

noise. If I had permitted, they would have sent the full garrison of Fez to accompany us to the coast. 'A company, Sidi, will do.' 'What, nothing but a company?' said his excellency, Sidi-Suleyman. 'Why not a division?' 'Because,' said I, laughing in his face, 'you know and I know, Sidi, that, with a certain forty men that I can pick, I can cut my way round the world!' 'Quite true,' said he, 'provided they were led by one of two men.' 'Who is the other?' I asked. 'The American who fights the guns,' he answered, 'and who, I am certain, has seen the light, and will some day come back to be among those of his faith; the unbeliever, who shouted with us *Biswallah Allah wahid!*' 'And, Dick, if you ever do come back to this country after you've carried off that sister of mine, heaven help you if you forget your Moslem faith.'

The kaid leaned back and laughed, while the consul slipped quietly in, seating himself on a wicker chair marked for abandonment.

"Well," the kaid continued, "everything was dignified enough, until the boy Sultan came riding out on the big white horse, for which he had taken a violent fancy. The sword-bearer pranced gayly ahead, the umbrella teetered gayly round, and the slaves kept slashing away at imaginary insects. His majesty is not permitted by court etiquette to give any recognition to salutes — or anything else for that matter. But, at the last minute, he dropped out of his saddle, ran across to where I was standing, leaped up, and threw his arms round my neck, and gave me as sturdy a hug as could any boy in all of England. To tell the