

The Chronicle.

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one bird in the snare," said another, "at the cry of the hawk is but double. Where are the *hounds*—the *piqueurs*?"
"A hawk," said the former; "but the *vouette* round Hale Ram's waist, where it will be to give our new gosse a quiet sleeping-ground."

"I was not ignorant that the *vouette*, or *keel*, was the name whence those vigilante strength, bold, and *audacious* of I observed four stem issue from that *ouvre* single. The Thugs hailed each other with affected joy, pretending that by some mischance they had wandered from their proper path."

"And lo! brethren," said one of the newest arrivals, "we had the good fortune to meet a fellow traveller, who is willing, for the sake of society, to accompany us to Nagore, and who is in fact, on the look-out for a *lodge* to let. Major Prince Albert, the Duchess of Kent, and the Royal Family were then conducted over a crimson covered flooring or path-way, along the entire broad-side of the ship to her bows, the Company being received by the Lord Chamberlain, the Name of Abercromby, the Duke of the Admiralty, and foreign ministers. Sir James Graham then explained the different matters connected with the launch to Her Majesty.

At the stage at the bow of the vessel which was also covered with crimson cloth, Sir James Graham explained to Her Majesty the manner in which the christening of the floating ark of this country was performed by breaking a bottle of wine from her parents, as they were proceeding to Secularis. You remember the auspicious men, accompanied by a female, who implored our interference, but was prevented by them from informing us what he had done who was to be christened. Well, they talked all day of going on to Oropus to-night, and if we are ever by the first cry of the gong in the morning we may chance to come upon them before they start; and none of us will grudge to assist one another here, if the girl should prove the "right one."

"The stranger, whom countenance I could not discern, expressed his thanks, and the party seemed busily preparing to bivouac for the night, when a young maiden, who had been carried away by a bottle of wine from her parents, as they were proceeding to Secularis. You remember the auspicious men, accompanied by a female, who implored our interference, but was prevented by them from informing us what he had done who was to be christened. Well, they talked all day of going on to Oropus to-night, and if we are ever by the first cry of the gong in the morning we may chance to come upon them before they start; and none of us will grudge to assist one another here, if the girl should prove the "right one."

"Perhaps our brother will drink first?" said he, offering it to the stranger, who rejecting it with a smile, and a desire to repose himself, and made a movement.

"Stop friend said the Thug: "We're fit mates there. Hale Ram will bring the large extra mast." At this moment Hale Ram stood directly in front of me, and a pace behind the victim, who was as we others, in a sitting posture. I saw that but one method was left me; and as I beheld the coiled up noose in the hands of the executioner, presented my pistol at his head. In another instant the fatal scarf was thrown—fired—gave the signal for attack—and in less than five minutes the whole, with the exception of our man, were in our power. I found the victim—the other, as long ago this you have guessed, than Hale Khan—struggling on the ground, the noose round his neck, but without having occasioned any serious injury. Hale Ram, shot through the very topmost principle of his particularly high *pragre* (turban), lay howling behind him; and his comrades, to a man, were in a condition of despicable panic. The jewels which Halez, with a ridiculous ostentation, wore about his person, had excited their curiosity; but their nooses in this cause of Thugge are over. Halez will accompany me to your camp to-morrow. Another day terminated, and we hope to be off to you if you have not already succeeded. Your Father appears to be a daring fellow."

In this letter, but did not immediately satisfaction of obtaining the command of the Nargis—perfectly recovered from all the fatigues with which his strange and perilous adventure had for a time overwhelmed him—to interpret the intelligence it contained to mean that a very graceful creature she was! A very comely, diminutive dignified girl; and, although a Mussooriee, not controlling that frequent variety of good Miss. Wulff had in some measure, influenced her opinions regarding the *sabotage* (British genre) most favorably. But my tale is almost told.

In a few hours Halez was my guest, and Captain Crawford, fine fellow as he was, assured me that there would be no future sacrifice of human life at the Pagoda; and I have reason to know that he kept his word. Nevertheless, there was a report that the head Brahmin of that establishment had died during the celebration of an important holy rite, which was interpreted as an omen of the most unfavorable kind.

Safely arrived at head-quarters, it was not many weeks thereafter when in lines of our regiment a grand festival was held on the occasion of the *shadi*, or marriage of Hale Khan, newly promoted bawaliar, to the adopted daughter of the retired Soubadar, his father. And now that some ten years have passed since then, I can truthfully assure my readers, that both Halez and his son, the still lovely Nargis—are alive and well in each other's company.

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