

oar, were ready, and hidden in several places thereabouts. They were all in suspense, their hearts beating in expectation of my coming, being eager to surprise the bark, which lay before their eyes: for they knew nothing of what was concerted with the renegado, but thought they were to regain their liberty by mere force, and by killing the Moors, who were on board the vessel. As soon therefore as I and my friends appeared, all they that were hidden came out, and joined us one after another. It was now the time that the city gates were shut, and nobody appeared abroad in all that quarter. Being met together, we were in some doubt, whether it would be better to go first to Zoraida, or secure the Moors, who rowed the vessel. While we were in this uncertainty, our renegado came to us, asking us, what we staid for: for now was the time, all his Moors being thoughtless of danger, and most of them asleep. We told him what we demurred about, and he said, that the thing of the most importance was, first to seize the vessel, which might be done with all imaginable ease, and without any manner of danger; and then we might presently go and fetch Zoraida. We all approved of what he said, and so, without farther delay, he being our guide, we came to the vessel; and he, leaping in first, drew a cutlass, and said in Morisco: 'Let not one man of you stir, unless he has a mind it should cost him his life.' By this time all the Christians

were got on board; and the Moors, who were timorous fellows, hearing the master speak thus, were in a great fright; and, without making any resistance, for indeed they had few or no arms, silently suffered themselves to be bound; which was done very expeditiously, the Christians threatening the Moors; that, if they raised any manner of cry, or made the least noise, they would in that instant put them all to the sword.

“This being done, and half our number remaining on board to guard them, the rest of us, the renegado being still our leader, went to Agimorato’s garden, and, as good luck would have it, the door opened as easily to us as if it had not been locked: and we came up to the house with great stillness and silence, and without being perceived by any one. The lovely Zoraida was expecting us at a window, and, when she heard people coming, she asked in a low voice, whether we were Nazareni, that is, Christians? I answered, we were, and desired her to come down. When she knew it was I, she staid not a moment, but, without answering me a word, came down in an instant, and, opening the door, appeared to us all so beautiful, and richly attired, that I cannot easily express it. As soon as I saw her, I took her hand and kissed it: the renegado did the same, and my two comrades also; and the rest, who knew not the meaning of it, followed our example, thinking we only meant to express our

thanks and acknowledgments to her, as the instrument of our deliverance. The renegado asked her in Morisco, whether her father was in the house: she answered, he was, and asleep. 'Then we must awaken him,' replied the renegado, 'and carry him with us, and all that he has of value in this beautiful villa.'—'No,' said she, 'my father must by no means be touched, and there is nothing considerable here, but what I have with me, which is sufficient to make you all rich and content: stay a little, and you shall see.' And, so saying, she went in again, and bid us be quiet, and make no noise, for she would come back immediately. I asked the renegado what she said: he told me, and I bid him be sure to do just as Zoraida would have him, who was now returned with a little trunk so full of gold crowns, that she could hardly carry it.

"Ill fortune would have it, that her father in the mean time happened to awake, and, hearing a noise in the garden, looked out at the window, and presently found there were Christians in it. Immediately he cried out as loud as he could in Arabic, 'Christians, Christians, thieves, thieves!' which outcry put all into the utmost terror and confusion. But the renegado seeing the danger we were in, and considering how much it imported him to go through with the enterprise, before it was discovered, ran up with the greatest speed to the room where Agimorato was; and with

him ran up several others: but I did not dare to quit Zoraida, who had sunk into my arms almost in a swoon. In short, they that went up acquitted themselves so well, that in a moment they came down with Agimorato, having tied his hands, and stopped his mouth with a handkerchief, so that he could not speak a word, and threatening, if he made the least noise, that it should cost him his life. When his daughter saw him, she covered her eyes, that she might avoid his sight, and her father was astonished at finding her, not knowing how willingly she had put herself into our hands. But at that time it being of the utmost consequence to us to fly, we got as speedily as we could to the bark, where our comrades already expected us with impatience, fearing we had met with some cross accident. Scarcely two hours of the night were passed, when we were all got on board, and then we untied the hands of Zoraida's father, and took the handkerchief out of his mouth: but the renegado warned him again not to speak a word, for, if he did, they would take away his life. When he saw his daughter there, he began to weep most tenderly, and especially when he perceived, that I held her closely embraced, and that she, without making any show of opposition, complaint, or coyness, sat so still and quiet: nevertheless he held his peace, lest we should put the renegado's threats in execution.

“ Zoraida now, finding herself in the bark, and that we began to handle our oars, and seeing her father there, and the rest of the Moors, who were bound, spoke to the renegado, to desire me to do her the favour to loose those Moors, and set her father at liberty; for she would sooner throw herself into the sea, than see a father, who loved her so tenderly, carried away captive before her eyes, and upon her account. The renegado told me what she desired, and I answered, that I was entirely satisfied it should be so: but he replied, it was not convenient; for, should they be set on shore there, they would presently raise the country, and alarm the city, and cause some light frigates to be sent out in quest of us, and so we should be beset both by sea and land, and it would be impossible for us to escape: but what might be done, was, to give them their liberty at the first Christian country we should touch at. We all came into this opinion, and Zoraida also was satisfied, when we told her what we had determined, and the reasons why we could not at present comply with her request. And then immediately, with joyful silence, and cheerful diligence, each of our brave rowers handled his oar, and, recommending ourselves to God with all our hearts, we began to make toward the island of Majorca, which is the nearest Christian land. But, the north wind beginning to blow fresh, and the sea being somewhat rough,

it was not possible for us to steer the course of Majorca, and we were forced to keep along shore towards Oran, not without great apprehensions of being discovered from the town of Sargel, which lies on that coast, about sixty miles from Algiers. We were afraid likewise of meeting, in our passage, with some of those galiots, which come usually with merchandise from Tetuan; though, each relying on his own courage, and that of his comrades in general, we presumed, that, if we should meet a galiot, provided it were not a cruiser, we should be so far from being ruined, that we should probably take a vessel, in which we might more securely pursue our course. While we proceeded in our voyage, Zoraida kept her head between my hands, that she might not look on her father; and I could perceive she was continually calling upon Lela Marien to assist us.

“ We had rowed about thirty miles, when day-break came upon us, and we found ourselves not above three musket-shot distant from the shore, which seemed to be quite a desert, and without any creature to discover us: however, by mere dint of rowing, we made a little out to sea, which was by this time become more calm; and when we had advanced about two leagues, it was ordered they should row by turns, whilst we took a little refreshment; the bark being well provided; but the rowers said, that it was not a time to take

any rest, and that they would by no means quit their oars, but would eat and row, if those, who were unemployed, would bring the victuals to them. They did so; and now the wind began to blow a brisk gale, which forced us to set up our sails, lay down our oars, and steer directly to Oran, it being impossible to hold any other course. All this was done with great expedition; and we sailed above eight miles an hour, without any other fear than that of meeting some corsair. We gave the Moorish prisoners something to eat, and the renegado comforted them, telling them they were not slaves, and that they should have their liberty given them the first opportunity; and he said the same to Zoraida's father, who answered: 'I might, perhaps, expect or hope for any other favour from your liberality and generous usage, O Christians; but as to giving me my liberty, think me not so simple as to imagine it; for you would never have exposed yourselves to the hazard of taking it from me, to restore it me so freely, especially since you know who I am, and the advantage, that may accrue to you by my ransom; which do but name, and from this moment I promise you whatever you demand, for myself, and for this my unhappy daughter, or else for her alone, who is the greater and better part of my soul.' In saying this, he began to weep so bitterly, that it moved us all to compassion, and forced Zo-

raida to look up at him; who, seeing him weep in that manner, was so melted, that she got up from me, and ran to embrace her father; and laying her face to his, they began so tender a lamentation, that many of us could not forbear keeping them company. But when her father observed, that she was adorned with her best attire, and had so many jewels about her, he said to her in his language: ‘How comes it, daughter, that yesterday evening, before this terrible misfortune befell us, I saw you in your ordinary and household dress, and now, without having had time to dress yourself, or having received any joyful news, fit to be solemnized by adorning and dressing yourself out, I see you set off with the best clothes, that I could possibly give you, when fortune was more favourable to us? Answer me to this; for it holds me in greater suspense and astonishment, than the misfortune itself, into which I am fallen.’ The renegado interpreted to us all that the Moor said to his daughter, who answered him not a word: but when he saw in a corner of the vessel the little trunk, in which she used to keep her jewels, which he knew very well he had left in Algiers, and had not brought with him to the garden, he was still more confounded, and asked her, how that trunk had come to our hands, and what was in it; to which the renegado, without staying until Zoraida spoke, answered: ‘Trouble not yourself, Signor,

about asking your daughter so many questions; for with one word I can satisfy them all: and therefore be it known to you, that she is a Christian, and has been the instrument to file off our chains, and give us the liberty we enjoy: she is here, with her own consent, and well pleased, I believe, to find herself in this condition, like one, who goes out of darkness into light, from death to life, and from suffering to glory.—‘Is this true, daughter?’ said the Moor. ‘It is,’ answered Zoraida. ‘In effect then,’ replied the old man, ‘you have become a Christian, and are she, who has put her father into the power of his enemies?’ To which Zoraida answered: ‘I am indeed a Christian; but not she, who has reduced you to this condition: for my desire never was to do you harm, but only myself good.’—‘And what good have you done yourself, my daughter?’—‘Ask that,’ answered she, ‘of Lela Marien, who can tell you better than I can.’

“The Moor had scarcely heard this, when, with incredible precipitation, he threw himself headlong into the sea, and without doubt had been drowned, if the wide and cumbersome garments he wore had not kept him a little while above water. Zoraida cried out to save him; and we all presently ran, and, laying hold of his garment, dragged him out, half drowned and senseless; at which sight Zoraida was so affected, that she set up a tender and sorrowful lamentation over

him, as if he had been dead. We turned him with his mouth downward, and he voided a great deal of water, and in about two hours came to himself. In the mean time, the wind being changed, we were obliged to ply our oars, to avoid running upon the shore: but by good fortune we came to a creek by the side of a small promontory, or head, which by the Moors is called the cape of Cava Rumia, that is to say, in our language, *The wicked Christian woman*; for the Moors have a tradition, that Cava<sup>33</sup>, who occasioned the loss of Spain, lies buried there; Cava signifying in their language a *wicked woman*, and Rumia, a *Christian*; and farther, they reckon it an ill omen to be forced to anchor there; and otherwise they never do so: though to us it proved, not the shelter of a wicked woman, but a safe harbour and retreat, considering how high the sea ran. We placed scouts on shore, and never dropped our oars: we ate of what the renegado had provided, and prayed to God and to our Lady very devoutly for assistance and protection, that we might give a happy ending to so fortunate a beginning. Order was given, at Zoraida's entreaty, to set her father on shore with the rest of the Moors, who, until now, had been fast bound; for she had not the heart, nor could her tender feelings brook, to see her father, and her countrymen, carried off prisoners before her face. We promised her it should be done at our going off,

since there was no danger in leaving them in so desolate a place. Our prayers were not in vain: Heaven heard them; for the wind presently changed in our favour, and the sea was calm, inviting us to return and prosecute our intended voyage.

“Seeing this, we unbound the Moors, and set them one by one on shore; at which they were greatly surprised: but, when we came to disembark Zoraida’s father, who was now perfectly in his senses, he said: ‘Why, Christians, think you, is this wicked woman desirous of my being set at liberty? Think you it is out of any filial piety she has towards me? No, certainly, but it is on account of the disturbance my presence would give her, when she has a mind to put her evil inclinations in practice. And think not that she is moved to change her religion because she thinks yours is preferable to ours: no, but because she knows, that libertinism is more allowed in your country than in ours.’ And, turning to Zoraida, whilst I and another Christian held him fast by both arms, lest he should commit some outrage, he said: ‘O infamous girl, and ill-advised maiden! whither goest thou, blindfold and precipitate, in the power of these dogs, our natural enemies? Cursed be the hour in which I begat thee, and cursed be the indulgence and luxury, in which I brought thee up!’ But perceiving he was not likely to give over in haste, I hurried him

ashore, and from thence he continued his execrations and wailings, praying to Mahomet, that he would beseech God to destroy, confound, and make an end of us : and when, being under sail, we could no longer hear his words, we saw his actions ; which were, tearing his beard, plucking off his hair, and rolling himself on the ground : and once he raised his voice so high, that we could hear him say : ‘ Come back, beloved daughter, come back to shore ; for I forgive thee all : let those men keep the money they already have, and do thou come back, and comfort thy disconsolate father, who must lose his life in this desert land, if thou forsakest him.’ All this Zoraida heard ; all this she felt, and bewailed ; but could not speak, nor answer him a word, only, ‘ May it please Ala, my dear father, that Lela Marien, who has been the cause of my turning Christian, may comfort you in your affliction. Ala well knows, that I could do no otherwise than I have done, and that these Christians are not indebted to me for any particular good will to them, since, though I had had no mind to have gone with them, but rather to have stayed at home, it was impossible ; for my mind would not let me be at rest, until I performed this work, which to me seems as good, as you, my dearest father, think it bad.’ This she said, when we were got so far off, that her father could not hear her, nor we see him any

more. So I comforted Zoraida, and we all minded our voyage, which was now made so easy to us by a favourable wind, that we made no doubt of being next morning upon the coast of Spain.

“ But, as good seldom or never comes pure and unmixed, without being accompanied or followed by some ill to alarm or disturb it, our fortune would have it, or perhaps the curses the Moor bestowed on his daughter, for such are always to be dreaded, let the father be what he will ; I say, it happened, that being now got far out to sea, and the third hour of the night well nigh past; being under full sail, and the oars being lashed, for the fair wind eased us of the labour of making use of them,—by the light of the moon, which shone very bright we discovered a round vessel, with all her sails out, a little ahead of us, but so very near, that we were forced to strike sail, to avoid running foul of her; and they also put the helm hard up, to give us room to go by. The men had posted themselves on the quarter-deck, to ask who we were, whither we were going, and from whence we came: but asking us in French, our renegado said; ‘ Let no one answer; for these without doubt are French corsairs, to whom all is fish, that comes to net.’ Upon this caution nobody spoke a word: and having sailed a little on, their vessel being under the wind, on a sudden they

let fly two pieces of artillery, and both, as it appeared, with chain-shot; for one cut our mast through the middle, which, with the sail, fell into the sea, and the other at the same instant came through the middle of our bark, so as to lay it quite open, without wounding any of us. But, finding ourselves sinking, we all began to cry aloud for help, and to beg of those in the ship to take us in, for we were drowning. They then struck their sails, and hoisting out the boat or pinnace, with about twelve Frenchmen in her, well armed with muskets, and their matches lighted, they came up close to us, and, seeing how few we were, and that the vessel was sinking, they took us in, telling us, that this had befallen us because of our incivility in returning them no answer. Our renegado took the trunk, in which was Zoraida's treasure, and without being perceived by any one, threw it overboard into the sea. In short, we all passed into the French ship, where, after they had informed themselves of whatever they had a mind to know concerning us, immediately, as if they had been our capital enemies, they stripped us of every thing, and Zoraida even of the bracelets she wore upon her ancles: but the uneasiness they gave her, gave me less than the apprehension I was in, lest they should proceed, from plundering her of her rich and precious jewels, to the depriving her of the jewel of most worth, and that, which she

valued most. But the desires of this sort of men seldom extend farther than to money, with which their avarice is never satisfied, as was evident at that time; for they would have taken away the very clothes we wore as slaves, if they had thought they could have made any thing of them. Some of them were of opinion, it would be best to throw us all overboard, wrapped up in a sail: for their design was to trade in some of the Spanish ports, pretending to be of Britany; and, should they carry us with them thither, they would be seized on and punished, upon discovery of the robbery. But the captain, who had rifled my dear Zoraida, said, he was contented with the prize he had already got, and that he would not touch at any port of Spain, but pass the Straits of Gibraltar by night, or as he could, and make the best of his way for Rochelle, from whence he came; and therefore in conclusion they agreed to give us their ship-boat, and what was necessary for so short a voyage as we had to make: which they did the next day in view of the Spanish coast; at which sight all our troubles and miseries were forgotten as entirely as if they had never happened to us; so great is the pleasure of regaining one's lost liberty. It was about noon, when they put us into the boat, giving us two barrels of water, and some biscuit; and the captain, moved by I know not what compassion, gave the beautiful Zoraida, at her going off,

about forty crowns in gold, and would not permit his soldiers to strip her of these very clothes, she has now on.

“We went on board, giving them thanks for the favour they did us, and showing ourselves rather pleased than dissatisfied. They stood out to sea, steering toward the Straits; and we, without minding any other north-star than the land before us, rowed so hard, that we were, at sunset, so near it, that we might easily, we thought, get thither before the night should be far spent: but the moon not shining, and the sky being cloudy, as we did not know the coast we were upon, we did not think it safe to land, as several among us would have had us, though it were among the rocks, and far from any town; for by that means, they said, we should avoid the danger we ought to fear from the corsairs of Tetuan, who are overnight in Barbary, and the next morning on the coast of Spain, where they commonly pick up some prize, and return to sleep at their own homes. However, it was agreed at last, that we should row gently towards the shore, and, if the sea proved calm, we should land, wherever we could. We did so; and, a little before midnight, we arrived at the foot of a very large and high mountain, not so close to the shore, but there was room enough for our landing commodiously. We run our boat into the sand; we all got on shore, and kissed the ground, and, with

tears of joy and satisfaction, gave thanks to God our Lord for the unparalleled mercy he had shown us in our voyage. We took our provisions out of the boat, which we dragged on shore, and then ascended a good way up the mountain ; and, though it was really so, we could not satisfy our minds, nor thoroughly believe, that the ground we were upon was Christian ground. We thought the day would never come : at last we got to the top of the mountain, to see if we could discover any houses, or huts of shepherds ; but as far as ever we could see, neither habitation, nor person, nor path, nor road, could we discover at all. However, we determined to go farther into the country, thinking it impossible but we must soon see somebody, to inform us, where we were. But what vexed me most was to see Zoraida travel on foot through those craggy places ; for, though I sometimes took her on my shoulders, my weariness tired her more than her own resting relieved her : and therefore she would not suffer me to take that trouble any more ; and so went on with very great patience, and signs of joy, I still leading her by the hand.

“ We had gone in this manner little less than a quarter of a league, when the sound of a little bell reached our ears, a certain signal, that some flocks were near us ; and all of us looking out attentively to see, whether any appeared, we discovered a young shepherd at the foot of a cork-

tree, in great tranquillity and repose, shaping a stick with his knife. We called out to him, and he, lifting up his head, got up nimbly on his feet; and, as we came to understand afterwards, the first, who presented themselves to his sight, being the renegado and Zoraida, he, seeing them in Moorish habits, thought all the Moors in Barbary were upon him; and making toward the wood before him with incredible speed, he cried out as loud as ever he could; 'Moors! the Moors are landed: Moors! Moors! arm, arm!' 'We, hearing this outcry, were confounded, and knew not what to do: but, considering that the shepherd's outcries must needs alarm the country, and that the militia of the coast would presently come to see what was the matter, we agreed, that the renegado should strip off his Turkish habit, and put on a jerkin, or slave's cassock, which one of us immediately gave him, though he, who lent it, remained only in his shirt and breeches. And so, recommending ourselves to God, we went on, the same way we saw the shepherd take, expecting every moment when the coast-guard would be upon us: nor were we deceived in our apprehension; for, in less than two hours, as we came down the hill into the plain, we discovered above fifty horsemen coming towards us on a half-gallop; and, as soon as we saw them, we stood still, to wait their coming up. But as they drew near, and found, instead of the Moors they looked for,

a company of poor Christian captives, they were surprised, and one of them asked us, whether we were the occasion of the shepherd's alarming the country? I answered, we were; and being about to acquaint him, whence we came, and who we were, one of the Christians, that came with us, knew the horsemen, who had asked us the question, and, without giving me time to say any thing more, he cried: 'God be praised, Gentlemen, for bringing us to so good a part of the country; for if I am not mistaken, the ground we stand upon is the territory of Velez Malaga, and, if the length of my captivity has not impaired my memory, you, Sir, who are asking us these questions, are Pedro de Bustamante, my uncle.' Scarcely had the Christian captive said this, when the horseman threw himself from his horse, and ran to embrace the young man, saying to him: 'Dear nephew of my soul and of my life, I know you; and we have often bewailed your death, I, and my sister your mother, and all your kindred, who are still alive; and God has been pleased to prolong their lives, that they may have the pleasure of seeing you again. We knew you were in Algiers, and, by the appearance of your dress, and that of your companions, I guess you must have recovered your liberty in some miraculous manner.'—'It is so,' answered the young man, 'and we shall have time enough hereafter to tell you the whole story.'

As soon as the horsemen understood that we were Christian captives, they alighted from their horses, and each of them invited us to accept of his horse to carry us to the city of Velez Malaga, which was a league and a half off. Some of them went back to carry the boat to the town, being told by us where we had left it. Others of them took us up behind them, and Zoraida rode behind our captive's uncle. All the people came out to receive us, having heard the news of our coming from some, who went before. They did not come to see captives freed, or Moors made slaves; for the people of that coast are accustomed to see both the one and the other: but they came to gaze at the beauty of Zoraida, which was at that time in its full perfection; for, what with the fatigue of walking, and the joy of being in Christendom, without the fear of being lost, such colours showed themselves in her face, that if my affection did not then deceive me, I will venture to say, there never was in the world a more beautiful creature; at least none that I had ever seen.

“ We went directly to the church, to give God thanks for the mercy we had received; and Zoraida, at first entering, said, there were faces there very like that of Lela Marien. We told her they were pictures of her, and the renegado explained to her the best he could what they signified, that she might adore them, just as if every

one of them were really that very Lela Marien, who had spoken to her. She, who has good sense, and a clear and ready apprehension, presently understood what was told her concerning the images. After this they carried us, and lodged us in different houses of the town: but the Christian, who came with us, took the renegado, Zoraida, and me, to the house of his parents, who were in pretty good circumstances, and treated us with as much kindness, as they did their own son. We staid in Velez six days, at the end of which the renegado, having informed himself of what was proper for him to do, repaired to the city of Granada, there to be re-admitted, by means of the holy inquisition, into the bosom of our holy mother the church. The rest of the freed captives went every one which way he pleased: as for Zoraida and myself, we remained behind, with those crowns only which the courtesy of the Frenchmen had bestowed on Zoraida; with part of which I bought the beast, she rides on; and hitherto I have served her as a father and gentleman-usher, and not as an husband. We are going with the design to see, if my father be living, or whether either of my brothers have had better fortune than myself: though considering that Heaven has given me Zoraida, no other fortune could have befallen me, which I should have valued at so high a rate. The patience, with which Zoraida bears the incon-

veniences poverty brings along with it, and the desire she seems to express of becoming a Christian, is such and so great, that I am in admiration, and look upon myself as bound to serve her all the days of my life. But the delight I take in seeing myself hers, and her mine, is sometimes interrupted, and almost destroyed by my not knowing, whether I shall find any corner in my own country in which to shelter her, and whether time and death have not made such alterations in the affairs and lives of my father and brothers, that, if they are no more, I shall hardly find any body, who knows me.

“This, Gentlemen, is my history: whether it be an entertaining and uncommon one, you are to judge. For my own part I can say, I would willingly have related it still more succinctly, though the fear of tiring you has made me omit several circumstances, which were at my tongue’s end.”

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## CHAP. XLII.

WHICH TREATS OF WHAT FARTHER HAPPENED IN THE INN, AND OF MANY OTHER THINGS, WORTHY TO BE KNOWN.

HERE the Captive ended his story; to whom Don Fernando said: “Truly, Captain, the manner of your relating this strange adventure has

been such, as equals the novelty and surprising nature of the event itself. The whole is extraordinary, uncommon, and full of accidents, which astonish and surprise those, who hear them. And so great is the pleasure we have received in listening to it, that, though the story should have held until to-morrow, we should have wished it were to begin again." And, upon saying this, Cardenio and the rest of the company offered him all the service in their power, with such expressions of kindness and sincerity, that the Captain was extremely well satisfied of their good-will. Don Fernando in particular offered, that, if he would return with him, he would prevail with the Marquis, his brother, to stand godfather at Zoraida's baptism, and that, for his own part, he would accommodate him in such a manner, that he might appear in his own country with the dignity and distinction due to his person. The Captive thanked him most courteously, but would not accept of any of his generous offers.

By this time night was come on; and, about the dusk, a coach arrived at the inn, with some men on horseback. They asked for a lodging. The hostess answered, there was not an inch of room in the whole inn, but what was taken up. "Though it be so," said one of the men on horseback, "there must be room made for my Lord Judge here in the coach." At this name the

hostess was troubled, and said: "Sir, the truth is, I have no bed; but if his Worship, my Lord Judge, brings one with him, as I believe he must, let him enter in God's name; for I and my husband will quit our own chamber to accommodate his Honour."—"Then let it be so," replied the squire. But by this time there had already alighted out of the coach a man, who by his garb presently discovered the office and dignity he bore: for the long gown and tucked-up sleeves he had on showed him to be a judge, as his servant had said. He led by the hand a young lady, seemingly about sixteen years of age, in a riding-dress, so genteel, so beautiful, and so gay, that her presence struck them all with admiration, insomuch that, had they not seen Dorothea, Lucinda, and Zoraida, who were in the inn, they would have believed that such another beautiful damsel could hardly have been found. Don Quixote was present at the entrance of the Judge and the young lady; and so, as soon as he saw him, he said: "Your Worship may securely enter here, and walk about in this castle; for, though it be narrow and ill accommodated, there is no narrowness nor incommodiousness in the world, which does not make room for arms and letters, especially if arms and letters bring beauty for their guide and conductor, as your Worship's letters do in this fair maiden, to whom not only castles ought to throw open

and offer themselves, but rocks to separate and divide, and mountains to bow their lofty heads, to give her entrance and reception. Enter, Sir, I say, into this paradise; for here you will find stars and suns to accompany that Heaven you bring with you. Here you will find arms in their zenith, and beauty in perfection." The Judge marvelled greatly at this speech of Don Quixote's, whom he set himself to look at very earnestly, wondering no less at his figure than at his words: and not knowing what to answer, he began to gaze at him again, when he saw Lucinda, Dorothea, and Zoraida, whom the report of these new guests, and the account the hostess had given them of the beauty of the young lady, had brought to see and receive her. But Don Fernando, Cardenio, and the Priest, complimented him in a more intelligible and polite manner. In short, my Lord Judge entered, no less confounded at what he saw, than at what he heard; and the beauties of the inn welcomed the fair stranger. The Judge easily perceived, that all there were persons of distinction; but the mien, visage, and behaviour of Don Quixote distracted him. After the usual civilities passed on all sides, and inquiry made into what conveniences the inn afforded, it was again ordered, as it had been before, that all the women should lodge in the great room aforesaid, and the men remain without as their guard. The Judge was contented

that the young lady, who was his daughter, should accompany those ladies; which she did with all her heart. And with part of the inn-keeper's narrow bed, together with what the Judge had brought with him, they accommodated themselves that night better than they expected.

The Captive, who, from the very moment he saw the Judge, felt his heart beat, and had a suspicion that this gentleman was his brother, asked one of the servants, that came with him, what his name might be, and if he knew what country he was of? The servant answered, that he was called the licentiate John Perez de Viedma, and that he had heard say he was born in a town in the mountains of Leon. With this account, and with what he had seen, he was entirely confirmed in the opinion, that this was that brother of his, who by the advice of his father had applied himself to learning: and overjoyed and pleased herewith, he called aside Don Fernando, Cardenio, and the Priest, and told them what had passed, assuring them, that the Judge was his brother. The servant had also told him, that he was going to the Indies in quality of judge of the courts of Mexico. He understood also, that the young lady was his daughter, and that her mother died in childbed of her, and that the Judge was become very rich by her dowry, which came to him by his having this child by her. He asked their advice, what way he should

take to discover himself, or how he should first know whether, after the discovery, his brother, seeing him so poor, would be ashamed to own him, or would receive him with bowels of affection. "Leave it to me to make the experiment," said the Priest, "and there is no reason to doubt, Signor Captain, but that you will be very well received: for the worth and prudence, which appear in your brother's looks, give no signs of his being arrogant or wilfully forgetful, or of his not knowing how to make due allowances for the accidents of fortune."—"Nevertheless," said the Captain, "I would fain make myself known to him by some roundabout way, and not suddenly and unawares."—"I tell you," answered the Priest, "I will manage it after such a manner, that all parties shall be satisfied."

By this time supper was ready, and they all sat down at table, excepting the Captive and the ladies, who supped by themselves in their chamber. In the midst of supper, the Priest said: "My Lord Judge, I had a comrade of your name in Constantinople, where I was a slave some years; which comrade was one of the bravest soldiers and captains in all the Spanish infantry; but as unfortunate, as he was resolute and brave."—"And pray, Sir, what was this captain's name?" said the Judge. "He was called," answered the Priest, "Ruy Perez de Viedma, and he was born in a village in the

mountains of Leon. He related to me a circumstance, which happened between his father, himself, and his two brethren, which, had it come from a person of less veracity than himself, I should have taken for a tale, such as old women tell by a fire-side in winter. For he told me, his father had divided his estate equally between himself and his three sons, and had given them certain precepts better than those of Cato. And I can assure you, that the choice he made to follow the wars succeeded so well, that, in a few years, by his valour and bravery, without other help than that of his great virtue, he rose to be a captain of foot, and saw himself in the road of becoming a colonel very soon. But fortune proved adverse; for, where he might have expected to have her favour, he lost it, together with his liberty, in that glorious action, whereby so many recovered theirs: I mean, in the battle of Lepanto. Mine I lost in Goleta; and afterwards, by different adventures, we became comrades in Constantinople. From thence he came to Algiers, where, to my knowledge, one of the strangest adventures in the world befell him." The Priest then went on, and recounted to him very briefly what had passed between his brother and Zoraida. To all which the Judge was as attentive as possible. The Priest went no farther than that point, where the French stripped the Christians that came in the bark, and the poverty

and necessity in which his comrade and the beautiful Moor were left; pretending that he knew not what became of them afterwards, whether they arrived in Spain, or were carried by the Frenchmen to France.

The Captain stood at some distance, listening to all the Priest said, and observed all the emotions of his brother; who, perceiving the Priest had ended his story, fetching a deep sigh, and his eyes standing with water, said: "Oh! Sir, you know not how nearly I am affected by the news you tell me; so nearly, that I am constrained to show it by these tears, which flow from my eyes in spite of all my discretion and reserve. That gallant Captain you mention is my elder brother, who, being of a stronger constitution, and of more elevated thoughts, than I or my younger brother, chose the honourable and worthy profession of arms; which was one of the three ways proposed to us by our father, as your comrade told you, when you thought he was telling you a fable. I applied myself to learning, which, by God's blessing on my industry, has raised me to the station you see me in. My younger brother is in Peru, so rich, that, with what he has sent to my father and me, he has made large amends for what he took away with him, and besides has enabled my father to indulge his natural disposition to liberality. I also have been enabled to prosecute my studies with more decorum and

authority, until I arrived at the rank, to which I am now advanced. My father is still alive, but dying with desire to hear of his eldest son, and begging of God with incessant prayers, that death may not close his eyes, until he has once again beheld his son alive. And I wonder extremely, considering his discretion, how, in so many troubles and afflictions, or in his prosperous successes, he could neglect giving his father some account of himself; for had he, or any of us, known his case, he needed not to have waited for the miracle of the cane to have obtained his ransom. But what at present gives me the most concern, is, to think whether those Frenchmen have set him at liberty, or killed him to conceal their robbery. This thought will make me continue my voyage, not with that satisfaction I began it, but rather with melancholy and sadness. Oh my dear brother! did I but know, where you now are, I would go and find you, to deliver you from your troubles, though at the expense of my own repose. Oh! who shall carry the news to our aged father, that you are alive? Though you were in the deepest dungeon of Barbary, his wealth, my brother's, and mine, would fetch you thence. O beautiful and bountiful Zoraida, who can repay the kindness you have done my brother? Who shall be so happy as to be present at your regeneration by baptism, and at your nuptials, which would give us all so much de-