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## The Three Guardsmen

By Alexandre Dumas

his grace the Duke of Buckingham. I pardon you the death of poor Felton. I pardon you the attempts upon my own person. Die in peace.

"And I," said M. d'Artagnan, "pardon you, and I weep for you. Die in peace."

"I am lost!" murmured Milady in English. "I must die!"

The executioner placed her in the boat. The boat moved off toward the left hand shore of the Lyne, bearing the guilty woman and the executioner. All eyes were turned to the boat.

They heard the hissing of the scimitar and the cry of the victim.

When arrived in the middle of the stream he stopped the boat and suspended the burden over the water.

"Let the justice of God be done!" cried he with a loud voice.

CHAPTER XLVI.  
Conclusion.

ON the 6th of the following month the king, in compliance with a promise he had made to the cardinal to return to La Rochelle, left his capital still in amazement at the news which began to spread of Buckingham's assassination.

On the morning at 8 o'clock in the afternoon they arrived at Surtees. The cardinal here greeted Louis XIII. On returning in the evening to his quarters at the bridge of La Pierre the cardinal found d'Artagnan, without his sword, and the three musketeers, armed, standing before the door of the house. He made a sign with his eye and hand for d'Artagnan to follow him.

The cardinal entered immediately. "Rochefort," said the cardinal, "you see M. d'Artagnan. I receive him among the number of my friends. Embrace, then, and be prudent if you have any wish to preserve your heads."

"We shall meet again, shall we not, monsieur?"

"When you please," said d'Artagnan, and they parted.

"We were beginning to grow impatient," said Athos.

"No, monsieur, for the only thing for which I could be arrested is still unknown to your eminence. If monsieur will have the goodness to tell me in the first place what crimes are imputed to me I will then tell you my defence."

"You are charged with having corresponded with the enemies of the kingdom. You are charged with having surprised state secrets. You are charged with having endeavored to thwart the plans of your general."

"And who charges me with this, monsieur?" said d'Artagnan.

"A woman branded by the justice of the country, who attempted both to poison and assassinate me!"

"What is all this, monsieur? For Athos this is too much; for the Count de la Fere it is too little. Keep the commission. It is yours. Alas, you have purchased it dearly enough."

"Here, my friend," said d'Artagnan to Rochefort, "write your name upon this sheet of paper, and I shall marry my widow. No; keep the lieutenant's pay. And be returned the commission to d'Artagnan. The young man then offered the commission to Aramis.

"Alas, my dear friend," said Aramis, "my late adventures have disgusted me with life and with a sword. This time my determination is irrevocably taken. After the siege I shall enter the house of the Lazarists. Keep the commission, d'Artagnan. The profession of arms suits you. You will be a brave and adventurous captain."

La Rochelle, deprived of the assistance of the English fleet and of the reinforcements promised by Buckingham, surrendered after a siege of a year. On the 28th of October, 1628, the capitulation was signed.

d'Artagnan took possession of his rank. Rochefort left the service and in the course of the following year married Mme. Coquerot, a rich widow who owned 800,000 livres.

Aramis took the habit in a convent of Nancy. Bazin became a lay brother.

Athos remained a musketeer under the command of d'Artagnan till the year 1651, when he also quitted the service under the pretext of having inherited a small property in Roussillon.

d'Artagnan fought three times with Rochefort and wounded him at each encounter. At length they embraced heartily and without retaining any malice.

Uncle Sam has thousands of cats, which he employs at a cost of about \$15 a year each. The government maintains in the Philippine Islands a small army of "cold storage" cats.

Two places in Massachusetts claim the honor of being the first in the country to place the stars and stripes on a schoolhouse. On Catamount Hill, in Colerain, in 1812 the United States flag was raised over a schoolhouse for the first time, but the first town of city to make a flag a permanent feature of public school administration was New Bedford, where on May 11, 1801, a flag was raised on the schoolhouse, the event being the occasion of much song, oratory and general enthusiasm on the part of young and old.

An old time way of proving one's right to the payment of money loaned was by tally sticks. A plain stick was used, and when a man loaned a sum a notch was broken in the creditor's stick and each took a part. When the time for payment came the man who had the stick, which fitted exactly to the stick held by the debtor, received the money. Two sticks never break in exactly the same shape, so there was never any dispute about who had a right to the money.

The celebrated P. Morgan, a presentation of natural morning pictures on an immense scale which is occasionally seen in the strait of Messina, is explained by a scientific writer as being a mirage, such as frequently occurs in various parts of the world.

## ARMAGEDDON OF THE SCRIPTURES

Stirring Presentation of Coming Events.

PASTOR RUSSELL'S VIEWS.

Churches of All Denominations and the Civil Powers of Earth Are About to Unite in Common Cause—Powerful Influence Preparing for the Battle of Armageddon—A Reign of Anarchy Will Be the Result of the Warfare Until The Messiah Takes Control.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 8. The Bible and the Age will be crowded to the limit today to hear Pastor Russell's discourse on the "Battle of Armageddon." His text was: "He gathered them together unto a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Revelation xvi. 16).

The Lord has seen fit to associate the name Armageddon, with the great controversy between Truth and Error, right and wrong, God and Mammon, with which the Age will close, and the New Age of Messiah's glory be ushered in.

I have long avoided presentation of my understanding of our text and content, as I feel it would be misunderstood, and because I believe it is due time to be understood. I disclaim any special inspiration. In some particulars my views agree with those of other Bible students, and in other respects they disagree.

The Dragon, Beast, False Prophet. Our context tells us that three impure spirits (teachings) will go forth from the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet, and these three will be in accord, and symbolical, by the doctrines are represented by "frogs."

The Flag on the School. Two places in Massachusetts claim the honor of being the first in the country to place the stars and stripes on a schoolhouse.

The Tally Stick. An old time way of proving one's right to the payment of money loaned was by tally sticks.

The Cloud's Silver Lining. Horrible would be this outlook for the future did we not have the infallible Word of God assuring us of a glorious outcome.

Applying these symbols, we learn that an evil spirit, influence, teaching, will come from the Protestant churches federated from the Church of Rome, and from the Civil authorities, all in full agreement. The spirit of all will be hostile; an air of superior wisdom and knowledge will be loudly assumed.

power, and beginning His reign.—Revelation xi. 17, 18.

St. Paul wrote prophetically of our time, that it would be one of serious trial and testing to many professing to be Christians.

The Bible pre-emption is that the world is a section of the universe in rebellion against Divine authority, under the captivity of Satan and his associated fallen angels.

Armageddon Not Yet but Soon. For forty years the Armageddon forces have been mustering for both sides of the conflict.

Gentle times have still two years to run. The "image of the beast" of our context must receive life—power. The image must be transformed from a mere mechanism to a living force.

Milk With Dry Hands. Never milk the cow with dry hands. No more milk the habit is indulged in than that of milking on the hand in order to strip the teat.

BUSINESS SITS. A merchant is known by the clerk he keeps.

It is the catering to exceptions in any business that kills the pace.

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