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## THE LONELY GUARD,

BY

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(Continued.)

After the hardships of march and camp or the monotony of garrison-drill, my troops must have found their life at Rohn easy indeed, but it was otherwise with their commander. My men had but little difficulty in coming to an amiable understanding with the servants of the castle, but as days went by the relations between me and the Countess remained unchanged. Being responsible for the safety—nay, having had their welfare particularly confided to me by the Queen—I had visited them before noon, but though I stayed little more than a minute in the room, and never ventured to enter unannounced, they took no pains to hide that they looked upon my appearance as an unwarrantable intrusion, a graceless assertion of my power. At times I met them about the castle when the younger would incline her head in answer to my bow, but the Countess Inez was studious in ignoring my presence, nor would she hold any communication with me. It was the Countess Elia that answered any inquiry I had to make in the course of duty, either verbally or by letter, which latter was, as a rule, written by Father Johann, the chaplain, at her dictation.

But for this good man I should have found the early days of my stay at Rohn intolerable. For the first four-and-twenty hours of my occupation of the castle, he had looked upon me with awe, with no little dread, but finding, simple soul, that every soldier is not of necessity cast in the mould of those fire-eaters that in peace, and as a rule, in war, disgrace an honorable calling, speedily made overtures of friendship. As for this Father Johann, he had a mind that set small store by the events of today. Of the ancients, their wars and policies, his head was a very storehouse of the campaigns of Philip, the Macedonian, Hannibal and Caesar, he could prate for hours; the aims of the great Alexander, of Greek kings and Roman emperors were as clear to him and of far greater importance than His Majesty the Emperor Charles the Sixth's Pragmatic Sanction. Verily, I believe, that so far as this modern world of ours is concerned his interest was centred in the Countesses, their garden, and the few hives of bees that were ranged beneath the northern wall. Of his bees he never weaned, the garden was his pride, but to the ladies Inez and Elia he was devoted; nor bees, nor flowers, nor musty books in the library, nor his breviary, held a deeper place than those women in the heart that beat warm beneath the rusty old casement.

He was bent and white-haired with a thin, drawn face tanned by the sun. His eyes were deep-sunk, very dark and very brilliant, and he spoke the German tongue in a fashion that led me to suppose he had spent much of his life far from the valley that knew him in the evening of his days.

Of himself, he said but little—his family name I never heard—and was always referred to in the castle as Father Johann.

Often have I seen him in the evening hours, when the sun sunk westward and the evening wind blew soft o'er bed and border, walking between those two ladies, his wizened old hands in theirs. Now and again he would look up tenderly at the Countess, and at times the laughter would die on their lips, the mirth from their proud faces, and the heads, deepest brown and ruddy chestnut, would droop; but he said to me, I know not, but he spoke, I wis, of other matters than of dead

## Watch The Stomach.

HAVE YOU ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS?

constipated bowels with alternate diarrhoea, are you gloomy and miserable?

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peated, my voice throbbed back by the echo from across the valley, but none answered my demand. Bidding my men continue knocking, I hurried to the further side of the building in the hope of gaining access by a smaller door which I had previously noticed. Alack, it was locked as fast as its fellow, my blows upon its solid panels met with no better success than before, and in sheer desperation it crossed my mind that at the worst, I might gain an entrance by main force, when I was startled by a plaintive cry and the brushing of a soft body against my rain-soaked boots.

Yes, there was a cat purring loudly between my feet, a great grey cat with yellow staring eyes. I stooped to stroke it, but in a moment it slipped from my grasp leapt lightly upon a roof that sloped to within nine feet of the ground, scrambled up it and springing upon the sill of an upper window, crouched down in the twilight and began to mew piteously.

Poor beast, I pitied it, doubtless deserted by the last occupants of the house, yet I could not fail to remark that this cat was no starveling but well-fed, plump and of a good coat, in spite of its present bedraggled appearance.

Doubtless, thought I, the forest game pay toll to its claws and teeth, and the next moment I found myself wondering why, instead of sheltering amid the trees I should have the sturn to crouch on that rain-swept sill.

As I glanced upwards at the cat upon the ledge, I fancied that the shutter quivered, that I caught the sound of metal on metal. Eagerly I strained my eyes in the twilight and saw nothing, but the shutter was answered by the beast itself. Rising with arched back it rubbed against the chequered panes, redoubting its mewling, and then before my eyes the shutter swung inward slowly, the casement opened and a hand—a child's hand I judged by the size—was stretched towards the cat.

"Hold!" cried I in amazement, stepping out from the shelter of the wall. "Art thou deaf to our knocking? We are travellers who seek shelter for a while from the storm."

It seemed that the child, or whoever it might be at the window, was deaf indeed, alike to my words as to blows, for as the animal crouched through the opening the window was shut to quickly, and the shutter as swiftly swung into its place.

Out of all patience that cat should shiver in the rain, while a cat found shelter, I called to my troops and springing by their help upon the sloping roof I scrambled upwards to the further wall and through the quivering shutter slipped with moss and lichen, I reached the window and without the smallest scruple began prying the casement with my sword.

It was long before the window was opened, though it cost me the ruin of my blade which by ill chance snapped of three inches from the point, and my knuckles beating a tattoo upon the shutter. This was of oak, heavy, and as I laid my hand upon a bar upon the further side, but I was in no mood to stand on ceremony and to the mirth of my men who had clamoured to my side, was about to try rougher measures, when suddenly a child's voice sounded from behind the boards.

Its tones were piteous and pleading. "Gentlemen, forbear, begone, Ye cannot enter. I may not open."

"Not open, child?" cried I in a voice somewhat softer than my temper prompted. "And wherefore? We are travellers, the bone and would learn of our whereabouts go, open the door and give us shelter."

"Nay, sir, nay," came the piteous voice in reply. "Should my father know of my coming he would surely beat me and slay me."

Roughly I laughed as I stood in the twilight clutching the sill.

"Unbar the door, little one, or the shutter at least. No harm shall happen to thee or me. If thy father slay me, the Empress will hang him and if he be dead, I will hang him; so take heart and unbar."

But still the maiden hesitated, though I heard the stay grate in its socket.

"But ye are robbers perchance?" faltered she, as if seeking excuse to deny us entrance.

"Nay, little one, but we are Austrians in these woods."

"Austrians?" said she doubtfully.

"Aye, and what's more, we will pay thy father for shelter for ourselves and our steeds."

Within we could hear the rasp of steel on flint and then little by little the shutter was drawn back, and facing us in the narrow window opening was a maiden, blue-eyed, flaxen haired, who, shielding her face from the daylight, peered out at us in evident alarm.

(To be Continued.)

A weak Stomach, means weak Stomach nerves, always. And this is also true of the Heart and Kidneys. It's a pity that sick ones continue to neglect the Stomach, the Heart and Kidneys.

Weak nerves, not the organs themselves, need this help. This explains why Dr. Sloop's Restorative has, and is promptly helping so many sick ones. It goes direct to the cause of these weaknesses. Test this vital truth, and see. Sold by all Druggists.

THE SCARGOAT.

(Brooklyn Eagle).

Harry Orchard's plea of guilty to an indictment charging the killing of Frank Steunenberg, governor of Idaho, Orchard escapes the gallows by withdrawing his former plea of not guilty and substituting that filed yesterday in the courtroom at Boise.

In his confession Orchard implicated William D. Haywood, Charles H. Moyer and George A. Pettibone. Haywood was secretary, Moyer President and Pettibone a member of the Western Federation of Miners. All these were indicted with Orchard for the murder of Steunenberg.

Orchard, as a witness at the trial of Haywood, told a circumstantial story involving not only the crime for which the defendant was arraigned, but others of even greater atrocity. He told that story coolly, deliberately and with a precision as to names, dates and places that made a profound impression on all who heard him. Corroboration of what he said by other witnesses was not sufficient for the jury, and Orchard was acquitted. No better case could be made against Pettibone, and he, with Moyer, also went free.

Every known incident in Orchard's career of villainy revealed the active association with him of other scoundrels. He was obviously one of the Western Federation of Miners against the organized mine owners of the West. Those who people are cannot now be established by law. The state is done with Orchard. He goes to prison for the rest of his life. Those who hired him to kill must be left to the chastisement of their consciences and to the inevitable penalties of divine retribution. Still, human nature is weak enough to regret that the justice of man in this case is balked of all except its one scapegoat.

An average yield of ginger in Jamaica is about 2,000 pounds an acre.

## SPORTING

### ON THE SPEEDWAY AT MILLIDGEVILLE

Yesterday afternoon witnessed some good horse racing over the Millidgeville course. The weather was fine and the tracks in excellent condition, the followers of the sport were out in large numbers. A little after 1 o'clock those to take part in the afternoon's racing could be seen wending their way to the speedway.

The card contained a free-for-all and a 2.30 trot. Wilkes Boy, Thomas Hayes' fast performer, made his initial appearance on the speedway in the free-for-all. Stanley Williams' pacer, Lord Minto, was also given his first start of the season. The old favorite, Black Diamond, with none other than James himself holding the ribbons, proved to be the winner of this class.

First heat—After some scoring the horses were sent away with Lord Minto leading for some distance. Diamond was going strong and steady and soon closed the gap, winning the heat by about two lengths with Minto second and Wilkes Boy third.

Second heat—On the second score the horses were given the word and started down the line at a fast clip. Minto and Diamond were having it for some distance when Minto went away to a break Diamond kept his clip winning the heat by about a length. Minto second and Wilkes Boy a close third.

Lord Minto drew after the second heat on account of an injury done a tendon. This left Diamond and Wilkes Boy to have it out. The third heat—Diamond was going strong and steady and soon closed the gap, winning the heat by about two lengths with Minto second and Wilkes Boy third.

Fourth heat—On the second score the horses were sent away and made a pretty race down the line. Dan D. winning by about half a length.

Summary—Free-for-All.

Black Diamond, blk g., Jas. Flood, 1 1 1  
Lord Minto, b. g., S. Williams, 2 2 2  
Wilkes Boy, blk g., Thomas Hayes, 3 3 3  
Black Diamond, first money; Wilkes Boy, second.

2.35 Trot.

Dan D. b. e., E. B. Sprague, first heat.  
Winne Mac, g., M. F. Emery, first heat.

The ice, it is hoped, will be good for Saturday afternoon and the horsemen are looking for another day's racing. The following started in the 2.35 trot: Starter, R. D. Coles, clerk of course, Harry Short, judges, Walter Campbell, George Smith and Wm. Forbes.

Connolly Bested McKinnon.

Portland, Me., March 17—Barley Connolly, of Portland, and Bill McKinnon, of Boston, in a bout of six rounds this evening. Connolly landed the first blow, a left to face, and from that to the end of the last round the men were fighting or in a clinch. There was no attempt made to give a scientific exhibition.

Unk Russell Wins.

Philadelphia, Mar. 16—Unk Russell bested Willie Fitzgerald tonight at the West End A. C. in a fast bout. The fight was twice stopped on account of low blows.

In the first round Russell hit Fitz low, and in the fifth round he was having all the better of it, Russell got in a low blow and Fitz was given 30 seconds to rest. Then the bout continued, and it finished with both men fighting hard.

They made an even bout of it in the first round. In the second Russell had an advantage, but in the next round Fitz evened matters.

It was in the fourth that Unk took a decided lead, landing at will, and forcing Fitz to clinch. In the fifth Russell had the better of it, and although Fitz fought back hard in the sixth he could not offset Russell's advantage.

BASKET BALL.

Last evening in the Algonquin rooms the Outcasts of the intermediate league defeated the Tramps, of Exmouth street Y. M. C. A. The Outcasts won in the last minute of play, the score being 26-24.

Barton, of the champion St. Stephen team, played with the Outcasts. George Emery refereed in a very satisfactory manner.

Tonight, in St. Stephen's rooms, a double-header will be played. The first game will be between St. Stephen's, the champions of the church league, and the Algonquin, the leaders of the intermediate league. A very exciting game is expected.

The second game will be between St. George's and the Outcasts. The first game will be called at 8 o'clock. George Emery will be referee.

HOCKEY.

Campbellton Defeats Chatham.

Campbellton, N. B., March 18—(Special)—In the most closely contested hockey game ever witnessed on Campbellton ice, the home team, the Wanderers, defeated the Miramichis, of Chatham, tonight.

The game started at 8 p. m. The Wanderers scored after about five minutes' play. Craiwell and O'Keefe, the Campbellton stars, rushed matters, and when the bell rang at the end of the first period, the score stood 6 to 0 in favor of Campbellton. O'Keefe was suspended for a few minutes in the second half, during which time Morrison and Synott scored two goals for Chatham.

C. F. Clare refereed the game in a very satisfactory manner.

This is the second time in six years that Chatham has been defeated. After the match Synott, of Chatham, raced Leclouffe.

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Second Letter in his "Letters to the Family" dealing with

CANADA

and the Canadians, entitled

"The Relatives at Work"

"Here is a people," he says, "with no people at their backs, driving the great world plow which wins the world's bread up and up over the shoulder of the world—a spectacle, as it might be, out of some tremendous Norse legend."

(The first letter appeared in Collier's for March 14th)

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ALL NEWS-STANDS

## YESTERDAY IN PARLIAMENT

### Premier Laurier Blocks Mr. Borden's Proposal as to Reform in By-Elections --- Anti-Cigarette Motion Still Before the House.

Ottawa, March 18.—In reply to Dr. Daniel, Mr. Brodeur in parliament today said the total cost of the submarine naval apparatus installed off Negro Point was \$23,811.

In answer to G. W. Ganong, Mr. Brodeur said that no information was received in the department regarding the erection of a wharf at Lepreau.

The bill of Mr. MacDonald (Pictou) to amend the railway act, passed through committee and was read a third time. It provides that government railways shall be exactly in the same position in respect to liability for damage as company lines.

It was a quiet day in the house after yesterday. The most of the afternoon was taken up with the second reading of a bill to amend the railway act to facilitate the crossing of railway tracks by telephone or telegraph wires or water mains. The premier said that many of the provisions were provided for in the bill introduced by the minister of railways. The bill was read a second time.

Mr. Borden moved the second reading of his bill to amend the house of commons act. The bill provided that a writ to fill a vacancy in the commons should be issued within ninety days of the vacancy, so as to avoid any long disfranchisement of a constituency. The bill was the same as the Ontario act.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that there was no real necessity for the bill, judging from what happened since Confederation. All vacancies were filled before the house met. The premier pointed out some instances in which the putting in force of an act of that kind would be too drastic and have by-elections going on a few days before general dominion contest. He asked the

leader of the opposition to leave it over until the bill of the minister of justice, in reference to the dominion elections was up, which Mr. Borden agreed to.

The resolution for papers in connection with the Georgian Bay canal was adopted.

Mr. Sinclair's bill to amend the fisheries act was considered in committee. This bill does away with the appointment of fishery officers to act as justices of the peace and therefore sit on cases in which they were interested. At present they are all ex-officio justices of the peace. Progress was reported.

The debate on cigarette smoking was resumed by Dr. Black, of Hants, who supported the resolution. Everybody, he said, would agree that cigarette smoking was injurious to boys. If a man smokes a pipe or cigar he did not see how he could differentiate, and say that he should not smoke a cigarette. If he smoked a pipe then he could smoke a cigarette. He was prepared to go a long way to prevent boys smoking cigarettes.

Mr. Loggie, Northumberland, supported the resolution, stating that the father should forbid the cigarette and stick to the pipe, if he did smoke. Two or three others spoke and the debate was again thrown over.

While making an ash sled-runner, recently, E. T. Saintonge, of Brunswick (Me.), found the bottom of a beer bottle imbedded in the heart of the piece of wood. It must have been there fully five years.

Edward Rennie, of Halifax, has been granted a United States patent, through Marion & Marion, Montreal and Washington for a shoe-