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Willy Lange	1	—	1
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Victor Baron	—	—	1
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"Don Quixote."

BY ADOLPH B. SUESS.

The human mind is given to delight in the unique and extravagant. Hence, the name of Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, author of the most laughable of classics and originator of droll, stubborn, obsequious, whimsical, and obtuse Sancho Panza, most faithful of servants, has become a treasure-trove of joy and merriment to those who truly delight in caricature.

Born in 1547, at Alcalá de Henares, Spain, Cervantes at an early age attended school at Madrid. Although deprived of the opportunity of pursuing literary studies at some college or university, he, nevertheless, enjoyed a chance of studying some of the best Italian authors. This was during the period of his servitude to an Italian ecclesiastic, who later on became Cardinal Acquaviva, residing in Rome. Not finding this service to his liking, Cervantes enlisted as a volunteer in the Spanish army, serving for some time until wounded in the decisive battle of Lepanto, in 1571. He was wounded in this battle, being shot through the left hand.

Immediately after his wound was healed he engaged in another campaign against the Moslems in northern Africa. On his return to Spain the ship on which he was traveling was captured by corsairs and he was led in captivity to Algiers, where he was held about five years. On being ransomed, he returned to Spain, where he soon became enamored of a certain lady, Catalina de Palacios, who subsequently became his wife.

Cervantes' first literary work was done in about 1582. It was a pastoral romance, "Galatea." This was a work of comparatively little value. Next he wrote several dramas, which, however, failed of success. Among them is the "Trato de Argel," lacking dramatic strength and showing a lack of dramatic instinct, and knowledge of dramatic art. The best of these works is his powerful patriotic declamation, "Numancia," published many years after his death. Cervantes, unfortunately, was forced by dire stress of poverty to accept a governmental position, and from this resulted his sad plight of imprisonment, as well as his golden opportunity of having leisure to project his great novel, the story of the Knight of de La Mancha.

This novel popularly known as "Don Quixote," is a veritable Pilgrim's Progress of knight errantry and, like Bunyan's masterpiece, might never have seen the light of day, had not enforced idleness given leisure to a nimble mind and prolific pen, thus to fashion a satire that should destroy the figments of the brain produced by idle romancers of chivalry.

These countless novels of knightly daring had obtained an unwonted vogue and had created an air of false idealism which tended to leave Spain unduly in the rear of advancing realism, for, cherishing them, she clung too closely to the medieval past.

But in Don Quixote romantic chivalry was made to appear preposterous and ridiculous. It is a fact that nothing may thrive long which is subject to ridicule. Byron, in one of his works, deprecates this fact. He takes a very tragic view of the results wrought by the publishing of "Don Quixote," according to him.

"Cervantes smiles Spains chivalry away
And, therefore, have his volumes done such harm
That all their glory, as a composition,

Was dearly purchased by his lands perdition."

There is a grain of truth and much exaggeration in Byron's statement. It is true that Cervantes set out with the purpose of assailing the books of chivalry, but they deserved attack; and to rout them was, indeed, a noble mission well performed.

Of the two parts written by Cervantes, the first has ever remained the favorite. The second is inferior to it in humorous effect; but, nevertheless, this part shows more constructive insight, better delineation of character, an improved style, and more realism and probability in its action.

The influence exerted by this glorious work has been enormous, for what modern man of genius has not read it? Many generations have laughed at Don Quixote, who with couched lance, tilted at imaginary windmills, becomes truly the prototype of the idealistic reformer, who, brave in his idealism assails only too often the citadels of iniquity with splintered lance, instead of with the shot and shell of the modern 42-centimeter cannon.

Over three hundred years have passed since Cervantes died. His grave is unknown, his descendants unsung. Yet his fame is securely established and his immortal work will, doubtless, for many generations to come be an unending source of merriment and an abundant fountain of sparkling wit and keen-edged satire.

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