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—\$\$\$—

The advice of fools I'll ne'er respect,
Who say that truth should bind me;
All stranger beauties to reject
For the girl I left behind me.

Such dotards' rules I value not;
Though constant men may chide me,
All absent maids shall be forgot,
For the girl I have beside me.

To her I left, when I'm away,
Some youth his hand may proffer;
And who, that woman knows, will say
She won't accept the offer.

So, then, lest this should be the case,
'Tis wisdom to provide me,
And give the absent maiden's place
To the girl I have beside me.

The feelings bygone scenes impart,
By mental retrospection,
Instead of making glad the heart,
Oft sink into dejection.

But oh! no matter what my grief,
Or what the woes beside me,
There's one whose presence brings relief—
'Tis the girl I have beside me.

And if that she and I e'er may
By fate be caused to sever;
(But may that soul-distressing day—
Till death brings it—be never.)

I say, if such should come to pass,
May fortune then provide me
With such another lovely lass
As the girl I have beside me.

For I, no matter where I stay,
Must still have one to cheer me;
And not those dainties far away—
But one residing near me.

At this platonic lovers start,
And vow they can't abide me;
But I can never withhold my heart
From the girl I have beside me.

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the true and legitimate Khan, and Fazry to

be his wife. The devotion of Kara Aly to

Kara Aly was unqualified; she loved him sincerely

and entirely, and as he states, never was

aware that her father and brothers fell by his

hand; nor did she know in what country she

was actually living. Kara Aly told her that

her father and brothers were still living in Ka-

zan, and that she was in the midst of the

mountains of Kirgis Taj. Not one of the bri-

gands dared venture to deceive her, "for,"

says Moussouni, "Kara Aly had a good yata-

gan, and a hand ever ready for punishment."

Moussouni agrees with Kara Aly as to the

number of the band, and equally declares that

no sort of understanding existed between him

and the inhabitants, and that nobody, except

his chief, knew where the treasure was

concealed. To this statement he has con-

stantly adhered.

Three of the brigands taken on the day of

the attack upon the cavern—Kendjibek,

aged 76; Munag, 24; and Saharin, 20—were

natives of Kajsak Kirgis, deserters from the

16th regiment of Oural Cossacks. They state

that, having been sent in search of Kara Aly,

they had been made prisoners by him, and

under those circumstances had consented to

serve under him. In all particulars their de-

positions are extremely like those of Mouss-

ouni.

Twan Rubtchenko, aged 23 years, Oural

Cossack of the 16th regiment, is questioned in

a similar manner to the previous prisoners,

and gives precisely similar answers; but he

states, in addition, that from time to time the

Kara Kirgis—that is, the independent Black

Kirgis—came to see Kara Aly, and that he

was sometimes absent from the cavern ten

days. Kara Aly was confronted with Yvan

Rubtchenko, denied the whole of the state-

ment, which so alarmed him, that he dared

not repeat what he had said, the truth of

which, it must be confessed, none of the oth-

ers who were accused in any degree con-

firmed.

We now come to, perhaps, the most inter-

esting part of this most curious case, and that

is the examination of the beautiful Fazry

herself.

"Fazry," says the reporter, "is lovely be-

hind description; her eyes are full of intellect

and expression, her features are somewhat

strongly developed, with her dark com-

plexion, give an additional expression of grief

and depression to her fine countenance. She

is now about twenty years of age, and profes-

ses the Mahometan religion."

The Captain Ispravnik commenced his

examination:—

"Q. Fazry, why have you thus followed

the fortunes of the murderer of your father

and your brothers?

Fazry replied, bathed in tears, that she was

up to the time of her capture ignorant of their

fate; but then, rising her beautiful counte-

nance with an air of decision and resolution,

she added, "I had known that they were

dead; I should still have remained with Kara

Aly; he is so noble, handsome, and I love

him so much. I love him still—father—

brothers forgive me!" and she again burst

into tears.

"Q. And where have you been since you

left your father's house?

"A. In the subterranean castle, inherited

by Kara Aly from his royal ancestors. It did

not contain splendid rooms, like those in my

father's house, but Kara Aly was there.

"Q. Are you aware of the robberies which

have been committed by Kara Aly?

"A. Robberies!—you speak falsely—Kara

Aly is no robber; he made war upon his en-

emies.

"Q. Did you ever see his subjects?

"A. The wife of a Khan does not degrade

herself by looking at his subjects. I saw only

five servants, who are your prisoners of war.

"Q. Do you know where the treasures of

Kara Aly are concealed?

"A. The wife of a Khan does not trouble

herself with such matters. He never knew

what was his. Let me see him!—my hus-

band—my master!—and you will see me

happy."

"No further discovery was made by Fa-

zry. The interview which she requested

with Kara Aly was refused.

"From the examination of the country peo-

ple nothing more was elicited calculated to

throw any further light upon the subject; but

it is generally believed that Kara Aly had no

accomplices, and that the Mahometan inha-

bitants of the district of Zamzek and the Gov-

ernment of Kazan were in no degree impli-

cated in the crime committed by him or his

followers.

(Signed) SZATOF, Captain Ispravnik.

"Dated Dec. 10, 1837, "Trazoff, Assessor,

in the town of Zanjek." "JOURNAL, Sec.

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