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THE IRON JUDGE OF MALTA.

One night, 200 years ago, Judge Cambo of Malta sat by his bedroom window gazing out upon the sleeping town, which was bathed in brilliant moonlight. Had Judge Cambo not been sitting by his window that night, his name would never have been known outside the island of Malta, which is about eight miles wide and seventeen long; but he couldn't sleep well that night, for one reason or another, so he took his seat by the window, and eventually became known all over the world, or wherever lawyers congregate. Thus we see upon what a small peg destiny sometimes hangs.

There is no doubt that Judge Cambo was a man of integrity and ability. Some even hold that he had a conscience. In his youth he was considered sentimental and went so far, upon occasion, as to write poetry. But he took up the study of the law quite early, and the law became an infatuation with him. As the years went on he became saturated with it, so that it took full possession of his soul and mind. He judged everything in the earth and the waters under the earth by his Maltese law, which was somewhat different from that now prevailing, as the island then was under the dominion of the Knights of St. John. In the mind of Judge Cambo, though he perhaps wouldn't have confessed it, justice was a small thing as compared with the law. If justice and the law could be made to walk comfortably along the same road, well and good;

acted conscientiously, and a few have expressed their belief that he acted properly. Such is the reverence for law.

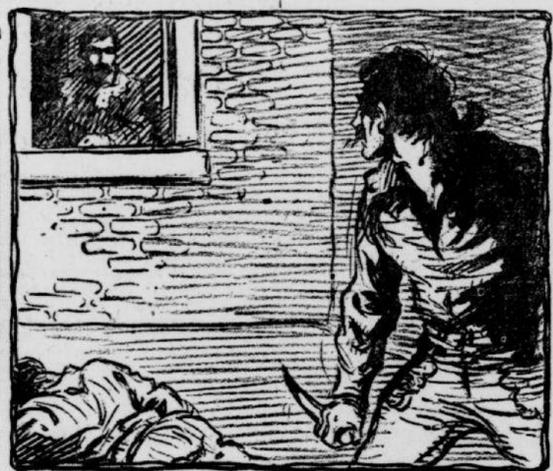
The baker came up for trial, a wretched and terrified man. The police had a strong case against him. He was arrested just as he was leaving the corpse, and he had the sheath of a dagger or stiletto in his pocket. But as the case wore on it became apparent that the evidence wasn't conclusive enough, and there was a probability that the accused would be acquitted.

Then this marvelous Judge Cambo used every endeavor to make the baker confess the crime. He threatened and entreated, but the accused persisted in declaring his innocence. So Judge Cambo ordered him to the torture and he was stretched upon the rack. For a time he stuck to his claim of innocence, but when the agony became intolerable he confessed to the crime which he had never committed, and Judge Cambo looked on, calm and inscrutable, and wrote down the racker's confession as it came from his blood-flecked lips. Surely there never was a more zealous public official than Judge Cambo!

The judge was now quite satisfied. The prisoner had been proved guilty according to the law, and there was nothing further to do except to sentence the man to death, which the judge did with much feeling, rebuking him mildly for trying to obstruct the course of justice by refusing to confess. So the unfortunate baker was taken forth from the jail upon a lowering day and done to death by the executioner.

He was buried down by the sea, near where St. Paul was shipwrecked once upon a time, and the grass grew over him, and his memory became dim in the haunts of men. The years passed on, and Judge Cambo often sat by his window and gazed at the sleeping town, and if ghosts troubled him he gave no sign. The whole island admired and revered him as a saint-like man, who respected the law above all things except religion. The judge was growing old among his honors and dignities when an untoward thing happened.

In another part of the island a man was tried and convicted of a capital crime, and when he saw that doom was written against his name he made full confession of various evil things he had done in his sinful career. Among other things, he confessed that he was the murderer of the man for whose death the baker was tortured and executed. He narrated all the circumstances of the murder, down to the smallest detail, and cited the judge as a witness. He knew that the judge had seen the murder, for, as he was



"Presently the Baker Beheld the Corpse, and Stood Looking at It, as Though Dazed."

otherwise, the law had the right of way, and justice must scratch for itself.

So Judge Cambo sat at his window, in the soft Mediterranean night, and as he looked into the street beneath him he saw one man stab another. The wounded man, who had been flying for his life, reeled and fell. At this moment the murderer's cap fell off, and his face was fully exposed to the judge. The judge and the assassin stared at each other for a moment, and then the latter replaced his cap, threw away the sheath of his knife and ran. The learned jurist sat at his window, gazing calmly at the dead man. An ordinary man might have raised an alarm, but the judge did nothing. It is possible that he was raking through his mind for a law that would fit the case.

The night wore on and morning was approaching, and the judge remained at his window. Then a baker came into the street, carrying his loaves for distribution. Presently the baker beheld the corpse, and stood looking at it, as though dazed. Then he saw the sheath of the knife, picked it up and examined it and put it in his pocket. Then panic overtook him and he ran, but just at that moment policemen came around the corner and seized him. The unfortunate baker was led away to prison and the judge, calm and serene, lay down for a few lines of slumber.

In due season the baker was brought up for trial in the criminal court, and the presiding judge at that court was Cambo. He had come to the conclusion, after ruminating over all the law he had absorbed in the course of his career, that he had no right to act from his own private knowledge in a matter brought before him in his official capacity. Learned writers, discussing the case, have said that he

plunging his knife into the victim's body, he happened to see the judge at the window, and the judge was looking straight at him.

The grand master of the knights now called upon the judge for an explanation and Cambo quietly admitted that the man's story was strictly true. But he argued that he had only done his duty; that it was quite proper to send a man to an ignominious death rather than violate the sacred law as he understood it. The judge was sentenced to the forfeiture of his office and to public degradation, and was ordered to turn over his worldly assets to the family of his victim. He lived a few years, shunned and hated as much as he formerly was admired and respected, and with the knowledge that his name was a hissing all over the world.

Decorations for Women.
Foreign countries are most prodigal of feminine decorations. There are in all some 26 foreign orders, and it is said that Spain was the first country to honor the gentler sex by including them in orders of chivalry. The Legion of Honor, which has been pinned to not a few feminine breasts in the present war, the Russian Order of St. Catherine, and the Austrian Star Cross are a few of the greater orders which can be accorded to women. In no country does the decoration bestowed on a woman carry any title, as in the case of a masculine knighthood, but in several countries certain female decorations bestow a sort of status equivalent to rank in the army.

Contrariness.
"When a girl promises to marry a man, Miss Ginger, isn't it a sure proof that she loves him?"
"Not at all. She might do it just to spite another man."

India's City of Discontent



PROCESSION OF STATE ELEPHANTS

THE query on the lips of those who know India is whether the new viceroy, Lord Chelmsford, will be able to soothe the "City of Discord." This is Lahore, writes Charles M. Pepper in the Washington Star. There are plenty of other discontented and dissatisfied sections of India, but it is the unspoken belief that whoever can keep Lahore quiet can tranquillize the rest of India.

Lahore is well to the north. It is the capital and commercial center of the fertile Punjab. This is known as the five-river region, because of the important streams which water it. Lahore itself is on the River Ravi.

The Punjab, by means of its rivers, has been enabled to develop a very complete system of irrigation canals. Its wheat crop helps to feed England and to stabilize prices of food in the United Kingdom. It also has abundant crops of corn, oil seeds, cotton, cane and rice. It is the most varied and productive agricultural region of India.

Lahore is the gateway of northern India. The railway runs to Rawalpindi and beyond to Peshawar, at the mouth of the Kabul pass into Afghanistan.

Lahore also is considered the gateway to and from Kashmir. A splendid highway runs from Rawalpindi to Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir. The mail coaches and the tongas, or native buggies, and the bullock carts once monopolized this road, but the automobiles now have crowded them out, although there is still some traffic by means of the bullocks.

There is also another road from Lahore to Srinagar, more direct but less convenient and consequently less traveled. The commerce of northern India which reaches Lahore flows out through the port of Karachi, on the Arabian sea. There is through railway communication.

The railways also keep Lahore in direct communication with Bombay and Calcutta, so that as the city of discontent it is in touch with the dissatisfied elements in all parts of India. The city itself is an industrial center. There are cotton and flour mills, potteries, metal-working and numerous minor industrial activities. There are also the hand looms, since the mills have not yet entirely displaced this ancient form of Hindu weaving.

Punjab Museum is Interesting.
The Punjab museum, for those who wish to know something of the industrial life, is the most interesting place in Punjab. The Buddhist sculptures from Peshawar are very striking. There are carpets and rugs and glazed tiles, mosaics, pottery and examples of exquisite metal-working, along with screens and doors which illustrate the delicacy of the lacquer wood carving.

There are also the old doors of the sixteenth century, in themselves an interesting exhibit. Then there are numerous drawings and reproductions by art students.

The most interesting exhibits, however, are the thronings of native visitors, whose comments are very characteristic. A local munchi, or teacher, who showed me through the museum, interpreted some remarks of one of the Punjabese visitors as expressive of his satisfaction that there was "nothing English" in the museum. There is, however, a great deal that is English in Lahore.

Out Shalimar gardens way are numerous English bungalows, and also the English college in the Lawrence gardens, which is at once a tribute to British educational policy and a monument to the progressive Englishmen who have not been afraid to teach the natives lest that should increase their discontent. The group of college buildings are not out of harmony with their environment.

The government buildings, while comfortable, are not imposing. They are in the midst of shaded grounds and their graceful towers and arcade balconies are in keeping with the surroundings.

The Shalimar gardens usually are described in the tourist guide books as hanging gardens. They lie beyond a half-ruined Moslem village. There are three terraces, or grassy platforms, almost distressing in their mathemat-

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