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MARIA DE GUADALOUPE.

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The wretchedness of the family at this alarming and unexpected visitation was extreme. My son immediately communicated with me, and we all consulted together. Henrique determined never to join a band who disgraced both their country and humanity, and, if the opposite party had come up, I verily believe he would have taken refuge in their ranks and become a soldier; fortunately, as we considered, they turned off to intercept the fugitives by a near cut, and we saw them no more. We knew Matamoras was in the possession of the party to which the ruffian belonged, but it was the first time they had ventured in our neighborhood. We finally agreed, all except Henrique, that it would be better for him to leave the country for awhile. He strongly opposed it, until Maria, with tears in her eyes, besought him, for her sake, to go out of the reach of danger.

"We soon arranged the route he was to take. I had a friend living at San Antonio, in Texas, to whom I gave him a letter, and that night he crossed the Rio Grande and was on his road. The young ones pledged their truth till death, with promises of as frequent communication as possible, while I was to write to our friend the bishop, then at Monterey, and endeavor to have the affair arranged so that Henrique might return to his home. Alas! man proposes, but God disposes. Several days passed, and nothing was heard from the officer, though several parties of his faction, as well as of the opposing one, were heard of in the neighborhood. A troop of the other party, which was reconnoitering, halted at my house. I knew the commander, and, relating the circumstances to him, he advised me to visit Matamoras under a flag of truce, which was to be sent in, and see the chief in person, with whom I might be able to make some arrangement offering to one placed under the protection of the flag. I gladly accepted the opportunity; but, alas, instead of listening to my remonstrances, he threw me in prison, refusing to recognize my rights under the flag of truce.

"In the meantime, the ruffianly butcher, for such was and is his reputation, had heard, it seems, from his subordinate, extravagant accounts of Maria's beauty, and determined to have her as well as Henrique seized, for of course I had said nothing about the latter's flight. I learned afterwards that negotiations had been arranged under the flag of truce for his evacuation of Matamoras in two days, during which there was to be a suspension of hostilities.

"That night, as my son's family were sitting up later than usual, expecting my return, the clatter of horses' feet was heard. My son started up, and ran to the door. He saw, by the moonlight, half a dozen lancers, whose equipments he knew. He immediately closed the door, and, seizing a loaded pistol, placed it in his bosom. Maria and her mother sat pale and trembling. The lancers halted at the door, and in a few moments three of them rushed in, headed by the brutal officer himself.

"Where is a recruit, Henrique Valdez? Produce him instantly!" exclaimed Captain Mendez

"He is not here," said my son, calmly.

"Where is he, I say?" demanded the ruffian

"He has gone to San Antonio on business," answered his uncle.

"Hell and fury seize him!" exclaimed the officer. "Well, I am bound to take a hostage for his appearance; so, comrades, do your duty—carry that girl along, and mount her on the spare horse we brought for the recruit; we must hurry back."

"Take my daughter! Never!" shouted my son, placing himself in front of her, and grasping his pistol.

"Oh, spare my child!" exclaimed the mother, clasping Maria in her arms. "You shall not! you shall take me first!"

"Dare you resist us, villain?" said the leader of the party, furiously; "stand aside, or I will cut you to pieces. Take the girl away, I say."

My son instantly drew his pistol and called out: "The first who touches my child shall perish!"

The leader aimed a blow at him with his sword, which, striking the pistol, glanced off; but, alas! fell fatally on his defenceless wife, whose blood gushed over her daughter, as they both fell together, the one in a fainting fit, and the other *in death!*"

The old man paused a few moments, overcome by his emotions, then he resumed:

Well, even the bloodhounds were for a moment arrested at the sight of that terrible deed, and my son started back horror-stricken, fixed his glaring eyes a moment on the beloved of his heart covered with blood; then, with a yell of madness, he seized a knife from the table, and a terrific conflict ensued. Maria remained senseless amidst the tumult, and was spared the sight of what occurred. How long she continued in that condition she could not tell; but when she awoke she was at my house, lying on a bed, and an elderly military man was leaning over her.

"How is it with you, my good girl?" asked he, in a kind and feeling voice.

"My father and mother!" was all she could say.

"There, you will hear from them presently; do not excite yourself—we are friends," said he, soothingly.

"General, I think she is safe," said another and younger officer, who was a surgeon.

"And the other?" asked he, in a low voice.

"May last twenty-four hours."

"Well, I will leave a sufficient guard with you, for I must be off to Matamoras. Let them want for nothing, for her uncles were brave soldiers, and fought by my side."

"It was on the third day that my prison doors were opened I had been aware of the change of sentinels, and supposed the city was evacuated. Why I was left undisturbed I never leaned; perhaps the tyrant forgot me. The guard by whom I was released, conducted me to the new commander, in whom I found the brave and noble-hearted General Arista, a party of whose soldiers had surprised the ruffians at their bloody work, and rescued Maria unhurt, and her father, though too late to save the latter's wife. He still lingered, however. The General communicated this in the most feeling manner, and offered me at once the means of departure. In less than a hour I was beside my dying son, and his stricken child."

Again the old man's head sank, and it was some minutes before he raised it again; when he did so, there was a record of sorrow, such as a feeling man never likes to read a human countenance. After awhile I ventured to ask:

"And Henrique, senor?"

"Before I could have the heart to communicate to him the sad news, he accidently heard another version of the affair, by which it appeared that we had all been murdered. My friend wrote in reply to my letter, when at last I had an opportunity of sending it, that he immediately joined your compatriots, who had raised the standard of revolt in Texas, and were preparing to tear her from Mexico. Before any more correct account could reach him, he fell, desperately fighting against his own countrymen, whose very name had become hateful to him. And now, senor, have I no reason to detest the barbarous custom of wholesale murder which is called war?"

I could not contravene his judgment. It was growing late in the afternoon, and I prepared to leave. I bid the old man adieu with a feeling of reverence for his sorrows, and raised the fair hand of Maria de Guadalouppe—how misnamed the title seemed!—with respectful devotion to my lips.

"When I am gone she will find peace in the arms of religion," were the old man's last words to me.

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The career of the Louisiana volunteers was cut short by a misunderstanding as to the term of their enlistment, and a well-drilled and gallant body of men, inured to the climate, who had proved their eagerness to vindicate the honor of their country by the promptness with which they left their avocations and rushed at the first call to the field, were deprived of opportunities which they so well deserved. Many, however, determined to remain and see a little fun on their own account. Some of these joined the gallant Texas rangers.

It was during the siege of Monterey that several companies of rangers were engaged in a severe conflict with a splendid regiment of lancers in a cornfield. For a time the rangers were worsted. The leader of the Mexicans encountered a ranger whose carbine was discharged, and whose only effective weapon was a revolver with but a single charge left; there was no time to reload, for the lancer was upon him; taking the best aim he could, he discharged it, as he intended, full in the Mexican's face, an instant before the encounter; but, with the splendid horsemanship of his countrymen, the other had thrown himself out of the saddle on one side, avoiding the shot, while the ranger's horse, rearing, received the lance full in his chest, and went down bearing his rider to the earth. Abandoning his lance, the Mexican drew his sabre, and in another minute, before the fallen man could have risen he would have finished him; but another form interposed between them. It was that of a youthful horseman of powerful frame and flashing eye, who waved a bloody sabre in his right hand, and carried a large revolver in the left, while his splendid black charger seemed to obey the volition of his rider.

"Ha! Juan Mendez! we meet at last," he shouted, as he intercepted the impending sword of the Mexican with his own. At the same moment his steed, as if trained, caught the lancer by the arm, and slung him from the saddle as a terrier would a rat. The youthful warrior was on his feet, and at his side in a minute. Placing his foot on his breast, and hissing some bitter reproach over the fallen man, he drove his weapon again into his breast. All this time his horse stood by calmly and quietly. His work finished, he approached the ranger, who had risen to his feet, and tendered his thanks.

"You owe none, senor," he replied in a tone altogether different from that with which he thundered defiance into the ears of his foe; "but if you will mount that villain's horse, which seems waiting for you, I will guide you to our men, who are following the retreating enemy."

"But may I not know to whom I am indebted?" I asked, as I took advantage of his suggestion.

"Henrique Valdez," was the reply which stunned me.

Need I tell the sequel? How I rendered Henrique the happiest man in the army, in return for saving my life, at the same time he had rid himself of a foe, that night by the fires of the bivouac? Or how, some weeks later, after an armistice had followed the capture of Monterey, I accompanied him to his old home, and acted as his groomsman? Reader, are not these conclusions the legitimate property of your imagination? Ah! while gazing on the soft radiance of her lovely face, as she stood before the altar with her lover, how truthful did I find her name, Maria de Guadaloupe!

CAN WE MAKE REAL DIAMONDS?—All the world knows that nineteenth century alchemists, ever since the date of the discovery that the diamond is composed of pure, crystalized, colorless carbon, have been trying to transform carbon into a crystalized and colorless condition, that is, to turn gas into diamonds. Many a time the announcement has been made of the success of some enthusiastic operator in this direction, but results have always given the lie to the announcement. Dr. Stockhardt, of Leipzig, and Messrs. de la Tour and Despretz, of France, all thought they had made diamonds by galvanic action on carbonic acid and hydrogen, but each were mistaken. We also remember reading, a year ago, of some galvanic process by which a Parisian chemist had succeeded in producing crystals of carbon, but so small as to require a microscope to discover them. But the French papers which have just reached us contain one more announcement of the same kind; and, if any skepticism had been engendered by the past failures, there would really be hope for believing that the long sought art of making diamonds had, at last, been discovered. According to these French reports, published by M. Rossi, of Toulon, crystals, twenty in number, having *all* the properties of diamonds, were made by Professor Gannal. They were obtained by the action of phosphorus, water and bi-sulphide of carbon upon each other for the space of fifteen weeks. The crystals made were found to be so hard that no file would act upon them; they cut glass like ordinary diamonds, and scratched the hardest steel; in brilliancy and transparency they were in no way inferior to the best jewels, and some few possessed a lustre surpassing that of most stones. Last—not least—the substance so produced was crystalized in dodecahedra, (that is, having twelve equal sides,) the crystaline form characteristic of the real diamond. In fact, if all that M. Rossi asserts should prove true, there is little doubt that Professor Gannel has already succeeded in making diamonds. If he *has* done so, the revenues of Golconda and Brazil must suffer an incalculable decrease, and a large number of millionaire diamond houses of the great capitals of the world will inevitably subside into bankruptcy.

VALUE OF AN EXPLANATION.—A certain king, it is said, sent to another king, saying:

"Send me a blue pig with a black tail or else"——

The other in high dudgeon at the presumed insult, replied:

"I have not got one, and if I had"——

On which weighty cause they went to war for many years. After a satiety of glories and miseries, they finally bethought them that, as their armies and resources were exhausted, and their kingdoms mutually laid waste, it might be well enough to consult about the preliminaries of peace; but before this could be concluded, a diplomatic explanation was first needed of the insulting language which had formed the ground of the quarrel.

"What could you mean," asked the second king of the first, "by saying, 'Send me a blue pig with a black tail, or else?'"——

"Why," said the other, "I meant a blue pig with a black tail, or else *some other color*. But," retorted he, "what could *you* mean by saying, 'I have not got one, and if I had?'"—

"Why, of course, if I had, *I should have sent it!*" an explanation which was entirely satisfactory, and peace was concluded accordingly.

A TERRIBLE COMPANY.—They are organizing a new military company in Memphis, to be called "The Defiants." The Avalanche says of them: "Their uniform is to be black homespun, with red plumes. Their banner is black—the arms of the State of Tennessee being inscribed on one side, in crimson; on the other side will be represented a right hand grasping an unsheathed sword, with the name of the company—the Defiants—written in red letters above. The whole outfit will be emblematic of death and defiance, and will cost forty dollars.

☞ The recent publication of unclaimed dividends and deposits, in the banking houses of Newark, N. J., has been the means of informing many parties of moneys lying to their credit, which they had entirely forgotten. In one case the amount had been lying in one institution for over thirty-two years, the first intimation of it being conveyed to the owner by the published notice.

MASSACHUSETTS TOWN ELECTIONS.—The town elections in Massachusetts will commence to-day, and, as they are of considerable local importance, may serve, to some extent, to indicate the tone of popular feeling in relation to matters of national interest.

☞ A child five years old swallowed a piece of a fine-tooth comb, in Coos county, New Hampshire, a few days since, and died three hours after.

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