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# DRACULA

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## CHAPTER I

### JONATHAN HARKER'S JOURNAL

*(Kept in shorthand.)*

3 May. *Bistritz*.—Left Munich at 8:35 P. M., on 1st May, arriving at Vienna early next morning; should have arrived at 6:46, but train was an hour late. Buda-Pesth seems a wonderful place, from the glimpse which I got of it from the train and the little I could walk through the streets. I feared to go very far from the station, as we had arrived late and would start as near the correct time as possible. The impression I had was that we were leaving the West and entering the East; the most western of splendid bridges over the Danube, which is here of noble width and depth, took us among the traditions of Turkish rule.

We left in pretty good time, and came after nightfall to Klausenburgh. Here I stopped for the night at the Hotel Royale. I had for dinner, or rather supper, a chicken done up some way with red pepper, which was very good but thirsty. (*Mem.*, get recipe for Mina.) I asked the waiter, and he said it was called “paprika hendl,” and that, as it was a national dish, I should be able to get it anywhere along the Carpathians. I found my smattering of

238 German very useful here; indeed, I don't know how I should be able to get  
241 on without it.

255 Having had some time at my disposal when in London, I had visited the  
268 British Museum, and made search among the books and maps in the library  
279 regarding Transylvania; it had struck me that some foreknowledge of the  
291 country could hardly fail to have some importance in dealing with a  
306 nobleman of that country. I find that the district he named is in the extreme  
318 east of the country, just on the borders of three states, Transylvania,  
330 Moldavia and Bukovina, in the midst of the Carpathian mountains; one of  
345 the wildest and least known portions of Europe. I was not able to light on  
360 any map or work giving the exact locality of the Castle Dracula, as there are  
374 no maps of this country as yet to compare with our own Ordnance Survey  
389 maps; but I found that Bistritz, the post town named by Count Dracula, is a  
404 fairly well-known place. I shall enter here some of my notes, as they may  
415 refresh my memory when I talk over my travels with Mina.

425 In the population of Transylvania there are four distinct nationalities:  
438 Saxons in the South, and mixed with them the Wallachs, who are the  
451 descendants of the Dacians; Magyars in the West, and Szekelys in the East  
465 and North. I am going among the latter, who claim to be descended from  
479 Attila and the Huns. This may be so, for when the Magyars conquered the

494 country in the eleventh century they found the Huns settled in it. I read that  
507 every known superstition in the world is gathered into the horseshoe of the  
521 Carpathians, as if it were the centre of some sort of imaginative whirlpool; if  
536 so my stay may be very interesting. (*Mem.*, I must ask the Count all about  
537 them.)

552 I did not sleep well, though my bed was comfortable enough, for I had all  
566 sorts of queer dreams. There was a dog howling all night under my window,  
581 which may have had something to do with it; or it may have been the  
598 paprika, for I had to drink up all the water in my carafe, and was still thirsty.  
610 Towards morning I slept and was wakened by the continuous knocking at  
625 my door, so I guess I must have been sleeping soundly then. I had for  
639 breakfast more paprika, and a sort of porridge of maize flour which they said  
650 was “mamaliga,” and egg-plant stuffed with forcemeat, a very excellent  
664 dish, which they call “impletata.” (*Mem.*, get recipe for this also.) I had to  
679 hurry breakfast, for the train started a little before eight, or rather it ought to  
697 have done so, for after rushing to the station at 7:30 I had to sit in the  
713 carriage for more than an hour before we began to move. It seems to me that  
727 the further east you go the more unpunctual are the trains. What ought they  
731 to be in China?