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This morning while I was out for a stroll the weather was so nice that I stopped at the prison and asked for Georges Godeau. The guard looked at his list and couldn't find that name. He was going to look again when I told him it was myself, condemned for life for having written too many books. He understood my problem instantly. He made me step behind the bars. I'm still here.

Translated from the French  
by **Daniel Biggs**