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Charles Brace Loring-Friend of Hungary

BRACE, CHARLES LORING, philanthropist b. in Litchfield, Conn., June 19, 1826; d. at Campfer, Switzerland, Aug. 11, 1890.

He visited Hungary in 1851, and was the first American to visit the interior of the country. While in Gros Wardein, he was arrested on suspicion of being a secret agent of the Hungarian revolutionists in America, imprisoned in the castle of Gros Wardein, and, without information being given to the American minister, was tried in twelve different sessions before court-martial. An opportunity, seemingly accidental, enabled him to communicate the fact of his arrest to Charles Mc Curdy, U. S. charge d'affaires at Vienna, who instituted vigorous efforts for his release, and, after a bitter diplomatic correspondence with the Austrian ministry, he was discharged with an apology after an imprisonment of a month. But no compensation for his detention was offered by the Austrian government. He wrote a book: "Hungary in 1851". New York, 1852.

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