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## Written for the Faux Passes, Reminiscences of a Texas Veteran--The Santa Fe Expedition, etc.

BY C. ERHARD.  
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Now I will resume a portion of the yet unwritten history of the Santa Fe Expedition, till we met Geo. W. Kendall again; after that, I will give a history of my own sufferings and experience in Mexico. But before I begin with the latter, I will give the reader extracts of Kendall's trip over the staked plains and the sufferings of the 100 men under command of Capt. Sutton, till they reached the settlements of New Mexico.

The next morning after the guides reached us, we broke camp, left the eminence on which our camp was situated, crossed the brackish running creek heretofore mentioned, and ascended a gentle sloping hill opposite; reaching the top thereof we passed for a few miles small clusters of mesquite trees; after that there was the vast expanse of the table land, known as Staked Plains, before us. Our Mexican guides with unerring aim brought our party at each day's journey to one of nature's water tanks of fresh water.

I have traversed the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, but never met such singular loneliness, as on the plains. The ocean at least offers a variation of storm, gale or calm. The ocean in its gentlest mood of calm, presents long swells like the azure hue of the sky, while on these long waves, probably not higher than three or four feet, there were little ripples, dolphins would play around the ship, afar off perhaps flying fish might be seen keeping many feet above the waves to escape the pursuit of the shark. The little birds, resembling the swallow, apparently walk the waves, with wings fluttering, picking up such morsels of food as passengers or the steward throw overboard.

These little diminutive birds follow a vessel during the whole long trip over the ocean; at dark I suppose they take rest on the rigging of the vessel.

In a storm the waves in angry tumult would present a white foam, caused by the great waves, which are sometimes 30 feet high, the waves then partook of the dullness of the dark sky overhead, and looked nearly as black as ink. Yet ocean life offers besides these variations; occasionally a sail is seen far off in the distant horizon; the passenger watches its approach, at first only the tips of the highest masts are seen, then as the vessel approaches nearer all the sails and hull appear; all would like to know the name of the vessel or its destination; still contemplating the scene the vessel disappears again.

At night, the ship's prow plowing its way through the Ocean, the breaking waves would exhibit phosphorus sparks in myriads, resembling fire flies on a Texas prairie; but on the Staked Plains there was not even seen the fire flies.

There can be nothing more dreary than the journey over the Staked Plains, except it be the Sandy desert of Africa or the cold desolate Arctic regions.

There is no variation, the land is as flat as a table, no hillock or tree gives variation to the scene, no bird, no game is to be seen; supreme silence, as deep as the grave prevails.

After a day's travel, from the smoothness of the ground, it appeared as if we had left last night camp only a few hundred yards. There was the clear sky above us a canopy of the buffalo grass (I believe the botanical name is Gramma grass) a grass of short leaves but very nutritious. Evidently at certain seasons there must have been immense herds of buffaloes on these plains, and then the scene may have been enlivened by Indians hunting them, but when we passed nothing was to be seen, even the Indian did not venture to live in that dreary plain, for he could not have supported himself by game at that season.

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Last year Mr. Joseph Harris, Moreton Farm, Rochester, New York, offered to send seeds to children under fifteen years of age, at twenty-five per cent less than catalogue rates. In his new catalogue for 1883, he continues the same offer. Send for his catalogue and see what he has to say on the subject. It is sent free. Address, Joseph Harris, Moreton Farm, Rochester, N. Y.

Polk had no idea of defrauding the state of Tennessee. He was just going to Mexico to take enough silver out of his mine to make a settlement, he says. He was so anxious to make a settlement that he would have given something handsome to be allowed to go on his way. Well, we should forget to remember. —Yucca.

## From St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1st, 1883.

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The weather here has again turned bitter cold and great suffering prevails among the poor of this city. In connection with the above statement let me add that the receipts at the box office for the Laugty engagement for one week aggregated over seventeen thousand dollars; this was followed by six performances of Mapleson's English Opera which netted the sum of thirty-one thousand dollars for one week's work. Sixteen thousand dollars of this money was actually put up by subscription and placed to the credit of "manager" Mapleson's bank account before "Pattie" would condescend to appear for a single night. Five dollars a seat was cheerfully paid for a single seat in any part of the house. Now this week we have Madame Mojeska, whose engagement at the opera house for six nights will add 5,000 to her fortune.

Such is life in this great city, whose seven hundred orphans are destitute of the bare necessities of life. So much so, that the poor Sisters of Charity who are bravely sustaining this great burden, have made a public and pitiful appeal in behalf of the city's orphans to the merchants and citizens of all creeds and nationalities, and begging for aid in behalf of those who cannot aid themselves. Your correspondent in passing through the "central station" yesterday, noticed the following entry made by an officer to his captain: "Mrs. Barry and her three children are starving to death at No. — Manchester road, the oldest child is eight years and the youngest, four months old. There is no food, fuel or stove in their room."

The above is not written for the purpose of traducing the knaves who paid over \$50,000 in ten days to an itinerant band of opera singers—nor is it written so much to "adorn a tale" as it is "point a moral." It is food for reflection.

The snow storms north, and particularly in Gunnison, Colorado, are the most terrible and destructive known in many years. The snow slide at Gunnison, buried a large number of persons and many lives were lost.

## THE MAN OF THE IRON MASK.

"Le Prisonier de la Bastille."  
BY CARL SMYTHE.

[WRITTEN FOR THE FAUX PASSES.]  
ST. LOUIS, January 26, 1883.

Of all the victims of the old regimen, the man with the iron mask was the most interesting, as he was the most mysterious. The date, the place of his birth, is a mystery; his education and early training no less so. A young historian, M. Maurice Topin, who had been diving into old papers among the public archives of the French government, about ten or twelve years past, was said by contemporary paper papers to have at last found out the true name of this man of the iron mask. The writer of these lines will only recall in a brief way, a few of the evidences and conjectures scattered here and there in French history concerning this most singular subject, to the time of M. Topin; and would wish to learn from some more erudite and studious than himself, if he has in reality solved this great historical conundrum and Lagubrion's enigma. Much anterior to M. Topin's researches in the old records, perhaps in the beginning of the present century, a monk had died in a French monastery leaving papers testifying that he was "the man of the iron mask, but his eccentric ways and life left no weight to his assertions.

The unfortunate prisoner to whom nobody spoke or approached, wore not indeed an iron mask, but a mask of velvet. He had been incarcerated a long time in the Chateau of Pignerol, which served as a prison of state since the French had taken possession of it in 1632. The inhabitants still in 1818 showed an old dismantled tower and gave the tradition concerning the iron mask, and Fouquet, who were here confined. The cause of the prisoner's removal from this place to the Bastille, what he wore, all incidents of the journey, were never known. After the taking of the Bastille, all traces and indications of this man were eagerly sought for among the registers of this ghastly place of detention. But it was found that the largest books of records were torn, and the folios, numbering one hundred and twenty, coinciding with the year 1698, had been taken away. Later a leaf was found among the papers of a former governor, and here it is as historians have given it to the world. The following is a translation from the French as preserved at present in the library of the arsenal:

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