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THE HIDDEN RANSOM.

Story of an American's Experience in Italy.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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Rowland Hill, a young American, was walking one morning on the Via Caracciolo at Naples. On one hand was the park, teeming with tropical plants, statuary and fountains. On the other were the waves of the Mediterranean, splashing against the sea wall that protects the street from their encroachment. Far out on the bay the sun was shining on the haze enveloped island of Capri, casting a white light on the water directly beneath it, causing it to appear as if resting on a sea of silver.

But Rowland Hill, though an artist, thought nothing of this. His mind was occupied with a misfortune which had happened him several years before and which had separated him from the girl he loved. His head was bowed, and he did not notice either the beautiful scene or the people he met. But suddenly one of those strange mental influences for which we cannot account caused him to look up. His eyes met those of a man he immediately recognized and who recognized him. Hill started; the man scowled. Hill advanced a step, and the man put his hand under his coat as if for a weapon, then said in Italian:

"If you inform the police you die!"

On the other side of the street two men in cocked hats (such as the great Napoleon wore) and long military cloaks emerged from the park. They were government policemen. Hill made a dash for them, and as soon as his opponent took in the situation he, too, ran like a deer. He was too late. Hill pointed to him, the officers gave chase, and he was captured.

"Who is he?" asked his captor.

"Luigi Binetti!"

Great was the surprise of the government officials when they learned that the most desperate bandit that had ever infested the environs of Naples had ventured into the city, had been recognized and arrested. His capture was most interesting to the man who had brought it about. Rowland Hill five years before had gone from America to Florence to study art. His father had recently left him \$30,000. In Florence the young man had met Signorina Bianca Favari of an aristocratic family, dwelling on the Parco Margherita, which climbs the cliffs back of Naples. To Naples he followed her, proposed and was accepted.

Hill was fond of roaming and one day while walking on a lonely road near the village of Casoria, not far from Naples, was taken by the bandit, Luigi Binetti, carried to the neighboring mountains and held a prisoner. Meanwhile the bandit went to Naples, learned the exact amount of his captive's fortune and gave him the choice between turning it in as a ransom or death. Hill arranged for the conversion of his property into gold and its transfer to the bandit. He returned to Naples a free man, but he had lost not only his fortune, but his love. Signor Favari declined to permit his daughter to marry a penniless man.

From that day till he met his captor on the Via Caracciolo the American lived a wretched life, and, though he did not know it, Bianca was equally miserable. The bandit was executed. But this only satisfied Hill's craving for revenge. Before the execution Luigi Binetti told his jailer that he had hidden in the cliffs behind Castellamare, some fifteen miles south of Naples, a treasure that he would give him provided he would secure him a pardon. The jailer did not believe his story, but passed it on to Hill later on.

Now, when Hill had been liberated by the bandit a bandage was taken from his eyes, and he found himself on the high rocks overlooking Castellamare from the south. The description of the place where the robber had claimed he had hidden the treasure corresponded with the spot where Hill had been kept a captive. He had walked or been carried blindfolded for half a day from the place before being liberated. He believed that the hidden treasure was his own gold and that it was located in the neighborhood of Castellamare.

Hill searched the heights about Castellamare for weeks, when one morning in a quick some distance behind and far above the town he came to an excavation in the rock partly built up in its front that he judged might have once been a Roman peasant's abode. Like a flash it came to him that it had been the place of his captivity. Within he found scratched on the rocky wall a rude drawing of an anvil, from which pointed an arrow in a north-easterly direction and the figures 100. Seizing at once the idea that this was a key to the hiding place of the treasure, he proceeded—the distance was 100 paces—to a rock which bore some resemblance to the drawing. Digging at its base, he soon came to a flat stone beneath which glittered every dollar of his ransom.

Returning to Naples, he reported his find to Signor Favari, who withdrew his opposition to the match between the young American and his daughter, and there was a brilliant wedding up on the Parco Margherita, at which the best citizens were present.

The story of Roland Hill's achievement reaching the ears of the king of Italy, the American was invited to reorganize the detective system of the kingdom on the American plan, but declined. He did not have confidence in the mental construction of the Italian race producing American results.

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