



Major Vigoureux

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Wildside Press, United States, 2007. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 148 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. For a dozen years Major Narcisse Vigoureux had been, for an unmarried man, an exceedingly happy one. If you ask me how an officer bearing such a name happened in command of a British garrison, I answer that he was not a Frenchman, but a Channel Islander of good Jersey descent; and this again helped him to understand the folk over whom he ruled. The wrong-doers feared him; but they were few. By the rest of the population, including his soldiers, he was beloved, respected, not a little envied. For a bachelor he mingled with zest in the small social amusements of Garland Town, the capital of the Islands. He shone at picnics and water-parties. He played a fair hand at whist. His manner towards ladies was deferential; towards men, dignified without a trace of patronage or self-conceit. All voted him a good fellow. At first, indeed -- for he practised small economies, and his linen, though clean, was frayed -- they suspected him of stinginess, until by accident the Vicar discovered that a great part of...

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