

morning, when the diligence passed, I found places taken for myself and maid, and an officer, in citizen's dress, escorted me. That gentleman satisfied himself with keeping me in view; he never spoke to me, and none of the other passengers knew that he was my guard.

At that time I was of course very furious against General Escobedo; but if I consider what I attempted to do, and that I was by no means yielding, I must acknowledge that I was treated throughout with great forbearance and courtesy, not only by General Escobedo, but also by Mr. Juarez his minister, and by all Mexicans with whom I came in contact. Even in the United States, where ladies enjoy considerable prerogatives, I should have experienced far different treatment, as many Confederate ladies will testify.

Having gone through the whole late French war with the Prussians, and become acquainted with their views in reference to discipline, I must say that I still more wonder at and admire the lenience of the Mexican military authorities in regard to me. I must, however, say a few words in explanation of this behaviour, which will appear rather strange to German readers.

Attempts to escape occurred very frequently in these civil wars, where it happened not rarely that generals became prisoners of other generals, who soon again became their prisoners. Endeavours to escape