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The Spanish Bride

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1	The Spanish Bride	5:22
2	A Castle, poised upon a hundred-foot rock...	6:24
3	2. He had got his company in February...	7:08
4	3. His fall seemed to have no ill-effects upon Harry.	9:40
5	4. A double ration of grog was served out to the men.	5:57
6	5. Dusk, and the consequent slackening of gun-fire...	6:53
7	6. The volley from the British troops was answered...	6:12
8	At the top, the surviving officers were re-forming their men...	8:45
9	7. It was soon discovered that the abandoning by the French...	8:00
10	As the day wore on, the carnage in the town grew worse.	8:29
11	8. When the living had been disentangled from the dead...	6:13
12	The taller woman led her shrinking companion straight up to...	6:15
13	Señora, upon my word of honour as a gentleman...	6:50
14	Chapter 2: A Treasure Invaluable	9:01
15	2. His lordship, happily for Brigade-Major Smith...	4:24
16	But he was careful to explain it all to Juana.	6:16
17	But on the 8th April, when his lordship stood at the drum-head...	5:32
18	3. No honeymoon for the bride...	7:09
19	4. Harry had got a woman belonging to a man...	8:46
20	5. They had a fortnight. They marched into Spain...	5:27

21	'And since when will you have been owning a wife?'	4:55
22	6. If Harry showed no sympathy, there were others who did.	3:22
23	Tom Smith thought that Harry ought to teach his wife...	4:53
24	7. Early in May, Major-General Baron Charles Alten...	3:29
25	Chapter 3: Salamanca	9:52
26	2. Lord Wellington rode into Salamanca that day...	7:56
27	3. It was not until 28th June that the Light division at last broke camp.	7:46
28	4. Kincaid had fallen in love with the sexton's daughter.	9:50
29	5. Kincaid, who had been sent on picket the previous evening...	4:50
30	The undulating country lying between Trabancos and the Guarena...	5:57
31	6. When the dawn came, however, all was quiet in the French lines.	6:14
32	He reached up a hand to clasp one of her wrists.	6:45
33	7. Vandeleur's headquarters for that night were fixed in a cottage...	7:19
34	But West had already taken Juana to the rear...	4:02
35	Juana, who had taken up temporary quarters in a <i>posada</i> ...	5:13
36	As they rode towards the rear of the Light division, the noise...	6:15
37	Chapter 4: Madrid	9:10
38	2. The Smiths had rejoined the division in time to share...	7:04
39	But although famine reigned in the background...	5:09
40	3. There was every facility for dancing.	6:38

41	4. When Sir Rowland Hill's force arrived in Madrid...	9:31
42	5. The leading column of the division reached Alcala at dawn...	8:13
43	6. It was distressing, marching away from Madrid...	7:16
44	They got to Peñeranda painfully, by shocking roads.	5:04
45	7. The rain began to fall again on the 15th November.	3:18
46	Although the army had had plenty of opportunity of judging...	5:27
47	8. The centre column, of which the Light division...	5:19
48	The Padre, dragged out of the river farther downstream...	5:19
49	9. The bivouac was the worst imaginable...	9:15
50	Chapter 5: Winter Quarters	7:51
51	2. It would be a long time before the army could forgive...	7:36
52	3. By Christmas, everybody, except those who still filled the hospitals...	5:57
53	4. By the New Year, all the sierras were white with snow...	7:25
54	Mr Larpent was unable to agree with him.	6:57
55	5. They were never going to quarrel again, not even when the ladies...	9:57
56	6. By April, four of the invalided Generals had returned...	4:08
57	In May, the news that the headquarters servants...	2:28
58	7. 'All ready for the march? When do we rompé for it?'	7:49
59	8. By the 7th June, the division had come in sight of Palencia...	7:01
60	Juana sat at the window of her lodging, watching the stream...	7:43

61	Chapter 6: Vittoria	7:06
62	The so-called plain of Vittoria, on which, after many heart burnings...	7:05
63	2. By the time the Light division, traversing the high, rocky ground...	6:43
64	The situation of the brigade was uncomfortable...	3:43
65	3. It was not until between two and three in the afternoon...	6:50
66	4. The brigade being allowed a breathing-space while it re-formed...	7:30
67	He brought in the news that one of the French Generals' wives...	8:35
68	5. Although the division had been ordered to fall in by ten o'clock...	2:52
69	The search through the kit-bags failed to discover the missing treasure.	4:26
70	6. All next day the army plodded and waded its way along the road...	5:12
71	He followed the Spaniard out of the room, and waited...	5:12
72	7. The brigade left Offala next morning without Harry's host...	6:58
73	Harry told him curtly to continue along the road...	6:26
74	Chapter 7: Skerrett	8:56
75	Everyone voted Ugly Tom a capital fellow...	5:05
76	2. The army, inactive above the mountain passes...	8:29
77	3. Not until late in the afternoon on the following day...	7:02
78	Crawling up the abominable track, their heads almost on a level...	6:33
79	4. The sight of the retreating column whipped up...	3:54
80	5. They marched that morning, the brigade miraculously revived...	6:56

81	He was quite as good as his word and a few days later told Skerrett...	5:00
82	6. On the 25th August, the regiment's birthday...	5:15
83	He had to shout to make himself heard above the noise...	8:26
84	Leaving the battalion getting ready to retire, he rode off...	8:26
85	Chapter 8: Colborne	5:18
86	'If I were you, I would not pay too much attention to Smith,'...	5:24
87	2. From the window of the cottage which had for so long...	6:32
88	3. But the brigade, in spite of having possessed themselves...	8:40
89	4. The baggage arrived during the morning...	6:46
90	Oddly enough (for frequent hail-storms alternated with the fogs)...	6:47
91	5. Harry was agog with excitement at the prospect...	8:51
92	Never had the Light division engaged on a more glorious action.	9:49
93	6. By two in the afternoon, Clausel's troops were retreating...	9:10
94	But, in the end, all their anxious care of the goose was wasted.	7:14
95	7. With the recovery of her pet, Juana's spirits rose mercurially...	9:30
96	Chapter 9: Barnard	6:37
97	2. In January, upon its becoming known that General Skerrett	7:01
98	On the 21st of the month, Wellington was with Hill, at Garris...	6:38
99	3. His lordship wrote in his dispatch that the attack...	9:47
100	They spent the night lost in the billows of a feather-bed...	6:21

101	4. Brigade-Major Smith's duties kept him busy until after dark.	5:40
102	Barnard was, in fact, so delighted with her exploits...	8:32
103	5. If the truth were told, Lord Wellington was by no means satisfied...	8:06
104	6. 'The worst arranged battle there could be: nothing but mistakes!'	5:56
105	7. Those who expected Lord Wellington to launch a final offensive...	5:31
106	8. At the end of the month, the division was moved away...	7:49
107	Juana looked so much more cheerful at the prospect of being...	6:40
108	9. Harry did not reach Pauillac until the following day.	6:20
109	Chapter 10: England	5:23
110	He said he felt a fool in milliners' shops...	5:11
111	2. With the departure of Tom for Whittlesey...	6:47
112	Laboriously spelling out this news in the <i>Gazette</i> ...	5:52
113	Just as she was wondering whether she could with propriety...	4:34
114	3. Both George and Kincaid were going home on leave...	8:41
115	4. During the afternoon of the 20th September...	8:49
116	5. Harry was up long before Tom Falls in the morning...	8:10
117	'I hope to God it is! But oh, the times I have sighed...'	7:54
118	6. As though a reunion with his wife, and a visit to Carlton House...	6:42
119	Madame Dupont met them at the door of No 11...	6:25
120	7. Did he like her? He adored her.	7:49

121	Chapter 11: Waterloo	7:53
122	A most painful period of anxiety had indeed to be lived through...	5:13
123	2. Hardly had England had time to recover from the news...	9:35
124	3. He had meant it all for the best, of course.	6:44
125	4. It was not many days before Harry heard from Lambert...	6:52
126	When they reached Ghent, they found that Sir John had arrived...	5:11
127	5. Harry used to wait on Sir John Lambert every morning...	5:41
128	The march south was a little disturbing.	4:55
129	6. The rain continued all night...	7:36
130	She had galloped quite a mile beyond Malines before Juana...	6:22
131	'We used to suffer from them a great deal in Spain,'...	6:12
132	7. While the family was seated at breakfast next morning...	7:55
133	Distracted, she began to ride from one grave to another...	6:55
134	'And Napoleon is romped, really romped?' she cried.	5:48

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When Brigade-Major Harry Smith met the beautiful Juana Maria, an instant spark formed between the two fiery, energetic souls. The two fell deeply in love with one another from the first moment and the Spanish bride accompanied him throughout all his campaigns, where she rode freely among the troops. The intensity of their marriage is made all the more gripping as it is played out against the Peninsular War of Napoleon versus Wellington; *The Spanish Bride* is both an endearing true love story and a detailed account of Wellington's battles and strategies, which Heyer studied intensely for this unforgettable novel.



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