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LIBERAL BUT DISCREET.

A Man Who Had Experience with Expensive Timepieces.

"I want something handsome in the way of a clock," he said to the jeweler, according to the Washington Star.

"We have a very fine line of goods," was the response; "and the prices are very moderate."

"I don't care anything about the price. I want something that will show at a glance that it cost a whole lot of money."

"Certainly. We have some beautiful imported goods."

"That's the idea; something that came from abroad. I want an onyx pedestal and ormolu trimmings and a statue on top of it."

"Here's a veritable work of art."

"That's pretty well; but I'd like something more attractive than that. It's to be a birthday present to my wife. We haven't been keeping house very long, and she's been worried for fear people would think we were going without a clock because we couldn't afford one. I'm going to see that she has something so handsome that it'll dazzle everybody who comes into the parlor, and so precious that it has to be kept under glass like a specimen in the museum."

"How is this one?" the jeweler inquired, as he lifted a massively ornate article from a shelf.

"That's the very thing. That'll please her almost to death. Pack it up and ship it out to my house, and send the bill to my office."

"It'll cost $125," the jeweler mildly suggested.

"That's all right. It looks as if it were worth it."

He started for the door, but came back and said: "By the way, you'd better give me another clock—one of those small nickel-plated affairs that cost about $1.50, so that we can stick it off in an obscure corner to look at when we want to know what time it is."

Had a Cracking Time.

The two old soldiers, who had fought on opposite sides at the battle of Mission Ridge, had met by chance and were strolling over the battleground and exchanging experiences, relates the Chicago Tribune.

"This reminds me," said the Yank, casually picking up a nut that lay at the root of a tree and boring a hole into it with his knife, "that I was down here once before cracking out colonels."

"That's all right," responded the Johnny Reb, stooping to pick up a fragment of rusty iron and shaking his head grimly, "but you played a shell game on them."

Whereupon one of the grizzled warriors produced a canister from his hip pocket and both took a round shot at the grape.

ORIGINAL OF MONTE CRISTO.

Strange Story of the Persecution of Baron Von Trenck.

St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Of the millions who have read Dumas, the elder's, most fascinating romance, "The Count of Monte Cristo," it is safe to say that not one-twentieth have ever heard anything about the man upon whose extraordinary trials and adventures the story is founded. That man was Baron Frederick von Trenck. Trenck was born at Konigsberg, in Prussia, in February, 1726. He seems to have descended from a noble and courageous family, for his ancestors were famous in the chronicles of the north, while his father and two of his uncles were noted generals in the Prussian army. In person Trenck was handsome; in manner, dashing; in temperament, choleric, and in heart generous and undauntable. During his four years at the University of Konigsberg he fought four duels, coming off victorious in each encounter. At the early age of 17 an influential relative presented him to King Frederick, who received the lad with marked favor, and accepted him as a cadet in the royal bodyguard, with the promise of quick preferment. And preferment was indeed quick, for after only six weeks' cadetship the king gave him a commission and presented him with a splendid equipment for the service.

When the war between Prussia and Austria broke out Trenck, then only 18, went to the front. One day while heading a foraging party of fifty he had the good fortune to capture twenty-two Austrian prisoners, and this feat so won the admiration of the king that he immediately conferred upon his young favorite the Order of Merit.

But notwithstanding these successes, and the evident promise of a most honorable career, trouble was brewing for Trenck, and soon was to burst upon him. It appears that while at court he had attracted the attention of a high-born lady, an attention which soon ripened into mutual love, clandestine meetings, and vows of eternal constancy. In his journal Trenck does not mention this lady's name, but it was said that she was no less a person than the king's own sister, Princess Amelia. When this became known to Frederick he viewed the connection with stern disfavor. One day he said to Trenck: "The thunder begins to roll, and the bolt may fall; beware." After this Trenck found that many of his former privileges were cut off, and several times he found himself under arrest for actions that he had previously indulged in with impunity.

It was while the royal mind was in this mood that a chance offered to put the dashing young soldier where he would do no further mischief. It appears that Trenck's cousin, who fought on the Austrian side, and who had been grievously wounded, wrote saying that he intended to make his Prussian cousin legatee of his large estates. To this young Trenck had made no reply, being quite satisfied with his prospects under King Frederick; but in talking the matter over one day with his brother officers, they all agreed that he was unwise not to answer thanking his relative for his good intentions. The commanding officer, Captain Jaschinsky, was particularly urgent that he should do so, and added: "Desire your Austrian cousin to send you some of his fine Hungarian horses for your own use, and I will have the letter conveyed to him. This correspondence is a family, and not a state affair; besides that, I will be answerable for the consequences." Innocently enough Trenck did as he advised, and Jaschinsky, who bore him a secret grudge, so used the letter with the king that a charge of treasonable correspondence with the enemy was trumped up, and the young officer was arrested and hurried away to the fortress at Glatz.

Totally unsuspicious of the true cause of his incarceration Trenck wrote to the king demanding a hearing or a court-martial. The letter remained unanswered. He then wrote to his inamorata, the princess, who sent him an assurance of her affection, a promise of intercession with the king and 1,000 ducats.

For five months Trenck continued to hope for a trial and his release, but when he learned that his commission in the guards had been bestowed upon another his heart sunk within him. He soon rallied, however, and resolved to watch keenly for an opportunity to escape. He had made friends with his guards, and they, being touched by his misfortunes, promised to assist him in regaining his liberty. Probably all had gone well had not Trenck, in turn, had his pity aroused by a wretched fellow prisoner, one Maneget. This man he determined to take with him in his escape. Upon being informed of Trenck's plan Maneget groveled at his feet in gratitude, but no sooner was his benefactor's back turned than he sent for the commandant, and betrayed the whole scheme. As a result of his indiscreet generosity Trenck was shut up in a narrow dungeon, the treacherous Maneget was released and the guards were severely punished.

No sooner had Trenck rallied from the despair following this failure than he again resolved at whatever cost to be free. Between him and liberty stood the iron bars which covered the windows of his cell. These he boldly attacked with a notched penknife, and, after many weeks of labor, he succeeded in filing three of them through. When a sufficient opening had been made Trenck cut up his leather portmanteau into strips, and, knotting these and the bedclothes securely together, he lowered himself one dark and stormy night ninety feet to the ground below and cautiously crept away. But, alas! across his path stood an open sewer. This he must wade. He got half way through and then stuck, unable either to advance or retreat. It was bitter cold, and he felt that to remain in this position was to perish. However willing he might be to yield to death, pride would not permit him, the lover of a princess, to die in such a shameful fashion. At the top of his voice he cried out to the sentry, "Tell the commandant that his prisoner, Baron von Trenck, is sticking in the mud!" The merciless Fouquet was soon upon the spot, and, after allowing the unfortunate young man to remain in this shameful predicament long enough to amuse the garrison, he had him pulled out. Trenck was compelled to remain in his filth-covered clothes the entire day.

After this he was confined more closely than ever. Yet hardly a week had expired before we find him making a third attempt. A certain Major Doo and two officers came to visit him and lectured him on the crime of trying to escape. This was more than the hot-blooded Trenck could stand. I give his thrilling dash for liberty in his own words: "At that instant I snatched the major's sword from his side, sprang for the door, threw the sentinel from the top to the bottom of the stairs, passed the guard, who happened to be drawn up before the prison door to relieve guard, attacked them, sword in hand, threw them suddenly into surprise by my onslaught, wounded four men, made way through the rest, sprang over the breastwork of the ramparts, and, with my sword drawn in my hand, immediately leaped this astonishing height without injury. I then leaped the second wall with equal good fortune; no one dared leap after me, and, in order to pursue, they must go around through the town and the gate of the citadel, so that I had the start full half an hour.

"A sentinel, however, in a narrow passage, endeavored to oppose my flight, but I parried his fixed bayonet and wounded him in the face. A second sentinel, meantime, came from the outworks to seize me from behind, and I, to avoid him, made a spring at the palisadoes; there I was unluckily caught by the foot and received a bayonet wound in my upper hip; thus entangled they beat me with the butt end of their muskets and dragged me back to prison, while I struggled and defended myself like a man grown desperate."

The severities of Trenck's imprisonment were now still further increased, but while his wounds were healing he was meditating new projects of escape. Among the garrison were numerous discontented soldiers; these Trenck became acquainted with and by means of bribes he won thirty-two of them over to his cause. At a signal given by Trenck all the prisoners were to be liberated, and Trenck and his followers were to flee into Bohemia. The plot was betrayed, however, and the conspirators fled prematurely, but not before their commander, Nicholai, had done his utmost to batter down the door of Trenck's cell, so that he might accompany them.

Not long after this fourth failure Trenck got into a quarrel with one of his guards, Lieutenant Bach, a big, hot-tempered Dane and a noted duelist. No other weapons being at hand the pair broke up the table and each seized a long splinter. With these improvised swords they fought desperately, Trenck clearly getting the best of the encounter. The guard, in admiration for the skill of his young opponent, embraced him rapturously and cried: "Friend, thou art my master, and thou must, thou shalt, by my aid, obtain thy liberty, as sure as my name is Bach."

Shortly after this incident Trenck and Schell, a discontented guard, each with a sword in hand, made a dash down the stairs, but what was their dismay to come face to face with the town mayor and the adjutant. For an instant only were they baffled, however, for Schell stepped out upon the rampart and made a desperate leap over the parapet, closely followed by Trenck.

The cannon thundered from the fortress the announcement of their escape, and the whole countryside was roused to a lookout for the fugitives, but providentially a dense fog favored them, and lamed and bleeding as they were, from their fearful leap, they managed, after several hairbreadth escapes, to cross safely into Bohemia.

After a five weeks' tramp in hunger and misery the pair arrived at Hammer, where lived Trenck's married sister. Instead, however, of being received with open arms, as he had anticipated, he was repulsed and driven like a dog from the door. But he found one friend there, for a servant who had been brought up in his father's house came after him, and with tears of compassion in her eyes, pressed into his hands three ducats, all the money she possessed.

Another month of wretched wandering and Trenck fell among friends. To do justice to the adventures that befell him during the next few years would extend this article beyond all reasonable bounds; suffice it to say that he found his way into the Russian service, and under the Empress Elizabeth he rose rapidly to wealth and position. But even here his Prussian enemies pursued him, and once through their machinations he came most alarmingly near to being sent to Siberia.

When Trenck had reached the age of 24 his cousin died, leaving him heir to his immense estates in Hungary. Listening to the advice of his friends, he decided to return and claim the legacy. It was not without some misgivings that he did so, however, for he saw that his residence in Austria might lend color to the charge that he was in league with the enemies of his native country.

Four years after he had come to Austria his mother died at Dantzic, and Trenck, feeling assured that by this time all animosity toward him had been forgotten, visited Prussia to settle up some of his family affairs. Alas! he had sadly miscalculated, for his enemies had been on the watch, and shortly after his arrival at Dantzic he was hurried away to the fortress at Magdeburg.

He thus describes his dungeon: "It was a casemate, the fore part of which, 6 feet wide and 10 feet long, was divided by a party wall. The small window, set in a wall 7 feet thick, was so situated that I could see neither heaven nor earth, but only the roof of the magazine. This window was secured with iron bars. I had a bedstead, a small stove and a stool, all of which was immovably ironed to the floor. My daily fare was a pound and a half of ammunition bread and a jug of water." After two months of semi-starvation in this wretched hole, Trenck began to execute a plan of escape. His first move was to loosen the iron which fastened his stool to the floor. After much exertion he succeeded in breaking this off, securing thus a stout iron bolt about 18 inches long. With this he attacked the wall that opened into the adjoining casement, having learned from a friendly guard that the door of this second casement was left unfastened, and that if he broke through he might escape by means of a boat on the Elbe. Thus encouraged, he labored incessantly. Every brick and stone he carefully marked, so that he might replace them for Wednesday's visit. The mortar he got rid of by powdering it and pushing it out on the window sill, where the breeze scattered it. He was exceedingly careful about this, as any accumulation under his window would inevitably be noticed by the sentry; so, to facilitate the scattering, he made a brush out of his hair and a splinter of his bedpost, and with this he pushed the powdered mortar within range of the breeze. When the wind failed he made the mortar up into little pellets with water, and blew them through a paper tube out through the window.

After six months of hard labor, nothing but the brick facing on the opposite side of the wall stood between him and liberty. He then replaced everything, replastered the hole, and dried the fresh plaster with the heat of his naked body. With the aid of a friendly guard, he next dispatched a message to the ambassador at Berlin, asking him to have a boat ready on the Elbe. As luck would have it, this message fell into the hands of Weingarten, the ambassador's private secretary, and this unmitigated scoundrel, who was really a spy in the pay of Prussia, having secured from Trenck an order for 1,000 florins, made known the whole plan of escape to the Prussian government.

The unfortunate Trenck was now worse off than ever. The king, incensed at his efforts to escape, had a special dungeon built for him in the star bastion, and thither, with eyes bandaged, he was presently conducted. The chamber was ten feet long and eight broad. His only seat was four bricks built into a corner of the wall; his only air and light that which filtered through a small hole secured by iron bars. Let into the floor was a gravestone inscribed with his name and carved with a death's head. But, as if this were not enough, poor Trenck was loaded down with chains. An iron ring as broad as one's hand was riveted around his body, chained to which was an iron bar having bracelets at its ends, which secured his hands. His feet were chained to a ring in the wall. Here, surely, was enough to break down the stoutest heart, and, indeed, for awhile Trenck abandoned himself to despair.

But his courage soon returned and he set to work once more to regain his liberty. By a most prodigious effort he succeeded in bending, and at length breaking the links that bound him. Bleeding from half a dozen wounds, he crawled to the door and examined it. To his great joy he found it to be of wood. As the visiting hour was approaching he replaced his manacles, binding them together with a thread woven from his hair. As soon as the officials had departed he again removed his bonds and vigorously attacked the door with a knife which he had managed to conceal when he was removed from his old prison. Through one door he cut, and then, hope high in his heart, he attacked another. Alas, before his work was completed the knife blade snapped and became useless. The wretched prisoner sank to the floor in an agony of despair. Seizing the broken blade he gashed the veins in his left arm and foot and with a frenzied laugh watched the life-blood oozing slowly away.

But the end was not yet. Suddenly he heard his name called. It was the voice of Gefhardt, his friendly sentinel outside, bidding him have courage and promising him aid to escape. Leaping to his feet Trenck tore his shirt into strips and bound up his wounds. Then, realizing that he might be roughly treated when the guards came and found the doors cut and their prisoner unchained, he hastily prepared for defense. With the iron bar that had secured his hands he broke up the bricks which formed his seat and piled them in the middle of his cell. "When noon came and the first of the doors was unlocked," says Trenck, "all were astonished to find the second open. There I stood, a desperate man, besmeared with blood, the picture of horror, with a brick in one hand and in the other my broken knife, crying as they approached: 'Keep off, Mr. Major, keep off! Tell the governor I will live no longer in chains, and that here I stand, if so he pleases, to be shot; for so only will I be con