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Couldn't Foolthe Sentry

One of the most amusing chapters in Irving Bacheller's new novel, "D'ri and I," is that which tells of D'ri's first experience as a sentinel:

"The night after he came they put him out on guard duty-a greenhorn, with no knowledge of any orders but gee and haw. They told him he should allow nobody to pass him while on duty, but omitted to mention the countersign. They instructed him in the serious nature of his task, adding that his failure to comply with orders would incur the penalty of death.

"D'ri looked very sober as he listened. No man ever felt a keener sense of re-sponsibility. They intended, I think, to cross the lines and take his gun away and have fun with him, but the countersign would have interfered with their plans.

"D'ri went to his post a little after sundown. The guard was posted. The sergeant with his party of six started back to the guardhouse, but they never got They went as far as D'ri. He stood with his gun raised.

"'Come another step,' said he, 'and I'll let the moonlight through ye.'

"They knew he meant it and they stood

"'Come forward, one et a time,' said D'rl. 'Drop yer guns 'n set down; ye look

"They did as he commanded, for they could see he meant business, and they knew he had the right to kill.

'Another man came along shortly. "'Halt! Who comes there?' D'ri com-

manded. "'Friend with the countersign,' he re-

plied. "'Can't fool me.' sald D'ri. 'Come up here 'n set down 'n' mek yerself t' hum. Drop yer gun fust. Drop it er I'll drop

you.

"He dropped his gun promptly and ac cepted the invitation to sit down. This last man had some arguments to offer, but D'ri stood sternly and made no reply.

"At 11 o'clock Captain Hawkins sent out inquiries for the sergeant of the guard and his relief. He could find nobody who had seen them since dark. A corporal was also missing. The captain sent a man to look for them. He got as far as D'ri and sat down. They walted for him in vain. The captain stood looking into the darkness and wondering about his men. He conferred with Adjutant Church. Then he set out with two men to go the rounds. They got as far as D'ri.

'Halt! Who comes there?' he de manded.

" 'Grand rounds,' was the answer of the

" 'Lay down yer arms,' said D'ri, 'an' come up here 'n' set down.'
"'Haven't time,' said the captain, fail-

ing at first to grasp the situation. 'Er take time, er I'll put a hole 'n yer

jacket, said D'ri. "One of the privates turned quickly and

ran. D'ri sent a shot after him that only grazed a leg and he kept on. Then D'ri gave all attention to his new pris-They could see no amusement in oners. dodging bullets; they threw their arms on the side hill and sat down with the others

"The captain swore as he submitted.
"'Don't rile yourself,' said D'ri; 'you need rest."

"'No, I don't nuther,' said the captain.

"'You'll hey to hey it, anyway,' said D'ri. "'This beats h-I'' the captain answered with a laugh.

"A feeling of alarm began to spread The adjutant was standing in a group of men at headquarters soon after midnight. They were ears under in the mystery. The escaped soldier came running toward them out of the dark. He was breathing heavily; his leg was bleeding and sore.

'Well, what is it?' the adjutant de

"'D'ri.' the man gasped, and dropped down exhausted.

"'D'ri?" the officer inquired.
"'D'ri," the man repeated. 'It is that 'air man they call D'ri. He has roped in everyhedy that come his way. They're all sitting on the hill up there beside him. Won't let a man move when he gits him." "The adjutant snickered as he spat an oath. He was made of iron, that man

Church. 'Post a guard around him,' said he turning to an officer. "The dem fool'd tek the hull garrison of we didn't. I'll go 'n'

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