

recurred to my mind. I would not allow myself to suppose that the sharpshooter was one of Frager's daughter's; but if she was, and her sisters resembled her, there was no danger of my falling in love with one of them. I should as soon have thought of becoming enamored of a Zebra. I looked around me, and I have through the wood, every moment expecting to see the terrible double-barrel peering through the bushes. Unseen in the forests of the Hudson, with Pawnees upon his trail, could not he be coming? He was at it now. I turned from the tree, and breathed more freely as I entered the garden. My wish had been for adventures, and I was punished by its fulfillment. Romance and danger were certainly combined in the one I had just met with.

The worthy counsellor gave me a hearty reception, and made me welcome to Wiesenthal. I must be hungry, he said, after my drive, and, coming up, he handed me a bottle of beer. "Cold game," and a bottle of Steinwein were soon upon the table, and truly I wanted something to revive me after my recent repast. My friendly host pledged me to a bumper, and lamented the absence of his son, who was away on a long tour of introduction to me. He hoped they would be back to dinner. I ventured a conjecture that they were on a visit somewhere. Not a bit, it was the repast; each one of them had under his plate a small portion of ham. Bartons, the house I live in, what business can these young ladies possibly have? And I fervently trusted it was not that of waylaying travellers, and shooting at hats with lead.

"Whom I cannot show you my family, quoth the counsellor, when I had done eating, "if you will come with me into the next room, I will make you acquainted with their portraits."

I followed Mr. Frager. Beaming out of their golden frames were three of those sombre beauties whose man's eyes ever rested upon them. One was converted

into something like terror, when I recognised in one of the portraits the redoubtable guerrilla, who, one short hour before, had sent my bullet six inches into my heart.

"The blood of the French! Playing the Frenchman, as it were, off Lousia, a terribilie madam, and having a secret, she should have been a—she is passionately fond of me; Niomedes loves and shoots to perfection; hunting that is part and soul to him; shooting, riding, but you, and such like, have all fallen into my way, and I have a real angel in every other aspect, has the best heart in the world, I tolerate cavalier customs?"

"I regards the young lady's shooting," I said. "I have my own, and I am partial to shooting mornings. She sent a bullet into my hat as I walked up to the house. And I rela'd my adventure. The counsellor tried to look indignant, but his face lit up into a smile."

"Just like jipps," he said. "But you had nothing to fear. Her hand is steady and her aim sure."

"I will take the liberty to remark that I do not think such masculine accomplishments particularly becoming in a young lady."

"Certainly not, certainly not," replied the fond father. "You are quite right, and I prefer to have it all to myself. But it goes in at our ears and out of the other. And we get some very sharp, sharp hints from our men, my needs, and wives will be a better girl, and leave me no rest till I forgive and kiss her. True off she goes, and true off she goes."

"My dearest wife," he said.

"Your Diehards are still the wonderings in the court, the name of the renowned surgeon has done them."

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The Guards' Petition.

The memorial of the Guards to the Queen is one of those measures which defeat themselves. Paul Alford, who commands a company at the steps, and Field, at another; the Duke of Cambridge, who has gained the rank of general almost as easily; the Earl of Stratford, who certainly cannot complain of his rank; and the Duke of Wellington, who is the only one of the Duke's age with other colonies to the human sort, make a formal complaint that promotion in the Guards is too slow, or else that it is too fast in the regiments of the line. The great bulk of their complaints is, that while the rank of lieutenants-colonel is a sinecure, the rank of lieutenant-colonel, on an average, after 22 years' service, the officers of the Guards do not attain it, an average, until the end of 30 years' service. The reason of this is, that the life of a Guardsman is so pleasant that few get out of it, and, therefore, scores sell out yearly, and die off through hardship, so that the upper steps are not so crowded as in the favoured corps, which is composed from the ranks of the Guards, the Royal Horse Guards, the Bengal Lancers, the 1st Dragoon Guards, and the 1st Hussars.

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also upon their subordinates, the privilege of increased rank, which they at present enjoy?" and "your Majesty will at once perceive that the extra rank of the Guards has hitherto brought the officers of that corps to the position of field-generals, and others to the rank of colonels, while the average rank of the Guards is that of the officers of the line?"

This is an admirable system in the estimation of the Guards, though it tends to over-crowd the avenue to the ranks of generals, and to bring about a general stagnation of promotion, for stop by the way, and a rust in the spirit impedes the progress of the army.

The general idea has certainly been that the principal privileged enjoyed a highly detrimental to the spirit of the army, that they imposed practical hardships upon officers of the line; and, acting upon this belief, a Royal commission recommended that "the rank of colonel should be given to officers to the line after serving for three years with the rank of lieutenant-colonel." But that, though through arrangement, the number of colonels put the Guard for distinguished services, the rate of promotion has been accelerated in the regiments of the line, the Guards raise a grave complaint that they are the victims of a system which they are pushing on behalf of the principal privileged.

The Guards are, however, somewhat anxious, and they are not the only ones who are.

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