

MR. PARKER

IT WAS during the period when, at certain German baths, the visitors were of all nationalities. Such are the baths where the tedium of the cure is enlivened by the various games of chance. At the particular time of which I write Homburg was crowded, and although the season could scarcely be said fairly to have begun, it was rumored and believed (even upon the authority of the newspapers) that Count B—, an Italian nobleman, had lost the whole of his inheritance, some- where in the neighborhood of a million lire. But the count kept his head, and regained the greater part of his fortune, which had been won from him by a French actress to whom he was devoted. He married the actress, and thus got his revenge.

Among the visitors to Homburg, a young married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Parker—were direct from London—attracted great attention. Mr. Parker was a man of remarkably elegant manners. He was tall, well built, blond, in short a splendid representative of the English gentleman. He had large, dreamy blue eyes, and a remarkably fine set of teeth, most of which he displayed when his lips parted in a smile. From which it will be gathered that his mouth was not small.

Mrs. Parker, on the occasion of her first appearance on the promenade, had attracted the attention, the surprise, and, it must be confessed, the envy of the rest of the ladies. They maintained, in opposition to the men, that all the credit for Mrs. Parker's appearance should be given to the wonderful skill of English tailors, who could transform such a figure as Mrs. Parker evidently naturally possessed into that of a Juno. Mr. Parker, on the other hand (so, at least, the ladies maintained), was so splendidly developed that he did not need to depend on the art and skill of his tailor. Those ladies who had seen Mrs. Parker bathing told wonderful stories of her marvelous red brown hair, which hung in profusion below her waist, and which, when drying in the sun, shone like burnished gold. The fact that the lady had a small mole on her neck was no longer a secret after the third day of her stay at Homburg.

Mr. Parker had the greatest contempt for gambling in which he could not be tempted to indulge, and he took no interest in the gambling table, while he attracted attention by the regularity with which he devoted himself to pistol practice in the southern part of the hotel grounds. By the second day all the visitors had heard wonderful stories of his marvelous skill.

Mr. Parker confessed to two weaknesses—elephant hunting and philantropy. To the former he was so devoted that he passed a part of each year in India. His philantropic undertakings found employment for him during the winter. He spoke of an orphanage which he had founded and endowed at Hamarby, county of York, England, and made no secret of the fact that it was his pet life scheme to further its interests. To that end he devoted much time and a considerable part of his fortune. When speaking of the matter he was inclined to underrate the sacrifices he made, and he treated as trifling the money which he devoted to the development of the orphanage.

His daily pistol practice he continued without interruption. It did not incommode him in the least when the visitors crowded around to witness his skill. Of their applause he took no notice, nor did he allow himself to be drawn into anything approaching an exhibition.

A certain trifling service which a young baron had the opportunity of rendering to Mrs. Parker gave the youthful nobleman the chance of making the acquaintance of the beautiful Englishwoman. Three weeks before, the baron in question has arrived in Homburg, accompanied by his mother. The object of his visit was to restore his health, which had been completely undermined by his fast life. His mother, a prematurely aged woman, was absolutely devoted to her boy, and allowed her devotion most touchingly. But the son had a by no means agreeable time. In the first place, the diversions in Homburg were not, according to his ideas, numerous, and besides, under the watchful eye of a dotting mother, he found himself considerably trammelled. He had managed on the quiet to play a little, and that with success, and in a quarter of an hour he had won a sum which to such a young fellow was a small fortune. Only Mrs. Parker, to whom at the second meeting he had, boylike, opened his heart, knew how much he had won. The whole affair was carefully kept secret from the mother.

The baron was most devoted in his attention to Mrs. Parker, and showed quite plainly that he had fallen a victim to her charms. The lady herself, who took not the slightest interest in her husband's pistol shooting, accepted the advances of the baron very readily. She was seen with him a great deal, and his elegant Olendorf English seemed to afford her much pleasure. As she was rarely seen with her husband, the rest of the ladies became scandalized in a very short time. The admiration which Mrs. Parker had at first excited gave place to mild contempt, and there was much whispering of shoulders among the women. The men, instead of referring to Mr. Parker as a devilish nice chap, began to say: "A most remarkable husband," for he alone seemed to have no suspicion of what was happening, and quietly continued his pistol practice.

The catastrophe followed sooner than was generally expected. In the eyes of Homburg Mrs. Parker had compromised herself. An ugly rumor, started one evening, had by the follow-

ing morning grown, as such rumors will grow. Everybody heard it, and, last of all, the wronged husband. He did what any other man would have done in his place—challenged the young German to a duel with pistols. The baron, who was unable to explain to his own satisfaction how he had been captivated by the graces of Mrs. Parker, found himself in a lamentable quandary. A challenge from Mr. Parker he well knew was equivalent to a death sentence, or at least a very close shave. Should the Englishman insist on the duel there was no doubt as to the result. He thought the matter over very carefully, and was suddenly filled with great concern as to the effect which his death would have upon his widowed mother, and, being desirous above all things of sparing her, he persuaded two of his friends, who happened to be in Homburg at the time, to seek out and try to pacify the offended husband.

Mr. Parker received the gentlemen with all the polished politeness of a man of the world. "Gentlemen," said Mr. Parker, coldly, in French, "I really fail to understand the object of your visit. Surely the details of this matter have been discussed at sufficient length! Nothing more remains to be said."

"You are right, sir," replied the elder of the two ambassadors, "but we have come trusting to your tenderness of heart, and we are sure you will not be able to turn a deaf ear to our plea. We have come to appeal to you, not on behalf of the baron, but for the sake of his mother, to whom he is all in all, and who will certainly die of grief if anything happens to her ideal. We ask you to agree to other terms. Would you poison and curtail the life of a weak woman? Think of your own mother."

Then the speaker explained at length to Mr. Parker that the baron was the last male representative of his line, the last of a famous house, and that the rumor, even, of the approaching duel might cause the mother's death.

Mr. Parker listened with quiet dignity, and when the gentlemen closed with a warm appeal to his goodness of heart, the Englishman rose, and without losing any of his dignity, or relaxing his severity of expression, said: "I will not have the death of the mother on my conscience; just give me time to think of some way out of this. I will write to you to-morrow."

The two callers took leave, after having overwhelmed Mr. Parker with words of gratitude for his magnanimity. Their thanks seemed to embarrass him, for as he held out his hand his eyes modestly sought the floor.

Next morning the gentlemen received the following letter: "Dear Sirs—You appealed to my sympathy. As I said to you yesterday, I will not be guilty of depriving the mother of her son, and I do not think that in Homburg there could be two opinions as to what would be the outcome of the duel which was to have taken place between the baron and me. I withdraw the challenge. In return for this I expect the baron to pay over to my orphans such a sum as he may himself determine. At the same time I take it for granted that he values his young life at, at least £1,000. Will you have the goodness to make this known to the baron?"

"Finally, gentlemen, I must lay particular stress on the fact that, as I leave Homburg to-morrow morning, I shall have to lay upon you the condition, as men of honor, to clear up any misunderstanding which may arise as to the cause of my having backed out of the duel. I trust to your fairness to justify me wherever and whenever you shall find it necessary or advisable."

On the following day Mr. Parker received from the baron a letter of regret and apology, and a check for £1,200. The promise was also made to send more as soon as the writer should be in a position to do so. The £1,200 sent was all that he had in hand at that moment.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker at once left Homburg, and on the following day a new scandal occupied the minds and wagged the tongues of the visitors. The baron, it is scarcely necessary to say, speedily quitted Homburg, as he had no wish to keep alive the story of his misfortune and of Mr. Parker's magnanimity. He succeeded, strange as it may seem, in hiding all knowledge of the affair from his mother. The £1,200 which he had bought his life was pretty nearly the amount he had won at the gambling table.

He did not forget his promise to Mr. Parker, and a few years later, when he came into possession of his estates, he sent a check for £300 to the trustee, orphanage of Hamarby, York. Strange to say, the letter came back unopened, but the envelope was covered with notes which gave the following information: The so-called Parker orphanage at Hamarby had formerly consisted of a rumbled-down hovel inhabited by an old woman and a cripple, but at the time of writing nothing but the ruins remained. Parker, who was a well-known swindler, had, two years previously, escaped arrest by flight. With him had fled his beloved Mary Cowen, his accomplice.

Six years after the Homburg incident it happened to drop into a circus in the fair at Lutritz. At the beginning of the second turn a tall, well-built man, got up as a Tyrolean peasant with a rifle over his shoulder, came out, followed by a woman who, although no longer young, had a magnificent figure. She acted as page, and carried a case of elegant pistols. She held a piece of paper in her hand while the Tyrolean aimed at it. Then she put a pipe between her lips, and the artist shot the pipe away. The page was none other than the beautiful woman who had been the eyesore of all eyes at Homburg; the Tyrolean who showed such dexterity was Mr. Parker, the former president of the board of trustees of the orphanage at Hamarby.—Translated from the German of Paul von Sehenthall for the International Magazine.

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SUMMONS.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY. W. P. BOBBS, Plaintiff, vs. Jehiel Forest, Defendant. To Jehiel Forest, the defendant above named: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the a-ove entitled suit on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, which time is six weeks, and begins to run from the day of first publication hereof, to-wit: January 12th, 1899, and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief demanded in the complaint herein. The relief demanded is the foreclosure of a certain mortgage executed and delivered by you to the Aberdeen Bank, of Aberdeen, Washington, on or about November 20th, 1894, bearing said date, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note of yours for \$344.00, dated November 20th, 1894, and payable on or before two years after date, with interest after date at the rate of ten per cent, per annum, which said mortgage conveyed unto said Aberdeen Bank for that purpose the following described real property, situated in the county of Tillamook, State of Oregon, to-wit: The North East quarter of Section twenty-six (26) and the South East quarter of Section twenty-three (23), in township 35 N., Range 12 E., and the North East quarter of Section 11, North of Range eight (8) West of the William the Meridian; and which said note and mortgage were on or about November 21st, 1894, indorsed and assigned to this plaintiff, and on which there is now due plaintiff the sum of \$7234.80, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent, per annum from December 20th, 1898, until paid; the further sum of \$88.00 paid for taxes on said premises, the costs and disbursement of this suit and the sum of \$100.00 attorney's fees herein. It is further demanded in said complaint that said mortgaged real property be sold as upon execution and the proceeds of said sale be put in immediate possession of said premises by the sheriff. This summons is published by order of the Hon. G. W. Seppington, County Judge of Tillamook County, Oregon, made and dated at Tillamook City, Oregon, on January 10th, 1899, the time prescribed in the order for publication being once a week for six successive weeks, and the date of first publication being Thursday, January 12th, 1899. B. L. EDDY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, October 11th, 1898. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3d, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1894. GRABRIEL H. BAXTER, of Dayton, county of Yamhill, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 388, for the purchase of 1/4 of 1/4 of section No. 26 in Township No. 2 S., Range No. 7 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Saturday, the 25th day of January, 1899. He names as witnesses: Riley G. Smith, of Dayton, Yamhill county, Oregon; John Starr, of Dayton, Yamhill county, Oregon; William H. Fletcher, of McMinnville, Yamhill county, Oregon; Albert E. Cook, of McMinnville, Yamhill county, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 25th day of December, 1898. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—That by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Tillamook, sitting in probate, made and entered in the records of said Court on the 20th day of May, 1898, the administrator of the estate of J. C. HALL, deceased, will, from and after the 20th day of January, 1899, proceed to sell at private sale for cash, the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: The W 1/2 of the Sw 1/4 of sec. 27 and the Ne 1/4 of the Se 1/4 and the Se 1/4 of the Ne 1/4 of sec. 2, containing 260 acres in Tp. 3 S., R. 9 W. of the Willamette Meridian in Oregon, save and except all of that portion of the Se 1/4 of the Ne 1/4 of sec. 25 lying North of the Big Nottucka River and containing 15 acres more or less, deceded by W. A. Hanor and wife to R. O. Richards, November 11th, 1894, also saving and excepting all of that portion of the Sw 1/4 of the Sw 1/4 of sec. 27, said Tp. and Range heretofore deceded by W. A. Hanor and wife to James Hanley and wife, leaving a balance conveyed herein of 120 acres more or less. Dated at Tillamook, in Tillamook county, Oregon, this 12th day of December, A. D., 1898. CHARLES E. HALL, Administrator of the Estate of J. C. Hall, deceased.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned having been on the 23d day of January, 1899, duly appointed by the Hon. County Court of Tillamook county, Oregon, Administrator of the Estate of NEHALEM SCOTT, deceased, all persons having CLAIMS against the said Estate, are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified to me within six months from the date hereof, at the office of Handley & Handley, at Tillamook, Oregon. Dated this day, January 12th, 1899. HARVEY MITCHELL, Administrator.