

prospect for the handsome foreigner. They resolved to make his last hours as happy as possible, and brought him wine and fruit, and when he went away gave him their heartiest benedictions.

Forty years later Irving went out of his way to revisit Tonneins, with the hope that he might atone for the cruel deception. "It was a shame," said he, "to leave them with such a painful impression. . . . I believe I recognized the house," he went on to say, "and I saw two or three old women who might once have formed part of the merry group of girls; but I doubt whether they recognized in the stout elderly gentleman, thus rattling in his carriage through the street, the pale young English prisoner of forty years since."

At Avignon he paused with the hope of paying his devotions at Laura's Shrine. "Judge of my surprise, my disappointment, and my indignation," he wrote, "when I was told the church—tomb and all—were utterly demolished at the time of the Revolution. Never did the Revolution, its authors, and its consequences, receive a more hearty and sincere execration than at that moment. Throughout the whole of my journey I had found reason to exclaim against it for depriving me of some valuable curiosity or celebrated monument, but this was the severest disappointment it had yet occasioned."

At that time foreigners were closely watched and scrutinized in France. The police suspected Irving of being an English spy, and dogged him at every step. He was detained at Marseilles, and kept five weeks at Nice on various frivolous pretex^t; and the journey was rendered particularly disagreeable by dirty cars, by the noise and insolence of the populace. But Irving said: "When I cannot get a dinner to suit my taste, I endeavor to get a taste to suit my dinner;" and he declared that he tried to

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