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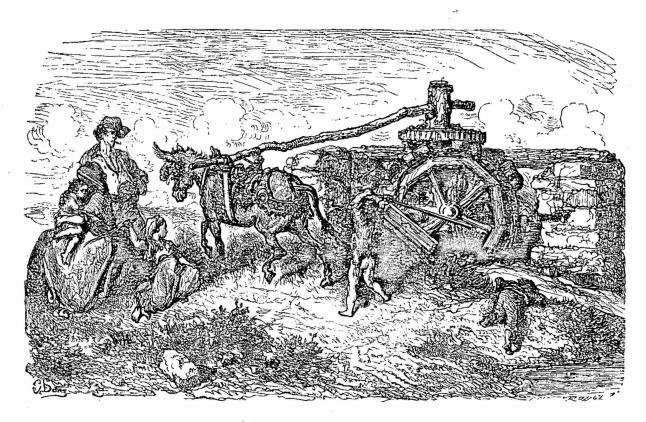
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My old friend Doré had been talking to me for a long time of his desire to visit Spain. At first it was only a vague project negligently thrown out between the whiffs of a cigar; but it soon became a fixed idea, one of those dreams that leave no rest to the mind until they are realised. I never saw him at any time but he put the question, "When shall we set out for Spain?"

"My dear friend," I replied, "you forget that twenty times already, if I remember rightly, I have traversed the classic land of the castanet and bolero."

"All the more reason," he said; "seeing that you know Spain so well, there should be no further cause for delay." I own I could raise no objection to his forcible pleading, and our departure was speedily resolved upon. Is it not one of the greatest pleasures of a journey to revisit familiar scenes in the company of an excellent and sympathetic friend?

Some days later we took our tickets for Perpignan, where we arrived on the following

evening. In the same way as Bayonne is half-Basque, Perpignan is semi-Catalonian; the popular dialect is almost the same as that spoken in Catalonia. Our conveyance, which started next day, had nothing Spanish in its appearance: a common-looking driver, crowned with a vulgar cap, took the place of the mayoral in famous Andalusian costume. Instead of the ten or twelve handsomely caparisoned mules, we had six strong horses, with which we made an unpretentious start. Our path lay along a road hedged



THE COL DE PERTUS; THE CORK-TREES.

in with aloes, whose sharp leaves stood up like a bristling array of poniards; and being in the most southern latitude of France, we could already descry the snowy summits of Canigou rising above a vast horizon of blue and rosecoloured mountains. Soon we left the plain, and passing through the little village of Boulou, entered the defile of Here, as our vehicle made its slow and tortuous way up the stony steeps, we were enabled to proceed on foot, and found leisure to sketch one or two gigantic specimens of the cork-tree, which twines its noble branches into a covering for the mountain sides. The trunk, before it is denuded of its bark, is as rough as an unhewn rock, but when stripped it has a bright rose tint, as if bleeding from its wounds. The picturesque ruins which border the pass, with their charming contrasts of light and shade, also afforded excellent subjects for the pencil. These old towers and strongholds have stood unmoved on their rocky foundations, the grim witnesses of many a conflict. The Col de

Pertus has always been the natural passage across the eastern extremity of the Col de of the Pyrenees. Pompey and Cæsar passed through, and Iberia became a Roman province. Many centuries later the Goths made their way through this defile, and established themselves in the land in place of the Romans. They in their turn were driven out by the Arabs; the latter entered France through the Col de Pertus, and their progress was only arrested by Charles Martel. Louis XIV., in order to secure the possession of the province

built the castle of Bellegarde, whose towers we could just see crowning a high peak, whence it overlooks and commands the approach.

Junquera is the first village at which we stopped after crossing the frontier. Here our passports were adorned with new signatures, and a delay of two hours enabled us

to make the acquaintance of the Custom-house officers, who only differed from our own in their dress, and in the more startling name of carabineros. To do justice to the zeal of these functionaries, they overhauled our luggage most conscientiously, turned everything upside down, and, in the trouble they caused, gave us the full benefit of their official power. We were now in Spain, or more correctly Catalonia, for many of the Catalonians hardly consider themselves Spanish. They speak a peculiar dialect, which bears a striking resem-



THE CUSTOM-HOUSE OFFICERS OF JUNQUERA.

blance to the *Limousine* language of the Middle Ages; this dialect has not only its grammar and its dictionaries, but a literature of its own. The Catalonians are accounted the most thrifty and industrious people in Spain. Their industry has indeed become proverbial; thus in some provinces the common phrase for going to shop or market is, "Go to the Catalonians." Another proverb says,

"Dicen que los Catalanes III de la Alhambra y Generalife
De las piedras sacan panes."

"If you give stones to the Catalonian he will extract bread from them."

After passing through Junquera the country resembles a forest of olives, forming large greyish masses; soon we arrive at Figueras, one of the strongest towns in Spain. Gerona, through which we also made our way, is equally well defended, and has survived many a desperate siege; it is a quaint old town, and historically most interesting. Often in traversing its narrow and tortuous streets one notices the fronts of the old houses covered with the most grotesque sculptures of the Middle Ages. The cathedral stands upon a height which overlooks the town, and is reached by a handsome staircase of one hundred steps. The principal doorway named Puerta de los Apóstoles, is ornamented with rare terra-cotta statues representing the apostles, and it bears the date 1458.

Towards midnight, in one of the dark streets of Gerona, we heard for the first time the melancholy voices of the serenos; these guardians of the night, wrapped in their stone-coloured mantles, and with their lanterns dangling from the end of a pole, carried one back to the heart of the Middle Ages. Not content with watching over the sleeping townsmen, they, in a manner peculiar to themselves, announce the passing hours, and as the nights in Spain are usually calm, the watchmen have naturally received the name serenos. These men remind one of the Nachtwachters of Amsterdam, who parade the streets armed with a sabre and a staff, and cry the hours to the inharmonious accompaniment of a wooden rattle. The serenos, devoid of this instrument, herald the hours with a sort of chant full of originality; sometimes they lead off with a few words to the praise of God, Alabado sea Dios! or Ave Maria purisima! This last form is more especially used in

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Andalusia, where the Virgin is the object of veneration under the name Santisima. Before commencing their nocturnal promenade they generally meet at the town-hall, from which they disperse to their wards. These watchmen render many and varied services to the townsfolk; they not only see that the doors of the houses are properly secured, but in cases of extremity they fetch the monthly nurse, doctor, or priest; at times they are charged with missions of a more profane order, and lost strangers find in them trusty friends. One

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night, losing our way in a labyrinth of streets, we came across a brave sereno, who recounted to us his many troubles. He was, above all, afraid of losing his post, as situations of this dignified order were much coveted by his countrymen. Having taken leave of our communicative friend, we retraced our steps to the station, and took our places for Barcelona.

We had already made our way so far along a detestable road, when our progress was stopped by a sudden rise in the torrent del Manol, which is usually passed by a ford, and we were obliged to wait until the water had subsided. Happily day began to dawn, and profiting by our forced delay, we set out to explore the environs. The vegetation was magnificent, thanks to the noria so common in this region.

The noria, the an-naoara of the Arabs, is a machine of primitive simplicity, used to raise water for the purposes of irrigation. The water is collected in tanks several yards deep, lined with mortar. A circular cord like an endless

chain descends into the tank; to this cord terra-cotta buckets are attached at regular intervals. Each bucket is made to hold six or eight quarts of water. An immense wooden wheel, turning horizontally on its axis, communicates its motion to a vertical wheel, over which the endless chain of buckets has been passed. The buckets when descending are filled in the tank, and when ascending are emptied into a reservoir placed on a higher level, which communicates with a network of canals cut through the fields requiring