A Tragedy in Permutations.

By Joseph M. Rogers.

Now that there has been to much false \ They buy up the bonds of the revolutionists | hick hood published about the miserable San at 40 cents on the dollar."

Castaraguen affair, I propose to tell the whole truth about it from bestiming to end, and I country always assumes the debt of both

was a stool pigeon for all of old Flamingo's crookedness. It was a mean thing in Tommy, but he wanted to get even with me for that "scoop" which landed me in the trade. It was a lie made out of whole cloth, as the examination showed, for I had discreetly burned all the books and papers which concerned my doings in any questionable transactions, I have as good a right as any man to maintain my country. right as any man to maintain my reputa-

tion.

I had got far enough into the trade to like it fairly well and decided to set up as a proker on my own account in a small way, trying to retain some of old Flamingo's trade. I rented an office in an eligible locution my up cartillons and had relied to the contrader. trade. I rented an onice and had painted on tion, put up partitions and had painted on the doors "Mr. Spencer," "Mr. Oldham," "Mr. Gomez" and "Stenezrapher," to indi-cate that it was a flourishing firm, though cate that it was a flourishing firm, though the whole establishment consisted of myself and an office boy. When I think of that office boy I have to restrain my feelings, for he was—but we'll come to that later. I can't say my bluff worked very well. I did a little business as a custom house broker and occasionally made fair deats in coffee, sugar and fruits, but the big houses had a cinch and fruits, but the big Rouses had a check on the trade and it was slim picking. At night I used to walk along Park Row and looked up at the newspaper offices and wish I was back again, but there was a prejudice against me on account of that story of Flamingo's affairs, though they couldn't prove a thing, and I still hoped to

handed his card and assection a privace interview. I sent the effice boy on an errand and took him into my office, assuring him that "Mr. Spencer," "Mr. Oldham" and "Mr. Gomez" were out. He was a devil of a fellow, that Bosenko. He had that seductive way with him which captures men and captivates the women. We talked for some time and I saw he was pumping me for a purpose which presently appeared. He ex-plained that business was slack in Cordova and he had come to the United States to make arrangements for starting a revolu-

tion in San Castaragua. "A revolution!" said I in astonishment.
"Certainly," he said; "we haven't had one
for nearly eighteen months, and I am going to break the trust."
"What trust?" I asked.

"The revolution trust," said he, "which has controlled every one of them for fifteen years, and has made all the money. I am going in for a new deal, and want you to

But, my dear sir," I said, "I don't under stand you. A revolution is a serious mat-ter, and I don't want to get my head shot off, and I don't understand what you mean "Well," said he, "I suppose you are not



FIRST HE EXCHANGED "A" FOR "Z. to blame for ignorance about South American affairs, but you know that these revo-lutions are always cooked up affairs, don't

you?"
"No. I don't," said 1. "Of course they come pretty often, but I thought they were all genuine enough, and pretty serious, too.

He laughed a little and said: "I must xplain the situation to you. In San Casexplain the situation to you. taragua we cannot get along without revo-lutions. It is essential to our prosperity as peace is to yours. Take General Cuzco, for instance. He has been president thir-teen times in the last eleven years, while General Morena has been president twelve times. The scheme is this: Every few months General Morena lands suddenly at Cordova, raises the standard of revolt, and marches toward Bolito, the capital. Presint Cuzco with his army starts out to meet

"Hold on" said I, "you are going too st. How does Morena start his revolution! It takes men and money and muni-tions of war. You speak of it as a very simple transaction.

'That's the point," replied Bosenko. "You see, when Morena arrives, he goes to the syndicate and purchases his arms and mu-

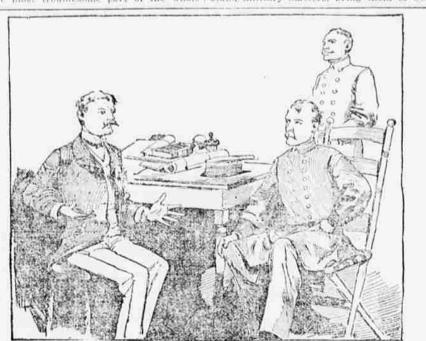
"What syndicate?" I asked. "You are He looked rather disgusted, but began to explain: "Didn't I tell you there was a revolution trust? It is composed of most of the big merchants and politicians at Cor dova. Revolutionists daren't deal with any-one else if they could, but they can't, for the trust has all the cannon, guns and pow-der, and they sell impartially to each

party."
"But, hold on," said I. "Where does the

"Oh! The English bankers furnish that.

expect to be believed. I am tired of being sides so there is no rish. The banks keep called a buccancer, a fill-mater and a pirate. blank bonds which they all in with the new

coromitiees to reorganize the finances. If the original debt was \$100,000,000, the stock-holders are assessed \$25,000,000 and the total capitalization raised to \$150,000,000. The security holders gre succeed, but the syndicate and the committee get a big rake off, and the commandation of the raised of \$150,000,000. The security holders get and the committee get a big rake off, and the committee get a big rake off, and the committee get a big rake off, and the commandation of the hoppened in \$200,000 in the stand in with the government \$20, and the English bandholders keep bankers stand in with the survey. The stand is a recolution. He beamed \$2,000,000 in the stand in with the survey. The stand is a recolution. He beamed \$2,000,000 in the stand in with the survey. The stand is a recolution. He beamed \$2,000,000 in the stand in with the survey. The stand is a recolution. He beamed \$2,000,000 in the stand in with the survey. The stand is a recolution. He beamed \$2,000,000 in the stand in with the survey. The stand is a recolution. He beamed \$2,000,000 in the stand in with the survey and considerable to the stand in with the survey. The stand is a recolution. He beamed \$2,000,000 in the stand in with the survey and considerable to the stand in with the survey. The standard standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard and standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard and standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey standard to see the privately at one of the survey sta sepace to be believed. I am tirred of being calted a brecanner, a Ellinster and a plrate, what did a Land to of course, but I such the south the south of the sou



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Matters were going from bad to worse and I should probably have closed up it it had not been for the appearance of Harando not few forming I told lim we must been for the possible part that

on without interference?"
"Certainly, He couldn't do anything if he would, but he doesn't want to. When the troops arrive at the battleground Cuzco narches out and occupies his camp, and the

"The what?" said I. "The cartel, that's a stipulation as to the way the battle shall be conducted. It usually states that the battle shall not begin before 8 s. m., at which time flags are ca-tablished in front of each army, beyond which they agree not to go under any cir-cumstances. If any one is killed or badly injured during an engagement a truce of helf an hour is allowed. The program is usually as follows:

8:00 a. m.—Dress parade, and flery speeches by the leaders. 9:00 a. m.—Opening of the engagement.

10:30 a. m.—Engagement cuds. 11:30 a. m.—Lunch (communication under ag of truce during recess allowed to pereither belligerent to borrow provisions

2:00 p. m.-Engagement renewed. Charge

3:00 p. m.-Counter charge by national

4:00 p. m .- Engagement ends for the day 7:00 p. m -Dinner (evening dress.) This continues as many days as circum-stances and provisions allow. Usually or the fifth day the insurgents put the government forces to flight (by pre-arrangement) and enter the capital in triumph. The soldiers rob the stores and do a moderate amount of looting, which the government pays for, and all are happy. Cazeo takes a special train to Cordova, boards his steam yacht and sails away. If it is summer be goes to Carlsbad, where he has a fine vills. If it is winter he retires to his magnificent plantation in Cuba. Six months later he returns to San Castaragua, the revolution

"Oh, it's understood that once in three to the times the insurgents are routed; that's to of you. times the insurgents are routed; that's to fool the natives. Then the president issues a proclamation and levies new taxes and gets richer than ever. The trouble now is that Morena is old and has the gout. He must be worth \$10,000,000 and lives in Paris. He says he won't revolute any more and for eighteen menths we haven't had a change. It's getting monotonous and injures trade. The syndicate hasn't made a sale and the We you don't even take care of your own.

came to look for him it was found that he was one of Morena's major generals and had been secretary of state three times, about \$800,000,000, and, though the country is rich, it is hard to raise the interest unless the taxes are increased. The bankers only want to pay 40 per cent this time, as an enormous amount must be raised to satisfy the men who have been waiting so long At the last revolution one of Cuzco's cannon burst and killed eight men. This made his army think there was a rear attack and they

"Yes, I see," said I, "entirely too careless. I guess I won't go into the scheme, for seven years' imprisonment wouldn't suit my constitution."

"Pshaw," said he, "there's no danger. If army think there was a rear attack and they rushed forward right into Morena's army in spite of all the officers could do. Morena tried to stop his men from fring, but too late, and before he could run up a white flag and surrender to the retreating army of Curco nineteen tree, were killed. the entire community and made the natives suspicious. But the government gave liberal pensions and the affair blew over."

"But it seems to me." said I, "that \$890,-000,000 is a fearful debt for such a country as San Castawagua. It must have taken a great many revolutions to pile all that up. I should think the bankers would get cautious about advancing more money."

"They are. But revolutionists didn't do

"that the president allows all this to go without interference?"

"that the president allows all this to go and Walker. However, I was getting desperate, and resolved to try it. The details were soon arranged, and I was to act on cable advices and letters in eigher. This cipher was a very simple affair, consisting cipher was a very simple aftair, consisting only of the transposition of about half the letters of the alphabet. The "a" meant "z;" "e" meant "w," etc., with changes under certain conditions, I told him it was too easily deciphered and we would be discovered, but he laughed and said that no one in San Castaguarua would take taht much

trouble to prevent an earthquake. One of the principle errands was to arrange with the San Cantaraguan minister at Washington for the recogition of the new alf an hour is allowed. The program is sually as follows:
7:90 a. m.—Coffee, oranges and clgarettes: arranged, and the minister at Washington was to send me word, and I was to cable

"If England makes any trouble," he said, ve rely on the Monroe Doctrine." What's that?" I asked.

"Don't you know what the Monroe Doc-trine is?" said he in surprise.
"No. I don't," said I, rather nettled. "I am not well posted in religious matters. am not well posted in rengious maximum but I suppose they cut a great deal of ice

He looked at me as if he thought I was guying him, and said:
"Don't you know that President Monroe was the man who led your armies in the Revolution against England, and was presient of the United States as long as he lines was the following double-leaded disived afterward?"

"No, I don't said I testilly. "You're off. "No, I don't said I testily. "You're off, George Washington was the first president. First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." "Held on, maybe you're right, but anyway there was a man named Monroe in this country got up a doctrine that rules all South America. I don't exactly know what it is and the only man who really did understand it is dead but the idea is that when

plantation in Cuba. Six months later he returns to San Castaragua, the revolution starts up again and in the end Morena any South American country got into trouble leaves with the money he has squeezed out of the country." "That's a pretty good game," said I, "but I should think it would fail sometimes." comfortable when we do things contrary to the European fashion. They're all afraid

The syndicate hasn't made a sale and the Why, you don't even take care of your own English bankers are restive. You see, after people down there. If one of your country-English bankers are restive. You see, after each revolution the syndicate buys back the arms at about 10 per cent of what they originally sold them for, giving all the officials a fair rake-off, but there has been some trouble lately. There are now 296 major generals and it is impossible to supmajor generals and it is impossible to sup-port them all without a revolution once in a while. The syndicate has been in negotia-tion with several prominent men to start came to look for him it was found that he

"Pshaw," said he, "there's no danger. If

army of Cuzco nineteen men were killed army of Cuzco nineteen men were killed and others injured. This cast a gloom over the entire community and made the natives much better. If an Englishman gets arrested anywhere all he does is to send word suspicious. But the government gave to the captain of any war vessel that is in the captain sends word to the au-No. but they have war ships, which is amounts of money and talking mysteriously such better. If an Englishman gets arsted anywhere all he does is to send word was in New York in May.

committees to reorganize the finances. If indemnity is also demanded. The third day lieved he got a tip from Bosenko and has

"How does 20 per cent strike you?" They looked at me curiously for a me

ment and said;
"Will that be entirely satisfactory?" I now saw that I had asked too little, but was too late, and I closed at that figure, though I heard one of them whisper to an-

ther, "dead easy."
All this took time, but it was arranged that the arms should be shipped whenever I gave the word, which was not to be until the provisions were in Cordova, and the men arranged for. I now made up my mind to ship the goods and arms, my commissions, and back out of the whole affair, but of course I kept my own counsel about this. I got letters and cablegrams from Boscoko frequently, but he was very carcless about the cipher, and I was in constant fear of being detected.

The thorn in my fiesh at this time was the office boy. He was a deep one. He knew something was going on, but couldn't get at it, so he bled me. He domanied double wages in a way that made me shiver, and I gave it to him. He was careless about getting to the office, but when I remonstrated he assured me he had to stay at home with his bederidden mother. He used home with his bederidden mother. He used the control of the properties as if it were his own, and he typewriter. The address I admit the typewriter. The address I admit the knew on the typewriter. the office boy. He was a deep one. He every time I started to have it out with before using the thim there was a look of honest industry a horrid mistake?

on his face that made me quall.

Finally I could stand it no longer, and one Saturday morning I told him we must part that night, and he-demanded a month's wages in advance, which I dared not refuse.

"Are the instake?"

"Let us have your key, then," said the consul, "and see if it fits."

I handed it to him, and in a few minutes he said:

"Mr. Boggs, it is useless to play this dounearly dark, the electric lights were trouble, and the wine made me glidy.

wrote out the message as follows: Shipped by steamer Barcelona: 5,000 flour. 1,000 cheeses

HOSEA BOGGS.

100 mess pork, 75 cases biscults. 1,906,000 hard tack. Biggerstaff will draw on sight. Everything going well.

This did not need a cipher, as provisions were not contrabuid nor likely to arouse uspicion. I rang for a messenger, but of cading the message it looked so illegible o I concluded to copy it on the typewriter, went to the deak and copied it hurriedly and hended it to the boy without reading. He soon came back and said I must sign my name and address on the back, and told me the amount it cost, which seemed large but I was flushed with wine and careless paid him and rushed for a train to the country, where for two days I made merry with friends, so glad was I to get one part

of the business off my hands. I was coming back to town Tuesday with a dark brown taste in my mouth and a bad headache, when I bought the Globe and locked carelessly at it. In a minute my head was on fire. There in glaring head-

ANOTHER REVOLUTION.

An Attempt to Seize the Government San Castaragua Frustrated.

A BIG SCHEME BLOCKED. Hosea Boggs of New York Ships Men and Ammunition to Cordova.

BOSENKO IS IN JAIL.

The New York Conspirator to Be Arrested by the United States Officers.

(Special Cable to the New York Globe, Copyright, 189—.) CORDOVA, July 9.—A sensation was caused here today by the arrest of General Hernando Bosenko, charged by President Cuzco with attempting a revolution. The city is wild with excitement. The revolu-

tion will not succeed. It seems that Saturday night General Bosenko received a cablegram from his New York agent, Hosea Boggs, as follows: Shipped by steamer Barcelona—

75 good soldiers. 1,000,000 cartridges. Government will recognize revolutionists. Monroe doctrine goes.

This cablegram was lying on General Cosenko's desk when your correspondent alled Sunday morning. The general was but. Your correspondent saw it was important, as it was in cipher. Fortunately he key was in one of the general's pigeon-

1,000 revolvers.

100 cannon (rifled).

say you are an Englishman and they'll let you go quick enough."

"Oh, they will, will they?" said I. "Well, why is that? Have the English got a Monroe doctrine, too?"

"No, but they have war ships, which is show that Boggs has been spending large."

to the captain of any war vessel that is in port. The captain sends werd to the authorities demanding the release of the captive and a large indemnity. If they do not give in the town is hombarded and there you are. In fact, this pian has led to a houses."

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THOMAS WALLING. The government has made every prepara-tion to seize the Barcelona when it arrives and the revolution will be put down without trouble. It is feared that many prominent men are involved. Bosenko says it is all a

"It would be much more satisfactory, Mr. Boggs, to see the one you sent away. Can you sent for it to the telegraph office?"
"Certainly," said I, ringing a messenger call and writing a note to the superintend-

ent, asking for the message on file. This seemed to satisfy the two men and I told them that in the meantime I would write out a statement for the newspaper mon who were waiting. They agreed and I went to the typewriter and began. I am a good operator and seldom look at my copy while writing, but I was very nervous I started out to explain the situation. Having written three lines I turned up the cylinder to look at it and my hair stood on end. Here is what it read:

Ny gaf idutax kz Brabyjko mabpleas

? ahid ip nowe but yhan tarw said meahy inavi zlossy tatr lan. Tztraim kl. m b tastiwg. Uzup 'aqr fait gaanvoos nitti-

amy. I rubbed my hand across my brow, pulled out the sheet, fore it up and put in an-other. This time I went more slowly. I could not see how I had been so nervous as to make so many mistakes. After three lines I looked again and—great heavens there it was again:

Ny gaf idutax kz Brxbyjko mabpleas: ? abid ip nowe bxt yban tarw said meaby mayt ziosxy tatr ian. Tztraim kl. m idutax kz Brxbyjko mabpleas; tastiwq. Uzxup ,aqr fait gaanyoos nitti began to think I had gone lusane and

the consul and marshal looked at me sus piciously. I made a third attempt with the same result and was about to say I was ill when an official from the telegraph offic entered with my cablegram, saying we could look at it in his presence, but the company

must keep possession of it.

"There it is," I shouted; "that will show my innocence. I only shipped some provisions to Bosenko, who is a merchant."

The consul took it, read it, frowned, and handed it to the marshal, who did the same and looked at me saving: and tooked at me, saying:
"I am sorry, Mr. Boggs, but this is bad business. I grabbed the message and read to my horror: Bosenko, Cordova:

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apolim crpp Judra Nobbd. "Did you write that message?" asked the

onsur.
"I did not," I said, choking with rage.
"Is that your signature on the back? asked the marshal.

my typewriter as if it were his own, and the typewriter and the verge of destruction, but is in my handwriting. I wrote it with a pen drove me to the verge of destruction, but before using the typewriter. You see it's all

It is useless to tell how I expectulated swore, pleaded and explained. The damning evidence was against me and all they would allow me was time to write out the state ment for the press which I had commenced A fourth time I began it, and again the letters came all wrong. I was fairly dazed. Finally an idea scized me. I picked up my cablegram I had originally written, and read it. Strangely enough it came out in the cipher just as I had sent it to the tele graph office. I showed it to the consul i

"There," I said, "it is the machine's fault Someone has tampered with my machine and it writes cipher instead of English. They didn't see at first, but when I showed

ow it worked the consul remarked: "Very ingenious, Mr. Boggs, but you ar fool to have changed the letters on vo nachine so as to write a cipher. It's a clean give away. "But I didn't do it," I cried, "some enemy

has done this to ruin me!" "Nonsense," said the marshal, "do you suppose anyone could accidentally misplace the lines in that machine to fit your cipher Do you remember that example in permuta tions in the arithmetic about the number of ways in which the letters of the alphabe can be placed? Why there's trillions o billions of ways, and no one could do it but yourself. Come along and we will see abou

Bitterly did I curse the day that I ever et eyes on Bosenko. I was held in \$25,000 bail for court. I sent to the different selling agents of arms with whom I had dealt, but they all indignantly denied any knowledge of me. They were afraid of being caught in the game. So I staid in jail, but was satisfied that as soon as the Barcelona reached Cordova with the provisions I would be released. Unfortunately the Barcelona went down with all on board off Cape Hatteras, and I should probably have been sent to the penitentiary for years had not General Morena suddenly recovered from the gout, descended on Cordova, and carried out successful revolution. Bosenko was re leased, but exiled, at the demand of the syndicate, and his property confiscated. After long negotiation I was released three weeks before Cuzco's last successful counter

But my money is now gone. I am broken in reputation and am an outcast. I have at last, however, solved the whole mystery. On the day I discharged my office boy he performed the deed that undid me. He has confessed the whole story under my threat of prosecuting him, though I don't know what I could prosecute him for. It seems that, enraged over his discharge, he re-solved to do me as much mischief as he could and looked around for an opportunity. Finally he lighted on the typewriter as the best object and from pure malice decided to change some of the letters so as to annoy me. He was familiar enough with the machine to do this with a few tools he borrowed from a neighboring office on the portant, as it was in cipher. Fortunately the key was in one of the general's pigeon-holes (they are very careless down here) and your correspondent soon deciphered the message, though there were many mistakes, evidently in transmission.

With the Globe's usual enterprise, President Cuzco was informed and last night Bosenko was lodged in fail. The United States was wired through the San Castaraguan minister at Washington to arrest those Boggs, who it will be remembered changes he made did exactly fit the cipher than the wanted to replace some battered letters. First he exchanged "a" for "z." Then he exchanged "h" for "m." This was about all he had intended to do, but seeing that it was easy he concluded to change them all, which he did this in hit or miss that he wanted to replace some battered letters. First he exchanged "a" for "z." Then he exchanged "h" for "m." the change them all, which he did with the exception of the figures and odd characters, dent the call the same and the call the call the exchange that it was easy he concluded to change them all, which he did with the call the call the exchange that it was easy he concluded to change them all, which he did with the call the call the wanted to replace some battered letters. First he exchanged "a" for "z."

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ecords for proof. When I think that I might now be a major general and secretary of the treasury of Castaragua, worth \$1,000,000 at least, it makes my blood boll to know I was kept out of it all by an accident that migh

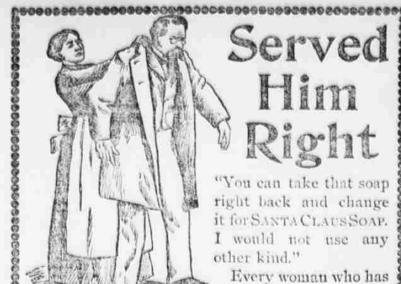
I am getting \$6 a week as barker for a secondhand clothing store on the Bowery waiting for another accident to land me on "They are. But revolutionists didn't do it sil. Reorganization is responsible for much of it."

Well, you are, an English vessel comes into a South American port. All its officers are out of money, and there is no chance 'What's refunding, just like you do here with railroad companies. The A and B. R. company goes into the hands of a receiver. A committee of bankers forms a syndicate, and the bondholders form several authorities consider. The second day an area of the second day and there is local item:

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