

FOGHORN FERNANDO

He Found His Vocation

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As if the sky had mysteriously discharged him, Foghorn Fernando appeared for the first time in the village of Dolcinea one morning about 6 o'clock and demanded admission to the Pacific hotel. At that hour the sky was actually discharging the pump rain drops of a tropical thunder shower.

Over his breakfast table Colonel Hopapple, the landlord, described to his guests the stranger's advent.

Judge Sloat, a disbarred attorney from Los Angeles, suggested, "Let us look over this person," and they went to the sunny courtyard to inspect the new arrival.

He was leaning against a cart wheel and gazing sadly at Hopapple's aged pair of mules as they dozed in their rope harness. Cross examined, he gave the name of Fernando. He sought employment.

"How comes an honest man out of work?" asked the colonel unreasonably.

"How, in truth?" retorted Fernando. "How keep I not the job? Alas! Aye, it is some curse. I toil. I slave. But, let me! I recount to you!"

The forthcoming torrent of words was not in the least intelligible, but soon the disconsolate orator seemed to be attempting, and with prospect of success, to make his story audible to the attentive ears of San Bernardino. "He-he smoke!" blurted the judge. "Is that a human throat or a steam whistle?"

"Car-r-framba!" roared Fernando filling his lungs for a final effort.

His shriek of woe was of miraculous volume, and the mules instantly tossed their venerable heads at the horizon and flew, panic stricken, out of the court. The crowd jostled through the gate in pursuit, while Colonel Hopapple, who had been knocked over by the runaway, addressed Fernando warmly.

"Consent it, why did you howl like that?" said he.

"Ah, I was excited in the head," explained the little Mexican. "Always when I am excited then must I talk with strength. But look, señor! But regard! The mules, they come back on us already!"

"It's the easiest thing he does, and that's the trouble," said Colonel Hopapple. "He'd keep it up all day if he wasn't stopped. Can you cure him?"

The doctor, after a thoughtful pause, removed his silk hat and with it clapped Fernando three deliberate strokes on the left shoulder.

"Cure him!" cried Gimble joyously. "No, I won't cure him. If he'll hire out with me I'll give him \$100 a month and cakes. I own two medicine wagon shows and a merry-go-round, and this fellow will sure make the best ballyhoor barker in the business. Why, put him on a platform outside a G by G tent with that voice and my patter and he'd have a county fair thinking it was Barnum & Bailey. What do you say, partner?"

Fernando, in a bluish daze, said nothing. He had understood nothing except the proposed salary, and his reluctance caused the showman to be fearful of losing such a vocal treasure.

"Here's an advance of \$50 to bind the contract," added Dr. Gimble hastily. "We'll start for Cactus City in a half hour, after I've fed up."

When Fernando entered Monzon's establishment that forenoon the indignant merchant reached for his broomstick, but Foghorn never wavered. He held his head high and hummed a tune as he glanced around the store in the manner of the emperor of Germany at a review of troops.

"Where is the proprietor of this little shop, my good man?" said Fernando to Monzon.

Tomas, unable to devise suitable objections, puffed out his cheeks helplessly, and Fernando tossed a yellow bill on the showcase.

"I amuse myself a minute on my travels," he continued, "by purchasing jewelry. It is my habit. Let me see that miserable trinket, if you will," and he pointed at an enormous breast-pin of imitation gold and diamonds, which had been coveted for years by every girl in Dolcinea.

"The price," faltered Monzon, "is eleven."

"Wrap it up," directed Fernando. "I buy!"

Tomas was overwhelmed. He waddled feebly to his safe in the rear of the store and emptied his money drawer in a vain attempt to make change for the yellow bill. But his customer was not left alone, for Anita Monzon now glided forward from behind a pile of gingham, thinking of the eighty cent brooch which Judge Sloat had given her at Christmas.

"Sweetheart!" she murmured to Fernando.

Foghorn yawned at her elaborately.

"It-it—that you—also—are employed here, my worthy woman?" said he.

"Show me, then, if you please, half a dozen finger rings of your best value. I expect that I travel in Cactus City, whither I am meeting a lady of station to whom I may wish to present a slight gift."

body. Padre Bonar strode into the aisle with an angry face, and Foghorn Fernando left the mission forever.

Fernando thereupon applied again for employment at the Pacific hotel, but Colonel Hopapple before answering pulled his chair into the shade and stared doubtfully across the plaza.

"Fears to me, my son," remarked the colonel, "that the dispensation of Providence has got you saddle galled when it comes to keepin' jobs. That pesky syreen contraption you carry in your chest is liable any minute to stampee stock and bust up trade and scare folks plumb into forgettin' their meals."

"But that loudness of me is not of ten," suggested Foghorn Fernando. The colonel waved his cornucop.

"Didn't you ever take somethin' for it—slippery elum or bonese or some thin'?" Well, by time! What's this unbeknown caravan a-comin'?"

The last question was provoked by an enormous four horse wagon swinging around the corner of the street. The wagon body was bored in by gayly painted canvas bearing the legend: OLD DR. GIMBLE, M. D. GENERAL HEALER. ONE PRICE TO ALL.

When the vehicle retraced the hotel a tall, gray bearded individual wearing a linen duster leaped from the driver's seat.

"Howdy, doc?" said Hopapple pleasantly.

"Good morning, my friend," replied the general healer. "Can you tell me the size of this settlement?"

"You can see it all from here," said the landlord, gesturing at Dolcinea with his pipe.

Dr. Gimble looked about him carefully.

"I don't guess it would pay me to stop," he decided. "I've got to make a county fair tomorrow, and—there ain't nobody sick in this town, any way, is there?"

"Not that I've heard of," Hopapple rejoined. "We're joluble, preseryed, thick-you." These hip-eyes fell on Fernando, perched on the left side of the hitching rail. "Why, by mighty, damn, after all!" mused the colonel. "How do you stand, doc, on the science of the throat?"

"Ace big," declared the physician. "Give me a quarter, open your mouth and say 'Ah.'"

"Shucks, it ain't me!" Hopapple corrected. "It's that little greaser. If you can cure his voice I'll go you two bits just for greens. Talk loud for the doc, you, Fernando, and I'll hold them horses if I can."

Foghorn obeyed, while the plaza rang like a sounding board. The astonished Gimble rubbed his ears and glared at Fernando with great earnestness.

"For the love of Mike!" he gasped. "How long can you keep that up?"

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Albany, July 25, 1914.

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