

side 'ere for a bit," he said. "You see, I don't want no alarm; it's a warm night, and I'd sooner walk quietly home with my luggage instead o' running. I ain't got quite the pace I used to 'ave, neither. Don't try to git out, my dear," he added to Emma.

Harding doggedly hung back. Admitting his helplessness, he gave his word of honour as a gentleman—not as a member of the force—that if Dan would leave the house immediately with his booty, no alarm would be given, no effort made to apprehend him. Dan, however, possessed not the required faith in human nature. He expressed his regret at the necessity of putting the other to any inconvenience, at the same time slyly remarking that most policemen would not make silly objections to such captivating captivity. Harding begged, he implored—and Dan lost his temper. "Stow it!" he said fiercely. "Do as you're told, or by—"

As Harding bent low to enter the wardrobe, a pair of supplicating arms were extended to meet him, and clung about his neck. "Save me!" cried Emma, appealingly. "Oh! save me, constable, from that dreadful man."

"Calm yourself," said Harding, sharply, endeavouring to disentangle himself from the clinging yoke. "It is I, Emma, your master."

Dan closed the door on a little squeal of outraged propriety, and locked them in. Slipping the key in his pocket, he gathered up a few rugs and flung them over the cabinet with the object of muffling the noise which, he was aware, would accompany their efforts to escape so soon as he was gone.

Carefully fastening the window, Daniel Mole shouldered his sack and locked the door on the outside. He made his exit by the kitchen door, and cautiously hugged the back garden fence, urged forward by the subdued thuds which reached him from the house. He dropped over the fence into the meadows which lay before him bathed in a cruel moonlight; and with one look back at the dining-room window, he made for a place of safety.

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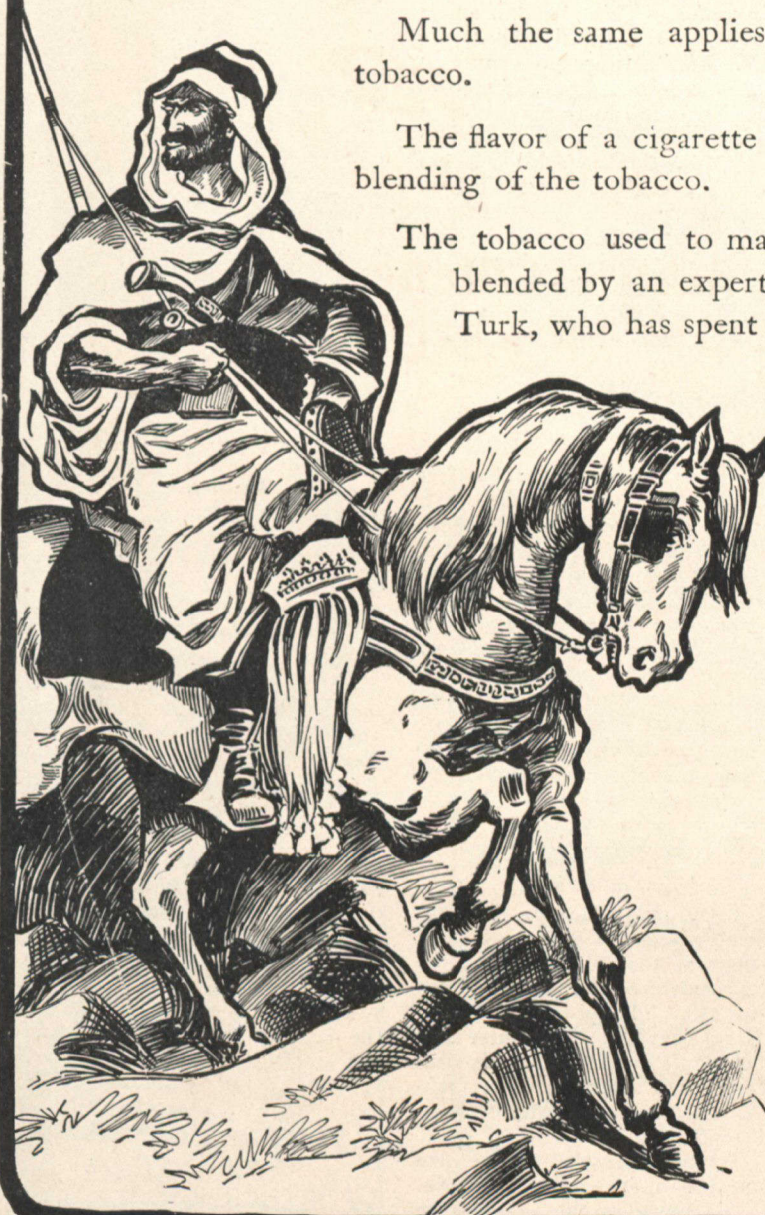
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