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A REAL MONTE CRISTO

The Tragic Career of Picaud, a Cobbler of Paris.

HIS RISE TO GREAT WEALTH.

Thrown Into Jail by Secret Enemies, He Was Left a Fortune by a Fellow Prisoner—Released, His Scheme of Vengeance Brought Him Death.

That romantic creation of the brain of Alexandre Dumas, "The Count of Monte Cristo," had a counterpart in real life in France in the last century. This is the tragic story:

In 1807, when Napoleon was at the height of his power, Francois Picaud was a sturdy young journeyman cobbler of Paris, full of health and animal spirits and happy in the love of Marguerite Vigoureux, a young girl of his own station in life. On the eve of his marriage hidden enemies denounced him to the Imperial government as a spy. He was cast into prison, where he remained, forgotten by the world, for seven years.

Among his fellow prisoners was a wealthy Milanese priest, who treated him like a son and bequeathed to him 7,000,000 francs on deposit in the Bank of Amsterdam. Furthermore, this ecclesiastic told Picaud the secret of a hiding place in Italy where were concealed jewels to the value of 1,200,000 francs and specie amounting to three millions.

When the empire was overthrown in 1814 Picaud was one of a vast number of political prisoners throughout France who were given their freedom. He proceeded to gather the priest's treasure and to plan vengeance upon his enemies. Who they were he did not know.

Disguised as an Italian priest, he succeeded by bribing the least guilty of the conspirators and discovering the entire story of his undoing. The leader in the plot he learned was one Loupau, who had married Marguerite Vigoureux, prospered and became the proprietor of one of the handsomest cafes in Paris.

Picaud went to the capital and under a suitable disguise obtained work as a waiter in Loupau's establishment. Fellow servants there were Guilhem Solari and Gervais Chaubard, who, with Loupau, had denounced Picaud in 1807. The pretended waiter was not long in bringing his vengeance to a consummation. Chaubard was the first victim of his wrath. His body, pierced by a knife, was found on one of the bridges over the Seine. Loupau was disgraced, reduced to penury and finally stabbed to death in the Tuileries gardens. Solari was poisoned and died in frightful convulsions.

But speedy retribution overtook the implacable avenger. One night Picaud was seized, bound and borne to an abandoned quarry. In the darkness a terrible voice said:

"Picaud, what name are you passing under now? Are you still the priest Baldini or the waiter Prosper? You wished for revenge. You have sold yourself to the powers of hell. Ten years you have given to the pursuit of three wretches you should have spared. Me you dragged down to perdition. The diamond by which you bribed me was my destruction. I killed him who cheated me. I was arrested, condemned to the galleys and escaped only after years of torture. My one thought has been vengeance on the priest Baldini. You are in my power. Do you know me? I am Antoine Allut. How much will you pay for bread and water?"

"I have no money," groaned Picaud. "You have sixteen millions. These are my conditions: I will give you something to eat twice a day, but for each meal you must pay me 25,000 francs." However, the cupidity of the prisoner proved stronger than his hunger. He underwent terrible suffering without any signs of yielding until his captor, goaded to fury at the prolonged obstinacy, threw himself upon Picaud and stabbed him to death.—Bookman.

A Thackeray Story. A correspondent of London Notes and Queries contributes this anecdote of Thackeray:

Thackeray once desired to succeed Cardwell as M. P. for the city of Oxford and when returning from his canvass said: "What do you think, Cardwell! Not one of your constituents ever heard of me and my writings." He prefaced "constituents" with a strong adjective. Strange, if true. They must have been starring in the midst of plenty.

A Straight Tip. Johnnie (to new visitor)—So you are my grandma, are you? Grandmother—Yes, Johnnie. I'm your grandma on your father's side. Johnnie—Well, you're on the wrong side, you'll find out!—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Horrible. "That was an awful disaster. There was only one survivor. Isn't that terrible?" "Fearful. What a bore he'll be!"—Cleveland Leader.

Disenchanted. "Do you believe in the superhuman?" "I used to, but I don't any more." "Why?" "I married him."—Chicago Record-Herald.

No man knows the weight of another man's burden.—Flynt.

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A PLAGUE OF ANTS.

The Vicious Insects Are a Nuisance in Southwestern Africa.

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"They leave behind them a well formed road about four inches broad and half an inch deep, very smooth by the tread of the countless throng.

"They do not bite when the sun is high, but we betide the hapless wretch who comes in their way at other times! While traveling through the bush you occasionally find them in possession of a section of the road. Perhaps you are in the midst of them before you discover the presence of your small but fierce adversary. The first man bitten yells out something meaning, "Ware ants!" and we all hurry forward, stamping vigorously. Those of us upon whom the little warriors have fastened tear off our clothes and nip the foes to death. My little black horse always wanted to turn back when he came to a column of ants. My dog Bob, a native, used to dance like a bear on hot bricks when the driver ants got between his paws and had to be held down while they were plucked out.

"One night I suddenly awoke with a feeling that something was amiss. All the household pets, such as snakes, lizards, rats, toads, centipeds and spiders, seemed to be bestirring themselves restlessly. No sooner had my foot touched the ground than I knew what it was, for a fierce bite told me that the driver ants were upon us.

"On lighting a candle I found a column marching across the floor and a whole regiment attacking my bed. I roused the assistant district commissioner, and eventually, using wisps of burning paper, we drove out the enemy. Fire or hot ashes are the best means to use for expelling them."

A HOTEL DINNER.

The Husband Ordered It, and His Wife Criticized It.

On the midnight train ride from town, where he and his wife had been entertaining one of his best patients at dinner and the theater, the suburban doctor spoke bitterly: "What a dinner! And it cost \$15. The cooking in these big hotels is atrocious. They smear sauces over everything. I suppose it is to hide poor materials."

"It isn't the fault of the cooking that our dinner was a failure. It was its selection that doomed it."

"What was the matter with the selection?"

"You should not have done the ordering. You have your meals chosen for you almost every day in the year. It is the women of people in our circumstances who ought to arrange the menus at restaurants. Look what you ordered! Bisque of lobster—a soup with a body of thick white sauce. Sweetbreads—cooked, as usual, with a cream dressing. Virginia ham with champagne sauce—a brown sauce as thick as molasses. Then for dessert you took a chance on pudding. Reine Victoria—candied fruit and lady fingers swimming in soft custard."

"Well, how is a fellow to know? Lobster soup, sweetbreads, Virginia ham and pudding Reine Victoria—it sounds fine."

"But a woman knows that it is a wretched combination of splendid dishes. It is the woman's dull duty to choose menus for 365 days in the year. She learns a good deal about selection. Yet when a sum of money, equal to a week's food expenses, is to be squandered on one dinner at a hotel it is the man who seizes the menu and tries to look capable. He makes a failure frequently, as you did tonight. It would have been a pleasure for me to order a fifteen dollar dinner—a change from manipulating dinner for four on \$1. But men feel too important in a restaurant to submit the menu to their wives for assistance."—Exchange.

He Came Back Hard.

"That boy," said the Billville farmer, "beats my time! Jest now when I quoted Scripture to him he come back at me hard!"

"You don't say?"

"Shore! I told him to git a hoe an' foller the furrow. 'That's gold in the land,' I said. An' what do you reckon he made answer?"

"You tell it."

"'Father,' he says, 'I don't keer fer the gold of 'this here world. I've laid up treasure in heaven.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

Fair Warning.

Year after year an old farmer had listened in grim silence to the trains thundering by his land. Finally one day, his patience at an end, he dropped his plow and shook his fist at the passing express.

"Ye can puff an' blow all ye like, gold durn ye," he cried, "but I'm goin' to ride ye Saturday!"—Everybody's.

The Zones.

Teacher—How many zones are there? Small Boy—Six. Teacher—No; there are but five. However, you may name six if you can. Small Boy—Torrid, north temperate, south temperate, north frigid, south frigid and ozone.—Chicago News.

His Genius. "Why do people think he's a genius? Nobody can understand what he's talking about." "No, but he can make people believe that he does."—Exchange.



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