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# THE THREE GUARDSMEN

BY ALEXANDRE DUMAS

D'Artagnan ran home immediately. Planchet, who had returned from London, opened the door to him.

"Has any one brought a letter for me?" asked D'Artagnan eagerly.

"No one has brought a letter, monsieur," replied Planchet, "but there is one come of itself. When I came in, although I had the key of your apartment in my pocket, and that key had never been out of my possession, I found a letter upon the green table cover in your bedchamber. I left it where I found it; monsieur, beware, monsieur, there is certainly some magic in it."

While Planchet was saying this the young man had darted into his chamber and seized and opened the letter. It was from Mme. Bonacieux and was concerned in these terms:

"There are many thanks to be offered to you and to be transmitted to you. Be this evening about 10 o'clock at St. Cloud, in front of the pavilion built at the corner of the hotel of M. d'Estrees, C. S."

It was the first billet he had received. It was the first rendezvous that had ever been granted him. His heart, swelled by the intoxication of joy, felt ready to dissolve.

At 7 o'clock the morning he arose and called his servant.

"Planchet," said he, "I am going out for all day perhaps. You are therefore your own master till 7 o'clock in the evening, but at 7 o'clock you must hold yourself in readiness with two horses. By this evening there will be four in the guard stables."

Nodding to Planchet, D'Artagnan went out.

M. Bonacieux was standing at his door. D'Artagnan's intention was to go out without speaking to the worthy mercer, but the latter made so polite and friendly a salutation that his tent felt obliged not only to stop, but to enter into conversation with him.

Besides, how is it possible to avoid a little condensation toward a husband whose pretty wife has appointed a meeting with you that same evening at St. Cloud, opposite the pavilion of M. d'Estrees?

The conversation naturally fell upon the incarceration of the poor man, M. Bonacieux expatiated at great length upon the Bastille.

D'Artagnan listened to him with exemplary complaisance and when he had finished said:

"And Mme. Bonacieux, do you know who carried her off for I do not forget that I owe to that unpleasant circumstance the good fortune of having made your acquaintance?"

"Ah!" said Bonacieux. "They took good care not to tell me that, and my wife on her part has sworn to me, by all that's sacred, that she does not know. But you," continued M. Bonacieux in a tone of perfect bonhomie, "what has become of you for several days past? I have not seen either you or any of your friends."

"My dear M. Bonacieux, my friends and I have been on a little journey."

"Oh, Lord, not about forty leagues only. We went to take M. Athos to the waters of Forges, where my friends have remained."

"May I know whether you will be late tonight?" asked Bonacieux.

"Why do you ask me that question, my dear host?"

"Since my arrest and the robbery that was committed in my house I am alarmed every time I hear a door opened, particularly in the night."

"Well, don't be alarmed if I come home at 1, 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. Indeed, do not be alarmed if I do not come at all."

This time Bonacieux became so pale that D'Artagnan could not do otherwise than perceive it and asked him what was the matter.

"Nothing," replied Bonacieux, "nothing, only since my misfortune I have been subject to faintnesses."

"Perhaps this evening Mme. Bonacieux will visit the conjugal domicile?"

"Mme. Bonacieux is not at liberty this evening," replied the husband seriously. "She is detained at the Louvre this evening by her duties."

"So much the worse for you, my dear host."

"Ah, have your laugh out!" replied Bonacieux in a sepulchral tone.

"But D'Artagnan was too far off to hear him, and if he had heard him in the disposition of mind he then enjoyed he would not have remarked it."

He found M. de Treville in the joy of his heart. He had thought the king and queen charming at the ball. The cardinal had been particularly impressive.

"Now," said M. de Treville, lowering his voice and looking round to every corner of the apartment to see if they were alone, "now as has been imparted quietly, it was quite dark, and no one saw them go out."

D'Artagnan crossed the quays, went out by the gate of La Conference and proceeded along the road, much more beautiful than that it is now, which leads to St. Cloud.

As soon as the road began to be more lonely and dark Planchet drew softly nearer to D'Artagnan, so that when they entered the Bois de Boulogne he found himself riding quite naturally side by side with his master.

D'Artagnan could not help perceiving that something more than usual was passing in the mind of his lackey and said:

"Well, Master Planchet, what is the matter with you now?"

"Ah, monsieur," replied Planchet, receding to his besetting idea, "that M. Bonacieux has something vicious in his eyebrows, his lips!"

"What makes you think of Bonacieux now?"

"Monsieur, we think of what we can and not of what we will. Is not that the barrel of a musket which glitters as if I had we not better lower our heads?"

"In truth," murmured D'Artagnan, to whom M. de Treville's warning recurred, "in truth this animal will be put by making me afraid." And he put his horse into a trot.

Planchet followed the movements of his master as if he had been his shadow and was soon trotting by his side.

"All we are going to continue this pace all right!" asked Planchet.

"No, for you on your part are at your journey's end. You are cold, Planchet. Go into one of those inns that you see yonder and be waiting for me at the door by 6 o'clock in the morning."

D'Artagnan sprang from his horse, threw the bridle to Planchet and departed at a quick pace, folding his cloak around him.

Planchet as soon as he had lost sight of his master, and in such haste was he to warm himself, that he went straight to a house set out with all the attributes of a suburban inn and knocked at the door.

## TO MAKE A FLYLESS CITY

Cleveland is to be classed and catalogued as a flyless town. In the campaign inaugurated for the extermination of the fly four steps are outlined:

First.—To educate the people as to the deadly nature of the fly.

Second.—To kill off all winter flies—those hidden about the houses, waiting their season of forage.

Third.—To do away with all breeding places for flies.

Fourth.—To trap all flies that happen to escape.

As the first step addresses on the subject are being made before the various women's clubs and in the schools of the city. Circulars and booklets will be distributed among the children of the schools, to be carried by them to their homes; posters and illustrated bulletins will be placed in the schools, in the street cars and other public places, carrying the sermon of the fly reform.

The extermination of the winter fly is a problem for the individual housekeeper. Don't let one fly escape you. Hunt for them and kill them, for the winter fly is the most dangerous of the race. The winter fly is the mother of all next summer's terrible throng.

To do away with the fly breeding places is merely a matter of cleanliness, for the fly is a scavenger, a lover of filth and an habitual forager after all that is unclean and unwholesome. Clean houses, gardens and yards, clean streets and alleys discourage the fly in its breeding proclivities, and restore the doctrine of cleanliness to be preached by the anti-fly crusaders, along with the sermons on the deadly character of the insect.

And carrying out the fourth step all the house furnishing stores in the city will be asked to carry in stock and for the sale of fly traps, marvelous little wire screen houses to be baited with milk, wherein a fly once entrapped is doomed. With the campaign of education will be given complete instructions for the use of the fly trap, which may be placed on porches or windowsills, on garbages, in places where that flies are likely to congregate, but always on the outside of the house—always outside. Catch the fly outside of the house before it has a chance to come in and spread its poison and disease.

This city is to be divided into districts and each district divided again into clans and clubs, and from each center, small or large, branches will reach out, grappling with the subject in whatever way seems best adapted to that individual section.

Death to the fly is to be the battle cry. It is to be a fight of man against his enemy the fly and of the fly against man.

—Cleveland Leader.

## A HOMEMADE FLY POISON.

Beat together the yolk of one egg, one-third cupful sweet milk, one level tablespoonful of sugar and a level teaspoonful of black pepper. Put on plates and set where flies abound. After a few hours, says Emma P. Telford, you will find the floor covered with dead or stunned flies. Sweep up and burn.

## New Work For Boy Scouts.

"What do you mean?" cried D'Artagnan. "In the name of heaven, tell me, explain yourself!"

"Oh, monsieur," said the old man, "ask me nothing, for if I told you what I have seen certainly no good would befall me!"

"You have then seen something?" replied D'Artagnan. "In that case, in the name of heaven," continued he, "throwing him a pistol, 'tell me what you have seen and I will pledge you the word of a gentleman that not one of your words shall escape from my heart.'"

The old man said: "It was scarcely 9 o'clock when I heard a noise in the street. I opened the gate and saw three men at a few paces from it. In the shade was a carriage with two horses and a man held three saddle horses."

"Ah, my worthy gentlemen," cried L. "What do you want?"

"Have you a ladder?" said the leader.

"Yes, monsieur, the one with which I gather my fruit."

"Lend it to us and go into your house again; there is a crown for the annoyance we have caused you. Only remember this, if you speak a word of what you may see or what you may hear, you are lost!"

After giving the ladder I pretended to return to the house, but immediately went out in a key he had in his hand, closed the door and disappeared along in the shade of the hedge. I gained yonder clump of elder, from which I could hear and see everything.

"The three men brought the carriage up quietly and took out of it a little man, stout, short, elderly and commonly dressed in clothes of a dark color, who ascended the ladder very carefully, looked suspiciously in the window of the pavilion, came down and whispered:

"It is she!"

"Immediately he who had spoken to me approached the door of the pavilion, opened it with a key he had in his hand, closed the door and disappeared, while at the same time the other two men ascended the ladder. The little old man remained at the coach door, the coachman took care of

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

## Pike Once High Priced Fish.

The pike is a fish for which now there is little demand. Yet Edward L., who regulated the prices of different fish that his subjects might not be at the mercy of the vendors, fixed the values of pike higher than fresh salmon and at more than ten times that of the best turbot. Pike are supposed to live longer than any other fish in spite of their former popularity as food. Gesser relates that in 1497 a pike was caught in Sweden with a ring attached inscribed, "I was first put into this lake by the hands of the governor of the universe, Frederick II, Oct. 5, 1230." This is the fish's story.—London Spectator.

## Wrong Title.

"First Commuter—I bought this book, 'What He Told His Wife,' at the newsstand. Thought it might be spicy."

"Second Commuter—'You're off! If it were, the title would be 'What He Didn't Tell His Wife.'—Boston Transcript.

## No Stop.

"Miss Thynn (waiting at the station)—I suppose the fast mail will not stop here in Hayville unless it is stopped by Native Son—Flagged! She won't stop here unless she is wrecked, murdered or killed."—Washington Star.

## Rapid Going.

Full many a tourist is a bluff who as his devious way he wends stops in each place just long enough 'To send some postcards home.'—Washington Star.

## Here He Is—Swat Him!

Under the Swatter's Banner.

Of course it isn't pleasant to think of flies trailing their contaminated wings over your food, but you can't make war with rosewater, and civilization has declared war on the fly. Therefore you must think of these things. If the pest is to be exterminated, it must be in the home, and every housewife must become a crusader and march under the sign of the swatter.

When that instrument of man's supremacy and enlightenment shall hang over every mantel in the land—even displacing the crayon portrait of grandfather, if necessary—then, and not till then, the fly's epitaph will be written. In hoc signo vinces by this sign you shall conquer.—New York Times, June 5, 1911.



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