

implored his compassion in the most moving terms. The Redemption Fathers added the most liberal offers to my passionate entreaties. He was moved,—not by my tears, but by the promise of nine hundred pieces of eight, proffered as the price of my liberty. He looked at Aladin, but that young barbarian maintained a sullen silence, poising his spear in his hand, ready to hurl at the first man who should attempt to take me from him.

“The Marabout undertook the office of persuading my affianced husband. He spoke plausibly enough on the value of money and the worthlessness of women, the unhappiness of a divided house and unwilling wife.—Nay, more, he said that the Prophet Mahomet had in a dream revealed his will to him that the female captive of the Sheik should be sent back to her own country, and that Aladin was to wed one of the daughters of the faithful. This lie, which was devoutly believed by the Shiek, was treated with the most unceremonious contempt by Aladin, who menaced the hoary hypocrite with his spear, and laughed scornfully, when he drew back trembling and affrighted from his youthful antagonist.

“Seeing that all my chance of liberty depended upon Aladin, I quitted his father, came to him,