

# GRAUSTARK

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grounds, reaching it at a point not far from the castle itself. Here was situated another large gate, through which they did not pass. Instead they ascended some steps and came out upon the high wall. The top of this wall was several feet wide, and walking was comparatively safe. They soon understood the guide's design. The object was to walk along this wall until they reached the main gate. Why this peculiar course was to be taken they could not imagine at first. Anguish's fertile brain came to the rescue. He saw a number of women in a distant part of the grounds, and remembering their guide's haste in conducting them to the wall, rightly conjectured that it was against custom for visitors to meet and gaze upon members of the royal household. The men and women, none of whom could be plainly distinguished from the faraway wall, were undoubtedly a part of the castle's family and were not to be subjected to the curious gaze of sightseers. Perhaps her royal highness the Princess of Graustark was among them.

They reached the main gate and descended, Anguish securing his camera, after which they thanked the steward and turned to see the guide. But he had disappeared as if the ground had swallowed him.

"Well, it's a fair Versailles," observed Anguish, as they walked down the street, glancing back at the frowning wall.

"If all goes to make me wonder why in the name of heaven we have never heard of this land of Graustark," said Lorry, still thinking of the castle's grandeur.

"My boy, there are lots of things we don't know. We're too busy. Don't you remember that but one half the world knows how the other half lives? I'll wager there are not twenty-five people in the United States who know there is such a country as Graustark."

"I don't believe that a single soul over there has heard of the place," volunteered Lorry, very truthfully.

"I'll accept the amendment," said Anguish. Then he proceeded to take a snapshot of the castle from the middle of the street. He also secured a number of views of the mountain side, of some odd little dwelling houses and two or three interesting exposures of red rock children. Everybody, from the children up, wore loose robes, some red, some black, some blue, but all in solid colors. Beneath these robes were baggy trousers and blouses among the men, short skirts among the women. All wore low boots and a sort of turban. These costumes, of course, were confined to the native civilians. At the hotel the garb of the aristocrats was vastly different. The women were gowned after the latest Viennese patterns, and the men, except those of the army, wore clothes almost as smart as those which covered the Americans. Miss Gungahlocker, or whatever her name might be, and her carriage companion were as exquisitely dressed as any women to be seen on the boulevard or in Hyde park of London.

It was late in the afternoon when they returned to the hotel. After a short nap, during which they were disturbed by the noise of the city, they went out and toward the castle, ascending the high wall and enjoying the view. A stranger in a uniform, a soldier, and an old man in a long, shaggy beard and also a young girl with a red headband, laughed at the sight of the Americans. "You might as well go to the museum," he said, "and see the collection of dead animals. You will find a lot of things there that you will never see here."

"You've seen a lot of things," he said, "around here, but you haven't seen the museum. It's just as well that you haven't, as you would be sure to get lost in the maze of streets and alleys that lead to it. It's a perfect labyrinth, and it's a perfect maze. You might as well go to the museum and see the collection of dead animals. You will find a lot of things there that you will never see here."

At 10 o'clock the stranger in uniform dropped behind the mountain, and the valley, which had been bathed with its tender light, gradually took on the somberness and stillness of a starry night. The town, illuminated at 11, and there were few lights to be seen in the streets or in the houses. Here and there strolled the white-uniformed police guards, occasionally soldiers hurriedly marching, now and then belated citizens moved through the dense shadows on the sidewalks, but the Americans saw still life in its reality. Returning from their stroll beside the castle walls far to the west of where they had entered the grounds that afternoon, they paused in the middle of Castle avenue near the main gate and looked down the dark, deserted street. Far away could be seen the faint glare from their hotel. One or two street lamps burned in the business part of the city. Aside from these evidences of life there was nothing but darkness, silence, peacefulness, about them everywhere.

"Think of Paris or New York at 11 o'clock," said Lorry, a trifle awed by the solitude of the sleeping city.

"It's as dead as a piece of granite," said his friend. "God, it makes me sleepy to look down that street. It's like the hotel, too, Lorry. We'd better move along."

"As he down near the hedge, another cigar and wait till midnight. It is too glorious a night to be asleep," urged Lorry, whose eyes were light over the joys of the city.

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tle, with its one little tower light, as I could if I tried to sleep in a hard bed down at the hotel!"

Anguish, who was more or less of a dreamer himself, consented, and after lighting fresh cigars they threw themselves on the soft, dry grass near the tall hedge that fenced the avenue as it neared the castle grounds. For half an hour they talked by fits and starts, one thinking of the face he had seen, the other picturing in his artist eye the painting he had vowed to create from the moqallt castle of an hour ago.

"Some one coming," murmured the painter, half rising to his elbow attentively.

"Soldiers," said the other briefly. "They'll not disturb us."

"They'll not even see us, I should say. It's as dark as Egypt under this hedge. They'll pass if we keep quiet."

The figures of two men could be seen approaching from the city, dim and ghostly in the semidarkness of the night. Like two thieves the Americans waited for them to pass. To their exceeding discomfiture, however, the pedestrians halted directly in front of their resting place and seated themselves leisurely upon a broad, flat stone at the roadside. It was too dark to see if they were soldiers, notwithstanding the fact that they were less than fifteen feet away.

"He should be here at 12," said one of the newcomers in a low voice and in fairly good English. The other merely grunted. There was a silence of some duration, broken by the first speaker.

"If this job fails and you are caught, it will mean years of servitude."

"But in that case we are to have 10,000 galleons apiece for each year we lie in prison. It's fair pay—not only for our failure, but for our silence," said the other, whose English was more of the old.

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Annual Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Board of county commissioners will be held on Thursday 19th day of January 1907. All persons holding claims against the county not already filed will present same on or before the 1st day of January next for examination and approval or be barred. c. E. B. Sinsou, clerk. 8 Dec. 1906

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## NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County of Pickens. I, B. Newbery, Esquire, Probate Judge. Whereas, Lucy A. Smith has made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and effects of Barnett Smith, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Barnett Smith deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Pickens Court House, S. C., on the 29th day of December, 1906, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal, this 7th day of December, 1906, in the 131st year of our Independence. J. B. Newbery, J. P. P.

## Notice of Final Settlement and Discharge.

NOTICE is hereby given that we will make application to J. B. Newbery, Esq., Judge of Probate for Pickens county, in the State of South Carolina, on the 15th day of January, 1907, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the estate of T. H. Gassaway, deceased, and obtain discharge as executors of said estate. Olarissa L. Gassaway, Clara T. Madden, Executors.

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## Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All persons holding claims against the estate of the late R. L. Waters, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same duly proven on or before the 1st day of January, 1907, or be debared payment; and all persons indebted to said estate must make payment on or before the above date to the undersigned. T. A. Garry, Executor.

## Treasurer's Notice.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Pickens. Office of County Treasurer, Pickens County, S. C. Pickens, S. C., September 15th, 1906.

THE TREASURER'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM MONDAY OCTOBER 15th, UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1906, WITHOUT PENALTY.

The Rate of State County School and Special Tax, Including One Cent Poll Tax and One Dollar and Fifty Cents Gramophone Road Tax.

In accordance with an Act to take effect for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1906, notice is hereby given that the office of County Treasurer, Pickens County, will be open for the collection of taxes for said fiscal year, Monday, October 15th, until Monday, December 31st, at rates percent, of taxes as follows:

Levy for State Tax	5 Mills.
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Total Levy for State and County Taxes	150 Mills.
Levy for interest on Pickens R. R. bonds, Pickens C. H. Township, 2 1/2 mills	
Levy for interest on Pickens R. R. bonds, Harrogate Township, 2 mills	
Special Levy for School District No. 8	2 Mills.
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A Poll Tax of One Dollar per capita on all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except such as are exempt by law, will be collected.

A Commutation Road Tax of One Dollar and Fifty Cents will be collected at the same time as the taxes from all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 50 years, except such as are exempt by law. Unless said tax is paid by the 1st of March, 1907, five days work upon the public highways will be required.

Taxes are payable only in gold and silver, United States currency, National Bank Notes and coupons of State Bonds which become payable during the year 1906.

Parties desiring information by mail in regard to their taxes will please state the location of their property, and include postage for a reply, and those paying taxes by check must include the charges for collecting.

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