

THE KING'S CHAMBER.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH BY MRS. MARTHA LAFFITTE JOHNSON.

Some years ago I passed the winter with my great aunt at her chateau beyond St. Flour, in the Auvergne Mountains, and celebrated with herself and friends the festival of Christmas Eve. It was a gloomy night without the rain and hail beat relentlessly against the windows, and the wind wailed and howled dismally. The supper was finished; tea and rum punch had replaced the many dainties, and, cheered by the bright wood fire, we gathered around the hearth to enjoy its warmth. Wedded to an ancient custom, my aunt requested that each in turn should relate a story, the more weird in character the better. As the compliance with this wish was a condition sine qua non of admission to the Christmas Eve gathering, those who accepted the invitation subscribed willingly to the request.

It so happened that on this occasion I was the first to speak, and in horror I truly think the tale I improvised would have thriven had ever written by Anne Radcliffe or Hoffman into the shade. The second speaker was a Miss La Croix, an old lady of an angular and appearance. Her story interested me very much. She seemed herself perfectly absorbed, and I saw related events which she had witnessed. The tale ran as follows:—

It was in the year 1788. I resided at the time with the Count Auguste de Bocherolles, in the capacity of companion to his wife the Countess. Half ruined by unfortunate speculations and by the loss of an important lawsuit, the Count had removed from Paris with his young wife and little son of nine years of age to his chateau of Sept Fontaines, situated in the department of Ardennes, about the distance of a league from Charleville.

The chateau of Sept Fontaines is an old Gothic monument of the Middle Ages, celebrated in the surrounding country as connected with a tradition which told that King Henry IV had after a boar hunt passed a night in a chamber of the chateau, situated upon the ground floor, this chamber ever after being called the King's Chamber.

The chateau is built upon an eminence in the midst of a vast uncultivated tract of country. To the east, far off in the distance, could be seen the walls of the tower of Charleville, in the rear of the chateau a long stretch of forests, mountains, and valleys, with not a single farm, cottage, or hut within sight.

At the time the following events transpired the only persons residing at the chateau were the Count and Countess de Bocherolles, little Alfred, an old English servant named Thomas, and myself.

One morning—it was, by my memory not at fault, on the 31st day of October, in the year 1788—Thomas, on his return from the town, where he had gone to lay in a supply of provisions, announced to his master that a troop of Russian soldiers had arrived the night previous at the Golden Lion Hotel, and proposed on the following evening to give a most extraordinary representation at the Charleville Theatre. The Countess, who for some weeks had been quite unwell and much dispirited, to our surprise expressed a desire to be present on the occasion, and it was at once decided that seats should be secured, and that old Thomas should drive his master and mistress to the theatre, while I remained at home to take charge of little Alfred, whose delicate health and nervous temperament precluded the possibility of his accompanying his parents.

Without being able to explain the cause I nevertheless bade them good-by regretfully, and watched their departure with a feeling of dread. Leaving against the doorway, the boy's hand clasped tightly in mine, I followed them with my eyes as long as they were within sight, and when the carriage had disappeared, hidden by the winding of the road, I entered the house, my mind tortured by a nameless fear.

This dread was suggested by accounts which had reached us of the horrible exploits of a lawless band that then desolated many of the provinces of France. But a month previous, at the farm of the village of Gray-cres, about the distance of two leagues from Sept Fontaines, an old man and his daughter had been terribly mutilated and murdered. The story had thrilled me with horror, and often at night, when asleep, it had haunted my mind. Although no disturbance had occurred near Charleville, the thought of being alone in the deserted chateau, with a sick child, far from any abode or the possibility of assistance in case of danger, rendered me nervously anxious.

I neglected no possible precaution, and before nightfall carefully closed the gates and doubly bolted each window and door. Nevertheless, I could not rest satisfied, and concluded to remain with little Alfred in the King's Chamber until the return of the family.

The evening passed without any circumstance calculated to augment my fears. At length the hour of midnight was rung out in doleful tones by the old clock. I counted each stroke and listened with a feeling of relief, knowing the play was over and the Count on his way home.

The child was sleeping upon my knees. Gradually my spirits rose; an hour passed; reassured, I laid the boy upon a couch and approached the window to watch for the carriage; the moonbeams lit the long winding road, but there was nothing within sight. Suddenly I thought I heard a noise at the extreme end of the apartment, directly opposite where I was standing. To give an accurate account of the impression produced upon me would be impossible. I stood motionless, scarcely breathing, my ear strained to catch the sound and my brow covered with great drops of cold perspiration. Alfred was awake and had heard also. Running to me he hid his face in the folds of my dress, while clasping his arms around my knees. It was no hallucination; that there was some one at work beneath our feet I could no longer doubt. I could hear the earth crumble, and I knew that efforts were being made to penetrate the room. With the certainty of danger my fears subsided, my courage rose, and I determined to resist. Seating the boy upon a chair, I ran quickly to the kitchen, seized a hatchet, and, returning, approached the spot where I had detected the sound. To my surprise, I saw first one, and then another of the tiles raised; a hand appeared, then a head, which I at once recognized to be that of a bandit. In an instant I had raised the hatchet I held, and in a moment more the robber's head rolled upon the floor; so quickly and surely had I struck the blow that there was not even time for a cry. Alfred, uttering a suppressed scream, sprang towards me, and in so doing overturned the lamp, which was instantly extinguished, and we were left in darkness. I still remained beside the opening, the hatchet raised ready to strike again should another head appear. The child clung to me in mortal fear. I pressed him to my breast and hurriedly whispered caution.

I heard the sound of steps and voices, and bending down I caught these words, spoken in a rough tone:—"Well, do you see any one? Is the room lighted?"

The man so addressed, it is easy to understand, could not reply. A brief silence followed. Then the same voice impatiently continued,—"If you are afraid, coward, let another man take your place; but, d—n it, advance or draw back."

"The position is not tenable," said another voice further off. "At any moment we may be surprised. Robert, who is watching at the entrance, says that he hears the distant sound of approaching horses."

By the movement below me I judged that they were removing the body of their comrade. The sight of the headless trunk must have alarmed them, for I heard a loud cry accompanied by the most fearful imprecations and threats of vengeance.

There was a rush of footsteps, and distinctly I heard them retreat, having abandoned the dead man.

"At this moment the strength which in the hour of danger had been my support failed me, and I sank upon the floor insensible. A quarter of an hour later the Count and Countess returned. Having knocked for admission, and being unanswerd, they concluded that I had fallen asleep, and Thomas scaled the wall and opened the outer gate. Finding it impossible to make themselves heard, they by their united efforts forced the door.

The scene displayed before their eyes was terrible indeed, and rendered all the more ghastly by the pale light of the moon. I lay upon the floor in a death-like swoon. Little Alfred knelt beside me, his hands clasped, his eyes fixed, and his face ashen in hue; and a few feet from the door the bleeding head of the bandit, with its glaring eyes starting from their sockets and a fierce grin curling the parted lips.

That night no one in the chateau slept; we kept strict vigil, fearing the return of the lawless men, but no sound again disturbed the silence. On the following day the Count de Bocherolles reported the occurrence to the authorities at Charleville. A detachment was at once sent to the chateau, and the officers of justice discovered a subterranean passage which ran from the park of the chateau walls and led direct to the King's Chamber. A watch was set and faithful search made.

Some weeks had elapsed when Joseph Katz, the chief of the band of bandits, together with the forty men under his command, were arrested in the forest of De la Harriere, the distance of about four leagues from Sept Fontaines.

When the wretches were tried the fearful head was produced in Court, and helped to convict them, and on the 30th of October in the same year they were executed at Charleville in the presence of a great crowd which had assembled from all parts of the province.

The terrors of that dreadful night developed in me the germ of an incurable disease, and has left with me a memory no time can efface.

In recognition of the service rendered them in protecting their child, the Count and Countess settled upon me a pension which is amply sufficient to supply my few wants. Dear friends, this little story possesses at least one merit, that of being strictly true; therefore you can afford to sympathize with Jeannette La Croix.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, Office No. 227 S. FOURTH STREET.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company will be held at the Office of said Company, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 8th day of May, 1871, at 12 1/2 P. M. when and where the joint agreement entered into by the Board of Managers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and the Board of Directors of the Lehigh and Trenton Railroad Company for the consolidation of the said companies and the merger of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company into the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company will be submitted to the said stockholders, and a vote by ballot, in person or by proxy, taken for the adoption or rejection of the same.

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OFFICE OF THE LEBANON AND TREMONT RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 27 S. FOURTH STREET, Philadelphia, April 15, 1871.—A special meeting of the Stockholders of the Lebanon and Tremont Railroad Company will be held at the office of said Company, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 8th day of May, 1871, at 12 o'clock M. when and where the joint agreement entered into by the Board of Managers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and the Board of Directors of the Lebanon and Tremont Railroad Company for the consolidation of the said companies and the merger of the Lebanon and Tremont Railroad Company into the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company will be submitted to the said stockholders, and a vote by ballot, in person or by proxy, taken for the adoption or rejection of the same.

CAMDEN AND AMBOY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, April 16, 1871.

NOTICE.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Camden and Amboy Railroad and Transportation Company will be held at the Company's office, for the election of seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year.

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The next academic year begins on September 23, 1871. The first examination for admission to Harvard College will begin June 19, at 9 A. M. The second examination for admission to Harvard College, and the examinations for admission to the Scientific and Mining Schools, will begin September 23.

The request for admission to the College has been changed this year. There is now a mathematical alternative a portion of the class. A circular describing the new requisites and recent examination papers will be mailed on application.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES.—Thirty-three courses in 1870-71, of which twenty begin in the week February 12-19. These lectures are intended for graduates of colleges, teachers, and other competent students (men or women).

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For catalogues, circulars, or information, address J. W. HARRIS, Secretary.

EDGEHILL SCHOOL, MERCHANTVILLE, N. J., Four Miles from Philadelphia. The session commenced MONDAY, April 19, 1871.

For circulars apply to Rev. T. W. CATTELL, CITY ORDINANCES.

RESOLUTION. Relative to a revision of the nomenclature of the streets and avenues of the city.

Whereas, Many of the streets of the city have in course of time been misspelled and miscalled; and whereas the same names is applied to many different streets, and the same street is often in different parts of its length called by different names, thus causing great inconvenience and confusion, and often leading to errors in deeds and conveyances; and whereas, a revision of the names of the streets, alleys, and avenues of the city is of very great importance; therefore,

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Joint Committee on Law and Surveys, be and they are hereby authorized to revise the nomenclature of the streets, avenues, and alleys of the city, and to report such bills as they may deem necessary to correct inaccuracies, repetitions, etc., in the names of streets, avenues, and alleys, and to provide a system for the future naming of all streets and avenues.

HENRY HUHN, President of Common Council.

Attest—ROBERT BETHEL, Assistant Clerk of Select Council. SAMUEL W. CATTELL, President of Select Council.

Approved this twenty-ninth day of April, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one (A. D. 1871).

DANIEL M. FOX, Mayor of Philadelphia.

AN ORDINANCE. To Amend a Resolution to Authorize the Paving of Venango and other Streets.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Board of Public Works be and they are authorized to amend the Resolution to authorize the paving of Venango and other streets, approved April 25, 1871, be amended so as to strike out the words "no cost for intersections" after the words "Wharton street," and inserting in place thereof the words "cost of intersections not to exceed one thousand and three dollars and twenty-eight cents," and also by striking out the words "cost of intersections not to exceed one thousand and three dollars and twenty-eight cents" immediately after the words "Arizona street, from Ninth to Tenth street," and inserting in place thereof the words "no costs for intersections."

HENRY HUHN, President of Common Council.

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DANIEL M. FOX, Mayor of Philadelphia.

RESOLUTION. Granting Permission to the Second and Third Streets Passenger Railway Company to Lay Tracks for the Purpose of Making a Circuit on the Northern End of their Line.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Second and Third Streets Passenger Railway Company be and they are hereby permitted to lay tracks on any streets north of Master street, for the purpose of making a circuit on the northern end of their line provided that the said Company shall occupy only two streets at a time in making their circuit under this resolution, and provided, that the said Company shall keep in good repair the streets used by them under this resolution, as they are now required to keep the streets in repair used for the other portions of their line.

HENRY HUHN, President of Common Council.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. March Term, 1871, No. 14, in Divorce. WILLIAM HENRY STEEL, vs. SEBASTIAN JANE STEEL.

To JOSEPHINE JANE STEEL, Respondent:—Please take notice that the petition filed in this cause on behalf of the Plaintiff on THURSDAY, May 11, 1871, at 2 1/2 o'clock P. M., at my office, No. 62 WALNUT STREET, Philadelphia, before E. CARROLL BREWSTER, Esq., Judge of the Court, and the parties interested in the matter appointed by the Court to take and report the same, HENRY C. PERRY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of THOMAS BRADY, deceased. The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of CHARLES JUDGE and NATHANIEL STUYVESANT, Executors of the last will and testament of THOMAS BRADY, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountants, will meet the parties interested or the purpose of his appointment, on TUESDAY, May 9, 1871, at 12 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 217 South THIRD Street, in the City of Philadelphia.

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