BARLASCH OF THE GUARD

By Henry Seton Merriman

CHAPTER I. All on a Summer's Day. Il faut devoir lever les yeux pour regarder ce qu'on aime.

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A few children had congregated on the steps of the Marienkirche at Dantzig, because the door stood open. The verger, old Peter Koch—on week-days a locksmith—had told them that nothing was going to happen; had been indiscrete enough to bid them go away. So they stayed, for they were little.

A wedding was, in point of fact, in progress within the towering walls of the Marienkirchea at Cathedral built of the Marienkirchea cathedral built of the great days of the Barselic Leavine. "Who is it?" ask-law, "replied Charles, with a faint and unconference of the Marienkirchea at Cathedral built of the great days of the Barselic Leavine. "Who is it?" ask-law, "replied Charles, with a faint and unconference of the marienkirchea are cathedral built of rest of the great days of the Barselic Leavine. "Who is it?" ask-law, "replied Charles, with a faint and unconference of the marienkirchea and found the stage of the Marienkirchea are quiltone, felt in his pocket for money, law, "replied Charles, with a faint and unconference of the marienkirchea are cathedral built of rest of the great days of the Barselic Leavine. "Who is it?" ask-law, "replied Charles, with a faint and unconference of the marienkirchea and floor books as twas built three hundred value and the dictated.

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There was a wealth of meaning in the nod. For Peter Koch lived round the corner in the Kleine Schmeidegasse, and, of course—well, it is only neighbourly to take an interest in those who drink milk from the same cow and buy wood from the same Jew.

Change of tongue.

They passed up the low, time-worn steps arm in arm, and beneath the high carved doorway, whereon some plous Hanseatic merchant had inscribed his belief that if God be in the house there buy wood from the same Jew.

Charles in such a hurry?"

Mathilde, who was setting the room on his primrose path. He glanced more carved doorway, whereon some plous Hanseatic merchant had inscribed his belief that if God be in the house there buy wood from the same Jew.

Suddenly he rose and went to the low, time-worn steps arm in arm, and beneath the high carved doorway, whereon some plous of the Cotes du Nord.

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down the Frauengasse where every house has a different gable, and none which narrow and straight street passes

"They teach dancing?" she inquired. And Koch nodded again, taking snuff. | Saxon cavalry.

"And he—the father?"
"He scrapes a fiddle," replied the verger, examining the lady's basket of a non-committing and final way. For a locksmith is almost as confidential an adviser as a notary. The Dantzigers, moreover, are a thrifty race and keep their money in a safe place; a miliar habit which was to cost many of them "Can

The marriage service was a long one and not exhilarating. Through the open door came no sound of organ or choir, but the deep and monotonous drawl of one voice. There had been no ringing of bells or the with the exception of Russia, require windows. As Desiree drew back in more than the ringing of flags to warm their hearts.

They celebrate their festivities with

waving of flags to warm tour new and that closed doors.

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exhortations to the waiting children. clothes.
And Desiree Sebastian came out unto It was

That she was destined for the sunlight was clearly written on her face "he was not bidden to my wedding, but and in her gay, kind blue eyes. She he has come, all the same."

and piercing, returned her astonished was tall and straight and slim, as are

Others laughed as they followed her. more pronounced than is the fairness of Anglo-Saxon youth. For her hair ter is often nothing but the froth of had a golden tinge in it, and her skin
was of that startlingly milky whiteness which is only found in those who
live round the frozen waters. Her eyes,
too, were of a clearer blue-like the
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countlesss uniforms that enlivened the No. 36 with a great key hurriedly exoutward world in the great days of the greatest captain that history has seen.

There was no unusual stir in the He was unmistakably French-unmisriage and slight limbs,—this man was doubtless lurked peeping and criticising one of the many bearing names that

o farther up the ladder.

The Frauengasse is a short street, and that affability of

the Marienkirche—a cathedral dank of the guillotine, felt in his pocket for money, laugh, "it comes from France."

buy wood from the same Jew. scarcely less youthful.

The fish-wife looked thoughtfully The Frauengasse is intersected by the

of less than three floors, within a pitch of the traffic toward the Langen-of the roof. She singled out No. 36, markt, the centre of the town. As the which has a carved stone balustrade little bridal procession approached the to its broad veranda and a railinng of corner of this street, it halted at the wrought-iron on either side of the steps approach of some mounted troops. descending from the veranda to the There was nothing unusual in this sight in the streets of Dantzig, which were accustomed now to the clatter of the

But at the sight of the first troopers Charles Darragan threw up his head, with a little exclamation of surprise. Desiree looked at him and then turned to follow the direction of his gaze.
"What are these?" she murmured. For the uniforms were new and unfa-

"Cavalry of the Old Guard." renlied their lives before the coming of another her husband, and as he spoke he caught

marriage, as in another city of the plane.

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the sunlight—Desiree Sebastian no movement to continue their way to-more. ward her father's house.

was tall and straight and slim, as are
English and Polish and Danish girls,
For a bride at the church door, or a and none other in all the world. But judge on the bench, or a criminal on the colouring of her face and hair was the scaffold steps, need make but a very

street. The windows of one or two of takably a French gentleman, as rare the houses had been decorated with in 1812 as he is to-day. To judge from flowers. These were the houses of his small head and clean-cut features, friends. These were the nouses of friends of their swere silent and still befine and mobile; from his graceful carhind their lace curtains, where there

begin with the fourth letter of the al- The wedding guests were few in numphabet since the Terror only.

He was merely a lieutenant in a regiber. Only one of them had a distinment of Alsatian recruits; but that wore the uniform of France. He was went for nothing in the days of the Empire. Three kings of Europe had begun no farther up the ladder.

titude, as became a soldier of Italy and Egypt. But he had a pleasant smile The Frauengasse is a short street, and that affability of manner which made narrow by the terrace that each many learnt in the first year of the

which was all she could recall. Before the story was half finished Sebastian's attitude had strayed elsewhere, though house throws outward from its face, each seeking to gain a few inches on its neighbor. It runs from the Marien-leighbor. It runs from the Marien-leighbor, it runs from the Frauenthor, and remains his body rigid in the last attitude that the diditated. The strain ready for any sort of work.

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"Now, where shall I sleep?" he asked.

"One is not particular, you understand. A few minutes and one is at home perhaps peeling the potatoes. It is only a civilian who is ashamed of using his activities and one is at home perhaps peeling the potatoes. It is only a civilian who is ashamed of using his kinfe on a potato. Papa Barlasch, they did not attach much importance to the more which they had reason to dread.

It should be obligatory but Nothing the potatoes. It is not particular, you understand. A few minutes and one is at home perhaps peeling the potatoes. It is only the is not particular, you understand. A few minutes and one is a practice of withholding feather's knowledge the smaller worries of daily life which sour so many women and make them whine on platforms to be given the larger woes.

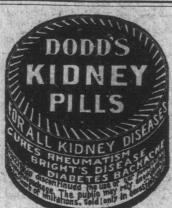
She was glad to note that her fath

is no need of a watchman, emphasizing his creed by bolts and locks of enormous strength, and bars to every window.
The servant, in her Samland Sunday

dress, having shaken her fist at the children, closed the door behind the last guest, and, so far as the Frauengasse was concerned, the exciting incident was over. From the open window came only the murmur of quiet voices, the clink of glasses at the drink-ing of a toast, or a laugh in the clear persisted in her optimistic view of these seemed to think, was not quite delicate, "I pay nown," he said. "Give and take—that is my motto. When you have nothing to give, offer a smile."

With a gesture he indicated the bundle of firewood, which Desiree still absent mindedly carried against her white dress. He turned and opened a searcely helped her now at all, and the farm the steat. "Is it?" she said, ratherly oddly. "Is the dress, having shaken her fist at the seemed a different man since the pas-sage through the Pfaffengasse of that

CHAPTER II.



great Republic. He and Mathilde Se- may not think so now. Would this wo- blackened by time. The stairs made no father stood near the window. He was

polished utensils, at the table and floor, both alike scrubbed clean by a vigorous chen, no doubt." he said, with that grand air which the dancing academy old man and he is 2 young one—and I tried to imitate.

"Yes," he said, grimly. "but I am an old man and he is 2 young one—and I want to see him dead before I die."

"How long will you be here?" asked Desiree, who was eminently practical. A billet was a misfortune which Charles Darragon had hitherto succeeded in warding off. He had some small influence as an officer of the headquarters staff.

at times to listen.

Suddenly he rose and went to the ferently. "Just an ordinary man."

Desiree had turned away from the window as if to go downstairs and meet her husband. She paused and looked back again over her shoulder toward

seemed a different man since the passage through the Pfaffengasse of that dusty travelling carriage which had played the part of the stormy petrel from end to end of Europe.

Sider the convenances, my child."

Desiree, thus admonished, followed charles. She had not been aware of this possessed by charwomen and other domesticated persons of experience where the freewood was kept Lisa gave a the firewood was kept. Lisa gave a little exclamation of surprise at his perspicacity. He took the fire wood unperspicacity. He took the fire wood unperspicacity. He took the fire wood unperspicacity. He took the fire wood unperspicacity will be in the sincerely limited, he sincerely limited.

gaze with a fierce steadfastness.

"Does this mean that you are quartered upon us?" asked Desiree, without seeking to hide her disgust. She spoke the specific of their solicitude minser had bride and bride grown set forth to-by opening the door and putting his shaggy head round the corner of it.

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Her husband must have whispered some laughing comment on Koch, or another appeal to her quick sense of the humorous, for she looked into his changing face and gave a low, girlish laugh of amusement as they descended laugh of amusement as they descended bride and bridegroom and wedding-triends. You are lucky to get me. You are lucky to get me. You are lucky to get me. You was smiling. She lightest hearts that quit the church in a gagin. "It is well," said Barlasch. "We are friends. You are lucky to get me. You her two lightest hearts that quit the church in a gagin. "It played a drum at Marengo." And as he led the way to the little room in the yard at the back of the kitchen, he expressed by a shake of the head a fellow-feeling for the gentle-

mounted the stairs, a slim white figure is still time for me to help you."

Adolf von Buelow, the Imperial adjumid the heavy woodwork long since Mathilde made no answer. Their tant, died this morning of heart failure.

istered with a kind attention to the was allowed. For he was large very old lady, who, it seemed, with a hundred parcels and packages, had been married herself, but it was so long ago that the human interest of it all was lost in a pottle of petty detail which was all she could recall. Before with a the street was married herself for her abways make itself understood."

The Old Guard," he said, "can alward for any was disposed to make light of the incident. It was natural to her to be optimistic. Both she and Mathilde made path in his dusty carriage."

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We need not disguise it. Desiree excused herself for her ab- had once been well-see

"It is the younger daughter of Antoine Sebastian," replied the verger, indicating with a nod of his head the house on the left-hand side of the house where Sebastian lived.

Frauengasse where Sebastian turneth dealis of the odd lady, still recalling the details of that other wedding, he said, to no one in large with the odd lady, still recalling the details of that other wedding, he said

only looked at Charles," she answered. For a moment-they all stood in the sunshine looking toward the Langenmarkt, where the tower of the Rathhaus rose above the high roofs. The dust raised by the horses' feet and the carriage whells slowly settled on their bridal clothes.

It was Desiree who at length made a movement to continue their way toward her father's house.

"Well," she said, with a slight langh, "he added, for her ward her father's house.

"Well," she said, with a slight langh, "he was not bidden to my wedding, but he as come, all the same."

Guard. Once a sergeant. Italy, Egypt, the Danube."

He frowned at Desiree while she read the paper in the dim light through the keeper. It was to her that Lisa nativation of her kitchen by Papa Barbard of the family turned in her extremity at the invasion of her kitchen by Papa Barbard of the family up to a certain point—at the corner of the Pfaffengasse, when great dark dining-room with its gloomy old pictures and heavy carving, that she took counsel as to where he should he as come, all the same."

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"Well," she said, with a slight langh, "he added, for her edification, and he drew down his left took counsel as to where he should he has come, all the same."

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though he is really on leave of abof the British army.

"The good God be merciful to you,"
he added, under his breath, when Desiree had gone. She laughed as she chaise is to come at four o'clock. There

bastian never looked at each other; either an understanding or a misunder-standing.

The host, Antoine Sebastian, played his part well enough when he remembered that he had a part to play. He shrugged his shoulders and spread out his arms as far as his many burdens and attention to the story of a very old lady, who it seemed with a kind attention to the story of a very old lady, who it seemed with a kind attention to the story of a very old lady, who it seemed with a kind attention to the story of a very old lady, who it seemed.

The speak to her in Polish or German?"

"Do you speak so many languages?"

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"French?" said the soldier, looking at her. "Good. Yes. I am quartered here. Thirty-six. Frauengasse. Sewe can move them—a little straw—and here. Thirty-six. Frauengasse. Se
about it," he said. "There is a little width of Germany, the carriage had into the yard. It is full of boxes. But left unrest behind it. Men had traveller night and day to stand sleepless by young lady was last seen on Tuesday, the roadside and see it mass. Whole and although her parents and friends

head a fellow-feeling for the gentleman upstairs, whose acquaintance he had not yet made, who occupied his leisure by touching the violin.

They stood together in the small apartment which Barlasch, with the promptitude of an experienced conqueror, had set apart for his own accommodation.

"Those trunks," he observed, "were made in France"—a mental note which he happened to make aloud, as some do for better remembrance. "This solld girl and I will soon move them. And you, mademoiselle, go back to your bound in the left-hand side of the Frauence and made its way across a thousand thresholds, of Arab tent and imperial palace alike. The lives of millions were affected by it, the secret hopes of thousands were undermined by it. It disturbed the sleep of half the world, and made men old before their time.

"More troops must have arrived," said Desiree, already busying herself to set the Mouse in order, "since they have for Charles, and I will soon move them. And you, mademoiselle, go back to your

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Petsdam, Germany, Oct. 12.-Gener

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After a long debate the arbitration committee adopted Count Tornielli's declaration, which was accepted by all

the project of obligatory arbitration should take a more concrete form than was given in the resolution to-day. Mr. sults ultimately would be obtained that in the beginning had appeared quite

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