

spanish dominions in the west indies. here are huge quantities of pigeons at certain seasons. it is watered by four rivulets, whereof two are always dry in summer. here is no trade or commerce exercised by the inhabitants; neither do they plant more fruits than what are necessary for human life, though the country would make very good plantations of tobacco of considerable profit, were it cultivated. as soon as captain morgan came near the island with his fleet, he sent one of his best sailing vessels to view the entry of the river, and see if any other ships were there, who might hinder him from landing; as also fearing lest they should give intelligence of his arrival to the inhabitants, and prevent his designs. next day, before sunrise, all the fleet anchored near the island, in a bay called aguade grande. on this bay the spaniards had built a battery, mounted with four pieces of cannon. captain morgan landed about one thousand men in divers squadrons, marching through the woods, though they had no other guides than a few of his own men, who had been there before, under mansvelt. the same day they came to a place where the governor sometimes resided: here they found a battery called the platform, but nobody in it, the spaniards having retired to the lesser island, which, as was said before, is so near the great one, that a short bridge only may conjoin them. this lesser island was so well fortified with forts and batteries round it, as might seem impregnable. hereupon, as soon as the spaniards perceived the pirates approach, they fired on them so furiously, that they could advance nothing that day, but were content to retreat, and take up their rest in the open fields, which was not strange to these people, wooden doors not far in front of him and away from there. it would simply mean he had not understood, or that he had understood but chose not to pay attention to it. but if he once turned round he would be trapped, then he would have acknowledged that he had understood perfectly well, that he really was the josef the priest had called to and that he was willing to follow. if the priest had called out again would certainly have carried on out the door, but everything was silent as also waited, he turned his head slightly as he wanted to see what the priest was doing now. he was merely standing in the pulpit as before, but it was obvious that he had seen turn his head. if did not now turn round completely it would have been like a child playing hide and seek. he did so, and the priest beckoned him with his finger. as everything could now be done openly he ran because of curiosity and the wish to get it over with with long flying leaps towards the pulpit. at the front pews he stopped, but to the priest he still seemed too far away, he reached out his hand and pointed sharply down with his finger to a place immediately in front of the pulpit. and did as he was told, standing in that place he had to bend his head a long way back just to see the priest. you are josef said the priest, and raised his hand from the balustrade to make a gesture whose meaning was unclear. yes, said he considered how freely he had always given his name in the past, for some time now it had been a burden to him, now there were people who knew his name whom he had never seen before, it had been so nice first to introduce yourself and only then for people to know who you were. you have been accused, said the priest, enabled to raise money on the goods of his creditors, the servant to pledge the property of his employer, and the idle or profligate mechanic to deposit his working tools, or his work in an unfinished state. many persons in london are in the habit of pawning their apparel from monday morning till saturday night, when they are redeemed, in order to make a decent appearance on the next day. in low neighbourhoods, and among loose girls, much business is done by pawnbrokers to good advantage; and considerable emolument is derived from women of the town. the articles they offer to pledge are generally of the most costly nature, and the pilferings of the night are usually placed in the hands of an uncle the next morning; and the wary money lenders, fully acquainted with their necessities, just lend what they please; by which means they derive a wonderful profit, from the almost certainty of these articles never being redeemed. the secrecy with which a pawnbrokers business is conducted, though very proper for the protection of the honest and well meaning part of the population, to shield them from an exposure which might perhaps prove fatal to their business or credit, admits of great room for fraud on the part of the money lender; more particularly as it respects the interest allowed upon the