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HOW HUMBOLDT SECURED A

The approaching total disappearance of the Muhlendamm in Berlin, a rather curious and ill-reputed quarter of the Prussian capital, beside being the central seat of the "Old Clo's," recalls a little story of which no less a person than Alexander von Humboldt is the hero. While passing through there on a raw afternoon in October in 1846 he found himself suddenly accosted by a half-dozen enterprising peddlers, offering their cast-off goods to him in the most eloquent and persuasive terms. Wrapped in thought, their offers and entreaties would have been lost upon him had not some salesman more eager than the rest, pulled him by the coat and held up a green velvet vest "as good as new" to the amazed savant's gaze. Humboldt shook his head, but on perceiving a pair of old pistols inlaid with mother-of-pearl, he approached the stand and asked the price. "Ten thalers and dirt cheap at that. Paid nine for them myself, and that with repairs and interest makes just ten thalers." Humboldt put down two Friedrichs d'or' took the change, and carried off his exceptionally cheap acquisition enveloped in a dingy sheet of paper, torn from an old book. On his way he happened to look at the wrapper and discovered it to be a treasure far more valuable than the pistols. It was a leaf from a mediæval "herbarium." Instantly he retraced his steps in search of the seller, and more particularly in that of the remainder of the book. Impossible for him to find either seller or shop despite of numerous inquiries. The antiquaries suspected him of having rued of his bargain, and with laudable esprit de corps refused to betray one another. Humboldt, no less keen, finally remarked: "Pity! I cannot find my man. He gave me back a thaler too much, and I came to return it." He was quickly surrounded by twenty or thirty dealers, each one of whom noisily asserted himself to be "his man," He became fairly frightened and at last pointed the pistols at them. Instantly the crowd dispersed, save on individual, who slyly grinned at him, and said: "No powder nor balls in either of them, I know! Put them quietly by, my good sir, and give me my thaler." The real seller was found. Humboldt went into his shop, discovered the ancient parchment-tome, a rare specimen, with but few leaves missing. Touched by his purchaser's pretended honesty, "Old Clo," desirous of appearing no less generous on his part, pulled down an old pair of pants, threw them on the book and said: "I'll let you have the book at four thalers with those pants thrown in, which a nice old gentle-man like yourself may yet wear many a Sunday! The bargain was finally closed on that basis, Hum-boldt, however, rufusing to accept the pants. He carried off the book and pistols, and on showing his literary treasures to friends in after years, often smilingly alluded to the "Sunday pants thrown in."—American Register, Paris.

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