do not and we will inform you !" was the cool chero's reach, and drapk.

laying his hand upon the hilt of his buy your children frocks. Go to work "you are a stranger in Mexico, with more sword, "do you mean to insult me senor?" at something, eat sparingly, dress moder- means at your command than strangers you honor as a gentleman ?"

"No!" up in the world again.

Cheer Up.

What if you have failed in business --sit down and cry over your mishaps, for reply, spoken in an ordinary business "Death and furies!" cried the ranchero, that will never get you out of debt, nor tone. "The fact is, Senor," he went on, stely, drink nothing exciting, and above generally have, or any honest man may "Then why do you not drink with me?" all, keep a merry heart, and you will be have 'immediate use for; and we, being affect my safety."

"Schor," she said, in a clear, stern voice, "will you be kind enough to present "Pray be scated, Senor, and we will yourself to my view !"

I advanced to the door where she was

gag. As soon as I found I could use my said. "Unfortunately, lady," I replied, "and

voice, I sternly demanded the meaning have suffered much. of such treatment. "Be calm, Senor-do not get excited ---"You wish your liberty !" "I certainly am not overjoyed at re-

maining where I am."

give you liberty to speak.

to perish in my prison ? The thought was too horrible to be entertained, and I strove to banish it, and, aided by a strong will, I so far succeeded as to keep in tol

The man who did not think it respec-At last, to my great joy, I heard the table to bring up his children to work, lock of my room turn, and was surprised has just heard from his three sons. One to see a female mask standing in the gray of them was a driver on a canal; another light of the opening-for it was already had been taken up as a vagrant; and the day without, though not a ray of light third had gone to a public institution to learn the shoe business under a keeper. had reached the vault.

There is said to be a woman down East who has had cleven husbands during the past six years. The strong-minded ones "you are still bound, I perceive," she talk of running her for President on the Womau's Rights ticket.

From the returns of the census of Texas, now nearly completed, it is ascertained that its population will not fall short of four bundred and fifty thousand. "Will you answer me one question

upon your oath as a christian, and upon The whole number of persons employ-"If within my power, and it does not ed in Massachusetts in the manufacture of boots, shoes and leather, is estimated

less blessed in this respect than your wor- "It affects your release, Senor; and, if at about 80,000.