

AN UNLUCKY RAID. In the good old days of the Bow Street runners, when highway assaults were rare, and solitary post-chance travelers never journeyed without pistols in their pockets, and a tremor at their hearts, a lone stranger in the shape of starlight robes was boasted of, and a "Knight of the Road" aspired to be called a gentleman, the following incident occurred:

One afternoon in early autumn, close upon sunset, a couple of well-dressed men, driving a light gig in which was a poor jaded-looking horse, stopped at a wayside posting inn, not a hundred miles from Bath, and requested accommodation for the night. They were fashionably attired, and spoke in condescending tones to the landlady and her assistants, using a few words now and again of first slang, as young bucks do in that day.

Giving the horse and gig over to the care of the other, they adjourned to the public room, and, for some light refreshments in the shape of drink, ordering a supper to be served later. The landlady herself brought in the brandy and water.

"What's this story about a great highway robbery near here last night, landlady?" inquired one of the gentlemen, as he sat down at the table.

"Quite true, sir, Ah, gentlemen! it is a dreadful thing—though here, I must say, My Lady Cantefire with her two daughters was driving home across the heath, and had been to a ball, when their carriage was stopped by four mounted horsemen with cocked pistols. The old lady screamed and fainted; the young ones screamed and kicked; and the gentlemen, those audacious robbers, proceeded politely to rifle the ladies of every ornament they wore."

"Sounders!" interjected one of the guests.

"More than that, your worship. What should those bold blades do but invite the damsels to tread a measure with them! It was a fine night, as you may perhaps remember, since the moon shone shining bright on the bare heath. Out of the coach they handed them, and footed it in a minute; dancing, it is said, to perfection, as though they were used to lead out the Kings own daughters every night of their lives. The young ladies, however, were not so easily duped, and, when they saw their father and daughters together, O, they are bold, those gentlemen of the highway!"

The two gentlemen, listening to this, had gone into bursts of laughter. "But what of the men-creatures—what were they doing?" spluttered one.

"Only two were in attendance, sir, it seems; my lady's footman in the dickey, and the postilion on the horse; and while two of the robbers were thus engaged in dancing, the other two stood guard over the men, each with his pistol cocked and his hand on the trigger, ready to fire at the least movement."

"And the upshot?"

The young ladies were bowed in to the coach again, all with stately ceremony, and with a very careful nod, rode off at a canter, with every jewel they had possessed, small or large, costly or simple, and my lady's purse into the bargain. They were well pleased that they had merry lives, those men. Fine commotion the new was caused on the road about us to-day, as you may imagine, gentlemen. Everybody's talking of it."

The landlady, being called for elsewhere, retired; the travelers slipped at their glasses, laughing away, and conversing with one another in an under tone, about dancing, and the elder and taller of the two addressed his friend in a different tone.

"About time to see after our horse, isn't it, Jim? It's dark enough."

"I was just going to," answered Jim. And drawing a glass, he went away to the stable-yard.

Looking about him, with the air of a connoisseur, after watching his horse cut up his oats, he made himself acquainted with the arrangements of the stables. Some five or six horses were in them. In one box next his own stood a splendid animal, evidently valuable.

"A better steed nor your'n, sir!" cried the ostler from behind, in a quiet voice; and the gentleman gave a start, not thinking anybody was near.

"Ay, mine has been good service, and he has worked hard lately," answered the stranger, good-humoredly. "A very fine animal this, as you observe. And you, stepping back to look critically at it, 'were my horse in good condition it might not be much inferior to this. They are not altogether unlike; about the same height, and much the same color—brown."

"You have got a cheek, master, whoever you may be; and an independent cheek it is. Going and comparing the two horses like that—this fifty guinea beautiful animal, and that wretched old hack of the stable!"

"Who they be, when they be at home?" and, with that, he looked the stable door.

"Well, cried the elder traveler when the other returned. "Any chance?"

"Never had a better chance in all our lives," was the answer. "In the next box to ours stands one of the grandest animals you ever saw—some color same size, or about it; worth a little fortune. And a set of silver-mounted harness hanging up by him."

"Silver-mounted?"

"Think so. Looks like it. We have got a rich chance, I tell you, Wade."

Supper was announced in due time, and the two hungry men did justice to it. Afterwards they sat down to the fire, with pipes and grog, and retired to their room about 11 o'clock.

The room a double-bedded one, but it was not much higher. A few steps leading off from the staircase conducted to it. The travelers had chosen it in preference to one at first assigned them. On the second floor; one of them observing that he liked to sleep near the ground in case a fire broke out in the night, of which he had a peculiar dread.

The first thing they did on entering the chamber was to double-lock the door and the window. The second was to softly open the window, to stretch their necks out of it, as far as they conveniently could, and to wish the moonlight was "hang-

English Vegetables. The only good vegetables grown in England are very young in the season, asparagus, and the like, which are but the blanched sprouting shoots of perennial plants. These mostly come in spring-time, and as they are none the worse, or even all the better, for a little wholesome soaking, they manage to survive our climate without any special care. But other vegetables are more or less fruitful in their nature; and really to taste these one must go to America or Italy—for choice the first. Of thorough-going fruit vegetables—such as the tomato—England knows nothing as there is not sun enough to ripen them properly. They always have a half-green taste, and are wholly lacking in the true rich tomato flavor. Indeed, the tinned American specimens, though tasting of the soldier, of course, are starved, and tasteless things. As to purple egg-fruit and green chow-chows, England knows them not at all; while the profusion of rich, red-fleshed watermelons and pimientos squashes and golden pumpkins in a Massachusetts market would astonish Covent Garden. Then again, the sweet potato, best of all earthly vegetables, green Indian corn, eaten off the cob with fresh butter, and like to nectar of all earthly delicacies. As for pulse generally, English beans are all stringy; they have neither the variety nor the richness of the American bean. The peas have some good points—for American peas; but they are not half so large, or luscious, or melting, as American peas. They take too long growing, and have got old and hard before they are big enough to eat. Leafy vegetables do a little better; plenty of green lettuce is growing. But endive does not flourish; it is a scrubby-looking plant in England; though its inferiority is made up for in creases and the lesser salad stuffs. Roots, too, are good; who will deny the British runner and globe artichokes, turnips, beets and his mangold-wurzel? Cucumbers can be grown under glass; but what a miserable failure is the vegetable-marrow! Fruits, too, English hot-house grapes are the best in the world; but for strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, plums and cherries, one must go to America.

A Dog's Funeral. Nearly a year ago a gentleman died in affluent circumstances at Kirkwood, and left a childless widow. The husband, who never enjoyed the proud distinction of being called a father, lavished his surplus affections on a fine shepherd dog by the name of Dash. This canine was provided for in his master's will by the setting aside of a certain house and lot, the mortally rent from which was to be appropriated to the feeding of Dash's soul during his natural life. In this way the dog's days were comfortably provided for, and the gentleman's will was named as Dash's guardian. Shortly after her husband's death the lady went to New York to assuage her grief, but she never took the dog along. In her absence Dash was taken very sick, and a telegram informed her of the animal's affliction. True to the last will and testament of her late husband, she telegraphed to employ the most eminent physicians for Dash's relief, which was done by a faithful servant. In a few days the wife informed her Dash was dead. She admitted of no delay, but immediately started for St. Louis to conduct the obsequies and again act as chief mourner. Arriving here, a costly coffin was provided and a hearse conveyed to the residence of the late gentleman's friend, Mr. John H. Gibson, at that place they were interred with due solemnity in the presence of the widow, now in mourning for him. A \$300 monument suitably inscribed, stands at the head of the grave, and the widow, while a less pretentious one, costing \$150, rests at his feet to mark the place where Dash lies.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Cincinnati Commercial states that Sarah Jackson, the widow of the adopted son of Andrew Jackson, in whose arms General Jackson died, is to-day an heretic, and has been a partner to the eternal reproach of Congress, while, providing for the surviving widows of the ex-presidents an increase of pension, has been passed by the daughter of Jackson, who was formerly the charming mistress of the White House. She has been bed-ridden for some time, and sides with her son, who is unmarried, on the Hermitage plantation, now owned by the State of Tennessee, where, owing to their poverty, they are tenants at will. Says the Commercial: "The exactions of hospitality keep them poor, for one visits Nashville who does not drive to the Hermitage. Colonel Jackson, a graduate of West Point, a courteous and dignified gentleman, works upon the place like an ordinary hired hand in order to eke out a livelihood for himself and mother. Her son, a strait-laced man, has been reduced that they have seriously contemplated the sale of souvenirs about the house, which have so much contributed in making it historic. It was owing to the influence and example of the late Mrs. Jackson, that the remedy of the highest value, as soon as it had been tested and proved by the whole world that Hop Bitters was the best and most valuable family medicine on earth, many imitations sprang up and began to steal the notoriety which had been rightfully won by the country's expression of its merits of H. B., and in every way trying to induce suffering invalids to use their stuff instead, expecting to make money on the credit and good name of H. B. Many other good nostrums put up in the style of H. B., with variously devised names in which the word "Hop" or "Hops" were used in a way to deceive people to believe they were the same as Hop Bitters. All such pretended remedies or cures, no matter what their style or name is, and especially those with the word "Hop" or "Hops" in their name, or that they were connected with them or their name, are imitations or counterfeits. Beware of them. Touch none of them. Use nothing but genuine Hop Bitters, with a bunch of cluster of green Hops on the white label. Trust nothing else. Druggists and dealers are true, and are dealing in imitations or counterfeits.

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