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## THE THREE GUARDSMEN

BY ALEXANDRE DUMAS

### SYNOPSIS

Young D'Artagnan, going to Paris to seek service under D'Artagnan, captain of the king's guards, has a quarrel in Meung with a man accompanied by military. D'Artagnan is received by Treville and meets the three marshals—Borhoth, Aramis and Athos. They have been quarreling with Cardinal Richelieu's guards. Athos is wounded. Treville offers D'Artagnan a letter to the director of the royal military academy. D'Artagnan sees the man of Meung, who is in the service of the king's guards, and is challenged. D'Artagnan offends Borhoth and Aramis and engages to fight with them after Athos. Instead he finds them in a fight with the cardinal's guards. The three embrace D'Artagnan. The king listens to the cardinal's account of the fight. D'Artagnan wounds Borhoth, Aramis and Athos. He is in the service of the king's guards. Louis places D'Artagnan in M. Desseaux's guard. He acquires a lackey, Flanchet. Athos lacksey is Ormoud. Borhoth has Mousqueton. Aramis, who intends to take orders, has Basin. Bonacieux, D'Artagnan's landlady, misses his wife, whom she has seen and professed to be. She is in the service of the queen's love affairs. Bonacieux asks aid of D'Artagnan and his friends. Bonacieux is arrested. His wife is rescued from the hands of D'Artagnan, who loves her. He takes her to Athos' house. He is to go to the Louvre and warn La Rochelle. Richelieu counted on his fingers and said to himself: "She will arrive, she says, four or five days after having received the money. It will require four or five days for the transmission of the money, four or five days for her to return, that makes ten days. Now, allowing for contrary winds, accidents and a woman's weakness, we cannot make it altogether less than twelve days."

"Yes, sir, the 20th of September; the aldermen of the city give a fete on the 30 of October. That will fall in wonderfully well. You will not appear to have gone out of your way to please the queen."

"Then the cardinal's address: 'Approve, sire, do not forget to tell her majesty the evening before the fete that you should like to see how her diamond studs become her.'"

CHAPTER XIII.  
Bonacieux at Home.

It was the second time the cardinal had mentioned these diamond studs to the king. Louis XIII was struck with these repetitions and began to fancy that this recommendation concealed some mystery. He hoped in a conversation with Anne of Austria to obtain some information from that conversation and afterward to come upon his eminence with some secret which the cardinal either knew or did not know, but which in either case would raise him infinitely in the eyes of his minister.

He went, then, to the queen and, according to custom, accosted her with fresh menaces against those who surrounded her.

"But," cried Anne of Austria, tired of these vague attacks, "but, sire, you do not tell me all that you have in your heart. What have I done, then? Let me know what crime I have committed. It is impossible that your majesty can make all this to do about a letter written to my brother."

"The king, attacked in manner so direct, did not know what to answer, and he thought that this was the moment for expressing the desire which he was not to have made until the evening before the fete.

"There will shortly be a ball at the Hotel de Ville. I wish that, to honor to do my worthy aldermen, you should appear at it in ornamental costume and particularly adorned with the diamond studs which I gave you on your birthday. That is my answer."

"The queen's paleness, if possible, increased. The king perceived it and enjoyed it with his cold cruelty. "Then that is agreed," said he. "But on what day will this ball take place?" asked Anne of Austria.

Louis XIII felt instinctively that he ought to reply to this question.

"Oh, very soon," said he. "But I do not precisely recollect the date of the day. I will ask the cardinal. Then you will appear?"

young woman, clasping her hands and weeping herself at the queen's sorrow. "I am your majesty's body and soul, and however far I may be from you, however inferior may be my position, I believe I have discovered a means of extricating your majesty from your trouble."

"Look me in the face!" cried the queen. "I am betrayed on all sides! Can I trust in you?"

"Oh, madame," cried the young woman, falling on her knees, "upon my soul, I am ready to die for your majesty! There are traitors here, but by the holy name of the Virgin I swear that none is more devoted to your majesty than I am. Those studs which the king speaks of, you gave them to the Duke of Buckingham, did you not? Those studs were in a little wooden box which he held under his arm? Am I deceived, is it not so, madame? We must have them back again."

"Yes, without doubt it must be so!" cried the queen. "But how am I to act? How can it be effected?"

"Some one must be sent to the duke. Place confidence in me, madame. Do me that honor, my queen, and I will find a messenger."

"But I must write."

"Oh, yes; that is indispensable! Two words from the hand of your majesty and your own private seal."

"But these two words would bring about my condemnation, divorce, exile!"

"Yes, if they fell into infamous hands, but I will answer for these two words being delivered to their address."

"Oh, I must then place my life, my honor, my reputation, all in your hands?"

"Yes, yes, madame, you must, and I will save them all."

cardinal and in the visits Rochefort had made him ample subjects for reflection.

On her side, Mme. Bonacieux's thoughts constantly reverted to D'Artagnan, that handsome young man who was so brave and appeared to be so much in love with her. Married at eighteen to M. Bonacieux, having always loved her husband's friends, she had remained invulnerable to vulgar seductions, but at this period the title of gentleman had a particularly great influence with the bourgeoisie or citizen class, and D'Artagnan was a gentleman.

The married couple, then, although they were each other for eight days and that during that interval events had taken place in which both were concerned, accosted each other with a degree of preoccupation. Nevertheless, M. Bonacieux manifested real joy and advanced toward his wife with open arms.

Mme. Bonacieux presented her cheek to him.

"Let us talk a little," said she. "It is of a thing of the highest interest and upon which our future fortune perhaps depends I would speak."

"The complexion of our fortune has changed very much since I saw you, M. Bonacieux, and I should not be astonished if in the course of a few months it were to excite envy of many folks."

"Particularly if you obey the instructions I am about to give you."

"To me?"

"Yes, to you. There is a good and holy action to be performed, monsieur, and much money to be gained at the same time."

"Much money to be gained?" said Bonacieux.

"Yes, much."

sent to London.

"Pardon me for leaving you," said he; "but, not knowing you would come to see me, I had made an engagement with a friend. I shall soon return. Wait only a few minutes for me, and I will come and conduct you back to the Louvre."

"Thank you, monsieur," replied Mme. Bonacieux. "I shall return very safely to the Louvre by myself."

Bonacieux kissed his wife's hand and set off at a quick pace.

"Well," said Madame Bonacieux when her husband had shut the street door, and she found herself alone, "there wanted nothing to complete that poor creature but being a cardinal. And I, who have answered for him to the queen. She will take me for one of those wretches with whom the palace swarms and which are placed about her as spies. Ah, M. Bonacieux, I hate you, and by my word, you shall pay for this!"

At the moment she spoke these words a ray on the ceiling's shade lit her face.

"Ah, M. Bonacieux, I hate you, and you shall pay for this!"

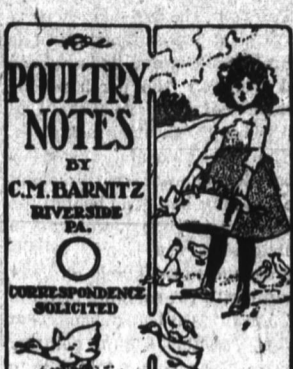
She raised her head, and a voice which reached her through the plaster, cried: "Dear M. Bonacieux, open the little passage door for me, and I will come down to you."

"Do you know what an oath let" asked a Virginia judge to an old lady who wanted his vote sworn in at an election. "Yes, sah. When a man swears to lie he's got to stick to it."—Satire.

"Two souls with but a single thought"—Saw, that's the one! She's thinking of a Satter hat; He's thinking of the price. —Houston (Tex.) Post.

Ella—There goes the luckiest girl alive.

Bella—In what respect?  
Ella—Nothing she eats makes her fat.—Harper's Bazar.



POULTRY NOTES BY C. M. BARNITZ

A FEARFUL FATE FORETOLD. A bugle blew; an airship flew from each other fell. Where trumpets blared and war steel reared. And cannon did entrain.

Then savagery and infantry Upon each other fell. And cannon roaring from the hills Made of the plain a hell.

Then Johnny Bull drew back a pace To make an awful rush, To sweep down like an avalanche And every Yankee crush.

When suddenly the hill and plain Shook with a rending roar— The Union Jack was torn to shreds, Shot from above and burst.

Oh, say, what killed the British lion? What smacked brave John Bull out? Was it an earthquake's fearful roar Or dreadful waterspout?

Oh, no; a ripe old haystack egg. A high explosive great, Shot from above and burst! And wiped John of the states! C. M. BARNITZ.

BROODER ENVIRONMENT. Here's a hint to take in time: "Little details of a big make the wheels of success whiz." This applies to every project, especially where problems in flesh and blood are to be worked out, and that's poultry, and one important detail often overlooked with chicks is brooder environment. Note these details: Brooders should not be set up on mucky ground, on a steep, windy spot, in a hollow where fog lingers, where water will flood or stand, nor on a bare, unshaded spot. They should not be near a barnyard where chicks can scratch in dirt, near poultry yards

where chicks can run on rotten ground and catch lice from old stock, nor should they be near rat holes, buildings, where rats may gobble them. Brooders should not be located near woods, where hawks, skuas and foxes may prey on them; near high brush, where weasels may make inroads; near streams, where minks may grab chicks and run.

Birds of a feather and an age should flock together. Ducklings, goslings, poult and chicks should be kept separate, and the brooder should not be located where Mother Hen and her brood run, for the brooder chicks will get lice, the chicks will bully them and scratch and sleep in their brooders. Brooders should be set up on a sandy loam, grassy and well drained and near the house so that attending and protecting them may be reasonably easy.

The brooder should be set level, so that the water vessel, lamp and floor are level and heat is evenly diffused. It should stand flat on boards, so that water cannot reach floor and rats can not harbor underneath. The brooder should be in an ideal location. It faces south on a twenty acre alfalfa field and is backed by a beautiful old orchard.

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