

The " Prince de Galles " shelters the wives of alien enemies, who are never allowed to leave its grounds. Their husbands have been sent to the Iles des Lérins, one of which (St. Honorat) was the prison of that mysterious historical figure the " Man in the Iron Mask." Of these islands there is a pretty tradition. St. Honorat had a devoted sister, Sainte Marguérite, who lived in a convent on the same island, and visited her brother once a month. Now St. Honorat, being a tiresome, over-conscientious ascetic, feared that his sister's visits gave him too much pleasure, and therefore partook of indulgence in family affection, which, of course, was most reprehensible.

Possibly he may have been somewhat bored by them and made this the excuse! At all events, he prayed fervently that the sea might cut a passage through the island and separate the wicked brother and sister, who loved each other as brother and sister should. St. Honorat's prayer was answered, but, as a concession to his sister's weakness of the flesh, he sent her word that he would visit her always " when the cherry trees were in bloom." Now Ste. Marguérite could pray, too, and her petition was that the cherry-trees might bloom every month, which they most obligingly did. St. Honorat was a man of his word. Therefore he found himself obliged to cross that strip of water twelve days in the year, and I only hope he was sea-sick every time!

To return to Cannes. There are no smart ladies sauntering along the Croisette in these stern times,