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THE THREE GUARDSMEN

BY ALEXANDRE DUMAS

mand. Athes made him a sign to some with him. Grimand, according to custom, obeyed in snence. The roor lad had nearly come to the pass of forgetting how to speak.

Unfortunately, the hour was badly thosen for a private conference. Drawcoous, Swiss guards, hunketesses, light horsemen, succeeded each other in the

inn.
"D'Astagnan," said Athos, "tell us what sort of a night you have had, and we will describe ours afterward."
"Ah, yes," said a light horseman with a glass of brandy in his hand, which he swallowed slowly, "ah, yes, I hear you gentlemen of the guards have been in the trunches tonight and that you have taken a bestion."

have taken a bastion."
"The bastion Saint Gervais," replied

"The bastion Saint Gervals," replied D'Artagnan, "from behind which the Rochellais annoyed our workmen."
"Was the affair hot?"
"Yes, moderately so. "We lost five men and the Rochellais sight or ten."
"But it is probable," said the light horseman, "that they will send ploneers this morning to seinstate the bastion."

"Gentlemen," said Athos, "I have a

"Gentlemen," said Athoa, "I have a wager to propose."

"We are all attention, M. Athoa," said the dragoon.

"Well, M. de Busigny, I will bet you," said Athos, "that my three companions, MM. Porthes, Aramis and D'Artagnan, and myself will go an's breakfast in the bastion Saint Gervat, and we will remain there an hour Ly the watch whatever the enemy may do to dislodge us."

"I take it," said M. de Busigny. "Now let us far the stake."

"Why, you are four, gentlemen," said

"Now let us fix the stake."

"Why, you are four, gentlemen," said Athos, "and we are four; a dinner for eight—will that do?"

"Capitally," replied Mf de Busigny.

"The breakfast for these gentlemen is ready," said the host.

"Well, bring it in," said athos.

The host obeyed. Athos called Grimaud, pointed to a large basket which lay in a corner and made a sign to him to wrap the visible up in the nap-line.

kins.
"But where are you going to sat my breakfast?" said the host.
"Of what consequence is that to you if you are paid for it?" said athos, and he threw 2 plateles majestically on to the table.

And bowing to all the astonished persons present, the young men took the road to the bastion Saint Gervais, fol-

lowed by Grimand, who carried the basket. "We have some very important mat-

"We have some very important mat-ters to communicate to each other, and it was impossible to talk five minutes in that inn without being annoyed. Yonder," said Atos, pointing to the bastion, "they will at least not come and disturb us."
"But for such an expedition we sure-ity ought to have brought our muskets,"

said Porthos.

"Well," replied Athos, "did not D'Artagnan way that in the attack of last night eight or ten Frenchmen were killed and as many Rochellais?" "Well, we shall find their musk

"Well, we shall find their muskets, their cartridges and their flasks, and instead of four musketoons and twelve balls we shall have fifteen guns and a hundred charges to fire."

As Athos had foreseen, the bastion was only occupied by a dozen of dead bodies, French and Rochellais.

As they were loading the last musket, Grimaud announced that the breakfast was ready. He was set to stand guard.

stand guard.

"And now to table," said Athos.

The four friends sat down upon the

"And now," said D'Artagnan, "as there is no longer a fear of being overheard, I hope you are going to let me into this momentous secret."

"The secret is," said Athos, "that I saw milady last night within two leagues of this place at the Red Dove

"In that case I am a lost man," said D'Artagnan. "Not quite so yet," replied Athos, "for by this time she must have left the shores of France."

D'Artagnan breathed again.
"But, after all," asked Porthes, "who is miled?"

is milady?"

is milady?"

"A very charming woman," said Athos, "who- has demanded D'Artagnan's head of the cardinal."

"What, is demanding my head of the cardinal?" eved D'Artagnan, pale with terror. "Then it is useless to struggle any longer. I may as well-blow my brains out I can never escape with such ensemies. First, there is my unknown man of Meung; then De Wardes, to whom I have given three wounds; next milady, whose secret I have discovered, and, last and worst, the cardinal, whose regeance I have balked."

"Well," said Athos, "that only makes four, and we are four, one for one."

four, and we are four, one for one."
"If we may believe the signs Grimaud is making we are about to have

to do with a very different number of folks," said Porthos. "What's the matter, Grimaud?" said thos. "What do you see?" "Sixteen pioneers, four soldiers,"
"How far distant?"

"Five hundred paces."
"Good! We have just time this fowl and to drink one glass of wine to your health, D'Artagnan!" Then Athos arose carelessly, took the musket next to him and drew near to

ne of the loopholes.
Porthos, Aramis and D'Artagnan fol lowed his example. As to Grimand, he received orders to place himself behind the four friends, in order to reload their

weapons.

"Well," said Athon, "it was hardly worth while to distant carsalves for twenty fellows armed with pickaxes, mattocks and shovels."

dition to the ploneers, there are four soldiers and a brigadier armed with muskets."
"That's because they don't see us,"

"I must confess I feel a great repug-nance to fire on these poor bourgeols,"

ATHOS mounted on the breach, with his musket in one hand and his hat in the other: "Gentlemen," said he, ad-ressing the soldlers and pioneers, who, "Can we have destroyed them all?"

astonished at his appearance, stopped at afty paces from the bastion, and bowafty paces from the bastion, and bowing courteously to them; "gentlemen,
a few friends and myself are about to
breakfast in this bastion. We request you, then, if you really have
business here, to wait till we have finished our repast or to come again a
short time hence, unless, which would
be far better, you form the salutary
resolution to quit the side of the rebels and come and drink with us to the
health of the king of France."

Four shots were fired, and the balls

health of the king of France."

Four shots were fired, and the balls were flattened against the wall round Athos, but not one hit him.

Four shots replied to them almost Instantaneously, but much better aimed than those of the aggressors. Three soldlers fell dead, and one of the ploneers was wounded. The rest of the troop took to flight.

"Reload the muskets, Grimaud," said Athos, "and we, gentlemen, will go on

"Reload the muskets, Grimaud," said Athos, "and we, gentlemen, will go on with our breakfast and resume our conversation. Where were we?"
"You were saying," said D'Artagnan.
"that after having demanded my head of the cardinal milady had left the shores of France. Where is she going to?" added he, considerably interested in the itinerary milady followed.
"She is going into England," said Athos.

"With what view?"

"With the view of assassinating or ausing to be assassinated the Duke of Buckingham."

"I will sent the diamond which the queen gave me. Quick, quick!" cried p'Artagnan. "I see black points and the properties of the properties

of Brickingham."

D'Artagian uttered an exclamation of surprise and astonishment.
"But this is infamous!" cried he.
"As to that," said Athos, "I beg you to believe that I care very little about it. This woman extorted from the cardinal a kind of signed carte blanche, and by means of it she could with impunity get rid of you and perhaps of us," went on Athos. "Here it is," said Athos.

Athos.
D'Artagnan unfolded it and read: It is by my order and for the good of the state that the bearer of this has done what he has done. RICHELIEU. Dec. 4, 487. "In fact," said Aramis, "It is an ab-solution in all its forms."

"That paper must be torn to pieces,"
said D'Artagnan, who fancied he read
in it his sentence of death.
"On the contrary," said Athos, "it
must be preserved carefully. I would



not give this paper for as many gold pleces as would cover it."

"I have an idea," said D'Artagnan.
"What is it?" said the musketeers.
"To arma!" cried Grimaud.
The young men sprang up and seized their muskets.

This time a small troop advanced, consisting of from twenty to five and

consisting of from twenty to five and twenty men. But they were no longer ploneers—they were soldiers of the

"Impossible for three seasons," replied Athos. "The first is we have not inished breakfast, the second, we have still some very important things to talk about, and the third, it yet wants ten minutes before the hour will be elapsed. As soon as the enemy are within musket shot we must fire upon them. If they continue to advance we must fire again. We fire as long as we have loaded guns. If such as then remain of the troop persist in coming to the assault we will allow the bestegers to go into the ditch, and then we will push down upon their heads that strip of wall which seems only to keep its perpen-

which seems only to keep its perpendicular by a miracle."
"Bravor" cried Porthos,
"Gentlemen." said Athos, "fire!"
The four muskets made one report, but four men fell.

though upon every three shots at sast two men fell. When arrived at the foot of the baswhen arrive at the rott of the cost tion there was still more than a dozen of the enemy. A last discharge welcomed them, but did not stop them. They jumped into the ditch and prepared to scale the breach.

"Now, my friends," said Athos, "finish them at a blow. To the wall! To the wall!

And the four friends, seconded by Grimaud, pushed with the barrels of their muskets an enormous sheet of the wall, which bent over as if acted upon by the wind, and, becoming detached from its base, fell with a horrible crash into the ditch. Then a fearful cry was heard, a cloud of dust

said Athos.
"No," cried Porthos: "there go three or four." In fact, three or four of these unfor-

tunate men, covered with dirt and blood, were flying along the hollow way and at length regained the city.

way and at length regained the city. These were all that were left of the little troop.

Athos looked at his watch.
"Gentlemen," said he, "we have been here an hour, and our wager is won. Now for my idea. This milady—this woman—this creature—this demon, has a brother-in-law. Lord de Winter, in London. Well, that's just the man we want. We will have him' informed. want. We will have him informed that his sister in law is on the point of having some one assussinated, and we beg of him not to lose sight of her. He must place his sister in an institution, and we shall be in peace."
"But I think it would be still better,"
said Aramis; "to Inform the queen and

M. de Winter at the same time. "Yes, but who is to carry the letter to Tours and who to London? We can-not leave the camp without being sus-

"I answer for Bazin," said Aramis.
"And I for Planchet," said D'Arts

"This very day we will write the letters," said Aramis; "give them money and set them forward."

red points moving yonder! It is an army!" "Yes," said Athos, "there they are.

Think of the sneaks coming without beat of drum or sound of trumpet! Let us decamp." Grimaud went on before with the basket, and the four friends followed at about ten paces behind him. Athos marched majestically and his

mpanions regulated their pace by At the end of mu instant a furio

firing was heard. The Rochellais had at last taken possession of the bastion. As the friends approached the whole camp was in motion. More than 2,000 persons had assisted, as at a spectacle, at this fortunate but wild undertaking of the four friends, an undertaking of which they were far from suspecting the real motive.

the real motive.

That same svening the cardinal spoke to M. de Traville of the exploit of the morning, which was the talk of the whole camp. M. de Traville, who had received the account of the adventure from the mouths of the heroes of it, related it in all its details to his explored. The latter as a reward to eminence. The latter, as a reward to D'Artagnan, transferred him to the

D'Artagnan was beside himself with loy. We know that the dream of his life had been to become a musketeer. The three friends were likewise greatly

delighted.

That evening D'Artagnan went to present his compliments to M. Dessessart and inform him of his promotion. He begged him to have the demond he put into his hand valued, as he wished to turn it into money. The next day by 2 o'clock M. Dessessart's valet came to D'Artagnan's lodging and gave him a hag containing 7,000 livres. This was a bag containing 7,000 livres. This was

the price of the queen's diamond.

In the evening at Athos' lodgings the four friends met. There only remained three things to be decided upon—what what they should write to the clever person at Tours and which should be the lackeys to carry the letters. They feelded Aramia should write the letters, Planchet to carry one to De Win-ter, Bazin the other to Tours.

Aramis took the pen, reflected for a

ents, wrote eight or ten lines en read the following to De Winter: then read the following to De Winter:
Milord—The person who writes these few
place had the honor of crossing swords
with you in the little inclosure of the Rue
fEnfer. As you have several times since
leclared yourself the friend of that person, he thinks it his duty to respond to
that friendship by sending you important
dvice. Twice you have nearly been the
rictim of a near relation whom you beleve to be your heir because you are igsorant that before she contracted a marfage in England she was already married
in France. But the third time, which is
this, you may succumb. Your relation left
La Rochelle for England during the night.
Watch her arrival, for she has great and
errible projects. If you require to know
positively what she is capable of read her
sat history upon her left shoulder.

Aramis resumed his pen, reflected a

Aramis resumed his pen, reflected a little and wrote the following lines, shich he immediately submitted to the approbation of his friends:

approbation of his friends;

My Dear Cousin.—His eminence the carlinal, whom God preserve for the happises of France and the confusion of the
semies of the kingdom, is on the point
of putting an end to the heretic rebellion
of La Rochelle. It is probable that the
succor of the English fleet will never even
trive in sight of the place. I will even
renture to say that I am certain M. de
suckingham will be prevented from seising out by some great event. His em-

hence is the must illustrious politicis simes past, of times present and prol of times to come. He would exting the sun if the sun incommoded him. the sun if the sun incommoded him. Give these happy tidings to your siter, my sear coustn. I have draamed that that pursed Englishnan was deed. I cannot recollect whether, it was by steel or by pojson. Only of this I am sure—I have dreamed he was deed, and you know my greams never deceive me. Bel assured, then, of seeing me soon return.

ress to this letter."
"That's soon done," said Aramis, and

Mile. Michon, gamstress, "To The three triends looked at one another and laughed. They were caught.
"Let us see," said Athos. "Flanchet must receive 700 livres for going and 700 livres for coming back and Basin 800 livres for going and 800 livres for

returning. That will reduce the sum to 5,000 llyres. We will each take 1,000 llyres to be employed as seems good to each, and we will leave a fund of 1,000 llyres under the guardianship of M. Fabbe here for extraordinary occasions or common wants."

ship of M. l'Abbe here for extraordinary occasions or common wants."
It was so agreed. Planchet was sent for and instructions were given him.
"Now," continued D'Artaguan, addressing Planchet, "you have eight days to get an interview with Lord de Winter, you have eight days to return in, in all sixteen days. If on the sixteenth day after your departure at 8 o'clock in the evening you are not here no money, even if it be but five minutes past 8."
In the morning, as Planchet, was

utes past 8."
In the morning, as Planchet, was mounting on horseback, D'Artagnan, who felt at the bottom of his heart a partiality for the duke, took him aside. "Listen," said he to him; "when you have given the letter to Lord de Win-ter and he has read it, you will fur-ther say to him, 'Watch over his grace, Lord Buckingham, for they wish to assassinate him.'" "Be satisfied, monsieur," said Plan-

chet; "you shall see whether confidence can be placed in me or not." And, mounted on an excellent horse which he was to leave at the end of twenty leagues to take the post, Plan-chet set off at a gallop.

Bazin set out the next day for Tours and was allowed eight days to perform

his commission in.

On the morning of the eighth day,
Bazin, fresh as ever and smiling according to custom, entered the inn of
Parpaillot as the four friends were sitting down to breakfast, saying, as had

een agreed upon:
"M. Aramis, here is the answer from The letter read:

My Cousin-My sister and I are skillful in interpreting dreams and even entertain great fear of them, but of yours it may be said, I hope, every dream is an illusion. Adicul Take care of yourself and act so that we may from time to time hear you spoken of. MARIE MICHON. Bazin had not, by his fortunate re-turn, removed more than a part of the

uneasiness which weighed upon the four friends. The days of expectation are long, and D'Artagnan, in particu-lar, would have wagered that the days were forty-four hours long.

On the sixteenth day D'Artagnan and

his friends could not remain quiet long in one place, and in the evening they wandered about like ghosts on the road by which Planchet was expected. year. But all at once a shadow appeared in the darkness, the outline of which was Articles.



familiar to D'Artagnan, and a well "Monsieur, I have brought your cloak. It is chilly this evening." At the same time D'Artagnan feit that Planchet slipped a note into his

"I have a note," said he to Athos and his friends "That's well," said Athos. "Let us go home and read it." In the tent of D'Artagnan they lit a lamp, and while Planchet stood at the entrance, that the four friends might not be surprised, D'Artagnan with a trembling hand broke the seal and

pened the letter. It contained half a line in a hand as perfectly Spartan: Thank you: be easy.

Athos took the letter from the hands of D'Artagnau, drew near to the lamp, set fire to the paper and did not leave hold of it till it was reduced to ashes.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Wagner and Schumann. Wagner, writing in 1846, said of chumann: "He is a highly gifted mu-I told him of my Parisian experiences spoke of the state of music in France, then of that in Germany, spoke of literature and politics, but he remained as good as dumb for nearly an hour. One cannot go on talking quite alone. An impossible man? Schumann gave an account of this interview, which an account of this interview, which practically agrees with that of Wagner. "I have seldom met Wagner." He said, "but he is a man of education and spirit. He talks, however, unceasingly, and that one cannot endure for

The process known as enameling is of modern origin. On the contrary, it goes back to a venerable antiquity. Excellent enamel is still preserved on some of the bricks that have been found among the ruins of old Babyionia and Assyria, which have been placed back as far as the seventh of eighth century B. C. Beaultini ginzes were made by the Egyptians as early as the sixth dynasty. The Greeks and Romans were acquainted with the art of enameling, as the museums of the world clearly show.



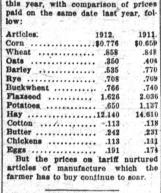
THE FOLLOWERS.

FARMER GETS LESS, BUT-He Has to Pay More for What He

Doesn't Raise. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has just announced that notwithstanding the increased cost of living among the people as a whole there was greater decline in the prices paid to farmers from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1 this year than there was last year.

The average farm prices of the important crops (corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxised, potatoes, tobacco. cotton and hay, which represent about three-fourths of the value of all the country's crops) declined 7 per cent. during the month, while in that time last year they declined in price only 4.6 per cent, and during the last four years the decline in price averaged 3.8 per cent. The average of farm prices on Sept. I was 2.8 per cent. lower than on that date last

Prices paid to farmers on Sept. 1 this year, with comparison of prices paid on the same date last year, fol



"Expected Economies from Combina tion" Do Not Materialize. (Louis D. Brandels in Collier's.)

eaders of the new (Third Term) party argue that industrial monopolies should be legalized, lest we lor the should be legalized, less the should be legalized, less the efficiency of large-scale production and distribution. No argument could be legalized by the should be legalized by the legalized The more misleading.

It may be safely asserted that in America there is no line of business in which all or most concerns or plants must be concentrated in order to attent the concentrated in order be more misleading.

to attain the size of greatest efficiency. For while a business may be too small to be efficient, efficiency does not grow indefinitely with increasing What the most efficient size is can be learned definitely only by ex-perience. The unit of greatest effi-ciency is reached when the disadvan-tages of size counterbalance the advantages. The unit of greatest effi vantages of size outweigh the advar tages. The history of American trusts makes this clear. That history shows: First—No conspicuous American trust owes its existence to the desire for increased efficiency. "Expected economies from combination" figure argely in promoters' prospectuses but they have never been a compell-ing motive in the formation of any trust. On the contrary, the purpose of combining has often been to curb effidency or even to preserve ineff

ciency or even to preserve inem-ciency, thus frustrating the natural law of the survival of the fittest. Becond—No conspicuously profits ble trust owes its profits largely to superior efficiency. Some trusts have been very efficient, as have some in-dependent concerns; but conspicuous concerns; but conspicue profits have been secured mainly through control of the market—through the power of monopoly to fix prices—through this exercise of the taxing power.

Third—No conspicuous trust has been efficient enough to maintain long as against the independents its proportion of the business of the country without continuing to buy up, from time to time, its successful competitors. There is plenty of peace about the Taft candidacy, but nobody claims passeth understanding."

Woodrow Wilson says to the long suffering farmer who buys in a trust-controlled, highly protected market and sells his wares in a free market: "Walk into your own house and take

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As fast as the boxes, frames and stakes have done their work take them out, so that no insects will make their homes about them. If it is dry slip a can or two of wa

ter on the stone boat and let the horses draw it out to the garden for use on the celery and things that most need water it will pay you when you come to gather in the harvest. Where He Found Safety.
During his first curacy a clergyman found the ladies of the parish entirely too helpful. Such a storm of petty squabbles arose from their overeager

met his successor,
"How are you getting on with the tadles?" asked the escaped curate.
"Oh, very well," was the answer.
"There's safety in numbers."
"I found it in Exedus," was the

tuick reply .- Youth's Companion. TRUTH ABOUT THE TRUST Heredity. are the first words our baby will say? gurgled Mrs. Matron. "Well, if she takes after you they

will probably be, This is a nice time to come home, " said the brute. Free Milk For Babies.
The city of Nashville, Tenn., has escablished a dispensary in which clean milk is supplied to infunts. It is to be equipped by Mrs. Mary Herbrick, a public spirited woman. She was induced to act after the city had failed to furnish the money. The Nashville health department is thoroughly in sympathy with the project, which is

Tomatoes In Park, The city council of Milliken, Colo, has planted the city park, consisting of several acres, with tomatoes in place of grass. The money received from the crop will be used to purchase shade trees for the park,

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