

A STORY WITHOUT END, The Nystery of Iwo [Beirgs] Who Crossed

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the Narrator's Path. It was on the 2nd of January, 1879, that Gen. Roberts left Hazar Pir Ziarat to subdue the Khost district, an unsophisticated country where the revenue had hitherto been collected in copper, and, up to this date, the semblance of the rupee had not been knowr.

Harar lir Zisrat (the shrine of a thousand saints-literally old men) was hardly even a vilige; and only the day preceeding some six or seven had been added to the number of saints, as a batch of murderous marauders had been exeecuted; and, dying in the faith, shouting the fatmah, and acknowledging nothing; but piety in their attempts on infidel lite, their corpses had doubtless rendered their graves sanct fied ground, and so added to the Ziarat-in these parts a holy grove, generally of olive, to tell which is desecration

At the Tenth Hussars spread cheerily into order covering the advance, their bright pouch belt buckles (the last glitter left atter even stirrups had been dulled) sparkling in the bright sunlight as they threaded among the camel thorn sprinkled over the plain, the writer diverged from the a ivance, having to convoy with a small escort of cavalry and infantry a long train of some 900 entty camels ordered to the advance base to fill up with supples. My way lay among hills bordering the right bank of the Kurrum River, and I soon lost sight of the force moving on Matoun, and finished the day's march without any adventure. On the third of January the incidents befell which I now seek to narrate.

In a lovely valley a party of my Sikh infantry brought before me a Pathan prisoner saying: "Here is a man who has been caught concealing his arms; it has been ordered by Gen. Roberts that all such shall be dispatched. May we kill him? Now, this was a hard saying.

The young man appeared by his headgear to be a Waziri, a not untriendly tribe which, however, turnished not a few lawless depredators His only arm was the long Atghan knife, necessary for bis own protection, perhaps, and in the cold weather it appeared not unnatural that he should wrap himself in his thin outre colets, upon their return, the necessary supplies for the camp are placed. One of these

buckets is painted a bright red color and

kept clean.

ored scart worn somewhat after the fastion ot a plaid. Hs face was handsome, open, and tearless; but such was the mien of all Afghans-often seen on the most cold-blooded fiends.

I could not, however, though determined to fu'fil the spirit of instructions, at once hand him over to the bayonet, and saying "Oh. his knife is only for harmless use or protection." I took it from him and drew it. It was thickly coated with fairly tresh blood.

For a moment I could have handed him over to death, but reason told me that this was no additional evidence of murder. He might have slain a goat or steep, he might have met an enemy in fair fight-questions, of course, were useless. Finally with misgivings as to whether I was strictly obeying orders, and amid the scowls and murmurs of the Sikhs, who were quite strange to my command, I gave the young man back his knife, and sent him on his

He left graceful and courteously, showing neither in his smiling face for in his elastic gait one single sign of guilt or fear, and soon his erect figure was lost to my view over the brow of a low bill.

Some hours of march tollowed, and the care of massing the long, unweildy line of camels in a column on each small plain, before again filing the next pass, a precaution necessary to enable my rear guard to be within ball, in case of attack on so tempting and easy a prey, fully absorbed me, and drove the preceding incident clean from my head.

Suddenly I became aware of a young Pa hangrl running beside my horse and holding up to me a silver ring set with a turquoise. This seemed to me a very uausual act from a Mussulman and a Pathan, where seclusion is so srictly the rule, and I had no idea as to the m aning she withed to convey, my Pushtoo b ing unequal to the dialect she spoke, and, indeed, scanty enough stall times. However, sceing that I was meant to take the ring, I did so, the pirl(about 17) showing that she meant I should take it from her. Even then she made no effort to leave, and so, imagining perhaps that she wanted money for some purpose, I offered her a tew rupces, which she refused petulantly. I turned to the Hindu sowars who rode behind me and asked what it al meant, but they only laughed unpleasantly, as it to say, "What (an a Mussulman and a women mean except what is contemp ible?' so that, angry at their scorn and possible misconceptions, I flung the girl back her ring, and bade her begor e She lett muttering, and apparently still anxious to explain; but a troop of horsemen now appeared on the plain, and whir ing their long lances round their heads, cantered shouting toward us. The Sikh infantry closed their files and prepared to receive them, and I went torward to reconcotre them more closely.

They turned out to he a triendly "jirgah," or deputation, seeking Gen. Roberts; but this fresh incident drove the last again from my thought, and lat r on I con luded my march without further befalling.

It was not till weeks after that I thought of connecting the act of the girl with a possible wish to express gratitude for the husband or lover who had 'such a narrow escape at my hands. But I rever heard any further explanation, nor did those who knew best the Alfghan character think this



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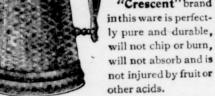
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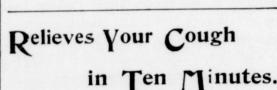
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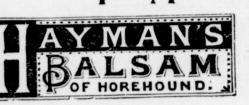
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"Think of what ?"

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"I don't see any proof. You merely met a lady whom you had met before and recalled yourself to her. There wasn't any proof in that."

Wasn't there?" and the drummer laughed. "Think a minute. You know I don't three or four merchants I sell to here, and them only in a business way. I never was at the German Ambassdor's in my life, nor any of those other places I mentioned. I have read of them in the newspapers, that's all. And the lady ? Why, she doesn't live in this town at all. Didn't you hear ber order her packages sent to the train to meet her? I never saw her before. Just the same when she saw a well-dressed man identifying her as a member of the fashionable set of the capital, and hnew the clerks and other women were hearing it, too, she let it go at that and never said a word to correct me. She never was at any of those places any more than I was, but she was too vain to deny it, even though she had to lie to maintain her position. See ?"-Washington Star.

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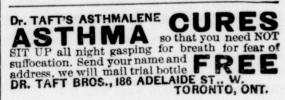
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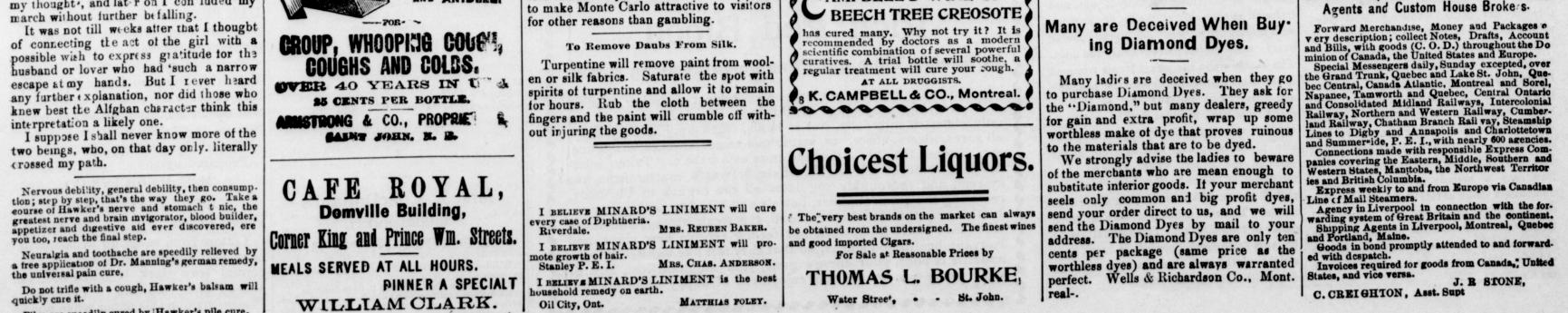
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