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Barlasch of the Guard

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(Continued.) As the slow autumn approached, it became apparent that Dantzig no longer interested the watchers. Vitis became the base of operations. Smolensk fell and, most wonderful of all, the Russians were retreating on Moscow. Dantzig was no longer on the route. For a time it was of the world forgotten, while, as Barlasch had predicted, free men continued at liberty, though their names had an evil shadow, while innocent persons in prison were left to rot there.

Desire continued to receive letters from her husband, full of love and war. For a long time he languished at Konigsberg, hoping every day to be sent forward. Then he followed Murat across the Nieman, and wrote of weary journeys over the rolling plains of Lithuania.

Toward the end of July he mentioned the arrival of de Casteln at headquarters. "With him came a courier," wrote Charles, "bringing you dear letter. I don't believe you love me as I love you. All my events, you do not seem to tell me, that you do so often as I want to tell you. Tell me what you do and think every moment of the day—"

"The courier is in the saddle," he concluded. "De Casteln tells me that I must finish. Write and tell me everything. How is Mathilde? Are you there? Is he in good health? How does he pass his day? Does he still go out in the evening to his café?"

This seemed to be an after-thought, suggested perhaps by conversation in the room in which he sat. The other girls, writing from Stockholm, was briefer in his communications. "I am well," wrote Antoine Sebastian, "and hope to arrive soon after you receive this. Felix Meyer, the secretary, has instructions to furnish you with money for household expenses."

It would appear that Sebastian possessed other friends in Dantzig, who had sent him a letter of all that passed in the city. For neither Mathilde nor Desire had observed Sebastian's latest letter to their father. They did not know whether he had died, neither had they received any communication giving an address or a hint as to his future movements. It would appear that the most direct and laconic mind which had carried out his escape deemed it wiser that those left behind should be in no position to furnish information.

In fairness to Barlasch, Desire had made little of this soldier's part in Sebastian's evasion, and Mathilde displayed no interest in such details. She rather fastidiously, however, upon the substance referred by Louis d'Aragnon, had asked, "Why did he do it?" she asked. "Oh, because I asked him," was the reply.

"And why did you ask him?" "Who else was there to ask?" returned Desire, which was, indeed, unanswerable. Perhaps the question had been suggested to her by de Casteln, who, on learning that Louis d'Aragnon had been killed, there for all through the Emperor's fingers, had asked the same in his own characteristic way.

"What could he hope to gain by doing it?" he had inquired, as he walked by Mathilde's side, along the Prangues. And he made other interrogations respecting d'Aragnon which Mathilde was no more able to satisfy, and accompanied her to the Prangues.

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scarcely sustain its own sparse population, and had nothing to spare for an invading army. This had once been Poland, and was now limited to Russia; but Russia did not care, and the friendship of Lithuania was his many, human friendship which we make sacrifices to preserve—not worth having.

All the while the Russians retreated, and, stranger still, the French followed them, eking out their twenty days' provision. "I will make them fight a big battle, and beat them," said Napoleon; "and then the emperor will see for peace."

But Barclay de Tolly continued to run away from that great battle. Then came the news that Barclay had been deposed; that Kutusoff was coming from the south to take command. It was true enough; and Barclay cheerfully served in a subordinate position to the new chief. September brought great hopes of a battle, for Kutusoff seemed to retreat with less despatch, like a man choosing his ground—Kutusoff, that master of the waiting game.

Early in September, Murat, the impetuous leader of the pursuit, complained to Napoleon that a cavalry charge had not been pushed home. "The horses have no patriotism," he replied. "The men will fight on empty stomachs, but not the horses."

An ominous reply at the beginning of a campaign, while communications were still open. At last, within a few days' march of Moscow, Kutusoff made a stand. At last the great battle was imminent, after a hundred false alarms, after many disappointed hopes. The country had been laid waste. The Boyardo, running in a wider valley than many of the rivers, which are merely great ditches, ascending the hills, was the scene of the battle.

"At last," wrote Charles to Desire, on September 8th, "we have a great battle. There has been much fighting the last few days, but I have not much news. It is a great battle tomorrow. If there is a great battle tomorrow, we shall see. I have now found out from one who was near him that the emperor saw a comet on the day before the battle. He thought it was a bad omen. He thought that Kutusoff would win. He thought that you are French, would militate against the work I had been given to do. He sent me to Konigsberg, and to come to the work there. De Casteln told me that the emperor is pleased with me. De Casteln is the best friend I have; I am sure of that. It is said that he will not make proposals of peace when the walls of Moscow are under the cannon. In a month I may be back at Dantzig, Desire."

And the next would have been for Desire's eyes alone, had it ever been permitted. For next in succession to his wife's eyes were those of more human love-letters; and those who read the love-letters of another woman's pen. De Casteln had written the letter for the dawn surprised him where he wrote in a shed by the miserable Kaluga, a street which runs to the Moscow. And it was the dawn of September 7, 1812.

(To be continued.) Headaches and Neuralgia from Colds. Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world wide Cough and Grip remedy, removes the cause of colds and restores the system. Prepared by E. W. GROVES, 25c.

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Each amount of the railway money as it is loaned in Wall Street is used by the railroads in loans at all times. The railway money is merely one of the cash reserves that come into the hands of the professional lenders at a time when the call money rates have to be kept low.

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What the market will do over the close of the year is hard to say, or rather it is hard to say where any one will come from. Doubtless the market will be very active, and the money market will be very tight. The market will be very active, and the money market will be very tight.

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