


# The American Boy 



## BECUN IN DECEMBER

## CHAPTER U

UTO THIS TIME Tad had gone to school, but he had been a poor student. Teachers had coaxed and threatened and sent bad reports home to Eben, but with no manifest results. Little, indeed, had been expected from a bad report sent to Tad s home, for Eben Chapman, it was well known, had been heard to say that schooling spoiled more boys than it ever helped, and that, as for his boy, he'd rather he wouldn't know too much. It was Eben's theory, well understood in the community, that education brought high-flown notions, made people put on airs, assume to be what they were not, and forget their humble beginnings. Eben did not want to see Tad "stuck un," as were certain of his neighbors whom he was not slow to name.
Some people thought that it was merely the father's excuse for getting the boy's time, but others met this with the remark that Tad, even when he had the on Saturdars he worked in the garden, and that on Satuke a show of work however much the season demanded his best efforts.
This much was to Tad's credit. that whenever his father offered a sugrestion that he quit school, the boy stoutly protested, and in the end had his way. although it was tacitly understood between the two that Tad's day of grace was soon to end.
Then, too, it is due to Tad to say that he did try, in so far as was in him, to keep abreast with his classmates, and that he even studied at home nights. The kitchen table served as desk. and a noor kerosene lamp, with untrimmed wick and sadly besmeared chinuney served as light by which this clumsy-minded boy struggled, not unheroically, to keep his place in school.

Tads father never went out after nightfall. On the side of the kitchen table opposite Tad be was accustomed sleepily to smoke his pipe and listen to Tad's mumbring figures till, wakened by a call for assistance, he took the slate from the boy's hand, and, while the latter slowly read and reread the problem. Eben figured in sprawling characters his attempted solution of it. Eben never balked at the task. Indeed. it was one of the proudest moments of his life when he could actually "do a sum" for Tad. Every time he reached a correct solution, even although it was by a wondrous route and by dint of much putting down and rubbing out, his seli-satisfachis fingers were stiff, his hair a sorely tried the correct anspor would not come be was accustomed to take refuge in a wolesale, he demnation of "fool take refuge in a wholesale condech questions" Then after handing the slate pack to Tad with a look of deflance, be would go mumbling to bed and leave the plodding Tad to work out hls own salvation. own salvalion.
was passed across came when no more the slate decimals and Eben Chapman was left behind. The night this fact dawned on Eben was the stormiest one that kitchen had ever known. Not that Eben was angry at Tad. No, the boy wasn't to blame. It was the "dum'd nonsense" that Tad was compelled to "rassle with." Then Eben pled with the boy to quit school and go to work. Every promise within and without his nower to perform he made and made again. He would give Tad half the crop; he would do all the work himself, and all the boy need do was ride about the village behind old Prince, dellver the garden stuff and take in the money. He should have every freedom, every opportunity to enjoy life, every advantage, except that of going to school. It was a temptation to the boy, as his eyes traveled back and forth between the pages filled with the awful deci-

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The Story of a Boy who had no Chance
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mals and his father's pleading eyes. It was a hard fight for a boy of fifteen, but the decimals won. Then bhen Chapman slammed the door and stumbled into bed, to lie awake ploting till long atter Tad had closed his book and crawled in by his side.
The following afternoon a certain store in the village received a call from Eben Chapman, who came in stealthily between daylight and lamplight. The erk who waited on him noted the unusual diffidence of his manner, but thought little of it. as Eben's ccentricities had ceased to be a matter of surprise mong those who knew him. His purchases were trange for a man of his age and character: a slate, the clerk showed him the arithmetic and asked , as if that was what we wanted was something him too many books in wanted, was something about same time he opened the book turned the At the same time he opened the book, turned the leaves mals, then pushed the book into his pocket paid the price and went out. The clerk made the remark to a bystander a little later that "Eben Chapman was loser than the bark on a tree; he had even begrudged his son a school book."
If, after that day, the neighbors kept tab on Fben Chapman's movements they must have poted that he spent the greater part of the morning indoors; that. nstead of appearing early among his vegetables. he seldom took a hoe in hand till the sun was long up and Tad had been in school for several hours. Had they sought to learn the cause they might, by peering through the kitchen window, have seen Eben, heavy-browed, his chair tilted far forward, his hands clutching a slender pencil. tracing monstrous angular fgures upon a slate-studying decimals. Then those busybodies might have met in convention and solemnly discussed the meaning of this singular spec acle. They never would have known-indeed, only He who reads the hearts of men could know-what problem Eben Chapman was workine out, for it was no problem set in the book, and no figures on the How was Fben Chat terms. It was simply this: from wrowing out of his ufe and beyond him Tad was Fhen Chapman to save from the wreck how his hopes and ambitions the one thing that made life frorth living-the respect and companionship of boy?

Day after day Eben Chapman groaned through his task. bing unon the slate and bloting out his cheeks, figures, till. lost in his grief and despalr, his head dropned upon his big arms, that were spread upon the table, and his chest heaved with the cruel storm of doubt and fear that raged within.
Eben Chapman was studying Tad's lesson ahead of him, so that when night came and the boy wrestled with his tasks he might say to him "it is thus and so. Tad," and Tad would respect his father.
Eben had a hiding phace for his book and slate. It was behind his dead wife's picture-the most nat ural place in the world for Eben to think of at such a time, for she alone rould keep his secret.
In time Tad passed the examina tion that entitled him to enter the high school. True, it was by dint o some powerful fine figuring on the part of the teachers that he passed the his name was read out amon ed and what mattered how it hal nened? The night Tad brought ham hened. The night Tad brought hom importance in his manner that was unusual with the lad, laid it on the table where his father might see it was another stormy one in the Chap man home. Eben's one remark when he read the slip was, "Yuh've rot yer education. Now what are yuh goin to do with it
The two sat facing each other across the supper table at the time. "I'm not through yet, dad. I'm going to high school next fall. There was a tone of triumph in the boy's words. Eben Chapman did no fail to note it. and it nettled him. He knew as well as did Tad that the passing of the examination, which, in fact, both had been preparing for meant high school for Tad. But if served his purpose to assume now
that it had meant all along an end of schooling for he boy.
"Goin' to high school, eh? Yuh're goin' to no high school. What's a high school fer a poor man's boy? father. Yuh're big enough and strong enourh yer ough school-twice as much as yer father ever had."
Tad made a heated reply. It was not fntended to sound harsh or unfilial, but it did.

See here, now, dad, if you think I'm going to stay here with you all my life in this miserable shanty and dig potatoes for a living you are mighty much mistaken. I mipht as well tell you that I'm out for omething better, and you know as well as I do that tellow can' get uthout education. And you neednt this yon are going to keep me an ignoramus and poor as a church mouse all my life, like you are. wone stand
The result was a lighted match dropped into a powder magazine. The accumulated displeasure of man's heart in one great welled uj into Eben Chaf. han sig hands smote the freat fir His neck swelled. seemed to tower to twice its height as he form abruptly from the table and slowered as he arose sat. white and immovable, awaiting the blow.
"Miserable shanty! Ignoramus! It's that. is it? Yuh're too good for yer dad, eb? Yuhve rot to be a gentleman, and yuh're too nice to dig pertaters! Then, Thaddeus Chapman, yuh're too much of a genteman to live here. If what's good enough fer me ain't goon enough fer yuh, the sooner we part the better. So git oul. Git out! I say. Don't set there gapin' at me like a fool. Git your duds an' go, an' don't ye take anythin that don't belong to $y$ inh, an don't yuh come back. either.
With this Eben Chapman left the room, throwing his arms about as if striking at an imaginary for and muttering between clenched teeth.
Thaddels Chalman was not natirally quick of movement. His feet were too far from the center of motive nower and too big for that. And now these "T seemed glued to the fionor.
Turned out:" he exclaimed aloud.
allen the fortificate that allen to the floor. He stooned, picked it up antl struggled against every odds. In this he had had his first triumph. his frst pide of conguest. his first joy of acquisition; his first real hopes and aspira


HE LOVED THIS MAN Who had been Fatrer. motber.
BROTHER AND sigter to him
tions for the future. With this in his hand he had seemed to burst a chrysalis and spring into the sunlight of a new world, in which he had seen himself a man among men struggling as other men struggle achieving as other men achieve, gaining honor and riches as other men gain honor and riches. And a part of his dream had been that with all this he
might surround his old father with ease and comfort And now this same father had turned him out of his home!
Then it occurred to him that he would see his father once more and tell him how he had meant to achieve success for him, to save him from poverty and distress in old age, to surround him with com ort, and thus relay him for all his kindness to his father had told the selt. he recalled the night his ather had told the story of his self-sacrifice. Then with tremblint hamds, he pushed open the door into the adjoining room; but it was empty-his fathe then, gathering together his few belongings, he, too went out into the falling nizht.
Later Eben Chapman returned. unrepentant and nforgiving. He had walked miles in the hour that he had been gome, ind every step seemed to increase
his ferocious spirit. Fintering the house, he lighted a lamp and. stringely enough, he set it so that its a lamb and. strangely enough, he set it so that its
beam fell directly on the path that led to the front gate. Then he sat down and buried his face in his gate.
Can the father heart have a greater sorrow than this-a wayward, disobedient, ungrateful son? But after every tempest there comes a calm. After rage in the heart of Ellen Chapman came sorrow; not sorrow for Tall, but sorrow for himself-for Eben apman, left atone, deserted.
In his heart of hearts Eben thought he was right And then, Without idmitiong anything, he said to so strong and so earnest when he sad he was going to high school." As he remembered him speaking so glowingly of his hopes he felt, somehow or other that Tad was something to he proud of. Then it dawned upon him gradually that he had driven Tad
away, and that possibly the boy would never come back

God in heaven:'" the man groaned, lifting his gonized face to that of his wife, looking out of the plcture upon the wall, "tell him to come back. He It was at his junctur
It was at this juncture that Tad, peering cau tously in at the window ont of which the lamp blazed a path to the gate, saw his father's drawn race, his uplifted hands, his bent form. The boy's eyes to speak to him. This was all too much for Tad. to speak to him. This was all this man who had been father, mother was now sweeping into his heart and filling it. A he trudged the streets, his bundle under his arm, he had seemed to hear that father calling to him to return and be a dutiful son. "Perhaps, after all," he said, "dad's right. I'erhaps I'm not fit to be anything much. Xoborly in this town will ever want me. They always say I'm just Etben Chapman's boy; they Chapman's as good as any of them. He doesn't harm nyone, and no man can say he ever failed to give him a square deal. Theres a worse thing than being an Eben Chapman, or an Eben Chapman's
It was in this frame of mind that Tad found himself when he turned the corner near home and saw the stream of light from the lamp in the window It was as if Tad had understood its meaning. for his particle of fiur he mover the site and made hi particle of foar he enterd the gate and made his way settled the quesion and turning to the door yes settled the quesion, and, turning to the door Eben Chapman looked up as the tall, ungainly form of his son filled the door, Anger, joy, surprise and of his son filled the door, Anger, joy, surprise, and fingers twitched and his form swayed for a moment.

Dad, I have come to tell you I'll give it up
Give it ul. Give ul- the education."
"Do yuh mean it?" the matn asked, tottering toward the boy. "Give up the great things yuh wanted to be an do, jist to stay at home with me, with yer old, goodfor, nothing father?"
"Yes, dad."
'Yes, dad.
'An' hoe
"Yes, dad.
"No, not that: Yuh won't hoe pertaters! I'll not let yuh touch the dirty things. Yuh can have books an maps, an slates, an-an-everything, Tad, an'
yuh'll jest study here. We'll study together. rll teach yuh what 1 know that yuh don't know, an'
yuh'll teach me what yuh know that I don't know yuh'll teach me whit yuh know that I don't know an' we'll educate ollt
Yuh'll never regret it.
Then drawing ilf two chairs facing each other Eben proffered one to the boy
Set down, Tad, an' let me tell yuh about yer uncle Ed. Then yuh'll understand yer father better my boy.

Yer uncle Ed was the youngest of us brothers. The oldest was yer uncle Reuhen, who went away to the war an never come back. Re didn't have to study. Readin'. writin' an' 'rithmetic jest come sort of natural with him. But with me it was different; I didn't take to books, so father took me out of school an' put me to work, while Ed-Ed, he went on from one school to another, jist fairly skippin' through, studyin' ahead of his
classes all the time Ed said the schools at home was too easy fer him, so he got father to let him quit school an' go 'way to a btg school, where he spent a powerful sight of father's money,
"We were all of $11 s$ awful proud of Ed. Mother Wrote him twice a week, an to git Ed's answers. an' when she got 'em she would to git Ed's answers. an when she orer 'em by the hour, an'sometimes when she
thought no one was lookin' she'd cry over 'em Father used to say it cost a heap of money, but he reat said, too, that Ed was goln 'o grow up he said he didn't care if he never back, an money, 'cause 'twa honor enough in his old age to have a son as smar as Ed. An all the time I was huskin' corn an' feedin plgs, an' llstenin' to the talk about Ed, as proud a any of 'em, an' not a bit jealous, fer Ed was smart an' then, yuh know, he was my own brother. Som day I knew he'd be a great man, an' 'twould be somethin' to be Ed's brother.
But one day father an' mother went away to visit d. It was graduatin time, an when they come back ried all the time an' mother used to cry a pood dea in a qulet way. Ed din't come home He went away out west where he rot married Father sent him monev but he got so he didn't tell us about it an' tried to keep it from us First thing I knew there was mortgage on the place. Then mother died an' he last words were about Ed. Ed didn't come to the funeral. He jest sent a letter sayin' how sorry he was, an' that he was too far away an' was jest a little pinched for money at the time. After that, Tad father never mentioned Ed's name to me, till one day he said: 'Eben, the place has got to go. Ed's in trouble ag'in, an' it'll take all I've got to save him Maybe, when he sees he's got it all, he'll straighten
up.' I tried to argue with father against sellin' the place, but he only said. 'Mother would do it. Ed's a smart boy. He's sowed all his wild oats now. He says he's goin' to settle down an' make a home fer
me. Yuh'll have to strike out alone now, Eben, fer me. Yuh'll have to strike out alone now, Eben, fe yourself. Yuh've been faithful to me an' to mother but there's nothin' now for yuh but yer father's lov an' blessin' an' yer mother's mem 'ry. An'so the old into Ed's hands. Then father lived another year "With uncle Ed?" interrupted Tad, eagerly
'No, with me. An', Tad, yer grandfather died a broken-hearted old man in these very arms of mine." For a full minute the two sat in silence. Then man said: "Tad, when yuh said so deternined like. tonight, yuh was goin to high school there wa somethin' in yer face that 'minded me of yer uncle Ed."

## CHAPTER III

The following morning Eben and Tad rose early as was their custom, and, without referring to th events of the night hefore, went to work-Tad to se
breakfast and Eben to do the chores about the barn Tad, after putting the finishing touches to the Tad, after putting the flnishing tonches to the meager was red and dripping from his morning wash at the was red and ready for a hard rub with a coarse towe and the ceremony of combing his few locks of hat into that had done service for many years in the Chap man family

Few words were spoken between father and son during the progress of the breakfast. Both wer wanted to be thinking of the same thing. Epen the evening before, but he did not know how. so he kept still; Indeed, for the first time in his life, the old man was distinctly embarrassed in the presence of his son. Tad was consclons of no feeling of resent ment toward his father. nor yet was he particularly ment like that of one awakened from a strange dream. and not quite certafn that it was a dream The thought of never going to school again was strange one. Indeed. Tad had never before take occasion to think of the time which he woild not be going to school. But dintin the the into Tad just past something new had theught-a purpose to make something out him self, an ambition to rise out of the humble plane in which his lot had been cast: a desire to be and do womething worth while. But this morning Tad could see only so far as a seat on the vecetable wago behind old Prince, and, try as he might to look int his father's eyes and seem natural when he felt so strange and uneasy, he just couldn't do it. Hence an embarrassment on the part of father and son, and hence silence.
Under such circumstances each hurried through his breakfast. Tad was the first to put down his knife and fork and rise from the table. Putting on his cap, he was about

Where yuh goin'. Tad?" There was a note of tenderness and something, too, of uneasiness in the man's tone
replted going up to the school-house to get my books," replled Thaddeus, without turning
Why don't yuh leave 'em won't need em no longer. Why don't yuh leave 'em
want 'em more'n yuh do."
want 'em moren yuh do." It was evident that Eben come under the spell of the school-house the boy come under the spell of the school-house
again. Tad was shrewd enough to read his father's again.
mind.
"You needn't get scared, dad," he said, with a half grin. "I'm coming back. And don't forget. too, I'm going up oont it's going to be quite a show You ought to see the decorating they are doing. They're golng to move in a piano from Martin's store, and the band is going to be there, and-and-", here Tad hesitated, "and you know I'm to read my essay

Sure enough! The essay on which Tad had labored hour after hour for weeks, refinsing to ask ald. and declaring that his father should not hear it till he
heard it in the school-house the night of the commencement.
Eben Chapman knew all abont that essay. When first told of it he was not a little proud that his son was to take nart, but his pride was not unmixed with worry. What was Tad golng to say in that essay?
He had thought over that all unbeknown to Thad-
deus, and he tried by every kind of trickery and fact that his boy look at the paper, for, to know what he was going to say. Not that be had no conflence in Tad. He knew the boy could do t; better, he declared to himself, than any boy in Bellmont. But he had a father's feeling that he ought to be consulted about it. At times he had been a little piqued; now he was well-nigh angry. that paper if yuh ain't agoin' to school oo readin that paper if yuh ain't agoin to school no more?" "'Cause its on the program, dad, and the pro-
ram's all printed, my name and all, by this time. gram's all printed, m
"Well, maybe yuh can't, but 1 don't see no use of it. One thing's certain, I shan't go to hear it." There was a storm gathering in the rough heart of Eben head. Tad noticed it and sought to ward it off.
"Now, dad, you don't treat a fellow fair. I wanted to go to high school, and you won't let me. I told you know how hard it was to say it. Now you won't hea me read my essay. Everybody will be there; ever fellow's folks, and there won't be anybody there that's interested in me or cares for me." Tad's voice broke
Eben Chapman was not without a heart.
"Well, I'll see.", he said more kindly. "Read it to me now, Tad, an' ef it's all right, I'll go."

No, I'd rather not, dad. It'll sound better to you if you don't hear it before the entertainment. I wish you wouldn't ask me.
"Then there's some

Then there's somethin' in it yuh don't want me to know," why yuh're keepin' it to yerself. I tell yuh right now,
I'll not go a step till I know what's writ in that paper

A spark of rebellion kindled in Tad's eyes, but in a moment it went out. Then. slowly and with dif ficulty, he drew from the inside jocket of his coat,
from some place within the lining, for the pocket had no bottom, a few sheets of paper rolled and tied with a string.
"Hadn't I better wait till you've done your work, dad-tonight, say

Mights well now as any time, growled Eben. ahead of him out of a windown tad who had taken his stand back of his father's chair, was holding the paper in his hands, but not seelng a line, for by much reading and rereading he had learned it by heart.
"It's called 'Excelsior,' dad. The teacher named it
"What's it mean?" came the gruff inquiry
"It's Latin, and it means higher.
"If it means higher. why don't yuh call it higher.
so's folks can know what yuh're talkin' about? That's so's folks can know what yuh're talkin' about? That ' what comes of educalt a boy he cant talk like anyhow I hope it ain't all as hard to understand as anyhow 1
its name.
Then Tad began, slowly and hesitatingly at first but after a moment confldence grew and the words came rapidy and with spirit. The the was the out of his opportunities; the obligation one is unde to develop to the highest efficiency all his varled ta ents. Illustration followed illustration from the live of successful men. Then as a sort of exordium said:
childhood through life is like climbing a mountain. In thin There about us to make us happy without our efic birds. We look to the little hills and say, 'How high they are: we feel we can never climb them At first we do not wish to; we are satisfied to play in the low-lands. A little later we begin to look more longingly toward their summits. indeed we can climb them. Yes. we can! And in the clearer, purer air that we breathe we feel glad wnd and other people, older than ourselves, standing on their sumits, soon we leave behind the lazy crowd who were con tent to idle away their time on the low levels, amid the shadows and miasmas of the valley. Now, with quickened pulse we fairly spring along the path that leads up we know not where but always into purer sweeter air, and to heights from which the lit tle things of earth dwindle to nothingness, and ever thing about us speaks of God. Then we cease to fret and whine; then we laugh at our petty burdens and losses; then we begin to think great thoughts, to love great things, to asnire to great achievements. And still there are heights above and beyond us, and still we climb, crying all the time, 'Excelsior!' This,
my friends, is the life of the great and the

## good man."

Then the boy told the story of the Alpine climbers, and closed with a ringing appeal to his classmates to make "Excels.or their motto through est goal of which their lives were capable. Eben Chapman sat immovable, as still as a plece of stone, through the whole of the reclation with feel ing. "Who writ that nonsense?"
"Yuh didn't." snorted the man, rising suddenly from his chair. "No son of mine writ sech dribble. An' yuh're goin' to read that afore all the people of this Eben Chapman, the huckster, without a dollar to his name an' hardly a shirt to his back? Yuh think people 'll belfeve yuh writ that? No boy ever writ it. They'll say yuh stole ft , which yuh did, outen a book. Yun're goin' to disgrace yerself an' me, too, by it. Like's not they'll hiss yuh off from the stage. An' to each other, 'Do yuh mind the night Tad Chapman put his foot in it? Yuh didn't write it, an' I can prove it, fer I remember readin' about that feller

Or, Chapters From the Lives of Plupy, Beany, Pewt, and Others

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## CHAPTER V.

THE SUMMER was passing only too rapidy. Early apples were beginning to show red worths on the side exposed to the sun. The force, very adroit in dodging green apples thrown from a withe, now entered into the fotato-ball season in excellent training. The bobolinks, whose nests the boys never could find under any circumstances. had brought up their russet-colored offispring. had of brown, neat, and close-fitting, new wrere filling the brown, dry, close-mowed fields with their plaintive brown, dry, close-mow
and musical fall song.
The snakes had shed their skins, and the boys had successfully imitated them. having successively hhed several thicknesses which the hot sun had burned from their blistered backs and shoulders. and now appeared as brown as russet leather and as tough as wire rope.
True, they had narrowly escaped death in horrid shapes from persistently eating half-ripened fruit. doctor to resort to drastic caused the good family most terrific attack of colic following unlimited indulgence in black cherries.
Beany had been kicked by a stable horse and was nable to do any work at home for several weeks, and still limped painfully when in sight of his home, although his disability was not particularly notice-

able when sufficiently removed from that vicinity. Pewt had been on a visit in redatives in Portsmouth, and the value of residential real estate in the neighborhood in which h
perceptibly in his absence.
Merceptibly in his absence. father had bought a horse. Not in truth a very valuable animal. for she was a bit old and more than a was a very handsome little horse, a dark bay with black noints, very easy to ride and when warmed up. a fast trotter.
Plupy was the most popular boy in the neighborhood, not even excepting Ed Towle, whose father had a stable full of horses.
Early in the morning he was at the stable feeding, rubbing. washing, and polishing his horse, and driving his fataer to the station. Every noon he repeated the process. and every night he drove again to the station and partonk of the delirious excitement of a race down the street with the
other gentlemen rewng train.
Between times he threw an old McLellan saddle ber from siaht, and rode her. And as he was by no means a stingy youth, his friends stiffened themselves into suffering yardsticks in riding the little selves into suftering yardsticks in riding the little tough as a voyageur, she would have died the first week. But she grew ambitious with good food, and several times had come home with Plupy, despite his utmost exertions.
As I remarked before. Plupy's father was an employee of the government. and consequently a stanch upholder of the political party then in power. He held himself always in readiness to perform any a gentleman of much tact and jollity, was a politia gentleman of much tact and jollity
He drew a very respectable salary for inconsider. He duties at the Custom House, but was shrewdly expense of a growing family. So he was always extremely affable and painstaking in entertaining any prominent politician whose influence might be of assistance to him in jermanently retaining his place, or in gaining a new and better one.
One Saturday evening. he brought home a most distinguished looking gentleman, a politician of some note, to stay over Sunday. and having left him
in his room. which had been hastily vacated and In his room, which had been hastily vacated and
made guest chamber for the occasion. the family made guest chamber tor the occasion, the family
was assembled in the kitchen and the law laid down as to thelr behavior, and the favorable Impression they were to make on the visitor who was represented as the one man in power
procure a substantial ralse in his salary.
He had no fears of Pluny's mother and aunt for they were gentlewomen, but he was naturally a hit
uncertain about the behavior of his numerous brood. However. they all promised with much zeal to be he most profuse promises Plupy in particular made put in execution by filling the woodbox and water pail, and spending the half hour before tea in watering out the stable, appearing at the tea table with his face freshly sopped and scrubbed, his paper collar turned, and bearing with him so terrific a stench of the stable that he was sent from the room to change his clothes, which mortified him exceedingly.
On his return he was unfortunate enough to tand his plate in his lap, and commit other litule sltps which made worse the unpleasant impression he must have created.
After supper he harnessed Nellie and held her Whtle his father and the gentleman climbed in to ake a little ride around the lown and visit a few paign. In his agitation the coming national camlea table he reversed the correct misdoings at the the breeching straps first and then forgot to fasten the traces. leaving them coiled up in front, and when his father, gathering up the reins, nodded jovially to the smiling family gathered in the dooryard to see them depart. and touched Nellie with the whip. she went out of the traces like a shot. dragging the astonished and protesting owner over the dasher, and completely tied herself up in straps. buckles. and general wreckage before she was secure.
"Didn't I tell you more'n a hundred limes never to hitch the breeching first." roared the enraged father. shaking Plupy violently; "I'm a good mind to skin you alive.'

You ought to have been more careful." said his mother mildiy but sorrowfully, as poor Plupy slunk weeping into the house.
It took some time to disentangle the snarl of horse. harness, and bugky. but when it was accomplished, they drove off again, and after an hour's drive came home serene and peaceful and smoking huge betokening promising political aspirations.
The evening was passed with music, in which the entire repertoire of the young ladies was exhausted. and jossibly also the patience of the guest. I have sometimes wondered just what the guests at Plupy's really did think of the musical part of the entertainment that was so freely dispensed there.
The next day was Sunday and the family arose ater than usual. Plupy was, however, early astir, and rubbed down the horse, washed the buggy. and swept out the barn before his father had arisen. family prepared for church Plupy's father in view of the limited quarters provided in the family pew of ciciously allowed Plupy to remain at home, great. Iy to that youngster's delight.
There was occasionally some fun in church, for Beany occupled the important post of blow-boy for the organ, and whiled away the time when not occupled in keeping the bellows full. in various ways. one of which was in peeping from behind the organ and making hideous faces at Plupy. to the great
scandal of other worshippers to whom he was visiscandal of other worshippers to whom
ble, and to Plupy's unconcealed delight
ble. and to Plupy's unconcealed delight
But whenever Plupy's father went to church, which didn't happen very often owing. as that genleman said. to the exhaustion under which he labored. caused by the mental strain of his prostrating best betavior and did not dare to laugh at anything Indeed the last time he had attended church with his father, he had narrowly escaped punishment because he could not entirely restrain his langhter, when old Mr. Blake, who sat just in tront of them, and who leaned forward to pick up his hymn book which be had dropped. hit his bald head a most astounding and audible thump on the shelf in front of him. which caused him to pull a most rueful face. strangled himself with suppressed glee
He pandered with deep satisiaction ont into the yard. It was a warm day and the crickets and grasshoppers were filing their saws in the grass, the corn was waving in the breeze. In the barn a little speckled hen prated cheerfully, the cooing of his
pigeons on the eaves sounded pleasantly in his ears. pigeons on the eaves ceased ringing and in the distance the faint swell of the organ arose and the distant the faint swell of the ofter all the world was a pretty cadence of a hymn. After an's see, what would he do good nlace forst he would go over and see if Potter Gorham would go bull.frogging with him. And if he wouldn't go. he would go down to Fatty Melcher's. Fatty was most as good a fisher as Potter. Only Potter knew more, about fish and birds than any fellow. He wished he had some of Potter's books on birds and things. He guessed he would read the rest of "Midshipman Easy," and having procured that deltghtful tale, he lay on the grass and was only aroused from oblivion to everything be and fan of his book by
family from church.
After dinner, Pluny's father was called away. and. again to Plupy's delight, ordered him to harness elle and take the guest to Hampton Falls to make call on a friend.
entially waiting until the gentleman adjusted his
gloves. settled his sllk hat firmly on hs bald head. and lighted his cigar, he climbed into the bugry The politician forth gaily.
fast class, began to chaff the to travel in a rather last class, began to chaff the boy a little about his ability to trot fast. Naturally, to a boy of pher disposition, this was a direct invitation of Plupy's disposition, this was a direct invitation to let her
out a little, which he did. The gentleman took oc caston to take out the whip The gentleman look ocbut silent indignation, to strike her with it stat as much as Plupy could do to turn her into the yard of the house they were to visit without upsetting During their stop at this house one of those su den showers came up that left the roads soaked with water and deep in mud, and when they started for home, the little mare, still smarting over her treatment. struck for home like a bird sending showers of mud over the wretched and indignant guest and the straining Plupy.

In vain he pulled; he could not stop her. She had an iron mouth and was bound to set home as soon as possible. The politician started to expostulate, but a handful of mud thrown by her forefeet plasjolt caused him to grab frantically for his a whent he secured just in time. The whirling wheels cast aloft showers of ing place on his digniffed person. They whirled round a corner on two wheels and he grasped the seat with both hands. Another dash of mud sealed one eye, while a shower of gravel stones rattled against his false teeth and paralyzed his fervid oratory.
They dashed over the bridge, ull Clifford street. around the corner, a narrow squeak. Ilulyy was a
skillful driver. Another might not have done it. skillful driver. Another might not have done it.
Into the yard, Plupy putting forth all the strength Into the yard, Plupy putting forth all the strength of his half-paralyzed, skinny arms and sawing violuckily it was shut. She stopped. The barn door, luckily it was shut. She stopped. The passengers
kept right on. Both went over the dasher flying Plupy went farthest, although braced for the shock. The politician found himself astride the animal's. rump, both arms embracing her. Nellie did not kick. She was a kind horse, and had reached home The politician dismounted painfully
He was speechless with indignation. Plupy's mother came out. So did his allnt. So did his brothers and sisters. The latter retired to hide thelr mirth, taking with them the londly wondering little ones. The forner perstuaded the politician to enter the house and offered him warm water, soap,
and towels. He fumed and said impollt and towels. He fumed and said impolite things. Pluy's mother was a wise woman. So was his aunt. They said nothing. The politician finally
consented to retire to his room. He could not have done one to retire he his room. He could not have done otherwise. He was a sight. He poked his scraped, dried and dusted, while Plupy told his story At about six oclock his father returned his story. At about six oclock his father returneil and was the Sabbath for the first time in her life by bending over the froning-board smoothing out the wrinkles in a long-tailed black broalcloth coat, while Aunt Sarah. with a rabbit's foot, was trying to restore the gloss to a damaged silk hat.

The worthy gentleman was much cast down when he learned of the excitement attending the John Gilpin-like ride of his son and guest. and he was disposed to use harsh measures before hearing the whole story; but as he instened his indignation

his wife prevented him fiom demanding an explanation of his guest. So he swallowed his wrath and When his guest reappeared, greeted him with cordiality. But the evening meal was eaten under some constraint, and at its close the guest retired to his room, saying he was greatly fatigued by the unusual attentions he had received.
The next morning, after a tempting breakfast, Plupy's father and the guest rode to the denot in a hack, as it was thought that the appearance of the family conveyance might awaken painful associations in the mind of the great man. Plupy's father exerted himself to be affable and courteous to his guest, but that gentleman appeared to be wrapped
in an impenetrable cloud of gloom in an impenetrable cloud of gloom
As the train pulled in, he turned to his host and said, with a disagreeable sneer: "Shute, if that in fernal boy of yours was mine, I'd drown him." Now Plupy's father, however strongly he might at times express himself about his son's misdeeds, never allowed anyone else to do the same, and
would fight at the drop of the hat when any person

the passengers keft rigit on
criticised any member of his family, and he came to the scratch with a promptness quite unexpected by his guest.
"And if he didn't amount to more than you have you infernal blockhead, I'd hang him before night! he replied fiercely.
Do you know who you are talking to?" demanded the great man, purple with rage.
"A cheap barroom politician!" roared the elder Shute, "and for two cents, sir," he shouted, snap ping his fingers under the great man's nose, who backed precipitately away, "I would smash that old lug of yours over your empty old head!"
There was no time to say more, the train was get ting under way, and they rushed for different com partments.
That night when Plupy's father returned he de lighted his son by the present of a twenty-five cent His
His salary had not been raised, but the family honor had been vindicated.
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properly attended to. Caleb seated himself near his cousin. who was holding the tiller, and looked back at Elnathan, who could still be seen.
"Noah, do you think there is anything in what El"athan said?" inguired Caleb at last.

Yes. sif, f do
"Do-do. you really belfeve the grand jury will do anything?
looks like it. It was mighty unlucky for us that t should happen to be sitting just now of all times But it is, and that s all there is that way he did " way he did.'
hadn't thought of that. Never mind. Noah, they won't touch me. for I live in Pennsylvania." Caleb and he had heard.
"And I'm qoing to Pennsylvania-where all the bad people go."
"Rest beople in any one of the thirteen colonics!" retorted Caleb.
"So?" inquired Noah soberly, though his eye twinkled at Caleb's readiness to resuond to the im phed slight. "Let me see, the Quakers settled there didn't they?

They did that. And a good people they are, too.
Elnathan is a Quaker. Isn't he
I suplose he is. but there are not many llke him and his father."

Let us hope there won't be, either! What would you do. Cale. if our two Quaker friends and Tom Hul should come after us?
"They aren't coming, are they?" demanded Caleb hastily, as he instantly turned and looked back a the dock now far behind them.
"I don't know. There's a boat coming down the creek. It left the dock pretty sonn after we did."
It was true, as Noah had declared, that a sallboa was coming down the Cohansey. and it was not lon before the boys could perceive that there were two occupants in
after a conldn't do anything to us," remarked Caleb after a brief silence.
"But they haven't. They couldn't have"
"Oh, I don't know about that. The grand jury, you know, was in session yesterday and probably this morning, too, for the matter of that."
"You don't believe it. Joah?
"One never can tell," responded Noah soberly. It was one of the pleasures in which he frequently indulged to "torment his cousin." as he himself expressed it, for Caleb was so matter-of-fact in all his ways that to arouse his fears was never a difficult task. Not that Caleb was lacking in courage, as no one knew better than Noah himself, but he was so literal in all his own statements that his cousin's ways were a never-ending source of perplexity to him, and Noah was not at all backward in his efforts to confuse his friend.

Cale." he said, as the cathoat sped forward, "I verlly believe that boat is after us, and if I am not mistaken that's Tom Hull and Elnathan Todd in it. ton." Noah's tones had abruptly changed, and even Caleb could perceive that his cousin was in earnest now.
"Shall we come about and wait for them?" inquired Caleb anxiously
"Not this trip!" replied Noah promptly. "At least we'll lead them a merry chase first." he added. "If they think they can overhaul us with that tub they're welcome to do it."
"Rut if they really want us_-" began Caleb.
"If they do they'll have to come where we are,"
interrupted Noah. "And that's what they do seem to want," he added, as a faint sound of a shont or hail came from the boat behind them.
"Are you going to come about?"
"Haul in on your sheet, Cale?" was Noah's sharp response. The wind was strong and the little catboat careened until her gunwale was almost under the water, and as she sped forward her wake was like a seething. boiling mass. The other boat, too, had caught the full force of the wind and was driving ahead with a speed that puzzled Noah and was not a little disconcerting to his compranion. Apparently. however, the distance between the boats was not lessened, and a smile of exultation appeared on Noah's face.
"Why don't you answer their hall?" demanded Caleb as another shout was heard across the water. "Too busy," retorted Noah, as he brought the cat boat up into the wind.
"They may have something different from what you think to say to us."
"Don't you believe it, Cale! Einathan and Tom Hull don't know but one word between them both know what it is without stopping to hear it. Caleb, who by this time was seriously disturbed by Caleb, who by the pursult.
'Cale, what do you think Anthony Wayne would do If he were here? Would he stop to parley with such men?"

No.o.o. I don't believe he would."
"You think he's a good man, don't you?"
"Yes, sir; I do! You know what I think of him." "I reckon I do," laughed Noah. "And we must try to do what good men do," he added demirely. "Then, too, it wouldn't be right for me not to go on home with you now.
"That's it. It wouldn't be right. Don't you know 'children obey your parents?' Well, didn't my father tell me to go back with you? I'd like to know if that lan't just what I'm doing. I'm going to obey my parents in spite of Tom Hull or Elnath'
want 'my days to be long in the anan. "There Isn't any use in talking to you."
"And then I must see Anthony Wayne," continued Noah. "I might stop to hold sweet converse with Mr. Thomas Hull, Esquire, if it was not for that. I

Certainly there was no "waiting" apparently to be seen in either boat. The wind still held strong and the hoats sped over the water at a marvelous speed. The tub, as Noah had mockingly called the pursiefforts of the young skipper the distance between the two was not increased.
"Hadn't we better take a reef, Noah?" inquired Caleb somewhat anxiously as the catboat careened until the water rushed over the rall.
"Not before Tom Hul! does," responded Noah sturdlly.

The wind apparently was rising steadily, and the waves in the bay, upon which the boats had now entered. were capped with white. Caleb's face betrayed his alarm, but the sight of the boat behind him caused Noah to disregard every suggestion his cousin made. Both boats were flinging the spray wildy by this time. and Caleb's teeth were chattering, for he was drenched and cold. Nelther party apcautions, whough Nig o adop en that the
upon his hoat was more than she ought to bear. On and still on flew pursued and pursuer, and then in a moment the mad race was abruptly ended.

## Chapter xv.

## NOAH DARE'S "ObEDIENCE."

"Look at that: They're overboard! Their tub has capsized!" exclaimed Caleb, excitedly, as he pointed at the boat behind them.
One glance was sufficient to enable Noab to perceve that his cousin had spoken truly. The pursuing hoat was certainly in trouble and had overturned. Exen while he gazed at the sight he could see one of the men clamber up on the bottom of the overturned. Not, a shout had been raised nor here to be and the misfortun had been raised nor a call heard. and the misfortune had occurred so suddenly that the boys were scircely a are of the peril of their recent pursuers, even when they perceived what had befallen
Instantly, however, Noah without a word brought his catboat about, and in a moment the fleet little craft was spee
"Take that rope Cale! Fling a line to the one in the water!" called Noah sharpy
"Where is he?

Where is he? 1 don't see him: Where"Right there by the stern: There, you can see his head now: Stand by to give him the rope! Now: Now! " shouted Noah. "Let him have it
As the speed of the catboat slackened,
As the speed of the catboat slackened, Caleb someWhat awkwardly flung the line, at the same
time calling loudly to Mr. Hull, whom he had time calling loudly to Mr. Hull, whom he had discovered to be the one in the water.
The man's hand was flung up as
was cast and instantly he frasped the rope was coil The boat was still under end of the coil. The boat was still under motion, and, as the rope became taut. Caleb was nearIy drawn into the water himself. A smothered exclamation of anger or alarm came from Caleb had, but bed the he could say anything ing in the bow, and for the moment was safe. "Now. show you're not a liubber!", cried Noah. "Come aft! Come aft! Don't stay That's right! Now, hanl in! Haul in! Look out: That's riyht: Xow. then! He's all
right: Give him a lift: Here, Ill help," he added, as placing the tiller between his knees he reached forward and seized the rope in his hands, while Caleb bent over and grasped the arm of the struggling man. In a moment the drenched and panting Thomas Hull was dragged on board and Noah instantly dropped the rope and gave all his attention to his boat which now had once more canght the ful force of the wind and was speeding over the water like a thing alive. In a brief time the skillful young skipper again swept backward in his course and drew near the overturned boat to which Elnathan could be seen clinging. "Give him the role now!" called Noah. Let him have it. But Caleb's hands were unsteady in his excitement, and when he flung the rope it went wide of its mark.
Noah's lips tightenied, but he did not speak as he once more sent his catboat on the circular course and in a brief time again apiroached the white-faced Elnathan
"Don't miss him this time. Cale! Be care. young skipper sbarply
Caleb flung his coil with greater care and he rope fell directly in front of Elnathan. desperate clutch the young Quaker seized it. but be caught the wind and the force of her sudden motion canked the rope from Finathan's grasu althoumb was torn from his pace of refure and was left strug was torn from hats

## cling in the water.

Hull frantically ? He ll drown!" shouted Thomas is companion, "Help hercelved what had befallen drown! What are you leaving him for?" he added, his teeth chattering with the cold and the excltement under which he was laboring.
Noah did not even glance at the excited man as he swiftly brought his boat about and returned to the spot where Einathan had disappeared. He was bending forward, his eyes searching the water, and with an expression on his face such as Caleb, who for an instant had glanced at his cousin, had never before seen there.

There he is! Glve him the rope!" Noah shouted. as for a moment the dark hair of Elnathan appeared on the surface of the water. His face could not be seen and even while he looked Noah was aware that the young Quaker was sinking again. "Here! Take the tiller! Keep her-" he suddenly called: and then before any of the men realized what was taking place, Noah leaped to the rall and without hesitating an instant dove far down into the water.
Caleb had quickly seized the tiller, but he was so excited by Noah's unexpected action that he was more mindful of him than of the boat he was supposed to handle. A movement of the catboat, a loud flapping of the sail, instantly reralled him to the return. The his cousin, but it was impossible now to retur. The boat had swing aras ${ }^{\text {and You }}$
ward. "Do want to drown them leaped forgive me that tiller' rul" give me that riller. "Keep your hands of'"
betrayed his fear. Then, sald Caleb in a volce that had seen his cousin do many a time, to do what he cathoat about and sped back to the rescue of Noah. "Take that rope!" he shouted to his companion. "Look sharp, now! Ah, there they are!" he added with a sigh of relief as his cousin could be seen

lifeless form of Elnathan.
la his excitement Caleb was erly, and despite his efforts the sharp bow of the catboat with full force struck the other boat within a few inches of the place to which Noah was clinging. There was a crash at the collision and the shock threw Mr. Hull upon his back. Caleh, however, instantly let go his grasp on the tiller, leaped to the bow, and leaned out to rescue the two boys. for Noah somehow had contrived to maintain his hold upon
EInathan in spite of the force with which the boat Elnathan in spite
had been struck.
"Take him," gasped Noah
Mr. Hull by this time had recovered from his fall Elnathan's orer by Caleb's side grasped one of gether they lifted Caleb seized the other, and tointo the hy aid of boat. Before they could turn again to the careened almost as if it would follow the catboat of the other boat With a shout Calob the example tiller, but when he had brought the hoat for the into the wind Noah was at least the hoat sately up
"Hang on, Noah! We.ll be back in a minute," Caleb shouted; and in a brief time the catboat was again a!plioaching the wreck. Not a sound had come from Noah, and in an agony of fear Caleb watched the keel, although Caleb was fearrul any clinging to the the hands let go and Noah disappear beneath the
"ater. Stand by with that rone!" Caleb shouted to x

## "Now. then l LOOE andel

Hull. "We'll try to grab him with our hands, but if we can't. fing him the rope! Now, then: Look
sharn! Now sharn: Now
Caleb did not
Caleb did not complete the sentence, for the catboat was close to the shot he was seeking to rain. As the sail flapped loudly, he. despite the reril of capsizing, abandoned the tiller. leaped to the side of and. Hun, ho was bending far our the boat. and together they seized Noah. one grasping an arm and the other the coat, and by one strong pull drew darted again to the tiller, which he fortunately seized in time to prevent further trouble, and in a moment more the cathoat ows speeding over the waters of Delaware Bay.
In spite of his thrilling experience. Noah was by no means overcome. and in a brief time he insisted upon taking the tiller again, while his companions at once gave their attention to Elnathan. It was not long before the voung Quaker, ton, had recnvered. and as soon as Thomas Hull perceived that his triend was in no leril. he tarned to Noah. demanded
"I am n-not. chattered Noah.
Why not? It's the-"
"It has a hole in the bottom now." interrupted noal. Its a ggood d-deal beter to gget into town and get something hot into us a-and s-something warm in us than it is $t$ to save the old $t$-tub. Noah Hull shivering and he was surphsed that Thomas Hull did not show more the effects of his drenching. "Noah, l'll give you two half-jars to take us straight back to Greenwich."

T-that was w-what you c-came for. w-wasn't it?" chattered Noah. who despite his suffering was headMarke catboat straight distance. "Y . Wu wanted us to so back with the
"You can land us and you needn't touch the dock yourselves if you don't want to."
 'Children obey y-your p-parents.' you know. back to Greenwich ?":
"My f-father told me t-to go to Chester."
"You can do that afterward."
"Can't do it."

Mr. Hull was silent a moment before he said "Well Noan. If you'll tike us back l'Il promise to speak : good word for you. I'll forget about burning the tea."

You know all about it. The tea you burned."
"I d-didn't know but you meant you were going to ggive us some hot t-tea when we land in Phtladel phia. You promised the t-tea and I r-reckon there are p-plenty of men in town who will make it hot y you-j.just as $h$-hot as yon want it.
"Ill t tell the people about it $\mathrm{F} \cdot$ when I come home."
"When will that be?"
"C-can't say.
Mr. Hull did not speak again, and in a brief time the little catboat was run in alongsite the dock, but even Noah's chattering ceased when Caleb with a shout leaped upon the dock, and without wating to assist his cousin pointed toward a group of men

## CHAPTER XVI

A Meeting with anthony waye.
"There's Anthony Wayne!" exclaimed Caleb in a "Where to his cousin
predicament was demanded Nouh. who, despite whom Caleb so greatly admired. "There: He's the middle one of those three men cross the street.
Noah eagerly looked in the direction in which his cousin pointed and saw a young mun not cular, with curling dark hair, dark eyes that nd harrelously keen in their expression, energy and intelligence on the bart of their possessor.
Almost unmindful of his immediate surroundings. Noah gazed at the striking looking man without speaking, although he was aware that his cousin was observing him with an interest that was intense.
"What do you think of him? Isn't he "Yes. I think he looks as if he could do things." said Noah slowly, He had not turned away his eves once from the sight of the dashing man who was as impressive in his dress as he was in his berson. Indeed. all through the war of the kevolution Mad Antlon, as ho mare wask his men. was as mistem upon the gond appearauce ot his regiments as he was strict and stern in his discipline.
Wayne surbise of both boys Anthony Wayne came directly across the street and, shook him by the hand most cordilly and Xoah was now presented, and though Caleb's volce trembled slightly as he introduced his cousin, Noah himself was quiet and self. possessed as he bowed low to the leader.
"What does this mean. Cales? ?" laughed Anthony Wayne, as he noted the condition of Noahs garments. "Have you thrown your cousin overb
"Mot quite so bad as that," resionded Caleb. As Calel an adventure out here on the bay. had becone of Elnathan Tedd and Thomas Hull. To his surprise neither of the men was to be seen. "Where's Elnathan?" he demanded suddenly, as he turned again to his cousin.
"Bless me! I'd forgotten all about them." exclatmed Noah. "Well. they're gone." he added. as he perceived
that neither of the two men was on the dock. "It's that neither of the two men was on the dock. "It's good riddance
Ho are they?" inquired Anthony Wayne.
Ill tell you all about it." said Cateb eagerly. the name by which the man to John's John was where Caleb was accustomed to leave his stable the occasion of his trips to Philadelphial ."and on If you can get some dry clothes. 1ill watt for you

## if you.

Noah glanced at his own dripping garments and at once acted ujon the suggestion. leaving the two men behind him on the dock. In a half-hour he returned on horseback. having secured a
"I'm Hke another man now, Cale," he sald lightly as he drew near. "A good rub-down and a fresh horse have jut new life into me
Your cousin has been telling ne about the recent excitement in Greenwich," sald Anthony Wayne, his eyes brightening as he spoke. "Thats one of the best things 1 have heard for many a day, If all our people would show the same spirit wed soon have an end of these troubles.
"I'm not sure we've seen the end of them at Greench." replled Noah.
"Your consin tells me you are a great wrestler," said Anthony Wayne abruptly.

My cousin is not the best judse.
But he is!" protested Caleb eagerly. "There isn't
man in Greenwich that can throw him
"Are you going to ride over to Chester now?" inquired Anthony Wayne.
Yes, sir," responded Caleh. "That is, just as soon "That's all right now", laughed
That's all right now." langhed Noah. "John sald around to his slip. She'll be all right for Ia always leave her in thelr care."
upon the we can start now," sald Hemam going to Chester and if you two young gen"I "That will be great!" exclaimed Caleb cagerly We'll be glad to

Anthony llayne at once departed, walking swiftly up the street, apparently unaware that the two boy were mently watching him "Cale," said Noah, "I don't wonder that you like "I knew you'd like him just the moment you saw him. I look at him.". makes my luackbone tingle every time I look at him.
"That's the way he makes everybody feel:" "I wish Elmathan could see him, then," laughed $\stackrel{\text { Noah }}{\text { NO }}$
"Oh, nothing could make him stir."
". Not even Anthony Wayne?"
"He colld if anyone. But you can't put any live blood into Elmathan 'Todd. He hasn't anything to
hold it." "Ther
Wayne could comes your friend," said Noah, as Anthony "He must lie in sreat haste to rifle toward the dock -That's the way he haeste to ride like that.
Noah did not reply, itnd in a brief time the dashi rider came near, drawing the rein on the dashing sharply that the animall was nearly thrown back upon its haunches.
"All realy, young gentlemen?" demanded Anthony Wayne.
set fort sir." responded Caleb, and the trio at once set forth on the ride to Chester. Even within the limits of Philadel, hia the pace which the leader set was so swift that people stopped in the streets and
gazed at the riders. Apiarently unaware of the gazed at the riders. Apratently unaware of the
interest he was arousing. Anthony Wayne did not interest he was arousing. Anthony Wayne did not
slacken the speed at which they were riding, and in slacken the speed at which they were riding, and in
a brief time the three men turned into the country a brief time the three men turned into the country oad that led toward the place they were seeking. Abruptly bringing his horse to a walk, an example his companions at once followed, Anthony Wayne turned to Noah and said quietly, "Your cousin has been giving me his account of the tea burning at greenwich. Now 1 should be pleased to have you
"There isn't very much to tell," said Noah quietly, at the same time glancing keenly at Caleb. "I am mentioning names or going into detalls, Noah then briefly related what had occurred from the night when the Grayhound had sailed up the Cohansey and the landing of the catboat at the dock at the foot of Market street. Anthony Wayne listened quietly save for an occasional flash in his dark eyes, and then when the story was ended he abruptly said

And what now?
"I don't know just what you mean, sir."
"I shall not move. I think, though, there's likely to be trouble, for the grand jury was in session when we left town."
"Why, then, did you leave?"
"My father wanted me to pay a visit at Caleb'sat my uncle's home.
Anthony Wayne laughed aloud at the reply and then said in his quick, nervous manner, "How long "II don't plan at all I simply
don't know how long
Will you go back to Greenwich if you are wanted
"Yes, sir. I'm not running away.
No, no; I know that. Of course you're not. No one thought of such a thing. "Caleb," he demanded, turning quickly as he spoke, "do you think you cousin here could throw Joe Latrobe?"

Yes, sir; I do.
"Then we'll give him a chance to prove it tomor row afternoon. Tomorrow we have drill at ten of the clock. You'll be back home just in time, and you must be sure to bring your cousin with you." "I'd like to see the drill," sald Noah, "but I don't know that I care to wrestle with this man-what did you say his name is-Joe Latrobe?

Yes; yes; that's his name," replied Anthony Wayne in his quick way. "I shan't press the matter I should not want a guest of Caleb's to be hurt."
"Noah isn't afrald of being hurt," spoke up Caleb
That's not it.
What is It , then "'
"I am not very fond of making an exhibition of myself."
"Joe
'Joe will weigh a stone more than your cousin won't he?" inquired Anthony Wayne of Caleb, ap ."More than that."
"More than that," said Caleb eagerly. "And he has longer arm and-"
"Let me see, Joe Latrobe has thrown every man "the company, hasn't he?"
"Yes. Yes. That's what men."
enthusiastic. That's what I said. He is the mos thought he'd like to try a fall out of me., sometime Wayne's dark eyes seemed to show that Anthony laughing, although no smile appeared. "Perhans some day I'll let him have his wish," he added. "Joe is such an enthusiastic Pennsylvanian, too. He think one man from Pennsylvania with one hand tied behind his back can whip any two men from any other colony. He seems to have a special grudge agains the Jerseys.
Jersey doesn't seem to care, said Noah. "I hadn't noticed any commotion around Greenwlch." Anthony Wayne drily. "But when a Jerseyman Anthony Wayne
"Ill wrestle with him tomorrow," interrupted Noah "Good! Good! I knew you'd come to it, young man." Anthony Wayne spoke lightly; then suddenly changing his tone and manner, he continued, "I am back. I have much to do. I tell you you on your men. Thave much to do. I tell you, young gentle can to mas thonble ahead and am doing what my other work and am just organizing and drilling companies all through the county. Theres trouble ahead. There's trouble ahead There surely is." ely is."
(To be continued.)

## IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG

## OR, A BOY IN BLUE AND A BOY IN GRAY

## Chapter xx.

## the evacuation of yorktown.

H$V I N G$ FOIND the enemy strongly entrenched at, or rather before. Yorktown, General Mc Clellan determined to lay slege to the place troops, so that when the frojer time arrived he coutd make a grand issanlt all along the line, drive the enemy from its position and perhaps scatter it one time thousht that we wreat hattle of the was at sula campaign would be fought here but penin proved otherwise
But the Union soldiers did not lie quietly on their arms. Skirmishes took place almost dally, frst at William F. Smith was ordered lind Mcelentlan to "feel" he enemy at Garrow's Chimneys, which was directly opposite to the Confederate reserve force under General Smith. A Vermont regiment made the attack and soon silenced the Confederate battery, and the officers in command made an extensive examination of the ground. which. lowever, later on proved valueless, for the information was not used. It was this
skirmish which Andy witnessed. In the excitement skirmish whicli Andy witnessed. In the excitement
he almost forgot alowt the order he was carrying he almost forgot about the order he was carrying,
and when it was deli vered and he returned to camp and when it was delivered and he return
"Never delay while on militiary duty, my lad." sald Captain Montgomery. "A delay may prove fatal to
the best laid jlan." Andy never forgot those words. The young Confederate wondered during the days which followed if Louls was within the lines of the enemy. Ite would have been somewhat surprised had he known that his former chum was less than a mile away: yet such was the fact, and it was not to be long ere the two should meet again, and under very trying circumstances to each.
Louis's time at the pirket line had expired. the regiment to which the Goreville Volunteers belonged had given place to another, and now the boys were back in their regular quarters, on the edge of a dense woods. Louis had tried to learn what had become
of Caleb Fox, the spy, but not a word could be gotten of Caleb Fox, the spy, but mot a word could be gotten
out of those in command. The answer to this was out of those in command. The answer to this was
very simple, although the boy could not guess it. very simple, althongh
Caleb Fox had cscalled.
The Confederate suy had taken a desperate chance, considered in one way, although not so desperate when considered in another. He had taken his life in his hands by stabhing one guard in the breast and he had been fired at four times before he could gain the shelter of a woorls. But all this was done with the knowledge that if he did not get away he would sooner or later be hanged for a spy.
"Molght ez well die now ez later," was the way he had argued, and had scooted as never before. Once in the woods he drew a deep sigh of rellef. They were thick and dark and would afford him ample shelter until an extra black night would make it fairly easy to regain the Confederate lines. He made up his mind that no pilcket should spot him again. "An' ez fer that hoy ez collared me before, let him look out fer himself, thet's all!" he fairly hissed, between his snaggy, yellow teeth. He was not likely to forget Iouis.
The weather now was worse than had been ex pected. Nearly every other day it ralned, and the as it was by the feet of thousands of soldiers and

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hundreds of horses. Louis and his mess had carpeted their tent with brush thickly matted together and filled in with tree chips, but still it was damp and unwholesome. The hospital tent soon overflowed with typhus and typhoid fever cases. The siege was doing more harm by sickness than it was by bullet and shell.
"Your turn to gather firewood," announced Moses Blackwell one afternoon, after inspection drill. "Get a good supply, Loujs, and we'll try to dry the air in "Ill somehow.

I'll get all I can bundle and carry." answered the young soldier, and started off, axe and strap in hand All the small brush had been cut down long before, and not wishing to tackle a big tree he had to walk a good way into the timber before he reached some hing of the size he had in mind to cut down.
He was when the sounds of wo voices broke uge of a rav. He listened intenty "What's the news Yank?
"Aain't much, Reb. What's the news your way?"
"General Johnson has just come down with a hun dred thousand men to wipe you out.
"A hundred thousand, eh? Any of the little boys left to hum to mind the baby?"
"It's a fact. What's Little Mac doing, going to "It's
"No, he's thinking where he's going to bury you ebs when the next fight is over.
Then came a brief silence. Louis had listened to he talk with a smile. He knew the pickets on both sides sometlmes became friendly and arranged not to shoot at each other. Sometimes they even made an exchange of some kind. Soon the talk was resumed. "Grayback, got any terbacker?"
"A half plug."
"What will you take for it?
"What will yer give?"
"I'll take yer up. 'though I know the coffee's more'n half chicory."
"Better coffee nor you'll ever git over there, gray back
A rustle through the brush and grass followed, and peering forth from the trees Louls saw the Union and he Confederate soldiers meet in the hollow and ex change goods. Then each hurried back to nis lost second later the Confederate sang out
"Corporal's coming, Yank; look out fer yourself," meaning that the truce was, for the time being, at an end, and that shooting on sight was now the order of the day. After that both pickets remained securely idden
Louis was particularly fortunate in getting some dry brushwood, and that night the boys of the mess at around the camp fire in a more comfortable frame "Mind! than usual
Mall! Lefters!" was the cry, at a late hour. The sacks had come in by way of Fortress Monroe, and soon Louis had two letters better and around as usual. Agents of the govern-
ment had called, trying to buy beef, but, so far, none of the cows had been sold.
Thave had one thing to worry me considerably, wrote Mr. Rockford. "If you will remember, when" purchased this place, a party named Faily had a interest in it. There has appeared a man named Samuel Hammer who now claims that the Faily in terest was really his-that Fally sold out to him. This fammer threatens to make trouble for me un Theodore Fatly to am him to explain be mate locate theodore fail, for get to explain, or make a set trace of him One man e, but so far can get no south, but could not say where to Hammer want me to pay him three thousand dollars, It I have to do that in these times it will almost ruin me,"
Louis was very sober after reading this communi cation. He could well understand how worried the olks at home must be. He drew a long stgh as he put the letter away

Poor father!" he murmured. "I hope he finds Theodore Fatly and gets the matter straightened out would a ther thousle. Three thous dollars imes. 1 suppose aver this." That very night before retiring, he wrote a long letter in return. telling of the various things hat had happened to him.
The next day was Sunday, cloudy but without rain The day was kept, as nearly as possible, as a day o rest. At ten in the morning was inspection drill and accoutrements. The drill over the chaplain held divine service at which all the Goreville Volunteers attended as regularly as they could. Then came a late dinner after which the men did as they pleased Some would talk and walk around, some sat and read, and others would mend their clothing. Some would try to play cards, but this was frowned down There was also a good deal less of drinking on the Lord's day than on any other
This Sunday turned off cold towards night, and Louls was glad enough when tattoo sounded that he was not out on picket duty, but could go to sleep in his tent, close to the blazing fire.
"A dent don't vos so goot as a house." was the way n which Hans Roddmann expressed himself, "but it vos besser as noddings den dimes ofer!
think they might put up some sheds, at least," rumbled Jerry Rowe, "seeing as how we seem to be oooked to stay here all summer.'
erry?" laughed Callings. "Never too, wouldn't you Jerry ?" laughed Callings. "Ne"
Callings was right, they were not to stay there much longer. General McClellan had laid his plans for the siege too well. Every battery was in position the line of defense or attack nerfect, and there mus come a "break" ere long.
It did come, but so silently that the Union troops did not know of it until some time later. Knowing the strength of the enemy, and having kept him a bay for exactiy a month, and thus given themselves ime to be handsomely re-enforced in the neighbor hood of Richmond, the Confederate forces abandoned Yorktown and fled up the peninsula through Williams burg.
It was on Sunday, May 4th, 1862, that General Mc Clellan and his vast army entered Yorktown and planted the stars and arip endion. Ban
for long. The Confederates must be pursued, they must not be allowed to escape so easily. At once al of the cavalry and horse artillery were sent in pur six to ten hours' start of thetr eager pursuers. six to ten hours start of their eager pursuers Rowe as he marched into Yorktown with the others Ro the volunteers. .. 1 new they wouldn't dare to show fight.
"Look out, there comes a rebel!" shouted Moses Blackwell, in seeming earnestness. He took a hasty step aslde, and Jerry ran like mad for the neare cover. A laugh went up, and the bragging youth did not show up again until the regiment got orders to start for Williamsburg on the double-quick
As usual it was wet-foggy one hour and raining the next, far from an ideal battle day-but this wa not ideal, this was real, and so thought Louis as they plunged along over the road swimming in mud-a peculiar, sticky soil, which at times clung to one s feet like so much glue. The artillery that had qone on ahead was having a fearful time. with horses up to their bodes in the road, cannon nearly on of sight, and teamsters frantic, yelling, cursing, whipping, and then falling back in dumb despair. until extra horses came up to bottom had dropped out of everything," as Harry Bingham put it.

One consolation, though," said Nathan Hornsby. "The rebs ain't got no better road.

They are ploughing it up for us to wade through," grumbled Blackwell "Hang me if I
His wish was fulfilled. The Confeder ates had gone on to where the road yorkiown joined another running from Lees Mill. Here at the fork they had rected a bastioned earthwork, fanked north and south by redoubts, running to the swampls on each side of the dry lo ather, supposed to be dry) ground large force was collected behind thi shelter, and the cavalry in advance of the Union infantry recelved a severe fire hich reached plainly to the ears of the Goreville Volunteers.
"Hurrah! we're going to have some warm ham.
was General Smith's division, with which met the Confederates in advance the afternoon. A charge was at onc ordered, but the woods through which the oldiers sourht to make their way was hick but little progress could be made. The Goreville Volunteers rested that ght upon their arms, ready at a mo解的 notice to jump into battle should the all come. But Genera! Smith's division hav ing fallen back a short distance, also took it easy in the darkness, and all remained, for he time being, comparatively quiet. In the meantime. large reiniorce
ng limon troons arrived
The following day the battle of Williams burg started. The rain came down in a steany stream; it was so muddy and slippery men could scarcely stand upon their feet, as they moved a time, so many extra horses being reguired for ach piece First shots were exchanged at half-pas seven oclock and half an hour later the Goreville colunteers moved forward in light marching order each soldier furnished with fotty rounds of ammuni tion
Once more Louls's heart beat fast. He felt he was oing into a bloody contest, such as had been ex erienced at Bull Run. He gripped his gun tightly and advanced with the others on the double-quick They were forcing their way through a thick patch of brush, but now they came upon a small clearing. Directly optosite was a Confederate battery, backed of cavalry.
'Boys, we must take yonder battery '" cried the general in charge. as he galloped along the line. Forward now. and keep the line closed up
Scarcely had the order been given than the battery n question blazed forth. seemingly in their very faces Every man dropped. and the aims of the gunners be them unually high. he grape and cantster it would have been cut by a monstrous scythe
There was a yell-from Jerry Rowe, who felt sure he was hit-and then the company moved forward each gun pointed straight ahead, the rain running to streams fom the row of glistening bayonets. It was a strange, thrilling sight, as that solid mass of boys in blue came on. Nearer and nearer they swept, and now the battle cry rang out, growing louder and
londer, a strong, determined cry. from men who meant to do or die.
Again the battery belched forth, and now the alm was true and half a score of soldiers went down some dead, some dying, a few slightly wounded. For a second the terrific shock caused a pause. Then Jerry Rowe tried to take to his heels.

Close up, boys, close up! Forward!" came the command. and the ranks of the regiment closed un the gaps made by those shot down. and again they moved forward on the double-quick. Jerry suddenly found himself running straight into the point of an extended sword
You coward, go forward!" came the command. took good care not to get anywhere near the front took good care not to get anywhere near the front

Fearful of the onslaught the Confederate battery now ceased its fire and allowed the cavalry and in-
fantry to come forward. There was a thunder of boofs in the wet grass and the Goreville Volunteers
found themselves face to face with a band of cavalry numbering at least sixty men. One glance showed Louls that they were not the Montgomery Grays, then he felt a saber swish over his head and his cap was taken of and hal cut in two. Bang. Went his gun, and the over, shot in the sword arm.
one and for the minute it look cavalry was a resolute one and for the minute it looked as if the Goreville firm. another regiment close by poured in stood earnest fire upon the figures in the saddle, and slowly the Confederates were driven back. only, however to make place for the long line of gray-coated in fantry.

Forward again!" shouted the Union general in command, and again they went on, within fifty feet of the guns they had set out to capture. The firing was incessant and the bullets whistled in every direc tion. Louls could scarcely stand and weent down once on both knees in the mud, while fornsby pitched over him on to his broad back. But both werc up in them down with their bayonets. The smoke of battle,
additional troops, was sent forward to cross the stream and secure the strongholds on the other side who in later years becaue Generul Custer, the same Indian firhter of the west There was nothing but a narrow bridse over wes. There was not custer his band of soldiers over this, a foothold was secured under a most ralling fire, and at last Hancork was able to report the stronghold taken. Soon after this he advanced arain and was warmly received by the Confederate Generals Hill and Earls. A har fight followed, and Early and many other ollicer: were wounded. and many soldiers were killed upon both sides. At first it looked as if the Southerner would be victortous, but at last they were forced to withdraw to a distance. Here they rested on their arms all night, during a cold, pitiless rain, which gave many a Cnion and Confederate soldier his death of sickness-a rain that increased the sufferings of the wounded ten fold.
But of all this Louis knew nothing. As he rushed away from the scene of carnage his mind was a total blank. He could not get his breath. everything was black before his eyes, and he felt as thousth the ent ene world had come, so far as he wa concert, and there he layself not downsious but wnable to muve unable to think with a roaring in his ears, a flash of lights before his eves, and a pain in his lun: which no pen could describe. What had happened to him?
The answer is very simple. $A$ canno ball had rushed close past his mouth jus at the second of time when his lungs caused had drawn forth more air tha was healthful-in other words. had col lapsed his breathing apparatus and left him almost powerless. if my young read er wants something of the sensation ex the breath he can from his lungs and then stand without air for half a ninute or more-if he can.
Slowly and painfully he came to a realization of his condition. his head now there was a pain like that of a cuttin knife in his chest every time he drew his knife hith a proan he could not sup press he sat up and tried to look about him.

The effort was a failure. On all sides was darkness, while the rain, splashing down upon his bared head. formed a goo sized pool at his feet. He scooped hand and drank it
don't seem to be shot," he though as he felt himself all over, "and yet what cannon went off: I belleve it took away my wind. and that's all.
fo was some time before he felt strong enough to stand 1 ll , and even then he was decidedly shaky. Slowly and pain
fully he limped to the shelter of a clump of trees.
A groan startled him. It was followed by another, and then inother. He walke to the other side of the tree and sat three soldiers lying there, two Confeder
added to the rain and mist. was speedily cutting of he view upon all sides, a longer in view they had tarted co hnow it until some time later the enemy hey dan time by the forelock and removed it to had taken tion.
The third charge of their regiment was the flercest all, and Louis was almost taken off his feet by the rush. He was caught between half a dozen struggling soldiers, some friends, some enemies, and tried in vain to get out of the scrimmage. Then a bayonet flashed before his face, the linion soldier just beside him was pierced through the shoulder, and the crown opened and he ran forth to join the advancing line.

Look out: Drop!" somebody shouted. Lollis tried to obey. liefore he conld do so, a hellowing roar sonnded just ahead, something rushed directly past his face and he felt his breath leave his body. he tried to get back his win. hit it seemed impossible. and of he dashed wildly, like one choking. until, falling over a mass of brush. he
being knew no more

## CHAPTER XXI

AT THE BATTLE OF WILLIAMSBURG
All of the Confederates, upon withdrawing from Yorktown, did not go up the peninsma towards Rich mond. Many of them took to the York River, and following this and the Pamunkey River. landed at White House, already a place of considerable portance to them. and fortified it for an attack. Nor did all of the Cnion troops under General Mc Cleltan engage in the batile at Wiver in transports of the soldiers remained on the river, in transports and these. att Pards sairinta and assisted in render ing Wihite House the Itninn base of supplies.
Taken as a whole, the battle of Williamshurg was rather a mixed-up although stubbornly fonght contest Through a confusion of orders, nearly every genera fought as he thought best. At the main road, Hook silenced the Confederate guns of Fort Magruder, and the impetuous General Kearney. coming to his aid when he was almost exhausted, made a glorious dash and secured the rifle pits. thus causing a retreat. While this was going on, it was reported that an other spot alonk seemed to be weak. The place was one called Cub
Dam Creek, and General Hancock, with his own and
ates and one 1 nion man. All were hadl
ounded. and were huddling together in their misery The sight made louls more downearted than ever especialy as he combd do but itile for any of the the gainst a tree and Louls mude him as comportable as ossible. The other simply glared wildly at the youth. "Don't yer tech me" he prowled with a strong mountainous accent "You-uns is responsilule fer this -may the Old Nick himself burn yer all!" and he urned his hegrimed and muddy face aw

If yon'll please bind up my head." sighed the I'nion ictim. a New Jersey boy who had been fighting under Kearney for hours. A rellow clibhberl me bady with his musket stock." The head was bound up with wo handkerchiefs tied together. and the dew lersey soldier said it was a great relle
If I can find any help I'll try to get you to the hospital," said louis, as he moved away. "I'm suffer-
ing myself, but I'm not half as badly off as yon three
He had scarcely spoken when there came a flare f torches, and six rough-looking men burst into view from the brush back of the trees. At Arst for in woubt as to the identity of two of the number
".Ha so we meet again'.. came a hoarse chic
nd in another moment Caleh fox was beside the Tnion lad. "I was jess wishing 1 could run across er hang me ef wasn't'" And rushing up he caught Lonis strongly by the collar
"Who is he?" asked a stranger in the crowd
Ef it ain't thet Rockford fellow," came from an other. and Louls now recognized Sam Jacks. "IDon't let him ri
ter settle.
"He ain't gitting away, don't ye fear." growled Caleh Fox. "Fer two pins I'd run him through with my bayonet
"Let me alone!" cried Louls, and endeavored to break away, but he was no match for the crowd. which speedily pounced ujon him and beat him mer cilessly untll he was glad enough to remain quiet. From the start Louis had suspected what the mis sion of the men was. The whole crown were hatte fleld thieves, and now whe ceeded to rob the Union and they possessed that soldiers. who were helpless. of all the and twenty four dollars in United States and Confed
erate scrip rewarded their heinous work, and then they were ready to withdraw, threatening to come back and kill the victims if they made any outcry ver what had been accomplished.
"An' now you march along, an' be quick!" growled Caleb Fox to Louis, and Sam Jacks causht the lad y the oplosite arm and gave him a violent shove ne men were heavily armed and in an ugly temper and not daring to cross them just then, Louis did as The s.
The sextet of rascals had evidently been out on heir marauding expedition for some time, for their ockets were overflowing with booty-watches, rings ocket-knives, money, and a miscellaneous collection

## "Old Hooked-n

Old Hooked-nose ought to pony up handsomely fer his lot," remarked one of the men, as they pushed o a certain unscrupulous Jew in Richmond who wa not above buying stolen goods, whether talien from Inion or Confederate soldiers.
"Wot's the boy got with him?" askied another of "erowd, and all halted, while Louis's pockets wer followed only by abuse. Aouls said nolling to be although. as he afterwards remarked, "he did a pow erful lot of thinking."

A quarter of an hour's walking brought all to a hollow beside a small stream. Here, close to a shelv. in front by an overshot of rough boards. Before the dugout a bright fire was burning, and two elderly men were cooking coffee and a pot of beans and bacon.

Wot in thunder did yer want ter bring thet kid "ere for?" demanded one of the campers. "We don don't ye?"
'He's a special," grinned Caleh Fox. "Me an' Sam

Jacks is got an account ter settle with him. Ain't no use fer to alarm yerself-he'll never squeal on no never leave that camp allve. The young Union soldier could not help but shudder at the words. He was not among the regular enemy, he was among a band of thieves, and worse He made up his mind to break for liberty at the first run a uity which presented itself, e
It is likely Sam Jacks guessed what was passing in his mind, for he called to Caleb Fox to get a rope and bind the "mud-sill" to a tree. The rope was soon forthcoming and louis was made a close prisoner loing tied up in a manner similar to that he had experienced at the deserted mill near Deems.
"I'll settle with you jess as soon as we've had a mouthfut ter eat," remarked Fox, and Sam Jacks nodded approvingly. Both walked towards the fire, leaving the young soldier alone inside of the dugout. From the position he occupied Louis could see but litile of what was roing on around the camp fire. The most frequent woris which reached his ears were ones requesting that the flask be passed this way or that indicating that the party was doing more drink ing than ealing. and that the hfuid refreshments did not come entirely from the coffee pot.
As his captors ate and drank, the young soldier worked bravely at his bonds, but as when similarly situated, he was und to release himself. At last uraying to God that he might me deliverede, sifently praym his enemies ind the eirht men still hung under the passed roofine of the durout when several rifle shots rang out a short distance up the ravine A small detach. ment of the Union troops had come forward to ascen. tain if the Confederates were retreating. Soon half a dozen men in gray came running along close to the
"The Yankees are coming!" two of them shoated. "ter make tracks you want to save your hides! instantly there was a commotion, as the efght men leaped up and grabbed for their guns. They had no elish for a skirmish, only fighting when there was no help for it .
"Wot will we do with the prisoner?" asked Sam
"Kill him," was Caleb Fox's cold reply. "Come on." Both started to enter the dugout. As they rid so half a score of Union men appeared on the opposite ide of the stream. The Confederates were plainly visible by the glare of the camp fire, and a volley ang out. Two of the strangers to Louis were hit one fatally, and Caleb Fox received an ugly wound in the left arm.
"I'm shot!" he groaned, as the arm dropped limply by his side.
"We can't wait for the boy!" answered Sam Jacks If we do we'll be either killed or captured. Come on: And away he darted, after those kho had gone efore. Caleb Fox hesitated for an instant. Then ying savage kick of his boot he sent the firebrand ying into the dugout.
"Burn, you Yank rou, burn!" he yelled, and bounded after Sam Jacks, just as a second volley ang out.
The fiendish act of Fox nearly took away Louis's breath. The burning brands flew in all directions around him, one large bit of brush landing directly at his feet. He watched this anxiously and saw it blaze with renewed vigor, throwing up a cloud of smoke and flame almost into his face. At the same time nother volley of musketry sounded out and he heard he ping of two bullets as they landed on the wood work situation ous situation.
(To be continued)

## TAD <br> Continued from page 66.1

shoutin' 'Excelsior!' up in the moumains "But. dad." said Thaddeus, meadingly, "that part wasn't intended to le mine.
That wasn't original. 1 just used it to show-
"If part's a lie, it's all a lie, an' I know What I'm talkin' about," broke in Eben. "Gimme that paper."
Tad drew back to escape his father's gathering wrath.
"Gimme it, I say, Yuh shan't read it. rll write yuh one that the son of Eloen Chapman can read without makin hisself the fool of the town. Give it "ul," he crient,
advancing threateningly, "I won't ask advancin
Slowly Tad brought forward the paper.
Slan. His father grabbed it from his hands, wore it into ragments, and, lifting the
the stove, thrust it into the fire.
"That's the last yuh'll see $o^{-}$that," he chuckied.
Tad Chapman stood with quivering lip, big lad that he was. He was accustomed grew angry excepting with Tad, and that was on rare occasions. He was kind to was on rare occasions. He was kind to
his old horse, patient with his poverty and misfortune, uncomplaining among his neighbors. and. in the eyes of the community, docile to the last degree. For Tan was reserved the spectacle of Eben Chapman angry. For Tad also was reserved the spectacle of Eben Chapman contrite, genle, loving as a woman. Indeed, the severity of Eben's tempest was only equaled ly the tender beauty of the calm that followed. The sunshine came generally as unheralded as did the storm. Tad had the storm and the calm as manifestations of his father's love-a cruel way to love to be sure, but a way that Tad could not alter by word or deed. So it was that having replaced the 1 ld and turned to face again his son, who stood mute and motionless awaiting the blowing over of the tempest. Eben Chapman at once became another man
"Tad," he began, quietly. "I'll write yth an essay fer Friday night that'll make em think. There won't be a thing in it about valleys an fowers an fool people trampin' up into mountains fer nothin' in particular but air, which they could get plenty of at home if they'd keep the windows open. But theredl be common sense in it, an' it'll do some people good that hears it
"But they won't let me speak it," broke in Tad. "Our essays had to be handed in a week ago."
"What's to hinder, my boy? What's to hinder? "What's to hinder, my boy? Whats to hinder? Once yuh git on yer feet, yuh can say yer say an nobody'll tech yuh. An' I'll be there to see they don't," and Eben looked perfectly able to do what he
threatened, as he stood there glaring defiantly at threatened, as he s
imaginary enemies.

## imaginary enemies.

Tad shook his head. "They won't let me, dad
"They will. I tell yuh. Anyway. it's yer last day of school, an ' yuh can each them people somethouse. They're teachin' a lot of tom at the school-house. They're teachin' a lot of tommy-rot about edication an' llvin' above yer neighbors; an' it's yer time to tem say it. Soon's I get the garden work done today I'll say it. Soon's I get the gardeal

Tad looked miserable
"Yuh think I can't do it. Tad? Well, I don't mind tellin' yub that when I was a boy I was counted good

attributable may be no more zealous, but it seems to be less spasmodic, more consis ent, and better adapted to its true pur nose. As an inevitable sequence, his hab its have become more regular, improvin in turn his manners. Altogether, he ha become attractive, partially in what he as the resent being called a girlish sense chiefly in a purely masculine delicacy, bu point of realits he was never before so manly or so scrupulous of his personal honor His mother is the one phiefly boonsible for this hapuy evolution Thirty years ago her prototype donned a cap and ecame frantily middle aged at marriage. From that day the principal feature of her personal apuearance her fiwure ceased to interest her especially, and at forty she was satisfactory to a degree as a mother but utterly worthless as a comrade and a helper. Today, at forty-flve, she is he ally, we believe, her superior in the posses sion of that mysterious, indefinable, yet peculiarly fascinating quality known as charm." She has not only maintained but enhanced her attractiveness by grow ing with, as well as for, her children. It is this daily association from babyhood with her to whom instinct accords earliest rev erence that has refined the boy. The ather may have been no less congenia as a comrade, but circumstances have min mized in a comparative sense his helpful ness as a friend. Himself the product of a generation less carefully trained, and possessing the self-satisfaction of persona success, he is unable to percelve the de sirability of a change in methou tending to broaden development. Hence, his patronto treat as , hild the roaching manhood. it is the mother ap tsting in being a girl who is glad to be egarited and treated by the hoy as an in ellectual equal To her therefore he ongs the credit of a transformation which we believe to be clearly perceivable, and
t writin' an' speech makin', Yer mother once said she was taken with me first at a debatin' exhibition I was alers good at letter writin', too. if I have to say too."
Tad denied that he had doubted his father's liter ary abilities, and agreed that when the garden truck to facilitate matters, he offered to help get the stut ready.
"No, yuh needn't, replied Eben, amiably, "yuh needn't git yerself dirty. Yuh clean up the break fast, an' if yuh don't mind. yuh can hitch un.
With this Eben Chapman took his hat from a pe behind the door and went out into the garden, while Tad turned his attention to the breakfast dishes.
(To be continued.)

## The American Boy

It seems to us that the quality of the boy now growing up in this country is peculiarly fine. He is not only less obstreperous and egotistical, but clearer ago. His advance physically will be manifest to any one who will compare the floures in a clas photograph of today with those of yesterday. He is taller siralchter better featured finer haired, hand aller, stralaher, heter thoroughbred in every way The exercise to which much of this improvement is
which bodes the greatest good to this vast American organism which soon will require the finest mental and moral fiber yet demanded by civilization.-George Harvey in the North American Review

## Uncle Joe as a Schoolboy

'Joe Cannon and 1 used to sit side by side in the old industrial school at Bloomingdale back in the late forties. Joe's father, old Dr. Cannon, was a broad-brimmed hat and black-coated Quaker.
Exum Newlin, who for more than fifteen years has been the bell ringer of the Western Yearly Meetings, stood with his bell in hand as he recalled the old days. "Why, I recollect," he continued, "just as well as though it was yesterday, that one day Joe looked up from his books and said. I m going to congress. He wrote it on the blackboard and signed Joe Cannon. It was recess time, and when Barnabas Hobbs, our teacs in commed of us boys and girla of us boys and girls to work to high standard Joe's been there about thirty-five years.

Joe was a good scholar and a bright boy. His father was a grand old type of the early Quakers. called A call came one night when Sugar Creek was up, and he threw his saddlebags over his horse and started The swollen Sucar Creek had to be forded Well, sir, no one ever saw him again. His body was never found. He was one of the six founders of the Bloomingdale school."-Indianapolis News.

## Chats With Big Americans

 For Young Americans

No. 1
GENERAL NELSON A. MILES

## A

 their tremblimg ponies on the Monana plain and sulteny wat mod a At their rear was a bhood- stained bat.tefied. on which wele sprawled the
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 ing soldiers hadd driven them in def cat. Lame Dear. It was a tall, hard-muscled.
well-bullt man. and his powerful frame hrough which hef had vassed struggle ance, his hand gripped the pommel of ralsed his arm consively. Suddenly he his warrinrs dropped their weapons to
the grond. As though reluctant to tolhis nwn rifle in his grasp
How, how kola, (Friend, friend cried the gen.ral commanding the de
tachment. anthe soidlers brought their
horses to a hialt. Smilingly he extended his hand to the
frowning chiet. For a moment the two grazed into chith other a moes. Lame Deer the
hesitated and half-droped his musket At that instant a scout ralsed his rifle the chief with its lieaming barrei. In a
Hash Lame pore jerked back his horse and swung lils musket to his shoulder. er:" threw hinswift porward on the officer fte haunches as the remort or the musket rane out. Withing in then of hits hriast of agony cunc from the lipa of a soldier
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With Prominent Men in Behalf of Riaders of The American Boy
By HUGHC.WEIR

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sen any of thesp articies before. They seen any or these articles before. They
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lotime the neck of the whe hut there remains a small hote that wil The spider is fastened in the gullotine wicked a manner that the head with the opinning the harmless abdomen with the The doors can be shut more or less urhtiy, according to the size of the crea-
ures. When the fratne is full it is stood with the moistennd end of a forefinger ad carefully the thread follows. and drawn throuph one of therced frame holes. other gland. and the process is repeated been so inserted in the various ofienings
of the frame. Then they are pulled toGether and united in one thread, which is ained from the worms. thrir silk they are taken out of the gull-
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anding the invalld to the subsistence Tananarivo is the headfuarters of the aplder sllk industry. Many of the girls older hunters. and there are organized a nents to the canital from all over the with little basket cares. in which the spindrs:are pircked in compartments, so
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wcb and nest spiders. some of which veave fabrics of almost incredible size and strength. The sreat South American
hird-catching splder, for instance, while
it does not spin many webs, stilt pro holds birds as large as sparrows. There ited a common form of spider in his species throws a web twice as large. srins a rairly large weh. but is also re markalily prolific of sllk. It has been
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the frow of the first emigrant ship th:it the prow of the first emigrant ship thit
touched the shores of Nunhattan. and the first church erected within the fort
was called by his name. Ever since that was called by his name Ever since that
time St. Nicholas has lieen the presting deity of his faroritecity. To the imaghn ation of the chidiren he was a blum, jolly
red-cheeked old man. with a low-crowned red-cheeked ond man, with it, a bione pipe, dressed in knickerbockes., and driving a
reindeer sled laden whith gifts from the reindeer sled laden with gifts from the
frozen regions of the north over the frozen regions of the north over the
house-tops of New Amsterdam. De would drop down the chimneys and bave pres-
ents for the good chilidren. but for the bad ones only a switch and a leather strap. Hence to was that a week before Were as good as children well could be their gothe eventul night they huns properly labeled, that santa might make. and. in addition to their usual prayers. sang one of the Sinta Claus hymns
This is a short verse in Dutch: "Sint Nicholaas, myn goden vriend. N heh g atid whe wilt geben.
Tal ik dienen als myn leven. Tal ik dienen als myn leven.
And this is the translation
"Saint Nicholas. my dear good Priend To serve yous.erer was my end,
if you something to me will el If you something to me will pive
I'll serve you as long as ever ilve. And St. Nicholas is still the patron satn An soung New Yorkess and still in youthful dreams the relndeer sled slips over
the root tops in the moonlight. There were many other reast days an Interestlng. Indeed in Dutch New York there was no lack of holdays and fast
days. The boys and girs who went ti, school to Adam Roelandsen looked tordo now to Christmas. New Years, and Easter, and in addition there were other restivities which in this twentieth century city hare passed out or dational fes twals. These were Kerstrydt, or Christmas, Nieuw, or New Year: Paas. or Passand Santa Claus. St. Nicholas, or ChristKinkie day.
Christmas day brgan with a merry exchange of thring to the first one to salute his neighbor. Then followed turkey shoot-
ing. for which the young men repaired ing." for whirh the young men repatired
to the "Commons." or "Beekman's Swamp." to shont turkeys which were set up for a target. Each shot cost five
stivers about ten cents) and the man who killed the lurkey had it for his prize. At home the dny was commemurated by a family, dinner. after which old
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hilis of that famous mountaln. Then the ascent was made either on foot or
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winding track carrying persons eaper for one of the grandest sights in America. in comfort. past the tree-line:
inrough clouds to the snow-riad tup
 nanfe. Heretofore the peak has borne the name on paper. In school georraphtes
and maps only. Now there is fastened to an immense brown granlte bowlder.
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This Tablet Commemorates the One Hundreth An. niversary of Pike's South-Western Campaign.
young Coloradoan. is shown In the pic.
ille removing the stars and stripes at ture removing the stars and stripes at
the cuntennial exercises. Sept. 28 . 1906 . To Master Caldwell has fallen an honor such as is not likely to come to any
other American boy. Fiery boy or other American boy. Every boy of
school age has at some time in his life been called unon to locate this peakknown to be over 14000 reet highton
a honme-made map. liere ts a bny who a
standing at that dizzy helght. actually tonk part in officially locating and mark
ing the real mountain. Little Chap Gives Curious Ex ample of Fortitude
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so that even the light of so that even the light of the nurses
cande in making the rounds could not pentirate the coverings. lie rame into
the hospital yesterday afternoon, and just before roing to the operating table he sald to the nurse in charge. Miss Mu-
riel Mansfield, does. 1 dust as lief always squint."
"Of course it won't hurt, replied Miss Mansfield.
 doctor inquired, as Miss Mansheld drew ark the sing inalt Till the Sun Shines,
Nellfe.", "Win, down and let's have it," said Dr. Lamb. t.
In a youthbi and immature tenor
volce. puli nf heauty. the boy started to

Wait thit the sun shines. Nellif. We will be happy vellif. donet you sigh, Sown lovers lane we wander, SNeethearts you and 1 i:
Watit till the sun shines,
When Harry got as far as "sweetheart risinn. I. Dr. Lambert made the in"fice. Hoc, it didn't hurt a blt." he salirin. You made goml." replied the
doctor.-N. Y. Mrrald.

## How He Could Tell

"Glye me two hoys in school for a rast with much probability of correctness the ruture of earh. It has been my obs-
sirvation, strenginethed by my ox prrience, that a boy does not my change hls habits when he leaves the school room. ful. and conscientious during his scheol duass it is pretty certain that these same but if he is lazy. untrust worthy. listless;
chreless. and unscrupulous in school, his clances. for becoming a gond clizen aini a success as a man ars about equal th the opportunity the Scriptures grant to needle."

Make the Saw
The boy stood heside hits grandfather his cager cyes intent upon the little yol
you can't finish it. grandfather.: said the
lad in despair. You can't make those lad in despair: "You can't make these Why Wan't 1 make 'em?" demanded the
Erandfather "Because you haven't a saw fine enough for that. 1'll make a saw." sald the old man. And he did make tt. he a will known vinilntst, unilerstoon that his oun mastiry not only of the violin. wut of many of the problems of his life
was larsely due to the porce with whichi
inat one sentence touk pose that one sentence took possession of hits mintl. world is full of peophe who "go sa

 whose fasth falls not at the last risis.
and who go on bravely and make the
saw."-Selectod.

## Saved by a Song

A boy was amusing himself hy watching the birds that were thing around him. At roukh bough of an apple tree near hy. 4 The boy picked up a stone and gut ready to throw it at the birll. The bird's A-link, a-link, a-link, limbolink. furing:
 throw it. throw it." not throw the stime. but dropperd it on the grumbl. hing thy. but dropperd it on the grumil.
"why didn't yon stone him, my
you might., have klled him and arried



Manter Nicholas Oaldwell unveline pike's PEAK memorith


PTEE'b PEAK as sien from colorado bprings

## ALAN ANDTHE REIVER $\mathbf{N}^{\text {OO. yince th Camploelts- }} \begin{gathered}\text { Sh-h! } \\ \text { It }\end{gathered}$ was Harry who motyoke, and it  <br> 3Y MON TGOMIERY OSBORNE   <br> 


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wrush in he forest owards the riter
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 ston hae ink ith the forrst op Ha, there he sprinist-yout Brocste,
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he carriph a targe bundle in the romk


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ittle girl there yout mustut stay mut here all night. She would tike hir , "path of
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 n s.e. that fer desel "Y
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bunde. bundle: taking a gten bearer swung it nut o
his reach.
 ":-Well, do It man. do my surprise: for It was anyhndy ror any rasason fought to the last ans or his own notions-
except when his oppo-
the nfiti instant he grabbed his gun, leaped to his feet, and running to
ThE OTHER GIDE OF THE FIRE GTOOD PEERING INTO THE FOREST

nont fave in gracefully. Then he would
throw up all the advantage he had Gained in the the adgument, and give his in surprise over hit J wation not in this case.
ie grabbed me by the arm as soon as
he tramp had he tramp had vanished arm as side so hut.
"The bairn- is no his!" he whispered The bairn-tis no his!" he whispered
excitedly in my ear.
"How can you teli? I answered start Ird. In fart it did serm strange that manity shoulif have a daughter at all, to
say nothing of his carrying her around
with him "She has a silk goun t' her-white silk. caught th plint ot fritr Tis in his
Well. this is pleasant!. I muttered,
seeing that we were in for a scrape in
earnest now seeing that we were in for a scrape in
earnest now. we could not lot that dis,
reputane rascal walk off with a chid reputalile rascat walk off with a child
that was not his own, that was nat He would not bive her up withut a strug-
gle of course and besile the question as to whether or not we rould master him
was the disgust with which his filth filled me. I could not bear the thought of lay-
ing hands on him. But Alan was not so shid ye mind th sleep o her through
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ite stumbtrat upon us hy ehance, nid in trying to mak', nut who we were he at-
tractid Harrys nolice. And how de Inrmined he was thit yon shouldnt
the child. or eyn toun the raps she wrappry in What shal wr do. Alan?"
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ns In stirtod ariostiy, as if he could not Non.: hr said gravely and thought-
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done wih it. Go on. Once the Camp
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it on ompoision. Na. na, no on nom
polston- no to ye nor to ony man My eyess were apparently on Alan an he he
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nis face. $\mathrm{To} m \mathrm{~m}$ astonishment the rascal
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li, tween tis for his own ends. If he could
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 (Continued on page 81.)

Japan's New Diplomat
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here tut also that he ts the frste of
Janans Anbassadors at our nullonal capital.
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heary spectacles. he is a figure to at rart attention, both ror his charming courtesy and his ready wit He is dis.
incty $\%$ knowable, while his studies in


JAPAN'S PiR.
to THE U. $\mathbf{s}$.
Germany have given him a more mar sual in his countrymen
His hobby is stag hunting on his es 4000 acres, siven over mainly to growing of trces, and the preserving of deer, pheasants, and wild duck. Onls enough is devoted to corn and wheat to
anord an object lesson to his native neighbors, whom he is educating in the proftable handilng of those grains. thing efse in infe straight trees to anyhe the other day. "Over there miss sai farming class
my have given my life to
 fnds farmers of less interest. however,
than yournalste.
gnt newspaper men As for these newspaper wrikers. they
are unanimous in calling the viscount ne in the most attractive as well as one inn's Alplomatic corps.

The Creator of a Navy
Jacky Fisher." as Britain's splendid First Lord of the Almiralty Iohn Fisher. ourse actually create the Tight island empires sea power but he ts per-
sonally responsible for making it what it is: A frree athe to go anywhere and do
anything at a moments notice." The se

ret of that is very simple: Fisher knows his own mind as well as his business
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since he was fourteen, seeing two wars efore he came of are with never pull to help him up the ladder. he has the topmost through such genuine merit
gs discounted ait opposition of plided in
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well as a good sallor.

Not a Jail or Mausoleum But The Latest Freakish Fancy of a College "Frat" Society


Sedate Swarthmore. famous for its co-educational Quaker college and its "Horrors! What's that ?". exclaim visitors who come on to the blot unexpectedly. relegate it by force to the brewn stone quarry from if so. why it done? the
The swarthmoreltes scarcely know how to explain atay the nightmare buiding it is a windowless structure, square and severe. With a single entrance in front and not even a peep hole tisible anywhere else in its monotonous brownstone walls. Egyptian desert. Those college boys." say the cottagers apologetically, "bought the ground. and What could we do?" Wuaker college boys intend to perpetrate in this window. method short of murder without anyone being able to suspect what is going on and the walls are so thick that no cries will penctrate to the outsile world. The
only source of venthation and light is from windows in the roof and these are only accessible from the outside hy means of aladder.
The odd bulling is almost finished. F hat the intertor looks like no one knows except the buider and his assistints. and they are sworn to secrecs. The operations get a peap at the insithe of the structure have been thriarted by the college boys


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## Shaved His Way

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ALAN AND THE REIVER could read his feelings there as plainly Amazement. confusion. perplexity, indig nation. shaine horror unbellet. injured innocence. native dignity-all these emo and In and out of his eyes and lips. He was struck speechless. The three men
closed around the tramp. however, and one of them, whe turned howe to be and child's father. lald his hand on his shoulder. Then dignity prevalled with Alan. ing the culprit with hyls steady grayglare that there was yince in Sonlan taike hack ma word. In sorrow and t' auld Scothan forby and I donnedy ma hat for th misappraihension 1 was under re:
garding them; for never syne the aula Serpent o th' gairden or Eyden, has ony tus and squeer as ye that reeks rag-a
ye stand, and poisons the vary air o the widerness wi th ofrense or ye re pairmen. turning to the strangers, yons that chiel's relver. ma friends. here and Hinfortunately for the tramp and his er for a moment in doubt as to the the child and falthfumly described. There was joy in the camp for the remaincle of the evening. We were assured hy the dollars were ours. and the five hundred have the sum in the morning. The whole taking earh his turn in watching the with strong cords. lay in phllosophical unconcern near the flre. punishment on
nut there was nne Rht There was one punishment on oned. The last thinE I saw berore fallIng asleep in my blanket was Alan lean
ing towards him: and the last thing heard was: Somphody had got to hear that story,
nid the nonr tramp was tied hand anit And the pror tramp was tied hand a

## Miller Hughes

Miller Hughes of Wifkliff. Kifntucky, is a real American boy andinn mistake. in three months mire the will hinfieen
years of age. He is the organizer and

 umber $i$. U. A. B.. and has since held ney, and secretary. He is a sixth degree member of the Oruer. He is also
on the Legion of Honor Hou, his se hool

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July 20 th. 1905 . He says he has always work $\begin{aligned} & \text { for and will continue th } \\ & \text { work tor THE AMERICAN BOY and the }\end{aligned}$


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could come close enour to make a "Two days later I was near at hand
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 could get that $I$ could draw my mun to
me and he safe. at least from the pan Kind large enong ant another atick of any
 toward where the decr lay the rat would
leap unn the log and drive me back. Clearly that was hopeless."
"The wary. torturing hours dragred on. and 1 hegan to thirst. Once the ified
took possession nf me it was overmas-
tering. Between pain. thirst. fright and hunger I lost contrni of myself and In
a frenzy hit and clawed at the trap llke
an animal.: an aniterly exhausted I lay back at las
and gave up the struggle, realizing that Wha useless.
reA raven settied quietly in a nearby later by another and another. moments see one of the hateful hirds circling far
uptinalr, and from time to time his shrill
almost cat-like calls rame down to me as he nummoned hls friends to the im-
pending feast."
"The sight hrought and I I sat upht hrought me to my senses
of the hirds.. . Phe hirds.
wase pwollen to tom my wrist. My arm every heart heat sent red hot needle
of paln searing through my brain.
realizen onceand por all the cruelty. realized once and por all the rruelty
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me lay another thing that suffered as me lay another thing that sufferect as
fld and I. pitied it from the bottom on "As though it knew me for the author
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the limit of itt chain and clawed at me
Tts tran was faned to a clag which
haf caught hehind a hush and under

 easy reach of the panther. was wegn


$\qquad$ aging, snarling cats which were eat ing me alive. Then my braln cleared There had been one panther before.
Now there were three, and one of the two which had arrived during my stupor
was plainly the monster which I had shot at three days before. Which f h had had
welt across the scalp showed where the
bullet had tow Menacingly the two slunk about
almost within reach, patusing now and arain to scream as only an angry pand
ther can. I knew only too well that
they would atack mo ater the dark. they would atack ons after we dark-
ness had fallen." hellless. All the stories which I had heard a he timidity and cowardice of these bly bats came trooping to my mind and
brought scant comfort. Evidently these "T had lost my knife, but as I searched
my porkets for some weapon of defence I ronkets for some weapon of defence
indthey bottle of dry matenes
."phe me an idea." "Perhans I could frighten them away "t pulied the cork with my teeth,
lighted one of the matches and flung it
toward the nearest cat. The panther

## MYERS, THE NEWSBOY

## the world just like anybody else. He money. I had two years at High school

 must hustle his papers or he doesn't tlme to my papers and save up somymake good. I hegan selling papers when money. The other kids used to blow W. With pance stricken
 teror scattered my little fire toward
her.i As she lanped aside out of the way
three tiny blazes caught in the dry wat thed them spread with relt wo a nuff of wind fanned them into fiercer
fiame, and for the first time I realized my perll. The whole forest was as dry
as inder, and once well started no human agency could prevent a forest
fre which would inevitably snuff out
my life in a retreated to all but the trapped one. had companlon in me swamp now, and my
trap as far from the fre dragged his trap as far from the fre as the chaln
would, allow, and lay snarling at the blaze. "Here was my opportunity."
"I wormed my way closer to
slezed the gamhrol stick and the deer.
it lonse. and rolled over until I was
within reach of my rifer "With the polnt of the stick caught per foint of the Jaws and the trap fell apart."
"With before they were heynnd control, then
i pleked up my gun and turned to the cartive in the trap." my gun across the log, and by the light left. took deliherate nim and fired." had "I smashed the trap as I had the other. and
jolned those in the
"Then fainted."
retreated a few reet, but showed no in-
cinnaton to
citave me




 ath It was almost dark now and the cats
were bolder. The parger one crouched
me menacingly and. seemed to be about to
spring upon me..
 money. The other kids used to blow
their money and laugh at me for belne
saving; but I just wadded my money
down in my pocket and took it home
to my mother every night. I do not use
tobacco. It burns up too much money
 sell papers and shirks
his work isn't golnk
 lishmint while he con-
linued to "hustle pr pers" on the corner wher

## There is a code of ethics among news boys. It is not considered good manners

 trict of another to "hutt in" on the disthey can untit hegin where up to the dignity of having a "cornder." That does not mean a corner on the they have at last. Obtalned posseans that a rertain str
their papers.

## When he was telling of asked Myers

 ho had endured to get his estahlishmentin good working ortier. "We works
for em. Sometimes a hoy the business and. It he has a priend. Hn
sells or gives the corner to him. ive
had my corner for a long time. A friend
of mine gave it to me two or three years
ago and I've been selline since.
"Sure, a newsboy has to fight his own
hattles. hattles. They used to call me "Or
Stingy. when I was a kid. hecause I
wouldn't blow all my money on ahows and craps and cilgarettes. But I had to
help my mother and siaters some and I help my mother and sisters some and I
wanted to go to school and get an eduwanted to go to achnol and get an edu-
caton. I was planning for a husiness of
my own. even when F was a kid, and I "My mother has had geventeen chlla-
ren. twelve hoys and fue girls; hut they are all dead hut five of us. When my papers. $I$ would go home so discour-
azed that $I$ would feel like giving up: but my mither would encourage me in 'Then $i$ and make money of them. school and sold my from half a cent to a eventngs. We make per we aell, and you can see that it

## "I used to notice this little stairway when the stairs were beling taken out

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& \text { when the stairs were beng taken out } \\
& \text { and I put it down right then that it was } \\
& \text { a good place for a news stand. But }
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Myers has made good trom the start } \\
& \text { with his litte news stand. He keeps alt } \\
& \text { the papers and perlodicals. All his old } \\
& \text { customers, to whom he has sold papers } \\
& \text { on the corner for so many years. wall }
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lecting husiness."
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## THERETURN

"W was: where kind-faced, white-
hatred farmer watited hnis buggy,
our mall we back about Ben. who was mending a dork's collar on the wide front porch of his father's
farmhouse, calted to his mother. who
gave the required consent, and a moment gave the required consent, and a moment
later the boy was seated heside his
friend, who looked as if he had something unusual in view. but what you'd
shouldn't wonder but on Mke you ve hegun, sald Mr. Noblos
presently. with an approving hook at the
bright young face beslde him. "Your grandpa was a fine man-the very finest
I ever knowed. 1 if your pa ever tell you
what your grandpa done for my brother Tho, sir."
Thin loked disappointed. "Why,
I should think hed be proult to tell that: he murmured. "But folks differs in their invitingly itain't much of a story, jest to tell it but it made a man of lom. Your
grandpa an Lem was boys together an
jest as chummy as could be. always tokether. same as hrothers. till Lem went
oft to Texas, which wasn't then what it
is now. Lem come home after two years. with a taste for drink an reckiotins that hed never had before. Our step-ma, who unpleasant for Leem he left home an tidk
hoard in town, an'after that he got wild-
ern ever tho' we tried our bent to keep spells he hit the sheriff an hurt him pretty bad an' the upshot of it alt was
that Lem got tried an sentenced to slx never seen none of them chain-gang cont
victs, have you? They wear stripes an
chains and batis that drags after. Chalns and batls that draps arter em
wherever they qo. an has to work under
hosses that use the lash pretty free. They git hired out to do gorernment jols
like diggin ditches an' breakin stone
an thelike. Itsaterrite diagrace to put with the chain-gang, as you can well could to git Lem a new trial, but the months.
awayt about the time Lem got sen
grandpa got enkaged to mar away your grandpa got enkiged to mar
ry a young lady that had teen visitin.
her cousins in our town, the daughter of a real important judge in Aughanta every litlle while, an durin one of them
visits he went with the Judge an hls
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his old friend, hut your to slight a man for and
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by the shoulders him than hed ever done in his
iffe. An before the inand had time to reprimand the dudge who had
drawed hack a few steps lookin' terrible surprised. pa. "I didn't mean to hreak my best an dearest friend "After a minute the judge, who was a fine.
hik-natured man. very like your grandpa, stepthe hand. I know you're no feldn't se sald he 'or you wouldn't be thls man'sin"Lem was jest about blurted Warn't deservin of any
decent man's flendshlo
But But you will deserve it
after this if T'm not ly mistaken.' said the Ben. for Lem never
touched a drop of likker off his witid ways an got

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 earnestly. ${ }^{\text {.That boy oughtt to be told. }}$
just to give him a chance to do the right
thing." That's my opinion exactly," sald Mr.
Iobbs impresslvely, an for that reason
Ben. the man
 your own uncle." Ben seemed unable to
For a moment
realize the slgnificance or that astound-
ing announcement ing announcement, which had the sound
of something quite remote from his persunal interests. like an epent in a story.
Then, all of a sulden. the truth crashed tmpossinle for him to doubt his honest
nlit friend, "Oh, why didn't father tell me long ago," he cried in a shaking volce. "I Would have coaxpd him to take poor
umble right home hhe minute he got iree.
im golng to take him home, he added in astronger. more resolute volce.
The old man looked down at Ben with
a smile that was good to see. That's jest the way your grandpa would have
acted. he said.ut old your pa all along
youid take it like a man. hut he was
aine youd take it like a man. hut he was
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pride too much." prige the did not speak again until they
reached the little village station, where a few Interers awated the through train. In lazy patlence. Presently the tocomo-
tise swept around the curve of the hill ath stopped before the station. There
were not many passengers for bieliton, a
lady and two chlldren returned from a lady and two children returned from a
shopping expeltion to neinhboring
town a town. a drummer with his sample cases.
a locat merchant. and. lasty. a tall.
stoop-shoulhered man. whose grave, thin
face had the waxen pallor of long con. face had the waxen pallor of long con-
finement. He looked searchingly about
him. as one would do after a long extle. then started toward the station platform
where Mr. Dobbs and Ben sood seant.
ning the faces in the car windows, for

been watching the wrong car.
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ortend. "That's htm. Ren." said he in an
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voung face. hitt said not a word unt11 he
vod prapped hoth of hig anil pressed it very elose, as
if he wanted to assure himself that he
was not mistaken. Tom's bny plad to see me:" he said in a rolse that hrought
a sulden flmmess to Ben's eyes. That
is more than I ever dreamed of-far more than 1 dared to hope for. If you
conla know what it means to have some. one welcome me like this!? farmer hat Brn's welcome in tones not less sincere
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"It doesn't matter much now," said the retirning exile.
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## The American Boy Legion of Honor

COMPOSED OF BOYS WHO STAND AT THE HEAD OF THEIR CLASSES IN
SCHOOL AND BOYS WHO HAVE DONE CONSPICUOUS ACTS OF HEROISM


#### Abstract

Who Are Eligible The American Boy Legion of Honor Badge is awarded (1) to boys who do heroic acts, (2) to boys who, in any term of school ending on a date since September 1st, 1905, have stood at the head of their classes, taking the average of all their study grades for the term, and (3) to bovs of ten years of age or over whose record for school attendance is perfect for the time they have been in school, or for the last five years. No attention will be paid to letters from boys who claim the badge for school record unless their letters are accompanied by corroborative statements from their teachers who know the facts. Address all letters relating to the Legion of Honor to Wm . C. Sprague, Chief Counselor. Detroit, Mich.




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wide apart and trike at the hal cas-
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and the pras returned to their positions were very much surprised at the eassness
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the boys were all throwing with no small degrec of acruracy.

 News of the unusual challenge had
 on the way down the lake toward otNeglamilton and otsego had always been
rivals in athletic sports. Basclanil, foot. hall, swimming, rowing, and skating had
found ery enthusiastic exponents, yet found sery enthusiastic expronents yet As soon as all the members of the tng and fastoned on thrir skates, Can-
tain steve told them to keen together down the thise ware. when a he started stroke which recluired small exertion,
yet carried him along at gond speed A great cruwd of people had pathered ing came to meet the flups. Captain Deertirc? ? ho asked at the same time shak-
ing hands with steve. No, think not." Steve replled. "We It was diffcult for Captain 1 , herering to hide a smile. Captaln Stevos refusal
to practice seemed like proof that he
feared his playprs would not appear to the best advantage.
The Reds won the toss and Captain The Reds won the toss and Captain
Ceering chose to send his men to bat. Captaln steve skated to the pltcher's
bnx. while his phayers quickly placed themselves in their regular positions
The lines of the boxes and bases had


Steve was the first batsman for the
Blues in the last haif of the sixth in
 In yuick succession, followed by three
wide unes whitch he lee pass
Two strikes and three balls," came from the umpire.
The next balt ped was just the one
the young captain was waiting for. He Nwung at it easily. wending ar. swrit
iwunder between the third baseman and shoristop. Weth long, swinging strokes
he sped past tirst base and on to second he sped past first base and on to second
before the Reds' left nelder could reJack Rose coached. "Take a long lead: set away offi.' ron rooters were skating up and down along the side lines. chering thetr. Saps in even went so far as to ar. unmindful of
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pera Captain steve decided at once that
something must be done. and fignaled
ine bntsmat io the batsman to let the first pitched ball
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ers arn he tared er's arm he started for third base. He a base on lie is mowe more diffcut than
on firm ground. The start is slower and on frm fround. The exact ${ }^{\text {it }}$ is on the banse.
But Steve was equal to the task. sllding kideways on to thir baseman could put the ball on him. "Now single." Sam Sam HIcks was at the bat, and his
wourd da to to platinl enough hat he hest. Whz! Sam's bat met the bail and sent a skimmer over second base, which allowed Capain
Steve to cross the phate with the Blues frst sore. The next batsman was
caught out on a high foul. Score, 3 to 1 In Reds' ravor rge" for both teams. and the Reds came batsman put upa shor shty liall the was batsman strubk out. The third batsman fumbled the ball and then threw it high
over the first baseman's head. Berore it could be returned to the diamond. the
 field Now, boys this is our last chance. Now, boys. this is our last chance."
Captain Steve sald. as the Blues camme the ninth inning. .If we wish to win, we must do bt now, a weak hitter, surmised every one by getting a clean sin-
gle to right fleid. Captain Steve came next and drove out a long two-base hit. the bases. The shouting coachers were dancing on the Biues cheered as if mad. Thit however, by the nex batsman puting a swift line drise stralght into the hands of the Reds frst baseman.
Sam Hix came next at bat. He realized the serinusness of the situatlon and was
determined to meet it halfway. The first pitched bail was too whe. Th that pass also. preferring to have strike called on him rather than to take
a poor chance. The third pitched ball came walst high. Sam swung at it with a quick motion, sending a line drive
whizing between the center and right
The baserunner on third sped across the plate. Captain steve following an
instant later. Witham turned second and third bases with long. Bllding
strokes and crossed the plate with the
 rounded first and second bases and was
speeding toward third. his sharp skates griting angrily as he drove them over the tce with po werful strokes.
 crossed third base and with two quick plate Fully twenty reet away he
doubied up and sho his feet forward siding on his back across the plate be.
side the Reds' catcher could put the ball
fore on him.
nooters. Hor Hix.". shouted the Hamilton
Hurrah!
Hurrah! The Blues win 5 to 4 ." Captain Deering could con trol his disappointment. he skated 1 Where captain steve was congra We want another game," he ${ }^{\text {an }}$, an
nounced. "WIl you play us again?" plled. "Well be ready for you, too And let me tell you something. The ratiure
ot the litle trle you tried to play on
ous by not giving yus time to practice
shous should show you that fellows who do
not play fair and square usually come

## Origin of the Term "Hoosier

 Mrank Scott, a Chicago boy, calls atThe article on the nick-names of thestates that appeared anort time ago in three columns, said that he did not know
how indianate. hot her nickname. the
hooster state. This the way our Chicago stiand explains it. ${ }^{\text {the }}$ we do not vouch for 118 being the true origin. A A
traveler once knocked at the door of an Inavilam Parmer's cabin. . The farmer
called out. Who's there." It sounded

Here is a ittle story of the unconctous
humor of children. A little boy of four asked: "Mamma. Who made the lluns and elephants $7^{\prime \prime}$ God my dear.' stie
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can army in just such a manner us was General pershing. In the groug. and an
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The Czar?".
The startion as mate to the Chicf of the An airshin?t demanded the chief
rrisply as the offrial who had imparted
the information stepned hate. "Where His subordinate shrugged his shouldThose, sir, are questions I cannot
answer. The revolutionists have secured answir.
an airship. It is in risussia and at the
nroper time." he paused suggestively, the Winter Palace will, no doubt, be An assassination by airship. Can
Mo imagine a more amazing situation? More exciting than a romance, eh? Is
it any wonder that the Russian palice
are using a fine comb are using a fine comb in an effort to
locate this hiden peril? For months
the czar has lived in dally dread of a ciolent death, and for weeks has cowrred
in his palace, rarely venturing even to
the barred windows. Threatened by
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ing able to ilft a hand in their defense? Ihls is the case, what might not a determined man in an airship be able
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which the Russian revolutionists are going.
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leader of the robbers hissed to the messenger. if I refuse." hesitated the man. The revolver was advanced significrled represent the cause of Liberty." is needed by the people in thatir fight
for freedom. Open those doors at once or you area dead man!" doors at once
Nore than \$lyo.o0 was carried away
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dre thousand boys are to be given a There will be a boy mayor, boy city
offers. a boy street cleaning depart.
ment and boy judges. The town will be run by boys and for boys.
Where is this interestin on the map and who are these tocated geography and look up will take your New York and find the town of Winona You wil have the exact spot before you
The boys town will be operated under
the auspices of the winona chautauqua mext eummer and one of the most inter have charge of it. Judge William Brown
of the sult Lake City Juvenile Court. The boys town will be composed fil Brown will conduct it exactly on thi, lines of the up-to-date municipality. success. don't you tho be a pretty ble
yow would success, don be the mayor. or would you
yeu like to
be content to be the head of the water-

## THE mour hig cres

Did you know that the letter "C" is a very important ractor? in fact, it is so mistory of our country? in fact, it is so
inporiant that the United States is com
ins to be noted for the .four great am. rican C's." Conper. of coursp. is the first "C". The second? Take a glance over the pronucts you find a plentiful sprinkling of "Cs"? and down there in the southern states

FOR THE
Wide-Awake American Boy
earn that there is a strong efort being
made to impreve the merchant maring
of Americt. There is something of Amerid. There is something wrong
now-noarly all the imortant oftices and positions in the shipping industries are
held by forcirners. il almost seems as though Americans had niver learmed to
he navgators. fome lay the blame for this state of affairs on the supervising pass on the ruatiticathons of all applilines. The hositions say on our naticant must be 21 years old and must have two years
experience. and the examinert of course. There is in this an injustice to the graduates from our nautical sctiools, for it forces them to take subordinate posi-
tions till of age At 21 years an American bos. if he has the ambition in him
to succed. wants to be somebods, and if as he wants to in the merchant marine where there is some one to apprectate trui as has been said. things are on now three tautical Schoolships ar in Now lork eity in 187t; the saratosh, and the city of phatadrohia, and the Mnturpise. maintalned by the state of
Massachusetts. Each can traln 100 bors at a time The state of Washington has schoolship. to the maintained by that
state. California is thinking seriousiy of following the lead of its northert tmprowement. It gives more boys a
chance to learn the science of naviga-
There is now. ton more inducemen passage of the lostal substidy Bill there was provided a regaremont of at leas offecercd is Americans and that suri
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as the nucluys of the Natonal Naval Graduats of the navitial schools aro quastor. and as a rulce advance very One of the graduates of st. Mary's of an aring transiort at the age of 25 Wach year these sctomolships make a long cruise touching in a number of forelgn ports. This gives the lows the at the same time nffords them an onpor-
tunty of seeing a very interesting bit It would be diffrult to find a fliner set of young men thun the graduates of st.
Mary's shown in the pinture horewith. Their average age is ix years Iteports
from them since they larit thrir tloating alma mater are very pncouraging Twenty-six out of the thirty-fiwe have
gone to sea in positions of resmonsibitfty and trust, and the others have found

## THE WIRELESS TELEPBIONE

A young man in Newark. N. J.. talked day to a frlend elghteen mlies away Thicre were no wires between the iw instruments. There was no rentra
swltehbord and no


# THE YOUNG BOOK AGENT 

## OR, FRANK HARDY'S ROAD TO SUCCESS

bEGUN IN JUNE

## Chapter x

 frank's remarkable find.By HORATIO ALGER, JR.




minn just now. Mose answer yo hese hatid that when he died I was
 We thoukht he had it in a sav-


## No. I haven't found any bank book, I have round som thing better yet." and

 rank smiled broadly.


 to try to keep it, Mr. Hardy? he added.
hasily
Oh. Ithink it belongs to your wife.
 Inot intersted and began to look the Prank. pretye soane fillt dropped an-

Ch. samuel!'
Then 1 lowked the bok over from
cover to moved and por several more

 $\qquad$ band lave it here." salil Frank, bringing went to the n.xt. wntil I was cortatin that no more hints were hldden away ".


## lars? "amir faintly from the young

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 He sipead thim ont on the herit cover. and Samul Windham brought the lamp at the monny its a fartunc... murmured the wifc. Wust think of it: W.e canhave the honse rabared. and you can
 And to think we never hoked into heen linrnt un.". when sold them to some
 Mr. Wardy.: Frank. Y̌u are very honest.

morning. We want you to understan! "ohi that's all right:" on honst." hook akents are about as
nontink as other folks.: (th. Yes. sio do 1 -hut 1 mean most men whant he so honest when they
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hen hundred dillars we wat to re wen hundred dullars. told ywu hefore, I wasn't looking I knuw that, but me wife and $I$ would
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 onare hesitated, but he saw that tho "ake well." he satil. at last Mr that you let ine scnd you a complimun:
tary sot of those fanots novels $I$ ment ioned to your atong with a book-shel
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hera had thanked him warmy It must he confrssed that the youn hrok atynt fell highily clated when ho ohock heroksok seam to lie liringing me in more monhery that mant expet to have such inck as wis ant the time." for the set of novels.stating he womp par thas

 The next tow days wre quict ones
 Frank att-nimel a naikhtorine churrit on sunday murning, nnd in the artar. He was on his way lack when ho mase a man who waydiving rurioushy

 ". You were right. youne man, and 1 was ahat do you mean?"
rano you remember aloont that auto-
Wes sir."
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nater jave just beern over to with whoni I hase ocrasionaily done
linsthess. 1 am out just sixty-tive dollars. What did the rascal do $?$
Tre on a myeck. ald what is more, he sol the lanker io cash the cheek.

 that wis ral namen we weems to have It istit likely he'd stay around these

 "Mhy nit offer a rewarde. wood, promptys Ho was As ghod as pis word, and early
 hy Mondiay mikht the young book agent
hat moved on to a town 1 shall call
Brentwond This wat
 ritery of frirms it may seem. our hero Pound the hipt rull and sos had to apply
to a nrivate boarding-house for arcom I think I can let you have a room. salit Miss thitell. to whom ho was di-
rected. It is a small rnom, hut comfor tanly Purnished! ", asked Frank

The romm proved to te acceptable. and after gome fortin conerrsition our hetng Wive dollars in advance. for an
room. with brenkast, and dinner in tho
 "I gell hinks for a hylng."

Strange that I sell nooks
Oh no. not that Mut that two of you ino you mean that jou have weether with interest. Grant Deems, from Pitts. "When did he arrive?" "Saturday night.. He is going to stay "That is odd," said Frank. "Do you
know what he is selling?" he went on.
wondering if the stranger could be a wondering if the stranger could
rival.
No, he didn't show me his books." F'Prhaps the place is bis enough for
two agents at a lime. But I'd rather
have the fleld "I trust that yan have. no trouble with king for trouble. That evening Frank met Grant Deems
at the supper table. He proved to by a at the sujper table. he proved to be a
tall, lank individual of hirty or more
years of age. He had a hard voice and years in age. menner.
very insistent manne y agent?" he
"What. are you a book and said, looking frank over agent? he Nevertheless, 1 stll books." answered
ur hero. He did not like the manner in which he was adilressed. "What books are you trying to sell?.
"Those issued by Mr. Mhilip Vincent. of New : And do vou think they are of "I do."
'Then you have never seen the line
carry. Mr. llardy." "What house do you represent?" pany, of Washington. Now, our hero had heard of the puh books were far inferior to those issued
by Mr. Vincent. The copsrights were he covers were far from lasting.

## Frank, quietly:

Naturally-since you work for him. books on the market for the price." lications. whe have , you beat to death
on our whole line." went on Grant on our whole line
leems, Insistently.

Frank.
FOh.
Pshaw
Frank was about to mako a further re My, but thought better of it, and
ehanged the sulject by asking Miss Lit
iell about her little dog that was run wing around the room. The landlady him a look or thanks. Arter that Grant is meal and went Eoomidently he is not very friendly,
said the landady to our hero, after the iral book agent had.gone.
But d don'tare, if he lets me alone
I'll let him alone."

## Chapter xxir.

the rival book agent
As ill luck would have it the firm health book. a cattle and poultry hook
and a set of famous novels. similar. in many respects. to those issued by Mr
Pincent. As said leetore the works were
inferior Nn every way to those put out
hy the New Hry publisher. yet a hasty
giance would glve one the oplnion that
one line of works was about as good as he other.
On Tuesday night Frank did not see
or hear much of the rival book agent hut on wednesday morning he heari houses and sald the had risited severtit ng. Many brlicued hinh and as a con
seguence our hero took but few orders Mr. Deems. I hear you have been talk.
ing strangly againsi my hooks.: sald
Frank when he met the rival agent that evening. Business is husiness." was the cold almiy at a cigar he was smoking. abut you have been tilling people
hings about my books that are not rue."
rin't see it."

- Youknow that han yours in every way: "Rot! It is Just the otber way
around, Hardy. And a am getting the
orders. too." and Grant Deens chuckled. It Is not a fair way of doing business
Mr. Deems. and if you keep on youll be
"Sorry? How?"
"Never mind how. I whl not allow
anybody to run down the books 1 am Oh, go on and jump in the river!
Hrowied Grant Deems. and walked away His manner angered Frank exceedingly tore and learnen that the rival agen old plugs and no gond at all." his temoltching into Grant Trems In earnest. ore storekpeper.
Oh, yes, Rarry iepds dons all sorts o mall jobs." returned the storekeeper.
"Where is hls ofice?".
"Back of his house, the fourth up thin street:" ${ }^{-\sim}$ Thank you.
Thank you." no time in seeking ou
our hero lost no printer. who was a young fellow and willing to jump at any job which "I want two hundred small circular
printed." sald Frank. "Can you ge
thrm out at once?"
 following:

A CARD TO THE PUBIIC

## It has come to my knowledge that a certain rival hook agent dis visiting

 the neople of this vicinity and repre-senting that the hooksil gell are not

The Good Old Kid Days


Kindly hold ynur orders until you see
 books of their class in the world. FRANK hardy.
"Il get you out two hundred of those
for a dollar and a half, ir three hundred
 dred. answered out hero. "Perhaps I'll
"1 reckon $I$ saw that rival bonk
agent.. Went on the printer.


## round:;

 "When can you put them out?""Ry pight oclork tomorrow morning."
"Very well. co ahcad. and here is the
 the circulars. ld tike to see you get the Frank took core to avold Grant Drems
on the following morning. This was ensy. since the rival honk agent did not rine oclock By that hour our hern
wis already out inoking for niflers. arross a nerson Who had purchased a from Grant Deems.
"I wish I had gepn your hooks first."
sald this proson. "They are assurediy superior.
"Will rant mo these honks for two "What do yon want to do with them?"
"I want to show folks the difference het wenn the two linps ne honke.:
"In that case lll let you take the hooks around for nothing." much." sald Frank.
"Thank you very and placed the rival's volumes in a pa This was a wise move on our hero's part. for before long he ran across
some fiks who wanted to know just What books was.
"I will shnw you." said he. and brought out the other volumes. In the firgt
place. if you will look at the conyright notices. you will see that these bonks
are much older than ours. In the sec. ind plare. you will see that the printing is poorer and that the paper is of in-
ferlor quality. In the third place. our
hooks contain many more illustrations. and in inf fourth place. our covers are "What you say is true." said the man. who was itstaning. and he at once gave a hook ahout cattle and poultry.

novels. circulars have done a whole lot

## of good," he thought. as he walked to- ward his boarding house. "This is the

 wart his boarring hnuse. "This is thehest day's business in some time. I won:
made?".
face with Grant Deems, who was stand-
 Frank quiety,
 Lo you think that circular applies to Sind course you meant me: 1 va grood Thy? had better not try it.

## soum ingt get the

## Ind noth this tling. Deems."

re that Yy told a number of Noils tont the wurn
What do you my bin by that?
"Simply this: that I have shown them
your books as wry as my own and have tone a very large day's busines "You ve hern showing my books?"
"Hus liere are two of them in this
parkiku-two thit yon delivered yesterIt's a fine way to trat a fellow "If you had let me alone, I should have
let you alon". I've a kood mind to punch your head:.
As I sald before. you had better not try it." talk mighty hig for a boy:"
growifl Grant lifems. hut he made no move to attack Frank.
"I can take care of myself."
थfow many hueks have you sold to day? That is my business."
ITm not you didn't take an order."
wink. Just the samer 1 am and to threaten our hero. to and at last
moved a way In a very had humor Frant entered the hoarding house and kot surand early. He rras on wis met helght the saying is, and boind to mettle," as and by three orlock in the afternoon
had six orders to his credil then he called on the party who had wanted to nerson. take the set of works." said the that rival ageit has. But I like yours "When was he here, if I may ask?" "This morning. He was very anxious
to take the order and wanter to throw on ten per cent. But I told him I was - He whent or as mad as a horret hack to his boarding house, to write let Home.
Hardly had he seated himale in Gram when the door burst open and With you!? cried the rival book agent
And banging the door shut. he place his back against it.

## NEWS FROM HOME

Frank could readily see that Grant ready to do something rash. Reailzing out purther words. he leaned hehind with out purther words. he leaned hehind th
"Deems, this is my private room, and
I want you to git out of ti." salid lie, as calmily as nossithle. With youl:" yelled Gramt Deems, who
Whs almost beshde thmalf with rage "This is a private boarding house" have you rut out." "I don't care if she have me put "Don't you? Welt, you oukht to ho
ashamed of yourself. She so a nice lads
and it's ill-mannered of you to makt and it's ith-mannered of you to mak
her any trouthe." hed She sides with you!.: sneced the rival hook agent. With
"it she does. it.s because she knows
I an in the right." ramturn and nonsense: you stole one of my custom.rs a way from me the
arternoon. 1 stopped at the house fust "You mean Mr. Itisley, who bought
my set of fanous novels?, wo sole "Yes. I had his order, You stole it "Mir. Risley has a rightit to buy what
hooks he pleases. if yu have his wrde mou stole that order from me and Frank. madep hack:" ordered our hero, and sicked up this movernent Grant Deems Our hero doiked and was about to
thruw the hook at the fellow when the door opened and a man-of-all-work,
hired by the boarding house keper. the collar. The mant was followed by house," salng the lie no rumpus in this $\therefore$ Mike him leave the house, Michat Miss Littell. this is not my qault y. know it is not your fault. Mr. Har card all thas was sad the hal and you must leave my house at
gasped Grant Deems, and turned slightis.
bate.
I rertainly shall. undess you may what
$\because$ All right, lit laye. and glad to go.
rowled the rival hook agent. .I dont Want to stay th, a house whith such it "And 1.ll be plad to get rld of your
company:" rejoined Frank. warmly. hut the ughe took fa Milicharl's es. frartment without and and he left the hour later he backed his rallse. setton onaruing house but also the town. It
 matter over with Miss iftell. "I di, at rm sorry $1, t$ him have a room." II must confess he did not lmpress mo
favorathy., when first he made his ap. ir presume you want the room occu mind diss littillt: nepl the money. for ust he paid.". see. Werhans somphody else whll soon com. to tak. the room." an
swered Frank. Ife was right in thls
surmise: a kontleman rame the next day. Nho tonk the aphartment Grant wr wrak more for hardi so in the end
iiss littell was better off than herore Brank remaine.u in the Vicinity of was very Eond with hime and he not
only sold his new books. hut also hought rought rime a protit wh twent later ons. dollars. Hl. conslatret that he was on
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and then to a large city which colton mines were hiot far distant portant coal had weather made him spend some day:
indoors. hut all onll. he did enough to kef It cant he koch all the thme," he
reasneal if it was. In he a rich man on no time. lry got to take my share Whtle frank was at Coalville he re-
celved a lone
lat wr from hls fathor
 of your wonderful success. You are just as Mr. Vincent sald.
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wo thousand dollars and not a cent $\stackrel{\text { ess }}{\text { ife }}$ says he feels lift murh. If Ret it. it will be a hig "So Par wr have heard nothing Purther
from Jalez Garrison. More than likely he has find from the country. vour hrother Mark. He malled it at Santlago. Cuha. His ship was then Rhnitt to sall for Charleston. so it won't ha
long hepore he agaln at a Uniteri tatps port. He dnes nnt know how gonn
he will rach. Phitadelphia and recelva
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"Mark is a sallor, sure." thought
Frank. after reading the communiration. he conente when he kets, ho, ne he will Our hero was sorry to learn that Garrison. Prerhaps the man had disap. peared for all 11 me


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and two washers. one on ather side and two washers, one on other side,
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nitannator spring sill mounted the vinator spring should bear
atainst the contart soruw hality, but
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from the face of the magnetic core of the coil, the ends of the wires having
been filed ofr even, before the coll was

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& \text { base for attathing the wires from the }
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& \text { hatery. These miyy lie orlinary hrass } \\
& \text { screws with a strip of brass soldered }
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## may be of the rogular post type-far more convenient and whtch can be s. cured from any deaters in electrical

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lip over thr contact screw. and alsn one side of the condenser, and the othery is connectin to one end of the primary
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basp. The ot her end of the primary is onnected to the fort of the vibrator
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Fiftern cells of the bichromate plung hattery will make an admirable outlit The wireless instruments will be de seriber in our next lesson, considering

As small Tommy was about to ctimb Into his chair at the dinner table his
mother said: "Are your hands clean "If Course they are," answered Tommy.

Fig 2



Fig 3


Fig 5


Fig 6

PRACTICAL FURNITURE
MAKING FOR BOYS
Cong
painstakingly, for when finished the har are on the high road to success. All the
 Both sides are cut the same and. of cours.
we must smooth all sawed edges with we must smoor. The handiest way to use i is to wrap a phe handest way to use d
block. Give the long pife or a smal blork. Glve the long njece a course o hibe toje and go and over tt again. in this
way you ayold way you avold ruting too deen at any
rne point. Now examine the pleces criti cally and select the prettiest graln for the outside. On the opposite stwe. holes lay the pirce that an thr wrork bench, if have no means of elamping it, welght some one sit on it white you work. Draw stratho she thes arross. observing the methods and distances shown in the pic
ture. Three holes are bored for each shelf. Their depth is about one-half lepth drind through a small stick of proper length and leave it on the bl White you then drilled in the ends of the
hhelf phects. you will have to rip a small oblinue piece off the front edge of
the third and fourth shelves counting from the top) bocause the sides are nar rower snugle The woolien pegs must flit
rew rents, and it is fuy any size for a siz $\because$. 3 them just right. We need two naja half lech in diameter, for the main
work. and a dozen duarter-inch ones for

the top shelf partitions. Ife must at this itinge complete the ton cabinet by putpeg and hole joint is used. The pegs beine
irst dipped In glue. LePages Liduid
glue will do. Complete plans for glue will do. Complete plans for this are
pictured in Fig. 3 . glued pegs in both ends of the shelves in one side-ptree, layive into the holes
ground and lelling the on the This mand and lelling the pleces point up Swab the pegs withy Elue and with the genty place the other side-plece down protection and pound th with something
heary till it fos very tight. welght is
now placed on the board and the whole is left for the glue to sot. furniture and realize that it is the work
of your own hands we can tell you by
ixprimere that you will feel a thrill of
 the entire visibles surface, sand yopering Next ruh in wood filer, thus fllling up really a kind of nalnt and may be rubberd in with a llannel cloth or with the bar.
hands. For a natural wooll tinlsh we next give it a coat of varnish. Sand
off carefully and revarnish, conifuing thls process till your wiwd has acciulred of varnish may lie put on without the the dull, weathered onk finish g'nerally seen on mission furniture the process
almost the satne. After the woodfile comes the stain, successive coats done. are put on. No sandpapering
be put on iny kind of staint and may shine. It is omitted where a dult finish Any material will do for this work. of the costly hard woods. jellow pine or
common white pine wili do if you have no other in the later case the finishing harmonizing with the other decorations (Next month we tell how to make a
library or den table.)


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nary electric motor. Two cells of ordinary dry batteries are sufficient to run

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(Fig. 1$)$
 tn Fig. 2 , the dimensions of the bend light ily wheel preferabty one with a of the shaft by wedges. which can be whee and shaft in position. through the
holes in the uprights, as shown in Fig. 2 . holes in the uprights, as shown in Fig. 2.
Now for the magnet. For this get a carriage bolt $A$, $21 / 2$ in. long. On this place two heavy pasteboard washers (1
in. In dameter) as shown in z . Wind the
 magnet can be procured at an electri-


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## No. XV--Henry Clay

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 art in the history of Amertca. The name
iven him was Henry Clay. Henry Clay's birthplace was the "slashes "enry a region of
Iow. swampy ground. situatod on the Tev, John Clay, a baptist minister, despacted by alt who manner himghly re-
ther and fur-
wemarahle for his fine volce and dellvery: Mis mother was a wonan of
most xemplary charater, a staunch When llenry had reached the age of
four years hif father dhed, leaving his
mother with seven young. chlldren and nothing for thetr support excent th
1tt1e rabin and a small plece of lan
trut the moother wus or heroic moubd her courage, endurance, and hard tatior
she succeeded in gaving her chlldren the eecesslties of life A tradition exists in
the Clay famby to the effect that when honrys father was lying dead in his
home awalting burtal the Britisk forcess
und the command of the infanous Colonel Tarleton. then makIng a raid
through Hanover County. Virginia. stole
or destroged the greatur part of Mrs. Clay's possessions, ecen to her ward-
robe: that Colonel Taleton, to compenhandrul of sold and silver unon the
table, whereupon Mrs. Clay, gatlering At first little lienry was thught his
stmple lessons by his mother, durnjoyed.
arrived managed to the age of him to the she stie
schoolthouse at the "Slashes." the teacher Englsnman who hate drifted to that drinklng, he was athe only to carry his est description: a litile log cabin. the sod roof. the hard carth for a nlone, seats puncheons, no windows and no door
only th oppining (inrough which the cold Boys of today become sulky and
crumble when asked to plest chores arrond the house alter
school. They think that after schoo they should have nothing to do bou play. Far differunt was it with young
Henry Ciny. liviry monent of his wak.
ing hours was fully occupled. Now it
 on a pony whiteh le guidrd with a piece fllled with what or corn for a sadde
going to and from the mill. it was on
account of thege fourneys that the neo account of these journeys that the peo-
ple nlek named hin rith mill-boy of the
Slashes: and years after when this
same bare-footed, half-clad. fatherless boy recelved froin liss party the
nomination for president, that nick name was the slogan ior hundreds o Pxperlence fully understood what
childhood of tolt and hardshlp meant But such things were still far in the
futurt and he would liave teen o bold
prophit to nredict such fortune for this poor hoy. Yet as has bern proven it
the lives of many of the greatest men
the pathence, perseverance, self-sacrific and courage nccossary to stand up under creatness in after yrars. Instrad of Se turned out blessings. Som Mcars after her Arat husband
death mrs. Clay maried Captain Henry
Watking. of Richmond, who became in all respects a father to her children.
When fenry was about pourteen Captain Watkins procured him a attuation
as clerk in the retall store of a Mr.
Dening. Here for over a year Henry Denny.
remaine




 to dle away.
The goodents of the boy's dilig-
ence and "arerulnuss in his work. as welt as his ragermess for roating caused
Captan Whitins to hellew 1hat the lad
was capable of a more poomising carcer



mothor liad starcherd for the oerasion
with unusual stifness. made him look

 companions could not refraln from
tittering nt his unconth apprarance and
his blushing confusion To the raw. sonsitive country boy it must. indeed.
have begn an trying time to flni himself
suddenly in the midst of young men well dressed and with all the asturance
that city hife gives. But this boy whe
clear grit. Whille he must have noticed the tithering find whisporing. ft only
made hims sit his jaw more firmly with
the detormination to show these wellthe detrminatlon to show these well-
aressed youths that a well-fiting coat was not everything.
Gnod penmanship, correct spelling, and were absolutely reguired in thir office, and it might be thought that Ifenry's lark of
education ill-fited htm for the position. education ill-ntind him for the position.
But his ambition, natural guirkness, and
willngness to learn. soon ovrrame any willingness to learn. soon ovrrame any
deficlencles, so it was not Iong before hts fellow clerks began to respect and
like him. A follo volume of Chancfllor
Wythe's dectsions confed in his hand writ.
 these papers are as casily read today as
when they were wriltin. The other clerks round when lhey became ac-
qualntcd wilh him that the poorly.
तressed. freckle-faced boy could talk. und talk well: that his language was
well-chosen and that he was a sensible genial. Ilikable young fellow. It is sald
that although not good-looking. he was quite a fovorite with the girls at the
parties lie attended. on account of his good nature and bright. witty talk. and
that he was frequently invited to social gatherings. naturally, these little attenWhile. naturally these little atten-
tinns must have been pleasing to the
country boy. they did not weaken his determination to make something of
himself. While his fellow clerks were spending their lelsure hours in the
social amusements of the clity. Henry Clay eould generally be found in his
room gathering knowledge from such When a hoy shows himself to be
clever. nutck. enger to learn and is diligener in hulsk, work, he will sooner or later be noticed by those who appreclate such qualilico and will he helped by them.
Henry Clay'g hrlahtnesa and his studi-
ous wava attracted the attention of George Wythe. one of the great men o
he ountry. Mr. Wythe was not only
 hrst could not understand rut during
the four years he was thus engaget, by close application and study he gradu-
ally came to know the meaning of what
he wrote and to understand the princt-
ples upon which the decisions were founded. Having thus obtained some
insight into law, he resolved to make it In order to become a lawyer Menry
lay, through the kindness of Chancrillor Wythr was admitted to the offlee
of IRobert Brooke. Attorney General of he utmost diligunce to hise chosen
profession. the bos's pleasink address and pental disposition, coinbined with pened to lim the doors of many hime,
n the best society of Ifthmond. IIe ctarted a debating clul, the principa
Com of biterary culture at the time the mimbrs and others found to their
 orms of dissipation were common young and is reported as having been a
way. At the end of a year the young law
suddent. having shown a suffictent knowherge to satisfy his examiners was
on the motion of Chancelor Wythe admitted to the Vircinia bar by the
Court of Appuals and lle $n$ sed to sign seem a short time in which to be able to law, but the young man had had the ben
efit of four years whth Chancellor wythe
during which he must have become wel during which ine must have become we
versod in liples and procedure
Now that he had got his diploma. the westion in the foung lawyers mind
was where shall 1 begin practice?
Looking

 of settiors was mouring in. and ther hand rimhts. Thats growing section preany other bart of the country He He
therefore resolved to go west and "grow
Mp with the country That he never carcil sultelently shows.
With his sheopskin in pocket and
 in later years. that they had never heard
him make a better speech.'. Henry Clay from that day was mentioned by the
peope of Lexington as a most promising Heiry Clay's success in the practice of At the thme of his retirement from the
-nited states sonate, nearly tifty sears nited states senate, nearly fifty years
antor kirntucky. he suking of his entrance: 1 established myself th Lexington in 1 igis without
patrons. without the faror or counten-
unce of the great or opulent, without the means of paying my weekly board.
and in the midst of a bar uncommonly
distinguished by eminent members. distinginished by eminent members.
renember how comfortable I thought
should be if I could make one hundred should be if i could make one hundred
pounds. virginia moniy, per year. and
with what delight I recelied my flrst iffeen-shilling fee. Ny hopes werc
more than realized. 1 immediately practice:
In Lexington, Clay found himself
amans sturdy, warm-hearted. brave. amons a sturdy, warm-hearted. brave.
hospitable puople, fond of all kinds of
sport espectally, shoolint and hise racin. more conkernial to him than tlis
stiff and somtwhat formal manners of stifi and somewhat formal manners of
Virgina. At firsthits practicee at the har
was almost wholly confined to criminal ases, and story after story could be told of the almost magichl inlluence of his
eloquence upon the Kcontucky jurymen which saved many a cuilty cllent from
just punlshment. Inderd. it is said that no murderer was ever hung who why
defended hy henry Clay. He was fully
aware of the value of his great gift of spraking. and as a young man he mad. It a rule to readisuery das, a part of
some book of hisiory or sience and
then to repeat what he had read in his own words, sometimes in a cornfleld, at others in the forest. and not unire-
1ucntly in a distant warn with the horse
and for auditors." "Thus." says one of hls hograplers. "he cultivated that
fachliy and aftuence of phrase, that resonance of anguage, as well ad byat
freedonn of gesture, which, aided by a
voice of rare power and musical beauty, Gave his oratory. even to the days of
declining oldage. so peculiar a charm.
Ilenry Clay married at the wenty-three, Marss Lucretla Hart prominent men of the richest and most
yas twenty-fve he was elected to he the tate leglslature, as an ardent advocate
of th." abolition of slavery. The story worth tellity mate The quallfications of a
wan in the fyes of kentuckians were a vigorous borly physical courage, and a companion of these sturdy westerners As they went up the alsle
strons determilnation to succeed, llenry
Clay. not jet twenty-one, arrived in


The teacher kep' me after school A half a hour today; But willum Jones. you gtay? An that's Pete Taylor with a pin 'll have to punish you fer that: I'll keep you after school." As other kids all grinned at me
(Continued on page 96 .

You see. our teacher, Miss MeGee,
So J liked stayin after school
With her, an so would you.
1 think that she is mighty nice
She's only ${ }^{23}$.
never hurt pete with that pin;
never hurt Pete with that pin;
i bet shes stuuk on me.
ome day when I git blg 1 guess
ome day when ${ }^{1}$ git big 1 guess
I'li ask her to he mine: schol:
don't mind gtayln after gchor


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I have an earnest word to say to you, boys, this month. There are thirty-five thousand of you who will find on the bottom margin of the first page of your paper a notice which means that if you want to belong to THE AMERICAN BOY FAMILY any longer you must renew your subscription right away. Now, I am talking to each one of you separately. I don't want to lose you. The loss of even one boy subscriber is felt by me. However big the family I can take good care of you. I know you enjoy your paper. Just look at its contents this month. Ask anybody to look over this January number and tell you what he thinks of it. Study it from cover to cover. Where is another such feast for a boy? Where more solid, substantial good? Where more inspiration and encouragement? Where more healthful and agreeable entertainment? Your parents can not want you to drop it; and it's dollars to doughnuts YOU don't want to. Then RENEW! RENEW NOW! And, if possible, send in a subscription for some other boy. Write me personally about anything you want the head of the family to know. Sincerely your friend,

The Editor.

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factory whinis. accompish hits result. but necessary to
that the gelle prad Ineestment will pay hand sone the great investment will pay hani-
some divends. The dam is to be bullit at the elty or Kenkuk. lowa, where the Mlssissippi has a drop of 24 rect in
distance of
i2 miles. canal has hern

 and wil conttiute onm of the hilgest of this country. The dam will not interfere in the nather of Whaters on the shores of the the the largest
 Speaking of the wonderful work that
modern engineers are doink. let me klve ou an example of what the other side
of the warld sho wh. Millins of dollars are today heping spent in putting the fin-
ishng ounche to the Suez Canal. The first spadeflu of dirt in this remarkable vaterway, which your geogranhy tells geas, was turned way back in 1859 and yet a contract has just bern let for a
further five years work in deepening It broadening the hie canal.
it estimated that 6.000 .000 cubic meters of earth will be removed in the of a century the Suez Canal was considered the greatest ongineering feat of recent hiatory. so blg was the work in ract that it has never been quite com-
pleted and hundreds of laborers have been almost constantly employed over While on the subject of canals, it is way to the monster ditch we are bullding down in Panama ditch we are buildtance of some thousands of milies sepou suppose are necessary for a year's you suppose are necessary for a years
work at Panama? The other day the
Isthman Canal Commission told the

 ub the nexessary mones Niserly sis.to infs and. Yet. the "coolles' who have
been imported by the hundreds to do the digging. work for something under a
dollar a day. Not hard to belteve, is it, that there are some pretty blg items in this wonderful waterway, whit
country of ours is constructing?

THE YOUNG BOOK AGENT
Frank had never visited a coal mine and on a sunday afternoon he took a Walk to where there was an abandone mamed Dearry flecid. who Hied at the hotel at which the young book agen
wias stopping. Darry was a nice lad, and Frank had
taken to him from the end." snow that old mine from end to Uow can we get down the shaft? questioned Frank., "There isn't any cer "We Won't have to ko down hy way of he shaft. There was once $a$ cave-in. gec ints the mine that way.: "Is It safe? I have hrari that some air.". it a doezn times." answered Darry, con
fidently. After a walk of an hour, Frank and mountaln where the cave-in had occurred, and Darry showed how the mine
could he entered. "You are certain of the way-we don't

## a "light you afraid?" asked Darry, with

 Nht haukh. am doink."Then lead the way. "am dolng." Frank
His companion
a regular miner's lamp and this him

The sight to be seen was certanly a novel one and they went th deeper
nund deeper. wnile Darry oxplained how - the mine had been worked.
"Now, ill show you where the mules 'Now' r'll show you where the mules
stable was located." sald Darry presently. You know, of course, that some fives. day, but live underground all theif "I have heard of that," answered our "res. It shouldn't want to be a mine mule. sald Darry. After the stable was vited, Darry led he way to a spot where three miners had once lost their lives through an hou must he careful how you walk angerous pitifaus
as." came Prom Frank. pight ahead of hrie several feet in diameter and of unIn a rew minutes more they reached the spot whre the explosion had occurred Here the wool work of the
mine was horrlhly wrecked and splintored. showing that the explosion had been a terrine one. to have been in such
an exploston't want thatd Frank. "Did any of them escape allie?" died in the hospltal Just beyond the place where the ex-
plosion had occurred was another large plosion had occurred was another large
and dark onening. and into thls both and dark opening, and thto thls both leen-- began harrs, when of a sudden deep lamp sliphed from, his hat hanand fell
tho
down thto the opening. leavilis them in total darkness

(Ti) be continued.)

Truthful Tommy
"Tominy." sald a father to his son. Whave you been at those six peaches I
put in the cuphard?
"Father." sadd Tommy, looking into his
 yearh stones in y your belromer and found fivere
is..nly one prach left on the plate?" "That." said Tommy, as lie dashert
wildy for touch-Tit-Bits.

## Are You DEAF?



I was deaf myself for 25 years. 1 perfected and patented a amall, invisible ear
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own hearing. it is called "The Way Ear Drum." and by the use of chese drums
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he prize for the best list of answers to the November Tankles. 109 Payson St., Portland, Me, wins the necond prize.
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best lot of original puzzies. Honorable mention ts arcorded the followF. Smlich. Herbert W. Gable. Harnid H. Wilkins, Clarkson P. Melle, Charles Clark. Henry Trier. Fred i.Indenau. Nonh S. Guen-
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 Katerjohn, Lnume Ayerer Garnett. Karl
Flsher. Charles J. Muller. Charles Siraley. The following reached us a month late with
Drember puzzlea or Octcter nnswers: George
Murdock Jackson. Harry Elerer. Jr.; Burton . Jennings, Joe Gerhart, Wm. Fink. The tollowing falled to obwerve our rules:
Daurie True Bayley, Frank E. Morae. Owlif
Fraley. Charles J. Muller, and someone from Memphis
 Ant prize of one dollar will be fiven tro the



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The capital letters in numerical
spell: Twas the night before Christmas


NEW YEAR'S BELL.
Interpret the pletures by words of uniform
Iength. When correctly arranged the Inttials
 sprli. n fammus Amerlan keneral. In the Hiall
of Fame, born Janury 19 , one-hundred years


NUMERICAL ENIGMA.
My whole contains 50 letters, and is a quo-
tation trom Tennyson appropriate to the season.
24-37.10.46-22-12-33 is a famnus Spantish
artist. bnon in January. 1618 . $34-32-43-13-30-1$







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 An Aslatic couniry. 6 . Dlatect. 7 . Surname
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 a certain directlon. sklpping a unifrirm num-
ber of letters each ime till all are used once
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yof England is. iarge clity
14. The northernmost clty or
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HENRY CLAY
and shooting contests were of frequent orcurrinct. from which no one was ex-
empt. During clayts election campalan
one of these contesta took place, and the candiate was invited to take part. Tro
che unbounded delight of his friends. chagrin of his opponents, and the very his butlet struck fairly in the contre of
the target. thet Clay fire a second shot to dhownded hls success Was due to skill and not
chance, but Henry wisely refused until
some other marksman did equall well some "ther marksman did equally well.
Our purpose as weft as our space for-
hids us continuing the career of Henry Clay as lawyer. statesman. orator. and
dipiomatist. We can only mention that diplomatist. We can only mention that
before he was of eligible age. that is.
thirty tears. he was a member of thi thirty years. he was a member of thi
United sates senate. the only man who ever sat through a term of the senate
Whthout being constitutionally eligible:
that in every queston concerning the greatness and the honor of America the
hoice sounded clear and true. As he himself sald: lf any one desires to
know the leading and paramount ohject
of my public life. the preservation of In public as in private life his integrity out spot, and when in a memorable
speech he exclaimed, I, would rather be
right than be President, the words car-
ried conviction wherever they were SyNOPSIS OF HENRY CLAY'S SUBSE1806 Elected SUFNT CAREER



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## Chapter Nini.

THE CONTEST ON THE GREEN.

THE following day dawned clear and cool, and at ten ociock Caleb and Noah were on the village sembled for their drill. Caleb was dressed in the neat and somewhat showy uniform of the company, for among the leader's strictest requirements was that which not one of the men dared neglectthe appearing in neat and becoming dress. Apparently neither of the boys had suffered any from the ex citing experiences of the preceding day, and Noah at least was free from excitement as he eagerly watched the assembly. It was all new to him. and his interest was keen as he observed the pride with which the men all watched the actions of Anthony Wayne, who, as he moved briskly about amongst the men had a word of praise for the appearance of some and an equally shari, rebuke for any neglect tha was apparent in the garb of others. Whether praise or blame was given. however, seemed to matter little in the feelings of the company toward their leader. There was an element of confidence, of pride, in the wiry, energetic man whose very presence served to arouse an eager response from every man.
For an hour the drill continued, and to Noah the stern words of Anthony Wayne as he shouted to some laggard or seized with his own hands and shook into a more soldierly bearing some of the mbryo soldiers that had falled in some details, seemed almost out of the young Jersey man the drmatched the men rarchy to be perfect, marching wathed the men marching and counter marcers, it all semed to the the calls of the action, it all sean moving as if very precision o action-every man moving as if he was a part in a reat of clockork Not ward had the pre soken to woah that morning althourh the latter $h$ poken to Noah that morning although the latter had him standing in the midst of the few spectators who him stanabled to witnews the militiamen in who valutions. At first Noah had been somewht sentful at what seemed to him vary like a surh after the conversation of the preceding day but his interest in what he beheld was so theen that the feelling soon passed as he watched the men in thet duties. It was therefore with somewhat of a hock of surprise that he realized, after the men had been left standing in a circle on the green every man a "order arms" that Anthony Wayne was approaching the place where he was standing and a moment afterwards be became aware that the great man wa speaking to him.
"Good morning to you. Noah Dare." the colonel day?
> "I never felt better."

"Oood! Then you are ready, I take it?"
"Ready?" Ready for what?"
"For that wrestling match we arranged yesterday on our way from Philadelphia.
"Did .you really mean that?" demanded Noah slowly.

Mean it?' Why, certainly, I meant it. I mean every word of it." The man's dark eyes seemed to Noah to be twinkling with fun or excltement, and it was evident that he was not joking.
For a moment Noah was silent. He glanced at the circle of men, wondering which one of them was to be his contestant. He himself had no desire to engage in a wrestling bout, but he was aware of the colonel's feelings from what Caleb had told him, as Besides there was an intense interest among the boys and younger men of the time in every physical contest or test of strength that could be devised.

And wrestling was the most common of all the sports of the day

Young man," said Anthony Wayne. "I don't want ourge you into this if you don't want to and the is the best man in this part of Pennsylvania thing abe isn't a man except Caleb who knows and you feet lite match having been tho the wiser To Noah it seemed as if there was a note of com passion in the leader's words. and he instantly said n a low volce "Colone! Wayne, who has said any thing about backing ollt?
with one. . No one but myself." sald Anthony Wayne with a laugh. "But you did have a pretty hard ex perience yesterday, and if you'd rather try it some other day-
"One day is as good as another," broke in Noah quietly.

The men are all here now.
"Is this Joe Latrobe here?"
"He is."
"I'm ready if he is. Does he know anything about "Not a word. But he will."
Anthony Wayne turned quickly and rejoined his men. Noah could not hear what he said. but the interest of the company was instantly aroused and when one of them advanced into the center, Noa at once concluded that Joe Latrobe was prepared to defend his title then and there.
In a moment Anthony Wayne came back to the place where Noah was still standing and laughingly com, Fuery man is as ready as you are, Noah Dare. Come on and 1 il take you into the ring.

Noah did not reply, but he at once accompanied the colonel and started toward the circle. He could see that the men were regarding him curiously a he approached, aid there were smiles on some of the faces that were strangely irritating to him. It was manifest. too, that the men had no fear for thel champion, and as Noah glanced at the man that wa standing in the center of the circle he could but fee that their conndence was not entirely misplaced he Joe Latrobe was at least four inches taller tha he and welghed much more. There was no time to Wayne ho young young Jerseyman her
Latrobe prove his title
Noah could see the white race of Caleb in the line. and plainly his cousin was distressed by the though of the possibility of the downfall of Noah. The slght and the conjecture as to what was present in his cousin's thoughts served to make the musclos in Noah's well-knit body slightly more tense. but out wardly he gave no sign that Caleh's anxiety had in any way affected him. for he turned again to hear what Anthony Wayne was saying:
"We'll have two falls square hold (square 'holt' most of the men termed it) and two side hold." the leader was saying. "Three out of four will mark the winner, but if each man wins two, then well have all catch as catch can
A laughing response came from the eager listeners and then the leader turned to Noah and said in a "I"m ready" respon ready?
mis ready, responded Noah quietly as he stripped He thenet and tossed it upon the ground.
been watching him with a smile opponent, who had creased Noah's feeling of irritation. It was plain that Joe Latrobe had slight fear as he looked down upon his smaller antagonist that he was likely to lose any of his honors in the approaching struggle Noah could see that his opponent was a powerful man, and the huge muscles in his arms and shoulders indi. cated that in muscular strength the man was one to be feared. There was in his bearing, however, slight Indications of quickness, and the dull eyes were more
like those of some patient brute than those of an active or quick-witted man
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two men seized each two then seized each other and the first of the
"square hold" matches was on could explain afterward just how the Dare never achleved. but almost before he had laid his wa upon his opponent's shoulders it seemed his hiands some huge weight har fallen it seemed to him tha crushed to the ground Joe latrobe's and he wa heavily upon him as he was thrown that for an so stant it seemed to the young wrestler as if ant in breath in his body had been forced out Joe Latrobe arose and in mom out
his example. He was breathine heinily followed his example. He was breathing heavily, and the to him to be almost derisive. He glanced hastly at Caleb, and his cousin's compassion was so eviulen that Noah's anger was aroused. His coolness, how ever, did not depart from him and he turned akain to face his opmonent. There was a prin of satisfac tion on the dull features of Joe Latrobe which, when Noah percelved it, at once aroused within him at newed spirit of determination. He was on his guard now against the method of his antagonist, and whe the two locked arms to enter the second contes Noah was careful to keep himself slightly farthe away

As he had expected, Joe Latrobe quickly followed the same tactics he had before employed; but this tlme he falled, for Noah beld himself at arm's length and could not be borne down by the sudden wowerfu onslaught. The two men were now exerting all thel strength, and as the moments slowly passed Noa became convinced that Joe Latrobe had only one method to use-that of suddenly bearing down ulon his opponent and by the united use of strength and welght crushing the other man to the sround. H was prepared now to meet that style of wresting, h assured himself, and when three minutes had elapsed and both men win tense muscles and straining eye were still facing each other, the interest of the spe tators becam fortense and there were shouts of "Good boy, Jolventalve
"Good boy. Joe. You've not him now. That's right. A-a-ah!" came like a long-drawn slgh from the assembly as Jos latrobe for a moment seemed to he on the point of succeeding again in the sole method which he versistently used.

Again the long sigh arose as once more the larger man seemed to draw his antagonist to him and then throw his entire weight into the struggle. But this guard himself. In his eagerness he threw himself forward as loah seemed to yield sliehtly before the corslaugh but beore he che sher onslaugh, but before heckard by the himself he was suddon of his opuonent and before he was fully eware of oud occurred bere he was luly behind him and the westler iell backward to the ground with the younger and uphter man on top
The sllence of the assembly was broken by the loud shout of Caleb. "Good boy, Noah! You had him that time' Good! Good for you Yoah: You had Noah could hear his cousin's calls. but Joe Latrobe had not relaxed his hold and the young wrestler was so firmly held in the embrace that he was unable to rise.
"Let go of your man!" commanded Anthony Waynt sternly as he ran quickly to the place where the two contestants were lying. "That's no way! You're down, Joe! I et go your man. I say!" he repeated savagely as he selzed Joe Latrobe's arms and tore them loose

When the two wrestlers arose Noah was startind It was ine the blind rage of some infuriated animal.

In spite of his recent success Noah was alarmed by what he saw and turned to see if Anthony Wayne had perceived what he himself had seen.
Apparently the leader was ignorant of the sight which had disturbed Noah, for he quickly called out that the next contest would be a side hold. There was apparently no opportunity for delay or explanation, and somewhat reluctantly Noah prepared for the bout which he was fearful might end in a way
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## CHAPTER XVIII.

## THE VICTOR.

The two wrestlers, apparently ignoring the excitement of the spectators, at once advanced toward each ment of the spectators, at once advanced toward each for the side hold. Noah instantly was aware that to the fact that Joe Latrobe was possessed of a greater strength than his own. The slower witted man, however, was evidently depending upon this very fact, for his grip steadily tightened and it was plain to Noah that the man had still greater power in reserve. The arms that were holding him were like bands of steel, and the pressure was so strong that the young wrestler was unable to exert himself in
the manner in which he had planned. The heavy breathing of the older and larger man sounded so loudly in his ears that Noah was scarcely aware of the shouting of the assemblage. He was even unable to see the expression in the face of the man by whom he was held in a grasp that was like that of some
merciless, powerful machine. Even the tricks with which he was familiar and that had been frequently employed by him in his contests at Greenwich, seemed to be of no avail in his present predicament. Noah soon perceived that his oppo-
nent's strength seemed to be exerted mainly by his arms. Thus far the man had mate no direct attempt to throw his opponent and apparently was striv-
ing to break him down by the nug he was giving-a hug Noah was convinced hat would have made the proverbial ies swayed and the plaudits of the admiring soldiers redoubled. All the laughter which had greeted Noah's first Pennsylvania men was aroused to uphold the defender of their honor. There was a shouting of Joe Latrobes name that Noah dimly heard, but it produced no effect upon him, for all his wit and strength were united in what almost appeared to him to be a hopeless effort to prevent himself from being twisted
into a position in which he might be easily tripped and thrown.
Steadily Noah felt his own body brought forward and nearer to the ground. The manifest purpose of loo latrobe was not to throw him upon his
bick but to force his body forward back but to force his body forward
until his balance had been lost. when it would be a comparatively easy matter to bring him to the ground, and in fall. ing the power of the abler man would be exerted to turn his opponent quickly upon his back and thereby claim the fill. The purpose was so plain to Noah that he speedily became aware that if he was not to lose, it must be by meet-
ing this very plan of attack. To regain his upright position was impossible, as his continued efforts plainly proved.
Five minutes had now elapsed since the beginning of the struggle and Joe Latrobe's strength did not seem to be any less than when the two wrestlers had first been locked in their embrace. The swaying bodies still were clinging to each other, though by this time in Noah's ears there wis a sound as of a great wind blowing upon bim. His breathing was difficult and his eyes could see only the ground helow him, which appeared to be rising and falling like the waves of the sea. His strength was going. too, he realized, and he was panting like some struggling beast. His grip upon his opponent had not as yet relaxed and the plaudits of the spectators was
louder than ever they had been. louder than ever they had been.
Noah realized that the supreme moment was upon him. As yet Ioe Latrobe had not made any attempt to trip hlm, but the younger wrestler was looking now for an attempt on the part of his adversary, and
if he was forced forward two inches more if he was forced forward two inches more he knew Suddenly Joe he unable to recover himself
Suddenly Joe Latrobe did just what Noah had been expecting him to do. He threw himself forward, added his weight to the strength he exerted, and his body leaned more heavily upon that of Noah. Instantly the younger wrestler relaxed for a moment and his opponent was almost unon his shoulders. Without any attempt to recover himself, Noah permitted himself to be drawn a little farther under the body of the man and then, his heart exulting as he he had been longing had come he braced himself whe had been longing had come, he braced himself When his opponent's feet had lost a part of their
sure hold upon the earth, and avalling himself of sure hold upon the earth, and avalling himself of every ounce of power at his command, he
For a moment Noah staggered and almost fell. Quickly regaining his advantage he slowly and steadty brought Joe Latrobe up over his back. The man's feet were now clear from the ground, and deprived of the power to brace himself he was unable
to exert all his strength. ny a vtolent effort Noah thrust his own body a ifttle farther under the load heah was carrying and slowly, ioe Latrobe rose stll high er from the ground. The man was kicking violently but

ens efforts afforded no protection. His arms tight from in their clasp and almost crushed the breath now shouting frantically and for an instant above the turmoil the shrill voice of Caleb could be heard screaming his encouragement to his cousin.
Noah now had brought the burden upon his shoulcould be made. Once more bracing his final attempt against the sod he closed his eyes and shut firmly firmly together, and then exerted hiniself in his last great effort. Steadily the kicking legs of Joe Latrobe rose higher and higher, and then, at Noah's last attempt, they suddenly shot forward, making a semicircle over the back of the younger wrestler, and the champion of the Chester company was thrown hard upon his back. His grasp upon Noah, however, was not relaxed and both men fell, their arms still in the unbroken clasp, though there was no question that the fall belonged to Noah Dare, for Joe Latrobe had been thrown squarely upon his back. His arm had slipped up until Noah's neck was beld in a tight embrace and his breath was shut off. For a moment everything turned black before him. The heavy weight which rested upon him increased his feeling of suffocation and it was impossible for him to find elief or release
The young victor, however, was not left long in his predicament, for once more Anthony Wayne ran forward and seizing the arms of Joe Latrobe he savagely broke the wrestler's hold, and then angrily
demanded that the man should rise demanded that the man should rise.
Noah instantly responded, and almost gasping for breath, struggled to his feet, though his recent con
said the doctor in surprise. "Why, 1 am surprised at that! 1 didn't think there was a man in the Chester company that could put you on your back."
"There Isn't," muttered Joe Latrobe.
But you said he did.
'I didn't say he belonged to our company, did I? He's a Jerseyman.
The tone of the defeated wrestler was so crest fallen that for a moment the doctor was tempted to laugh, but he quickly concealed his feeling and at once Caleb to attend to the injured arm. Both Noah and asked for, but the doctor was the only one to speak while he was working.
"There, that will do, Joe," he sald at last. "Better come to see me again in a day or two, but don't get
into any more wrestling bouts before I tell you you may.'

Joe Latrobe did not respond and the three men at once departed. As they walked along the street in the direction of Caleb's home no one spoke untll the house could be seen, and then the defeated wrestler turned to Noah and solemnly said, "You did that by a trick."
"That's right. So I did," acknowledged Noah with a smile. "You see you are so much stronger than I
am, Joe, that there wouldn't be any show for me if I didn't try a trick or two. I couldn't throw you any other way."

A grin spread over the features of the man as he said, "You'll try it again with me, just as soon as my arm is in shape, won't you?
"I'd rather leave it as it stands," laughed Noah. 'I'm afraid I shouldn't come off so well next time," "You'll do it, though?" persisted Joe Latrobe.
"Of course, if you really want me
to." "I do," said Joe Latrobe solemnly, and then bidding Noah and Caleb good day he started toward his own home. two boys entered the vard in fron the his father's house, "You were great! his father's house, "You were great.
That was the greatest throw I ever saw. That was the greatest throw l ever saw.
The men are all wild about it. There wasn't one that bellieved you could down Joe."
"I'm one of them, too, now," admitted Noan.

But you did it!"
chanced to, that's all."
"I don't care what you call it, Cale. 1 know I don't want to try it again." "Noah, there's Anthony Wayne in the house!" suddenly exclaimed Caleb in a low voice as he discovered the young colonel by the window. "What do you fancy he is doing here?"
"Not knowing. I can't say," laughed oah. "We"ll find out when we go in." Quickly the two boys entered the firmed, for the wurnose were soon confirmed, for the purpose of Anthony and Noah Dare was soon aware that he was the most concerned

## CHAPTER XIX.

A JERSEY RECRUIT.
Before the boys had entered the room In which Anthony Wayne was seated The impulsive young colonel had rushed
into the hall, and, seizing Noah by the hand, exclaimed, "I congratulate you, young man! I never thought you would
testant did not rise but lay moaning and rolling about upon the grass.
"Get up! Get up:" commanded Anthony Wayne savagely. "Don't lie there taking on like a slck girl! Get up, Joe, and show yourself a man!
"I can't! I can't!" moaned the fallen wrestler, still continuing his contortions.
"Why not? What's the matter with you?" demanded the colonel.
"My arm! My arm!" groaned Joe Latrobe
"Let me see it," said Anthony Wayne quickly, and he at once knelt and examined the member at last. "It may he only like a punf ball. Get up! Come with me and I'll go like a puff ball. Get un?
"I'm sorry if 1 hurt-if you are hurt," sald Noah instantly advancing to the slde of the man who now had risen by the assistance of some of the men who had come to his ald.
stupidly into Noah's face
"I'll go with youl." Noah added quickly. "I suppose the bout is off for today?" he added, turning, as he spoke, to Anthony Wayne
"Rather," remarked the colonel drily.
"Let me go with him to the surgeon's," pleaded Noah. "Here's Cale," he added as his cousin now joined the group. "He and I will take him."
"Very well. Is that all right, Joe?"
The wrestler stared stupidly into Anthony Wayne's face and then nodded his head as if he did not fully understand what had been said to him.

Noah, ignoring the words of praise which were spoken by the nearby men, at once secured Joe Latrobe's coat and tenderly placing it about the man's shoulders led him away, accompanied by Caleb. The wrestler made no protest and in a brief time the three men arrived at the house they were seeking and fortunately found the physician within.
"It's a sprain and a bad one, too, Joe," said the surgeon as soon as he had examined the injured arm.
"How did it occur?" "Hew did it occur?
He threw me," responded Joe Latrobe sullenly. nodiling his head at Noah as he spoke.

He threw you? This young man threw you, Joe?'
throw Joe I atrobe. Why, man, he's the strongest fellow in the Chester company."
think I'd you," responded Noah quietly. "I didn't "How did so fort unate either.
three enter you do it?" persisted the colonel as the "You could see it better than 1 could," laughed Noah. The praise and interest of the dashing leader were very pleasing to him, and the pride which Caleb felt in his cousin's success was manifest in his beaming face.
"I saw Joe's legs waving in the air like a signal of distress," said the colonel, "and then the first thing I knew he was flat on his back. You must have had him on your hip just where you wanted him.
"That was it, colonel," explained Noah. "His feet couldn't touch the ground and I knew my only hope was in lifting him right then. He didn't have any purchase. you see. If he had, you wouldn't be here talking like this to me."
"That wasn't what I came to talk about, young man," sald Anthony Wayne quickly don't think you have a right to feel proud of what the frst to tell you so. But what I want ls be anon else."
Noah gazed inquiringly into the colonel's expresslve face, which now was glowing with an enthusiasm that plainly had not been aroused by the wrestdid sucess did not speak
"Yes, sir," continued Anthony Wayne eagerly, "I want something different. I am not in the hablt of beating about the bush when I want anything, nor do I wait for it to come to me. A man is mighty fortunate for Now what 1 ant is for you to be en rolled among my men here in thls Chester company" Noah's flushed with pleasure but he wos gill Noah's face fushed with pleasure, but he was still Wayne or a moment. To have Colonel Anthony Wayne personally "You forget ['m a Jerseyman" he suggested at last You forget I'm a
"No, I don't forget it. You can"t help that."
"I don't want to help it. l'm proud of it," retorted
"That's a matter of taste" laughed the colonel Caleb here and I know there Isn't such a colony in America as Pennsylvania
"Not even when it comes to wrestling," remarked Noah drily,
Anthony Wayne laughed aloud as he said. "That's all right, young man; that's all right. Never mind if cou are a Jerseyman, you can enroll here. You cousin is a member of our company and you are o the same blood, so that will help some. But I want you, and I don't care whether you are a Jerseyman or a Hottentot. It is the man I want
"We may have to have a company at Greenwich, uggested Noah.
"That's right. I am sure you will.
Then my place is there and not here, isn't it?" No, sir; and l'll tell you why. It will be some ime before there will be all enrollment at Greenwich. The Jerseymen are a bit slower-mind I'm not saying anything against them-but they are not awake to what is going on yet. I know that we've seen only the beginning of this trouble. I am giving myself day and night to getting ready to meet it Your Jersey people are as true as the Pennsylvani ans, but they simply won't see what is right before their eyes. Then, too. Jersey has more Tories than we have and they re bound to make trouble-trouble right at home, too. Now, what 1 want of you is to have you join us here, and then later when Jersey wakes up, if you feel that you belong there I won' say a word against it. And you'll be in all the better shape to help them. if you have had the dril that our men are getting here. Cale will tell you here is something in that." the coloned added with laugh as he turned to the other man in the room.
"Yes, sir!" began Caleb eagerly. "There isn't an"Oh innou
"Oh, I know what Cale thinks about it and about you," Noah broke in with a smile. "We say over in Greenwich that Cale can't for the life of him say two words withont bringing in the name of Colonel An hony Wayne.
"That's the way to talk!" said Anthony Wayne. bestowing a resounding thump upon Caleb's bac 'I wish every one of our men had the same spirit
"They have! They have, colonel!" responded Ca leb eagerly.
"You see, Colonel Wayne," began Noah once more. "I'm not certain just how long I shall be here in
Chester. I came away from Greenwich without making any plans. I may have to-"
"All the better!" retorted the colonel. "All the better, for you'll work all the harder. You need not
be enrolled regularly if you don't want to. Just come in and share in the drill. Now that you have thrown Joe Latrobe we must still keep a good man In the Chester company or we'll lose standing. I want you to do this very much, more than I can tell you, and if at any time you have to leave or go back home Ill be the last to say one word against it. But w want you and we want you to begin tomorrow.'
"Ill do ft." replied Noah, "if that is the understanding. I'm still a Jerseyman you must know--" "We shan't forget that," laughed Anthony wayne, would not let us, if I can judge from your words today.

If my father objects"-began Noah.
"He won't," broke in the colonel sharply. "He'll be glad, he'll be proud of it.
"I am not so certain as to that." remarked Noah quietly.
"You'll report then tomorrow, will you?" Colonel Wayne arose as he spoke and in his restless manner was already moving toward the door.
"Yes, sir."
"Good: Good! Good day to you both." Almost before the boys were a ware of his departure, Anthony Wayne was gone and the gate was slammed as the energetic leader passed out from the yard into the energet
street.
"He's a whirlwind," remarked Noah as the colonel's form disappeared up the street
"He is two whiriwinds. He's a whole lot of whirlwinds," said Caleb proudly. "There isn't another such man in the colony of Pennsylvania, and 1 don' believe there is one to match him in any other colony, either: My, Noah, you ought to feel proud! Just think of throwing Joe Latrobe and being invited by Anthony Wayne in the same day to join our com pany. Honors are thick for you, Noah."
"I'm not round-shouldered yet," laughed Noah. "I though" he added "but Ive a notion that Joe La trobe had something to do with it.
"Are you hurt, Noah?" demanded Caleb quickly.
"Not a blt," laughed Noah. "I am just trying to account for the fact that my shoulder feels a bit queer. It may be that the honors I have received, which you were speaking of, or that Joe's grip on me may have been the cause.
So it came to pass that without being duly enrolled Noah Dare was nevertheless recelved as a member of the Chester company. The slight prejudice which was manlfested against him at first speedily departed for his success in the wrestling match really appealed strongly to the men, whose highest admiration was freely bestowed upon the man who proved himself a master in the "rough-and-tumble" in which those hardy soldiers frequently engaged; and then. too Noah's quiet ways and unassuming manner, as wel as his friendly spirit, soon won for him the friendship of his comrades. He nevertheless steadily refused to consent to enter the wrestling matches which the Chester men were eager to arrange for him with the champions of the companies in the adjacent towns As for Joe Latrobe himself, he speedily became one of Noah's firmest friends. He was tike some huge and powerful mastifi, though there were tmes when Noah was disposed to question the possession of the

Inteligence by Joe which his canine representative displayed, for the powerful man was slow-witted, and wonderful streng as much in evidence as was his dally was present at the drill of the Chester company, though weeks passed before he was able to share in its activities again. His frlendshlp for Noah apparently increased with every passing day and was the subject of many a comment or jest among the men. But Noah Dare never turned from the man. and his own quick wit saved his duller companion from many a snare

- oah had written home at once after he had accepted the invitation of Anthony Wayne, and in a few days received a letter from his father in which permission was granted for him to follow the line he had Indicated. Indeed, as the weeks passed and still no word came for Noah to return to Greenwich, the young man's heart began to be sorely troubled. Why was it that he was still left in Chester? Did his father not want him at home? To all such suggestions Calebs response was that doubtless his uncle had good reasons for not wanting his boy at home. and he also suggested that it was more than probable that the grand jury and Elnathan Todd and Thomas Hull might also have been additional callses for the prolonged stay of Noah at Chester. At all events, Caleb frequently expressed his own delight at the continued presence of his cousin in his home, and Noah also seemed to be content, for the days were filled with activities that most strongly appealed to him. The drills had become more frequent and the young Jerseyman soon became one of the most proficient men in the company. His sole break had come on the third day after he had "joined" the company, When his inexperience had led him into an awliward mistake and drawn down upon him one of the frequent angry "blasts" which Anthony Wayne was not slow to bestow upon any man who aroused his ire. And the colonel had been present when Noah had so signally failed in "doing himself proud," as he expressed it.

The words and actions of the colonel were in such marked contrast with the praise he had bestowed upon Noah and the insistence with which he hat urged the young Jerseyman to join the company, that sulhed like a far more famons warrior than he in the army of the Greeks before the walls of Troy, but An.
thony Wayne apparently ignored the hidien anger of the young soldier and laughed and joked with him as he formerly had done
At last, unable to endure his own reelings any longer, Noah sulkily sald to the colonel after the dril one day: "Colonel Wayne, you were mighty hart "Was I?" inquired Anthony Wayne. his dark eyes winkling as he spoke.
"Yes, sir, you were. You let out on me right before all the men."
"Then you deserved it."
"I was doing better than most of the men." retorted Noah somewhat bitterly

Then why did you-did you reprimand me as you did right before everybody?

Young man, you ought to do a hundred times bet ter than most of the "
Before Noah could respond the man was gone, bul oah's wounded ranity instantly recovered its wonted composure, while his love and admiration for the dashing leader greatly increased. Indcod. a he days massed. both Noah and Caleb frequently went with the leader on his expeditions to the
adjacent towns, in each of which a company hin adjacent towns, in each of which a company him
been raised by anthony Wayne and was drilling al been raised by Anthony liayne and was drilling al
most with the faithfulness and zeal of the men al Chester. The colonel's steadfast belief that "trouble was coming" was only in a small measure shared in he people, but the man's tireless enthusiasm, his
 themselves to bring a response to his appeal for the formation and preparation of companles of militia lore and more intense became Noah's admiration or the man, unti at last even Calebs worts of mais seemed slight beside his own. His love for the colonel was deep and strong and he never was hap pier than when he was in his company.
The winter days passed and still Noah Dare re mained in Chester. But in the early spring ther ame a summons so sharp for him to return instanil to Greenwich that his excitement, when he prompiy as strong as the meaning of the word he had received was strange.
(To be continued.)

## The Longfellow Centennial 1807-1907 <br> J. L. HARBOUR

"Out of the shadows of nighe
The world rolls into light;
It is daybreak everywhere.

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW. one of the best beloved of all of our American poets, wrote these lines on the fifteenth of March in the hand ever penned. They may be found in the closing stanza of his beautiful poem. "The Bells of San Blas. He died nine days later and when he went on to the land in which

## it is daybreak everywhere"

there were many sad hearts all over our land, for he was one of the poets whom the people riend, for he was famous for his fondness for children and his kindness to them. He wrote much about chil. iren because they were much in his mind and heart. Only one who loved ch
have written:
-O child: O new-born denizen
Of lifes gre
Of life s great city! on thy head
The glory of the morn ike a celestial benison Here at the portal thou dost stand. And with thy little hand Thou openest the mys terlous gate
Into the future's undis covered land."
Henry W. Longfellow was born in Portland. Maine, on the 27th day of February, in the year 1807 . so that the present February brings the one hirth The house in which he tived as a boy is still standing and it had boy is alling a pood many year beefore he first saw the light of before he first saw the ight of
day in it. It is naturally the mos damous house in Portland and is known as the Wadsworth-Longfellow House because it was the home of house becas maternal grandfather was born in. it. The house is now the property of the Maine Historical Society, having been deeded to the society by Longfellow's sister Anne Longfellow Plerce, five years agn. Mrs. Pierce lived in the house a little more than eighty seven years. She was born in the house three years after the birth of her famous brother and she died after her hus. band lived but three years, and during those three years only Mrs plerce did not live in thr house.
Longfellow's mother was Miss Zilpah Wadsworth
and she was married to Stephen Longfellow on the first day of January in the year 1804 in the IIads worth-i,ongfellow Honse. The romm conpe the honie of their own in a house still standing. Fron home of their own in a house they went to the home of a sister of Stephen Longfellow's to stay with this sister, Abigall Steuhenson while her hushand was away from home in the llest Indies. While they were staying in thls house Henry W Longfellow was born named for a brother of his mother, a brave lad of nineteen who at that early age was a lleutenant in the C'nited States Navy and who lost his lffe whelt his ship, the "Intrepin." was blown up before Tripoli
on the night of September 4, 1804.
Longfellow was lint right months old
when his parents left the house in
when his marents left the house in which he had been born and renow to the Wansworth-Longfor
low House. where they spent the remainder where they spent the remainder of their lives. the-
house having been bequeath ed to Mrs Lengreluw and her sister, Latia Wads. woth. by their father
Six of the children of Stephen congefellow house and five of them died here. The names of the children were put into the following posslbly the poet him*Stephen and Henry. Eliz beth and Anne lex. and Mary.
Ellen and Sini,
The boet's father was a lawyer who had graduated 1794 in the same class with Willam Ellory Channing and Ioseph Story. He was a man of unnsual ability and served etts I.egislature. Maine being at this time a lart of Massachusetts He died in the liartaworth-Longfellow House in 1849 when he was seventy. three years old. and two years later his wife dled here at the same age. The Americul founder of the Longfellow fanilly was William long fellow. who came to this country from England in 1651.

The young poet went to a private schonl when he was but three years of age, his brother Stephen going with him. Here young Henry learned his letters, and he was but six years nid when he en tered the Portland Academy, and it was at thls tender age that his teacher sent home io his promil parents the following "hillet" regarding their soth. "Master Henry Lonofellow is ote of the bes

boys we have in school. He spells and reads very well. He also can add and multinly numbers. His
conduct last quarter was very correct and amiable." This proves that the young poet in embryo was what some would have called "right smart." and one can hardly think of him as ever having been othes than "correct and aniable." It soon became evident hat the gift of possy belonged to the "correct and ambabe boy studed. He was but hirteen when he Italian Song." I am not sure that this ever apmeared ralrint A very foolish story has often apueared statime that Ir Lonefollow.s fist poen apleared stating that ner's Turnip." This is not true and Mr. fellow's family are always ylad when the story is lenied. One of the first. if not the first poem the great poet ever published was entitled "The Baitle of Lovell's Pond." and it was written when the poet was but thirteen yoars old and monlished in a Port and newspaper called the "Gazelte." We give two stanzas 10 show what manner of verse this young singer wrote al this eatly age
Colid, cold is the north wind and rude is the blast That sweeps like a hurricane londy and fast As it moans through the tall waving pines lone and drear,
Sighs a requiem sad ooer the warrior's bier The war-whop is still, and the savage's yed Thas sunk into silence along the wild dell
And the war-clarion's voice is now heard no more." That isn't "half bad" poetry for a boy of thiricen rits, all homgh longfellow himself felt in has latter youthfal poet hat the mortification of hearing his wem called "very stiff" by a valued friend of his father's. The poem appeared in the morning bater without the signature of the author, and none of hits family seemed to notice it, while young Henry kept respectful silence regarding it, althongh he had felt the thrill of ecstasy every aspiring young author feels when he sees his firs rhymos in print. That evening the youthful poel and his father went over to the house of their neightor, Judge Mellen, whose loy Fred was a chum of young longfellow's. Dur
the judge sala to Mr. Iongfellow:
ho judge saill to Mr. Lomgfellow:
"Did you sce that piece of poetry in to-day's (iazette? Very stift. Remarkably otiff; moreover it is all borrowed, every word of it!"
This gave the young singer a very uncomforta ble turn, and we may be sure that he olid not say anything in defense of his rhyme, hime we are toll that he shed a
his own room.
Lonsfellow was but fifteen when he enterrol Bowdoin College, where he had Nathaniel Hilw thorne for a classmate. Another of his classmatos who in later life becatme the Ifon. J. Wr. Bralloury figure, delicate complexion He was alvars gentleman in his deportment, and a model in his character and habits." It is worth while to add hore that every record we have of the boyhood and young manhond of longfellow bears testimony to the integrity of his character
lougfellow all his life chertshed the fondest affec tion for the home of his childhoon and boyhood, and in one of his later porms, entitled "My Lost Youth," he writes thus of fortand
"Often I think of the beautiful town That is seated ly the sea
Often in thought go ut and down
The pleasant streets of that dear old town
And my youth comes back to me.
Is a vorse of a lapland song

- hamming my nemory stil:

And the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.
One thing that helped to endear Longfellow to his countrymen was the fact that he was heart and soul an American. So many of his poems are filled with a fine and high spirit of loyalty to his country and of an American subject for his first published poem. allif there is an essentially American feeling in all of his poems. lis Commencement oration at colleze was on "Our Nitive Writers." and in closing it he said: "And well may each of us feel a glorlons and high-minted pride in saying. as he looks on the hills and
England:

This is my own, my native land,
It was June of the year 1825 when Longfellow sraduated from bowdoin College. He was then Pighteen ycars oid and life was flll of hopes and of what he would do, hut he had a conviction that it
must be something along the line of literature. Writ ing to one of his college friends at this period of his why he satd: Somehow, and yet hardly know not make a lawyer of any eminence, because I have not a talent for argument: I an not good enough for a minister,-and as to physic, I utterly and absolutely letest it."

His father had hoped that young Henry would be cone a lawrer, but som the following letter write by the future fort to his father must have been proof of the fact that the boy was not "cut out" for a lawyer:
Whether Nature has given me any capacity for bonowlodge or not, she has at any rate given me very slrong bredilection for literary pursutts, and am almost confident in believing that, If I can eve rise in the world, it must he in the excreise of my alrent in the wire feld of hteratulling Nith such belief. I must say that $I$ am unwilling to engage in he she
The chder langfellow felt that literature was a proession in which the peconians rewards were $s$ self with tur returns prom we's pen: and he did not encourare his son's literary ambitions. Thus it was that the vouthrul watuate entered his father's law office in Porthind after leaving college The nex year when he wis but nincturn he wat to Europe on a sailing vessel to prepare himself to accept the chatir of brofessorship of modern lampateres at Row

doin College. The offer of this mofessorship was made because of the remarkable manner in which he had translated on
Longfellow was twenty-four years old when he married Iliss Mary Storer Potter of Portland. The house in which they were married is still standing in Portland. It was of her that the boet wrote-
"The being beauteous.
Who unto my yonth was give
things else to love me
The young couple went to Brunswlck, Maine, where Bowdoin College is, and here they lived until the spring of the year 183s, when they both went abroad. while they were in Rotterdam in Nuvember of was year that the most searching sorrow of his ufe ut to that time came to Mr. Longfellow in the death of his young wife Mrs Longfellow was a the death the greatest refinement of character and a devot Christian. Her young husband sald in writing the news of her untimely death to her father that beI ween her paroxysms of sufferiner fust before her death she frequently repeated these lines:

Father! I thank Thee! may no thought
Ere deem thy chastisements severe
Calm each wild wish, each idle fear
After the death of his wife Mr. Inongfellow went to feidelberg. where we are told that he burled himself n old dusty books. On his return to America in De cambridge to reside and Mr. Longlellow went to ern languagea at Harvard College He tom mod at what was then known a Craigie House one of the most interesting and historlc houses in Cambridge and a house made all the more interesting by the fact
that Lonblellow became the owner of it and spent most of his life in it. It was here that he died and here his daughter, Miss Alice Longfellow, still lives. The house was built in the year 1759 by John Vassall and was one of a murer of large houses on this street that were called Tory Row because they were onned and orcupled hrominent Tories. It is douht ful if there is a house in Cambridge that has entertained more distinglishlod visitors under
its roof. It was here that Goorse Washineton hed his headquarters wilen he had charce of the amerl his headquarters when he had charge of the Americame to reside. We are told that "She arrived in freat ceremony, with a roach and four black horses with postilions in scarlet livery. During her visit she and her husband colebrated their wedding annishe and her husband coucbrated thrir wedring anni-
versary. though the General had to be much perversary though the General had to be much per-
suated by his aldes." The room in the house that. was General llashington's office afterward became the study of Longfellow, and here he wrote most of his poems.

Longfellow's marriage to Miss Frances Flizabeth Appleton of boston, occarred in 1 S 13 , and they look 11" their residence in Craigle Hollse. Longfeliow had by this time writen a great many poems, and among them "Hyperion" and "Outre-Mer," and his fame as a poet had been noised abroad. He had also made a third trip to Furope, where he found that his peems had berome well known. Mrs. Longfellow was a vely highy cultivated woman and one in full symbathy with her husband. His eyes had begun to fall him. and Mrs. Longfellow acted as his amanuensis a juit of the time. Sometimes she sin harmony of thorms, and hrre was the greate. harm and urs Mri. and Mis. Longfellow had six children, and Heir home life was well nigh idral until a great and terrible tragedy came into it in the death of catching fre on the tenth of July in the year 18 cil This was a sorrow that Lonpfollow bore bravely hut his friunds saw that it aged him percentibly hul many of his pooms took on a tinere of sadnes. after that time. The following exquisite poem refers to Mrs. Longfellow:
In the long. slecpless watches of the night.
A gentle face-the face of one long deatThe night-lamp casts a halo of pate lish:
Here in this room she diod: and soml morr white
Never through martyrdom of fire was led
To its rolose, nor cain in bocks be read
The legend of a life more bonedight
There is a mountiln in the distant West
That, sun-defying. in its deep ravines
Displays a cross of snow upon its side
uch is the cross I wear upon my breas
These pightecn yars, through all the changing scenes
In the changeless since the day she died." In the year 1868 Mr. Songfellow made his fourth
nd last trip to Furobre. This time he was one of quite a large party that includen his son and his bride, his three daughters, his brother and two sisters, and his brother-in-law. Mr. Longfellow rerefved a great deal of attention while he was abroad and the regree of Thoctor of Laws was conferred on him at Cambridge. He had the distinction of being in. vited to Windsor Castle by Queen Victoria, and the Prince of Wales also recelved him in his castle. Mierstadt, one of the greatest laniscape painters of his day, gave a dinner for the pot. and this was foral hundred aistingutshed perule Mr gladstone was hind a had requested that all speerhes be omtted but Mr . Gladstone rose and said that it was simply Impos Glale to ait at the sorial loard with a man of Mr Longfellow's fame and not offer him some tribute of admiration and respect. One of the incidents of this final trip to Eurone that Mr. Longfellow never forgot was that of a laboring man accosting him in the street and asking the privilege of shaking hands with the man who had written "Excelsior."
Mr. Longfellow returned to America in the fal of 1869 and took un his pen to produce some of the poems that must make his name immortal. of the after events of his life none touched him more deeply than the occasion on which a thousand grammar school children of Cambridge gave him a recention as a part of the ceremonies attending the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of Cambriage on December 28, 1880. Th poet made a brief speech to the chlliren and thanked them for having two years before mare him a pres ent of a beautiful arm-chair maile of the sireadin chestnut tree referred to in his tamons noem, The Village Blacksmith." This tree had stood hefore the smithy of Dexter Pratt. a Cambridge blacksmith, and (Continued on jaje Jo.)

# PLUPY IN PEACE AND WAR 

## Or, Chapters From the Lives of Plupy, Beany, Pewt, and Others

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CHAPTER VI

AND now misfortune, which appeared to have vis. quently than that gentleman rather more fre wisely considering its welcome worn out, went on its way to make life miserable for some other hoys, and Plupy, for a time at least, enjoyed a com parative immunity from sorrou.
This was such an unusual thing for him that he id not quite know just how to account for it. No on scolded for forgetting to split the kindlings or mil woombox or water pail: not to be reproved $y$ his scornfuly superior sisters for occastonally npeanng at the table with grimy hands or face or ory or evasive morsel eathg some particularly sav not adapt itself readily to the knes, because it did o be made to weed the the walk of his hork, ho o go "in swimming." to fetch water from the ried or the Monday's wash when he had the rive ittle fishing excursion; to run $u p$ to old Mrs, iott's for two cents worth of yeast when he had obtained permission to ride on one of Major Blakes

appeared chezafully bending under the weight
hacks: all these unusual exemptions delighted him eyond measure
He had also added to his cornet fund the twenty. ive cents presented him by his father. which made ood the recent depletion of that fund caused by his reaking the window in the blacksmith's shop. In hort the world moved prosperously for him. and o a close, he would have been almost too happy o contain himself
True, he sometimes wondered how long this bliss. ul state of things would continue, and occasionally was conscious of a vague lack in his well-being. due his unnsual exemption from verbal reproach. odily castigation. or banlshment ins room. just moderate admixture of these articles. moderate admixture of these articles Plupy's life by the supposition that it period of in a great measure to a period of good behavtor on he part of that young man, a period which occasion. ally comes in the life of every bad, or moderately sinful youth, and which seems to naint in blacker colors the ordinary course of life of hat individual.
Whatever may have been the cause, it is a fact hat once, and from a very intimate acquaintance with Plupy 1 can say once only, in his life he went full week without some sort of punishment being meted out to him for misdemeanors of which he was sullty.
However, this state of things could not last very long, as being good was somewhat foreign to his natire. Then again, Pewt had returned from hls sit to Portsmouth, Heany had entirely recovered he services of his friends in preparations for $a$ crand Nigger Minstrel Show in his barn, modelled Iter the "Morris Brothers" Minstrels" and "Wash burn's Grand Sensation" the two most popular traveling pageants of those days.
Of course, every boy who had an opportunity to take part in any sort of a show in another boy's harn, would be willing to risk life, liberty, and the uan of happiness to attain the position of End Artist. Even the less important positions of member of the chorus, door-tender, and taker of tickets were prizes that excited the warmest competition. Anyhing to be a part of the show
Plipy was at once reduced to his usual condition of plain, everyday boy, and his goodness fell from him as mist fades in sunshine. He hurried through his tasks in the morning, at noon, and at hight, at least before his father returned from Bosamends for his neglect during the day by filling the
woodbox to overfiowing just before the hack drew up to the door, and so arranged his affairs that when with oner called for him he appeared cheerfully frame bending extended to balance his attenuated with which he plentifully beslopped his trousers and shoes.
I hope the reader will forgive our friend for these hyborrisies. We are all roo atit to do such in out mature years, to criticise him too severely. Remem er minstrel show preparation for a nig when the sho Parade with Monster Brass include a "Grand Stree Strength of the Company", Band and the Entir We may be
saw only 100 cleariy the that his mother and aunt tensions, and in their abugdant good nature and pre fection for him, rather symuathized withe and af kept many things from the ears of his father, and could have been told that gentleman with perfect propriety.
The first meeting for the arrangement of the de ails was held behind Fatty Gilman's barn, the inter esting nature of the proceedings being intensified by abont a half bushel of "Early Astrachan" apples urnished by the three Chadwick boys. Fatty pre sided with great dignity from astride a wooden bench horse which broke under his weight. and let him own with a volent thump on the back of his head
Wherarily delaying liroceedings.
ssemblage recovered he proceeded to harangue the assemblage with great vigor and conciseness some has been thinkin' of rettin' ' ' real bully one so 't all the fellers a misger show. a thing better 'n nobody else has got to do it oin' to be interlocutioner 'n Billy-"
"Huh, old Fatty." said Bug Chadwick, disgustedly,
course you got the best nart. cause it's your barn.
"Well, what 'f I have?" demanded the fat youth with asperity: "you ain't big enough to be in the center, an' l've got you down for the prize fight." he
dded convincingly, whereat Bug smiled forgivingly
"Gosh, goin' to have a prize fight?" demanded Puzzy, delightedly, "I'm the feller to fight Bug." leering in a way that promised warm times for his hrother, who rose and sparred in pantomine in an "• V Rilly Swett ' Way
ly has Billy has got a tambourine and Skinny has got the est bone clappers in town. And he can play em. ing a sone 'Shoo Fly Don't lodder le.." going to ing a song, Shoo Fly. Don't Bodder Me
Aw, Whack can't sing any more 'n a cat, all he he dignified Whack became indignant and intim ated an ability and willingness to knock somebody's nose off, and further spectiying the exact time in which the same could be done, which he calculated o be "in about two minutes.
(Oh, shet up. fellers: we ll never get doin' nothin fo keep a jawin'. Whack's goin' t' sing, ' $n$ that's "Inere be on the flying trapeze" said be no show.

I'll be on the flying trapeze," said Pewt.
"I can skin the cat on the horizontal bar," shrieked "Heany.
"Huh
"Huh, that ain't nothin'. I can do the muscle grind." ald Skinny Irruce, "and I can walk on my hands." uju pastan on my hear he longest time and eat his compatriots.
"Telyer what," chirped in Plupy. the musical. struck with a bright idea, "less have a regular stree parade. I'll play cornet in the band. I got a tin unnel."

I got a drum," said Tomtft.
-Fatty Walker will let me have his bass drum praps," said Fatty: "he is striping some car
lages for mother: I'll get her to ask him.
Bully," said all in chorus
uired Plupy
"'Pally Round the
ew Fiflan.' the Flag, ' $n$ 'Hurrah for Old "Who's got some black cork?" Inquired Whack.

Charcoal is jest as good and you don't have to burn it. We got lots of charcoal in the cel ":" said Fatty
wett "you have black cork." demurred Bllly wett, "you can get a more niggery black." They ain t nothin' much blacker than char "Which pets of enough
ho was rather more particular queried Parson sonal appearance.
"Neither," sald Pewt. "You can scrith mos of it off your cheeks and forehead, but you can't get it out of your ears till most winter Most all comes of your neck in two weeks if you use soft soap."
So it was voted to use charcoal instead of burnt cork. and the details of a most astonish ing show were outhned amid much confusion of tongues and ideas, but in great harmony. It Was further voted to Invite Scotty Brigham Tady Finton, and JIm Early, as these three rouble on the line of march with other town
boys not fortunate enough to belong to the organ lark and and besides, Scotty could sing bike a sky lark and play a real bugle, and Jim Early could turn to awhlle without landing on his head
The greater part of the on his head
preparing the stage, which was was taken up in of the broad aisle between the haybays and one en ups. As many wooden horsess as the boss could ge were covered with boards taken from a dismantled hen house, and were serured by nails to cross-pieces and a good-sized stage was marie.
The curtain was an old carpet humg from a clothesline stretched across the uprights, and a sail. cloth stretched in front of one of the bays made a most excellent dressing or green-room for the per ormers. The erection of the stage was not accom plished without serious mishaps. Plupy jammed of he sreater part of a thumb-nail by having a boart nalled down whil on the underside of it; and Reany, while striking a mighty Fatty who recelved thed hammer, nearly massacred uberant stomach, as it shot away from in his pro But at last it was But at last it was finished, and several days were performance. performance.
Even at hone faithful performers rehearsed until heir parents' lives were a burden to them. Whack menory and droned horridly at the tune, while 10 and Whack fought so desperately tune. While Bug in preparation for their act that their mother was forced to keep them in separate rooms when as home.
The day of the show arrived, and Fatty's yard in front of the barn was filled with a motley throng of boys and girls awaiting the performers, who were preparing for the grand parade.
Suddenly, the small door was opened and the perormers came forth, a set of jet-black, coal-black aven-black little gamins, gorgeously apparelled. The bani wore red stripes on their yellow linen trousers, ed worsted epaulettes on their shoulders, gold paper trines on the breast of their jackets, and enormons The shacos of red and blue
The procession is formed. It starts. Fatty leads fif fairly blazing with gold paper. After him comes the band. Plupy shrieking awfully through his tin
tinnel: Parson, lhag, and Pewt shrilling pipingly tunnel: Parson, ling, and Pewt shrilling pipingly mellow bugle calls: billy Skett shaking bis bourine: Tomtit ratuling his side drum while Tady Finton and Jim tarly vie with one another in ad ministering sounding welts on the bass drum and clanging blows upon two pot covers, which did duty as cymbals.
Behind the band come the rest of the company, marching in open order. bearing canes. clad in tovepipe hats of various styles and shapes. which rest mainly on their ears and shoulders. They are ollowed by a crowd of boys and girls.
The line of march led down Front street to the Square, where they were to countermarch, and reurn to their hall. It was at the square that the sound judgment of the company in inviting Tady. im. and seo by oo Squawheo o Squaw The proceedings were further enlivened by a most interesting set-to betweon Tady and Hiram Mingo: real colored boy, and the flight of the latter wilo was pursued by Tady clear to "Sigger Hill."
When these ifttle preliminaries hat been adjusted. eturned to the halt, where the finblir were admitted
or the inconsiderable sum of one cent each, and rapidly filled the seats. The currency they offered would perbaps not have passed the critical eyes of bank cashier, but anything bearing outward similiriend Plupy, who was certainty not a mathematician whatever he might have otherwise been.
And now in response to the stamping, clapping and cat-calls of an impatient audience, the curtain goes uy and displays to the dazzled eyes the circla performers-Fatty in the middle, dignified and protuberant; Skinny and Billy Swett, with arm alsed and leaning outwards, the others attentive and ready. Fatty rises; he speaks: "Ladies and Gentlemen, overture, Little Maggie May." The nstruments shriek and clash and blare, the chorus oar at the top of their voices, Skinny's hands are in aich rapid motion that they are a black mist. Billy Swett raps the tambourrne on his head, knee, elbow he, and fore the applause is terific
Again Fatty rises and proclaims, "Song. 'Shoo Fly, Doan' Bodder Me,' by brudder Samwell Possum," and ittle madrigal once so popular His intonation hideous but gratifying to the andience who manifest their joy by loud yells of applause. Next Fatty joynounces "Clog Dance by reatly to the surprise of all, both audience and performers, who did not know that Fatty had been ecretly practicing grotesque steps for a week past.
He comes forward strikes a posture and then breaks into a grotesque dance; he stamps his feet olenty on the stage, kicks, jumps and whirl lephant; the loes it again; there is a crash of rotten boards and Fatty disappears to his armpits. where he ticks, struggles, and bellows for assistance.
The performers rush to his aid: the audience ise en masse, are waived back and the curtain soes down. Behind the curtain there is the sound f shrill and excited orders: "look out, fellers he whole thing will go down. Some of you fellers it under the stage and push. Who yer steppin on? Now, then, are ye all ready? Yes! now al ogether. loud grunting: k-r-r-r-rip; "Hold on nothin'? pull out the nail; no. that ain't the one: he big one, hurry up, can't yer; we can't hold him all night; now then;" more grunting. "All right."

Then was heard Futty's voice, lamening: Jest look at them britches; most rippen off me F I go in to th' house for another pair mother "Less pin it up; got any pins?" suggested a "I got some. 'n I, me too." chimed in others. Silence for a moment broken by an agonized wail from Fatty.
"Ow. ow, ouch: youre jabbing that pin into me Prolonged giggles. "You look like one." answered volce.
rate language from Fatty.
Then calls for boards and nails; the sound of rend ng wood, pounding hammers, and complaining saws broken occasionally by a sriothered yelp or shrill protest as some unfortunate performer pounded or awed some part of his person, or got in the way of vigorously handled lumber
Then cries of "all right." silence for the impressive arival of the orchestra from the flies, and their arnusic and the curtain slowly rolled up part way and men stuck Shrill orders of "whatcher doin", Dupy then stuck. Shrill orders of "Whatcher doin', Plupy,
why doncher pull?" was heard above the din of music, and the curtain went up rather unsteadily disclosing a trapeze and horizontal bar
Enter Skinny IBruce, walking on his hands. He rights himself, springs for the trapeze. misses it: prings again, catches it by the tip of the fingers of one hand, which hold just long enongh to cast him off his balance and he falls on his back with a pro-
digious slam and a cloud of dust. He rises, calls for a box, which is brought by Beany, and he climbs om it to the bar.
Skinny swings his legs violently and finally casts one over the bar. More violent contortions and he straddles it, and pulls himself, aided mainly by his bulging eyes and facial contortions, on the bar, from hich he complacently views the audience
Then he throws himself from the bar and hanss by his bent knees and makes horrid faces at the downted audirnce, with his countenance upside down. Then he climbs up himself until he can
grasp the bar, when he gyrates violently until he rights himself. Then he drops to the stage, grace fully waves his hand and retires flushed with pride at the plandits of the audience, who voice the unl versal sentiment that "Skinny done well.

there is a crash of rotten boards and fatty disappear
Next heany appeared, grinning with delight. and stood on his head and essayed to eat some jujube paste while in that position. His first inversicn was successful, but as the back of his head was towards the orchestra chairs and the family circle, his mouth was concealed from the audience, who loudly clam This for him to face around so they could see him handicapped Beany, whote and hi plump countenance was surcharged with blood unti he looked like a ripe strawberry.

Again he elevated himself and began to chew vio lently. His face from red became purple, he vainly tried to swallow, choked, his eyes rolled, he gurgled and fell over and lay prone and inert
The audience remained spell-bound, fearing that Beany had indeed passed peacefully from this world of sorrow. But their fears were unfounded. Grad nally the black faded into purple, the purple to vivid scarlet. the scarlet to the roseate hiee of health, and he rose and opened his mouth cavern
ously to show that the choice morsel had departed onsly to show that the
in the usual direction.

Then indeed the applause became terrific, both irom death and he was halled as the "Human Boa Constrictor" by his admiring friends.
Next a square was roped oft with $t$ wine, and in a trice appeared Bug and Puzzy, with jackets of braces wound round their waists, and huge boxing Bug, Billy Sw mawleys. Skinny Bruce acted present, acted as referee and timekeeper.
Time was called and the warriors sprang for each ther as if attached by powerful springs. Thei arms swung like windmills, pufty, punky blows fell like pillows in a plllow fight. They clinched and were separated by the referee. Agaln they weil at it like insane jumping-jacks. The audience rose to its feet as a man and cheered. "Time," called atty, and the first round closed.
While the boxers were being fanned and rubbed he betting was very brisk, and the next round be gan in a very scientic mally puzs rushed dodgin over the so bug who landed a deft blow on puzzy, forehead thet was acknowledged by those Pozcye audience skilled in the art as a "paister" Puzzy's eyes lighted up with a warlike gleam. second later Bug skipped forward and met a wild lunge of Puzzy's that caught bim of his balance and sent him spinning into the orchestra upse ting seyeral musicians and crushing Plupy's tin tunnel flat.
Bug was back in the ring like a cork, tore of his gloves and squared off with his hard little fist. Puzzy divested himself of his pillows and sparred for an opening. The crowd arose again in when quallfied both men for "vilatin' the rules
"All bets is off," said the referee, and the sport
ing men looked sulky
Next Jim Early came forward and turned hls front somersaults with sreat success. but failed utteriy in the back ones, except that he succeeded in striking his head with fearful violence on the stage, which would have infallibly have killed or disabled for life any boy, but which only induced in him a temporary confusion of ideas
Now the delays inseparable to an amateur per formance, and the unexpected breakdown of the stage had prolong the or milking hour, and a dozen or inore cows belonging returned to the barn led by old "Spectled Face" Finding the side door of the barn closed they rushed round to the big door which was they Their calves were awaiting them, also their grain. and for both reasons they were in a hurry But they stopped in amazement as they beheld Bu they stopped in amazement as the barn. Even "Speckled Face," the intrepid, paused in doubt, but the bla-at of her hungry calf decided her. The entrance to the tie un was halfway up the barn. She shook her head and advanced threateningly. Others fonowed, urged by the impatient horns of the hindmost and the loud shouts of "Haw! Hi thar! W'heish!" of sturdy Pat Gilroy, unaware of what was transpiring in the barn.
At once confusion reigned, the girls shrieked and rushed for the stage, the bays, and other hiding places. One young lady climbed so high on a ladder that she did not dare to come down until she was helped down by the assistance of the entire crowd The boys also recolled from the avalanche of horns and hoofs. The over-welghted stage rocked and reeled. a rending crackle became a thunderous crash as the stage gave way, precipitating actors, artists, supes, orchestra, band and audience in one dusty angled heap.
And when the amazed Pat Gilroy paused openmouthed on the threshhold, the throng were pain fully disentangling themselves. While in the tie-up the mild-eyed cows were licking their calves afrectionately, while far aloft, whimpering with fright,
a pallid young lady clung to the rounds of a ladder.
(To be continued.)


BEGUN IN DECEMBER CHAPTERIV.

COMMENCEMENT day was a red-letter day on the calendar of the little village of Bell mont. The particular day on which Thad
deus Chapman was to graduate had been deus Chapman wasted hy the community

## TAD: <br> The Story of a Boy who had no Chance <br> By WILLIAM C. SPRAGUE <br> Editor of The American Boy

cause it marked the graduation of the largest class thit had ever passed out of the Bellmont school. The eventful Friday evening saw almost the whole population of the village congregated within the fou walls of the school building, eager and expectant
Eben Chapman arrived late on the scene, the pro gram had well begun, and not a seat was vacant while many stood behind the rows of chairs in the rear and crowded far up the aisles. Eben slunk in without being seen by any save those near the door and. with back against the wall, got only such a view of the stage as could be had through a shifting sea of heads. By dint of much craning of his neck, he managed to net a clear pain for his long lank to polm on the platrorm where sat a long, lank, shab dence in the presence of so great a company
There were, all told, twenty carefully groomed boys and girls seated on the stage in a semicircle welve of for mblic fawor could boast of a lare fol andiates relives and friends in the expectent aud nce- eoch save one the boy with the long legs and the cowlick that waved like a raven's plume back from the apex of his head. Tod had made every
Tasion He had brushed preparation for the eventful as spotless as clothes of three seasons' wear can over be and his person for the first time in the boy lffe, could be said to be scrupulously clean. But
comb it as he might. and brush it hard with the palms of both his hands. and twist it with his fingers after soaking it in water, the cowlick remained to distinguish him from all his fellows. It was by that token that Eben Chapman first recognized his son.
The last word that Tad had heard from his father's lips before he started for the school-house that evenIng was his statement that he "didn't 'low that nobody'd want Eben Chapman there In his old clothes," and that he had finally determined he wouldn t go, after all. An if wasnt fer that paper, I would go, sald bben aloud, aiter "But gone like to see how they'll take it" Then Eben chuckled In antlatpation of the triumph he imagined his bnu in anticlpation of the triun the nabubs of would score the women and the children who had passed him by as unworthy of notice.
him "It'll be the eevent of the
Ta'll be the eevent of the day," he sald to himself. whatever Tad promises to do he alers does I guess l'll just go up and peep in long enough to hear Tad." Then Eben brushed his thin locks close to his pate shook himself together a little and started for the school-house, a place the inside of which he had never seen in the twenty years he had lived in and about the village.

To attempt to describe the feelings of Tad Chapciated by any in the great audience, listening to the
ringing words of his classmates as, one after another they stepped ont to the front of the stage by the side of the little table on which blossomed a great bouquet impossible. One emotion after another chased itself through his heart, but with it all was the feeling of utter loneliness and desertion, and the fear of what must happen when he should read the words of wha father had written. The program seemed to him to be running with awrul speed down to where his name glared menacingly at him from the printed sheet that he held tremblingly in his hand. If there had been an opportunlty he would have turned and ran away from it all. He wondered if the superintendent wouli let him get further into his essay than the introduc ion, and then he imagined himself sitting down in disgrace, branded by everyone as a cheat. Then a spirit of bravado came over him as he noticed the plles of flowers that were heaped about the feet of his comrades, and knew that no one would remember him. Something of the revengeful spirit of his father took possession of him. Then again he felt the shame of it all. A hot flush stole over his face and beads of perspiration stood out on his brow. fow only a piano solo separated him from the awful moment when the superintendent would rise and announce the next number on the proswould find himself sens Chapman. he room full of people and before the room full
He heard nothing of the music from the piano. There was only the from the piano. There was only the fierce battle raging in his breast, a won by guns and bayonets. What should he do? Could he stand it to meet the frowns. and perhapis the hisses, of the people? Could he do it? With the words of "Excelsior" burned into his memory, even now scintillating before his eyes, could he ead those cruel lines scrawled on the paper that he held tremblingly in his hands? Could he do it? Coull he end his school days in failure. shame, and disgrace?
As if searching for an answer, his eves for the first time swept the company of people that faced the stage. He was looking to see if his ather was in the hall. He did not see him. concealed as he was in the very back rows of the crowd that ood just within the door.
The music ceased; then followed : patter of applatse, a rustle of prowhich it seemed to Tad every eye in the great company was on him The superintendent rose in his place. and. in the stillness that followed. said, with emphasis that seemed awfill to Tal: "IAadies and Gentlemen. take suecial pride in introducing he next sjeaker on the prosram I have reason to know-and I say this for the encouragement of all in our school, and particularly some of our chool-tho think they ought to quit ight of That the graduation this high school is us Chapman effort on his part that comes bear belng heroic. I am sure you will all be glad to hear his essay, which is entitled Excelsior'.
Amid the applanse that followed. Tad arose slowly from his seat, and. without seeming to have heard the introduction or greeting, took a few seps loward the lront. bow awn His words came haltingly at first The wordsintendent sermed about to interrupt him with s request that he sueak louder Something seemed to check his utterance: it was hardly the voice of Thaddeus Chapman His gestures, few in number, were stiff and formal. There was no spirit or animation in his utterance, or in his manner. Those who had heard Tad practice his essay wondered if the boy had stage fright, and yet it was noticed by all script were gripped tightly in his right hand. but never once did he lift them to his eyes. A momen later it was noticed that Tad was warming un to his theme. A slight murmur of applanse punctuated a sentence. He stopped, caught his breath, and then with the spirit of a courser. momentarily checked in his flight, he threw himself, body and soul, into the pirit of "Excelsior.
To the audience the boy seemed to be inspired. As for Tad, he saw nothing, heard nothing, cared for nothing. "Excelslor" was in his heart. in his eyes and on his ips. His eloquence moved every heart hartly because every one in the audlence knew Tad knew the at had never condected anything of him They had see In him only a plodier an average boy But now was this fadeed Tad Chanman son of Eben Chap man, the huckster? Men and women stared Copen eyed at the boy, almost fearful that the vision should frove false. Even the young children in the front row sat awed Into silence. The superintendent sat far forward in his chair, watching, spellbound, every motion of the lad. The women and children who had brought bouquets of flowers for their friends involuntarily found themselves plucking them apart to send some to grace the triumph of Tad Chapman, and all the time not one eye wandered from him. He hat reached in his essay the description of the traveler
in the Alps. There was a pleading in his tone, a sound in his pronunclation of Excelsior" as of a
farewell; a cry as of despair. The words seemed liter tarewell; a cry as of despair. The words seemed liter-
ally to come down out of the mountains, and then ally to come down out of the mountains. and then there were tears in scores of eyes.
It was at this point that the bu
Chapman stood out int that the burly form of Eben Chapman stood out in the lear of the room-and Tad boy that had i . anger he felt from the lad's disoledience, or the insane fear that was ever with him that Tad was being lost to him, can not be known. Isut to rad's cre there was in his father's face that strange expre: only mingled love, anger, and fear. Then, and then murmured exclamation of surprise went over that audience.
"He has forgotten!" the people said. "Why doesn't he read it? What a pity
Then. to the relief of many in the audience. Tal lifted the pages to his eyes and began to read. Hut
those who told about it afterwards sald that Thay deus Chabman's voice then sounded like a voice out

he threw himself body and boul into the spirit of "excelbior"
fanters were? Ten years ago there was proaching twice a Suaday in the Methodist church, and now son have to share the one preacher with the Cross Roads. The Presbyterians are us hood as dead. There isntany live religion here. Youre sending your boys teaching your gitls that they are too bood for thei mothers and ton kood for the kind of bors we ralse aromed here. Ten years igo there wasit a saloon in Bellmont, now theres three and a lool room boyse bata a to schoolhouse. and you re terching hoys and giris to despise the old books their father: mats, instead of writing and suelling latin and deet Timms what berame of his shellig. Ask Stult to college three years ago soll
liut Tad got no further Clamur
all parts of the house Clamor now rose from llonen stared wildy at one another hysterically exclaming their sutprise and mortitication one knew the sad history of John Timms. The sali rintendent rose and. stridine to the front laid : rough hand on Tad's shoulder. The flush on the boy's face had died out: instead of it there was a leathty pallor

Stop: cried the superintemdent This is infamous.
came a yer hand offin that boy. came a thunderous voice from the ing. saw Eben Chapman stridink down the middle of the aisle toward the platform.

Tech that hoy. any one of yuh an' yuhtl answer to me fer ft. Give me that essay. Tind. I'll finish it.
After that, git yer hat an come with me."
Then. with the entire andience strick mute bs the suiden turn o by the deliant look on the face of Fhen Chamman the on the face of "Yuh was all still when Tall spoke that piece which you loarnt him to say. which was calclated 10 make fergin his father an his mother an his home, an make him discontentent an' unruly. But yuh wouldn't listen when he read them words that 1 Eben Chapman, his father. Writ. Yuh know that in them words 1 was tellin' suh the truth, the whole trath all nothin but the truth about your selves an the town yuh live jn. Yuh're gettin rich. an prosperous: an proud. an putin' on airs sendin your childre to thigh selbool an col lese: ant some of yuh old folks, like Wave Mlller there, are settin 'round
with all yer big farms an' barns, an' With all yer blg farms an' barns, an Suhre unhably, an I don't need to tell yuh why. It's cause yuh've lost they grow un too good fer the old they grow if too good fer the old some of yuh are grievin. Theres somethin worse that that that come to yuh. Now, see here, ynl people, it's Eben Chapman that's talkin'. I was once well off myself. an' had a home an' wife an' chil dren. They're all gone but Tad. an by the fiernal, yoh aint goin to take him away. At this the man's voice quivered a little and many : frowning face took on a softer ex pression.
"Ive let him no to yer school ul to now canse he liked II. Ive sern him growin' up an massin' me in rithmetic an gography. I ve watelect him thinkin' an I knew he wasit hinkin how he cossid stay home an help his father, bit he was thinkin hisself out of our miserable shanty. home of his ignorant father, out into home of his like that man in the moun tains leavin' everybody the moun
of a deep pit. He was reading his father's words, stripping them as he went along of something of their crudeness and sh
"My subject." he read, "is 'Excelsior,' which mean higher. It means getting up in the world, gettlag an education, getting rich, getting froud, and getting stuck up. It means leaving everybody else behind and looking down on your neighbors. It means get ting more money and houses and flelds than your neighbor has. It means trampling on other neople's rights and not associating with those who have less than you have. It means neglecting the poor. and the ignorant, and the hungry, and the discouraged. it means separating brothers from brothers, fathers from sons, mothers from daughters, and husband from wives. It means ambllon that swallows up everything zood is a man and leaves hima brue. it hald of a man he is ready to ateal to lie to cheat to murder, to-..
Up to this poin
Up to this point not a sound save the voice of the reader broke the stillness. Now a murmur of confused surprise and protest rose from all over the
room, swelling until it drowned the words of the boy. The superintendent, unable to understand the unusual turn of Tad's essay had taken. and half expecting the boy to close his argument in an appeal for a right sort of ambition, lifted his hand for silence, as if to give Tad another chance.

You people of Bellmont." went on the reader, or you? Are you any better or happier than you
cryin away out in the distane
that Excelsior: cryin away out in the distanc
Men an women, Tad's all live pot an' want to keef him. He's got his mother's cyes an' as long as $I$ can look in em I can be kind 0 ' nedar her. It may be yuh meant well, but yuh've bool putin' notions in Tad's had that ain't right, an' somic of yuh know it, too. Tad's promised to stay hy me an not to go to the high school. all whell till sat a thing he means it, fer he $s$ a true Chapman. That all. Go on with yer doins here, but as fer filen Chapman an his son, they've rot enough.
With this Eben beckoned to Tad. Who had stood unmoved during his fathers rough speerh, and the lad obeyed. A lane was quickly opened down the aisle, and without a worm anyone in the roon the two went out together

## CHAPTER $\mathrm{V}^{\circ}$

Every day of the following summer saw Thaddeus Chapman behind old Prince, slowly golns the rounds of Eben Chapman's customers, and every day saw the horizon of the boy's life narrowing into a smaller and smalier circle. Remnants of Tad's one-time his ocitions lingered in the boy's heart, as evidenced hy possessed, but even this after a time ceasen. Then it was plain to be seen that Tad Chapman had no higher ambition than that of doing the simple task which day well enongh to meet hig fathers appran was an easy taskmaster
Father and son were much together. They sat hefore their cottage dowr in the evening after in work was done and smoked their pipes till early
candlelight, when they went to bed-the same bed in which rad as a child had snuggled up to his one parent for warmth and protection. The round of duties of the day had been accomplished regularly and in order. Eben Chapman worried little ove his debts. He was poor as measured by the com mon standard, but rich at least in contentment and health. Happiness nether father nor son knew, save that quiet kind of happluess that spells peace no a freedom from rear of the morrow. They knew no other companionship than what each furnished More and more Eben Chapman lived in his any other. More and more Eben Chapman lived in his boy, ant Ebern never had much to sity to rad but whenever he did speak it was with an air that bordered on drforence, as of one speaking to his superiored on was quite as reticent, and quite as deferential to his father. So the lives of the two, father and son flowed calmly and without incident through the long days of the summer that followed Tad's graduation. When time came for the oprotith of school in the all, Tad felt a momentary tingle of new energy, and a little touch of regret. When groups of his old schoolmates passed him on the hey they looked on him, or Tad thought ity and with something of contempt or inty, and at such times he shrank per-
ceptibly within himself, and went home in a mood that stirred a little the placid waters of his home life.
firth Tad's graduation on to the vegelable wagon he bade farewell to former associates and entered a path soldom
crossed by a familiar face. So long as crossed by a familiar face. So long as estrangenient from the other bous for estrangenient from the other boys, for no more dipnified than was his own lut when the school bell rane, and with cleun aces, freshly brushed clothes, and new hoolis, these same bors started for school. and Tad still sat hehind old prince, he saw opening before him the angle of livergence, whose one line ran down, down, whither he did not know, and Whose other line ran upy up to those
heights of which he had dreamed in his Fixcelsior:" He pictured these boys way "II on the heights looking down Mon him, insignificant, podding, and Wors Teats thro came into his eyes, and With head in his hands he let Prince pick his lazy way along without pullance, save always that the boy saw to it that the at times when the pupils would be at times

a fore hoof. The young woman's escort, an elderly gentleman, at this moment luckily appeared on the scene. Without inquiry as to his horse, he ran to Tad's assistance. The boy knew nothing of how it happened. He heard a man ask him a question; he saw a sweet, girlish face looking anxiously down tito his own, then-he knew no more till he heard his father's voice in the darkened bedroom of his own home, bldding him "Keep quiet, for the doctor had sald he mustn't move. Then he relt a numbness in one of his legs, and thrusting his hand beneath the sheet, he felt the bandages and the splint-and he new his thigh was broken.
To all Tad's questions Eben answered that he must not talk, but to one question the boy would have an answer, doctor or no doctor-Whence came the of Eben Chaumon's home before Tad likened their or to that of the rraduation roses that plled them odor to that the of his clasmates on that able night in June.
"I smell flowers, dad. Did you get them for me?"
No, Tad; some one sent 'em to yuh.'
"ho, dad?"
Don't know." Eben Chapman's tone "Didn't you see the person that sent them?"

A large man with white mustache and-a beautiful young woman, with bright, shiny eyes. and red and white cheeks, and wonderful hair, with a plume In her hat!

I didn't see no plume." replied Eben, thinking he was still concealing his secret.

Let me have them in my hand, dad. No. Tad, the smell of flowers is bad fer broken legs. The doctor said, 'Don't let him tech em.

Let ne have just one, then," nleaded the boy. "l"ll hold it as far away from my leg as 1 can
"Well, if yuh want to run the risk, here it is.
Tad reached his hand out in the darkness. Eben was a long time fetching the flower. When the boy's hand finally closed on its great stem he pust it suddenly to his lips and kissed it. Then pressing his
other hand over it as if to shield it and other hand over it as if to shield it and lieel, it-all his own, he placed it close to out the long long thoughts of awabening manhood manhood.

To be continued.)

## IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG

## OR, A BOY IN BLUE AND A BOY IN GRAY

## CHAPTER XXII.

IN CAMP AT WHITE HOUSE.

WVE, stirred up the Johnuies, boys, come It was one of the boys in blue who ut tered the cry. He had forted the little stream and now his friends came after him. Rifle shots were sounding out up and down the water the linion soldiers pushed their way through the hol low with rare. A minute after another detachment of Northern soldinis alpeared. They were from the Goreville Volunteers, and were headed by Nathan Hornsby. lachome from the remainder of their command and were "hunking" with a New Jersey company, also detached.
Mornsby had noted the skirmish and had led forth en men, including Karry Bingham and Callings. He had aslied Jerry Rowe to come, but Jerry had de clined, saying lie was suffering from a lame foot. Jerry's lame foot was very much in evidence from that time on, whenever a fight was close at hand, although it was noted he could retreat about as fast as any sprinter present.
Heres a camp," "ried Hornsby, as they came in sight of the pla
lutut." he added.
"We'll force them back," put in Callings. "If-
He stopped short, and every man listened, his hand on the trigger of his weapon
"It's a cry for heln!?" put in Harry. "I believe it comes from the dugout!
Some poor, wounded fellow has been left behind." anybody burn un
"I'm with you," answered Harry. "But look out, it may be only a trick of the enemy.
Cautiously but rapidly they advanced. In the mean time the firing down the stream became louder, show ing the rebels were massing at that point. Soon Harry Bingham gained the dugout and kicking aside several of the flrebrands, he entered and Hornsby followed.
"Lou1s! is it possible!
Harry! Oh, how thankful I am that you have come: Kick those firebrands away. I am almost suf focated," and the last word fairly choked in Jouis's
throat. His eyes were bulging from their sockets throat. fis eyes were bulging from their sockets did as directed, while Hornshy drew out his facl knife and cut the roue. Between them they took the released one out into the fresh air, where the raln and coolness soon revived him.

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"So the Confederates cantured you," said Harry. as he continued to support Louls.
"Do you know who it was, Harry? Sam Jacks, Caleb
Fox, and their followers.
"Really!
Yes, and that's not all. The whole crowd are noth ing but common thieves," and in a few brief words Lonis related what had occurred. "Im nighty glad they don't belong to uur slde." he concluded.
"Such rascals don't belong to etther side. Louts." answered Harry, gravely. "Why General Johnson, or Longstreet, or Hill, or any of those Confederate lead ers wolld
There was no time to say more, for some of the Union men were coming back, shouting that the rebel force were too much for them. Limping painfully, Louis followed his friends back to the camp of to bed. A desultory firing was kept up all alght, but no further raids upon either side were attempted. On the following morning a discovery awaited the Unton leaders. During the blackness of the night and the noise of the storm the greater part of the Confederate forces had withdrawn from Williamsburg thas continuing their retreat towards Richmond. The way was now once more clear to the union forces On the 8th of May the onward march was resumed, not directly for Richmond, but towards White House, which was to be the hase of supplies during the final advance upon the Confederate capital. The march to the great plain before White house occupied, in one way and another, a week. and during that tme a branch of the army, as before stated, fought and sent the Confederates flying from West Point, not many miles distant.
The march, on account of the miserable weather and the wretched condition of the roads, was a weary the baggage train sought to take a slde road the way to find a better bottom for horses and oad. this The train was barely out of sight of the regular troons when some Confederate cavalry and soldiers dashed down unon it. sending all in confusion. Andy took part in this raid and it is but proper that we should tell here of what happened to him.
He was resting flat on his back on a bed made of brush when the order came. "To horse-we move in
five minutes:" Weary still from a long, stubborn fight on the road north of Williamsburg. where the Montgomery Grays had hindsomely repulsed a regiment of Union soldiels in their fierce strugzle to out flank them. Andy leaped up and made ready to leave bugle, in a half-dreamy way, being on the verge of dropping to sleep.

Where are we going, Leroy?"
"After the Yankees' baggage train, Andy." The to steal some of their wagons. That will be sport if we can get hold of anything good to eat
"I reckon they haven't anything much better than ourselves," said Andy, as he buckled on his saber and saw to it that his trappings were secure and Firefly was in proper fettle.
The Montgomery Grays were soon on the road plashing through the mud at the rate of eight miles an hour. They had to make a detour, past a little hut where several women folks were busy dressing chick ens.
They don't dare to leave them running around any the boys would rather capture a chicken than Yankee.
"I'm one of that sort-sometimes," Andy langhed In return. "Um! how good a nice brolled chicken would taste, and he smacked his lips.
The Union baggage train had passed New Ken When it was sighted on the road by the Montgomery Grays. A battery of the Confederates had also come up, and this opened fire immediately, throwing the train into great confusion.
"Forward. boys!" shouted Captain Montgomery, and away went the Grays. down a slight slope at terrific speed. The teamsters in the wagons nearest to them yelled in alarm. and four of them forsook the two
'Hurrah' Here are two pagons Leror'" shoute Hurrah. Here are two wagons. Leros. shouted Andy " "Captain, can I drive one of the wa cont before
"Yes" was the short ans
Yes," was the short answer, for now some Union man with you, and don't lose your own horses."
"We won't sir. Come on leroy, bere"s a
and hopping from Firefly Andy leaped up on thes. of the narest turnout and whipped up the team Leroy callght hold of Firefly and rode close along side, looking back occasionally in order to cover the rear.
Up along a side road Andy lashed the animals, over deep. Once he glanced into the wagon and saw that
it was well flled with some articles carefully covered with an oiled canvas. "Something worth having in there, I'll wager a fortune," he said to hinself. hope it's grub. Won't the Grays have a feast, if it is!",
The thought was so pleasant it made him smile and he urged forward the horses again while he houted out on the side of the covering
"Anybody coming, Leroy
"Some infantry over to the left." answered hls
riend. "I can't make out if they are Yankees or our friend. "I can't make out if they are Yankees or our
own fellows." own fellows.
Wanks be mad run any chances. Gosh, won't those Yanks be mad when they find we have run off with ne of their wagons.
went on Leroy. "And there is another canned peaches." We've struck it rich there is another labeled catsup "We've struck it rich and no mistake. Andy
help 'em to remember this capture so much -it will concluded Andy, and a vision of a heaped-up longer. oncluded Andy, and a vision of a heaped-up plate of his mind. The catsup he did not care so much about although it would go very well with pork and beans. On and on they went until a down grade was gained. By this time the firing which had legun it the distance had ceased, and they heard the tramil of cavalry behind them. Quarter of an hour later the Monigomery Grays ap peared. Some United States regulars rain and the object of the Confederate raid was very largely defeaterl. But they had one wagon, and of this And! felt very proud.
"Canned peaches and catsup and lots of other good things, boys!" he sang out, as they continued on their way, and he promised to share and share reached, providing caprain Montrom reached, providing Captain Montgom
ery was willing, and the captain was. Sundown found them safe within the Confederate lines again. A motley col lection of infantry, cavalrymen, and artillerists gathered around. ound eaches and some catsup!" cried some body. and the oiled canvas was bauled aside and the boxes were lifted care fully to the ground. The covers were partiy loose and were speedily
"Great gumboils!"
"It ain
"ase!"
Axle-grease and wagon hardware! Well. I swan!' poor Andy and Leroy. But that pair had nothing to say. They sneaked out of sight with all possible speed. It was a long while before elther heard the last of that "canned peaches and catsup.
The passing of the cannon ball and the peril endured in the dugout had weakened Louis a good deal, Court House proved a wearisome one to him.
" I'm glad we are a wearisome one to him
Harry. when they came into sight of the remarked to Harry. when they came into sight of the camp on the
plain previously mentioned. "Another day on the road would do me up."
"I never saw so much mud in my life, Louis; but see, I think we are going to have a fairly good camping place, well up the side of yonder slope. That will mean a whole lot in this beastly weather."
Hy noon guns had been stacked. lines formed, and tents bad been pitched. It took the army two days to enter and take possession of the plain, and this vast body of men occupied a territory about four miles square. When all were settled it was a most
imposing sight. There were miles after miles of imposing sight. There were miles after miles of "dog" tents, with here and there a high marquee for the officers, standing up like church steeples in a blg city. There were line after line of cannon and am-
muntion carriages, a vast collection of wagons, and munition carriages, a vast collection of wagons, and
thousands upon thousands of horses, while the blue thousands upon thousands of horses, while the blue
uniformed soldiers filled every "street" and crossuniformed soldiers filled every "street" and cross-
way. Back on the river loomed up the gunboats of the navy and hundreds of transports, and everything was alive, bustling and "chock full of business," as Harry declared. It was a scene worthy of the greatest painter in the world. If this great and superb army could not conquer, it was only because they met, not enemies, but brothers worthy of their steel.
Nearly a week was spent in the Cumberland camp. as it has been called by many, and that week, despite the fact that the army was doing no fighting, was a busy one, although now all of the soldiers got their proner time to rest. The sun came out once more the ground began to dry up, and as Louls sald. "life was once more worth living.'
Near to where the Goreville Volunteers were situated flowed a small stream, and in this the soldiers went bathing and washed their clothing. It was Father a comical sight to see hundreds of men squatting down by the water's edge, or sitting upon flat rocks, rubblig and soaping and rinsing away like so many washerwomen. Even the soldiers had to laugh at themselves, and many were the Jokes passed about getting a job in a laundry when the war was over. Some few were too lazy to do much work of this sort, but the majority would go a long ways to be clean and comfortable. Of course mending went with the washing, and even Louis sat for hours, ing on buttons and mending socks
ing a needie hat never would
ing on buttons and mending socks.
Mail day was an event, and the sol
get at least one letter from home was the object of get at least one letter from home was the object of delivered there were always a certain number left mute reminders of war's terrors for those letters were addressed to those who had died on the field of battle.
There was other reading. too, for the newspapers had, if one wark. Boston, and Philadelphia could be ten cents to "two shillings" apiece, and these and the


But Jerry didn't see it that way. He had to go out but the amount of work he did was small and be wa often reprimanded for his laziness
Louis was beginning to wonder if it was hours, and time for dinner, when a shriek from the river abou out. At first it was thousht somebody had teon shed out. At first it was not so. Jerry Rowe had tumbled over. board, and the swollen and swiftly fowing curreat was carrying him rapidly out of sight and bearing of his companions.
"Help! help!'" he shrieked. "I can't swim! Help!" "It's Jerry"" burst from Harry Bingham's lips What shall we do?
"Isn't there a rope handy?" asked Louis, and then as he saw lerry sink, he added, "get one somewhere and follow me
With the agility of a cat he left the half-constructed bridge and darted along the overflown bank of the river. Once he went down, but quickly picked him self up again and continued on his run. Which was
with the current. "Where are you going?" asked with the current
somelody, but he did not answer
A hundred feet farther
A humired feet farther on a gnarled oak stood. Its twisted branches spreading in every difection. One five feet from shore. Up linto this trenty sprang Lonis, to crawl along the ranch mentioned until the middle of the Chickahominy was gained. Then
he swung himself downward, under the leaves.
The soldiers standing near saw his paid no attention to them, His face was scanning the swollen strean at a point where he had seen Jerry's white ace bobbing up and down. That face as coming nearer. It was vet twenty feet from the tree when it disappeared Splash! with the vanishing of the
face Lonis hat let go his hold on the ak ind now he was swimming lustily orward. "Keep up, Jerry, Jll save heard when he reappeared he was too cared to reply.
"Help! Save me!" Those were the until he was ready to sint again Then houis clutched him by the arm. Then "Jerry:" Before he could say Jerry: Before he could say an-
other wod Jerry felt his grasp, and
trouble.
Thus far during the campaign the Goreville Vol inteers had lost six men. Resides this, nine were in the hospital, four wounded, and five down with the swamp fever and other sickness. For the sick ones, the boys did all they nossibly could. buying them
delicacies and the like, and sitting by them and read delicacies and the like. and sitting by them and read.
ing the news in a low tone, so as not to disturb ing the
others.
So one day after another went by until the time mentioned had passed. Then came the orders to strike tents. and once more the army was set in motion, with its face turned towards Richmond, abont campaign was at hand.

## CHAPTER XXIII

THE LIVING WALL AT FAIR OAKS
"We're off for Richmond. now'" cried Harry, enthusiastically, as they stood at parade rest, while waiting for their turn to fall in with the advancing be walking the streets of the town inside of another
"I trust you speak the truth. Harry," answered Louis. "The question is, will everything go right? The roads are still about as bad as ever and they say the Chickahominy River is terribly swollen and the bridges far from safe.
"If we can't use the old bridges the rebels built we'll build new ones," went on Harry Aingham, in an of-handed way, as though bridge building was of
small importance. "The only trouble ahead that mall importance. "The only tronble ahead that I and wash us all ofr the peninsula. Creation hut never saw such a wet season in my life. Why buer since we started it has rained two days out of three'" Harry was right about the rain. Perhaps some of my young readers may grow tired of these oft-repeated statements concerning the weather, but they are necessary, in order to explatn why it was the army moved so slowly and why battle after battle
was delayed. Old soldiers upon both sides have de clared over and over again that they never saw or heard of a campaign in which rain and mud played such a large and important part, and even many war reports. usually supposed to be the briefest of communications, speak of this. In many places corduroy roads had to be constructed or the cannon would have sink out of sight and beyond rescue. and many a falthful horse went down so deeply that he was stepped upon by others and smothered in the mire. When a complany of soldiers moved every man chose his own path. hopping from one safe place to the next. Thus it took more time and endurance to cover ne mile here than it would otherwise have taken to
Before the troops had been out a day it was ruacross the Chickahomges with long approaches of logs. The next morning the Goreville Volunteers were sent out to do a part of this work. "I didn't enlist for a wood-chopper!"
erry Rowe as he joined the crow at grumbled "I'm not golng to do any more of this work than I "Im not
"Why not make the best of it, Jerry ?" said Louls. The quicker the work is done, the more rapid will campaign come to a quick as well as a successful ending
winging around clutched him with the strenglh was around Louis's neck, and instantly the young Cnlon soldier was in danger of being choked.
but Jerry would not listen and tried to wind his long. slim legs around louls's body in his endeavor to hold himself above the current.
At that thrilling moment Harry arrived with a long rope, lifcked ul close to the spot where hic had been standing when the alarm rang out. He knotted one Louls made a clutch tore strugsiling pair.
Louls made a clutch for It , but missed it through Jerry's wild endeavors. The line was hrown a sec. nut time and the knot Just as it was floating out of his reach.
deaf to all appeals. Seelng this. Louis held his breath deaf to all appeals. Seeing this. Louis held his breath as well as he was able, while Harry and a dozen oth
ers who had followed to the scene of the troubte pulled in with might and main.
Louls felt the bottom with a sigh of relief. "Yout can walk ashore now." he cried, wrenching himself free at last.
"Is-ls it safe?" spluttered Jerry.
"Yes; try it for yourself."
With great caution Jerry did as told. Striking botom in water which was hardly up to his waist, he made a dash for dry land. Having rearhed this, he did not even look back to see if Lonis was safe, but
truck out for camp, fye hundred feet away.
"Ry gosh?" muttered Harry, as Louis gave him a certain glance. "If there is a meaner fellow in our amp than Jerry Rowe I have still to find him."
"He didn't waste breath in thanking you, did he?" ut in Hornsby, who was in the crowd
The chances are that Jerry won't belleve I did anything for him." answered Louls. When he had recovered his breath. "He may even say that he could this is what Jerry actually did, much to his discredit this is what Jerry actuailly ilid, milch to his discredit thers did not forget loulus, and he was spokien of as a brave boy in blue for a long while to come.
The building of the bridge occupied two days more, and then the Goreville Volunteers struck camp again and moved forward another mile nearer the Confederate capital. Serious fighting was now "in the air" and the men were kept under strict discipiline. The rival armies. each over a hundred thousand strong, were about to engage in the first of the great battles of the campalgn, a battle called by the Unionists Fair Oaks, and by the Confederates Seven Pines,
both names belonging to certain territories of the both names belonging to certain territories
battlefield, which was many miles in extent.
attlefield, which was many miles in extent.
To go into the details of this battle, great and important as it was, would be beyond the scope of this turn, to follow the fortunes of louis on one side and turn, to follow the for
Andy upon the other.
The battle was fought mostly upon very low and level ground, abounding In swamps and small woods.: The rallroad to Richmond ran wearly cast and west and parallel to it, half a mile sonthward, ran the Williamsburg road. There was also a cross road called the Nine Mile Roart. The woods were thickest near to Richmond and here many trees had been laid low, to serve as a shelter to the Confederate troops and to ohstruct the advance of the Vnton army.

After hard work mon bridges and roads the lead

Ing troops under General McClellan had advanced to a position which was within five miles of Hichmond.
The body of men in advance were well supported by The body of men in advance were well supported by
others and there were stroug divisions also scattered others and there were str
to the north and south.
In the meantime, General Johnson had become afraid that another part of the Union army, under General McDowell, a part that had been watching Washington, would join General McClellan in the attack upon Richmond. He had calted upon General Jackson. who had been confronting McDowell in the Shenandoah Valley, and was assured that Jackson would keep McDowell very much interested where had been promised to General McClellan and to have had been promised to General McClellan and to have
it held back was a great blow to the Union comit held back was a great blow to the Union com-
mander-in-chief. Had McDowells troons been sent down to the peninsula it is certain that Richmond down to the peninsula it is certain that Richmond
would have been in far more danger of being taken would have
than it was.
So, assured that McDowell would be held in check. and receiving reinforcements of his own, the Confederate commander-in-chief resolved to force the fight ing instead of holding back as before. He knew tha the right and left wings of the Cnion forces were he conflict a time when the elements might help him. The batile started upon Saturday, the 31st of May On Friday, the day before, one of the heaviest thun der storms yet experienced upon the peninsula broke forth, and the Chickahominy, already much swollen, became a raging torrent, which swept away some of building just then out of the question. In this fearful storm the Confederate troops were brought forward, some from Richmond on the railroad cars, to confront the enemy at daybreak, General Johnson feeling assured that he could defeat one wing of the
Union troous before the other could come to the Union
The attack was not wholly expected, yet something was "in the air," and the troops were held in realliness for action. Louis spent six hours in a rifle pit,
with Harry next to him. The rain beat upon them with Harry next to him. The rain beat upon them
pittlessly and soon they were in water up to their pitilessl
knees.
"By ginger, but this is worse than fighting," grumbled llarry, when crash! bang! came a thunder clap and a stroke of lightning, and a giant oak not a hun. dred feet away was split in twain and toplled over. The oak was over in the direction of the Confederate picket line, and a scrambling in the bushes followed, showing that some of the boys in gray were hustling to get out of further danger of that sort. Half an
hour later the water rushed into the riffe pits in such hour later the water rushed into the rifle pits in such
a stream that the defenses had to he abandoned. a stream that the defenses had to he abandoned.
At eight oclock the Goreville Volunteers wer ready for the march. Dirty and wet. They yet presented a determined appearance as they drew up in
two lines, each man in light marching order, with a day's rations in his haversack and forty rounds of ammunition in his cartridge box. Each gun had leen cleaned and oiled. and every bayonet was as bright as whes in its brightness as well as its pointedness.
"Forward, march!" the word of command did not come until nearly eleven oclock, and even
volunteers moved only a few hundred feet.
"It's going to be another fizzle," krowled Jerry Rowe, under his breath. when a sharp rattle of mus.
ketry ahead caused him to jump and turn pale. The savage hattle of Fair Oaks. Jerry never forgot and he never said fizzle again.
The attack proved to be nothing but a skirmish, lut not long after noon the battle began in earnest and was kept up until sundown, when both sides lay
down almost exhausted, but knowing that the fray down almost exhausted, but knowing that the fray
must he continued at dawn, despite the fact that it was God's day of rest.

The real battle had been in progress in front about an hour when there came a sudden panic, brought on by the retreat of a portion of a division which
had been almost cut in two by the mad attack of a great body of Confederates. "They are coming upon us a hundred thousand strong! We'll have to fall hack:." was the cry, which made Loulis's heart leap into his throat. Was the scene at Bull Run to be
repeated. repeated.
"Halt, men, about face!" came the command. Don't be cowards! We can whip them yet!" And a fresh division was advanced, and those who were retreating took heart. Now the Goreville Volunteers
were going to the front, the second company in the were going to the front, the second company in the
regiment. Along the muddy road they went, leaping regiment. Alons the muddy road they went. leaping
over fallen trees and over the dirt embankments over fallen trees and over
which had been thrown up.
Bang! crack: bang! The enemy was in sight and the front line of the Confederates had opened fire upon them. Down the Union boys dropped to their
knees, and a part of the deadly fire spent itself over knees, and a part of the deadly fire spent itself over their heads. Then a Confederate battery, situated in a woods to the
grape and canister.
"Forward!" came down the line again, and on the boys in blue went for twenty yards more. "Fire!"
was the next cry, and from the long line came a spurt of pure white smoke, and scores of Confederates were seen to throw up their hands and fall. But their
forces did not waver. Constantly reinforced, they forces did mot waver. Constanty reinforced. they came on. hazing away as rapidly as the men could
load, while their battery spoke out more spftefully load, while their battery spoke ollt more spitefully
than ever. Slowly the Inion troops were forced than ever. Slowly the thion troops were forced
back, foot by foot over the torn up and swampy
ground. There was a mist in the air, and now this and the thick smoke for a time hid all from view. "If only we could capture that battery!" This was and private. A desperate attempt was made, a whole and private. A desperate attempt was made, a whole
regiment advancing upon it in one soltd mass. Twice the battery belched forth, tearing great holes in the Union ranks. but these were closed up and soon the
boys in blue stood at the very muztes of the connons boys in blue stood at the very muzzles of the cannons. ate rear. A troon of cavalry were coming up, and in
the fore were the gallant Montgomery Grays, with Andy in the saddle, looking as brave and wildly dar ing as any of them. Ever since the defeat at Wil-
liamsburg they had been sjoiling for a flght, and liamsburg they had been sjoilling for a fight,
now they rode in and surrounded the battery.
"Charge!" came the cry from Captain Montgomery and the Grays charged as never before, riding fairly on toll of the bayonets of the gallant Union men Down went many a poor foot soldier on his back
while half a dozen saddles were emptied of owners while half a dozen saddles were emptied of owners who would never ride again. The shock was fearful and it was instantly followed by a hand-to-hand con flict upon every slde. For ten minutes this contin ced, and during that time Captain Montgomery re He min He might have been killed had not one of his men seen the act and shot dead the Union soldier who erate cavalry dashed up and the Union regiment was compelled to retreat, leaving two hundred dead and wounded upon the field

## "Arlington!

It was a call from Captain Montgomery, who stilt at upon his horse, although pale and weak from loss
"Yes, captain," and Andy touched his plumed hat. Ride down into yonder woods and ask Genera Parkhurst. if you can find him, if we can cross the
new road at that point? I imagine the enemy is try. ing to plant a battery up there somewhere.
"I will. sir. But, captain, hadn't you better go to
l'll go later on. Hurry now, for every moment is precious.

Saluting, Andy dashed away upon his mission. The woods mentioned were low and thick, and the Confederates had cut two roads through them to trans
port supplies from one part of the vast battlefield port supplies from one part of the vast battlefield
to another. Never dreaming of danger in that territory. Andy dashed along among the trees until a urn in the path was gained.
Suddenly a shout went up. "A Johnny Reb, boys, and on horseback: Capture him!'" Instantly Andy halted. Jut it was too late. From the woods upon either side of the path appeared at least a dozen Union skirmishers, and the young Confederate was
instantly surrounded, while several rifle barrels were instantly surrounded, while s
pointed directly at his head.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

## WHEN RICHMOND WAS BESIEGED.

In the meantime, louis was fighting as he had never fought before. The Goreville Volunteers were posted after the first attack at a point an elghth of a mile south of the battery the Montgomery Grays had so gallantly defended. They were backed up planted two Union guns, to cover a hollow some dislance to the front. Beyond, the hitls and thickets were filled with boys in gray, who poured in a per fect hallstorm of bullets upon the Union forces and sent shell after shell shrieking over their heads. The din was something frightful, while the smoke became
so thick that when held down to the ground by the so thick that when held down to the ground by
heavy atmosphere it nearly choked everybody.

Im sick! 1'm sick: I can't stand this any more!" and shrieling directly over his head, and throwing away his musket, he made a wild rush for the rear. away his musket, he made a wild rush for the rear.
Rut the stragglers' guard saw him coming, and one of them tripped him up.
"Go forward, you coward!" were the words which rang into Jerry's unwilling ears.
"I'm sick! l've got a stomach-ache-I can't stand up, really I can't!" he whined.
we"ll hayonet you!" and the steel was thrust under Jerry's very nose. With a howl of terror Jerry turned back and went searching for his musket. After that he remained where he had been, but only because the peril at the rear
as that to the front
"Cherry vos got der shakes," observed Hans Rodda riddle to me, py chimminy! may ve chase does repels into der Chames Rifer!" mand. The hollow had been fre, and they were ascending the hill beyond, when the Confederates appeared not only in front, but also to the right and left.
Forward, boys, we must cut our way out!" came the cry, as the Confederates rushed into the hollow and the Goreville Volunteers appeared almost sur rounded. The men had fired twice. There was no
time to load again. and on they went. guns to their time to load again. and on they went. guns to theif
loreasts and the line of polished bayonets sending loreasts and the line of polished bayonets sending
a brief chill to the hearts of those before them. But the Confederates stood firm and fired when that line of bayonets was scarcely fifty feet away. As the
volley rang out, Louis felt a quiver in his arms. His golley rang out. Louls felt a quiver in his arms. His Callings, who stood beside him, was also hit and went Callings, who stood beside him, was also hit and went the youth's ears for many hours after.
In another second the two forces came together But now the Confederates retreated, hoping to cu army. In this they were partly successful, for the one regiment which had gone forward was not the one regiment which had gone forward was not prop
erly reinforced. The fighting went on in much dis order, and a portion of the Goreville Volunteers found themselves isolated from the rest of the command.
"Gee Christopher! we're In for it!" cried Harry Bingham, who remained close to Louls. "Look, the rebs are on every side of us
"Surrender:" came the cry of a Confederate commander. Down you go, Yank!" Louls heard poured time he could arise he was a prisoner, and was be ing hurried to the rear of the Confederate lines.

Hurrah! we're bagging the Northern mud-sills!'
others, all strangers to him but Nathan Hornsby,
were being pushed along. "We'll have 'em all by "Say, Yank, don't McClellan wish he had stayed at home? Hell get more than lis fill before we are done with him!
To none of these taunts did Louis reply, and, indeed, it was not safe to do so, for some hot-head would have gloried in shooting down the prisoner where he stood and confiscating his clothing and his valuables.
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As Louis went on he noted with a sinking heart how thickly the Confederate troops were rnassed, "Hornsby, what do you think of this?" he whis. "Horn
pered.
"I thi

I think we are done for, unless Sumner arrives to help Couch out," was the low reply. "But that aln't bad flx."
"I think so myself. Perhaps we'll see the Inside "Heaven keep us out of that comes.
Hornsby, and then the order came for silence and no more was said.

The prisoners had been passed along, from one guard to the next, until a strong fortification just upon the northeastern outskirts of Richmond was value was tare they were searched and everything of up in pairs, Louis and Hornsby together, and made to snuat down upon the ground, and here they remained for the balance of that day and all of the night, under sentinels who were cautioned to
During this time the Union soldiers were driven steadlly back until the relnforcements mentioned by
Hornsby arrived, when General Sumner put an end Hornsby arrived, when General Sumner put an end to the Confederate advance, and all rested upon thelr arms untll morning. For this portion of the contest Early in the morning a victory.
Early in the morning the battle was renewed with Increased vigor, the Union general, Sickles, leading the attack at one point and General Meagher at another. The charge was bravely met by the Confederlonger and the slmultaneous attack of the whole Federal line gained the day. The remainder of Sunday was spent in gathering up and burying the dead, and caring for the wounded. and then began the itself upon every side. During this contest the Con. federate commander-in-chief General Johnson was first hit by a bullet and then knocked from his horse by a piece of shell. The command in the field was thereupon assumed by General Smith, who was place, two days later, to General Robert E. Lee, the preatest of all Southern commanders, who remained at the head of the Confederate forces until the close of the war.
On Monday, Louis was marched into Richmond in was learned that Libby Prison, which had formerly been a large warehouse, was full to overflowing, and the prisoners were divided, Louls, Hornsby, and thirty others being sent to what before the outbreak of the war had been a pork-packing establishment.
The march to this prison was one Louls never forgot. The streets of the Confederate capital were
lined with a motley collection of people. who had come to che motley collectidiers and sneer at the captives. Some on the sidewalks were very vin-
dictive and had to be restrained from dolng the dictive and had to be
Union men bodily harm.
"They killed $m y$ son!" shrieked one woman, as she and raised arm, gently but firmly, and held her until a Confederate soldier disarmed her and pushed her away. The boy's heart was in his throat; nevertheless, he felt sorry for the dame, for he saw that the oss of her boy had almost deprived her of her reason. After that both he and Hornsby, sticking close logether, kept a sharp lookout for an attack
The temporary prison having been gained, the captured ones were again examined, to see that none of them had obtained any weapons on the march, and then thrust into the gloomy-looking building. and Honnsy apartment on the second fioor, a gloomy place, flfteen by elghteen feet in size, and lit by three small windows. The windows had once held sashes of glass, but these were broken away, and each opening was top and bottom

We're in a pickle, ain't we?" sniffed Hornsby, as he took a surve
fired bad smell!

Wonder how long we'll have to remain herep put in another of the prisoners. "Sergeant, what do you think about it?" and he turned to the Confederate 0
way.
"I reckon you'll stay here until McClellan surrenders, was the answer, with a grin, and then the
prisoner muttered something far from fit for our prisone
It was nearly nightfall, and that night the prisoners were left without supper after a march of six miles, There mas no the greasy floor, with one's cap for a pillow, and no greasy floor, with one's cap for a pillow, and no
blanket but such as a few had brought along. The smell made Louls sick at his stomach and he hung by one of the windows for fresh air until one of the guards ordered him away
In the morning a negro appeared with a basket, a kettle, and a number of tin cups. The basket conblack coffee. For breakfast chery prisoner the kettle a cup of coffee and two chunks of bread. Later on the whole rations for one day were served at once.
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at the guart dream of whats in tous hin!t: or hell shom of what's in your "Will you ko with me if any chance to No more could be said that day. But late in the afternoon Louls, while walk
ing around the lower end of the room hiw something projecting from a shelt three fect above his head, He drew
Hornshy to one slde. and when the cuard was not looking, got the man to The olbect proved to be a chisel. two very thitck and heavy. Louls secreted named Ray. saw one other prisoner, merely
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After this louis examined one after dows. Most of the bits of jolst were too well spiked on for him to think of loosming thent without considerable shaky. and hy Inserting the chisel was
der it the lower end became detached der it the lower end became detached
from the window sill. "'If, there, what are you doin' by thet sweryting tolls. get some fresh air," an"This place is worse than a pig pen.". growled the Confederate, and went on
smoking his briar-root pipe filled with tar-heel oliacco. goink to risk a drop to the ground if 1 canget half a chance." head. "They ll you do git away. where are ye going.
tell me that? There are thousands of stoples manage to come and go on both
sidernsigy if a spy can take care of himself. I guess I can-at least. I am roing to try: Louls. hint hornshy would not listent on wouli rather mut un with ili-treatment than run too much risk, much as he deired his liberty.
Louls Jay down
the window, but not to slepper Mis mind was in a tumult. Should he his mind
was in his heart? hie knew he sould wrencli the jolst aside and drop from the window into the yard below from that was the all-important tuestion. He
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uses up vitality equal to ten units, and at the same time makes titaunits, an
to only seven units. This means a los of three units for every time that mo-
tion is made-that the man is losing tired. He may be good for a round or
iwo. an inning or two a few hundred two, an inning or two. a few hundred
yards; but he cannot stay. o make that motion in such a way tha $t$ will use up only nine units and at th same time give you back ten units of
vitallty. This will mean that with every
motion you are actually gaining one unit of vitality-that as you go on you are more tered. If this is not quite clear to
ou, read it agaln. It is worth while for
ou to understand it before you to understand it before you go on.
The greater the amount of vital force
which we can produce and the less we ase up, the more shall and the less we more enduring we will be.
Now. in the production of force. one of the most Important things is the requency of meals. To athetes unde my care 1 invarlably prescribe a very
simple diet of two meals daily. For
breakfast breakfast 1 allow them some slmple
cereal with cream: one or two slices of cereal with cream: one or two slices of
brown bread and butter: a glass of mille. sometimes a glass of milik and an egk.
A little frult with such a meal will do no harm. For dinner, peas or beans alad. such as baked potato: a simple ascad. guch as or celery. dressed with olive oli
and a squeze omon jutce; frult. ca. coffee. tobac co, alcohol. sweets. or rancy dishes. I allow no eating between water on rising. on retiring. and botween duction of the griatest possible amount Then as to the economy of vitality.
This is a matter of much importance. In he flrst place, you must remermber that es. throwlng a b, lit striking a blow
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ends to form the habit of musentat overexertion, of putting too much torce
nto the effort made. This habit in the majority of cases becomes soon Armly axed: and then cuery jump: every
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make it lmphasible for any boy to ge
great endurance. The great secret. then, of endurance.
may be expressed in a few words: do the thing you are dolng with the least pos sible outlay of muscular efrort, that
to say, do it as easlly as possible. Th
more easily you go through the motion me less vitality will you expend and the
more vitality will you gain. So that after repeating the mottons several hundred times, as in pitching in a game of
baseball, you will not only not be tired.
you started.
Now. all this is very practical. and 1 Now. all this is yery practical. and 1.
myself have tried it in actual work in the pltcher's box, on the grldiron, on the
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general success at athletics and other


Stand Exerclime No.
Stand easily, feet slightly apart. Now and forth until the hands, as they rise are well over the head. As the arms
are swng un. Inhale the breath easlly at the same time turning the face up to-
ward the celling. Then. without pausWard the celling. Then. Without paus arms to swing down and backward. again. at the same time turning fac the breath. Then exhale, swinging the arms down again, and so on. repeatin

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hale the breath, at the same time swing the arms up at the sides until they art
llirectly over the head. stralghtening the body and turning the face upward liale easily, allowink the arms and body
to swing down. and on, up and down tnhaling as thi. arms ar. swung up. ex:
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nuent until arme. legs. head. and body


This movement in very similar to thif take-off' of the standing jump. The movement should
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To make these races secm more like the real thing. one of the boys has prorided a machine with a gasiline motor furntsh the chug, chug and the ever-
present odor of the vanderbit conpresent
tests. The following rules have been pre
pared by the road committee and adopt pared by the road committee and adopt-
ed thy club: betwrent restriction lines.
radidy The team must change placer $u$ clan shall push person than the mechanl ctan shall push the crir. two boys. $\qquad$
The Place for the Boy Chartes C. Kraukorp., princtipal or the Emmer scciliol. Chicago. and secreary
the illinuls soclety for
Child study. has
 that no one has much use for him. In the economic community for the man Chitd between four and eleven years old becomes a natural. essential ractor or the suctal body. Sobody really necds him or
wants him. His mother miay ask him tim Wants him. His mother may ask him til
run a few errands. hit ther is rarely any attempt to require of him the per-
furmance of regular dally duties. He has nothing to do. and is forced to play. on
loaf: is doomed to an aimless. useles:
life life. With the girl it is somewhat different. stocked with servants. there are certain household duties which may be reidifred
of her. Her traditional gaines are more played better indoors. The girl sees liears and takes part in the housekeeplng
plans. she ts truly at home. while the pans she ts truly at home While ther
boy nay lie a stranger under his father's
roop having no necessary commet on with roof having no necessary connection with
the institution of home. Thus the girl may havi, in opportunity to, learn t.,
work: while the boy is usually forced to Thiat these statements are mure or less
true of aty life. jt needs only observation to prove. comments The Housekeeptr. In
the evolutin of nature. when ther. some hitch due to a change of conlition
and the grneral equllibrium is upset fin the time belng. there seems to be a rally
of the forces. The tempest stirs thi ocean, but the wat the conditions in oul
in some senses are different then the American cittes are different than they and we cannot expect that he is to sulve
his own problems. Rather, he must expert this of the parents. Present-day
conditions must be studied. The father conditions must be studied. The father
As well as the mother. must know what
the boy is doink. the boy is dong. thist know his associ-
ates and must know his tucals. A boy
who thinks that hie is fair way to become one. some das, per haps. there will be more public play
grounds. open-air gymnasiums and boyg grounds, open-air gymaniums and boys
clubs. in the interim the boys must be taught that we do have sympathy for
them. that they do have a place in the home. Such teaching will tnstill a
sense of
responsibllits which will meail more than anything elsu in the savink
of the boys from the evils of the street.

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look after it carefully and not let it run an over town, but if he had a boy it
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 to continue on guarit, antmis opibusque
parati, as the ancients would aftrm, for whatever might berhance.
of course that innished and pent
us back to the sap-buckets and fire-
wood wilhout a wortion suy in reply,
for what bos. not brought up in Ros-
 ing guard, nnd rolleving the monotony,
wheneever we would Isten. by telling
just what he woutd do should old sugar-


Say. sap-holler was a huge Iron kettle. holdink ovir one hundred gallons of gap,
and hung bet ween two stone pllars built And hung sument helight to leave room for
to
ithe fire beneath the kettle, and in such a way that ti could be easily tipt and
its contents emptied without removing
 hand. his mouth agape. staring sis righ before him. The next moment there wa bear: and when the smoke lifted. there
at last. lay old Sughrtooth. stretched ou on the floor dead, his head nearly blown
oft his body by the linavy charge o
buckshot I had fred from father's old musket. ering whth fright, and stralghtway fel
upon Jimmic Brown with a host of ques thons as to how this starting scene had
ocurred.
Poollow: Every ounce of flesh on his huge body was quivering with fear we could get a sensible answer from be-
tween his trmbing lips. Then we had been suddenly awakened bay a hor an
rible growling and had opened his led eyes to see an awful monster rush
ing straight toward him from the di rection or the sap-kettle-and that wa
all he could remember. untill he came to
his senses ating tioor, covered whith flour and staring a
the dead body of Sugartooth. with 1
boys crowding around him asking ques as fast as the buckets became full, was
imptherd into this kethe, unillir whith a
 thick syrun that would harden into
naple-sugar when cooled by pouring into
$\qquad$ covered that the kettle must be emptied
before more sap could be poured into it:
and accordingly, we raked the greater part of the fre out from under ti leav-
ing only enough coala to kepp the gap to pour it into the molds. in a lonely stretch of woods in the northern part of ast hinuse and. when darkness came, to realize the loneliness of our position,
and thoughts of the frightful things that might





He had never once thought of his won-
derful rine! Later investigations showed that
Sugartooh had crept up to where the
huger kette swung between its gtone
pllars and huge kettle swung between fis stone
pllars, and, tempted by the smell of its
jusclous contents, had reared himself up jusclous contents, had reared himself up
on his hind legs, und, grasping hee side
of the kette whth forepaws, had
trled to reach the syrup with his mouth. trled to reach the syrup with his mouth:
and had succeceded in dumping its en-
tire contents out on his head and shoulders. The syrup was still hot. and was
ammost as sticky as glue; and, In a mo-
ment the bear's eyes and nose and mouth ment the berrseges and nose and mouth
were fulle of the burning. sticky suff.
Then, half-crazed wlin Then, half-crazed with pain and blinded and rushed madly off. by chance heading
Atratght toward the onen door of the
sliack and the slumbering Father gave us boys the twenty-flve
doliars, and laughingly offered the bear-
skin to .limmie. dectaring that, if it had not bech for him and the thour. It had
tooth would have doubtless got away:
but Jimmie had had alt
 once mentioned bears, nor asain spoke
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 puzzled over the simplest often are What is the trouble? You answer they
had good teachers, and books-your eyes quickiy see piles of beautiful. entertain-
ing instructive books, gay with bindings
and pictures and piectures, ready at command, neverthat "our boys" are giving thelr best
attention to dancing. card-playing, and smoking. pleasures unknown to Abra-
ham. Lincoln. The time spent by our boys" in sowing will oats, so to speak.
was Abraham Lincoln's precious mo. ments for reading and studying. Many
a boy furnished with no better Might than Abraham IIncoln had for reading
would have eased his consclence hy saywants. Abraham Lincoln did not think
gbout what he was denled. but put "Our boys" irequentily get discouraged no glving up cherished plans, they have
no ambition for filling any position in
ife. Would they dream bel life. Would they dream of being the
Prestdent of the United States if they
had been permitted to attend school only The question akain presents itself. the highest office in our country with great honor? Some one, not acyualnted
with the peope who lived in 1860 has
gald they had no good material from little study on the subject will re-
eal there were rich men, educated men. the people of the United States. Consided in making Abraham IJics that
ald
noble man. we can readily secured h/s high calling. He we how haod good
man, he was an honest man, and he was Abraham Lincoln being favored with old him what was good. bad. right. and led and was burled under the shade of spreading and majestic sycamore he
orrled because there was no man of hortly afterward he asked the grea
avor of Parson Hikin, the Kentucky niles to preach a sermon over the grave mother when he put porth this great
eftort to have a memorlal sermon year-old boy writing and rewriting the was written or composed. it conveyed he deaired message. and whether it he good parson came some seven or Nancy Lincoln in the presence of some
two hundred persons. The trouble with nany of our young men to-day is that hear them asylng the words of Abraham Abr Was studying. but he never neglected his
tagk. however unwelcome. He early earned the use of the ax. the maul, and the wedge. The true rule of his life
was to do one's jevel beat. leaving the
rest to take care of tiselp Spliting alls and billets of wood hardened his

 When a boy he disliked propanity. and
when he became President he often rled to reason with men about he often im in a becoming manner they wer Abraham Lincoln wan a temperance
 lighting his friends with dests and
storjest they would ask him to drink, but
he always rutured celved the nomination of the presidenc:
he held frmly to his views with whici
he started mife. Ite is to be honored for
his courag. in returning the wines him at the announcement of his nominh
tionitho would do it to-day? The
politictan of the present time is afrato his infuental friends. o of offending more
men might learn how miserabit. life is pling. and would determine not to
drink: No one can deny the fart but ness by drinking the spring water than
any other body of men who had similar There are a kroln was an honest man How few merchants and rlerks are mit
to-day like Abraham Lincoln: it remembered when he was managing
Onutt's store in New salem that late cash that he had taken a rew cents
from a customer more than was due and
when he closed lhe store he walked a Ione distance to make good the defl-
clency. What would our young men do?
In many cases mistakes are not correct. walk after closing when it means a lonk and clerks may laugh at Ahraham Lin-
coln welghing a litife tea that was due
A woman and carrying to her when
he discovered he had werighed out to he discovered he had welghed out too
little for hor because a wrang welght
had been placed on the scales had been placed on the scales. Did
hear some one say..."That was golnk too
far I wnuld never do that?: Shall we

many persons to play with.
How much of the gnxlety and crim of this world might be averted if neonl
were only honegt! There wre time
when Abraham Lincoln might her When Ahraham Lincoln might have hefn
very much embarrased if he had nnit
held sacred what he was entrusted with Take, for instance, when an agrent hi
the Post offce Department hunted him up and demanded the rmall halanes dill
to the government from the New Salem post office. A friend. Whe was with Mr.
Lincoln. going to his slepning roim brought out an old storking and. un-
tying it. poured on the table the exact
amount. just as it had been pald to him In pennles and silver pleces. Not a
tew tlimes had he bern in bitter want
and hard-pressed for miney. neyerth. less. he would not touch the recelpts of
lhe little post office.

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Chinese Boy Students in America

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 Mrinserim more than one hunded
 inh crest and Sir Chen Tung Lang Chen, stans. was present to meet his young Nints it was the seronmernererene or
 is aholt one-thtrd of the total number ous rolleges in diferent parts of our If you are thinking of these boys at imherst as running around the college in loose and haggy trousers and gay-
colored silk coats, and with jet black "cues" hanging down their backs. you thew a wrong dea about them. All of
thrm wore the dress of young AmerlMans. Thiry had natty straw hats and
many of them wore belts and the fancy tles young Amerlcuns wear in the sumHin season. And not one of them had
A. 1 .ine Their hair was cut shot. and prec in their appearance. But they were rhinam..n all right. as one discovernd
whin one got near them. Most of then vay that they propose to keap on wear-
ing hincrican dress after they return to Thina when they are "through rolleg.". Thy like it. Some of them will per-
haps assume positions in their own land haps hasume positions in thetr own land
that will make it imperative that they rosum the dress of their own people, loin or conventionality will cling to the dress they have adopted in our country. Aln. H6 of in charge of Dr. Charles on f.r.en.e in Amliserst. He told the boys suinithing that he might well have told was that they were spending too much some good cothes, and he gave them orress. Dr. Tenney told them frankly that there wore nome things in Amertce
he did not want them to imitatie. It was not berouse they conld not afforit the bost of thelr clothing that Dr. dress. for most of the students are the
sons of wealthy Chinamen. Dr. Tenney urged upon the students the value and things. the hrghest and most helperul jdmaly in our country. K . Wong. vice-president of the conerrence. is a dents of limited merans. and tharns a niwwinpers and hy making transtathons. Who is poor. but ambittons. our country money by working at anything to earn gut to do, but the Chinese exclasion law rance to him when he trics of of a hindMost of the students spest find work. English, but the letter " $d$ " seems to Give them a good deal of trouble, and words in which it should appear. They say "Unit States" and they are quite English very correctly. They say that hey "apprishlate" all that is being done or them in America. Thelr manners ly, and aslde frem the very gentlemor with which far more quict on the college campus man an eglar number of our Americali boy: would hatw been.
One of the most Interesting speeches watsonce a boy college student himself ward helping the sentiment of China boys to pracctice the virtue of econome. The boys got a gy more ways from Ghina
and said he felt free to say that too even in the songs they sang at and sald he felt free to say that too even th the songs they sang at a con-
much attention to dress was something cert they gave during the conference, of an American weakness that the boys for they sang such songsas "The Holy would do well not to cmulate, as it hat City" and "Juanita." There were two character. On with the development of
wouldy a Chinese boy would not be free to approach a dicnit-
tury like Sir Chen Tung lang Chen but these students were made to foel conference. Fork wonderfully weli at the wout whe their friend and that he fuar that higher education for the chinor help in his powir. Thery wer. made apt to want to medde with the pollical actly as an American boy would gn to has underghe a do change of heart in this The Chinese are camine to America wostarn and is now encourasing the for sibidy in large numbers, and a gond for luys and is even encouraging betThe frst Chinfse students came to our of cours. these Chinese students take
 that in those of theys the chinessoroys had to a very high niteh, and one of them re-
 they had lost all faith in even though the way from China to America to reported to the Chinese government that the air. and yet Sir Chen Tung Liang their cuer and this made a Int of trout thought the boys needed calming down and inconslderate students at Yale cut almond-eyed young fellows nepd - calmof the cue or one or two students. But ing downe: one cannot help wondering Ch-day a Chinest student can cut off what the average American boy with
his cue without insing raste and the his tremendous energy and overtiow of his cue without insing taste and the his tremendous energy
whole Chincst sintiment lias changed American spirit. netds.

## The Good Old Kid Days



The Boy With a Will of His Own manton marlowe "I TELL you that boy ing ging to have
 four weeke old at this my bey. He was aiscovered this trait in his character. iscoucry of it oldal for any very glad of it. for I am sorry possibly own." the boys this have bofn told that boys who read this have bofn told that they. too. hav.
"wills of their own.
been They may have been told this berause they have held out for their own way regardless of thi
rights of others. or regardless of all that is fair and just.
in that case $\mathbf{a}$ will
In that case a wili of one's own is not such an admirable trait in ones charac
ter. But there is a great difterence br tween having a proper amount of self
will and being what some people elf gantly term "pig-headed
A boy must have a generous endow.
ment of whill power il he is ever to amount to anything in this life. Lack. ing a will of his own, he is sure to he ways easily influenced. But when a hoy own he not only shows had taste but he glves evidence of the fact that he proeverything, and then there is trouble. of courtesy. of Christian ethirs, a in it majority to govern. but the boy who prides himself on having a willi of his wen though he may he abide hy this law posed to any plan or measure. He takes less of the feelings of others or of any law of ethics or courtesy on earth. He foollsh pride in saying
it. Yonce 1 make up my mind 1 stick to That sort of a will of one's own some times. hut not always. Indicates that the "malish." Hhen a boy makes up his mind to do right and "stlcks to it" in the tace of ridicule and possible annoyance and per his will of his amod Nral of a hero an things in his character. But. on the other hand. when he beromes set ar his own way even in trifing matters he own contemplation
"I said that wouldrit, and I will not who had heen asked to do something to ohlige geveral nther hoys. A boy of thi agreeable perann, and he gives very dis the fact that hr is really weak instead of strong in will power. pr a boy o to set aside his own personal feeling when he can oblige others and at the lmes more force of will manifested by kiving up than there is by holding on paper have the splendid wlll power that Wolld make him do right under all con
ittions. The boy who does this may wel Mand up and say proudly.

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What is a Dromedary Jack was very interested in ships. and
one day when his teacher suddeny extahed a dromedary?. Jack proudly exclaimed exclamed know. teacher
two-masted camel.:


## The State Prize Essay Contest

Why I am Proud of My State


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## A Question of Valuation






"Oh. Well." plped the youngster
haps you weren't worth any more.

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## JOHN RUSSEL'S IIDE FOR FREEDOM <br>  MYRON COLBY

A story of the 22 d of 1.ebruary.

"\%aw And now here he's been and cut
all the maples and saved the passown all the maples and suwed the hassi-
woods in that woodlot inimy absence. verything was all wrong. A boy that nce between sort and hard inood
ont ever amount to much in my
inton. inas so provoked that itold
im he could go to bed without his sul,
er. Perhaps it will teach him a lesOld Squire Holton was emphatic In his criticlsm of the tgnorance or the
thoughtlessness that claracterized the
daily dolngs of his tarm help. daily doings of his farm help. To him
here was nothing excusable such sump to tel conduct. He had taken pains to tel
the hoy just what trees he wanted fell
ed, and it was an essential matter to
him whether the maples were cut or teft standing in that fine new iot or he
had
recently bought of Major Jack"I half belleve the boy did it on pur-
ose to bother mp." he concluded. as he down to his supper of hot poridge
nd milk and irled doughnuts. which
his wife had just placed on the table. "Oh. no. father! John wouldn't no that.:' said kind. motherly Mrs. Holton. "No: that It isn't. I'll be bound." mut-
ered the squire. between hls mouthfuls
warm porridge. "He hasn't had a or warm porridge. ever since that day
mind for anything
ieneral washington and his offcers rode by, a month ago. It was only the other
morning. when i supposed he was busy Watering the stock at one barn, anding. he foor. A turkey's tall feather stuck shoulder. and he a-gluing or orders as ish the Continental army was sunke",
.'Why. Pather". excalmed his wite;
and then we should lose our llberties. and the battles of Lexington and Tren. John. if they were farther, of than val attackinge, a large doughnut that was as
crisp as frost. And overhead. In the large. open gar pennyroyal hung down from the long
slinting rafters. and which was warmed nly by the heat ascending throukh a
centlator from the kitchen helow. the ubject of the gquire's wrath lay listenHe was a wall, fatr lad, strong and ar.
tive. with steady, gray-blue eyes and a hock of brown. wavy hatr that had a knack of always falling into his eyes.
 ithout chilliren of his own. had chrergelly consented that the fatherjess boy sholld
one and liye with them. He had lived hotre now far three years. hut he did The hny had an imaginative tempera-
ment. inherlted from his mother. and to
irive the slow oxen day after day do he milking and all the drudlery inclcongrnifi pmployments. He honestly crove to fors hity though and the
squire. if rough. was kind in his way. his fare as he heard his uncle's words. and two or threatears rolled down his
frockled face, which were bravely dash-- MHe ayd tell me to cut the maples." he sar playing soldler. What hurt did it in? I had turned oit the cows and done
just as I do Nevery day. 1 wish I was a
anldier in Washingtons army. and I wlll he when I am older. unless we whin
the British hefore. Fut I do hnee I
shall he ahie to Tn something for my
colintry. If I only could-if I only He lay for a long time, his mind full
He ronfleting thought. bilt at last he Nank to slepp and forgot allke his trials
ind his ambitians in the sweet, refresh. Ind his ambitlons in thr
ng slumber of boyhood. atairs into the kitichen he went down on him as thnugh nothing had happened usurl. At the breakfast table his uncte said: day. Johnay ande over to Gongin's MllitoMother says we are out of meal. and T've the morning. You may take the gray
 ane on that note. it ta two pminnds ant
alxpence. nnn't porget now. and don up." a mith "All right." answered Iohn. cheprfully
And he went outand sadaled old Suke the kray mare
"Here's some doughnuts and cheese fo
your luncheon." gaid Mrs. Holton. giving him a small parcel, which he piaced in



Major Frye himself. appeared in the open form without. saying. There will be no mistake. The
general is to be here precisely at eight this evening. It will be your fauli it tated and. as his countenance changed, visitor, who, with a shight inclination of
the head. mutered the one word, $\boldsymbol{R}$ Re-
member! and then hurricdly remounted his horse and rode away with his orderly Well, young sir, I am glad to see
you." sald the major. with well teigned cordisilty, addressing John. I know the
errand you have come for, and have the errand you have come sor, and horse into
money ready. So lead your horse
the barn und come in. Inye reckoned up the interest on the squires note, and
it is iwo pourds and fourperce. he re-
marked, as they entered the house. "Cnele called it two pounds and six-
pence," said John, "and he told me to collert it."
guess that isn't much difference: I know as I should have had the money it
I hinin't just sold some catlle to the
Britishi. They ofered me a little more
than the Americans would, and I let them go:" John with emphasis. But, you see,
II hated to. money. It was due yesterday, and
hes as regular as the sun. Besides am going to let Washington have a yoke
of fat oxen tonight. It's his bithday.
and the commander-in-chief is going to make a feast for the patriot is. He fis com-
ing himgelf with an orderly to get them as he wishes to surprise them."
John felt all hia nerves ingle with a nnd had he hargained with the British to hetray Washington? The suspicion was strong in his minf.
but he said nothing as the major pald
over the money in brand new Engllsh plecen may sign this recelpt." sald Frye, as he took a folded paper from his
pocket. tore it in two. and geribbled a few lines on one of the pleces. had hre
The boy looked over what hat writien. and wrote his nampas request
ed. The slluer pteces he rarefuly stowed away in the inslde pocket of his woolen
spencer, and after Suke had eaten her
generous fondering of hay he started on hls way brek to the mili. walling for hlm. hut. hefree he lnaded the hars. he
looked once more to see that his money was all right
As he pulledit from his nocket. a piece was the mompanion plece of that on
which the major had wriften the recefpt.
and , inhn had put it in his porket with the silver. He stanped to pick it un. and as he fir
so. his quick pye calught name. writen so. his quick eye caukht a name. written
in a hold. plear hand, that was famouls Must then throughout the American col
nnlesith a swlftly heating heart and a
Wila horses sanding near the door. on one of With a swiftly beating heart and a
which sat a Rritish orderly. Mefore he fushed hrow. he glanced ower the pew
could dismount, the owner of the house. Iines that preceded the autograph. The
first part of the letter was on the plece Which he had recelpted for the money,
but there was enough to make his youllig
bood thrillin his velns. Thls was what heod thrili in his veins. This was what
head: "'- recelved. If you mean
husiness. I think the plan can be suc-
cessfully carried out. My ald-de-camp. Major Singleton. will. ride over tomorrow to see you and arringe the details of the
capture. He wil pay into your hanis
hialif of the money you ask- fifty pounds. itwe succeed in our enterprige and capture the general, the rest shall he patil
you town. You may trust Major Single-
ion as you would myself. "I have the honor to be yours, for To Major Daniel Frye It was all clear as sunlight to John in
moment. Major Frye was a traitor nnd the piot in which he was engaged
was nothing less than gelzure of the was nothing less than seizure of the
commander-in-chief. There was no time and he was the one to do it be warned
"What time of day is it?" he asked the Hans pulled out a blesilver watch.
"Vell, it pe three minutes past two "All right, Now you take this money and keep it thll 1 call for it. I am not The next moment he was on the hack "Mine goodness, dot noy ish crazy:"
exclaimed Hans, as he strod in the donrway, his hand in has he stnod in the door the retreating flgure. "I giss it hup. ef
he hain't gone stark mad. ${ }^{\text {Dot vos all." }}$ And he went back to his work in the
mill. with a surange. perplexed look on his broad. Teutonic fare.
Meanwhile John rode on without a halt. till he rearhed the American camp despateadquarters. and an orderly was house That was two miles farther on. ohn and his escort arriven there. int room where three or four offlers sat at
a tahle. one of whom rose and turned his "You wanted to see me. my lad? I am John gazed for a moment with silen grave, worn, anxious face. before h general's hand the piece of torn paper he

Read that sir," he sald. "Where did you get this?" asken
Washington. after he han read the lines.
John told his story in a straightor. ward manner that vouched for his hny
esty, and when he had concluded. Washington turned to his officers and sald sor-
rowfully: $A$ Alas! whod
Whom shall we trust? have thought it? Whom shall we trust?". minor importance, which were an
swered readil. then hend:
My lad. the intelligence you have My lad, the intelligence you have
hrought me is of the greatest importanc
nnd valup.
Prohably your thoughtful Action has heen the means of saving my
life and prohaps the iberties of the colo"Make me can I do for you?" Ther. as he thuught of hls one ambltion The pater natrine lonked gravely at
the slmnder. hoyligh figure and the earn.
cst face of the apeaker, but he did not "You are hardly old enough for the "You are hardly old enough por the
rough life of a goldier, hut I would like
you to care for my horses. I need a boy for that. Will you come?:
replied John. so pleased that he could
hardly refrain from turning and hardily reprain from turning a somer
sault even before that august presence "You may rome tomorrow then. and Dle of gington placed in his handsa a couase well as he pleces. able. Washington. as he accompanied him to lisy periormed will not be forgoten.
tremble when I think what might have tremble when I think what mipht have
hefallen our country if it had not been ligent action. I was going to visit that had hargained to betray mee to my ene and gold Waphlngton thanks you now
in the fluture he will do more.. ye door And he bowed him out of the door.
It was qulte dark when John returned
the mill. Where the wondering Hans way home he met the squire, who had sence. than wrs Squire Holton when his nephew related all the adventures of thr
day. The next morning he accompanled the led to Washington's headquarters,
and saw nim enter upon his new dutles.
Before the war was over. John Russei was a hona flde soldier. He did good
service Ri Yorktown, and won the com. mendation of Washington for dash and
courage. In after years he became a
Virginia planter. and was a welcome is
 nggton itven. The 22d day of February
was always observed hy him with pecu-
lar solemnity and gnod cheer.

## Chores

Those terrible chores: Most boys. espertally country hoys. dread to do chnres.
They look upon them as a nulance which
iterferes with their fun-as disagreahle interferes with their fun-as disagreathe
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upon to do is preparing him for a healthy apon wholesome success in the future. The
and
varlety of his work. which is nearly always out-of-doors. develops the various faculties. teaches regular habits and
tends to hulld up a robust constitution.
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 Frank was as good as his word, and
ats soon as he had rolled in dwzen long








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 toon. Now, whith is the right one. Darry ${ }^{\text {No. }}$ Hess we are kost! he wailed Hardy. simk withinh hilus hatk and hew hat heart in a mine.




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housand inhanitants. and the souns licook agent sonet twok several orders
whth wert wory elourabing. One evening he was at the depot. it rain from lort Jervis rolled in. A num. her of passengutysuighted and got out
and he wathed the stene, which was an
"Yes, but how are we to get out?"
question
way to reach that hole dismay yon see no Wen hae to tho ai way, returned This was casier sald than done. Noth.

 We'll hatw tom that some other way
out. This is some hot
sto that the nountain $\because$ Let $4 s$ sct up at shout." suggested
rrank. way:" yelled at the top of his lungs, and echoed and reechoed through the ahath-
hack. coal mine, but ho answer catho
 or herong to try it again. answered Agelp: helper haited, and fausied he now
 those helow.
 old man. How did you git in there, Whe walked in at the regular opening
on the mountain glde." unswered the Yhes. I guess you don't know the way



 ing fom sure hell be hack." answered
our hero. vilurfully, and just thin the
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"I can tell you I am. mighty glad to
 ifaw lont hoter lou been down thate?" jur hero consulted his watch.
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 "o you want to visit the mince? "Mes.


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## habrer xiv:

PaNK MEFTS FLECKER AGAN.
Two werks tatar found Frank un in Nrw ork state, in the vicenty fit with himu lini in three towny he had visted he had run across "ther lom ase"nts




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Hany of the windows of the cars were hen, and as the train moved away from
 mat whom hu recognized.
lowked again to make certain that hul

 (rath was out of sight. on its way to in Hifrplexity: . it was really Gabe Flecker I ought to have him arrested. Isut if I telegraph do then? And as he could not answer nothing.
S" the meantime. whally unconselous Gabe Flecker sat back in his seat ent
joying an Havana rigar already knows he was one of the reader heans of support, have compelled to live
"hy thair wits." Funts were growing low with Gabo Sleckir. The money he had raised upon
sinchir maswoods autograph was prac
thally gone and so fat cally gone and so far no new sehem Hr had spent all of the funds in "hat ling a gond time." ats he called it. Board the pages to follow prwate boarding house in Goshen. kep with two trunks. which he had picket "pat a hargain sale, and which rontialned only a few
of little or no value
ho wish the best room in the house. Irs. Larkspur, impressed by his manner thow front. with lioard. at ten geront
 had not wat given the landlady a cent
of money she was heginning to grow He had had several things sent to the
house. for which she had paid. so he rcally owed her twenty-four doliars all
oild. "r will presont him with the bill to.
night:" Mrs Larkspur told harself, and wrote out the bilt in due form.
Hifuodevenning. Mrs. larkspur, a beall tiful evening." sald Gabe Flecker, as he
came into the house in the brisk fashlon '1". "ould ussumic when necessary. answered is a finn ove
tandlady
Never saw a finer day in my life. I
hope you haven't krit the table waiting for me?" "Ton' had! Really inll have to bo more rrompt in the rutura."
"roh. I don t mind a little delay
"it
"It isn't falr on suth a hard-working to tell the truth. I could not help lit. i
had tur rese un a land deal thts afternoon. or efse lose a commission amount
lng to three humbrat and twenty-flef
dollars." Gabe Flecker now pretended had never handled it foot of land in his Gabe farkspur was impressed, and as Gabe Flecker seemed to he tired out sho
resolved to let the matter of his board 1, III rest until morning.
 do that he may ko elsewhere. Perhaps
hc गl may up of his own acrord when he
gets that complasion hn gats that commission ho melitioned."
Bright and eariy Bright and eariy on the following
morning Frank went to Gomien to gen if he could take ordcres for thy bonks
in that thriving town. fie visited several stores and then came to the cornin upon which Mrs. Larkspur's hoarding
house was located. sell a set of famou novels in there,
cending the thought. and as and "What is it?" asked a
girl. who came to the doo
"Is wre tarksumen
"Is Mrs larkspur tin? he asked. hav Fes. sir. Flease step in the reception
room and ril call her." answered the
girl. Frank entered the room lindicated and sat down. In the mantime the girl,
thinking. Mrs. Larksnur had gone to the
kitchen, hurried off in that direction. kitchen, hurried off in that direction.
Now. as it hapgened, the landlady had
 moment before. on his way out. She
had presented hor hill and intimatrd protty strongly that sha
have it paid without delay
"Very well. I"ll nay it. madam." sald
the swindler. "T will go upstalis and
get the noney. Wait a moment tll bet the money. If you please." "Certainly, sir." said Mrs. Larkspu
murh nleased with her hoarder's read
ness. hlm to come down akain. Gabe Flecker came rushing down into the parior with an "Goodness, Mr. Gibson, what is the matter?" questloned the alarmed land
lady. To her ho had introduced himsel
as Ralph Gibon erom as Maiter? Matter pnough, madam:
nad lald aside fifty dollars in one of
trunks only yesterday and today it
gonesvery dollar of it is gone?
spur. in dlamay worse, there can and what makes maters the money was stolen!", Oh, Mr. Gibson on't say that Gabe Flecker. Would you like to know
what froor Here, mas the apprehensive answer.
Gabe Fleck. 1 on you sece that? attached to a piece of black tape. ket just in front of my trunk. It is un:
loubtedy tha instrument with which her. haste to retire with the spoils, it I hope, Mr. Gibson, you don't-don't "Madam." was the emphatic reply, "t
do. Why not? The money has been
stolen. Here is this key. It is very plain to me." Mrs. Larkspur wrung her hands,
"This is dreadful. Mr. Gibson! I can"Why. don't you belfeve that 1 lost hellere that anybody in my house would "a thief:
If this-this gets out in public it will
ruin met moaned the landlady, who had
never hat anything go wrong liefore "That is not my affalr. Mrs. Iarkspur softer tone: "I do not wish to make
rouble for you. madann. He paused as if dellberating. "Heceipt my bill and
give me fen dollars, and In say nothing
about it. But i shall say a good deal about it.
Mr. Flecker. doorway, and Frank stepped into the
room. From the racertion rom he had
overheard every word that had been said.
"What, you!" stammered the swindler. oung book agent.
"Wha-what does this mean?" faltered Mrs. Larkspur.
II mens that this man is a swindter.
madam." answered Frank. "It is false!" cried Gabe Flecker. "I
am han host nan. and my name is
Ralph Gihson. This fellow, whoever he Ralph a is entirely mistaken ".
may be
"Where did you come frum? asked
Mrs. Larkspur of Frank. he reception room. Nold mile waiting. I rascal. I ive inet this man before and
I know ati alout him. He's a swindler aThen you you don't think he lost
that money he mentioned? "It is truc." howled Gathe Flecker, but means of escaping from the room.
"The fist time 1 met him. he swindied a lady named Mrs. Furley out of a
nights lodglag. He told her he had lost mantelplece. "Its false." stormed Gale Flecker, but
looked much disconcerted. had obtained the autograph of an ex-
mayor named Sinclair Masswood. He graph to place in a valuable collection but astead he turned the autograph into
the signaure on a check for sixty-fve
dnllars. Mr. iBasswood affered fifty dollars reward for the capture of the ras.
cal. 1 m going to win that reward if i
cani. "Are you?" snefred Gabe F"lecker. "Not
much!" And teaping at Frank he hurled
him aside and ran for the front door off his guard. While Mrs. Larkspur let But Frank was quick to rerover. and pleking un a spa shell which lay handy.
he hurled it at Gahr Flecker's head. His
alm was true, and the swindler was caught in the par. And let out a cry on
nalin. Before he rould unfasten the front
door Frank hat him tiy the arm door Frank hat him by the arm. By this tinie a man who had come $t$ the red followed by two pirls. The man caught Flecker hy the other arm. tell you it is all a mistake. If you have me arrested ill prove that it am inno-
cent, and hate you locked uf for false
imprisonment." "Mrs. Larkspur. have you a telephone
in .the house? asked Frank. "Then kindly call un the police. inl
have the man locked up on my own re"Youn are perfectly sure of what you
are doing? "Then 1'll send th the call," sald the
landlady. and did so at once.


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No. 2-JACOB A. Rils HE most useful man in Ameriwa
Winked actops to thie window and
asked to tell him if his collar
was soiled.
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 and who has probably done more than
any other man in the country to start on
the road to success ."he loy without it





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reatest American - Theodore greatest American - Theodore
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and and the good alvice which your parent or your teacher may
give you, in the end is nothing
more nor less than this ne gen.

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not give the world the best that in him. He must have a strong
hody to do big thins either with
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and negiects those things which
witl give him gitrengit he is wht give him strength, he is
wheating. not only his employer
but himself. He is not souare. The squarest man in this coun-
try. and his enemies will say so dent. I wish that every American
loy could come to know him as know himl i have stood by his
silde in the stormlest periods of
his his llfe. I have sepn him conquer
"histacles. have watched him in trial and stress and victory. and
have grown to honor him, because
at all times he has been a man hrough and through, every inch of
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had had saved him from himself, and-the But there is a sequel. Again the rain began. a chilling. drenchlnk downpour The dog nestled
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pushed through the door and asked the
gergeant for a night's lodging. rgeant for a night's lodging.
What's that under your coat? was he suspiclous query.
"Only $\rightarrow$ nily a dog. "Oniy repl
The sergeant frowned.
"You've got to put that cur nutsite."
he grated. if you want to stay here?" door. The gust of raln he raced. when
he opened nlumbed his brain and body.
It was imposible to brave the storm. Fie stepped back.
Couldn't you let the little pellow here just for to-night?" he pleaded.
"You heard what.
snarling reply. "No!" waid. was the The young man pushed the door open
again and gently put the dog down.
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Photo by F. Harold Goodrich. Kalamazoo, Mich.
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Hyannis (Mass.) Boys Learning to Build Houses





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boys have both the advantage of country life and a clty education.


50-yard dash, 8u-pound class, G4.5 To-yard dash. 115-pound class, 83-5 100-vard dash, unlimited welght, 11 4-5 60-yard dash. 95 -pound class, 74-5 sceonds. tianding broad Jump, 80-nound class, Standing hroad jump. 115 -pound class 220-yard dashicuntimitod weight, 26 1-5 360 -yard relay, 80 -pound class, $472-5$ seconds. 4 yelay. 9i-pound class. 5 .
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 approached one of the girls sald. "Dear - it
in getting no late; hets return.: Whereupon
they returned to the hotel.
-Ralph Willams.

## JACOB A. RIIS

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"Newspaper reporting in those days you can see, was not what th is to-day
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Chapter xx. startling news.

THE PROMISE of warmer days was bright when Noah and Caleb landed at the famillar dock at Greenwlch, and the air was soft and balmy. Even Caleb shared in his cousin's enthusiasm when the two boys started up the street toward Mr. Dare's house. It was good to be at home once more and not even the fear, which had not yet departed, that the action of the grand fury might lead to further trouble was sufficient to dampen the ardor of Noah and his companion.
This is great, Cale!" exclaimed Noah enthusiastically. "I didn't know it was such fun to come back home. It almost pays a fellow to leave for a while just for the sake of what he feels when he gets back.'
"I wonder if Elnathan and Tom Hull feel that way about you coming home," suggested Caleb demurely. "They"ll be pleased to see us, you needn't be afrald about that," laughed Noah. "There Isn't a man in Greenwich that'll be more glad to have us here than Tom hull will be. I dont want any more it a bit if Elnathan should want to talieve Id mind it a bit if Elnathan should want to take a fall out of me.
"He won't try it that way, Noah."
"Oh. I don't know about that. He has been smitonly he'd rather turn it hard and bang into me wer. it." "Don't you worry about that bang into me with Elias and Ananlas, as sure as you are born!" Caleb broke in abruptly
The two boys at the same moment caught sight of Noah and Caleb and with a shout began to rin toward their returning friends. In the midst of this nolsy greeting. Noah could percelve that his friends were greatly exctied and that something more than the mere welcome he and his cousin were receiving was behind the feeling.
"Out with it, Ananfas," Noah exclaimed. "Ian't it
"Isn't it great, Noah?" interrupted Ananias. "Did you ever hear anything like it?"
"I don't know that I ever did," replied Noah demurely; "though I can't say that I know what you are talking about. If you mean Cale and me" in Ananias eagerly. "If hat and Lexlagton,. broke in Ananias eagerly. "If that doesn't beatabruptly and gazing into his friend's face, stopping abruptly and gazing into his friend's face.
lars at Lexington way minutemen drove the regulars at Lexington-"

Tell me about it," sald Noah quietly, though his as instantly manifest
"You don't mean to tell us you haven't heard of "Not a word."
"Well, we heard about it only this morning, so perhaps it's not so strange after all. But they have had a terrible time up near Boston. The Massachusetts men were more stirred up than-
"Just as much stirred up, you mean, Elias; not a bit more than the Jersey men. That's what you mean, Elias," broke In Noah.

Yes, I reckon so. Any way they were like a nowder magazine and were ready to go off-and that's Just what they did. General Gage had about all he could do to hold on to his regulars in Boston, for the people were as mad as hatters at them anyway. The Provincial Congress had given orders for twenty thousand minutemen to be ready at a 'min.
utes' ute's' call and they had been collecting a lot of millitary stores at a ittle place called Concord, about
twenty miles out from Boston. General Gage ordered twenty miles out from Boston. General Gage ordered elght hundred of the regulars to go up there in the
night and blow up or take all the powder and balls, night and blow up or take all the powder and balls,
and he thought the men could march up there in the
night and no one would find out what they were up to till it was too late to stop them; but it didn't work just that way. All through the night the minutemen were riding through the country giving the men were not slow in answering trying to do, and coats matched into Lexington it was just about redrise and they found about sixty was just about sunmen there on the village green. Major Pitcairn ordered the regulars to fire at the minutemen-","
"What!" demanded Caleb aghast.
"Yes, sir, that's just what he did!" responded Ananias eagerly, "and that wasn't all he did, elther. The major marched his men on to Concord and the regulars fired at the minutemen there, too, and scattered them
"Did they kill any?"
"Yes. sir, they did" Eight men fell when the regulars had fired back there at Lexington, and a good many more at Concord, so I hear.
Go on, Ananias!" exclaimed Noah, more excited than his friends ever had seen him before.
"I am going on. And that was just what the redcoats did, too. They went on and set fire to all the here in Greenwich and at way we did to the tea boston; and according to reports it was about tor they did too for by this time the minutemen we they did. too. $\begin{aligned} & \text { or } \\ & \text { ready this time the minutemen were }\end{aligned}$ what was going on in every direction and the church bells had been ringing and ail the people were crazy mad. When the redconts started from Concord they were as fine as they could be and just laughed the 'farmers.' as they called the minutemen. Hut it was a good thing for them that they had their laugh then, for they didn't have any chance, even for a grin, afterwards. The minutemen crent along after the regulars, and from behind the stone walls and trees, yes, from behind anything that would be any protection, they kept fring-
"What: Don you mean to say they fired at the redcoats?" Interrupted Caleb.
'Fire'? I should say they did, and they kept it up, too, so that it wasn't very long before General "Do you mean that?"
"Do you mean that?" demanded Noah, his eyes snapping as he spoke.

That's the way the report has It, and of course sent ahead to Boston so bady of that at last they come to help them and when of the regulars to come to help them and hen coats there to join them. But bless you it didn't seem to do a bit of good, for the minutemen were mad through and through by this time and they were hanging on the way our dogs did to that bear we caught a year ago thls winter. Remember that, Noah?''
"Yes. Never mind the dogs. Go on with this fight!" "The new regulars had brought a cannon, but even that didn't work long, though of course for a little seem to scattered the minutemen, but they gave the redcoats a bit of a chance to rest, though, and the report has it that the soldiers Just dropped on the ground and lay with their tongues hanging out like tired dogs. But when they started on agaln there were the minutemen hanging to their heels! Every barn, every house, the trees along by the road, the stone walls-everything that was a shelter was the place where some minuteman was hiding, and hig gun was busy all the time; and they kept up the chase all day long. At nlght the regulars, absolutely lired out, got to the water and there they were right harbor of courge the minute men couldn't do the harbor. Of course the minute men couldn't do any nore then."
Did they go back ?" Inquired Caleb
"Some did, but a good many stayed right there
to keep watch on the regulars and see that they "I should out again.
"I should not think they would have been afraid they shoot many of the raid Noah, thoughtfully. "Did "Almost three hundred?"
"What!" three hundred!" declared Elias.
"Yes, sir"
Three hundred or thereabout.". what the report says. "How many minutemen were in the fight?" in quired Caleb.
ably over four hundred at any one time. Prol but they say there weren't more than that many al any one time.
"How many of them were shot?"
"I don't know exactly, but it was less than a hundred, I hear." $\dagger$
"Who brought the word here?" asked Noah.
"A courier, a bout four hours ago.' Caleb.
"I'm not thinking about him. I'm wondering what this will mean for the colonies," said Noab, thought"ully.
"Mean only one thing," said Elias, lightly. "They"ll quit trying to make us drink their tea! They'll find "I'm scared, and I don'
Im scared, and I don't believe they'll quit either." declared Noah. "ilill you come on, boys, with us," he inquired; "I must go home.

No, we can t stojl", replied Ananias. "We'll see you again pretty soon. Why didn't you come home ore, Noah?"
onged absence to explain the catse of their pro ed on their way, too excited by what once hastenheard to engage in any conversation and in a just time they had entered the house and received such a welcome as was seldom bestowed in the quiet homes of the colonles.
Before the words of welcome had been all spoken. Noah excitedly said to his father, "Have you hearl the news from Bosion?
"Yes, I have heard It," replied Mr. Dare quietly
"Do you think it's true?"
"Beyond question."
"Iut-but what will be the next thing?"
"No man knows."
"What do yous.
"What do you think?" persisted Noah.
I am as certain as I am that your are in this is never as it is only a beginning. The beginning Is never as large as the ending."

## "This is war."

"The colonies never can stand up agalnst the
"What did they do at Lexington and Concord?"
"Mut they can't keep it up.
"That remains to be seen. Doubtless most would not agree with me, but I am of the opinjon that---
Never mind what I think." Mr. Dare added abruptly: I fancy you know there is an indictment agalnst you for burning the tea this winter?" he inquired.
"Yes, sir."
"There have been times when I feared it would be pressed, but I'm not afraid now.

Why not?" inquired Noah.
"One reason is that this report from Boston will keep men so busy they won't have any time to give to such troubles as yours."

What's the other?" demanded Noah.
"Mr. Thomas Hull left Greenwich day before yes-
"Where has he gone? What has that to do with our Indictment?"
-The British loss was 273 in killed, wounded, and
-The British loss was 273
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tine Amprican loss was 88.
"It has much to do with it. He is the one man, besides the Quaker, who was for pressing it, but he'll not do that now. And 1 have not seen Elnathan either since Tom-since Mr. Thomas Hull left town Listen and I'll explain," sald Mr. Dare with a smille as he perceived how blank was the expression on the faces of the boys

## CHAPTER XXI.

ELNATHAN'S THREE CHEERS
"Mr. Thomas Hull has been the most eager of alt the men in Greenwich to have the charges against the boys that burned the tea brought to trial. Just why he should have been so anxious I do not pre tend to explain," sald Mr. Dare
he's an ungrateful-began Caleb.
"There? That will do! Even in such times as these we do not intend to permit the young people to speak disrespectfully of thelr elders!" interrupted Mr. Dare sternly.

I did not mean to be disrespectful," declared Caleb warmly, "but after all that Noah did for him and for that whining young Quaker, better business than making better bus the yan makrs trouble for the
saved his life
"What did Noah do?" in quired Mr. Dare

Thus vidden, Caleb eagerly related what had befallen Thomas Hull and Elnathan in their pursuit of the Swallow and the tale lost nothing of its vividness in the relating. "You did not write, your
mother of this, Noah," said Mr. Dare.
"No, sir. I hardly thought it worth the telling
"I agree with Caleb, and Mr. Hull's actions are the more dastardly in view of what you have told me. He has given himself no rest in his zeal to bring you all to trial, and El nathan's father has been as busy as he. It has taken a yood deal of patience and time to prevent them from succeeding, too, and I had be gun to fear that in spite of all be compelled to face the tury. be compelled to face the jury Greenwich HIs departure to gether with the coming of this repiort from lioston, has mad me feel that you have nothing more to fear at least for time, and I do not think it will be brought up again." "Won't it, if he comes back?" inquired Caleb. "I do not think so," replled
Mr. Dare with a smile. "There are Dare wh a smle. There if not of interest. to Tom Hull."
"What are they?" asked Caleb
"You will know in due time."
"Do you know where Mr. Thomas Hull is now?" inquired Noah, who up to this time had taken but little part in the conversation.
"I know where he planned to be
"Where was that?"
"He started for New York. From what I have heard I am of the opinion that he will soon be back here."
Noah ing won't he go on making trouble for us then?" Noah inquired.
I For the reasons I have stated-and for others. I don't know that I ought to hesitate to explain to you-and yet think In not do so for the present. athough, boys: Mr. Hull and the two Quakers are themselves betng watched, and I have good reason to belleve that they are not likely to be all together at the same time either in New York or here. There may be, too, some ways in which you can help watch the men; but just now there is nothing more to say." The boys, aware that they had been dismissed from Mr. Dare s presence, were not slow in heeding the hint, and at once left the room. The enthuslasm which their return to Greenwich had aroused was sufficlent of itself to busy them for a time. There were old scenes to be visited and old friends to be seen, and the intense feeling which the news from Boston had aroused was sufficient of itself to provide all the excltement which their youthful hearts demanded.
When the second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia* and the reports of its doings began to be learned, the excitement among the people raplily increased. the hist congress had merely passed resolutions, but this second congress began to make what fighting becan and as yet there were no new govfighments, so that the congress almost by common consent began to make laws, oreat least to be looked upon as the governing body of the colonles. At first the feeling of the colonies had been against the British parliament. though all firmly professed to accept the British king. But when King George sided with the parliament, then the anger of the colonies was turned against the king also, though as yet no declaratlon of independence had been made.
It was known that the little army of the patriots in front of Boston were really besleging that town and its garrison of regulars which, by the arrival of General Howe, General Rurgoyne, and General Clinton with their forces, har been increased to ten thousand men. Men from the farms in many of the -May 10, 1775
colonies had already hastened to the ald of their daring comrades, and the excitenent was hardly less in the the iltte
Noah and his cousin had departed from Mr. Dare house one morning in June, and meeting their friends Ellas and Ananias upon the street, all hour stopped to talk concerning the exciting events of the times and report to one another any news or rumors that had been received or heard.
In the. midst of thelr conversation Caleb suddenly exclaimed, "I say, boys, just see who that is coming up the street."
Caleb's three companions instantly glanced in the direction indicated and Noah gave a low whistle as he said, "That's the long-lost Elnathan, as sure as you are do boys, to show him for an age. What his coming back to Greenwich?'
"He doesn't seem to want us to do anything," laughed Elias. "He's seen us and he acts as if he had suddenly made up his mind that he has importhad abruptly stopped as he had perceived the boys

now gay, hurrat for the boys who burned the tea!
before him, but after a momentary hesitation he crossed the street and apparently ignoring their presence, continued on his way on what evidently was the safer side.
"Go and get him!" suddenly Noah said in a low volce, and instantly Ananias and Elias darted across the street. Once more it seemed as if Elnathan was about to turn and run from the place, but again after a brief hesitation he continued quietly on his way. endeavoring to ignore the approach of the two boys.

How now, Elnathan?" called Elias gleefully, as he and his companion advanced upon the young Quaker, who still appeared to be undecided whether to flee or stand his ground. "Welcome bome! You are a stranger and a pilgrim, too, I take it from what I hear." As he spoke Elias held forth his hand, which Elnathan reluctantly grasped and then found himself firmly held for Elias did not relax his hold, and at the same time Ananlas darted forward and took a position close to Elnathan and directly behind him
"Welcome! Welcome!" shouted Elias in tones that might have been heard a hundred yards away. Welcome! Welcome? he repeated as he thrust his left arm under Flnathan's right and firmly held to his grasp.

Thee let me go! I will tell thy father!" shouted Elnathan angrily.
"Thank you! Please do so," said Ellas, imitating the tones of the angry and alarmed young Quaker. "Do so by all means, Friend Elnathan.. Nay, we will hath fear leat thy wor be able to $t$ all it hath been so in the past and be able to tell all. It hath been so in the past and Quit that!" Flias suddenly added as Elnathan Here: Quit that! "We just can't let you tear yourself away".
"Yea,
Yea, we are an ulchre!" joined in Ananias in his deepest tones. "Do more natural tones as the young Quaker kicked viciously in his attempt to free himself.
"Why, here's Elnathan Todd!" exclaimed Noah iu much surprise as he and Caleb crossed the street and joined their friends. "When did you come home? And how is Tom Hull? And has his negro wench had any returns of her strange malady?
"I am surprised, Elnathan," jolned in Caleb. "Did I hear that you had been to Boston and that General Howe had told .you if you would stay he wouldn't think of coming into Boston if you were there? Is that really so, Elnathan?"

The young Quaker scowled, but made no response
Where did you come from, Elnathan?" demanded

I came from Phlladelphla last night," responded Elnathan sulkily
"What's the news from the congress?" inquired Noah eagerly.
"Bid thy frlends remove their hands and I will tell thee."
"Much to tell?"
"Yea, thou wilt think so when thou hearest."
"Then remove your hands, you boys," said Noah. "You don't have to do it, you understand, for all this peaceful Quaker wanted was for me to 'tell' you to do that. Still if he really has anything to say you'd better do it and then if he doesn't carry out his part of the bargain you can put them on him againhard."

With a laugh Elias and Ananias let go the prisoner and then Elnathan, angrily facing the quartette, sald, "There is news that will doubtless interest such-such
est tones "W that," suggested Noah. in his sweetest tones. "We understand just what you want to say. Go on and tell us what the news is."
hath appointed a man to be in hath appointed a man to be in command of it

Is that true, Elnathan?" de manded Noah excitedly.
"Who is the commander-inchief?"
"George Washington." "Why don't you say 'Friend mockingly.
"He is netther a Friend nor s he a true friend to the colohies, as you will have good cause to learn soon. When King George-
Elnathan, there is something I want you to do," brokc in Noah, abruptly
The young Quaker looked in quiringly at the boy, but did not speak.
"Say 'Hurrah for General George Washington' and say it loud!" demanded Noah.
"I never will!" retorted the young Quaker, closing his mouth firmly.
"Oh, yes, you will; you'll say it and you'll say it right now and three times, too."
"I will not! Tho
can's "Oh, yes, I 'can'st.' I wan than. Watch him, boys, and don't let him bite me" Noah added, as he glanced at his companions quizzically, and then stepping forward to El nathan's side he whispered in the young Quaker's ear and then stepped quickly back.
The change in Elnathan was
as remarkable as it was instantaneous. His face was white and t
his eyes as well.:
"Now, say It!" demanded Noah
"Hurrah for George Washington," said Elnathan. feebly.
"Oh, louder: Louder! And don't forget to put in the 'General,' too," suggested Noah.
"Hurrah for General George Washington!" said Elnathan.
'Louder yet!
"Hurrah for General George Washington!" shouted the Quaker.
"Pretty good! Now, once more! Speak it right out loud this time. There comes Tom Hull up the street and he'll want to hear how nicely you can say . Speak up, my gentle Quaker, and don't forget
"Hurrah for General George Washington!" shouted Elnathan, this time to the complete satisfaction of Noah Dare.

## CHAPTER XXII.

## TAR AND A TORY.

Thomas Hull, who by this time had drawn near the place where the group was standing. stopped and stared at the boys as if the shout which Elnathan " raised was too starthng for him to comprehend Good-day to you, Mr. Thomas Hum! called Noah glibly. "Will you join us in our celebration? We hurrabed for General George washington tour ha and every time he coars washington four time and every time he roars louder and louder. You "Einathan Todd, what does this mean?" demanded he man, ignoring the bantering words of Noah. "Thou knowest I have no love for these rebels!" began Elnathan, his face flushed with anger and his words almost choking him. "They-they have com perled me to-"
"What!" exclaimed Noah, warningly.
"Thou hast done it! Thou knowest thou hast!" repeated Elnathan, now made bolder by the presence of Thomas Hull. "Thou art a-a-'

Yes, I know I am," interrupted Noah meekly t's the way I was born."
His companions shouted with delight, although the expression on Noah's face was unchanged. Thomas Hull was almost beside himself with rage. He glared the boys as if he was tempted to lay hands upon hem, but apparently his anger instead of it
" 'Twould do the heart of the new general good," laughed Elias, "If he could hear even the Quakers (Continued on page 142.)

CHAPTER
HO FOR ARIZONA

SLAS GOODALE and his brother Hiram, two years younger. enlisted in the Union service
in the spring of 1861 and served to the surrender at ing of 1861 and served to the surwon the promotion to a captaincy, took part in the leading battles, and when mustered out, neither had received so much as a scratch
Silas settled in the interior of Pennsylvania and was soon a prosperous farmer; Hiram drifted to the Southwest, engaged in the cattle business and became the but no children were born to Hiram and his wen, The wife of Sllas dit son ater the bith whe. The wife of Sllas died soon after the birth of her "Bob" and Minnie named for her aunt in the SouthBob." and Minnie, named for her aunt in the Southto have considerable to do in the incidents that follow. At the time I introduce them to you, they were between the ages of seventeen and elchteen years. Hiram had often urged his brother to visit him on his ranch, and Silas had promised many times to do so, but the years slipped by without hls leaving the farm. Hiram. however, came East at irregular intervals, and spent a few weeks with his brother. It was only natural that he should form a deep affection for his niece and nephew, while they were as warmly attached to him. Bob was a youngster after the ranchman's own heart. He was athletic, active, manly, personally daring, a fine horseman, and, under the tutelage of the uncle, he became an developed a fondness for the smaller weapon, and superlors in marksmanship. The father was proud of the skill of the two in these respects.
Minnie had finished her schooling at a fashionable young ladies seminary in Phlladelphia, while Bob young ladies seminary in Phladelphia, while Bob
was to enter Princeton the year following the one in which we take the pleasure of bringing him to your notice.
I must mention one incldent that may strike you as of slight importance, and yet it had much to do with the events in which the brother and sister became involved. You know that for a number of years, our government has done a great deal in the way of educating the sons and daughters of the dusky tribes within its domain. This has proved a most beneficent work, and the good that has been accomplished in the government Indian schools, with their thirty thousand students, is so far reaching at it is beyond calculation.
Among the aboriginal students who came eastward Snring band of Apaches. Contrary to the rule, he was trained in a private school in Philadelphia. His nas was cochita. and he was the son of Chiet Dracus, one of the most treacherous and ferocious redskins that ever lived. Like Mangus Colorado, the father of the more famous Geronimo, he was cruel rom the love of it and slew in simple wantonness. Neither had cause for resentment agalnst the whites and both died by violence, long after they should have been blotted from the earth.
Cochita became a sort of fad in Quaker City society. and there are many today that retain pleasant mem ories of the dusky youth, who was unquestionably handsome, bright and. so far as appearances went. a polished young gentleman. It seemed incredible that he was the son of one of the worst miscreants ever known and that belore reaching his teens, he had displayed the same ferocity as his parent, but such was the fact. Among hose who belleved he was certaln to his own people was Hiram Goodale who had fought the father and knew much about the son Cochita had shown a marked partiallty for the pretty Minile in Phlladelphia but, although she accented a photogranh from him and allowed him to retain one of herself, she merely liked the youth and refused to maintain the correspondence for which he begged when bldiling her good by.
One mild moonllght night in early spring, the Goodale brothers sat smoking until late on the porch of the farmer's home. Finally the elder asked:

Shall we ever have peace with the Indians.
It will come sooner or later. We must remember that for all our troubles with the Indians, the white men are responsible. Behind every outbreak and massacre, is the same story of broken treaties swindling agents, and violations of pledges by the natlonal government. Worst of all, the gullty always oo free and the innocent suffer
"The Apaches seem to be the hardest nut to crack." They are; they are the toughest. most treacherous and cruel of all the tribes between Canada and the Gulf. Had I not seen instances myself, I could not believe the stories that hundreds tell. I have watched an Anache lope for half a mile up the steep side of a mountain, with not the slightest increase mouthiul of food and only a swallow or two of water:
when they must eat or die. they live on serpents, or kill their ponies and trot over the blazing plains on foot; they will burrow in the sand where it is hot enough to fry eggs, and ambush a wagon traln that passes unsuspectingly within a hundred yards of where the imps are peering through the dirt and watching their victims approach.
"hy are they not exterminated
"Thus far it has been impossible to deliver the goods. Some of those that have taken up the sword have perished by the sword. but when a party of Apaches find the chase growing too hot. they scatter. so has. make the successhur each must be followed separatels. They who some poin lu hey will come together again and sume their raids." sume I
Apaches until' within the last dozen years." "What brought it about?"
"The Warm Spring Indians were satisfled with their fine lands in Warm Spring Valley, New Mexico, until 1872. A lot of vicious white men coveted the lands and induced the Interior Department to drive out the owners. They were sent to the sterile region around Fort Tularosa. where they could not raise enough from the earth to keep away the pangs of starvation. General Howard was so indignant that he had the Warm Spring Indians sent back to their old homes. Everything would have gone well, but a greater blunder than all was made when they were removed to the San Carlos Reservation. The water is brackish, the soil worthless, and the Chiricahua apaches, the hereding and. Nved here

## What about Geronimo?"

"He is the leader of the Warm Spring Indians. He inherits the flendish nature of his father, Magnus Colorado, but after taking part in a number of raids. he has grown tired, has come voluntarlly back to a good Indlan for the rest of his life."

Will he keep his pledge
The most that I dare say is I hope so. When I left home, everything looked as neaceful as here in Central Pennsylvania. The Apaches, with Geronimo at their head. may rush the Reservation any day. bue they are treated well by the army officers. and if
there should be an nutbreak, I don't belleve it will there should be an outbreak
take place for many months."
"You expressed little faith in Cochita
"Because I have none; he comes from too bad stock. He may belleye he is fully civilized and even Christianized; if he spent the rest of his life in the he gets back home-in fact. he is there now-he is he gets back home-in fact. he is there now-he is footsteps of his father. One of the agents at the reservation told me some months ago that he lookell unon Cochita as more to be feared than Geronimo. He is educated and knows the ways of the white men.
"And yet you wish me to let Bob go with you to that scourged section of the Southwest.
ctive. a first rate horseman. and always

straight with his revolver. You propuse to sead him straight with his revolver. You propuse $\mathbf{~ t o ~ e n d ~ h i n l ~}$
to college next year, and he is young enough to walt even longer, but let it be next year if you wish. He set his heart long ago on spending a few weeks with back in vigorated. grateful, and eager to take up his studies. After he has spent a few weeks will me wins send wife, Minnie to visit you. When she It will do a vast lot of good to Minnie, who is her , njoy a vast lot of goons Minnie. who is sum brother wil remern torether to heir home and thu the exchange of visits will be well rounded ont

I don't see that I am counted in on the deal," marked the smiling brother
"I have been urging you to bunk with me for years past, you are always promising. but it is whav and I'll give you a taste of life that will recall our army days."
After further talk, the parent said:
It would seem selfish to deprive the childrent of that for which they have yearned so long. but. Hiram, it's going to be mighty lonely here with both
"Remember it will be for only a short time; per haps you may be induced to come to arizona yout self. Thus we shall have the whole family with us. o home with you, and. if all remains well, he maly stay a month. Then Minnie is to come Easit to mat us a good, long visit, and she may take my Minni with her to your ranch. I can't say that I feel as as sured as you do that am doing a Whe thing in gi back to Arizona, you will send Bob home at once. "Of course.
And so it was settled between the brothers. Two weeks later, young Bob Goodale arrived at the ranch in southeastern Arizona, accompanied by his uncle

CHAPTER II

## on the road to corlita.

It was on a warm sunshiny day early in May, that Hiram Goodale and his nephew, Bob Goodale, left the rain of the Southern Paclfic at the little station of The afternome miles to the eastward the stave driver, was waiting for such passengers as might wish to journey with him. The stage route led almost due north to the hamlet of Corlta, consisting of a frontier store and two or three squat adobe buildings that had been erected a dozen of years before, when an attempt was made to boom that part of Arizona. The effort failed and the embryo town, which held out high bopes to the projectors, had gone to seed, with only the store and its occupan
From Raymond to Corlita was twenty miles. HalfWay thither the road was cut in two by a small. name of Dead Man's Crossing. Our friends intended o ride in the stage to Corlita where they would find two ponles wating to take them to the Goodale ranch, which lay ten milles to the northwest among the foothills of the Santa Catalina range of mountalns, or rather in a spur of the range, which forked to the right and jushed southward beyond the railway line.
The section which I am describing was an ideal one or cattle ralsing. The level nortions abounded with sagebrush, greasewood. and bunch grass. The last has a drled and withered look, hut contains a gromd deal of nutrition. The mountains are plerced by many cañons and numerous streams, on the banks nore, while in the higher altitudes are fine growths of live oak and pine. In this prodnctive region, thanof live oak and mine. In this modnctie rexion. ho rn market. In the fall of the year many are dinen rn markel. tion in the more rugged but not less favoring climate of Montana.
Jud Staples was a "forty-niner," who had drifted un and down the Pacific coast, without any better ment of his finances. until finally the southwest. by the had brought him to with in gold and silver mining time. Jud had lost get the situation of iriver or the stage connecting the railway with the lone station known as Corlita. This was directly after the completion of the line to Tucson. Provided the stage continued operattons, nothing was more certain than that Jud would drive it, so long as he coult hold the reins over the scraggly ream of ponies. He was now three-score. but lean, why, stronk. and ough as one of swaynk mines whath of cture with tooplne shoulders. grizzled heard bripht gray eyes toon sharsy brows, he was a type of a clase that even then was past passing away
The man and boy were the only passengers for Jud on this sunny afternoon. The stage was a small arfair, drawin only by two animals, which was due at


## BEGUN IN DECEMDER

## CHAPTER VI.

HAD Thambers chapmax been bewitched by the bight cyes that looked into his own as he clunk to the blunging horse that long to
be remembered day? perthals so; but Thad deus would not have admitted as much. Indeed, it may be questioned whether he knew the meaning of the queer tumult the incident han stirred III in his breast. He omly knew this, that every time he closed his ryes he recalled the pretty ace, and a never felt hefore. Thaddens didn't try to analyze or explain the strange feeling nor try to find the or explain the strange feeling nor tot, too precious, secret cause of in
vulgarly to dissect and irgue over. It suited him just to lie there in his hed, close his eyes, try to ecall the sond of the voice and the expression on is she and where did she come from?
Several times Thaddets came near asking his ather what he knew about the two persons who had come into his life so strangely, but he dared not for fear somethlug of his heart secret might go out in the question, and it was all too precious. too much his own to share it with any one, even though that one be his nearest friend. So much like a fairy tale lid it all apmear that he sometimes wondered if he really did see the lovely face and if really anything had hapmened, other than the usnal. Then he would reach his hand down and tourh the bandages and the splinis on his leg and smile in a satisfied sort of way, for here was the proof that he was not dreaming.
During the day following the accident, Thaddeus started and listened at every stir without, as if ex pecting to heill a step or a voice at the door; but no one appeared save then Chapman, who came in out of the gatden at intervals to ask in a rough but kindly way if Tad needed anything. On these visits Eben was as tender and gentle as could be, He al ways renewed the water in the pitcher beside the bed, smoothed ont the roveriet, shook up the pillow. and asked questions; sometimes he sat down by the basile and retall hat he han hean. or nerhaiss mazined he heard the ablage heals whem olswhere for Fben was no
 he reasil that he had no neighurs near enourh to he ch whum thoulus: then too with all his faits, a had one vitue-he attended to his own busines and left others to attend to theirs.
Strangely enough. When had never once asked Tad how the acridrut hapluened. As soon as Tad was able to do so. he beran to talk about it, but on the he knew all whut it topd that stopeught him a roo o take such chauces. The fact was then had Eiol en the story piecemeal from the doctor and the proprietor of the hotel: then, too, the gray-bearded man who. with his daughter, had called the first evening and left the flowers, had spared no pains to mpress Eben with the fact that his son had shown himself a hero.
Eben's one comment was the rather unfeeling one tat it ail came about by letting a youne skit firl ride a hivh-strung horse. "It shows. said he that the girl hat no more sense than the horse. Somehow or otlier, foben had more of a grudge against the girl than against anyone or anything drift of his thought.
With all his ignorance, Eben Chapman was shrewd. He had not failed to note the bright. winsome eyes and the suplitr. girlish figure, and it had not taken him long to docide that Cupid, that young rascal. should not get a chance to shoot arrows Tall's way. He accepted the flowers on the ocrasion of the young woman's visit with ill-concealed reluctance. He dimly heard the pretty expression of grattude that came from the young woman's lips. But none of these things tonched his own heart. There was little sentiment about Eben. The flowers he put in a water pitcher whose snout was broken off. and the
kindly messages of symplathy for Tad he hid deep in kindly messages of symll
Eben Chapman did not expect a second visit from me man and his danghier or he never would have hitched up Prince the following afternonn and. leaving Tad alone, gone to inw. Kor it so hapmened hat on that same afternoon the fater and daughter kiter disposing of bis last hunches of radishes, was turning Prince toward bome

Come in," called a boyish volce, and a momen later the two visitors entered. Tad's eyes opened wide as the tall, white-haired stranger and his daughter filled the doorway, and more so, if possible. when appr and said
"This is Thaddeus Chapman, who risked his Iffe to save my daughter. It was a noble, self-sacrificing act. my boy, and we have not wanted to leave the village without thanklag you in person.
As the father ceased speaking, the daughter began:
"Yes, Mr. Chapman, it was very rood of you, and I do not know how to thank you enough
Something held Tad's tongue. He was never much of a talker, and now he was dumb. His eyes wan dered vaguely from the two figures standing by his and his dirty shirt that lay ong over the footboar and his dirty shirt that lay on a chalr where, the caced his unes aced, his eyes wandered back again to the two fig broken suspenders dangling from them He wished it were darker and that things could not be so plainly teen. Vever before had he realized how careless he was and how meanly he lived. It took hut an instant or him to form a resolve, that when he got well he vould straighten things up and keep them straight Not once did he look in the young woman's face. He ust saw the two as hazy shadows. As the young woman spoke her little gloved hand was held out to him, and he wondered just what to do. He knew his own hand was not clean enough to touch hers. She seemed to understand his predicament.
"I would like to thank you. Won't you take my hand?" she said.
"I didn't do anything much. I would do it any time for you." He had just enough courage to per mit his hand to rest a moment in hers while he said this.
"Or for anyone else," said the father, heartily My boy, you have good stuff in you. Boys of your sort make good men if-" and he seemed to hesitate, "they are brought up right
Tad caught a glimmer of the meaning of the man's words. The unconscious trip in the sentence meant actual slame to the hoy, and in hrst time hins The he was hoally and hed They were it before
The doctor tells us. Thaddeus." continued the white-haired visitor, Yat you will soon be as well constitution, and the bone will soon knit. Then you can go to school arain."
Tad wondered if the man knew, if the girl knew. He wanted to hide his head under the sheet. He could see his shame! nut the nis thoughts. They flood of joy. They were from the girl's lips: "Wouldn't you like to live in the city?
"Yes, yes, I would," he answered, earnestly
"I have been talking with father about giving you a place in hls store. We live in New York, you know.
In New York! Did Tad hear aright?
"And I have promised my danghter," continued the man, "that when you get well, if you feel that you cannot go to school and if your father will permit it. you shall have a place in the store. It will give you a chance to learn something, at any rate, and maybe give you a start in business. I had no better one myself!"
"I'll do it." Tad lifted himself on his elbow as he sioke. "When shall I come? I never dreamed it. Yes. I did, too. I once dreamed I went to New York He shut his Hpss tight and fell back on his pillow and He shut his 1 pos tight and
lay very still and white.
lay hlm now. We should have walted," said the father. regretfuliy.

Oh, I da not mean to. exclaimed the daughter ndeng over the sick boy
Thaddeus! Did he hear his own name? His own
name from those pretty lips.
What is your name? he said, with eager eyes.
"My daughter's name?" asked the man, smiling at he boy's earnestness.

## 'Yes.'

"Alice-Alice Appleton."
"A pretty name. May I say it?"
"Of course you may. Say it twice, Thaddeus, if you like it." Mr. Appleton was amused.
Alice-Alice," the boy repeated under his breath. At this the young woman quietly touched her father's arm and suggested that they ought to go. Yes, daughte, or my cand. lid it. a me bor near Tad's hand "Hocket and is my on he bed near a ars hand
thing all on me. When you are well wer want anything call on me. When your ane well. Will be store proposition yow, good.bye The doctor will take prod care of you, and hy the way tell will father not to worry about the doctor's bill. I will attend to that."
Again Tad's hand went out. this time to rest for a moment in the hand of the man, and then again to touch the little gloved one.
"Good-bye," she said sweetly. "Do not forget what father has said to you. Maybe your dream will come true."

Then the two went out of the door, closing it softly behind them. Tad listened for a long time after their footsteps died away, thinking perhaps he might catch an echo of her volce. Thell he remembered that one of the hinges on the front gate was broken. Tad in a fever, his hand tightly clutching the caril of "Richard Appleton and Company, Wholesalc Hardware, New York City, New York."

## Chapter vil.

As the doctor prophesled would be the case, Thad deus Chapman was not confined long to his bed. It is true always with boys of good habits and goor constitutions that a wound or a break soon heals, and Tad was a good example of a boy with a strong con stitution. He was robust and healthy-too much so some people sald, to give his ife to no higher occu pation than that of driving an old horse about the streets and delivering garien truck. In the mall too, his habits were goo, and as for some not good, his out-of-door life, his regular hour for goint to bed and getting up in the morning, his simple diet counterbalanced these
Somehow, during the hours that Tad lay in bed waiting for his broken bone to mend, and during the hours that followed, when sitting in his fathers rocking-chair waiting for strength to walk, he fell just as some people did, that he was doing work honest, of course, but not sulted to a boy nearly grown to manhood.
What brought this change in Tad's point of view may never be known. It was not wholly because he had time while sick in which to think. for time had never been scarce with him. Indeed, he was accustomed to belng ar the, making of a reat man hat was necessary for the making of a great man The had a beill alce Apuleton had something to ho with it for the fist really serious thought that Tad had iver in mome months to the matter of his future dated from the moment that he awakened to mell the odor of roses about his bed It was the eyes that looked down at him in a frightened. ap pealing way from the rearing horse that gave to his eyes a new angle of vision. It was because that which we contemplate and worship transforms us and makes us like itself that Thaddeus Chapman was undergoing a chance of mind and heart, and

stmple, wholesome beauty of a young girl was opening the eyes of the boy to his own miserable, ugly life. Never before had he noticed the broken pane in one of the windows of his room, nor the chair with its rung broken, nor his mother's picture hung awry, nor the floor unswept for days. Now these things were painfully evident to him, and many were the good resolutions he made as he sat hour after hour making a mental inventory of his faults and failings. One day he hobbled to a corner of the room, opened a drawer and, taking out a broken mirror, looked into it for a long five minutes. Could he ever look like the elegant, white-haired Mr. Appleton? The was paie, the hair now long uncut and unaccustomed o more than a rough attempt at discipline once a day, the unruly cowlick, the sprouting hairs on his chin and cheeks that gave promise of a beard in widely scattered spots-these gave little hope. Then he determined to buy a razor with the first money he could get hold of. His father possessed one-an had long since become a tangle of whiskers. Tad knew where the instrument was. He determined to put it to use, and that at once.
It was a long, tedious operation; the razor was dull; the soap was the commonest of kitchen soap stirred to a suds in a dish pan; and the brush was his fingers. But the boy had plenty of time and ail fingers. But the boy bad plenty of time and all
kinds of patience, and when the work was finished kinds of patience, and when the work was finished straight path through a wilderness of hair, after which the piece of mirror hair, after which the piece of mirror
shone back to the boy, who gazed on himself with a long, critical look, a litthe smile of amusement and then an exclamation of weariness and disappointment. He could never be good enough for her:
When Eben Chapman came into his home an hour later he found Tad asleep in his chair, with the comb, the mirror, the razor, the basin of soapsuds and a wet towel reposing on a chair within arm's length. The sight puzzled Eben, or Tad had, much o his father's satisclothes and personal appearance as to Eben himself. Something must have Eome himself. Something must have gry; he was simply perplexed. The boy wakened as the father wilh heavy tread moved about the room.
"Thought yuh'd shine up a mite, eh?" was the man's comment, and then a while in a tone of apology he answered:
"I had nothing else to do, dad."
'I don't see no use of it, Tad. Nobody's goin' to see yuh. Say, Are yeh thinkin' that silly girl an' her old man is comin' back? If yuh are, yuh might's well quit thinkin', fur they ain't. They're gone fur good. That man had better stick to his hardware business I hope he knows more about that than he does about breakin' colts. They say he's bought a stock farm over near the
live summers."
Tad did not know that this last was for the most bart a wild guess of Eben's, and that it was told with a purpose to entrap Tad. The bas caugh "Yuh needn't feel so sot up about it," went on the ather. "fer yuh've seen the last of 'em. They ain't yer kind, Tad. Of course, they was anxious about yuh fer catchin' that horse, fer if yuh'd been killed I'd have sued 'em. The least they could do was to come an' say 'Thank yuh!' But they've fergot all 'bout it afore this. That girl'll recollect it jest long enough to laugh about it when she gits to the city. They don't care nothin' fer yuh. Tad. They're stuckup like the rest of em. If yuh was well now, they wouldn't speak to yuh. Maybe they'd give yuh a nor, but that 'ud be the end on it.
"I don't belleve, dad, they are that kind of folks," ventured the boy, timdly. He did not care to stand up too hard against his father, as he knew Eben too well to drive him far in an argument.
"Don't believe it, eh? What makes yuh think they're different from th' others? Did any rich man ever say to yuh, 'Tad, do yuh want a job?' 'Tad, do yuh want me to give you a start?' Did any of 'em ever try to help yuh? No, str, an' none of 'em ever "Y

Yes, they did, dad," spoke the boy earnestly.
Who?" The word was spoken deflantly.
"Mr. Appleton."
' 'Tain't so. Yuh was too sick to know what he was savin' to yuh, or yuh was dreamln'. Was it
noney ?
"No. but-_"
"Course not. I knew it. Them millionaires has got everythin' for a poor boy but money. Give yuh advice, I spose? Told yuh to quit me, to quit huck sterin', maybe. to go to college or high school; like don't yuh do that already?"

## "No, dad, he didn't say that."

"Po, dad, he didn't say that." business?"
"Not that-exactly, but he told me if I wanted to come to New York he would give me a job in his store and help me get a start."
The secret was out. The boy, trembling in his who stood before him, on whose face rested a savage frown.
ftood before him. on whose face rested a savage
"He did, did he? He told yut that. the old rap-
acallion? He dared come into my house when 1 wus scallion? He dared come into my house when 1 wus
away an pizen yuh against me? An away an pizen yuh akainst me? An he brought
with him that silly little huzzy to bewitch yuh. too. with him that silly little huzzy to bewitch yuh, too.
I knew it. Yuh can't fool Eben Chapman. It wasn't I knew it. Yuh can't fool Eben Chapman. must steal him from his father, an' sneak him off down to New York. Where's that card?

It was the first inkling Tad had that his father knew of the card.
"Ill git it!" cried Eben, striding to a cupboard. where, taking down one of Tad's oll school vooks, hidden securely away, as the by "Now, where's yer pencll?" he asked.
"Here it is. What are you going to do?" The boy's voice displayed a dread of some unknown calamity about to fall. Eben took the pencil.
l'd make yuh write it yerself, but yuh're too sick, so Ill do it fur yuh." Eben seated himself at a table and clutched the pencil hard.
"Yuh can tell it all on the back of this thing. What do yuh want to tell 'em?"
"What do you mean, dad?"
"What do you mean, dad?" asked the boy, consclous now of the meaning of it all, but helplessly trying to put off the inevitable.

Tell 'em that yuh ain't goin'. That yuh ain't got no use fur folks of their kind. That yuh're goin' to dad's cood enurt me, an "what's good enuff fur ye "I don't want to say.


Uncle Chatter on the Boy Who Goes Slow
Who bides his time, and day by day
Faces defeat full patiently.
And lifts a mirthful roundelay,
However yoor his fortunes be.-
He will not fall in any qualm
Of porerty-the paltry dime
will grow golden in his palm.
Who bides his time.'
I tell you, boys, there's a great, wholesome, helpful truth in those lines, and you impatient and inpetuous youngsters ought to take them to heart even in this age of rush and hot eagerness to push to the front. It is one of the unchangeable laws of success that one shall make haste slowly along nearly alt lines of honest effort. And another splendid thing in which 1 see the hand of Divine Wisdom is the fact that work and lots of it is another condition of success in we. Work and patience. When young people come to me them if as to their future 1 always work combined with enormons value of makes one willing to bide one's time That old fable that usel to be in the school books about the hare and the tortoise was a mighty good one because of the way in which it taught that the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong. The strong somemost successful men I ever knew in my life was from his childhood weak physically, but he left many a great, strong man behind him in the race toward the goal of success. This was simply because of his calmness, his caution and his willingness to wait for results. If ever a man verified in his own experi "The the truth of the old saying that "The patient waiter is no loser" he exemplified it in his experience. Hunthis ancient mare prowns to be words of this ancient maxim to be true just as hundreds of these over-eager and im "haste makes waste." That's what it does, boys. It makes waste of a great deal of effort and time that the wise man economizes by going slowly and biding his own time. Some young fellows are a good deal like the little boy who planted some flower seeds in the ground and then dus all of them up in two or three days in his impatience to know what result was coming from them. That's the tronble
"Then yuh want to go? Yuh want to leave me?" "I don't want to leave you, dad, but--
"Iut yuh want to follow that petticoat. That's it." do something. I am nearly a man, dad, and I don't know how to do anything but drive a horse and sell know how to
"What's the difference 'tween that an' sellin' hardware? Is nails any better'n potaters? Yuh can git along without nails, but yuh can't without potaters. I see it. Yuh're gittin them highty-tighty notions agin in yer head. Wantin' to eft above yer father despisin. him, an' yer home. Well, yuh can't go, an
that's all." Then, seefng a stralned. pitiful look in that's all." Then, seeing a stralned. pitiful look in the boy's eyes, the man softened slightly. ain't doln' this 'cause I don't love yuh. It's cause 1 do
If I didn't love yuh. Tad, I'd say 'Go, leave me here If 1 didn't love yuh. Tad, I'd say 'Go, leave me here
alone. I leave me to do all the work and set 'round in the evenin's alone, an' eat my meals alone, an maybe die alone. An me knowin all the time that the only kin I have is wearin' fine clothes, ridin' in a kerrige, spendin' money on a high-falutin' wife, an furgittin' his father. Yuh're not goin' to do this, are yuh, Tad? Yuh're goin' to say that yuh won't leave yuh're goin' to let me send it to them as wants to steal yuh. Yuh will, won't yuh, Tad? Now, what'll steal yuh."
1 tell em ?"
"Tell Mr. Appleton," spoke the boy, slowly and brokenly, "that-I thank him, but-I can't-ever
There was a long stillness while the man labored to get his rough-hewn' lines on the back of the small card.

Do yuh want to sign yuh're own name. Tad?
The man sign it, came feebly, but resolutely. latter wrote his name. This done. Fben put the card in his pocket, arose,-took his bat without a word and went out. There was no envelope to be had short of the postoffice, so the man trudged the whole way along the dusty road. though at the close of a hard day's work. bought and addressed an envelope. stamped it and
office letter box.
office letter box.
All the while that Eben Chapman was doing this. the mightfest struggle that ever took place in the
breast of a boy began to rage in that of Thaddeus Chapman.

## Needed Help

A ten-year-old street urchin. a product of the tenement. Was recently accused of stealing jam from a
woman living in an adjoining house. When brought to the children's court the child confessed. broke down and wept. The judge looked at him pityingly "My boy," he said kindly, "how many tlmes have you done that?"
"Onct," was the reply
"Yen." he muttered between hls any more "if shem?"
ber pantry door locked all the time
with so many young people. They can't wait tong enough for the seed they have sown to develon in a natural way. They are too eager for immediate re-
sults. They should learn the lesson in the lines sults. They should learn the lesson in the lines 1 have already quoted and also the lesson in the last
"Who bides his time, and fevers not
In the hot race that none achieves,
Shall wear cool-wreathen laurel, wronght
With crimson berries in the lea
and he shall reign a goonly king.
And sway his hand o'er every clime
With peace writ on his signct-riug
With peace writ on hi
Who bides his time.
1 tell you, boys, it pays to possess one's soul in patience, and to

## It's the Hit That Counts

"Boys. it's the hit that counts," said I'residen Roosevelt recently to some middies at target practice Yes, boys; it's the hit that counts everywhere There is such a thing as honorable fallure. but hon orable success is better. And. do you know, my lads, hat sucesult formed it abides. It is true that some bovs who were fallures at school have succeeded fairly well in after life, but they succeeded not because of the fallure but in splte of it; and failure is always hard to over come. On the contrary, you watch the lad who succeeds in all his undertakings at school. in the class room in his examination, in class room contests and in field contests, and if you will follow that lad in his after career you will be apt to find a successful man. t's the habit he has formed of hitting and not miss ing--Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## Plea For The Boy

Don't "flre" the boy! Keep him and make a better boy of him! If you do he will be a better man. Hoys of them rightly handled there is a germ of manhood and possibilities of mighty success in the future Grown up under kindly influences. the excess energy that made them enjoy their boyish escapades will he directed to the accomplishment of great things. So don't "fire" the boy. Talk to him. Get him inter. ested in his work. Tell him of the things before him in life. Teach him thrift and industry. Remember he is just a little raw material. out of which yon can ashion a better man than you are, no matter how good you are

## On the Other Side

I was riding in a street car the other day, said a friend. "A boy began to laugh, and lallghed 80 he spanking. She said she didn't believe in spanking him on a full stomach. I said: 'Nelther do I , turn him over.'

# IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG 

## OR, A BOY IN BLUE AND A BOY IN GRAY

## CHAPTER XXV.

ANDY AND THE UNION PICKETS.

TGO BACK to Andy, at the time he found himself so unexpectedly surrounded by Union skirmishers.
The young Confederate realized without much thought that he was in a ticklish position. Six rifles were pointed at him, and the owner of each weapon seemed both willing and capable of bringing
him to a speedy military death. him to a speedy military death.
"Do you surrender?"

Do you surrender?" demanded one of the men, iter an instant's pause.
tlemen," replied Andy, with a smile, which, gentlemen," replled Andy, with a smile, which, how-
ever, was rather forced.
"You're a sensible boy," put in another. "Say, that's a fine nag he rides. fellows. Let's present it ago."
"All right, Wombolt; you take the horse and the prisoner back. We can't stop here.
"Are you going to rob me of my horse?" demanded Andy, his eyes flashing.
"Oh, you can help ride him back to camp," was the cool reshonse of Wombolt. "I'll sit' with you.
But first hand over that saber and your pistols." But first hand over that saber and your pistols."
There was no help for it and Andy turned over the bright blade and the single weapon in the holster. He had another pistol in the pocket of his cavalry coat, but of this he said nothing.
Having relieved him of the weapons mentioned, the Union soldier leaped up behind him. He held Andy's pistol and cocking the weapon, placed it close to the youth's neck.
said. "Move on straight ahead are a dead reb," he said. "Move on straight ahead until I tell you to
turn to the left." "It's a pretty bad road," remarked Andy, trying
to gain time in which to form some plan of escape. "'lll have it paved for you as soon as the ware is over, reb. Move now, or my finger may get nervous on this trigger.
Firefly, who instantly set off on a trot, Andy spoke to suit the Union soldier and he began to kick Firefly in the sldes with the heels of his boots.
"Git alang there, you lazy beast!" he cried. "Git now, or lill stave in your ribs!
"Look out, my horse won't stand that!" came in a warning from Andy, and at the same time he gave
Firefly a most cruel dig with his spurs. He would never have done this under ordinary circumstances, but a sudden idea had struck him and he acted on it on the impulse of the moment.
Confederate expected. Unused to such the young Confederate expected. Unused to such treatment, Firefly jerked viciously to one side, made a wild leap forward and started off on a run. As he made the leap Andy gave him the reins. held fast to the sad.
dle with one hand and shoved the soldier violently with the other. There was a yell of alarm, a clutch into empty air, as Andy leaned far forward, and into empty air, as Andy leaned far forward, and
away went the Union soldier, tumbling over back. away went the Union soldier. tumbling over back. oharged, but the shot merely whistled through the

Andy did not stop to look back upon the catastrophe. Tightening the reins again, he spoke to Firefly, who understood his young master, and horse and rider turned to the right and entered a thin belt of timber running of in the Uirection of the Chicka-
hominy. At first those left behind tried to pursue hominy. At first those left behind tried to pursue him, but soon their footsteps faded away
tance, and he found himself utteriy alone.
To get back to his own lines was now the noe consideration. He had a fair idea where the Confederate troops could be found, but how many of the enemy lay between, there was no telling. He reand retreat out of sight at the first intimation of and ret

Perbaps it might be best to walt until darkness sets in," he mused, hut continued to go on until the edge of a swamp was reached. Soon Firefly sank up to his shanks in the mud and ooze. Andy tried
"By jinks, here's a go!" he muttered. "Firefly, old boy. we must get out of this somehow. Back,
boy, back!" Firefly backed, and gradually with. boy, back! Firefly backed, and gradually w
drew to a fringe of brush and more soltd ground.
"Well done, boy!" sang out a voice, close by. not much older than himself appeared directly In front of the young Confederate. The tall Unloulst was speedily followed by another, and both soldiers, who were raw recruits just from their New Hamp. shire farms, gaped openly at the enemy.

Gracious, I'm glad to meet somebody," answered Andy. "Say. you are true blue, aren't you?" he went on, in almost a whisper Ain't thet so. Joslah?

Thet's so, Hiram."
"Then "I am sure you will befriend me." went on Andy. "I- a rebel, ain't you?" asked Hiram, cutting
"You're a Andy short.
"A rebel? Goodness gracious, no! I am a-don't tell anybody"一he leaned forward with a show of
great secrecy-"I am Paul Hammer, General McClel. lan's secret service spy. The general wants me to get some information for him from Richmond at once. I thought I could get through the lines here.
without trouble. Have you seen any rebs about?"

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Andy added suddenly, before the others had time to think twice
"Ain't no rebels nigh here. Mister Hammer," and Josiah touched his cap, thinking it a great honor to be taken into the confidence of the commanderin. chief's private sjly.

Youre on the picket line, aren't you?
We be," came promptly from both recruits.
Then show me the nearest way to the rebel line. Of course, 1 don't want them to see me go over on their side, for that would give me away. And I don't want any of our men to see me and mistake me for a reb, for that would mean a shot sure.

We'll take care $o^{\prime}$ yeou, Mister Hammer," answered Hiram, and led the way along the edge of the swamp, with Josiah beside him and Andy bringing up closely in the rear. The young Confederate fe he had fooled the pickets nicely, but he was not yet "Whar did yeou git thet uniform?" asked Josiah. as they progressed, rather slowly, to Andy's notion, "Oh, the authorities furnished that", answered the young Confederate, with assumed carelessness. "You see, there is a cavalry troop wearing this uniform in the rebel army, so if I once get past their picket line I can go where I please. Great scheme, eh?"
"Fine," answered Josiah.
"Id like tew do spy work," commented Hiram.
"Would you?" answered Andy. "All right, ,'il remember that, and if 1 get the chance I'll speak General Mcclellan about
"Will yeou? Much erbliged, I'm sure."
"Speak fer me, tew," put in Josiah. "I'm sick o' regular fightin', 1 am.
" 1 'll remember you both." answered Andy, and he kept his word. Indeed, it would have been impossible to forget these two rustics, who were simple-
hearted to the core and had still to hearted to the core and had still to get their war
as well as their eye teeth cut as well as their eye teeth cut.
had strayed from the left behind and the men, who had strayed from their posts during a liftle excitethe woods divided, with an open space between, of grass and low brush.
"Thare yeou alr, Mister Hammer," sald Joslah "This is our line, an' the rebels hed a line over yonder, but I guess it's gone neow.
"Good." replled Andy. "Good-bye to both of you, and I wish you luck.
"Don't forget tew mention us tew General McClellan when yeou git back!" called out Josiah.
"Alf right," came back, and away Andy trotted at a brisk pace, while the two rustics watched him out of sight with keen interest.
"Of all the pumpkin heads!" was what Andy muttered to himself and so tickled was he that he was compelled to laugh outright. He had passed a distance of several hundred feet into the woods when
he heard the command to halt, and a South Carolina he heard the command to
solder blocked his way.
"It's all right,' answered Andy. 'it have just escaped from the Yankees," and he gave the countersign. A minute later he was asked a few questions by an offlcer in command, and then allowed to go. He inquired for the Montgomery Grays, and was to "That's twice they ${ }^{\circ}$ another part of the field
himself, as he galloned down the main road towards Richmond. "I hope they don't catch me again. Helghho! 1 wonder how douls is getting along?: He never dreamed that Louls was now a prisoner in a fortification but a mile away.
It was nightfall before Andy found the Grays, encamped on the edge of a patch of woods near thn Nine Mile Road. Captain Montgomery had gone to the hospital tent to have his wound taken care of,
and the first lieutenant was in charge. To this offf. and the first lieutenant was in charge. To this off.-
cer and several others Andy told his story. to which cer and several others Andy told
all llstened with keen interest.

Gosh! what a couple of hayseeds." said Leroy Wellington. "Won't they feel cheap when they learn how they have been sold?
"Most likely they never will find out," answeren Andy.
Fortunately, Andy had no picket duty to do that night, and. huddled up close to Leroy, he slept "like a distance and the battle was to be renewed early in the morning.
"To horse! To horse!" Thls was the cry which awoke the young Confederate cavalryman at daybreak. Leroy had already crawled from the shelter mounted and eating their breakfast in the saddle.
To relate all of Andy's varied experiences that day would fill a volume in itself. Between elght o'clock and noon the Grays made three terrific charges, capturing one Unlon battery and holding it for over an hour. But the Unlon forces now attacked along the whole line, as previously descrlbed, and slowly but towards Richmond. By two o'clock the firing ceased, and the battle of Fair Oaks, or Seven Pines, was at an end, and then began the har
ing for the dead and the dying.
Andy took part in this work and never were the true horrors of war brought closer to his young heart. The scenes were pittable beyond description and his
eyes refused to keep dry, as he moved here and there, looking for comrades and glving aid and comfort to the unknown sufferers. He had just found
one of the Grays' men, down with a bullet througl one of the Grays' men, down with a bullet through his thigh, and was looking around for a stretcher, When a groan almost at his feet made him turn. There, in the brush and mud, rested a Unlon soldier. shot through the shoulder.
"Give me a drink, for the love of heaven!" came the murmur, and having his canteen handy, Andy poured forth the desired water and held the cup to "Thank you, ger
Thank you, grayback," came in a short gasp. "Now, you've been so kind, won't you prop me up cold mud."
"Certalnly I'll prop you un," answered Andy, and IIfted the wounded soldier as carefully as he could. As he worked he caught sight of the man's uniform and markings.
"You're a Pennsylvania man," he sald. "Know anything about the Goreville Volunteers?"'
"I'm a Goreville Volunteer," came the surprising reply.
"Indeed? Do you know Louis Rockford? He used to be a friend of mine-in fact, he's a friend still. personally-a close friend.
'O' course I know Louis-everybody does. I And how is Louls?
He's missing-somebody said he was shot," anAndy told him.

Andy told him.
ford speak about mention you-and heard Mr. Rock ford speak about your father's dairy. Strange we should meet here. Ah, here come some fellows with a stretcher, to take me to the hospital tent, I expect," concluded Coomber. No more could be said, and utes later Andy's comrade followed. The wounded men had laid between the picket lines of both armies and a truce had been established while the dead and wounded belonging to each side were removed.
What he had heard concerning Loufs made Andy feel much downcast. To fight the enemy was one thing; to have his chum killed or wounded was quite another.
"I trust the report is false and he is safe," he thought. "War isn't such a glorious thing after al!. when a fellow comes to look at it."

## CHAPTER XXVI.

AN ADVENTURE IN THE CONFEDERATE CAPITAL.
After the battle of Fair Oaks, the Union army moved forward from a quarter to three-quarters of a mile and there entrenched itself in the position it of Richmond. The army was divided into five corps three upon the Richmond side of the Chickahominy River and two upon the other-one of the latter afterwards crossing to join the first trio. The entrenchments were very strong, the nearest being within five miles of the heart of the Confederate capital, and the line of the besiegers was about four milles long, with guards at elther end reaching out still farther. But if the entrenchments of the Union army were strong, so were those of the Southerners, who had gathered nearly a hundred and fifty thousand strong to prevent their princlpal city from being taken. For many months the Confederates had been afraid of an attack upon Richmond, and they had spent all the time to be spared in building fortification after fortito six, mes os paper of that ime anmerates. A Richmond newsstrongholds lach well guns placed in the most commanding with its Small wonder was it therefore that General Mcclel lan sent out his calls for extra troops troops which he never recelved, for reasons which have never to this day been satisfactorily explained. The ground which the Union army now occupied was in a fearful condition. Mud and swamps were thousands of trees, half cut through about five feet from the ground, so that the trunk falling over might block the passage of artillery and wagons, made even the regular roads all but impassable. As many as could be got at of the dead had been buried, but the swamps were still full of bodles, awful to contemplate. Added to all, the soldiers were exposed to swamp levers, and soon out of less than a hundred thousand men nearly twenty thousand were on the wounded or sick list.

The scene in Richmond was scarcely a more happy one. Emergency hospitals were opened by the score, and all day long on Sunday and Monthe streets. Business of all kinds was practically at a standstill, and the citizens gathered in groups to discuss the situation. The wounding of Johnson was looked upon as a great calamity and equal to the emergency into which he had been thrown. On Monday a rumor started that McClellan's army had been vastly re-enforced and this nearly caused a panic. Soon many were packing up their housebold goods and valuables, ready to flee forward.

But no immediate movement upon either side took place. Worn out by the fierce flghting at Fair Oaks, each army was now trying to reconstruct it-
self, while the great generals were looking over the
ground and making their plans for the future. Thus about three weeks sllpped by with only a few en counters of no great importance. But those three weeks were full of interest to both Louls and Andy To return to Louis
To return to Louis at the time he allowed himself to drop from the second-story window of the temporary Confederate prison in Richmond. It must be as in his dhroat the youg calon soldier's heart There was no telling where go of the window sill and what surt of a rucpution be would no land was dark only a rew dim street lights mere, And there brightening tu the blackness of the here

Crash! He had landed upon a number of packin cases, thrown together in a rough-and-tumble way Down he went through several thin tumble way rolled over on his back. He had just leaped to his feet when Hornsby came after him making a greate racket than before.

Louls, are you safe
Yes. Come on!" And the young soldier extended his hand. Hornsby took it. and side by side they yard from the street. As they reached the fence they heard a commotion inside of the pork-packing estab lishment. Their escape had been discovered! louis a boost. The youth fence one glance over the fence and dropped back into the yard in a hurr: Clapping his hand over his companion back.
"Two guards out there, he whispered into the old soldier's ear. "We must find some other
"But there are nothin but buildings there," cried Hornsby. "I'm going to try the street and trust to
my y legs." and ere my legs," and ere louls soldier had dicappearod it soldier had disappeared shadows of cluttered-up yard
louis stood motionles: his heart almost at a standstill. He was lef alone. The alarm wa "Two prisoners have es caped:." he heard some body call out. Which way should he turn?

There were many boxe and be might in the yard secreted himself in one o them. But such a course he reflected, would be fool hardy. Sooner or later every box and barrel was sure to be examined. Be sides. to remain in the yard. a prisoner withou food, was out of the ques tion.
Noiselessly but swiftly he moved to the extrem rear of the yard. Here was located a two-stor. bullding. probably facing
windows of this building
windows of this building were shuttered and barred but an unper window was partly raised and the his late prison Louis had seen from the window of his a dwelling but a store or warehouse of sone kind, probably clothing
Close to the open rindow ran an iron pipe, connecting with the roof to let off the water when it rained. The plipe was held to the building by metal self up until he was on a level with the opening Without hesitation he entered the window. just as several Confederate guards, with lanterns, entered the yard below.

Sure both of 'em didn't jump the fence?" Louis heard one of the Confederates ask.
"Yes. Griffith saw him. The other must be around here.
ouis waited to hear no more, satisfied that before the search was over the open window would be noted and an examination in that direction would ensue. Leading from the a great number of boxes and loose piles of clothing, and down thls he moved cautiously, for it was so dark he could not see a foot in front of him. Presently his hand struck a railing leading to a pair of stairs. At the bottom of the stalrs was a door and from the crack above this streamed a dim light, showing that the store below was partly lit up, even at that unseasonable hour of the night.
Wondering if he could escape to the next street before the alarm was given in that nelghborhood the young Unton soldier slipped down the stairs and entered the store, which he found filled with a miscellaneous collection of articles, including cloth ing. frearms, Jewelry, crockery, and woodenware and farming implements. There was a counter nearby and on this lay some business cards showing the place belonged to one Simon Davidstein As Louls was advancing towards the front door he heard several men come up to it from the other side, and then a key was inserted in the lock and the door was thrown back. Iouls had barely time to secret himself behind a nearby counter when three men entered
"It vos lucky you vos found me at der hotel," sald
one of the newcomers, in a high-pltched German

"Well, you bandle the stulf an' make an offer," concluded Caleb Fox. "Remember, we have got to divide with the rest $\mathrm{o}^{+}$the boys."
The trio moved to the center of the store, and here the single light that was burning was turned up. At the same time there was a clatter from the rear and a sleepy but somewhat excited young Jew appeared, pistol in hand.

I dink it dime you voke up, Jacob," cried David. stein. sarcastically. "Der mop could rob der blace und you schleep on like von rock, hey? "*
heard you come in," was the abashed answer dow. Dere vos droubles phy der brison. 1 dink
"Dot ain't our bees'ness, so long dey ton't come here," concluded Davidstein. "You can lay down again," and Jacob retreated to his cot behind a pile packing boxes.
By this time Fox and Jacks had the flour bag open and a miscellaneous collection of articles stolen upon the battlefield were spread out on the counter With a well-trained eye Davidstein ran over the lot alk careful but apparently careless manner. Som ars in gold and he finally offered a hundred dol Jacks demurred. They would take three hundred and not a cent less. Davidstein told them to pack the articles up again. This brought on another talk and finally a purchasing price of two handred dol ars in goid was settled upon, and Davidstein proceeded to get the cash out of a secret hiding place in the cellar.
Louis listened to the talk with keen interest. He understood that Davidsteln was a recelver of stole goods, and he felt sure that his goods must be mong those Jacks and Fox had come to sell. "If get the chance III have them back again, see if don't." he thought, and continued to keep as quiet

## as mouse.

Davidstein had hardly disappeared into the cellar when there came a sharp rapping on the front doo At once the Jew came running up again
Who is dot? he questioned, and went forward An officer and two guards from the prison presented hemselves
haven't seen or heard noddings about any es answered Davidstein, in reply
mat the coast in the in. That questear. But how would it be farther on? That question colld not be answered. Those unthe door noiselessly behind him, and made, a dash across the street to an alley between a store and private dwelling.

Hi, there: It was the call of a private citizen who had seen him running. Lonis did not renly. but kept on his course, and reaching the end of the alley leaped over a fence, crossed another street and round found himself in the rear of a mansion sur at hed by a well-kept garden. A marn was clos would surely be entered this. thinking
An hour was spent in the barn wilhout disturb ance, and the young Union soldier was wonderin what he bad best do next, when he heard the clatter of hools, and a den and rode stralght for the barn. From the has loft Louis saw him dismonmi and lake some papers from a secret pocket in his saddle. Then came the banging of a honse door, the rush of feet, and a middle-aged woman rushed u!
Oh, Robert. are you safe?'. Louis heard the lady exclaim, In anxious tones.
Perfectly safe, Lucy; although I've had a tight squeeze of it.

And did you get to General McClel_-"
Hush, my dear The man pul ul his hand warningly. "No, I didn't see the general, but I saw General keyes and that was just as well. The plans of the fortifications will help along the cause a good deal. Has anybody been here since I was away?"' were. I told him somewhere about town. Robert 1 am afraid they are beginning to suspect everything is not right
"Perhans. But as long as they can't prove any thing. Lucy. we are safe. I hope you have some thing ready for me to eat, I'm as hungry as a bear Whoa, Clipper, there you are, old boy. Lucy, Cliplier Is a marvel
So the talk ran on. while the man lit a lantern and cared for his horse. That he was a Union sympa thizer there was no doubt. He had Jusi made a visi to General Keyes's hcarquarters with the plans of the Confederate fortifications in and about Richmond

Louls felt his heart bound within him. Here were friends who would surely assist him. He came to the cuge of the loft.

Below there," he whispered.
"Ha! who is there!" ejaculated the man, leaping back and
feed box.
"Don't fire, sir. I heard you talk and I throw my: self upon your sympathy. I am a Union soldier, just escaped from the prison two blocks over from here -a pace that used to be a pork-packing establish. ne. So far they have no clew to my whereabouts and-
"Come down here and let me look at you." was The man held un, his lantern.
"Ponnsylvania Volunteers, eh?" he said, briefly llumph! How long were you up in the loft?
"An hour. You will assist me, won't you? I don't
ant to go hack to that awful hole." Lonis looked want to go back to that awful hole." Louts looked at the woman.
"Iring him into the house, Robert." she said. turn ing to her husbind. " 1 am sure he sheaks the truth, for when I was at the window waiting for you I heard some men go by who we
prisoners having just escaped.
irisoners having just escaped. They were myself and a friend. madam. I don't "They were myself and a frifend, madam. I don't
know what has become of my friend, but i trust he is safe.
"Come along, young man," said the man. "And if ou heard anything of importance the quicker you orget it the better it will be for you," and taking Louls by the arm he led the way through the garden Once inside.
Once inside of the house Louis was conducted to a large sitting-room, well furnished. Ifere he was in every curtain was carefully drawn down and the outer doors locked. "Now I will listen to you
"Won't jou have your supper first, Robert?" inter osed his wife. "Perhaps you are hungry, too?" she added, turning to the young soldier
"I am-bit I want to know that I'm safe from the rebels before 1 begin to eat, was the quick reply.
"You are safe here, my lad-only don't speak of rebels so loudly, for even walls have ears, you know." The man drew two chairs ill to the center table. "We'll eat here, Lucy; it will be safer, in case there is an interruption from the outside.
In a few minutes a smoking hot supper was
bronght in from the kitchen. The lady had cooked herself, all the hady had cooked It herself, all of her servants having been discharged, hat they might not pry into the affairs of the house hold. Never had a meal tasted better to louis, and he said so, after he had eaten and related his tale the same time
"You were lucky to get away, Rockrord." said Roliert Dowlink, for such was the mans name. "And you were lucky to strike this place, don't you think
so?",
"I do, Str. Dowling-esnecially after such a smiled back. "This beats rations on the peninsula all to flinders."
"I dare say it does. But now the question is, Having escaped from prison. what ale you going to do?"

Get back to camp-if I can.
"Precisely-if yon rin. It is going to be difficult. Rockford, tremendously difficult. Getting through the lines is no light work.
"I belleve you, sir. lint I don't want to remain here, so I'll make the attempt. if you'll give me a
"I'll give you all the aid I can. You had better not ry to start now. It will be daylight soon. Wait until our o'clock this afternoon. Then yon can go down hear the picket lines and break througl-if you can when it grows dark.
"The trouble is, this uniform is against me."
"Not so much as you may think. Srme of the hoys down here are wearing cast-off Unlon sults of ciothing. All you must do is to rip off your numbers and letters and dirty the suit a little more and it will pass, combined with a Confederate cap of gra which I will furnish to yon.

And what will be my best route out of Richmond? That must lie with yourself, since what is bes s difficult to state. During the day I will take yo o the top of the house and you can get somt ide of how the land lies through my glass."
After this the talk became general. But Rc'eert Dowling was sleepy and soon he excused himself and retired, leaving lomis to be entertained hy his wife The young soldier learned that the family had moved to Richmond from luston ten years before, the head of the house being in business in both places. The war had ruined Mr. Dowling's trade, and belng a Northe the federalists all the aid within bis iving the federalists all the aid within his power. Having taken a wash after eating, Louis was con ducted to an uluer chamber, where he lay down but not to sleell. for his mind was in too much of tumult for that. He was ahout to start on a danger ous misaion. Womld he succeed or fallith Hornsh mind traveled hack to the parthe with Hornsh. Was the old thoucht of andy where was the daring young cavalryman now?
aring young cavalryman now?
From the window of the bed-chamber he could look down two of the streets of Richmond. Occa sildale of the afternoon a regiment of Confederate infantry passed with colors flying and drums heat Ing gally, on their way to the front. "Maybe I'll have to fight my way through those fellows tonlght he thought, as he turned away to avold even the possibllity of being seen.
it was three o'clock when Robert Dowling called him, and both went up to the roof of the house, but did not step outside. The man had brought a pair of powerful field glasses with him, and through these
he pointed out to Louls the various roads leading to he north and east.
It was a grand sight to Louis. On all sides of him lay the Confederate capital, hemmed in with fortif cations and swarming with soldiers like ants around some gigantic ant-hill. Here was a single company there a regiment, and over yonder an entire division with tents and wagons innumerable. From the fort fications frowned the batteries, and Louis could dis tinctly see the gunners standing ready for immediate service and the officers moving around, giving orders and inspecting the various Headquarters. In drill, its men marching and counter-marching in splendid order, with bayonets sparkling in the light of the fading sun.
"Tough job to get in here, eh?" said Robert Dowling, briefly.
Louis drew a long breath. "Indeed it will be. Do you really think General McClellan can do it?'
"If General McDowell's troops come down, yes If they don't- and the man did not finish. "Com down, if you have seen enough.
"In a minute." Lonis turned the field glass to the northeast. "Our troops have their balloon up," he cried. "They are taking observations.
"That balloon makes the Southerners awfully mad." laughed Robert Dowling. "Time and again they have tried to shoot it full of holes. But come or somedody They we
They went below again, and now the man brought forth the faded Confederate cap he had promised "Seems like I was insulting myself" he explained, which his host laughed
'You'll get used to it. Now, remember, if you are asked any questions, that you belong to Company A, Second North Carolina Troops, Brigadier Genera Anderson commanding, under General Hill, and that ou are looking for your company somewhere dow ular army clothing during a skirmish in the swamps That will carry you outside of Richmond and whe you get near the picket lines you must take care o yourself as seems best. My advice is, don't move until it's dark.
"Just what I was thinking," answered Louis, and repeated the name of the organization to which he was supposed to belong, that he might get it right Soon after this he was bidding his kind host an hostess good-bye, having previously given his word that come what might, he would not reveal what he had heard in the barn during the night previous.
He left the garden by a back gate, and with a heart that beat rapidly hurried along the street to wher one of the main thoroughfares led out of Richmond to the Whiamsburg turnplke. At first he maglsed everybody was looking at him and suspecting him breater confidence He had no pun but in his pocke was the contonce. he had mo gu, but in his pocke was the pistol whic
Coming to a corner of the thoroughfare, he paused for a minute, to avoid some soldlers who wer a door upon which was ared, he chanced to glance at a door ujon which was a brass plate bearing the

## THEODORE FAILY.

The very man father wants to hear from!" Louis murmured to himself. "Shall I venture to call on him, or had I better move on?
His first inclination was to go on, but then he remembered the letters from home, and how airaid his folks were that they might lose the farm. He adin answer to toor and knocked sharply.
In answer to his summons an aged negro ap peared, and when the youth asked for Mr. Fally, Theodore Faily appeared He did parlor. A minute late Theodore Fally appeared. $H e$ aid not know Louls and gazed inq
"Excuse me, sir. but I am in great haste," said Louls, speaking rajidly. "Will you tell mo if you are the Theodore Faily who used to live in Pennsyl vania and sold a farm to Mr. Rockford?"
"I am the man, yes."
, Mor Morkford, Mr. Faily. have reached you under difficulties. Let me ask, do you know a man named Samuel Hammer?
do-to my sorrow."
"Not in the least. He once claimed to have, but his clatm was worthless."

He has been bothering Mr. Rockford a great deal lately," continued the young soldier. "He wants three thousand dollars, or he is going to law- "The rascal! liut it is just like Sam Hamme Mr. Rockford had better pay no attention to him. "Can youl give me some paper, showing the truth of this matter. I will manage to get it to Mr. Rockford by some means. I have risked a great deal to reach you."

Theodore Faily mused for a moment and gazed keenly at Louis.
"This is-er-a rather unusual proceeding," he observed. "But in these times many things are unusual. I think I understand you-since you must come from the North. He closed one eye suggestively. "Yes, I will give you a paper, duly sligned and witnessed. I hate Sam Hammer and would like nothing better than to put a spoke in his wheel. of an hour. When he came back he handed Louls an envelope. "There, take that. You will find it will stop Hammer, I reckon. And when you see Mr. Rockford, glve him my best respects. He leaned forward.
"Thank you a thousand times, sir," sald Louls, as he slipper the document into an inner pocket. Then, after a few words more, he left the house. The sun was heginning to set when Louls found himself out of the city. He had been stopped twice,
but his answers in each instance had enabled hims to proceed without molestation. One man gave him mompany" and for th whis inwardly shlvering for foar the fellow might to know some of the North Carolinians and ask after them.

The young Unionist reckoned that he was about a mile from the picket line when he came to a turn in the road he was pursuing. He had just passed a small encampment of Confederate troops who were breaking up to march to the rear. He now heard the thunder of cavalry on the road and stepped into the brush at hand to let them pass by. They soon came into view and he recugnized the Montgomery Grays.
"Andy's troop," he muttered, and strained his eyes to catch sight of his friend, but failed to do so, at which he was much disappointed.
The cavalry having passed, he resumed bis journey, but with greater caution, feeling he must ere long go into hiding until nightfall. A short tramp brought him to the top of a rise. From this he made out Confederate troops to his right and his left, while the road ahead was alive with them.

That settles it. I can't go much farther in this direction. I'll strike out through the woods.'
Leaving the road, he pursued a course in the center of the rising ground, thus avoiding the swamps upon elther side. There was a beaten trall here, showing that others had taken the same course
few minutes of walking and Louis suddenly stood still. A horse was coming towards him, walking from a bullet wound in the foreleg. As the beast ing from a bullet womnd in the roreleg. As the beast Firefly.
(To be continucu.)

## Author Abbott's Home to be Saved

The little old rambling set of weather-stained white buildings, so widely known as "Few Acres," the home of Jacob Abbott, author of the Rollo Books and other works, is being repaired and remodeled for use as the dormitory of the Abbott School, which is situated just acro
ton, Me.
The room in the little structure that is the end building in the row was the favorite room of 3r Abbott, and the one in which he used to write It has been reserved by the students of the old Farm. ington Academy, and the Committee on Historic Tablets, elected at the reunion of the students in 1901 , has sent requests to all surviving teachers and pupils to give something toward the purchasing and preservation of all articles of furniture or anything that had in any way been connected with the hife of Jacob Abbott in his home here at Few Acres.
It is the intention also of this committee to erect a suitably inscribed tablet to the writer's memory. The inscription will read as follows:

## The later home of Jacob Abbott 1803-1879.

Preacher of the Gospel of Christ.
Peacher of the laws of nature and
Friend and guide of children.
Master in the art of gentle measure

This tablet is erected by
Students of Farmington Academy.
A. D. 1906.
Behind the house, on the banks of the picturesque Sandy River, is a little arbor built by Mr. Abbott, with steps made of rocks, were, will by it a planned and written cout.


THE AMERICAN BOY
OFF THE RESERVATION Corlita late in the afternoon, turned each morning to Raymond. The journey was made without change of teams, the only halt being at Dead Man's Crossing, where the animals were watered and allowed to rest for half an hour.
Everybody knew Jud and there were few persons within a large radius who were not known to him. He recognized Goodale the moment he stepped off the
cars. Somehow or other, Jud had cars. Somehow or other, Jud had officer during the Civil War been an offcer during the Civil llar, and he sisted in promoting the ex-captain "I'm promotia the ex-captain. colonel," he said in his hearty wack, he came down the platform, with his whip dangling from his left hand, and extended his right in greeting to his old acquaintance.
"And I'm mighty glad to see you again, Jud, and to get home. Have you any news for me
' the tellin'; who is this you have brought "My nephew; Bob Goodale; you have heard me speak of my brother in the
East; this is his boy, who is going to East; this is his boy, who is going to "Right glad to see you, my son," said the grinning Jud, extending his hand to Bob, who shook it warmly colonel, he's a likely looking younker, and instead of his uncle
And the old man
And the old man chuckled over his against the side of the rancher. Bob against the side of the rancher. Bob blushed and felt drawn toward the
honest fellow, who was so outspoken in his sentiments
"Hy father and uncle look enough alike to pass for twins, and I shall never be as rood looking as either: youl lirow 'm only a tenderfoot and am makins my first trip to this side of the mountalns."
I may say at this point that Bob Goodale was a youth who would have drawn admiring muscular, graceful, with sirong rather tall, sinewy. right face. He was athletic and powerful for one of his years and had a sunny goodnature that made him riends wherever he went.
On their way westrard, he and his uncle had stopped at Albuquerque, where, at the suggestion of the elder, Bob was rigged out in a costume more surable the secticn alled the expected to spend harness. Even Bob laughed at gis own appearance in his . End hobmed hat an orel wirt appearance collar gaudy flowing neckite cartride belt and holsters, boots and narrow heels. Veithe belt and lincbesters. The guns were at the ranch and there were one or two extra ones so that Bob was sure to be provided in that respect.
After chatting a few minutes more. Jud, with the help of the two, strapped the trunks on the rear of he stage, took his seat in front, while his passengers each had one to himself, and the vehicle rattled from the station, whose only occupiant, a young man who ived in a shack, was as alone mos
afloat in the middle of the Attantic.
Bob had provided himself with a fine field glass, slung by a strap around his neck. Everything was so new and strange that he wished to make the best
use nossible of his eyes. The road was level most use possible of his eyes. The road was level most of the way, and had been made wholly so by the pass ing of the stage to and fro for years past. Clumps of sagebrush appeared on every hand, and the bunch The country to Corlita and miles beyond may be described as a level piain with slight rises and sink described as a level plain, with slight rises and sinkmore than elsewhere the sand showed. This during the summer season which was at hand becomes hot enough to blister the naked foot. In other sections are stretches where only the prickly cactus finds oot, and to the unacclimated person the fervent heat becomes intolerable.
It was about the middle of the afternoon, when the horses. Who struck a jogging trot only at brief inter way beyond. Between these Inclines wound a stream less than twenty feet wide and no more than two eet deep in the middle. The twisting current was so roiled that the bottom could be seen for only a few inches from shore. It followed in the circum stances that $t t$ was tepld and anything but pleasan to drink except to one suffering from thirst.
Jud loosened the bridle reins of his team and drove Into the middle of the stream, where the horses were allowed to drink their fill. Then they drew the stage out and paused on the dry land on the other side. llowed to hap the bunch grass wich grew plent fully around them.
All three left the stage and walked about to atretch their Ilmbs The long rallwey ride followed by th half dozen miles in the stage had been trying to Hiram Goodale and his nephew. They were accus tomed to an active life. and longed to mount their ponies waiting at Corlita and bound away for the home ranch
"Why is this called Dead Man's Crossing?" asked Bob, facing the two men.
"Jud can answer that better than $I$," replled the rancher, turning the question over to the grtzzled

is everytiling well at the reservation?" asked the banchen
stage driver, who had twitched off a blade of bunch grass and was chewing it.
spose one reason is that so many white men this place.
"What first gave it the name?" asked Goodale, for the benefit of his nephew.

Four years ago this comin' summer. six con punchers, three of 'em the Dalrymple brothers, heard ation and and Dracus had broke from the Reser to meet 'em spot Old Geronimo had twenty bucks, besides his squaw and children, and when they seed the boys galloping toward em, they laid down behind the top of the slope there to ambush em: but the cowboys knowed their bus'ness too well to be fooled. They left their ponies at a safe distance, and crept forward in the sand. so the chances was the same for both sides lial, sonny when the thing was the best shootin what was ioft he thing was over. Geronimo and as fast as they could vieh onto onehalf of t a been wilped out and three of the cowboys em had their checks. The queerest thing about that, tow sumever was that not one of the Dalrymple brother got so much as a scratch, thourh all of 'em had pow erful close calls. Somebody give the place the name of Dead Man's Crossing when the news got out of that scrimmage, and it has stuck ever since
"And what of Geronimo and Dracus?" Inquired Bob.
"I rection he can tell you that beoter than me."
I reckon he can tell you that better than me. three or four of us heard the firlng when we were out looking after the cattle, and rode forward to ge into the game. One of our men was shot, but the Apaches were on the fly and we kept them going. Did you get any of them, uncle? And what of Dracus?" said Jud. the boys agreed that it was, and I always felt prou of the exploit, for I told you he was one of the wors imps that ever scourged Arizona or New Mexico.'
"And he was the father of Cochita?"
He was the identical individual."

## CHAPTER III.

## AT DEAD MAN'S CROSSING

Standing on the highest ground, Bob Goodale held his field glass to his eyes and carefully scanned the country to west. north, and east. The forking of the Santa Catalina range gave it the form of a horseshoe, with the apex to the north. The branch to the left stopped short at a point northwest of
where the spectator stood, but on the right it con tinued southrard, as has already been sald, for miles beyond the line of the Southern Pacific Railway.
What first impressed the youth was the abruntn with which the mountains in that part of the world rlse from the plain. They seem to have been pushed upward for several thousand feet, instead of gradually sloping away from the summit in every direction Nowhere did the peaks touch the snow line, but the craggy masses, their cañons crowned with sturdy pines and cedars, took on an appearance of soft coolness that was specially inviting to those who moved across the burning plains. The distance gave
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may want
sweep over sweep over the country at certain persons. They tonight and swooping down on cyclone, striking here row that is seventy-five miles away. Then," added the rancher, you must remember that the Apaches Withine that old Zeke is worth so much trouble. Resern an hour or two after the bucks rush the and ation, the Cnifed States cavalry are after them ann if they don't overhaul the raiders mighty soon they keep them on the jump
" wo years ago," said Jud, who had again yanked a blade of grass loose and was chewing it, "I got to Corlita a little late. My off hoss had gone lame and I had to humor him, but, if I had been fifteen minites When It would have been the end of Jud Staples was of the R. every minute a cowboy had win to warn the ranches heuld reach and he told Zeke that the suches were richt behfod hin ."Wal you see Zeke had an extra force that
dal, you see Zeke had an extra force that night, for besides himself and wife there was me, and he a dozen men. I hadn't more'n got my hosses under klvver-I hadn't any passengers-when the Apaches swooped down on us. It was near dark and they kept circling around the buildings, tryin to find an open ing, but there wasn't a minute when we was in the slightest danger. about midnight they made 1 their minds that they was wasting time and rode off but, confound em, they managed to shont both m y hosses, which was the very thing I feared

Everything was quiet when I left for the East ; havent you heard anything from the Reservation? Burley mill y as if they had never been anything else but former and they love it but" added Jud "that's the way it has always been, they may be plotting the bigesest rald they ever made and when they do make a rush they will be gone before the cavalry can stop 'cm" "I wonder Jur, that you stay in this part of the world, where you are in danger more or less all the time.

Tenderfoot, will you tell me where in the whole world you can find a spot in which you ain't in danger all the time?
I don't think I can, but some places are worse than others, and I should think this is one of the wors of them all."
"Why are you coming into it, tenderfoot?"
Rob laughed.
"Pretty well put, but you say things seem to be quiet just now.

As I observed a minute ago, that's no sign deviltry ain't afoot; them Apaches don't send a brass band In front to let people know they're comin'

My father gave his consent to my making Uncle Hiram a visit on his declaration that he didn't think anything was to be feared, and I helleve," said Rob looking at his relative." that you are under promise "Correct, my boy."
"I should be very sorry if I had to turn around and leave soon after getting here, and I shouldn't go at all. If it wasn't for that promise
m hopeful that H1 (Continued on page 157.)

# PLUPY IN PEACE AND WAR 

Or, Chapters From the Lives of Plupy, Beany, Pewt, and Others

A SERIAL STORYBY JUDGE HENRTA. SHUTE<br>Author of "Real Diary of a Real Boy," "Sequil," "Letters to Beany and Love Letters of Plupy Shute," Ett.

## CHAPTER VII

AND NOW, indeed, I grieve to say that Plupy be unj to go to the bad very rapidy. It would is recollect rightly, Pewt's mother always contended. and perhaps with much truth, that her son would have been an excellent boy had it not been for that Shute boy, who led him into devious ways.
Nor would it be fair to Beany to attribute Plupy's moral lanses to his recovery from his lameness, because the fact that Plupy never dared to visit Beany's premises except in the absence of Beany's was not conducive to Beany's good standing in the was not con
Nor would it be entirely correct to heap all the blame on poor Plupy. for he was not, I assure you, blame on poor Plupy, for he was not, wass, better to entirely to blame. It would, pernaps, be better to
say it was due to the fact that the three lived in the say it was due to the and that a good deal of time in one another's society. I am willing to acknowledge

swore violentliv when he heard the clatter op
that Plupy was more to blame than the rest, for I am his friend and can speak for him. But the others were not without fault.
During the short evenings of summer the boys had but little time to play after dark. Bedtime came soon after the lamps were lighted. But as fall ap gan to play after dark, and the opportunity of doing under the cover of darkness, forbidden things led them to decided wrong-doing
It was unquestionably funny when up, the sharp peal of a door-bell, an Irate and bald-headed man ppeared with a lamp and swore violently when he heard the clatter of the boys' feet as they ran off. It was not so funny when they were occasionally caught and soundly thrashed, and which served them right. Nor was it at all funny when some poor tired woman, who had been all da. on her feet, came to the door and peered about wondering who
would have the beart to make her take another step. would have the beart to make her take another step.
To do the boys justice, they seldom knowingly othered the women, but generally picked out the nost irasclbe o he purnose of it. Thupy termed it
Then they began to "hook apples," as it was then was, I cannot bay. They did not want the apples for they had enough in their own yards. But the excursion the whispered directions, the darkness and the decided spice of danger had a fascination for them that they did not resist. That it was stealhig pure and simple they knew, but like so many others; they considered that the offense consisted mainly in detection, an opinion or excuse that has lured many an older man to his ruin.
If boys could only understand the difference be ween innocent fun and wanton, unnecessary, and malicious horse-play. a vast improvement in our young people would be assured, and I certalnly be lleve they would gain more real fun and genuine enjoyment out of life.
The passageway from thoughtless michief to wanton misdemeanor is short, easy, and downhill all the way, and the steep and sllppery.
"Facilis descensus Averno
Sed revocare gradum, hic labor, hoc opus est' has been a hackneyed maxim for centuries, but a mighty true one. Forgive me, boys, for making you ead Latin out of school. You have enough of it here, without doubt; but when you come to this passage,
slonally.
Now Plupy, Beany, and Pewt had never heard of thts maxim, and would not have heeded it if they had, I am afraid, and so they got on the downward path and slipped faster than they really had any dea, and from "hooking apples" passed to tying up wagon wheels, and from ringing door bells to breaking windows.
Down on Newmarket Road, near the salt marshes and mud flats dwelt old Hannah Blossom, a colored voman with a face as round as a football, a body as round as a tub, and a voice that could be heard mile with the wind. What her real name was she had lived in the little one-roomed shanty or she had lived in the little one-roomed shanty, or Nor did the came from were facts equally unknown. She filled a certain niche in the economy of the town he an enerctic and competent washerwoman and that was all they cared about it
Her face and figure indicated great jollity and ood nature, and in her ordinary associations with the townspeople, she was the personificption of good nature. But she detested boys, and with good reason, for the boys of Exeter had been the plague of her life. She kept geese, and the boys chased them in boats whenever opportunity offered, so that they lived the hunted life of wild animals. She kept hens and chickens, which disappeared mysteriously from their
roosts, and as in the history of "Griseida Goose,"

Familiar-looking bones were found
That set her own to quaking.'
But the meanest and most exasperating trick of all was throwing clay balls at her line of freshly washed clothes. At such times har power of vituperation approached the limits of the sublime. In spite of her ize and welght, she was very active and on several unon them from ambush, and thrashed them so poundly with her clothesstick that they never dored pass her premises on the same side of the street agaln untll they rrew up. At such times she volced strident and high.pitched warning with every blow of her flat bat, which, with the yells of the sufferer made quite a Wagnerian symphony, which was reatly appreclated by the entire neighborhood. A few bars of this symphony may not come amiss.
"Larn yo, yo po wite trash"-bat-"oo-hoo-ouch"to brack a po cul'd ooman's washin' "-shake, bat"wear yo to a frazzle"-shake, bat, slam-"Ow-ooee, murder." "Chase ma geese, will yo"-bat, batlemme be; I'll never"-bat, slam, shake-"take that so Imp o' Satan; 'f I cotch yo run heah agin I'll kill o dead for sho.
It was safe to say that no boy who ever went through an interview of this kind with the irate old ady, ever took any chances of again coming in for a dose of her particularly effective discipline, and in his way she wielded a tremendous influence for good in the community, and took upon herself the guidance and catch-as-catch-can discipline of those tough youths who did not get a proper amount of it at
She
She hated boys, and no wonder, and at the approach of a street arab, the whites of ner rolling eyes
showed like those of a vicious broncho. Her combat. veness had also led her into collision with the select veness had also led her into collision with the select property and maintained possession by the strength of her good right arm and the vigor and extent of her vocabulary. Moreover she had added greatly to her land-holdings by accretion.
That is, she had encouraged people who wished to
et rid of their ashes, tin cans, and other rubbish to dump the same on the water side of her lot, and with her own hands she had covered the dump with loam and had quite a flourishing garden, which she fenced in with a home-made fence of remarkable pattern. To prevent her from acquiring title by continued possession, one of the selectmen occasionally with orce removed a part of the fence, put up a notice and fled for his life, pursued by the enraged old lady who at once repairea her fence, burned the notice and waddied up to Judge Stickneys house to lodge complaint and commence an action for trespas vi et armis, which complaint how never the good court old attorney fowing only too well the slight claim she had to the premises
Thus, her entire existence was spent in warfare with the boys and the local au gles with enormous piles o solled linen, and she lived the life of an honest, spunky. well-meaning and kind-heart ed old warrior, who would return kindness for kindness readiness.

Now Plupy, Beany, and Pewt, having in a measure exhausted the excitement of their immediate neigh borhood, branched out for pastures new. As they Kimmin's brook, for tomcod, they ran across the of ady's geese, which came swimming down the shal low brook, and seeing the boys, recolled with sibilant hisses and strident honking screeches.
This was enough for the boys, and rolling their rousers above their knees, they began the chase Pewt made a detour and got beyond them and then with yells and shouts drove them shrieking and lapping down stream, where they were headed of by Plupy with much splashing with his fishpole Back they went, passing Beany midway with wings outspread, paddles working, and necks outstretched while a wake of foam and spray was stirred up by heir rapid motion.
It was glorious fun, and the boys ran and shouted fell down and daubed themselves with mud and renched themselves with water
All at once a harsh, high-pitched voice split the air "Yo boys yo I ko
Yo bo yo, knows yo, yo Skinny Bruce, yo Tady Finton yo, yo Scott Brigham yo. I'se gaine tell the The boys stopped, grinned, and then secure in he istaken identification, continued their sport They knew the old lady couldn't catch them, and they felt sure that Skinny, Tady, and Scotty could easily estab ish an alibi if complaint was made against them So up and down the stream went their hissing vic tims, while old Hannah, from her post of observation on the bank, vainly called down the wrath of Heaven on the miscreants.
But the boys carried the affair further than they Intended, for suddenly one old fat goose stretched ts long neck, half opened its wings, shivered, trem bled, gasped, and then the eyes glazed, the head fel orward, and it lay quie. The boys stopped and tared, Thad never magleach other could kil "Gosh," said Plupy "it's dead. each other in dismay
" guess not, boys," said a loud voice, and turning terror, they saw within a few feet of them the huge figure of Charles Lane, a burly blacksmith, who ived on the bank of the river, and who had been gunning on the marshes, as his hip boots and gun indicated. He had been attracted by the shouts o the boys and the cries of old Hannah, and under cover of their absorption had walked to within a ew feet of them, and had witnessed the demise of he old goose.
"Now, you boys don't want to think 'bout runnin'." he drawled, "for this gun's loaded with birdshot and shot'll travel a little faster 'n you can. So git ye clothes ' $n$ fishpoles, ' $n$ that dead goose 'n we'll go tans the hide ofr'n yer wi her clothes-stick. Start. now," he added sharply.
The crestfallen mlscreants obeyed, gathered up heir property, waded out and picked up the goose who carefully the shanty, follo examined the cajs of his gun, and tried the hammers.
When they arrived there, the rage of old Hannah knew no bounds. It was a case for the Police Court it wasn't a case for a thrashing. In valn the boys begged that she let them oft with a thrashing, she was adamant. And so la a few minutes a procession headed by the waddling old lady, who was followed by three abashed and downcast boys, with the black milth with his shotgun, to which depended the slaln goose, was on the way to Justlce Bell's office
The old lady looked the personlfication of accusing wrath, the boys on amused twinkle in his eye as the populace hailed an amused twinke in his eye, as the juvenile por tion brought up the rear in large numbers.
They arrived at the office of the justice. That errifying presence was there enthroned behind 3 terrifying presence was there enthroned behind 3
large desk. He looked up, and his deep-set eyes plerced the boys to thelr very souls. They were guilty. guilty beyond a doubt. Just what technical oftense they were guilty of they did not know. They had occasionally, with bated breath and bulging eyes, stolen into Police court and listened to trials
but that they should ever be there as convicter

answers were recelved from the
advertisements which were far and rilde to the leading sent the affair quleted down to one of those inexplicable mysteries that time does not explain.
Josh was left hopeless, despondent, and for a time brokenpearance it was evident that he had no reason to be extremely fond of his master, still he show. ed a dog.like fidelity and affection for one who had abused, cowed, touching as it was unusual. He was astonishingly ignorant, and with powers of memory almost entirely obliterated, but at the same time remarkably apt and
handy in all those services usu. handy in all those services usu-
ally required by a master from his body servant. He could make purchases with considerable shrewdness, black boots, brush clothes, cook, walt on table, and do anything with horses. He was always good-humored, attentive,
and ready, and in a short time and ready, and in a short time made himself indispensable to the
criminals, they had never dreamed. Visions of brawl and tumult, assault and battery, malicious mischief, cruelty to animals, breaking the peace and other heinous offenses swam before them, and their heads dropped lower and lower. They were guilty, they looked it, and in front of them, with outstretched hand, stood their accuser, the ebony goddess of
vengeance. The door closed on the public and is vengeance. The door closed on the public and is
closed to us. losed to us.

An hour passed. To those on the outside nothing had been heard but the murmur of volces, now high now low. now strident and accusing, now pleading and tearful. Then the door opened and the old lady appeared. She r:as smiling. she had the jaunty air of a conqueror, she swung her shoulders and rolled her eyes. Under her arm she bore her deceased
goose. By her side strode the blacksmith goose. By her side strode the blacksmith.
Within the office three contrite boys sat facing
the old squire. They looked chastened, but visibly relleved. They had made promises, they had incurred indebtedness, they had parted with personal
property, but they felt indescribable relief. They property, but they felt indescribable relief. They had escaped jail, and disgrace, and lifelong humilia-
tion. The justice had lectured them sternly, severely, convincingly. He wa, auout to dismiss them Suddenly an idea struck him. "Boys," he sald, "before you go I want to tell you a little story about a boy, in a little house not far from where old Hannah boy, in a little house not far from where old Hannah
lived. It may perhaps teach you to have a little more consideration for the feelings of those who are not as fortunate as you are in having fathers, mothers brothers, sisters, and friends."
He paused a moment, twirled his glasses absentmindedly and his eyes took on a far-away look. and began-

The Mysterious Disappearance of Josh Zack.
Josh Zack, although about thirty years old when I first met him, was in appearance and manners nearer fifteen; a genuine darky, short, squat, bulletheaded, and bow-legged, with a large mouth wellflled with white and even teeth and always ex panded in a capaclous and infectious grin, and a capacity for fun practicaliy unlimited. In origin a Congo negro, he had been captured when about ten their inhuman and barbarous raids upon the peaceable blacks, dreadful massacre that robbed him of father, mother, and friends, and ! ad endured the torture of confineand iriends, and ad endured the torture o
ment in the close, hot hold of a slave ship.
The many years that followed his capture were an almost total blank to him. He dimly, as one in a dream of sickness, remembered a long period of
abuse, of beatings, of constant change from place to place, kaleidoscopic recollection of towering buildlngs, crowded streets, waving trees, blue water, strange faces, strange animals, homesickness, misery, and wretchedness.
His residence in Exeter was an accident. One evening in 1850 a tall, dark, distinguished looking stranger arrived in Exeter on the Portsmouth coach. He was attended by a short. thickset darky of about twenty years of age, and at once registered at the Dodge Tavern and asked to be shown to his room. after gruffly ordering his servant to attend him in the morning at seven. At eight oclock the next morning, after repeated knockings at his door had falled to arouse htm, his lock was forced by the landlord, and he was found lying dressed upon his bed. an empty laudanum bottle in is right hand and in his left a miniature of a sweet-looking, whitehaired lady, evidently his mothe.. He had been dead for many hours, and the heap of feathery carefully burned every letter or paper that could have disclosed his identity. A thorough examination have disclosed his identity. A thorough examination of his effects revealed no trace of his name or ad-
dress, and even the name of the artist had been carefully erased from the miniature.
A coroner's jury was impaneled, and the most searching crossexamination by Lawyer Sullivan falled to elicit from the blubbering servant anything more than that his name was Josh Zack and his where his master belonged, could not tell his own age, and knew nothing more than that his master sometimes whipped him and sometimes was good to him.
Enough money was found upon the stranger's body to provide him a respectable burial in what is
now the "Old Cemetery," and after a while, as no
house, cheerfully working for his board and lof ting Although at that time slavery was recognized by the States, and abolition had not gained much of foothold, still puritan old Exeter naturally frowned God's creatures, and abridged the rights of one of life, perhaps, met with kindness and consideration on every side.
It was touching to see how he grew and expanded mentally under these influences, how constant his To the boys of the town he became a delightful and constant companion. Although a man in strength and stature, he was in mind and heart a boy, and his chosen companions were boys of from twelve to fifteen years of age, whom he petted, protected and helped in a hundred ways. Free from vices, he was a safe and reliable companion
When Jimmy Josie fell in the Squamscott from Fernald's wharf at ebb tide, with the tide running like a mill race, Josh didn't wait to pull off his coat but plunged in and brought him out after a desperate struggle that left him so exhausted that he could hardly stagger home.
When Widow Conner's little Jack was lost in the Oaklands, and the town alarmed and parties organ zed to search for the unfortunate, it was Josh who raced and found the poor little waif, half frozen and wholly exhausted, miles away from his home.
When Jerry Tanner broke his leg on Jady Hil while squirreling. it was Josh who brought him home on his back, and who daily brought him birds' eggs and other woodland plunder to cheer him during his edious convalescence.
In short, there was not a boy or dog in the town that Josh did not love, and who did not love him in return with boyish and doglike exuberance.
As the years went on Josh gradually gained a foothold with the colored society of "Nigger Hill," now Green street. At the lime the Husoes and Tashes, the Blossoms and others,
formed quite a colored colony on Green street ormed quite a colored colony on Green street and the waterside, which colony had for a few years held itself rather aloof from Josh as a no-count nigger. His admission to to the prevalent idea that Josh as a prudent man had accumulated considerable money man had accumulated considerable money Minty Ann, a plump and pretty colored girl. with a sunny fire a pleasant colored girl. foot as light as ever danced its way into the heart of a colored Adonls.
Minty Ann "worked round," that is, she fid cooking, washing, Ironing, sweeping, and in Exeter society. She was a great favorite with the small boys, her reclpes for doughnuts and cookies unsurpassed, and her liberality in handing round these daintles to her small friends prodigal in the extreme.
As she frequently came to my father's house I was well acquainted with her, and as a mater of I enjoyed the fruits of conquest in unlimited dainties from her kitchen.
That she and Josh should fall in love with each other was not remarkable. Both were bright, witty, out near relations, and both beloved by a select four hundred of boys, girls, and dogs. The first indicatlon that I saw that Josh was not the Josh of old was when he discarded the nail and string that kept his pantaloons from seeking mother earth, and ap peared in what he termed a "montrous fine par of galluses, Marse Jack." To dispense with the old down-at-the-heel sioces, and to endue his feet with cowhide stogies of astounding proportions, was the next move. A blue coat with enormous brass buttons followed, and then with bewildering rapidity a freman's helmet, a scarlet bandanna handkerchief, a buff linen vest, and a most excruclating pair of
light green pantaloons.
These astonishing expenditures on his part, added to the fact that he at times showed a devotion to business to our minds most uncalled for and wholly without precedent, and that he frequently deserted us during our usual evening games of "Red Lion." and "Run, Sheep, Run," or "How Many Miles to Barbaree," so impressed us that we called a councl of war, and having summoned the offender into our presence, green pants, helmet and all, we demanded
in the elegant diction of the day "What was eating him?"
Wit
many "kee hees" and "yah yahs" he finally with many "kee hees" and "yah yahs" he finally made ing to be married by fine and Minty Ann were gocould get money enourh to buy the as soon as they could get money enourh to buy the little house by his house their house to the end of time would make his house their house to the end of time. The announcement, althongh whohly unexpected by us, was the proviso that we all be bidden to the wedding the proviso that we all be bidden to the wedding
feast. To this Josh agreed with reat heartiness and it was then and there moved to escort heartiness. suitable ceremonies to the bouse where Minty Ann lived.
A procession was at once formed, to the plercing notes of an old fashioned yellow clarionette, unon which Josh was a terrific performer, alded and abetted by a somewhat damaged but vigorous snare drum in the hands of the before mentioned Jimmy Josie, an irregular and straggling line of small boys and dogs moved down Water street and Newmarket road to the little house in which Minty Ann was wont to distribute impartial smiles and good cheer to her youthful admirers.
A few days tater, fortune, which it is said knocks once at every man's door. gave a vigorous double knork at Josh's modest habitation. A fishing schooner from South Carolina had touched at our port, and was at once taken possession of by Josh and his friends. During the week the cook. a brawny, pow erful, and ill-favored individual, while under the inout the business part of the town in a tial and high-handed of the town in a most impar. men was at once assembled and marched to the spot, and after a most desperate encounter the as sallant. Weary with much fighting, was safely jugged behind the bars of the old jail on Hemlock side. The next morning he was brought before Esquire Jothan lawrence, convicted of assault. drunkenness. brawl and tumult. resistance to lawfully constituted authorities and other crimes of a less heinous character, a sort of omnibus proceeding which obtalned would care Lawrences court, but which we fear However, the offender was promptly at Nisi Prius. months in jail ander was promptly sentenced to six cast To Josh's great astonishment he was offered the then liberal sum of one hundred dollars for a six months' cruise. That evening a new councll was called in the Ladd cemetery back of Green street. Minty Ann was of the party, and I had the honor of presiding as chairman. After a lons discussion it was voted that Josh should try the voyage. Our grief at this but temporary separation was only
equalled by our prospective delight at welcoming

bim home again, laden with sllk handkerchtefs, foreign shells, monkeys, parrots, and other plunder of a tropical nature. As the vessel was to sall Thursday, and this was Tuesday, the next day was set aside for a grand time. Together with Josh we
explored the woods and fields. took a last $8 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{m}$ explored the woods and fields. took a last $8 w / m$
at the upper whart, where Josh distinguished him at the upper whart, where Josh distinguished him-
self by swimming the best part of one hundred yards self by swimming the best part of one hundred yards
under water to the big rock in the middle of the under wa

## channel

At five o'clock we all repaired to Minty Ann's dwelling, where a liberal spread had been prepared. Doughnuts, gllt gingerbread, 'lection cake, turnovers. in evidence, and the whole was liberally very much with sweetened water from the Roland spring
with sweetened water from the Roland spring. alarming and apoplectic extent the usual to an were out of the questlon, and while we lay games in the soft grass, Josh for the hundredth time told the story of his early life in Congo land, of the hapny aboriginal life in the tropics, the strange animals, the gorgeous blrds, the enormous snakes. He sang the weird songs and danced the uncouth dances of his tribe, and went over agaln the dreadful mas. sacre, the awful sufferings of this enforced march to the ship, the confinement in the close, stifling air of the ship's hold, to that point when his mind had become a blank, or at most had been only conscious of the most shadowy recollections.
"But It's all over now. Josh, and never can happen again, we said. How little we knew.
The next morning the upper wharf was a scene of bustle and excitement. At nine oclock a delega. tion consisting of all the boys and dogs in the town
escorted Josh and Minty Ann to the wharf, to the martal music of two drums and the yellow clartonette. A good many of the older people, with whom wharf to bld them good-bye. Just before the orders to sall were given the company was called to orde by Billy (commonly known as Stumpy) Barlow who, with much trepldation, commenced reciting speech, which had been carefully prepared for him by one of the Academy seniors. It began in a seri ous, weighty fashion.

Mr. Joshua Zack, we your friends and co-adjutors, recognizing your Intrinsic merit as a-as a-a want to give you this," stammered Billy holding out a yellow belt with an enormous horse pistol; and hugged Josh with all his might. Josh, Minty and hugged Josh with all his might. Josh, Minty Ann and the entire delegation were at once plunged
into the depths of unavailing woe, and there is no knowing to what extent their sympathies would have carried them had not the signal to start been given, and Josh, tearing himself away from Minty Ann and his friends, buckled on his belt, and amid the cheers of his friends embarked. The last seen of him was standing at the rail, waving his fireman's helmet, and smiling and shouting through his tears, "Tak car o' Minty Ann, boys. I'll be back fo' Christ-

Sadly, and with many a word of comfort, we reformed our procession and escorted the stricken
Minty Ann, loudly wailing, to her home. The next Minty Ann, loudly wailing, to her home. The next
six months passed but slowly to us. Minty Ann re six months passed but slowly to us. Minty Ann re to fit up the little house they had chosen. Every rug, every chair, every article of furniture she
bought was displayed triumphantly to her boy:s, and their opinions anxiously solicited as to further investnients. What weighty discussions took place in by the ever-ready doughnut and ever-welcome cooky or patty bun.

As Christmas approached we were on tiptoe with expectation. That nothing had been heard from Josh was something of a disappointment to us. but knowing that he could neither read nor write we
accepted that as an explanation of his silence. The day before Christmas we haunted the coach stations, and every avenue of ingress to the town that promised the anxiously expected Josh. Christmas came and no Josh. The week passed and no tidings had been received. It was pitiable to see the grief nind
despair of Minty Ann. Regularly every morning we despair of Minty Ann. Regularly every morning we ran down to her house before school, and explatited
the hundred and one things that might have delayed the hundred and one things that might have delayed
him, and regularly every morning we left her happy him, and regularly every morming we left her happy
and expectant, only to have her hopes dashed by and expectant, dragging day of disappointment. And so another dragging day of disappointment. And of alternating hopes and fears, expe. tation and disappointment, until the public became interested, and what had become of Josh Zack became the leading question of the day
Finally a dreadful suspicion was aroused, and it was whispered that Josh had been sold fnto slavery again. For several days it was mercifuly kept from Minty Ann, but one day while we were at the tea table she came running in bareheaded, with her hand on her heart, and a dreadful look on her face. ". Hy God, missis, dey say de cap'n hab sold Josh,
hab sold my Josh! My God, l'se goin' stracted! Kin hab sold my Josh! My God. I'se goin 'stracted: Kin dey sell him?" she screamed. Jumping from my seat, down the steps, hearing as I fled the dreadful bedown the ste
seeching cry.
A half hour afterwards 1 stole back to the house. s I entered my mother called me.
Sullivan's to-night, and see if anything can be done." We started at once, the foor creature under the excitement of renewed hope, urging me along at a marvelous pace. Arrived at the judge s we were
ushered into his library. Tearfully, pathetically, and mploringly Minty Ann fold her story, and asked her momentous question in a scarcely audible voice. for a few moments the judge hesitated, and then in a voice full of emotion, he told her that what she dreade
"But," sald the old man, in a voice of thunder, with his face white with passion, bringing his fist down upon the table with a violence that made the candlesticks jump, and the flames flare and flicker as if a strong wind had struck them, if it has been done we will find and
Poor Minty: She shivered as if with a sudden chill, turned and walked blindly into the opposite wall, and rell in a heap on the floor. on the sofa Hastily calling the servants they soon brought her to consciousness, and with many kind words of com fort from the good old man we silently departed, Minty Ann clinging to my arm as if scarcely able to drag herself along. I left her at $h \cdots$ cottage, and after waiting a while to see if she was in need of any help, slowly went home.
The next day Minty Ann was found to be suffering from brain fever, and for weeks remained just bewas secured, and every comfort furnished by friends Toward spring she began to recover slowly, and by the last of April was able to get around again. But so changed from the plump, jolty Minty Ann of the old days that her boys could scarcely recognize her lnstead, she was a thin, worn, hard-featured woman, instead, she was a thin, worn, hard-eatured woman, and a look of hopeless sorrow on her face.
During her illness the Indigation of the towns-
people over Josh's case was beyond bounds. Meetings of prominent citizens were held, and sufficient money subscribed to prosecute the most searching inquiries, and to buy a dozen slaves. Advertisements were placed to the most prominent Southern papers. and rewards offered for news of his whereabouts. A trusty agent was sent South, and rellable lawyers
engaged. The schooner was found in the hands of engaged. The schooner was found in the hands of
a purchaser, who could give no further account than
that he had seen Anderson and a colored man at south to of the purchase, and that they were going never seen any of the crew, who, as he had under stood, had been discharged on reaching port. This was all that could be ascertained of the unfortunat black. When, after Minty Ann's recovery, this wa told her, she made no comment, hardly appeared to grasp the statement. In time she recovered her
strength and resumed her daily round of cleaning, strength and resumed

Years passed away, and the fate of the unfor tunate Josh was almost forgotten. when ft was brought to mind again by the beginning of the Civi explained to Minty Ann she grew radiant with hope On my return from college for the long vacation found Minty Ann on the platform waiting for me Her eyes were shining. her mouth smiling, and could scarcely credit my eyes at the change from the broken-down, haggard creature of a year before Marse Jack, I'se gwine ax yo if the 'Manclpation ocleumption gwine send home ma Josh?" The thought struck me like a flash that she might be right, and $\mid$ with difficulty kept the tears from my eyes as I assured her that there was hope if our side won. From that time Minty Ann became an offensive partisan of the most pronounced type. She followed the fortunes of our Northern army with an interest completely absorbing. She revelled in newspaper accounts of bloody battles, took a ghoulish delight in alarmins statision ed, picked int, cooked supplies, knit, sewed, and She earnectly desired to go to the front as a nurse but the thought that Josh might return and not find her and the little cottage ready she could not bear When the success of the vorthern armies was
sured she was delirious with delight. Every train

that passed through Exeter with a returning regiment found Minty Ann at the station, laden with dencacles, bought with her own slender savings, to which the veterans were liberally treated. tions about her Josh, and as each train departed her cheer was the shrillest, and her wildly waving basket the last thing the departing vets saw.

Time went on. and the vets had all returned. Business was rapidly resuming its accustomed chan-
nels, and the war was a thing of the past. Poor

## Happenings of Last Month

Twenty-seven boys received from us school record hadges and four received heroism badges, thus becoming mernbers
We have engaged Arthur Duffey, holder of the short distance sprinting records for America, to edit an athletic department in this paper under the title. "The Boy on His Muscle.
The total amount contributed by our readers to the Shut-ln Fund to enable us to supply subscriptions of THE AMERICAN BOY to shut in boys, has reached $\$ 313.50$. We contribute
like anmount. thus making 697 boys happy. Our editor has received notice that he is to
have charge of AMERICAN BOY DAY at the have charge of AMERICAN BOY DAY at the
Jamestown Exposition, July 3,1907 . Readers of THE AMERICAN BOY who wish to participate, either on the program or as part of the
big audience that will assemble in the Exposition big audience that will assemble in the Exposition
auditorium on that date, are asked to correspond auditorium
with him.
with him.
We have engaged Everett $T$. Tomlinsons, author of the serial. "The Camp Fire of Mad Anthony," now running in this paper, to give us another setial to begin next autumn
We are starting in this number of the paper
a fine serial by Edward $S$. Ellis built about events a fine serial by Edward $S$. Elis built about events in the life of the notorious Indian, Geronimo, in
which every reader of THE AMERICAN BOY which every reader
will be interested.
Twenty new companies of the ORDER OF THE AMERICAN BOY were organized. page illustrated circular descriptive of THE AMERICAN BOY, five copies of which we give to any hoy who is willing to circulate them
among his friends, and thereby obtain new subscriptions and carn some money.

Minty Ann! Gradually holue deserted her. She black thin again, haggard, and hopeless. Her gloss grey. She resumed her weary round of duties, and but seldom sjoke of Josh. After a few nore years her mind seemed to fail her, and she became rheu matic and quite helpless, although not an old woman She was not quite daft, or entirely childish, but stil) unable to tal
surroundings.
When the new asylum was built at the county farm. by the advice of her physician she was sent there. She was occasionally seen by some Exete visitor. and appeared comfortable and well treated
Gradually, as in all busy tovins, out of public interest, and became but a nemory in the minds of her old friends.
A few years ago I was sitting at home late one stormy winter evening. The wind was brawling round the house, banging shutters, breaking branches and piling the snow in huge drifts against the were all abed. The book I had just laid down fas "Among the Pines." by Edmund Kirke, and led by the story my mind had drifted back to the mystery surrounding the fate of Josh Zack, and the sad story of Minty Ann. Suddenly there was a peal at the bell. On rather grumpily going to the door 1 found a policeman. who had that day been sent with some prisoners to the house of correction at the
county farm. He informed me that an old colored wanted to wanted to see me before she died. He further cein the storm and that I had better not try Not try! I slammed the door hastily muffled myself up and informing my wife that I was going to the hotel and would be absent until morning, I ran to the stable and saddled my horse.

Whew! what a blast struck me as we issued from the stable! The horse fairly staggered, but feeling ride I shall never forget; sometimes the horse went at a snail's pace, barely stagrering against the
wind, then taking advantage of a lull dashed through the drifts at a gallop.
At last the farm was reached, and giving my exhausted horse in charge of a stable boy I at once went to the superintendent's room and asked to be shown to the sick woman. As I entered the room,
there, upon a poor, but comfortable couch, lay Minty there, upon a poor, but comfortable couch, lay Minty Ann, her eyes bright with recognition, and with the same sweet smile mantling her face.
"Oh, Marse Jack, it do seem good to see yo. I
nowed yo'd come to see ol' Minty Ann, honey, knowed yo'd come to see ol' Minty Ann, honey, Minty Ann couldn't bar gwine without seein' Marse
Jack. Marse Jack." and here her voice grew trem. ulous and her face took on the same old pitifil, pathetic look, "my Josb. he never kim back while Minty Ann was sick, hey?
"No, Minty Ann. he was never heard of. God alone knows where he is," I answered.
Minty Ann lay quiet for a few minutes with closed eyes. Finally she said
find my Josh. lak he's gwine lay is head on my bres, dis pore bres dat's been empty dese long years, so long time. Marse Jack, so long time. Dat he's gwine come back to Minty and splain whar es been. I'se dream ob tings dis yer night, ob Josh en do ol cap'n, ob yo's farlder an mammy so good to Minty en Josh, ob yo', Marse Jack, en de boys, en my ol' heart I hears yo has lille boy, Marse Jack, en my ol I hears yo has lille boy, Marse Jack, en my ol heart es glad en hopes de ihle boy so good as his fadder en his mammy. l'se pray de bressed Lori ol' Minty's."
She ceased, and for a few moments nothines was heard but the loud ticking of the clock and the in a scarcely audible volce.
"I'se a gret favor to ax yo, Marse Jack. When 1 done dead kin 1 be buried in de ol cemtry? Pears lak I'se gwine be nearer Josh dar, en kin I have a white coffin wid spangles on de side en simicrach handles? En could I have a white stun wid Josh en Minty in gret big writin
I assured her it should be as she wished, and she smiled contentedly, and feebly pressed my hand. o hand on my bres en tak dat lille bag. It was Josh gin me dat, en I knows he tink yo bes serve it.'. silently put it in my pocket, and she dozed for a few moments. Finally she opened her eyes, and a few moments. Finally
"I'se try to forgib dat cap'n man, but I no tink I kin quite. Tell yo lille boy dat Minty lak to make A half hour later sired en hope see Josh my hand. The next morning I returned home, and there related her sad story to my wife, and then for the first time opened the package. What was my astonishment to behold the identical miniature many years ago clasped in the hands of the dead tranger in Dodge's Tavern.
In the old cemetery in Exeter stands a plain white monument with the inscription, "Josh and Minty Ann, after many years.'
The little house by the river was torn down years ago, but the stream still runs by the woods and fields so long the playground of Josh and his happy troop of boy friends. The mystery of his fate was now, a page of history that may never be turned. He paused. The room was very still and the tick Ing of the old clock in the entry was plainly heard The boy ": go, boys," he said. Sllently they stole out, while the past. He had forgotten the boys. He was agaln a past
boy.

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hat rung at a nation's birth, and then
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runs. runs. Exercine No. 3. Stand easily: Now begin




This exercise is simply to imitate the motions of running in such a way that
the feet strike each time in the same
of the hody as you ralse it from th ground in making the little leaps or as
you swing the limbs to and fro in mak.
ing the stride. If you doubt the good efThe Author of "Plupy" The New York Herald in a recent issup
tells us something of Judge Henry A Shute, the widely known New Fngland
humorlst whas writen a ewial that
now running in THE ANEIAICAN BOY From it we learn that Judge Shute
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ter Academy, and was graduated from
Harvard Tniversity In isig. Later he was admitted to the bar. and in one year irom the time he hegan to practice was appointed to the Judgeship of the Faxpter
Police Court. Ife has a son and a dausn-
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## To the Boys of America:

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HAVE received word that the managers of the Jamestown Exposition have set apart July 5th for the boys of America, to be known at the Exposition as American Boy Day, and that I am to be held responsible for the success of the Day. I have willingly accepted the responsibility and the honor, and with the help of the bright boys of the country I will see that the Day is made memorable, as were the American Boy Days celebrated at the St. Louis and the Portland Expositions, both of which I had charge of.. The bulk of the responsibility, aside from that which I shoulder, must fall on the boys of the East and the South. I want them to show themselves fully as capable of great things as did the boys of the North, West, and middle West at St. Louis and Portland.

First of all, I want the names and addresses of talented boys who can declaim, "orate", sing, play a musical instrument, or do any platform work WELL, for my first work is that of finding talent for the big program to be rendered by the boys on the platform of the Exposition Auditorium the afternoon of the Day. I hope to hear at once from hundreds of boys promising their help and their attendance.

Wm. C. Sprague, Editor of The American Boy.

THE CAMP FIRE OF MAD ANTHONY (Continued from page 130.)
cheering for him. Mr. Hull." he added, "why don't you send General George Washington some of your tea?"
"George Washington, the traitor, will be sent where
he'll have no need of tea!" declared Mr. Hull, his he'll have no need of tea?" declared Mr. Hull, his face now almost purple
"Where's that? To Boston?" inquired Ananias mockingly.
"No, sir: He'll be shipped along with some more of you to the West Indies."
"Oh, no, he won't," said Noah soothingly, and his companions again laughed loudly.

I tell you he will!" shouted Thomas Hull. "He will! He will! That's what's to be done with all the rebels. They told me so in New York- Hull?" broke in
"Have you been to New York, Mr. Hull Noah.
"It doesn't matter where I have been!" retorted the man, now so angry that, like other men whose rage has overmastered them, he did not reallize how "Are you here?" again broke in Noah.
Are you here? again broke in Noah.
"You are an impudent young-young-young-_" "What is a 'young-young-young,' Mr. Thomas Hull?" inquired Ananias sweetly.
"It's a boy that ought to be behind the prison bars, that's what it is '! shouted the man, waving And what's mare glaring at the boys as he spoke. see if there is any respect left in Jersey for the law of the land: Weit see if they can burn up the tea that belongs to others: Welll see."
"Was that tea yours?" Inquired Ellas sharply.
"Yes, sir, it was-at least a part of it was, and don't care who knows it! I had paid for my share and you burned it. The grand jury sald you did and If I had you in New York, I'd-I'd-I'd-" Apparently words falled the man and hls threat was not
completed.
"What would you do with us if you had us in New York?" asked Nuah
"I'd have you treated as you deserved to be! And If I did what 1 ought to do I'd take you now and place you right across my knees.'
Me! Me! Please take
frlends again laughed joudly.
Once more Thomas Hull se
Once more Thomas full seemed to lose all control himself percelved clearly he did wot att perhaps he himself perceived clearly he did not attempt to carry a silence that was eloquent and then he shouted: "You are all a pack of curs! The king will punish you as you deserve, you impudent young-young-" "We beg your pardon, Mr. Hull," broke in Noah,
"but that isn't fair. We told you we couldn't help being young-youngs. But l'd rather be a 'young young' than be a Tory. I'd stand up for my friends, anyway: I'd never go crawling after the men you crawl after, Mr. Hull! I never liked a jackas, though I can't say I ever saw one-but I have seen a skunk and I've killed a good many adders!"
"You-you-Impudent young-young-". began
the man again; but the shouts of the four boys the man again; but the shouts of the four boys Interrupted hlm, and, speechless with rage. he stooped and selzed a club which chanced to be near him on the street and, flinging it with all his strength at Noah, it struck the boy beneath his left eye, in fleting a gash from w
to pour down his face.
to Before anyone could speak the three boys rushed upon the man and roughly selzed him; but before
they could inflict any harm Noah said quickly, "No, boys, don't hurt him! Let him go!"
Noah's friends reluctantly yielded, and Thomas Hull and Elnathan turned away as if they were about to depart from the place, but they had advanced turning again to the boys, who had not moved. he shouted, as he shook his fist at them, "That's only a taste of what you will get! Yes, you and that rebel father of yours, Noah Dare! He's as bad as the rest of yon and he was the one who set you on to burn the tea! I wish I had the old villain right where he belongs! He wouldn't have any need of being sent to England or to the West Indies for trial. His neck can be stretched right here in Greenwich-The shouting of the man abruptly ceased as Noah quickly darted ahead and, seizing the Tory in his hands, he angrily turned him about. "You may say what you please about me, but you shall not talli that way about my father, and you would not, either. ir he was here. As he isn't here, Im going to do my Esquire let me hear you Noy right out ioud 'Has Hull, Esquire, let me hear you say right out loud. 'Hezekiah Noab had slipped hls right hand to the back of Mr Hull's neck and his grip tightened so that his prisoner winced for he was no match in physical strength with his angry young captor.
"Hezekiah Dare is the worst rebel in Greenwich. Ouch! Ouch! Oh! Oh!" screamed Thomas Hull as the grip on his neck instantly tightened.
"Say it!" demanded Noah sternly
"Hezeklah Dare-is-ls-" stammered the man "Is what?"
"Hezekiah Dare 1-I-is the-the-best rebel in Greenwich!" groaned the man.
"That's all right. Now say 'Hurrah for General George Washington!
"I won't!" screamed the man. "Yes! Yes! Yes. 1 will. I'll say it!" he added, as the pressure Instantly became stronger on his neck.
"Say it, then!"
"Good! Now say, 'Hurrah for the boys that burned the tea!',
"I w-w-on't! Ye-e-e-s, 1 w-whl, too," he squealed as the warning was repeated.
"I'll say it. Let go my neck, you-young-
young-"
"Don't call me that name again," warned Noah solemnly. "Now say what I told you!"
"Hurrah for the tea burners," gurgled Thomas Hull "There! That will do, Mr. Thomas Hull. Esquire." said Noan qulety as he thit or the 'young youngs "Now, go home and will get you."
Thomas Hull and Elnathan at once departed, the former talking excitedly and frequently shaking his boys, who remained standing where they had been upon the street and watched the departing Tories until they could no longer be seen.
"I don't wonder that Tom Hull hurrahed for the tea burners," laughed Elfas. "I'd do it myselt if Noah Dare had his grip on the back of my neck. "So would I," assented Caleb quickly. "You ought to have seen Noah throw Joe Latrobe," he added "Joe was the best wrestler in the Chester company." Caleb was compelled to relate the story of his cousin's success in the wrestling match. and as the boys walked on along the street the comments of Elias and Ananlas were as warm as even the admir. ing Caleb could desire, which is saying much.

At the home of Mr. Dare the boys parted, Noah and his cousin at once entering the house. As soon as Noah learned that his father was there he and hls cousin at once sought him and related all that nathan. To Noah's surprise his father had but little to say of what his boy had done. for his interest and excitement over the report of the action of the congress in adopting the army around Boston as its own and appointing Colonel Washington of Virginia as the commander-in-chief, was too great to permit even such matters as at one time would have deeply stirred him, now to affect him.
Two days afterward, just after the dusk had fallen, a crowd of thirty or more men and boys had assem bled in front of the home of Thomas Hull. This time there were no digguises and an onlooker might easily have recognized in the assembly many of those who had worn the garb of the Indians at the bonfire. This time, too, there were older men present and there was manlfest a split of deternination tha ndicated that somethig seriousness had led to the assembling of the men
In response to the demand of one of the company, who had been sent to the door of Mr. Hull's house, in tory appeared. The sight of the body of men in his yard caused him hastily to turn back, but he was notig man had been led out in front of the assembly one of the older men stepped forward and In stern tones demanded, "We, your former friends and nelghbors. Thomas Hull, have come to Inquir if you will renounce your wicked ways. You have been in New York and Phlladelphia-"
"And I'll go again whenever 1 want to," screamed Thomas Hull.
"We know what you were doing there," continued the speaker, as if there had not been any interrupwe are "Now, because of your former standing here, show yourself a man. We are standing for ou rights. We will not tolerate the presence here of any one who is a traitor.
"I'm not a traltor," again interrupted the terrifled man. "You are the traitors! Every one of you is traitor, to King Gcorge and the parliament! I'll not take back a word I said. I detest you, every one of you base-born Jersey clowns! You-
"He's going to call us 'young youngs,'" whispered a young man who strikingly resembled Noah Dare, to another of the assembled men, who in his appearance was very like Caleb. The latter, however, was not given any opportunity to respond, quick movement on the part our or was opened, and the to the surprise the youn ones brought forward and in the midst of it a kettle of tar was seen.

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Ihomas Hull, screaming, struggling, pleading, was ifter into the wagon, and then, despite his wild was applied to his body and this, in turn, was covered with feathers. Then a dozen men seized the rope, among whom were the four boys, and the Tory was drawn to a place a half mile beyond the boundaries of the village. There he was permitted to leave the wagon and was sternly"told never to return. To Greenwich itself Thomas Hull never came back, but Noah Dare, not long afterward, met him face to face under circumstances in which the elder man decided that his opportunity to repay his slights had come.
(TO be continued.)

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mentheir new acqualintances were. Was
Lieutenant Homer C . Mlake. What he hld, and how cleverly he did it at
Vagasaki, on one occusion. will make a story worth reteling some time but at
present another yarn with Blake as
hero, is in view. it is an instance of how a complete defeat was transformed calue Indeedt and incilentally afforls It begins with the fact that one pleas-
ant day in 1862 . 13 lake. then a captain.
was transferred fromer the blockading stamer R. It. Cuyter, to that of another blockader. the llatteras.
which was lying of Nobite. keeping a sharp watch against the escape of the
Confederate crulser Floridia. Which had ommanier of the llattoras told his sucnew ship. that down below were three att fire to the steamer if let go. Blake's "You don't look lows, he remarked. pleasantly, as they
were ranged before him. I guess if we
treat you like men you'll act as such. The crew approved. and the inchlent was the one more touch needed to bring thusiasm for their leader and their work.
The $R$. Cuyler was anchored right at the mouth of the channel in Motile
harbor, and the Hatteras lotiterch abont
not far away. That was inng before the lays of etther Hobson or Togo. but simi-
lar tactics were in mind. If ine Jilorida atempted to come oll it was Blake's
mlan to drive his vessel ditrctly at her
nnd try by gnod luck to disable her. hut
failing in this sure aining th this. sure of his own sperdy
destruction. he meant to make certain
of sinking so fully in the reliel's narrow pathas effectually to obstruct the chanBut by and by it became evident that
the Forida did not mean to venture out nexas const, and reacher there fust after the disgraceful Galieston anfir. in hins and trangnorts, The mpn were in Ing and vigilance por works showed in
every detail of work. Exeryhnly was eager to do something to retriecte the
honar of the service. One brikht and hreezy morning the rhaner name. The after hreakfast. Go and pxamin
Ateam was always up. In fler minutes
he cables had been hunyod. and they we ce off. It was very sonn apparent that
whover he might be the stranger was formidnhle. mand bee the stranker wassing the truth. Stranger, very suspicious
No one better $\qquad$ knew how wild an ddea it was to sup-
pose that the Hatteras could cope with that lronclad monster out there, already
the dread of our seas. His own vessel. was nothing but an old cattleship of the porkan to support a few smail guns. She work as was ahead, and as everybody in
the fiect knew this. Captain Blake supposed. of course. that assistance woukd
he sent to him in reply to hls signal.
But no priendly ald appeared. and he alone. As he stond on the hringe and while he rpepdlly gnined upon her, he now, that she was the dreaded privateer. to suggest turning hark, but got small
comfort. Instead of that Captain Blake comport. Instead or hat men together and made them
aliftle mpeech. "Men." he rald, "I suppose you are all aware that that vessel ort there is the
Alabama. We have been ordered to tolcraft we va got to do it in. We can't
throw one nnund of shot to her twenty. nor show a single plate of iron that her
balls will not go through. Now want after her?
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There was an instant's pause and atlllseemed just ahead. But the hot blood in hore herts threw oft the momentary
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 minutes; but during that time we cand do
ia good deal. Dont tre until he does.
and then try to disable him. Our enest must be to close, with himm: Our enthor Thee men then went to their posts, all
possible preparations for batle were
complete, ships were within apeaking distance of consisted of armament of the Hatteras one 20 - pounder rifle ane and pounder rifle,
ders-t wenty-seven hundredweight pounWeight of the shot capable of being thrown at one discharge was 114 pounds.
The Alabama sent fot pounds of shot
and shell at every broadside. And so on that bright morning in
1862 , at the beglining of the war which mas to revolutionize naval tactics, these mon in their unequal ships came boldly
within sperking distance, to do or die.
as has ever been the way with sallors. What ship is that?" halled the Hat Clier British Majesty's ship Spitifre.
Captain Blake had no doubt this Captain Blake had no doubt this was
a je. but he could do nothing In he face
of it but walt and wateh. He soon saw that the strangers screw began to turn
slowly. and he took in the situation at a giance. The ships were drifting nearer
and the enemy was turning his head so as to grt an ophortunity for a raking
nre. fhe Dateras was instantly han
dich to prevent he success of this ma ncuter Seelng that his intentlon had
been discovered, the commander of the strange steamer sang out: "This is the
Confederate ship Alatiama. and followed it by a broalside which sent 450 pounds
of iton crashing through tind past the Hatteras as a Hoow-dye-do! past the
This hroadside. however. did little damage. for the enemy's guns were not min on the Hatteras really ondangered
by it was the captaln himself up on his tall bridge. captain himself. up on his
Then the entertatnment began. for the Hateras replied with all her hitile guns. pelting a way at the most wulnerable
polnts of her foe, nnd paying as biltie
nitention as possilie to his smashing shot and howifig shells, or to the rattle The Alahama poligend her gulwarks.
enoukh now. and almost pery haw smashed wond and iron-work though
little hiond was shed. Hixh an his row hrilge stond the tall commander. watching and encnuraking his men. and
irying for the best position. Porter. his executive offler. rame up thrrerand
stomd a moment. As he lit a clgar he
remarked "Were going to have a deuce of a time
here presently, captain. Youve cot
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It takes a ser th takes a greater number of years to
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In which he stroked the crew. In a few thousands of members, Its annual great
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Xew fingland schools there have been cause a number of "'grovn-ups" residen some institutions that have gone in for in New York not only recognized the rowing. namely, the Worcester High fact that healthy; boys make good cltt
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 perament, which is a pove of action, a desire to get there, addecd to all of which
is hat wholesome recreatinn which every young animal, whether he has two
legs or four legs. nossesses or ought to possess. We as a nation like to do every-
thing thoroughly or not at all. And this thing thoroughly or not at all. And teltg
is the reason why gome of our fores
critice accuse us of running things to the ground, $\because$ athetics included. But as
isald before, it is all a question of nasald before. it is all a question of na-
lional temperament. A curious proof of this is furnished by the English school-
hos, who. while he is rond of athletics in hoy: who. while he is rond or athletics in enthusiasm and energy in ragard 10 them
that the American hoy, does. For in stance. those of our boys who go in for
basebail will play it from morning to night if they have a chance and think
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which he may be devoted. But with the Which he may be devoted. But with the
Finalish lad it is different.
say that he Hkes crlcket: well, he is more or less of
an enthuslast about it it trur. but he
plays and goat that. The next day he may practice a little, perha is on the following
day play a couple of games more. and so on; but as a rule he takes his favorite
sport calnily. mixes it up with other athletics. and doesn't center his whole
life upor an to speak. as the American boy does on His favorite sport. No more notable manifestation of the urrent athirtic vogue among our boblic
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 A cry that seemed to echo as from a gweet summer air, and the parsonts whife had falien to the ground. John hifted her
in his strong arms and carried her
stralght into the hut, though the others stratght into the hut, though the others
protested ugainst it. that," he sald, and he was risht. know agonized moans in that dimly-lighted miners hut, and some of the rough
sympethizing men remained siting about outslde. The moon looked in upon
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the beautifully-sculptured features of the tearless grier of the one mourner,
the beautifully-sulptured features of
the dead man. and the lovely sleeping face of the int the chlld, so curiously like
that other tin ts lone repose.
John Bray walked round round
the hut the whole night lie seemed the hut the whole night. He seemed tor, if not mourner. If anything was to
be said. he sald it if anything was to be done, it was done by him. and at the funeral, he was the chief dirctor and
actor. When the sods ell upon the coffin In that whd, wonderful place. it was ed as she cried.
coh, I cant bear it:-Indeed, I cannot
bear it!" And it was curlous to see his attempts at consolation; they were so clumsy, yet so well meant.
tonishment. John swore just as savage ly when with them, and blustered as nolsilly but when he spoke of the wo, man and her chlld, or even of "parson,"
there was a tender regret in his voice
and manner that was strange to them. and manner that was strange to them.
"Well, pard,' asked one or his chums.
taose-jolnted fellow, what's
goin' lo be done with that woman and goin io be done with that woman and
her kid, now parson's gone? Kindr
glad to be quit of his pra'rs. I reckon
eh?',
"Don't you fo sayIn' anythin' agin
parson?" growled John, with geveral oaths. "Why, what's come over yer?" asked
the other, In some astonishment. the other, In some astonishment.
"I "Parson's dead.". was the slow reply. pra'rs, as i know op,-fact. I didn't hke dead, and dead men can't speak for themselves so ispeak for 'em.
As tor the woman. what's. goin' to be done, I don't know, but she'll never go
back. Theres death in her race. Th.
kid'li be alone in the world afore kid'll be alone in the world afore long."
iriends." she better be sent to her "There aln't any," sald John. "I was sort of all alone. In the world. I'm goin' to take the kid.
"You!" and the man stared.


turned to John in her sorrow, fondly
deeming that he did everything for the
sake of the husband she had loved so

## dearly. Not a morning came that John was

Not a morning came that John was
not the frst in the hut. getting break-
fast for the sick wo man and her hll fast for the sick woman and her chlld r's thiners serd has because of her moth o her iltte abifty, smiling in his eyes, "O, John don't you know it is very
"O, Jond wicked to swear?.' This was once when "Then I won't swear, doggone me if I "But that's fust as bad.." said. Lily, limbing up on his knee and resting her "Thent I won't say dogrone, blast me She lifted her head and looked sorrow. fully in his pace as she sald, "I guess
your mother never taughted you when "I was a little boy." she never did," said the min

'parbon's dead, eht' said bray, with an oate cr, and his eyes molstened. "My poor "Oh, 1 am so sorry!" she sald, at soft eyes dewy with feeling in know
all the Commandments, and Ill teach em oo you, and then you won't swear any know it's wfoked." "Alle un," was the reThere came a day before long. When he rough miners stood over another Bray, as in the arms of a tender of Joh and sobbed herself to sleep upon hio

## A Soft Answer

"What did you do, James, when Ed-
ward called you a liar? asked the teach"I rememb
soft answer
pllied James.
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 mad bulls, and there's no telling when
 heaven. a good log house like this is It was early fall. in northern Minneass. To the almost unbroken widdernothing but forest. an immense stretch
of woods broken only by an occasional n the south was ten miles away, Truly his brave ploneer family had had to But the Millers enjoyed the wllder ness life. with its perfect freedom and and temptations. Caleh esperinlly, the ourteen-year-old hoy of the famify, de-
ighted in his wilderness home. He was strong. healthy and happy a lover of
nature, and alreany skilled in ait the
goorts and employments of the harksh. he could paldie trap. shoot, and besit of the guldes. he knew the names
and ways of all the birds and wild anlhelper in the work of the farm. In a word, he was yust the kind of a boy
o apprectate and make best use of the Caleb's great devolion was his love
for his IItile sister. Bessle. Never was
knleht more invai and tender to inls ady-love than Caleh to his litile sistor.
he was the idol of his heart and tho pple of his eye. "I shal! never want say, laughingly, "so long as no. other with a devotion that was heighitened by
drmiration. Caleb was her heat deal of what a big brother ought to he.
Now, remember, Bess." satd Caleb. the morning after he hay seen the moose have come and the safest plare is in-
doors. Father and I have to be out. of Course, but you and mother don't." Fready on hos way to the nearest settle-
 BY JAMES BUCRIAM
about ten oclock, when the distant baying of hounds was heard. Mrs. Mil-
ler went to the door and listened. The
dogs have started a moose," she sald. "I dogs have started a moose", she said. "I coming this way." sound mas on the shore of a large lake. Not far from the house,
a rowboat was dancing on the light waves, with its bow tied to the little
wharf of logs, and an anchor and long anchor-rope cast out astern. to keep the
boat from chafng against the whart.
Besste was playing on Bessie was playing on the floor near
the open door, when her mother went
to the spring, about ten rods back of the house, to get a pail of fods back of
thate Mr. Miller was gone something happened that made the child forget all
about her promise not to yenture outabout her promise not to venture out-
doors. Her half-grown kitten, the
darling of her heart. had strayed down darling of her heart, had strayed yown
to the wharr, and, attracted by the
smell of some fish-heads that were lying
in in the boat. was just in the act of
springing into the boat to devour them. when Bessle glanced up and saw her
pet. The kitten sprang. but fell short
of the mark. Ier frepaws barely touched the gunwale of the boat she
hung by the ends of her claws for a
moment. and then fell back into the moment. and then fell back into the
water with a splash and a heartrending
Bessie was out of the door in an inBessle was out of the door in an in-
stant and ractng for the inttle wharf.
She did not notice that, almost at the same moment, at great hull moose broke
from the woods behind her, and made for the water. with huge muzale out-
stretched and broad antlers lafd back stretched and broad antlers lafd back
upon hts shoulders. But Mrs. Mller just then returning around the corner
of the house, saw the child's peril. after the moose. The criles of the
woman, and the flerce baying of the frightened and infuriated moose stlli
more crizy. Instead of turning up the more crazy. Instead of turning up the
shore of the lake, as he probably would
have done if not so closely pursucd. he plunged Into the water within a few
yards of the log wharf. and swam furtausly out. past the stern of the rowboat, Bessie had just jumped Into the hopat, and was trying to save her kitten from
a watery grave. The moose somehow and in his angry struggles snapped it
and the lighter rone that held the bow of draghing after him into the swam
of ine the little craft and the astonlghed and terrifel child.
Mr. Miller's shrlll screams rans out
through the woods, and the hot-mouthed hounds, that had by this time reached
the spot whe the how volces also in doleful, long-drawn from the was coming home to dinner startiling chorus. Immediately he broke
into a run. and in a few minutes emerged, panting and frightened, in the clearing on the lake shore. A glance
out across the water reveald the whole
sltuation to the boy in an instant. The

 langer of beft. in constan
dragged un der or upset. While dragged un and sobbing. with
klten in her lap.
 he turned and saw Caleb The boy's light canoe and padde were
in a shed back of the house. In less
than a minute he was running down to than a minute he was running down to head. It was the work of but an instan
to launch the little craft and spring in to launch the little craft and spring in
Then away Caleb padded, his slender By this time the rowboat
 almost lost to sight among the wave What were running hoat should in midelapsize befor should be dragged under by the en
tangled rope, which, the boy righty tangled rope, which, the boy rightly
surmiscd, must be wound around the moses flanks? Caleb clenched his drove his light canoe forward
teeth. and
with every ounce sessed. He kunce of strength he pas
fast. but would he he he was gaining time gaing his ilttle sister? Wrould she still be in hauled the moose?
face and neck in streams. His breath rame In deep gasps: every muscle was
strained to its utmost tension. But how fast he was raining! Yes. thank
God! he nild see the hoat plainly now hear the sobs of the frimhened child
Hone gave the hoy new strength. Hi padile quivered as he drove it depp and Five minutes more of furtous pad dracging rowhoat, caught the gunwale drew his canoe forward. whipped out
his wnife, and cut he anchor-rope with
a single slash snorting away, and Caleb. crawilink
from the canop into the rowhoat. clasp ed his trembling little sister in hi
arms. and lifted a prayer of silent grati tude to God. flinging her slender and laying her., tear-wet chee akainst his. "O Caleh!" she solibed. an gone out of the house, hut klity wa mewning, and you wouldn't hat

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## DAVE OF THE DAUNTLESS <br> hood. with a sound resem-

 his son pavid, as harir
dog-sled came to a stop halfay
downe street. seal-hile caps
and boots whe spotiod. hairy side outward, covered the hitads and feet of the assemblage and
big woolen comforters shielded their throats, while the remalnd-
er of thelr persons was clad ln
diverse materlals diverse materiais. Fach min's
keen-edged, short-bladed knife
rested in its sheath on his belt,
and every one carried his gaff. or short club: thus. in the gather-
ing darkness, they tppeared not unlike The stout satins stermer Dauntless,
sarrying at her masthead the much cove carrying at her masthead the mued con
eted
pennant denoting the greatest catch of the pretous year. lay at the
head of the the tin the harbor, belching While her anchor-chain rose dripping. lights, like watchful eyes, flashed into of his the sked. hee was besed by a multitude нeal ktller. and one looked up to by his mates as an authorlty on all matters re-
ating thereto. All would have joined he shlp; he commanded, had that bern
possible; for, whth him aboard, it was home clean, or without seldom coming Brushing them aside the old seal $k$ illowed by his son. He enterd the boat the shin's slde. Cheers from the deck
of the Dauntess greeted his approach: to take lis baptism in this bloody work A gun ashore the ract. detains them untli a a certain llate: and, of deep-toned whistles. and the hisswer of escaping steam, the Dauntless led the No sooner had she forged well out to traying ray was shut from saght. Thus. he rules of the sarkness reven the hitherto the captain's command, and the silence
was broken only by the thud-thud-thud plash of a sea breaking aboard or the Years of expertence had taught her Which was unknown in amount. and but iftile, every subterfuge known must must outwit the other commanders: and. ure a full catch.
A flake of snow, another and another fallng upon his wrather-braten cheeks: he muring pleased him. "Garl!" said he softly, "Twill be ahead! and felt the hull tremble speed the vilolence ni ndded impetus. storm. and when morning broke it was upon a sea of ice, through whitich whe steamed warily-but alone. The sea-
manshtp of her commander had trimanshlp
High un on the foremast, peering over fastened old cikloner Peddle closely
 keen sight detectell a dark mass far.
far away. to those on deck pughed through the immense pan her bow, she by bounded. Hesitating momentarily, as if plunged forward ngain, and agaln struck. With a sound of protest, as the ce parted, a great. snake-like arack
appeared, and ptesently a hadenly apecared, Nearer and nearer. under the able pilotnge of Skipper Pedile the shtp moved to wher. a dark mass of stonped. Ice anchnes were thrown out, and the men gathered braide her rall.
to pour over the sideignext moment
a human avalanche of mighty huters of the North
In groups of twos and threes the seats blow-holes. through which the creatures Reek food from the denths, or escape hreatening tay its little braite each mother cause of the yellow-white coat which darker soon after birth. The mothers iten dive down into the blow-holes. but
ot one fails to return at feeding time, for its young, though the far may have The lltue must have been thousands of Goe: for as far an the pare could on the cene plain was in motinn from reach, crien sounded platiny Thelr whimpering and the home-guard of older frosty alr, ried clumsily about, scenting the apDavid Peddle, the old seal kilifris non. war one of the first to nlunge into the ing to avold the vtcious mnaps of the

Wh. Whiping his knifa from it his torthe and shortencd his hold with
 hows were well almed. He had secured of a rithe some instant the sharp crack
several, when behind him rose a loud the beast. with a cry from the men. Ware the hood! 'Ware the hood!" rase and hain, rolled aside. As quillowly thry shouted.
Ifastily turning. David found himself ment at the recover from his astonish
sertain death. Davawal of what spring face to face with an old dog. hooded his feet unharmed. tagonist: and one that would try the
nerves of the most experienced seal kilDer David's own brother had fallen a
lictim to the furious strength of one of these brasts hut the prevlous season. the sudden inflation of the animal's hood Which. when erected, so completely en-
shrouded tis snout. and the vulnerable forepart of sts skuil, withln the tough
skin bag. that nefther aluh nor knlfe David had not trene dangerous enemy. sral of thas not dremmed of mereting a the same latitude as the harn geal. its ferred a month later than is thr coming the other varlety, whose name is de-
prom the pecular markinks unon
back: he knew. however. that stress of weather somedimes forces the stress mestic ice-pans of the two into close
contact. so that occasionally, hood and harp are found upon the same pan.
Ali this lashed through his mind as
 were the monster once to close in on
wim. The ble hood's bendy eyes gleamed.
 fto head nearly to aporsel with INavids
own. it lunged near and nearer. its flexlown. it lunged near and nearir. its flexp-
ble sine and great strengeh of muscle carrying an forward with astonishitak
rapidity. Now and then it uttered rapidity. Now and then it uttered
barking growl. barking growl. hat David raincd blow ouklic had heen but wasting for it "That whas a close call. lad." a ramiliar aboard. " It continued, as David recognized his father. Whio, rllle in hand, had
come to his rescue from another portion
of the foo, where he had noted the at ack.
Stacking his nelts one a-top the other.
David nassed a line about them, and dragged them to the ship's side. where turned and skinned hls antagonist: butt it took the combined strength of hls hundred-pound pelt that he stripped Slowly the Dauntiess steamed homehe pennant. aganash. Again she held
hilp. David Peddle now as the lucky weal killer as was his father, still purthat wild cry. nor his battle with the

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duclng the rotundity or its
hood. Whichever way the boy turned the beast pre-
sented tis head, lunging
nearer nearer at each change of
positon, until he could fed its hot hreath on his reae.
ife reacheat for his knife only to tind it had faller
from his helt. Tired with
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 pleture of two enthuslastic boys
icky fingers and red faces! The story teller was
Willitam Alden
smith. the newly-made inited States senator from Michigan, and he was re-
calling the days when he sold pop-corn
and newspapers for a living and newspapers for a living. From pop-
How is hat for a start?
corn pedder and newsboy to United corn peddler and newsboy to fitenited
States senator: You say you didn't be.
lieve that romances like this happened

in real life: fight there is where you
would be surprised if you read the newspapers. There are occurrences every
hour in this wonderrul world of ours
that would keep the writer of the most exciting storles you writer of the most
over-time to equat! It certalnly would haye required a
record-breakjng stretch of the imagina-
tion for any one to have tion for any one to have seen in the boy
In the patehed sult. with the basket of
pop-corn and the bundle of newspapers. pop-corn and the bundle of newspapers.
a F nited States genator with a high hat
and a frock coat!
 very paper on which he was employed!
Aladdin and his wonderful lamp? Not
at all. it is merely the story of boy
 and gunpowder. Just such a boy as
well. Tom Brown around the corner or Jim. White next door. or maybe yourself. do things the man, who will now be rated as
What the
"Senator" used to be called. you know was a plain, every-day sort of a chap future to think abo far enough into the to do when he was a man. And it's a
poor sort of a fellow that doesn't, don't Well. when Billy Smith and his brother the two were in parthership pink
selling pop-corr. and making plnk.
sugar-coated balls, the former was puzzling about the best way to get a iltile There was one thing that appealed to
him pretty strongly. He had an fdea
that if he could get a capltol. he would be about as happy a But how in the world was he going to to for a triendly push. and bill was wlse twenty boys after every post at the capi three members of the leglslature ready shoulders and aneak a good word to the
boss for them. R1kht here is where Billy Smith shut hls lips tightiy together, lonked the
situation right in the face and deter situation right in the face and deter
mlned to busy, mined to get busy. He found out that
the lleutenant-governor of the gtate
lived tn Jonla. about twenty-five miles from his Grand Rapids home and he
made up his mind to interview the great
man on the subject He wesn't man on the gubject. He Fasn't flush
mangh. however. to pay the rallroad enough. however. to pay the rallrogd
fare and he had to walk the disinance. It
was in the middle of the winter, too, and it gets cold in Michigan.
Billy reached lonis in the end, how
ever. found the lleutenant-governor's Biny reached ionia in the end, how-
ever. pound the lleutenant-governor's
house. managed to get an audience with
him. and-now, if this was in a ntory. he would have gotten a job wouln't he?
Well, it's not in a story and Blli dide Rut young smith had kone too Par to back down. He got to ransing. which know is the state capital. boldy pre-
mented himself at the doors of the lexinlative halls and himply hung on until

 sive ten years of their lives to win.
And all this from selling pop-corn and newspapers on the street?
That boy over there who says there is no chance for him. stand up. Mr. Smith
It is for such as you that Mr has sent this message expressly. to the the better for you to remember, he has
chosen for his words a verse of poetry. Write on your doors the saying. wise Be bold and old, bold! And everywhere be Re not too bold. but better the excess
Than the defect: better the more than THE DETECTIVE AND THF CHINA"Chinese smuggling would keep Sher-
lock Holmes on the Jumn.:" said the
United States inspector. thoughtfully try every year in splte of the sharp
watch which Uncle Sam keeps on both "The Canadian and the Mexican boraman, not only with sharp eyes. but of his head. to see through thelr tricks.
"Dld you know that the Chinaman is a people In the world there are no other
hemselves more ranidy hememelves more ranldy and eftectually.
nder some conditlons. China would nder some condilons. China would
have furnished the world's greatest ac ors. seems to be a popular idea that you There never was a more absurd atate ment A man who in anywhere Pamiliar
with the Chinese can tell Ah Sink as
easily from Wang Hi as he could Bill wanty from Wang Hi as he could Blll
Jones from Jim Smith. "I remember that one day on the Canunn passed our station. They were walking very slowly and geemed to be
ansorbed in meditation. I wouldn't have given the incident a moment's thought.
if one of my assistants hadn't bounded excitedly into the room with the ntate-


I hurrijed after him and wam con-
pronted by the party of nuns. who had been hay halied. Barty or nums. Who hat the blg white
boods. we uncovered the terror-blanched faces of a dozen Chinese coolles, who
had concelved the idea of passing us in convent garb.
it is nothing unusual for a Chinaman
to guined as a Canadjan or American farm er. and you have no idea how efrectually
he can hide his nationally with a coarse
shirt. a pair of overalle and a big straw
 'On the southern border. the coolles
often try to steal across disgulsed as and
Mextcans. in sombreros and with jing Ing spurs at their feet. Once In China Nouch hats, blouses and wooden-sole
THE WORI,D'S LARGEST CITY,
What is the worid be bugeest you answer
Why. London. to be sure. you Ank the boy fity years from now thin
question. and if he gave this reply, he question. and if he gave this reply,
wonld go to the foot of the clas.

routes were utterly demoralized. H
was palmer's story to be got out to world? The correspondent flled ahoard a torpedo bout bound down river changed from that to a junk. and so Atory was not yet finished. so he took passage, and wrote like mad all the way
to Nagasaki. From there-his completed
artlcle started homeward-he returned article started homeward-he returned
to Taku on a transport. rode overland Cunaccompanied! to Titentsin, found the
Alles had left for Pekin. overtook them and saw the rellef of the forelgn lega
tons In that Chinese capital!. He had covered 2.000 miles in nine days, heating
the rest of the newspaper world by a week with news for which all Christen
dom was eageriy walting. Today Palmer is resting from this sort
of the. at his home near Irvington-on-he-Hudson, writing storles, based upon
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 Ite ow wo me row wow weeks wourd."
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 "Just walt! hissed the swindlar, and
gritted hls teth. ance, nd Frank soon put in an appear.
inen Mrs. Larksurss the young man is rifin, Mrs.
 nid Mrs. Larksur said mike a world da the II must thank you for doing what you dhat must mank, satin the boarding lyouse you not burn here he "I'm. .gladid was here," returnelt our Wenl. you certalnly deserve ft. but tolal him of seseral partics whot who
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"lfes gnne!"
Whang me. if illerica the why didn't you
ateh him?" "Why dirin't you wateh him yoursolf? "I left him with you."
"No. you diln't. I left him with you."
"It ain't so!." It aln't so!"
"It ls." talk ran on until a crowd be
in the the cianse of the dispute. Rut the poliremen
wnuldn't tell, and went of to hint for lim missing prisner. of course they
were unsucenssful. and had to go to the When frank nal Mrs. Larkspur pre
sented themselity thry wre told tha Gabe Flecknt had escnped by the ald o "Two arcomplices?" queried Frank, in astonishment
The two pollcemen whin had the prla In the melee that followed the prisoner polleemen. who hat bern negllarnt in
thelr duty, nlthongh. In a way they had
done well to rescue the litio ritheren. Mtse ery strange." sald Frank th the compitices." "Well. the heard that swindter niten work in palis. or in a crnwd
three or four." answerpa Mrs. Larkspur "Perhaps the races Rtt racted them."
.That must he it." nnswrred Frank.
"I'm going to watch the crowd coming from going to watch the crowd coming IIe did this. hut his watchlng hrought
him no satisfaction. He spent the night
 if he ever tries to claim his hakgage."
frank had fairly gind gucress in fioshHere. money Rermen to he nlentiful, and "That is what I rall husineas." he

Whille in miadietnwn. the young hank ngent had one experience whith was
amusing in the extreme. He called on

By HORATIO ALGER, JR.
 Curprigh 1aos by suit Rubilitime $c$.
 snititn uhe old gentleman noded and
 CHAPTER XXVII.
HOME ONCE MOIR

this man 's mot a real estate agent. be is a swindler"
freen minutes. The old gentleman an- of leaving tit to go to city on a wild
reared to br very attontive, but made no goose chase. was a kindly-lonking Now. sir. don't you think you want woman. white her hushand was rather
this set of books? asked the young silent and strrn. although just and good.
agrint at last.
 But he drew a mat from his pocket, and young honk agent wat introluced. "Yo
with a pencll wrote the folinwing: "I am deaf and dumb.
show me the hooks for?



 wrote down that he wantra to sell a
set of borks. But the nld man shook
his head, and wrote in reply: his head, and wrote in reply:
 satd Frank. and gathering un his honk
he bowed himself out of the house. Fever after he had to laugh when he tiough
of the deaf and dumh man. and he ofte
told the joke as a good one on himaelf From Middietnwn nur hero went in Paterson, and then returned to the vi- cricd Bobby. you never told me about it."
cinity of his home. One day he went over to the village was going to school across the fietds
ni Here, on the main strert, he ran into Brawn came after me. I ran as hard as
Bobby Frost "hullo!: riled the hoy who hall one
run a way from home. "What are yo run away from home. "What are you "Mid the dog tree you?"
dolna here? nearly an
 again." went on our hero. with a raint mmilie. I'm glad to do most anything now." "I hope you got home safe."
"I did But. gay, dad did give me an
everlasting thraghin for running awag."
added Bnhhy. "I'll never Pnrget it." "I think you'll make more of a fort-
une around home than in the city, Bobby "Perhape $I$ will. Anyway, I've given
up reading those trashy five and ten-cent Hbraties.'"
"That's a good job done."
"Come on over to my houke," went on will be rilad
"In that white house over yonder

 "Oh. yes, you must stay." put in Bnbby, bonks. Ma, he says he has a set of fam-
ous novels that you might like," he
went on. to hls parent. "Yes, I should like in lnok at your
books.: answered Mrs. Forst.
In Frank's honor the In Frank's honor the dinncr was made
quite an elaborate onf, and it is perhaps needless to state that our hero did
ample fustice to all that was set before him. While eating. he rolnted some of
the adventures he had had on the road the adventures he had had on the road
whille splling hinks and evon Mr. Frost
wise was interested in his narrative.








 cal. if you himand we can amori it it winl give ins mowe of goon roudity during ac. Then wint writ my name down tor a
 harnt had done tor his or sur hiro remincrint the Frosts home
 arry the case. Frank allowed lim to

 a for you do that, rill write to you for to Aillikht, Bobby: perhans rill be able

 trund his trotiver and slster on the point of rctiting thought yout come home to
 wood, mother How is father
Just thin Mr. tyariverame downtairs. Why father yon wak almost as
 ooninw , do yon, feel otherwise?"
Jabmy finrilson or from the railroail com-

 thousand hinlars. Their lawne
 EnIt: ind Mr. pegoin thinks you will get
"He does."
 "layw wol any lima what you will do Whint sictlyeltit depents on how doctor's hill to pay, rememher. And 1
 Frank. and he told them of what luck
he had had since he had been home be "Oh. isn't it just splendid!" cried Ruth. rm as hifg to frank." came from our herne little bron fou getting along in chonl?". asked Frank. ninety-four last
 sald litle Gentgie. "That's gond. Get all the eduration
yoll can. for that is what counts-I've fo!nd that out." must find some way of Mrs. Hardy. can't gn this winter lill go into business afain." told Was folks hatil the next day that he
 astnished and gratified. portune:., Frank yorled his father. makink a dreamed you would do halp so well." "Indied it dnes No prent store in Claster could make as much money as "I'mgentne to put the money in the "Yes: that'g an expeflent idea: for then "But T am going to glve mother hale of "Oh." Frank. IT didn't expect this," "Rut I earned the mnney tor you and He insisted unon Rlving his mnther
the money. and she nut it away, to be used as necasion required.
The nest mornlng Frink was husy ing Mr. Vincent a hetifr roncerning some
old bonks he had purchased. When he went downtown to phst the letters he
stopped at a grocery store for some
"They tell me you are trying to sell he "Welghed out the coffee

Frank sharply through his spectacles.
? dont link so. your folks. or get a steady job in "What do you think a steady job
would pay me? asked Frank. And e enen if was only three it might
help your mother a good bit. books.'. make more money selling "Not every week," was the store"Wices, sire dovery week-and more than
with just a blt of trlumpht on Frank.
whis tone.
"You don't say so! Maybe youre jok. Ing me.
"Do, sir: 1 am telling you the truth." make ten dollars a week steady selling
books?"'
II have made more than that since I started. Of course, some weeks I fill
hehind a little, but the average is above
that flgure, and some weeks I made big
inoney.:
 -Well. it does beat all! I thought
honk seling was worse than fidding for "It's all in the way you go at it. Some
fidlers and some book agents dn't
make their salt, but others make make their salt, but others make money
l'e heard of one volinist N New Yor
who gets five hundred dollars a night." "I don't think so He is known as a
very celebrated arist.
"Humph! Well. do you expect to make
fle hundred dollars a day selling
books?" "I do not. But 1 expect to make a good
deal more than four or, five dollars per
week at it. Mr. Glasby." "I've heard tell that. some famous men - 'Well, I wish you success, Frank. Bu
never would have belleved it, never
 his purchases.
CHAPTER XXVIII.
FRANK STARTS FOR THE SOLTH When Frank reached the post office
he found several letters for his parpnt
and himself. One was post-markrd he found several letters for his parents
and himself. One was post marked
Charleston. and was in the handwriting
of his brother Mark. MHullo! Mark must have reached the
"nited States at last" he said to himscli.
"Mnder when he will be home?.
He He knew his parents would be anxious
to read the communication. so hastened "Here is a leter from Mark ${ }^{\text {.. he called }}$
out, and this brought his mother and his
father to the dining room. "Let me see the letter, Frank," sald his
mother, and hee cut it open for her. "I'll
read it aloud," she added, and walked to mother, and he cut it open for her. .
read It aloud," she added. and walked
the window. to get the beneflt of
Hpht.
The communication ran as follows. The communication ran as follows:
Dinear Folks at Home: I suppose you
Whe Unow that ampack in the United States safe and sound on
more. I trust this fnds you all well.
.We had a are now unloaling a portion of our and
go here $A$ ond
shon as that is done. w lien sall for Pheladelphia. where my
trip will come to nn end. I reckon I
have had ennugh of the ocean for the
 Rot to be on deck in all sortsof weather.
and put un with any old kind of grub,
t's a different story. And they tell mp
the fond thts brig is as good as the
average vessel average vessel a whole lot to tell when
"1 have got a
qet home. so I will not take the time
to put to down on paper. But there ls
one thing I mist write about. I may be
making a mistake. but I don't think so. "It's abnut that Jabez Garison. Who
ran away from Philafelphia with some
funds belonging to a benevolent assocla-
tlon. I read the newspaper clippings Frank fent me. rarefully, and also read
what father wrie about him. also
went the wirture one of the papers print.
 knoking around town yesterang. taking
in the sights. when i stepped into a restaurant for a bite. Some men were
there. and wo at a table near me. Fwi-
dentiy they had just run across nna an-
nther. and each seemed to beasiat io al The other. men talked of gning to Cali-
"These
fornla, to $a$ place called sinn Margella called Flecker, and he addressed was other man once and he Garrison, and then then
again as Jabez. Both spoke of being in Philadelphia some the ago. The fellow
called Flecker or Recker. sald he had
bepn to Goshen, to the horse races, and nut in Pennsylvania. The other man.
Garrison, sald he had been to Boston and if they knew each other well and had had
heen in some shady transactions toG I didn't know what to do. If I had
heen sure this Garthon was the man you rested, but both of the men went out "Before they went away, however. they
arranged to meet at a piace called th Flecker sald he had business to attend
to in New sald he
would "If there is anything pal got back.
in this ipt me
know. Shall I notify the police what 'it must be Jabez Garrlson!" cried
Frank.

that other man must be Gabe Flecker."
went on our herr.
There may be some mistake," put in
Mrs. Hardy. imidly. "Thomas, you musi Mrs. Hardy, tmidly. "Thomas, you must "You are right there, Margy. is i dill
that, it might cost me a prety penny to da mages. I wish I was well enoughi
to do $\mathrm{Charleston}. \mathrm{I'd} \mathrm{take} \mathrm{the}$ "Let me go father:" cried Frank
quickly. 'It just the thing! Why didn
I think of it hefore? I think of it hefore?" would know Jabery Garrisin? "
a Postitie. father. Haven't 1 seen hin
number of times, when he called at number of limes, when he caled
the store?
it is a lone trin to Charleston South "It is a long trip to Charleston. South
Carollna.: came from Mrs. Hardy. shouldn't mind it in the least. moth-
Besides. remember Mark is there. Inan telfgraph to him that I am com
ingon." you might do that:"
"Yes,
"Il go down to the rallroad station a once and see when I can get a train.
went on the young bork agrant. enthus
fastically. And 111 send the telegram too. ${ }^{\text {The matter was talked over for a fow }}$
minutes longer.and ti was dectled that
our hero should reall take the trit, our heronshould really tike the trit.
south. Withut 10 ofs of time the telf.
gram. was prepared. and he hurried off south. Without loss of time the tele.
gram. Was prepared. and he hurried off
to the station with it. "Want to go to Charleston?" queried
the ticket agent. "That's rather a long
tripronk. Frank soon can 1 go?" "Hes. How soon can 1 go ".
"You can make connection at Phila.
delnhia in two hours and forty minutes. "That will just suit me. Now let min
know ho much this elegram will cost."
 "Now. he sure and keep out of danger."
sald Mr. Mardy, on parting. "Id rather
hate Garrison esaape than that you
should come to grief.
"ies keep out of all danger" pleaded
his mother.
The train was coming into the station
when. Frank reached the ticket offce When Frank reached the ack ticket por
once more. He purchascd a
Philadelphia. and was the laxt to met
aboard. aboard. A, momert more and Claster
was left behind, and the long fourney
to South Carolina. was begun.
Farlier in the year the journey would Farlier in the year the journey would
have made Frank feel bange, but
knocking around as an agent had given nim conflience in himself, and he felt
nite at home as he settifil bark in his seat and reviewed the situation.
"I hope that fellow dors prove to he
Jabez Garrison, and that the other rhapls
Gabe Flecker." he sald to hims indf. It Gabe Flecker." he sald to himseli
will be killing two birds with nnat stone
it was growing dark Cly was reached At the main riltimit
station on Broad stret. Frank ohtained
a ticket to Charleston. and also a brith
in a sleeping car. He harl barsly time to get his supper at a nearby lunch
room. when his train came in and he got aboard. misty night. so little could
it was a
beseen of the landscape. Frank sat up
for a while to readinnd than went ot
bed He slept soundiy, and got un about for a While to read. and then went to
bed. He slept soundiy. and got un about
seven oclock.
"We must be pretty well south by this Ime." he thought He wastremendous-
ly hungry, and afer making his tollet. ly hungry, and after making his tollet.
watitedimpatiently for the dining car to
be taken on. "First call for breakfast:" was the
welcome cry a ittte later. and he maide
his way towards the dining car. whilich was at the rear end of the rather long
train. To get to th he had to pass
through two sleepers. Here some of the
friks wre not yet up. and he had to take care so as not to disturb them.
Ife was passing through the last sifer-
er. When a man emerked from hehind er. When a man emerked from hehind
the heavy curtains of a berth and bent
over a hand-bag which rested In the
alge. The man' back was toward
Frank. but asingle glance showed our

 The man consulted his wateh.
Frank sat down to his breakfast in a
corner of the dining car. He had scarcecorner of the dining car. He had scarce-
ly begun eatink when Gabe Flecker came
in. accompanted by a man who looked in. accompanied by a man who looked
to be a southern planter. The natr
went to the table next to the one our
hern occupled. and Flecker sat down went to the table next to the one our
hern occupled. and Flecker sat down
with his back directly behind that of the young book agent. this real-estate deal
ulit Mr. Lee,
wll make you a rich man.: Frank heard
Flecer. Flecker remark, during the course of
the meal. It. is really one chance out
of a hundred.. "You are critain that the property is
free and clear"? questlonen the planter.
"Perfectly clear. sir-Ill give you my personal guarantec.: sir-I'll give you my persond you are authorized to gell the
land for elght thousand dollars? "That's the figure-providing i can get
customer this week. You see. the
Pamily need ready money, otherwise they would hold out for ten or fifteen thousnap 1 ever heard of," went on Gabe
Flecker, glibly.
"it Mr. Lee. Colonel Mows Wanted to buy
the place three yearsago, and they asked the place three years ago, and they ask
sixteen thousand dollas.:
inthe Then you will take the property?
"i reckon 1 will. f'll think it irst. thourh

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ill take it. I've always wanted the
place. bind the harcin ? ${ }^{\text {.' }}$ deposit?"
Gabe Fuch of a deper hestitated. In his mind whas wondering, how much the old
"I was told with him get deposit of a thous-
and dollars if could." he said, slowir-
iI have only four hundred and fifi It have only Tour hundred, and fifty
dollars with me. Mr. Wardell."
be Then Ill taki. that Of course you'll
pered to pay the balance by a


write ynu out a recolnt at once. idon't
generally dn busings. when I am eating.
but lill make an exception this time.
The old nlanter brought forth a large
willet, and ronnted out folr hundred
dollarg in twent
dollars in twenty-dollar bills. In the
meantme Gabr itpekr bran to write

"There's the receipt." sald he, and
passed it ofer As he did so, Frank
arnse and confronted him.
"lyhat. in you mean?", hegan Gahe Lef What's the trouble? came from Gasper HeThis man is not a real-estate agent.
. is a swindier. "A swindler! cried the planter, and
nut his hand to his hip pocket. as if to " "Don't shont"." cried Gahe Flecker, In "Thts man ta Gabe Flecker, and he is
Wanted by, more than one person for
onntinued Frank. calmly him.". ${ }^{\text {Dosen't }}$ hr hall Prnm Charleston?". he fscancri." from the police of Goshen.
New York."
"Is it possible!" The planter put his money a way.
sering this artion. Gabe Flecker start-
ed to tear up the recelpt he had written ed to tear up ihe recolnt he had writen.
but. like a fash, Frank drew it from his grasp:
"Hy give that back!" roared the "Not just yot. Mr. Flecker."
$\because$ If you don't glve it back I'll make it hot for you. gure you are rlght, young
"You are gre
man? guestloned the planter, sharply. "I am." the best thing we can do is to
"Than the
have this fellow held for the police." "Will you be a witness against him? personally connot prove that he is what
he pretende to be."
.Of course Ill be a witness againat
 town-who was swindled out of slxty-
fve dollars hy this fellow He gnt my
fripnd's autngraph. and then used the
 Ry this time a crowd was beginning to
collect. and the conductor of the traln came hurrying to the spot.
You can't guarrel here," he sald. Come to the smoker."
"I am willing." said Frank, and Gasp "I am willing," said Frank, and Gasp-
er Lee sald the same. As there appeared
to be no help for it, Gabe Flecker mar. hed to the smoker. There, surrounded story, and Gasper Lee related how he had
met Flecker in New York. and how the sharper had gotten into his good graces
and mentloned some valuable propert and mentione some valuable property
on the outskirts of Charleston as belng
for "I should have handed over my money concluded the planter, "I was falriy
talkrd. into making a bargain with thin
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 may be enected. let the reader turn to the the
 Nillar D. with res acempanying rectanke B
 Tom, it is extient that any downwaru motiton








nainted or markoct the number nf the room: lown to the left of the electro-magnet. In
ront of the armature 1 s a 1 ight metal disc
 ont that the number urn hdoticn, when the tour-




 hich supports the number plate E. When eat. It pulle up the armature $B$. Which re number plate therefore falls forwards. at the aperture F. which is in front of th



Fig. 4-"Fall Back" Indicator


HOW TO SOLDER By E. L. WILLIAMS

I"

 they needed to do it? Not many, I think,
and yet it is very simple and easy "when
you know how." you know how...
in the first place, you need something to put the solder on with: a copper.
the tinsmith calls it. Then you want
some solder and something to make the
 though the writer has done a falr job Your copper should be "well tinned" on the end before beginning operations. To dothis, ket a piece or a hrick (a piece
of bright tin hent into the forin of a
groove will answer very nicely). and make a shallow groove in the top on the
smoothest slde: now put a chunk of ros.
in on it ahout as large as a hickory nut. next fle the end of your copper or
piece of iron so that it is bright. and in
the shape that you want to use it: usuflly it is hrought to a polnt like a pyraz
mid. though sometimes one side is left
half round half round. Now heat it untilit is just
heet red red if it does, it burno away never the tinning and will not work good. Now
take from the fire and with a fle
brighten the surface again and lay it on bishen the surface again and lay it on
the rosin as thls begins to melt and
rin. turn the copper so that all the surfacps you want to tin are covered by the
melted rosin: now put some solder on the copner keeping it down in the rosin around in the melted mass. when some parts: if some parts don't the bet tinned
hrighten them araln until the end of your copper shows All this can he done quicker than you
can read this. and a well-tinned copper
is more than half the secret of successful soldering.
Now. in regard to heating. if you have
a good gasoline torch and know how to a good gasoline torch and know how to
use it. or a tinner's charcoal furnace. you
are all right. but just as pood work con are ali rikht. but just as good work can b blacksmith forge, or even a gas range,
If you use hard coal. be sure the bonfire If you use hard coal. be sure the gas has
burned off. and that you have a clean
bright fire. as the sulphur in the gas wil take the tinning off about as fast as yo is a gnod plan to bend a plece of tin into
a dome shape part of the side of an old
tomato can constderably), so that it will cover the
copper and keen the heat pround it. wire solder" is the handiest, as comes in colls about three-sixteenths just as good. The kind called "hale an and one-half tin.
To clean the metal and make the sol it is called: this is commonly made as
followa: Put a 1 ittle muriatic acld (fve follows: Put a 1 ittle muriatic acid (Ave
cents worth whl make more than you
will ever use). and putting ahout one or two tahlespoonfuls (don't use a spoon
to measure it with. thongh, and don get if on your hands or clothes), into a
earthenware diah, set it in the open al and put in some zinc (the kind you gat

on a board. drop some solder around the edies and cet them well tinned by rub-
bing with the conper. tiend drop on some
more and smooth it around ind over the hole Don't hiake the common mistake
of rubing your eopper lack and forth of rubbing your eopper lack and forth
rapidly move slo slowly and. if the
solder doesn't tak 1 nold it on for a few seconds until it melts and flows. If
you need to put on a pateh. be very sure
that the unicr slide or fur pratch is
clean ind bribht. also the part that dit covers where the solder is to run plat
your actd on before you put the pleces
together, run the sulder around the edges. and then hold your copper still or
move it very slowly alonty the eage of the patch and the sor piecos together hold the patch down tiglity nntil the
solder sets. Sometimes it is necessary to tin each part hefore laying them to-
gether. after which simply moving the
copper over the patch very slowly will Electric Pocket Flash Lamp You will require three cells, made up ac-
cording to the following dirertione each zind
cyllnder heing 3 in. hish. and iting in dameter. The cartinn rods mention ind should he

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hich in their turn make contact win
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toon.









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soon be here



 tirmed the rane her wordse whe glass












 by with that the Indian wheeled his pony
and gailoped back toward the point Whence he came. know him?" remarked


Chats With Big Americans
 by huch c. wetr

bridge?
raised was born and
on the

## raised on the

## Mr. Trowbridgaid telling me the story for TiE AMERICAS 10Y a a ay back in-just how old do you suppose

 anywayMy eyes traveled from the snowy hair
and the twinkling eyes to the stili sturand the twinkling eyes to the still stur
dily built figure, and itried to do a 1 th
tle mental arithmetic. How long ago was it that I first read ". Cudjo's cave
and The Drumner Boy? Idecided to
chance it and rememper chance it. and remembered that people
generally prefer you to think that they
are younger rather than older than what
 tretched to sixty-five. Anyway, was A slow smile began to spread over Mr
Trowbridges face ind then to krow
larger and larger unth he was chucklinh
heartlly-like a man who has a kuid joke on a person innt is enjoyink it.
"Was i right? I put in, to be saying
something. something.
Hi, straightened himself in his chatir
stli chuckling. far wrong." he answered "Not so very far wrong." he answered,
"not so very far, a little matter of twener. er Eha!. I stammered. "that would be
when September. 17 rolls, or it will be Not so bad. fs it
Are sua buys ng surpised as i was?
Rather hard to think of the man, why ts Rather hard to think of the man, whe is
still turning oht such stories as alhe
Two Biddicut Boys." as in his elghtioth
 hat it has always been an argumint in
the ramily whether 1 was worn ont the
sixteenth just hefore twelve oclock. or on the seventeenth just after. It indedl
in my being given the choice in the mat-
ter. Not very often, is it. inat a hoy an pick his own birthday? Well,
studied the situation pretty thoroughly cause it made me a day older. When I seventeenth, and such it has been ever
since.
olhe Erle canal is just two years
older than I am. It was in 182 : that it Was first opened. and its musiness was
just beginning to boom when 1 was
plasing on lis banks. A sudden thought flat
and Interrupted him
 n. The book is rellly your own story.
takpn out of your life?
.Well, yes, to a great degree. Th. old
$\qquad$ He sitw the coming, and stopprd in his then abruptyy up without a smile. And spoken. without even hawing seen his Mr. Trowbridge?'" $I$ questioned. al
though 1 knew perfectly what the an
swir was swir That is my mame." he answered. gentally at is my name. he answered. gen-
ing hiands with the monent. I was shak-
whom the boys of Amberica thave come to know as their
farorite author.
"Lat's go uif the study," said Mr.
 I can always talk and think better
there And so we walked down the
d.op hallway. butween rows of blg pic-
 all portrats of authors and poets. whose
work has hill 1 do make thls country
niterary record. and nearly all of whom literary record. and nearly all of whom
can ine numbered anons Mr. Trow-
bridge's inrsonal friends Mrent can be numbered amons Mr. Trow-
brdage's ifrsonal friends. There was
Longftlow and Lowell and Holmes and a hillf a seore more. ail of Whom had
spent spent long hours In the op whirs room
to whleh Mr. Trowbridge introduced me
 you may i, $l i e r e$ that 1 surveyed the
apartment with livels interest. It was
here that the hooks which hatl dellehted apartment with lively interest it was
here that hee books wheh had dellghted
the boys of itmost three generations
had been writen. To begin with. it was a thoroughly
ald-fashon dat sort of a room, with little old-rashiond sori of a room, With litile
furniture, ricent purhase. The book
castes and were of the briun. thirty-years-ako pat
tern. filled with sholf after shelf of well urarn volumes. in bindings such as are
seluom seth in modern hook stores. In the centir of the apartment was a
the front wine talle. whand away over by
wher there was the hest llpht, and where a good view could over which so many hours of Mr. Trow
bridge's Iffe have. been sprnt.
Before it was an ordinary wicker chair. with a very straight back and a
very. thin cushon. No leather-covered
revolving dusk chairg for revolving dask chairs for the author o
Jark Hazard." if you please: Jark Hazard". if you please:
"Your first story? I $q$ querled when we
were seated. "llow. when. where was t writen? Tril me something or those
arly days hrare. and we hoth smilerd.
before you arrlved.' as they would call it today:
hoy must be an account of a schoo
homposition then." returned Mr hoy composition then. returned Mr
Trowbirtige. thoughtfuliy. "That is my
first real literary effort that gtands out
with first real literary efrort that stands out
with any promlnence. In my youth, my
tastes ran to verse. My ambitions were
 school. I remember that occupled m
time when perhaps more pressing need
should have had my attention, in scribhling varses on my slate and on th


```"Of course it won?" I questioned, a
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## THIS BIG WORLD OF. BOYS





 ca turing instid it minny connty fairs
had exhilitiol Shencortumite Bus, Waldron Cassiday,
 his brother in the cart. and in the
narar braksound his home. A boy with erlanily, to make hife enjoyable, is a


 post card greotings from his fricuts scattered alt ower the world. In many
instinnes the hoys who send in past
cards are taneling in other instanees cards are traveling; in other instances
the post carde five piotures of somehothonds. orfont they brys linme neighby uery kind words. It wives the editor
great phantre t. know that the boys

 to show the pleture to our riaders through
lie parts of TVE AMBICAN BOY. We nre sonty we are unable to do so as the The dick is of ho white reprokince varety. lie answers duickly when called. The
duck has lom tuite a traveler. having California, heibig at the bater place at
 ing thim off to his friends.
Charuce Onlourne-The Massachusetts
Humant. That four-year-hid hy of Winchestor

 Was awarded took prace last January. in the fre back of Black Ball pond which
is just at the end of the street on which

they live. When about thirty feet from they live. When about thirty feet from tion of a suift current. Just As she
was going into this current, clarence grasped her hand and current, Clarence
not able to puld her out but falling was not able to pull her out but falling on lis kners on the very edge of the broken
ice, he held on to the litile girl with all
his might. at the same time cryimg for help. liss cries were hearid ind relirf
came just at a time when both children
were well nigh exliausted.


Climbink Sount Winhtington - The
Younk Sicentisis-a party of young men of Norway Mand who are stadying Mr. George IR. Howe, have aldicil another
achlevement to their long list of outdoor miscoveries and adventures ly climbing
Mount washington and other peaks of the famous White mountain range. The long tramp begun at Gorham, N. and after at f.w minutes wait at the
foot of the mountain the ascent wid
 Huring the climb to the ofty perak. It
wan an vent in thanys lives that will
To the bralf-Way house-four miles. or hair the "limb-they had made in ont. half of the distancer thourh mot maide Various things wre there to note
during the rlimb, surh as the many collent springs high inp on the many rex side, the firchar waiks by which rarth
is samed for the road, and the mountain
The Half-way house marks the tim-
 a hurricane held futh possession of the
mountan, the veloclty of the wind belng
sixty to sceventy miles ant sixty to seventy miles an hour. The
mornng reveale one of the Hncst days of the serd and show wh thi. occan for miles
ealong the coist. 1 sut the western terri. atong the conist. lut the western terit.
tory was undere a canopy of white clouls
that extended as far as the eye could reath the the student of meteorolngy the day
To thent muntain chatns on chmate. To the admirer of grand and pheturesque cloud sum slinne whth brillancy ali day, not a
cloul from morning to night obscurlng

## his face

Early the next morning the hoys were the sunttse. Dater The permants wavine whs vislted. The ravine is of horsesto shape, its outer clife more than a thou-
sand reet in hight. its botom sloping
upward. as is naturat. toward the crescent wall at the lark and the rime quite
level. Here were remnants of the snow arch. Here were remnants of the snow
Into thls enormous crater the snow
sweeps to the depth of at hundred feet
or more, anl thite rematns lone into or more, and there rematns lons into
the summer months. it is the last show
to leave the mountains. A cascade tunto leave the mountains. A cascade tun
nels it from heneath. and thas it wears
away, forming a roofed areh of snow. There are varlous paths by which the descent from Mount Washington may be The boys, one through Tuckermants RavineThe boys, went by the way of the Craw-
ford path, rather a diffult one, but one
that aftorded many outdrior beauties in the form of the scanty wild Jowers. and
a vew of the Lake of the Clouds. ivom
Crawfords the tramp was contlinued in a


1 carried in could make a start. Wheli, $h$ a man in his nocket a short feter from
boy is all risht who satid: This agrees to dight and can be trusteder he lus no bad habits. The country boy ar
rived in the big city and here is what $h$ writes home: i arrived here on friday motl a good position promised me.? This boy is suluare and decent. the man who he was honest ind shatare and sata so say. hoys. if you are siluare and honees
and industrious. hive no had habits, and are anxious to got on in the world you The world is calling for lionest, decent young men. And say.

Young Caplinlinin.-Thirty-three boy at Cleveland, Ohio, each recejved from Probation ofter Lewis on Christmas, a
 urged the boys to add to their account the year. The find of the yar has come round, and twenty-three of the boy grown in anount: only ten have no shown anyincreage Johnnie Gallaghe amount sared by the boys is The to tota cents to pach of the thirty-three ar keep on. Another rasult of the sehem. has been the improvement in the boys boys having heen brought into court

Maternal Perfisy.-Sammy wanted to for permiasion. ( father. firmul must ask father. Armiy.
walled sammy he won't let me go. "You must do just as father says." "Well! 1 sh'd think you'd side wit man you just happened to marry:- - and ammy slammed the don

A big grist of O. A. B. news next mant A big grist of O. A
Crowded out this month.


JOHN T. TROWBRIDGE "How did you know?", he laughed.
"Yes, it was given the prize, and my career as a poet began, seriously interfer-
ing with my work in the cornteld and
potato patch, lear. My schooling was potato patche tear. sy schooling was
not of an extensive eharacter and as
my fondness for my studles Increased. 1 was forced to gratify it in whatever odd
moments I could snatch from my home ramlly used to run something liks of the one of inosuprose his gotten to no now? stuck into studies and French were but two of the my own enorts. In fact. the greater
share of my education was gathered
from patient. in-thecorner plodding tion to smooth out the rough points that 'I was still in my teens when i left
the farm to seek my fortune in New
fork. I was dressed in the typical. and with only a few dollars in my: pocket. which i resolutely determined
should bridge over the tine until I
should be making niy living by HI voice sank to a whisper.
"I hardy dared to breathe to myself
that hope. the hope that some day my pen shouid be in truth my malnstay,
that I should reach the position where my manuscripts Would bring In my
bread and butter. It was thus that sixty
years ago itenter New York to make I cried. in int is pust 14 ke .Fast Friends.". "Is that book anvery nearly. was the smiling anyoung hero, who aspired to literatry hon-
or, were the ups and downs that went
through, myself. 1 little thought. how-
ever. that some day there would be the making of a book in my own little story,
that my strusglos were to funnsis me ing from my imagination." Eventually, but there was a span of
black discouragement and fallure and sometimes haruship before I did, I can
tell you: It is a big proposition for a joung man, today to try to make his
living by his pen. with a market for his
work a score of times as troat as that century ago. And if it is a knotty up-
hill tisk now, you can understand what Mly first real start was with a long
story of llinols life which I wrote from a remembrance of western scenes as I found them during a summer visit to a
sister. Chicago was then a siruggling city of some 10.000 inhabitants-can you
belleve that today? There were no paveI had been delving in my minds eye
into the list of rowbridge books again.
insnt that described somewhere in. 1 hesitated.
he returned reminiscently. Hazard series, Jack seeks the llinols plains to try hls new profession. But it was a diflerent
sort of a story that 1 firs made out of 'I had been bullding a good many air banking on it to bring me in a snus it. banking on it to bring me in a snug ilt-
tle sum. I can recall that the publisher
put the question when I but Well, young man, what do you ex-
 came to earth. with a vengeance, and I Mr. Trowbridge? sour first boys book, Boy would head the series. That was
written along in the early sixties. when the war fever was at its helght and the to me. the mighty struggle was borne
to handed. Then followed
Cudjos Cave. and The Three Scouts.' That group i have always callicouts. my
War Serles. books for young people that inave writ. and before they were completed. I knew ll the rest of my life called 'Our Young Folks.' at that time. my next serial. never thinking for a moment or writing it myself. One duy. the
proprietor answered the queston for me. John? he quoted in the words of Pris"Well. I gave the subject a lttite more scenes of the Erie Canal 1 determined should be my theme. My boy's story
was to deal with my own boyhood. Jack
ongard was written at my home durlng the afternoons, while I devoted my mornings to my editortal work at the
office. Often. I was only a day ahead
of the printers, who set up my manuscript as fast as I finished a chapter.
Before the story was completed-it was o run through twelve monthe-the proprietion ingisted that I make it the beFor HImself. ' 'Doing His Best'. Chance 'Fast pretty well ecqualnted with Jack was
his dog. Lion, and the Hazard fam andy beore "How do done." yourk? I asked curious. ly. "Do you use a pen, a pencll or per"A typewriter?" he laughed. "No. in-
deed. I am much too old-fashioned for that. I have done all of my work with a pen. That was how wrote my firgt
story. and the habit has remained with
me ever since. I kenerally sit down to my desk around nine oclock in the hours before dinner. In the afternoon, try to do an hour or two more. The mind hefore I begin. and the writing try to make the chararters of my stories
real. and it innt long betore I am real. and it innt lonk before 1 am so in-
terested in them that the development
of the plot is at my fingers' ends."
.. All of my later atories, with the ex-
ception of one. were written in that cention of one, were written in that
corner. The exceptlon was Toby Traf-
ford. which i wrote during a vigit to Geneva."
"And four favorite book?". Tide Mill,
.. The Tinknan Brothers' Tide by all means was the prompt reply
That has always been the book which
personally personally prefer. Somehow, the trials
of the Tinkham familly appealed to me
very vividly, and when i wrote the tast sentence and saw them all setled, it
was like leaving very dear priends with
whom had made a lonf visit "It you ask me which has been the favorite book from the publle's stand-
polnt which has bent the best seller,
itili tell you cudjos cave. That was written forty years ago. and there arr
still two regular edllions on the market.
in addition to two plrated copies. One of my spectal aims is to find an
tinued Mre Trowbridge. Atories. con- consometimes one of the hardest features of my work. 1 have in mind my experience
with The Pocket $R$ fle. I bult the plot
of the story around a prize contest al school. story around a prize contest a
the the prominent part in the development
of the book. and also to serve as a titie.
and i cast around for an object that
would answer would answer the purpose.
"A frearm suggested itself, and I ran
over the ist of such weapons. Ritle, Nistol. revolver. I repeated to myself answer for the name of a book. I was
beginning to teet that I was driven into a corner. And then of a sudden. the
answer to my question flashed upon me answer to my question flashed upon me
and. I sprank from my chalr with cry.
A pocket rifte. to be sure! I hurst out 'The Pocket Ralie' it shall be: Alid
so. the book was named." my wisit to Mr. Trowbridge that his pain Trowbridge pamily is a large one. And
pvery member had taken espectal palns to spend the holidays at home. And that
itr. Trowbridge was as much of a favorite about his own hearth as among the
American boys was easily evident he conof my greatest sources of niride.
son. Hex is no me, on leaving. Is my call an American boy, although that pe-
riod isnt so very far in the past
has has just erraduated rrom the Nast. Machujng to make a rivil engineer of himself.
No. he hasnit any amhition to follow in
his father' "If you were to say a word of coungel
to the hoys. Mr. Trowbridge. ${ }_{\text {I }}$ urged, "what would that thessage be?" urged,
The answer was quick and derisi!e. the grave response. "They would belies the key to success in any calling. It
is a key that will unlock any door.

THE YOUNG BOOK AGENT
"W.ere you golng through to CharlesFlecker. next was: but lation, now, growled the swind"If you do. I'll put you in the hands of "Just what
added Frank.
The matter
The matter was talked over for several the swindler. Frank. and the planter,
should get ofi at the next station whe was Greensboro. A briet stop was made at a small crossing. where there was a
telegraph offce, and a message wis Hent to the Greensboro police to be on day. younk man. even sap Gabe Flecker to
Frank. when he saw that purther Frank. When he saw that purther re-
sistance for the time belng was useless. "I am not afrald of you, Flecker." rain?" did you happen the on this Were you following me?
What
"Perhaps 1 was." don't gee why you
If you were. I done have me arrested between New Cork and Phlladelphia."
happen to go southest
"hat is my busines.
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old friend." old Priend.:"
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CHAPTER IV. OVER THE TRAIL.

BOB GOODALE was amazed to learn that the handsome Indian youth who had exchanged the lew words with them was Cochita, son of the once dreaded Chief Dracus. The youth who after being tralned and educated in one of the best schools in the East, had returned to his own people, the Warm Spring Apaches, with the purpose, as he had declared, of doing all he could to civilize an Christianize them. He had taken up his residence on the San carlos Reservation and had been there sev eral months. His infuence thus far had been worthy of his professions and many held high hope of the It was his photograph which had partly recalled Cochita to Bob.
There were others, however, as I have shown, who distrusted the young Apache. Not denying the wonderful transforming power of Christlanty, they be lieved that the inheritor of the frightful disposifion shown by his parent, and the burning memory of the wrongs suffered by his race would transform the son nto the same demon that the chief had proved him self to be. The near future must answer the mo nentous question.
The rickety stage resumed its plodding journey northward, and before the set of sun, drew up at the ittle adobe building, where Zeke Connor and his wife kept ward and watch in the very centre of the region. which was open to the forays of the Apaches, when ver they broke away from the Reservation and started on their career of destruction and death
Zeke Connor looked enough like Jud Staples to be his twin brother. He came grimly forward to greet the new arrivals, and help unharness the horses and put them away in his stable, for thelr retura the morrow to Raymond, the station on the rallway to the south. He was smoking a short clay pipe, was become a cyclone of activity and prowess in could become a cyclone of activity and prowess in a des moody. He shook hands with the rancher, nodded sllently to Bob when Introduced, and then asked the two to eat supper with him. Goodale replied with thanks that he expected to reach home in time for the evening meal. He returned the salutation of the short, heavy womarf, the wife of Zeke, who appeared at the open door, but no words passed between them. Then the trunks were carried into the living room, there to await the wagon that was to be sent on the morrow to carry them to the ranch.
Zeke's next act was to lead out the ponies which had been brought to his place several days before for the use to which they were now put. They had been bridled, and the saddles were placed upon their backs and cinched in place. These saddles were ornate and costly, the easiest in the world in which to ride, with their deep Curvature and box stirrups.
"Pedro is yours," said the uncle to his nephew, who, as may be supposed, studied his animal with keen interest. He was rather smaller than his companion, of a bay color, With a starred forehead and white fetiocks. Clean hmbed, high spirite, of graceful form, he was capable of great seed and endur. ance. Bob a thousand from which to select he would one among a thousand
have taken him at once. both horses were eager and overrunning with Iffe. They horses were eager and overrunning with iffe. been cramped for hours yearns to shake the sluggish. ness out of his arms and legs.
"Bob, do you think you can manage him?" asked his relative, with distrust in his volce: "he is a mettled creature and disposed to play tricks with you; you'll have to look out."
"He sults me down to the ground." replied the youth with sparkling eyes; "If he can fling me out of the saddle, he is welcome to do It: does he buck?" "No; he has never done that. but there's no telling what whims may enter his head when he feels you in the saddle.
Pedro at first showed a strong dislike of being mounted by any one. When Bob stepped forward to
put his foot in the stirrup, he danced away and pulled at the bit which the youth had grasped. Bob drew him back, but spoke soothingly and tried to win the good will of the beautiful creature. But that could not be done in a few minutes. Finaly, the bit with a firm hand and held the brute grasped the bit with a firm hand and held the brute
almost motionless. Bob slipped his left foot into almost motionless. Bob stipped his left foot into the stirrup, and in a twinking sack and dropped into his seat. Selzing the bridle reins with a strong band, he said:
'Let go, uncle."
The man did so with some misgivings. The three men watched proceedings, and even Mrs. Connor looked out from the door of her house.
The rancher had strapped on his own spurs whlle in the stage, and helped Bob to fasten a pair upon his boots, so the latter was not handicapped, having no rifle or bundle to manage, and with his revolver reposing in the holster at his side.

The moment Bob felt settled in his seat. he pricked the ribs of Pedro sharply. With a snort, the pony seemed to leap a dozen feet. Bob pricked him again, and the animal burst across the plain and through the sagebrush as if shot from a catapult. The rider gave him a loose rein, but as he passed out on the plain, gradually drew his head around, describing a large circle, and galloped back to where the two men were standing, and his uncle sat walting in hls own saddle.

On the way the pony made several attempts to unseat his rider. He leaped sharply to the right or left, dashed impetuously forward. halted abruptly. and once stood almost upright on his hind feet and pawed the alr. Kob was on the alert. and once he he was the a hals in the he was the victor la "'m thinkin' group
I'm thinkin' it ain't just the thing to call you a tenderfoot," was the highest compliment Jud Staples coutd pay the youth. The rancher was all smilles
"I'm proud of my nephew."
Zeke Connor slowily took his pipe from between his lips, squinted one eye; and uttered the simple expression

You'll do, younker!"
Waving the little party good-by, Goodale and the youth turned the heads of their horses toward the northwest and dashed oft at a brisk gallop. The animals needed no urging, but had to be held in for the first two or three miles. Since they knew the Way, the two rode side by side, leaving the ponies to themselves. Bunch grass and sagebrush were on every hand, with patches of sand into which the hoofs of the animals sank softly for several inches, but without any apparent discomfort to them.
The course led them around the southern end of the western spur of the Santa Catalina range. The mountains, as I have said, were noticeable for the abruptness with which they rose from the plain. It was as if a couple of horsemen in journeying over the level country had to pass around an immense castle that stood In thelr path.

Pedro, the pony of Bob, was on the right, and in his impatience had forged a little ahead of Jack. the animal which the rancher bestrode. The former kept a smooth, even pace that was delightful to Rob, who. of the of the annal. wo was not likely to Suddenly Pedro master
Suddenly Pedro pricked his ears and shied so of the other pony. If the efort was to unhorse his rider, it was not sufficlent to endanger him. Peirn continued snorting, shied farther and almost checked his progress.
"What is he trying to do?" asked the puzzled youth. "He is scared; don't you see he has good cause For the first time, Bob looked at the ground on his right. At the base of a bush of sagebrush, he saw an enormous rattlesnake, lying in coll, with his triangular head raised, and the tail pointing upward vibrating so fast that the end looked misty and nearly invisible. But for the watchfulness of Pedro, he would have stepper upon the horrible reptlle, which Bob regarded with the intense disgust that seems natural to alt men. The head swung slowly back
and forth. like a pendulum, and the distended jars displayed their prong-like fangs, with the sacs at their roots bursting with venom
"Lgh!" exclaimed Bob; "did you ever see anythints o hideous?"
You'll get used to them in this part of the world;
we don't mind them: let's go on."
After some effort Hoh quieted his pony, though like all animals he was terrified at sight of the reptile, whose deadly power he instinctively knew.
"Pedro isn't gun shy ?"
"Not at all."
"As the hunters say, that rattler is my meat."
"It takes good shooting."
Bob had drawn his revolver from his holster, and carefully slghted at the ugly, vibrating head. When the sharp crack rang out, Pedro did not move a hoof. though he was trembling in every limb. The serpont broke into furious writhings, but the head which a moment before crowned the horrmble circle was gone hattered into nothingness by the well-almed bulle of ISob Goodale.

I couldn't have done better myself," said the admiring rancher; "the aforesald rattler, considered strictly as a rattler, can't be said to be of much ac. journey whith your per
"That's the one feature of your country, uncle, to which can never become accustomed; I have always less."
'The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.'" repeated the elder; "we have a saying in this part of the world that if you don't trouble trouble then trouble won't trouble you. I have shot scores of rattlers, till I grew tired. We raise such big crops of them in Arizona and New Mexico, that all we can blot out can't make a perceptible difference with the total; so one may as well not waste his ammunition." "It will take a good deal of argument to make me feel I am throwing away a shot when I blow the head off of one of those things.

You saw how quickly Pedro side-stepped; you have only to keep beyond reach of a rattler, and, no matter how big and fierce he may be, he will let you alone.'

## CHAPTER V.

ON THE RANCH.
The ranch home of Hiram Goodale was a low, one story structure, of adobe or sun-drled bricks, built in the form of a square, with a patio or court in the middle. Fach side of this open space was bounded by two rooms, with a door opening nutward and another inward upon the patio. Thus all the rooms were independent of one another. One was given over to cooking, while most of the remaining were sleeping and living apartments. The roof was of irt laid thickiy upon broad planks.
The peculiar clay from which adobe is made was abundant on the banks of one of the small stream that issued from the Santa Catallina range, and the work of construction was less than one would sup broadened out to a width of nearly a hundred foet As is generally the case there was a vigorous growith of live oak along the water and the house had been erected so near that it hird the benefit of this gratefil shade during the flaming summer which relans in Arizona.
It was in front of such a bullding that Hiram Goodale and his nephew Boh drew rein just as night was closing in. It was a ten-mile ride from Corlita that was unmarked by any incident except that which has been related. The cattle roaming through the foothills, along the streams and over the plain re quired no special attention, so that the two me who were hired to attend to this work drove to the house at sunset. dismounted and turned their ponjes loose. The building contained two rooms which could be used as stables in an emergency, such as an attack by Indians, but nothing of the kind had occurred for months. Consequently the rancher found all his family at home, and on the point of sitting down to the evening meal in the dining room.
Aunt Minnie was a large, wholesome woman, of
cheery disposition, and devoted to her husband, as a wife must have been to spend the weeks and months and years in such a lonely region, where all was the same monotonous grind of hard work, with an element of peril ever present. But the couple forever talked of the time when they could afford to abandon
the life and settle elsewhere for the rest of their days the life and settle elsewhere for the rest of their days in comfort and amid the luxuries of civilization. They talked and set the day and postponed it, with the result that it was still in the misty future, with the punt Minnie had visited her brother-in-law five Aunt Minnle had vited her brother-in-law five years before, when Bob was a little fellow. She could about his neck and affectionately welcomed him to about his
her home.
"Who would have believed it?" she laughed as she held him off and looked admiringly into the handsome. bushing face. "And this is or rather was my little Bol, that I used to hold on my knee."

You can do it again, aunty, if you are willing."
And le huried out of sight; why you are almost as Was."
"There, there, Minnie, that will do," broke in her husband; "you know Silas and I are alike as two
peas, and bob looks like his father; the conclusion peas, and hol
is inevitable."
"To those who believe as you do; but even if you are homely, Hiram, you're the best busband that ever lived."

And the hungriest one; you ought to have beard that nerhew of yours go oll, when we were coming nwer the rail; he suid that any wife who wonld keep
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were ton scandalous for me to repeat."

The rencher pinched the chablyy cheek of the happy Woman, and with his arm arombl her waist conducted lor into the dining room, where the meal was awalt-
ing them. The owner of several thousand head of cattle has no excuse for lacking the choicest morsels lhat the aumals can jrovide. It may be said that ('orlita was the distributing point for other supplies and the mail for the ranch. Jud Staples brought them to the hamlet from the railway station, and they were held for Goodale until he sent for them. Youl have already heard the names of the two cow. men in the employ of Goodale. Arizona Alf Gerhard was nearly folly years old and had spent his life on the plains, having been born in Kansas. He was a smooth-shaven face. But as a cow puncher none was his superior. He had twice won the championship of Pima County for quickness in lassoing and throwing a steer, and a bucking bronco was the creature he loved to bestride and battle with-the urlier the animal the better he liked it. He had never failed the life out of other ambitious horsemen.
Long Micah Polk was hardly inferior to Alf. He was a few years younger, a native of Mith long tawn mustache and goatee but swift of foot, unerring with the rifle or revolver inclined to be reserved, kind of heart and ready to risk his life for any one who had the slightest claim upon him. When Hiram Goodale left for the East. he knew he could not place his wife in safer hands than were these loyal, honest fellows who would shrink from no danger or suffering to keep all harm from her. They were hardly less devoted to him, so that. since we find them together again, we may think and speak of them as a happy lamily in every sense of the word.
Days of the rarest enjoyment to Bob Goodale followed. Although the intolerable summer was near at hand, the heat made itself felt only during the middle of the day. The morning and evenings were cool and sleep was refreshing. The water that dashed from among the mond ains air tingled and clear; food was abmndant, The rainy season would not open for a couple of months.
A strong attachment speedily sprang was an admirable animal, and like all was an he respected, so to speak, the ollth who had proved his right to mas. lery.
The lad rode into the hills and over he plalns, sometimes alone, and often Micah or his uncle. The duties of the cowmen kept them apart throughout the day. To make sure the cattle were not wandering too far affeld, they had o traverse many miles, and were often far beyond sight or hail of one another If all went well, the four-for Hiram gondale never shirked his own dutlesnet at nightfall, the three to smoke far into the night, while Bob listened with rapt interest to the exchange of remin scences.
Like all tenderfeet, the youth had to ace one or two rolugh experiences be ore he was accepted at his real worth When invited hy Alf and Micah to mount a bucking bronco, he did so without hesitation. Hardly har he seat-
-d himself in the saddle when he landed - in himself in the saddle when he landed in his head. rortunately the ground ut. he had scrambled to his feet amid he. he had scra ther he lan was his uncle, and he was in the andle again Although the pony made persistent attempts to repeat his previ persistent attempts to releat his prev ceivird the compliments he had fairly

His. skill with his revolver was pronounced remarkable in one of his years hough he had much to learn in hand ling the weapon, so as to fire in the
his aim. The men taught him the trick, which re quired only practice to make perfect. He showed abily with the Winchester which his uncle pre ented to him, but could not expect to equal any one the three men. It was agreed that two or three years on the ranch would enable bob to command on wages, for in that time he would become master necessary to know out, lassoing, and all that is necessary to know about the rearing and care of Buttle.
But our young friend had not gone to the Southwest to become a cowboy. He had only a few weeks at command, and he knew they would pass all too quickly, but when he returned there for the rest of his life
Bob's great surprise came before
Bob's great surprise came before the close of the first week. One night after the evening meal, while ing, the Goodales gathered in the cool of the patio for a few minutes' chat.
"Tomorrow your Aunt Minnie starts for the East n a visit to your father and sister," said the rancher Bob expressed his astonishment.
"It is sooner than she intended, but there are sev eral reasons why we have agreed it is best for her ot to wait. She will have time to remain awhile at your home and to bring Minnie back the
"But aunty's visit to father and Minnie will be very
"I am thinking of making it several weeks," ex plained the woman. Hiram reached over and pinched chuckled.
"She thinks so, but she won't be there three days before she will be homesick and fretting to rejoin her noble husband
"Just wait and see, protested the wife with a pout "That's what I'm going to do, and l sha'n't have to wait long; I'll ride over to Corlita tomorrow morning in time for Jud to take her and her baggage to Ray mona. She whl need aboit a week to reach your for me in which Minnie will tell me the day on which or me, in her You see Hob, l'm hurrying her off for the sooner she goes, the sooner she will be back there's logic for you."
The plan was carried out. In the radiant softness of the Arizona morning, Hiram Goodale rode in his within the following half with his wife and trunk, and the stage roarl leading to the station where she was to board the train eastward. The rancher rode home ward at a thoughtful pace.
"I wonder if it was queer that in talking over this visit of Minnle and laying our plans, neither she no I said a word about the Apaches: I had Alf ride northward yesterday until he was nigh enough to san Carlos to gather the news, if there was any news to gather. He met an old friend that had been on the Reservation the day before, who told him everything was quiet, whin not a simn of an onian and Cochit be that Geronimo has turned good lndian and Cochis people? Some believe so; I wish I could, but I can't "

## CHAPTER VI

## STARTLING NEWS

Hiram Goodale smiled when he read the first lette written by his wife afte: her arrival at the home of his brother in Central Pennsylvania. Everything had gone well and the meeting with her relatives wa delightful, but she had decided to return at the en of a few days. She gave several ingenious reason that the decision, the most lhe hot summer made it advisable that the visit of their niece to the ranch should not be deferred Father and daughter missed Bob more than they had anticipated and his return

would be hastened by hastening the westward jour ney of Ainnie. . The wife promised to name the date of her departuro in the next letter.

The best woman that ever lived," said the hus band to Bob arter reading the letter; "but she doesn't name the real reason of her coming back so soon.

What is it?" asked the youth, who was standing outsid
"Homesickness; you and your folks can't understand how we are able to content ourselves in this lonely region, where there are no churches, no the other days in the wis but the explanation in the word home.
nd the rancher hummed:
'Be it ever so humble, there's no place like It had become the daily habit of Bob to ride to Corlita each afternoon for letters from the East His sister wrote every day and his father every few days. Rarely was a telegram sent, for little could be gained thereby. since the message was necessarily held at the railway station until Jud Staples could bring it to Corlita, with the shriveled mall bag. The one from the sister and father of Bob, who read them to his uncle
"Father says what aunty does not say. She is clearly homesick and yearns so much to get home that he has given up trying to dissuade her. She and slster are packing up, and the mail tomorrow will le us know when to meet them. They will come straight
culation
"What does your father say about Minnie's visit?" replied Bob with a laugh as he took doubt on his pocket and read the paramraph .، One week after Minnie's arriva

One week after Minnie's arrival, you and she wil but not a day later. She will get enough of Arizona in a week; I suppose you would be glad to sta longer, but you will have had several weeks at the time of leaving, and that ought to be enough for a life time. It would be in $m y$ case.
A rew days later, after the noon meal, which was eaten by uncle and nephew alone, Alf and Micah being miles away looking after the cattle. Bob swun into the saddle of Pedro and struck off at an eas pace toward Corlita, ten miles distant. He carrie his Winchester across the front of his saddle and had proposed to take a couple of saddle horses with him thinking it likely that his aunt and sister would com in the stage, but his uncle thought otherwise, and the bouth rode away alone.

Before he drew up at the scattered adobe buildings something told him that startling news awaited him home but heke was standing in front looktng her tently, bt the young horseman and savagely amokin his pipe. It was his attitude and the vigorous puff which piled above his sombrero that alarmed pob. who touched spur to Pedro and sharply reined up within a few paces of the old man.

You don't purtend you haven't heerd, tenderfoot?" You don't pur
Not a word."
"Why, them Apaches have rushed the Reservation and are off on one of their raids: I'm expecting to see 'em any minute."
Bob swallowed the lump that rose in his throat and his face paled, but he held himself in hand.

When did they make the break?
Night afore last.
How did you hear of it?
Jim Leedon from Howman's ranch rode through here licketysplit this forenoon, halting just long enough to let me know, when he was off again to warn such ranches as
ahead of the varmints.
"Why didn't he stopl at our place?"
"You're off his course. but I reckon he'd have gone there, if he hadn't knowed you was in good shape for a visit. take a notion to kill or run of a few, but they ain't looking for cattle; it's humans."
"Did you learn how many Apaches "There's no sartinty, but Jim was sure there was twenty at least.
"With Geronimo at their head, of
"He's always at the head, but this lime another leader is with him-the son of that old Dracus your uncle helped to hit the long trail some years "You don't mean Cochita?" Zeke nodded his head.
"That's the chap, and I don't reckon Geronimo can teach him anything, even if he has been wasting so much tlme
in your Eastern schools." in your Eastern schools.
as the un保
'He left for Raymond at the usual ime this morning
San Carlos?! "of course
thing?" how could he know any "hing?"
"He
will will learn of it at Raymond and "That's onsartin; I hope so."
"God grant it!"' was the fervent ex clamation of the youth. "Why are you so scared?" asked the old man; "you have one of the best borses in the country and can take care of yourself.
"It isn't that, hut my aunt and sister
are coming from the East and are about due at Raymond; I am afraid they left with Jud this afternoon." softly. "Whew! that's bad: if Jim Leedon had arriy' a little sooner, Jud would have stayed here and then Bob caught at each shadowy hope.
"Leedon will keep on to Raymond and warn the agent there, so it will be as well."
"I don't want to distress you, tenderfoot, but he while there are women and only one man there ranches that he will do all he can to warn; wife and can take care of ourselves, but some of them can't, "If Jud has had no trouble, he ought to be here in half an hour.

Yes, but he is sometimes late
Bob could not wait. He turned the nose of Pedro toward the railway and pricked him with his spur.
"I shall keep on to Raymond, if I don't meet Jud before."
And with these words, he sped southward with
rrowy swiftness. arrowy swiftness.
"Now, Pedro, do your best," he said to his peerless animal, whose graceful limbs doubled under his body, as if the intelligent animal understood what was expected of him. The youth settled himself in the saddle and peered ahead over the sagebrush, on time and no harm had befallen him, he ought to
come in sight almost at any moment. As Pedro bounded forward with his long, even strides, bob raised his field glass and swept the horizon, thus blanced anto view for several milles. He hardly glanced anywhere except over the road
caught no sight of stage, animal, or man.
Young Goodale felt nothing in the nature of perfonal fear. He knew he was liable at any moment to be discovered by partles of marauding Apaches, but none of them could overtake Pedro, and he scorned the thought of running into ambush.
His brain was more active than ever before. There were moments of reaction, when he almost persuaded himself that he had no cause for fear. Surely his aunt and sister would tarry long enough to send word to the ranch; even if they reached the rallway station, the news of the Apache raid must be await ing them, and they would not venture into the dangerous region. Jud Staples was too prudent to run risk whose nature none knew better, and the fact that he was already late in coming into Hob's field of vision indicated that he had been prudent. The youth would ride straight to Raymond, where he would find his relatives waiting, if they had come hat far, which was doubtful.
These thoughts were comforting, but they could not last. Cold logic made it probable that Aunt closely that they had had followed their letters so closely that they had reached Raymond early that from the section north to the rallway, and the mes
senger speeding on his errand of mercy had ridden at headlong speed to the scattered outlying ranches. Jud Staples would set out at the usual time for Corita, and the chances were a hundred to one that Bob Goodale.
As the miles sped under the hoofs of the flying pony, the rider's thoughts centered upon Dead Man's Whossing. If anything had happened it was there When Bob, with the aid of the swaying glass, located ceased its throbbing.
"If I do not find them there, I shall have ground for hope."
And yet each mlle of the road must have been dangerous to the last degree to the plodding stage As Bob approached the Crossing, he drew the pony pass. Far to the west ward, he made out a com of flickering spectis that were undoubtedly a number "Some of the Apaches," he nuttered, "but as yet they are of no interest to me."
Away once more on the wings of the wind, and the next halt was on the slight rise of ground which allowed hin to look down in the hollow at the little he stopped breathing and gasped:
The Apaches caught the stage, and passengers
here!'"
(To be contitued.)

## IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG

## OR, A BOY IN BLUE AND A BOY IN GRAY

## CHAPTER XXYIII

LOUIS AND ANDY MEET AGAIN

FEFLY!" burst from the lips of the young Union soldier. "Whoa, old fellow: Where is our master?"
At this question Firefly halted and looked at Louis as thound made the beast quiver with pain and the youth stroked him affectionately.
"Been in a scrimmage, I'll wager a pilot cracker," the boy went on. "Was Andy killed? Oh, I sincerely trust not!" And something like a lump came up in his throat.
Firefly whinnied and shook his mane vigorously Then be turned, as if to lead Louis down a narrow path branching of from that on the ridge. At once he boy understood and followed the animal.
Scarcely three hundred feet had been passed when Louis heard the murmur of voices, coming from a little clearing. backed up by a treacherous swamp As he drew closer, he recognized Andy's voice:

Let me alone, Jacks, or it will be the worse for rou," the young Confederate cavalryman was saying You are nothing but a thief, I know, but you shal not rob me."
"We are two to one, Arlington," came from Sam Jacks. "And I ain't forgot how yer interfered with me an' my pa
"It's a mighty fine gold watch the kid's got," put n another, and now Louis recognized the vicious face of Caleb Fox through the brush. "It ought ter be
"You wounded my horse and
You wounded my horse and made him run away," "Ye can't frighten us, Arlington," chuckled Sam Ye can't frighten us, Arlington," chuckled Sam loaded? An' if yer try to draw thet saber-"Jacks finished by suggestively tapping his own pistol.
An instant later there came a savage howl from Caleb Fox, who had come close to Andy with the intention of searching him. The young Confederate had whipped out his saber and the point had caugh Fox in the fleshy part of his left lower limb.
"Back, I say!" cried Andy, as he took a stand near a tree. from his belt.
IIl fix yer: he fairly hissed, and aimed the weapon at Andy's head. Before, however, he could pull the trigger, if such was really his intention, there came a sharp crack from the brush and the pistol ell to the ground while Fox began to dance around in pain, a bullet wound directly through his wrist. "Louis!" burst from Andy's lips, as the young Union soldler rushed forward. "Was it you shot him?"
"It was. Andy; and I'll sboot him again if he atempts another such attack. Rascals like these are disgrace to any army. Up with your bands, Sam Farks!
For Jacks had made a motion towards h/s belt ouis's pistol was now on a level with the mountalneers head, his eyes shone with cool
"This ain't fair an' squar"," muttered Sam Jacks. Put thet gun down-it might
"Stand still, Jacks," commanded Louis, "or my pistol will go off, and Fox can testify to what mort a bead I can draw.
"My wrist is broke!" moaned Fox, still dancing "iout. "You young villain! It ever I git a chance-" No threats, Fox. The best thing you can do is to pool and bind the wound up Stop-that platol can remain where it is-or Andy perhaps you had better pick it up.'
"I will
", seeing as my own is unloaded." answered Andy. "But what brought you here, and in that ou
"I'll explain later. At present-hi, Jacks, stop!"

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But Sam Jacks was not stopping just then. Watch ng his chance, he had leaped for the shelter of the nearest bushes. Now he went tearing along at a breakneck speed. Louis tried to follow him, but soon stopped the pursuit, thloking it would be useless to catch the rascal. Soon
died away in the distance.
"He's gone," he announced, upon returning to the Hes gone, he announced, upon returning to the
clearing. "Fou may as well let Fox go. too. clearing. "You may as well let Fox go, too. I
reckon he has learned a lesson he won't forget in a reckon he has learned a esson he
hurry,"
"Won't you let me have my pistol?" demanded the guerrilla.
"No," was the short reply. "Go. and be thankful you have saved your life," answered Andy. "If ever you have saved your ine, answered Andy. If ever and have you both put under arrest as battlefield thieves."
Muttering under his breath, Caleb Fox slunk off one hand holding the wounded wrist. He pursued the direction Jacks had taken-a path leading to the rendezvous of the guerrillas.
The pair of rascals gone, Louis and Andy shook hands. "I owe you one for this," said Andy, with a warm smile. "If you hadn't appeared there is no telling what those tro would have done to me. Perhaps they might have killed me and pitched me into the swamp." And he shuddered at the thought.
"It was Firefly brought me here," answered Louls and patted the animal affectionately. "But why are you out here alone?
I am carrying a message to General Longstreet and I reckon I got on the wrong road. But what have you got to say for yourself? I heard you were "Ither shot or a prisoner.

I was a prisoner, Andy; but I managed to get away, and now l'm trylng to return to my own camp -If I can find it."
Dont you know you are in our lines?" and Andy looked deeply concerned.
"Oh, yes, I know that only too well. I suppose I'll have no picnic running the picket line."
know it's all wrong, according to help you, Louls but-but-well, you know what they say. 'Blood is thicker than water,' and such a friendship as "Can't be shattered by the bullets and shells of
" finished Louls, with a short laugh. "I should trust not. Andy. Come what may. I shall always look upon you as a brother, even though inl do my level best to help the North win in this great struggle."
"And I shall always hold you as my best and only I'll fight just as hard as I can for our side. How are your folks?"
"Father is quite well again, and mother is, too," answered Louis, and told of the trouble at the farm and how he now hoped to clear it. "In the last letter written by Lucy, she and Martha wanted to know if I ever heard of you. What of your people?"
"Father is not so well. Mother has a good deal of trouble taking care of him. Grace writes to me every week, and last wern to you ". and And she could
"You re making that up Andy-do't tell me
You are making that up, Andy-don't tell me you her I am dolng nicely in site of fights and bad wer iner if youl hark! Some soldters are coming! They must be some of your troons, and if that is so. I must be going. Good-bye. Andy, and may we meet again soon!"
to your camp! Yes, you must hurry, for the soldiers are coming on the double-quick! Hark! there ar rifle shots! There must be a skirmish of some kind "If there is, it will help me through, Andy. Good bye!" And with a last fervid hand-clasp the two chums parted, not to meet again until the memorable battle of Malvern Hill.
As Andy had said, the sounds of firing came from the left. Running along the ridge trail, Louis kep on until he reckoned be was about midray between the so lines of shots, although still to the right of proceeded of the contest. He then slowed up and his pistol cockigh the bushes with great caution
Less than a hundred and fifty feet had been cov ered in this fashion, when he reached another clear ng which marked. east and west, the plicket lines of the two armies. The firing was now close a hand, and presently, from the cover of the woods came scampering a company of boys in blue closely followed by twice their number of boys in gray on, the Confederates opening fire meanowhile and causing several to drop in their tracks.
Throwing away his gray cap, Loulis darted Into the clearing and joined the flying linion men. As he went on he picked up a gun one of the wounded soldiers had cast away
"Union or reb?" caine the question, as the com pany halted behind some bushes.

Cnlon, captain,"
There was no time to say more, for the company Confederates now to about face, and the advancing Confederates received a reception which caused the selge such and the skirmish was over. During rence. The skirmishes were of almost dally occur dead and wounded cared for and that was the end of the matter, save for the great blowing done after wards upon both sides.
The excitement over, Louis was conducted to the rear, where he had to give a strict account of him self to the general in charge of the regiment sta tioned in the woods. This ras done in order to ascertain beyond all doubt that he was not a Con federate spy. He was informed where his own reg ment was located, nearly a mile away, and a cor poral was detalled to conduct him hither and learn If his story was a true one.
"Louis! We had given you up for lost?" cried Harry Bingham, when he appeared, and the yout was soon surrounded by frend. He lost no tme in reporting to his commander. When Captain Paul had had a chance of overlooking the fortification there with a field glass he sent word to hesdquarters to that effect.
The next day came an important order for Louts It was from General McClellan, to the effect that $h$ should present himself at the headquarters of the commander-in-chlef without delay.

## CHAPTER XXIX

LOUIS VISITS GENERAL MCCLELLAN.
Louis's heart gave a bound. He was to visit the great commander-In-chief of the Army of the Poto mac! He had seen General McClellan before, o course, for the general was very popular with his had never had the chance of speaking with so dis tingulahed an officer

The day was a quiet one through the great camp the quarters of the Gorevill Volunteers, a distance of nearly two miles, to where General The troops had not yet recovered from the shock experienced at Fair Oaks and lay resting here, there, and everywhere although the picket line was ever on the alert.
uniform, every particular button of which shone its brightest. He had, moreover, had a fellow-suldier wresented a prepossessing hair, and altogether he up. saluted and told the orderly the object of his mission Gener

General McClellan was just then busy dictating reports to his secretary and conversing with several before he was admitted to the presence of the commander. When he was told to enter, General McClellan received him with a kindly smile.
"Private Rockford, General Heintzelman reports that you were taken prisoner by the rebels, carrled off to Richmond, and that you had a fair chance to look around the city before you escaped and got back into camp. is that true?
did not have much of a chance to look around while I was a prisoner, general. But I did look around a bit after I escaped and before I started in this direction."
"Did you take note of any of their fortifications, or the number and disposition of their troops?" "I took note of all I possibly could, sir-feeling that it was knowledge worth getting for our side," answered Louis, with pardonable pride.
Tell me your story. But be brief, for I am busy today. Never mind how you were captured or who ook you to Richmond.
Ill tell you all I know in as few words as I can, sir," and being motioned to a camp chair, Louis related how he and the others hari been imprisoned Hornsby had escaped and separated and of his doings at the home of Robert Dowling. At the mention of the spy's name General McClellan elevated his eyebrows for an instant, but did not otherwise betray his surprise.

Here is something of a plan I have drawn of the rebel fortifications as I remember them," the youth Went on, and drew a roll of paper from his pocket. represent woods and those lines of dots are rebel troops. The little bars on the fortifications are batteries.:
"Hum!" General McClellan spread the paper out on his camp table and pored over it earnestly. This line is the outskirts of Richmond?
"Yes, sir. That box marked 1.. P. is Litbby Prison and that is the Williamsburg road. That fortitica tion is near the Mechanicsville bridge, directly in ront of these headquarters."
"And what is that?" and the general pointed upon the map with the point of a pen.

That is a fortification commanding the Chickahominy to the northeast of the city. I heard General Johnson used to stay there, and I also heard the rebels have a large magazine there. And, slr, I heard General Johnson is severely wounded and think Jackson will soon come down to Richmond from the valley:"
At this Genera
At General McClellan smlled again. "You have had your ears wide open for one of your age," althoush it merely corroborates what our regula sples have already furnished us with." He looked at the paper again and continued to ask questions, all of which Louis answered as well as he was able. In fifteen minutes the interview was over. "One thing I wish to caution you about, Rockiord, were the general's final words. "Do not mention Rober Dowling by name. The word may get back to Rich mond and cause the man who befriended you much trouble."
"I will remember, general."
"For a young man of your age you have done remarkably well. Keep on as you have started and who knows but what you will one day be wearing a general's shoulder straps," and then the general bowed pleasantly and turned away, while Louls cordial reception received made Louls the general's cordial reception
friend for life.
It must not be imagined that louis had forgotten Hornsby. His first words on getting into camp hal Heen concerning his fellow-prisoner Nothing had heen heard of the old soldier. As a matter of fact the man was recantured not six hours after drouping from the prison window, and it was only by good lurk that he was not shot. Two days later he was removed to Libby Prison, where he remained until the first exchange of prisoners after the termination of the peninsula campaign.
Louls recelved an ovation when he returned to the ranks of the Goreville Volunteers.

He's been a-dining with General McClellan," sald Callings. "Louls, what did you have, quail on toast or stuffed turkey? Did he treat to Havana cigars or Pittsburg stogles?"

I pet you der cheneral vos calls him a pully poy," put in Hans Roddmann. "Und dot's vot he vosder pulliest poy in der camp, hey ?" And he slapped Louis so heartlly upon the back that the young soldier had the breath knocked olat of him. Jerry Rowe sald nothing, but stood by, looking nossible.
The alrs Louis Rockford puts on makes me slck," he grumbled to Benny Bruce, later on.

Don't talk to me, Jerry Rowe," answered Henny, with flashing eyes. "You're the biggest coward in the camp and I don't care to recognize you."

Call me a coward," cried Jerry, in a rage. He went at Benny with his fists, expecting the drummer hoy to retreat. Hut Benny had heard enough about Jerry and he determined to make a stand if it cost him his life. He dodged Jerry's first rush and then planted a blow on the big boy's neck which sent Jerry headlong to the grass.
"Hurrah!" called out a soldier, who saw the row. "Benny Hruce is giving Jerry Rowe a long-deserved licking! and the cry soon drew a crowd. Mad with rage and mortification, Jerry leaped up and made another rush, only to have the first dose repeated. Benny's eyes burned like two live coals
"You've taunted me enough, Jerry Rowe," he pant-"I'll-l'll kill you!" howled Jerry, again scrambling ch. This tlme he managed to hit Benny on the cheek, but in return came a smashing blow on the said, and Jerry with blood. Benny followed him up. when to and behold, Jerry's cowardly nature asserted Itself and he actually ran away from the aggressive little drummer boy! What a shout went up!

Hurrah for Renny Bruce!"
He'll be a man yet. Shake hands, Benny. Jerry Rowe won't bother you again, I'll bet you a shilling.' "Benny vos almost so much of a mans as Louis, py chiminatty!" said Hans Roddmann. "Mine poy, vos broud of you. Der best dings Cherry can do is to desert und choin der enemy.
"They won't have him,", said Louis. "Benny, I'm glad to see you able to stick up for yourself. I don't believe in fist fighting, but I guess Jerry Rowe deserved all he got."

He's been picking at me since we enlisted," answered the drummer boy, who was still panting from his exertions. "All lask of him is to leave me alone.

None of the officers had witnessed the encounter which took place behind some bushes to the side of the camp, and the matter was hushed up. After that Jerry Rowe took good care to leave Benny Bruce alone.
As soon as he could do so, Louis wrote a long jetter to the folks at home and with this sent the document recelved from Theodore Fally. right" he There, I hope that makes everything right. into the mail bag. He was very happy to think he had met Mr. Fally, but his happiness was cut short the next day when word was brought in that there had been a fire on the docks and some mall matter had been destroyed.
"Oh, was our mall in the bunch destroyed?" he asked, of the under offlcer who brought the news.
"I don't know, but I am afraid so," was the answer, which made his heart sink like a lump of lead in his bosom

On the following morning there was a slight commotion in camp. Some guerrillas had been captured, and Louis went to the suot to see them. To his surpise Calebif were won the prisoners. Both were wounded, although not seri-
ously.
"What are they
sked Louls, of one of the guards. asked Louls, of one of the guards.
"Shoot 'em, I guess," was the answer. "They destead they were tried and sentenced to prison until the end of the war, -with a black mark against each, -which meant that they could not be ex. changed.
"Well, I am glad they are out of the way," was ouls's comment, when he heard of this
For over a week matters were quiet in the great
camp so far as the Goreville Volunteers were concerned. On all sides the commands were strength. General McClellan sent out was possible, and again ments and recelved sent out his call for reinforcehoped for and what he deemed absolutely necesary
in the meantime the Copederates Gen the meantime the Confederates were not idle. General Lee was now in absolute control, and by his ciplined far better than ever before equipped and disto correspond with General Jackson and wiso began that Jackson with his army of the Shenandoah would be ready to unite with Lee's forces whenever wanted. Thus was extingulshed the last hope the Unlon army had of entering Richmond as a conclusion to the great peninsula campaign.

Although the Goreville Volunteers were Idle, the Montgomery Grays were decidedly active. About the middle of June a force of fifteen hundred Confederate over to Hanover Court House, where they had a brush with a small body of Union soldiers, put them to flight, and destroyed many military stores from Hanover Court House to Tunstall's Station, on the York River. From the York they moved to New Kent Court House and then to White Oak Swamp, thus moving around and directly in the rear of the Union army. Nearly two hundred prisoners were taken, and this cavalry raid was certalnly the most daring of the whole campaign. Andy was in this raid and acquitted himself with great honor by helping to capture four Unionists, one supposed to be a spy, although the man never acknowledged it.
This rald, along with other happenings, made General McClellan decide to change his base of supplies from White House, on the York, to the James River on the southern side of the peninsula. With this change of base this story has nothing to do, although the happenings upon that occasion, how the army goods were transported by boat and by wagon, and how what was left behind was burned, would fill a volume. It was a tremendous change, but a necessary one, and was made none too soon.
The last week in June found the two armies ready for the final conflict-standing at bay, like two monsters, each measuring the strength of the other. continual flghting. Everything that days of almost manding penerals could well to had ben commanding generals could well do had been done. troops be could not obtain lee was recrulting from every possible source while Jackson still mang from ing in the valley to decelve McDowell was marching with all nossible speed with the main body of his soldiers to help guard the Southern capital.
On June the 25 th the contest began by the advance of the Union forces in the neighborhood of Seven Pines.

At the same time General Jackson descended from the Shenandoah Valley and prepared for an immediate and heavy attack upon the right wing of the Union army. This was done after a consultation

with General Lee, and through this means General McClellan was forced to abandon his attack and henceforth act upon the defensive.
The Seven Days' battles began properly at Mechanicsville on the 26 th , and there followed in rapid succession the battles of Gaines's Mill, Allen's Farm, Savage Station, Glendale, and several others of lesser importance, topped by the terrific strugsle at Malvern Hill, where the fierce advance of the Confederates was at last stayed by the Union forces,
and General McClellan was allowed to withdraw to Harrison Landing without further molestation. To go into the detalls of the battles enumerated above would take far more space than we have to spare for such purposes. If the advance of the Con-
federate forces was masterly, so equally was the skillful retreat of the Union troops. Every mille of the ground was contested, as both sides fought their way through woods and swamps, and along roads, now heavy with mud and then again ankle deep with dust, the Confederates with their capital and its
supplles behind them, the Union army carrying with it thousands of sick and wounded and all that it was ying to save
But all of these wonderfully interesting details must be left to the historians of the past and the uture. We will pass on to the adventures houl adventures more exciting than any they had yet encountered.
( (To be continued.)

## PLUPY IN PEACE AND WAR

Or, Chapters From the Lives of Plupy, Beany, Pewt, and Others

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## CHAPTER VIII.

THE kindness of the old squire and their narrow escape from jail did not fail to have an influence for the better on the boys. Plupy had purchased Immunity from further complaint by the old lady, in the sacrifice of an old Brahna rooster and a yellow hen, both somewhat stricken in years, but still in fair condition. Pertt and Beany had agreed to paint the single floor of her modest dwelling, which they were enabled to do without expense, as their fathers were both "Painters, Grainers, Glazlers, and Paper Hangers," as their concise, yet comprehensive and gaudily painted signs informed the public.
The time of Beany and Pewt. could scarcely be
taken into consideration, as it was not exactly a

succeeded in raising a most terrific dust when
his employer arrived
marketable commodity, and so Plupy was at once freed from all further responsibility, while they had still duties to perform.
Plupy's conscience always troubled him after punishment for or conviction of any offense, and this case was no exception. Although he grieved for the loss of his old rooster and his venerable hen, he did not consider he had paid any more than he deserved, and he reflected over the certainty that detection and punishment always followed evil doing. and resolved, as he had a hundred times before, to become a law-abiding citizen, and a credit to the town that gave him birth.
In furtherance of this resolve, he determined to seek a situation for the short remaining time of his vacation. Jack Melvin, who had been working in ald Tom Conner's grocery store as chore boy, had of flour, and had been obliged to give up a situation of flour, and had been obliged to give up a situation say, his employer had not been particularly sorry to part with him, because Jack, although an active, to part with him, because jack, although an active. the soclety of such desperate characters as Skinny Bruce, Jim Early, Honey Donovan, and Hiram Mingo. Bruce, Jim Eariy, learning of this opportunity in one of his enforced visits to the store in quest of supplies for the ramily, at once appited for the position, and the old gentleman. influenced by the liberal patronage of a large and hearty family, at once engaged hlm at a salary to be dependent upon his efficiency, which was a good thing for both parties inasmuch as it furnished a powerful incentive for Plupy to make himself absolutely indispensable to his employer, in which case he could charge an enormous salary and speedily become rich and great.
And while Beany and Pewt were undergoing the drudgery of enforced labor, Plupy entered Joyfully upon a mercantile life and appeared the next morn Ing at a phenomenally early hour, unlocked the store door and proceeded to take down the shutters. Not calculating accurately the welght its articles, borne quickly to earth and crushed almost flat by borne quickiy to earth and
its superincumbent weight.
He succeeded in crawling out after prodigious wiggling and removed the other without danger the brick sidewalk edgewise.
He then, according to directions, proceeded to sweep out the store, and had succeeded in ralsing a most terrific dust when his employer arrived, and reproved him with great harshness for not sprinkreproved him with great before sweeping. which sensibly abated his en thuslasm for the life of a merchant, and further
obliged bim to carefully dust the countless articles in the store. As it was Friday, there was no deliv ery wagon on duty that day, delivery of goods only being made on Tuesdays. Thursdays, and Saturdays each week.
Pluny was th
Plupy was then put to work in encasing the handle end of salt fish with coarse brown paper, scooping molasses brine and dragging from its depths oblong pleces of fat pork agoring salt mackerel from smaller but of fat pork, spearing salt mackerel from smaller but skillful task of dolng up brown paper parcels (there were no paper bags in bose days) diggrel (ther from a dusty bin in the back shop, running errands and exerting himself in a hundred ways.
When he went to dinner he was tired, his hands were sore and his feet ached, but he was exceeding y conscious of the dignity of his position and ate his dinner with great solemnity, and forgetting to fill the woodbor he rushed again for the store, with his coat over his arm and the jaunty swing of the bundle clerk.
Arrived at the emporium, he graclously allowed his employer to go to his dinner, and upon his de parture immediately sampled figs, the loaf sugar and the ralsins, all of which had figured prominently among the incentives which prompted him to take the position. The head clerk coming in about this time, lighted a cigar, sat down in the easy chai ordinarily occupied by his employer, and proceeded to instruct Plupy in his dutles, which consisted in doing everything that the head clerk was expected 0 do.
During the afternoon business was slack. The old gentleman did not return from dinner until about three o'clock, and Plupy in the meantime had swept up the store again, moved a cart load of boxes and parcels, and incidentally absorbed a pound or so of dried prunes, which began
He could not eat any supper and after spending
He could not eat any supper, and after spending a his employer and the head clerk, and fighting off the pangs of dissolution, he was allowed to go home where be became vlolently 1 il, buter and mustar and fell into the deep and dreamless sleep that fol lows manly toil.
The next morning he rose unwillingly, yet betimes, and found himself as stiff as a soda cracker, but avenous for his breakfast and enthusiastic for his hurried to the store. He was a little late and in endeavoring to hasten the removal of the shutters he was unfortunate enough to break a pane of glass in the front window, which earned for him not only the stern reproaches of his employer, but an entry on the debit side of his account of seventy-five cents which depressed him greatiy.
However, it was delivery day and he was to drive the team after the head clerk had returned with the orders. So he cheered up and swept out, and went through the various duties imposed on him with great cheerfulness and alacrity. As be worked, his stifness gradually abated, and he came to forget his misfortune in breaking the glass
Now. one of the most important duties of a retall grocery dealer, is to accurately distribute the ar ticles ordered. It is very trying to the good housewife who has ordered a dozen eggs. Which she must have at ten oclock sure to make that cake she has promised for the Unitarian soclable, to fla their place taken by clothespins, and it is hardly fair for to woman, to hastent herself with the unwelcome arrival of dried apples. Nor does kerosene fill the asme place in the economy of the bousehold that same or coftes-crushed sugar does. laccordinely, great pains ware taken
Acco then to impress Plupy with the absolute necessity of observing great different bundles were properly labeled before being intrusted to his care, and with many injunctions sounding in his ears, he drove of in great elation. The horse wore a hitch-reln to which a heavy iron weight was attached and at the first stopping place. at Mrs. Gllman's on Front street, the home of Fatty, be sprang from the team, adjusted the hitch-rein, dellvered his bundles, climbed into the wagon and clucked to the horse.
He had unfortunately for unimpeded progress, omitted to loosen the hitch-reln, and the horse feeling the bearing of the weight, turned so abruptly that he tipped the wagon up until part of the contents. consisting. of course, of a dozen or two of eggs, three parcels of sugar and a dozen plates, fell

In the street and were scattered from curb to curb before Plupy could stop the horse. To add to his discomfiture, two sporty gentlemen who were taking advantage of a chance opportunity to have a little horse-race, were compelled to pull their foaming charges upon their haunches and with great abrupt. inelegant abuse on that much disturbed youth that nelegant abuse on that much disturb. He backed his horse stralghtened
He backed his horse, stralghtened hls team, got down on his knees and did the best he could to colcess. He got most of the sugar back in the paner. but it was sanded in a much greater degree than the most economical imagination of any grocer would allow, and as for the eggs, well
> 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
> Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
> All the King's horses and all the King's men
> Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again.

Resolved, however, to make the best of a bad matter, he dellvered the rest of his wares without accident and in some trepldation returned to the
to make good the loss and secure a new load
His employer displayed great Indignation over the matter and promptly entered the amount of the loss to Plupy's account, and expressed a very decided opinion that Plupy was the "biggest idjut" he ever "see or heerd tell on.
Little by little the impression was creeping over Plupy thet the position of clerk in a grocery store was not quite as lucrative a situation as he had exnected, and when hls employer and the head clerk withdrew for dinner he was almost too much depressed to enjoy his figs and raisins, of which, mindful of his experience of the evening before, he ate sparingly but with great enjoyment.
He was further cheered by the arrival of Beany and Pewt, who had finished their engagement at Miss Blossom s, and were in search of adventures. including figs, ralsins, and brown sugar. Plupy at his bands and pockets, but refused to get any more his hands and pockets, but refused to get
from the stock, taking high moral grounds.
The boys took exception to this and argued their views strongly, but Plupy wouldn't budge from hls vews strongly, but Plupy wouldnt budge from his
position. However, he had no objection to showing position. However, he had ao ountry store, consisted of a wide varlety, from New England rum to cowhide boots. Among this variety, to their great delight, they found several very curlous pop-guns. They were pistol shaped, and in place of the hammer there was an arm five inches long, that was attached to a strong spring, and had at its end a brass cup which held the projectile, a small stone, bean, or shot. The arm when pulled back and fastened, was loosed by the trigger and operated somewhat as a sling shot.
The boys were delighted with this weapon and at once secured small stones from the street and began to practice in turn. Several dogs. Who were peacefully plodding along, had their pace greatly acceler-

ated by these missiles, and the old store cat quletly sleeping in the sun, jumped at least ten feet at the first fire, and disappeared across the street with wild leaps and expanded eye-balls.
The boys nearly died with langhter at every Shot, and finally when Pewt electrifled an old farm horse into colt-like activity, while its aston ished owner pulled frantically on the "webbins and indignation they fairly doubled up with mer riment, and loaded-up for the next victim.
It was Beany's next turn. and he cocked his weapon and waited. Soon Plupy, who tiptoed to the door to watch, announced that old man Gil
more was coming along with an old plug, wherea Beany made ready and they all waited breath lessly. The old flug came in sight and Beany raising the polvgun to the required elevation pulled the trigger just in time to catch Plupy's mmployer, who briskly stepped in view, cheer ful and refreshed by a good dinner, a stinging
blow on the end of his capacious and prominent nose
The Conners were all men of substance, men of abillty and men of worth, and like many prominent families of those days, bore in their faces some dis tinguishing feature. In the Conner family it was the nose, which in the men was large, fleshy and prom judiciously assisted by a red bandanna handker chief. arity ond courtesy, a man of even temper, able man of comfortable habit, he was not given to

feats of agility, but the impact of the stone on his nose seemed to change his nature to that of a
ravening wolf, and he entered the store with a spring ravening wolf, and he entered the store with a spring
like a panther, and a shout like a wild Irishman at like a panther, and
a Hibernian picnic.
Pewt dove out of the side window like a frog, and fled down across the wharf; Beany dodged under the old gentleman's extended arm like a boy playing "Coram" and went through the front door like a shot, his fat legs in such rapid motion that they were
at his side, and every nerve strained to accelerate hts speed.
Plupy rushed behind the counter, closely fol
lowed by the veteran; lowed by the veteran; he swarmed over it, the dold man vaulted it like a boy, between the fron oor and his his enemy, was at his heels; he selzed an empt his enemy was at his heels; he selzed an empty his pursuer; the old man fell over the barrel with a prodigious crash, but was up in a second with redoubled wrath; out into the front shop again Plupy just out of reach, round the store, again behind the counter, Plupy's collar just an inch away from the outstretched and fateful hand of his pursuer. Again they fled through the back room, and Plupy by terrific sprinting gains a bit Alas! in trying to turn he slipped on the molasses covered floor, he fell and the old gentleman, un able to stop, fell over his prostrate body, recov ered himself and rose with Plupy in a vise-like grip, and rushed him, his feet scarcely touching the ground, to the office, where his stout, gold headed cane was.
Poor Plupy, in spite of his protestations, his cries, his writhings and twistings, was caned soundly, and discharged without a recommendation as a "most wuthless, good-for-nothing rascal." Poor Plupy, who
had but a day before made such good had but a day before made such good resolutions, and who had anticipated so much pleasure and profit from a business life. To go home to his family tation, and cris-crossed with welts like a plaid dress! Poor, poor Plupy!
(To be continued.)


## BF.GUN IN DECEMBER

 ChAPTER VIII.DTY is a liute word. But how many heartiches, how many pangs of conscience, what
lierce mental slruggles are sometimes wrapincd up, in it
Thaddeus Chupman had given in again to Elen's wishes, hut it had becin atzainst his will. His decision, made wut of sympalliy for his father, had not sol at rest the bovis heari-longing for freedom; nor had it concealed from his eyes the degradation of his position. nor had it smothered in h

The next day and the next and every day for two wacks Tad pondored wer the question as to what he omght oo do. Was his duty to his father greater to sarrifice lis future to his fother's selfish hove for him? To he sure, he did not go into a very deep analysis of the problem. He was not much of a philusopher. Logic and Tad were total strangers. Nor did he rise to the higher conception
of his duty to his God, and his olligations to soctely. He only knew this, that his father required of him something against which his whole nature revolted. and that there was rebellion in his heart which was Lrowing with the days until he felt he must escape from the quagmire of ignorance and slothfulness In which he lived.
out of this maze of doubt and indecision calme: a
Ietermination to leave home. One thing the boy was sure of: he could never get his father's consent to his going. He must, therefore, go without it. And his father must not know of his plans until there was a safe distance between them. Tad had picked 11 , the information somewhere hat, untha father but as if by inspiration he concluded that no father had a right to use his boy's time durlag the years of his minority in such a way as to unfit him for the life of the man that was to follow: that no father had a right to spoil a boy's prospects of success, blight his hopes, and smother his ambitions. The law of the land might permit a father thus to enslave his son, but the laws of God and of humanity that speak even louder than that of statute books and courts, declared against it. It was in many respects a hard conclusion that Tad arrived at, but when. through devious ways anil after days and nights of struggle, the conclusion came, it was a settled one and there was no turning back.
One day, not long after Tad had resumed his usual work and while driving home behind Prince after going the rounds of his customers, he took rom his pocket the money he had collected during the day and counted it over. Two dollars and forty-

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moment he assumed that it was. "It is not enough," he said to himself. "I must have a good hat and a pair of shoes, at least." With a long sigh he put the money back into his pocket. It will never be
known just how near Tad came to committing a sin known ju
that day.
Up to that time the money question had not greatly bothered Tad, but now that the main question was out of the way, it stood before him in all its vastness and importance. Every day, he handled money-a little, but every penny of it was bibetu Chapman's; Tad had never known the pride and dollar of his own Gradually it dawned of a whole dollar of his own. Gradually if dawned upon him, as this money questlon revolved itself in his brain. up the high school that if he would give ui) his up the high school that if he would give ut his asp what the carden produced. Both he and his father had forgotten the agreement-at any rate the promise had gone out of Tad's head. It had never been an inducement with him. He had not given up the idea of an education for a promise of money, but wholly from sympathy with his father, whose arguments seemed so strong and so personal. He now made up his mind to speak to Eben about it and claim his half.
One night after the work of the day was done and the two sat together lazlly smoking their pipes with nothing seemingly to do but wait for bedtime, Tad cautiously broached the matter of his share of the profits of the garden, apologizing for his referto to the matter at all by calling Eben's attention clothes. Eben smoked and listened. "The boy, clothes. Eben smoked and listen
"What's put sech notions in yer head?" he asked. ". In't yer clothes good enuff Ain't they good as For reply, Tad called Eben's attention
For reply, Tad called Eben's attention to the comsultable clothing for the chill days and nights of the sulita
fall.
"Time enuff when winter's here, Tad. I won't see Hih freeze. I never did, did 1 ?'.
say I don't give yuh clothes 'nuff."
"But, dad," answered the boy. "I am ashamed to Lo anywhere. Every other fellow has a good suit, for dress up-for Sunday.
Eben laughed: at the same time he caught the serious look in the loy's eyes, and it sobered him "Weill
Hell, ['ll git yuh some clothes, but not now t hain't been a yood season. People ain't payin as they ought to.
But if you wait tll winter, dad, you won't be any better off. You're always poorer in winter, and off in the stable. You know how it eating his head Then you promised me half you made if I didn't go to high school." The boy hitched this sentence on quick as if it were something he was afraid to speak "Sure, an' 1 did," replled his father, "but I hain't made nothin yet. Yuh know the mortgage ain't paid off. Wait till it's paid off an' yuh'll git yer
half. I hain't even kep' up the interest fer the last half. years."
"How long will it take?" ventured Tad, whose knowledge of the mortgage was a very hazy one, for this father did not make a business of talking to his boy about money affalrs.
matter $0^{+}$two or three years," came the
Two or three years!
Two or three years! A century to a boy on the growing boy! Enough to spell ruin! Two years growing boy! Enough to spell ruin! Two years darkness of mind and soul, and Thaddeus Chapman's fate would be settled. He seemed to realize it in that moment, and there came over him the thought

## that bis father had taken an unfair advantage of

 him, and the devil whispered in his heart: "Tad. get even.A few days later Tad on his rounds made a collection that caused his eyes to sparkle. Twenty-eight dollars had been paid to him at the hotel. It was the largest sum of money he had ever held in his hands. On his way home he counted it over two, was in a dizzy whirl.
It was past noon when he drove into the stable He cllmbed down from his seat on the cart and was about to unhitch when Eloen appeared in the door way. "I'll jest drive Prince to the shop fur the new shoes he's been needin. Tve had my dinner,' the Sorle said, mounting the cart
Sorlething very like a lump rose in Tad's throat did not know he had for the money? No, Eben the stable door watching through a crack till old Prince rounded a bend in the road and was out of sight. Up to that moment the boy had not made ul his mind distinctly to anything. It was just as if some force within him was pushing him agains his will and whispering to him as he held back, "Tad It's your chance.
Entering the house the boy sat down at the table where a few cold victuals awaited him and there he counted his money again. Twenty-eight dollars: fortune then he set to work separating the littl into two piles carefully counting each to see tha nto two phes, carefully counting each to see tha which he put one pile into his pocket Then hunter up a scrap of paper and his pencil, he sat down and wrote on it these words:

Dear Dad: I got twenty-elght dollars at the Sherman House today. Fourteen is yours. I have taken the rest of it and gone away. I won't be gone long. When I come back, I'll pay the mort gage, and well live together again, and you won't have to work. I thank you for all you have done for me. I love you, dad, but I can't stay her The note ended abruptly. The last sentence was not finisher, and there was no signature. The fac is, Tad could not see to write any more. The afternoon sunlight streamed in at the window, but a boy can't see through tears, no matter how brigh the sun. "He"ll know who wrote it!" he exclaimed as he rose from the place. Then with a hasty look about the room so familiar to hlm. he pushed open through the stable across the flelds into the , out It was four mies to the fearest into the woods rilload four miles to the nearest station on the ran from IBoston to New York. There was a little town surrounding the station. Tad had been ther once on a circus day-one of the few really hapn days of his life-and he knew the country road that ran to it.

Running part of the way on the highway and par of the way in the adjacent flelds and woods in order to escape being seen, he soon reached the little town and made his way to the station. There was no one at the ticket window. but, from a strange who like himself was apparently looking for a traln he learned that a local for New York was due in something over half an hour. It would not be saf for him to hang about the station, for someone migh see him and ask him embarrassing questions, so he waiked up the whage street, stopping before the lotbes with the price marked in big letters brough a besplitio to cad that could loters brough Clothes he must have if he was to go to the clty He had all along determined that a part of his money should go for that. He now had the time, and why not buy them now? It took but a lew minutes for a nimble salesman to persuade Tad that one of the
suits just like the one in the window fited him as if it were made for him. Trying experience to Thaddeus Chapman. Never in his life hat man. Never in his life hat suit. A little later he stood on the sidewalk five dollars poorer but infinitely richer in a feeling of respectability. One luxury demands another. Poor people have to learn this, as well as do rich people. His shoes looked bad enough before; now he wanted to hide his feet, and was afraid for anyone to see him with his new trousers over a pair of the worst shoes a boy ever wore. It migh York in his old clothes all of which were in about all same condition, but never with a new suit and these oll shoes. There was time to do more buying before he must start for the station again, so crossing the strect and walking half a block, he found himself before a window where there was ample promise within of not only shoes, but hats and shirts and everything that a boy needs.
Ten minutes later you would not have known Tal Chapman as be stood at the window of the ticket agent asting for a ticket for viow York.

The agent gave the price. and Tad began laying down his money, counting as he did so.

Is that all
Tad fumbled in his pocket for more, but he had counted out his last cent.
"Well, step aside, young chance," said the ticket seller, impatiently. "Can't you trust me for
the rest?"' Tad asked. .I'll the rest?" Tad asked. "I'll
send it to you from New York send it to you from New
when I get my first pay."
"Sorry, but we trust no one here. Step aside, please.
"How far will it take me?"
The agent made a little calculation.
"To Acton, and you would have a few pennies left.'
"Then give me a ticket as far as the money will take me," he said eagerly.
The agent smiled, as did others who stood waiting their turn at the window.
"You're all right," said a man at his elbow. "You"ll get to New York sometime. A fellow that's got your pluck is sure to win out.'
The fact is, with the prodigality of one who has never had money, nor learned how to spend it, Tad had overreached himself and paid so much for his clothes that he lacked over a dollar of having enough money to buy a ticket to New York. The situation was embarrassing, and many another person no older than Tad would have sat down and cried over it, or, at least, would have been frightened at the prospect of being set down some place he had never heard of, with nothing in his pockets but a few ennies and no prospect of getting more. But Tad Chapman had started for New York, and the feeling he had that he soon would be on board the cars and out of the way of danger, bound in the direction of the great city of New York-the city of his dreams-was satisfaction enough. He could walk the rest of the way, he thought.

With a bundle under each arm, one containing his

half hour crowded out all loneliness and all fear. He just reveled open-eyed and open-mouthed in eversthing about him. But after a while as the sun began to sink be hind the hills, there came the inevitable feeling that must come into the breast of ever. natural boy for the first time away frof home and alonehomesictness, when the cal looks into no eyes the fos looks into no eyes that flas hears no volce that brine back a memory, when no word calls up a face that dear to him.
Soon the stations came closer and closer together. More and more persons go
off and on the train. cession of lights twinkled outside the car window. Tal wondered if they were no nearing New York. He hat forgoten the name of the sta tion where he must leave the train, and the conductor hat taken his ticket. He hesi tated about asking that olli cial, for he was very impor was brusque and his mannet point the bratemant at this name at the door called a train came quictly the train
stop.
"Young man, this is your station." Tad turned. A man in the seat behind him whom heretofore he had no his sea, was just arising from
"You get off here," he said. Tad, scarcely stopping to his bundles and started to leave the car

So you are golng to New York, are you?" the same volce inquired in an interes ed way, as the man
"Yes, sir," replied Tad
"How far is it from here?" "A good thirty miles, 1 should say, by way of the
old coat and trousers, and the other, his well-wom hat and shoes, he stood on the station platform ingling with excitement as the great locomotive with is clanging bell, its powerful wheels, its grimy, deermined faces at the cab window, rolled in , drag. ling its long traln of cars that rumbled and roared elt in the presence of this leviathan of irron and teel and hurried and jostled as he or iron and people rushing hither and thither, the boy felt an aplift of spirit he had never before known save on the day when his teacher announced his name in the presence of the school as one of those who had passed the examination for the high school.
In the hurry and confusion someone on the platford directed Tad to the first coach of the train, und was an hundred feet away. Clutching his mounte, he ran, and none too fast, for just as he clang of the big engine bell and the strain on the couplings sald, "We are off for New York.
Tad found a seat without difficulty, disposed of his bundles, one on each side of him, and then looked cautlously about. Every face was strange to him, nd he felt a sort of satisfaction in the fact. Then arst ride in a railway car And who that has been boy does not recall it! The rush the ratte, the shriek of the locomotive; the whiz of the telegraph poles; the panorama of hill and dale woods and

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adite was now living in a new world, strange,
rallroad." replied the man.
I couldn't walk it tonight, could [?" he asked.
Well, I should say not. Do you know anyone around here?"

Yo, sir."
You haven't any money, have you?"
"No, sir."
Then where are you going to sleep tonight?" The question was a poser, and Tad smiled foolishly "You don't know how I came to know that this was your station, do you?" went on the man. "I'll tell you. I sat you buy your ticket. I have been up the road trying to hire men to help harvest. I just now. How out of lown, and hands are scarc unst now. How would you her a few weeks work city in style? You look as if you might earn a dolfar a day and board.

A dollar a day and board: Three weeks, eighteen dollars: Tad was quick enough at figures to get the meanig to him as once. The elgheen dollars looked a boy who had a seen more than a two-story a gable frame of a country village
"I guess it'll be better than walking to New York," replied Tad earnestly
"Then come along. My team is standing over at the end of the platform. They'll whirl us home in jify where there's a hot supper walting.
And so it was that Thaddeus Chapman for three eeks became a farmer
(To be continued.)

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Chapter xxin.
THE ADVANCE.

TIF excitement in the little Jersey town coninued unabated for several days, and then
when the reports of the battle of Bunker Hill were added to the rumors which had been confirmed, that Ethan Allen and his daring followers secured there had been sent on to the army at Boston, the patriots were almost beside themseives. No one seemed to consider what the end was to be, and as yet there were not many who were decidedly in favor of cuttlng loose from the mother country. They were slmply contending for their rights, and though to be checked, and against him they would do their utmost, there were few who were expressing any
sentiments of disloyalty to King George himself. For sentiments of disloyalty to King George himself. For the greater part. the determined colonists belleved
that as soon as the king was aware that "his subjects that as soon as the king was a ware that his subjects
in America" were not likely to submit to injustice, he then would alter his demands and cease to op. press.
It is doubtful though if such considerations were largely in the minds of many in the Jersey village.
Hoys and men allke had been aroused by the deter. Hoys and men allke had been aroused by the deter-
mination their fellow-patriots had manifested, and mination their fellow-patriots had manifested, and
were preparing to do their utmost to assist. Men were preparing to do their uthost to assist. Men,
powder, and supplies were being forwarded from New Jersey to Cambridge, as they were from most of the colonies also, and the chief topic of conversation on the streets, in the homes, and even in the churches was that which was concerned with the prevalling excitement of the times.
In the Dare household
In the Dare household there was no exception, and at last there came a morning when the thoughts which long had been in the minds of Noah and his
cousin could no longer be unexpressed. The family cousin could no longer be unexpressed. The family had not yet risen from their seats at the breakfast
table when Noah sadd quietly, "Pap, do you not think table when Noah satd quietly, "Pap, "d
Cale and I ought to take our part?"
Cale and ought to take our part?"
"In what?" responded Mr. Dare, without glancing at the boys. Caleh. who hat been watching Mr. Dare's face while his uncle was speaking. could see that it suddenly became drawn and white, and when he glanced quickly at his aunt he saw that the tears
were streaming down her face. though she did not were streaming down her face. though she did not
speak. There was a lump in his own throat, too, speak. There was a lump in his own throat. too,
which he was unable to swallow, but Noah had not which he looked up, and it was impossible to perceive how he was affected.
"You know what I mean," said Noah, still looking down at the table.
"Yes, my son, 1 think I do," sald Mr. Dare. "I
knew it must come and your mother and I have already talked it all over.
"We shan't have to be gone long." declared Noah eagerly. "This trouble will soon he ended and we'll he all the better after It's settled.
There was a trace of a smile on Mr. Dare's face, though its presence served chiefly to intensity the sorrow in his heart.
"I do not arree with you, Noah." said Mr. Dare firmly, "hut nefther you nor i can prophecy, what the
end will be. What are your plans, Noah?" end will be. What are your plans, Noah?"
"I don't know that we have made any plat
"I don't know that we have made any plans."
"You surely bave talked with Caleb."
"Yes, sir," acknowledged Noah a iittle awkwardly. "We thought that as he and I were already in one of Colonel Anthony Wayne's companies, it mlght be best for us to report to him and
"Cease to be a Jerseyman?" Interrupted Mr. Dare. "No, sir. I'm always a Jerseyman and always shall be. But, you see, Cale and I could still be together
and that would be better on a good many accounts. and that would be better on a good many accounts.
If I was needed in Jersey, why I'm sure I could -.
"You would have to stay where you were, Noah," again Mr. Dare broke in.
"Yes, sir, I fancy I should," acknowledged Noah lamely.
"And yet you prefer to go with Anthony Wayne?"
"Yes, sir.'
"Why?" becanse he's a Pennsylvanian and not a Jerseyman," sald Noah quickly. "tts because we know him, and like him, and want to be where he is. Resides, were both enrolled in the Chester company."
"I hear he's a dreadful man," spoke up Mrs. Dare. Thear he 9 a dreadful man, spoke up Mrs. Dare, Who up to this time had not taken any part in the fre-eater. He would take you into all sorts of danfire.eater. He would
ger, I know he would. Noah."
Noah looked up and saw that his mother's eyes were ". That may be true, but it will be as safe where Anthony Wayne is as in any other place, for though Anthony mayne, as you say. a man to get into danger, he ma man to get nut of it, ton, and that's more than can be sald for sume of the leaders.
"Noah," said his father, "why can't yon be satisfled to do what Elias and Ananias are going to do?" Noah was already aware of the tasks to which his two boy friends had been assigned, for the proposed plan had been a frequent topic of conversation amon hem. Patrol boats were to be kept busy watching the ntrance to Delaware Bay, and both Ananlas and Ellas had already been selected with others for this duty. Indeed, Noah had already promised his friends that they might use his little catboat. The Swallow and had assisted in fitting her out for the task to which she had been assigned.
"I think I ought to go where I'm enrolled," he said at last.
"Very well. I shall not object," sald Mr. Dare quietly.
The matter was settled now, as both Noah and his cousin were aware. For a moment no one at the able spoke, and the silence became so oppressive that Caleb at last felt that he could endure it no longer. His uneasiness apparently imparted itself
to others, and the entire family abruptly arose and to others, and the entire family abruptly arose and passed out of the dining room in silence
Three days afterward the two boys were ready to depart. Noah had visited again and again every famillar stoot on hls father's place. The barn in Which he had been accustomed to assenble with his iriends, his own horse that he had broken, the dog
which had been his constant companion even the which had been his constant companion, even the pear differently in his eyes now. He was a sturdy lad and not overmuch given to a display of his feel. ings, but his heart. though be repressed every, exings, but his heart, though he repressed evert the morning at last came when he was to say bowh to his fany and the famila where with the men who and go forth he knew not where with the men who the struggle for the liberties of an oppressed people. The face of Mr. Dare looked like that of one who had been through a long illness. He seldom spoke at the breakfast table, though when he did his words did not reveal the fear or sadness that possessed him. As for Mrs. Dare, somewhat to Noah's surprise, she betrayed but little emotion, and Noah was too inexperienced to understand what her repression was costing her in suffering.
"Very likely when you are in the camp of Anthony Wayne you will find some old friends and will make many new ones, Mr. Dare was saylig. This is one that is, no matter where you are or with whom, you will not forget what you have learned in your father's home. I would rather hear of you dead than to hear of you as untrue to what you have been taught.
Noah looked at his father with shining eyes, but he did not respond, though Mr. Dare was none the less comforted by the glance he received.
"If it be God's will that you fall. Noah." Mrs. Dare was saying. "then I shall try to bear it because it is 1 do not think 1 ever could bear
"What is that?" inquired Noah softly.
"That you should be shot in the hinder parts," responded his mother, and the sudden flash in her eye was all that was required to make Noah Dare once more master of himself. It was all new to him, this unexpected fire and strength his mother was displaying. He had looked for her to break down, and he had been fearful of the effect of the moment of parting upon his own strength of heart. He still little knew what all this was costing the gentle little mother, whose ways, far more affectionate than were falled to appeal to him.
At last, however, the good-byes were all said and the two cousins. were gone. Not once had they glanced behind them on their way to the dock where Ellas and Ananlas were to meet them and bring back The Swallow, after Noah and Caleb had been landed in Phlladelphia, for the new task which was to be hers. On the voyage the splirits of all four boys were restored, and when at last Noah and Caleb the knowledge that the sterner part of their dutles had now begun, soon imparted an eagerness to be at work that was novel and inspiring as well.
For some unexplained reason there was a delay in sending Anthony Wayne's men forward. Others of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey line had.long since arrived at cambridge. and letters from them had been recelved describing the life in the camp and the excitement that attended the siege of Roston. But the summer passed and autha came, and stil there was a delay. All of Anthony Waynes eaperness did not appear to avall, and his men still were
held in the Pennaylvania town.
At last in the winter, after reports of what Bene
diet Arnold was attempting to gain by his siege of Quebec, the long-awaited word was received, but even then for some reason sin unexplained the men were not to proceed to Neded forwarded, and but a small detachment was ordered forwarded, and then The winta was upon them when at last the comThe in which Noh and Caleb were enrolled started on its march across New Jersey. Their immediate destination was to be Elizabethtown, where, if the destination was to torbidding, they were to be transferred to New York by vessels which would be awaiting them on the Kill von Kull.
There were few events of interest on the weari some-march across New Jersey. In every place where they halted for the night there were those who were eager to minister to their wants, and the fires of patriotism evidently were burning high among the Jersey people.
In the afternoon of the fourth day the little com pany arrived at Elizabethtown, and no sooner had it broken ranks than Noah was surprised as an elderly man approached him, and touching the young soldier upon the shoulder, inquired, is your name Noal Dare?

Yes, sir," responded Noah in surprise.
Then there is a word awaiting you from someone in Greenwich.
Visions of trouble, of sorrow, even of death in his father's home instantly flashed into Noah's mind, and he eagerly followed the stranger as he led the way along the shore. In no way suspicious he stepped on board a sloop that was lying at a dock many yards distant from the spot where himself facing Thomas Hull.

## CHAPTER XXIV

THE CHARMING POLI,Y.
When Noah had entered the cabin his conductor had hastily stepped back, and as he departed he had closed and locked the door, leaving the young soldier alone with the man whose enmity he had reason to believe was more intense than ever it had been. As Noah looked into the face of the man standing look of hatred was too plain to be mistaken
"What does this mean, Mr. Thomas Hull?" Noah demanded at last, breaking in upon the tense silence. II was told that a man from Greenwich was here and that he had a message for me." He was aware
that his own face was colorless and the great fear in his heart was not hidden.
"That's right. There is a man from Greenwich here," sald Thomas Hull.
"Who is he?"
"Hls name is Thomas Hull."
"What is your message?". Noah was striving to speak calmly, but his voice was trembling desplte his efforts to control it.
"I am authorized to invite you to go on a voyage to the West Indies, where you will recelve your just deserts. There is no longer any regard for law in these miserable colonies, so you must go where you will be certain to find it. This sloop is the Charming Polly, her captain is one Jacob Twiss, and there isn't a better sallor in America. Will you accept of the invitation?" Thomas Hull laughed as he spoke. though there was no trace of mirth in the sounds he made.
"Never!" shouted Noah. "I'll never go with such a cowardly- "Careful"
"Careful," broke in Thoms Hull warningly.
Instantly Noah turned, and in his desperation tried to open the door, but the lock held and he was quickly aware that his efforts were vain. He rushed to the little porthole and swung back the covering and shouted again and again. His words were car ried out over the bay, and he was quickly aware that his attempt to call his rrends was whout avall He could hear the sounds of mently they had not the deck above him, but apparenty they had no heard his crles, or at whey gameless terror he Almost beside himself with a mameless terror, who had the him during his desperate attempts, had watched him duing him, and savagely said: "I'll make you open that door, you traitor. I'm a
rill make you open that door, you traltor. Im a member of Colonel Anthony Waynes battalion and one of his men in this fashion!'

As he spoke, Noah sprang toward the man in the cabin a

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e. Noah Dare! .Just wait-
'll not walt?" shouted Noah .I'll-
"Wait! Wait! I'll tell you!" exclaimed the man as Noah selzed him.
"Tell it! Tell it, then!" responded the young soldier, his hold on the man tightening as he spoke, and at the same thme he swung him about so that he was
enabled to look into his face. enabled to look into his face.
Hull. "I know it, and you deserve just that: What is it you are to say? Be qu
'I'll tell you. You are known on this sioop. The papers of the grand jury are in the hands of Captain Twiss. He knows, too, that we two are alone in this cabin. If anything happens to me he will know who
did it, and if you think that will help you when youl did it, and if you think that will help you when you can say is that you are a fool, and I don't belleve even you are such a plece of foolishness as to want even you are such a plece of foolshness as to want stant he stared helplessly into the face of Thomas he had believed after all. At all events. he had been bold enough to be left alone in the cabin with him when he must have been aware that by such an action he was in peril of bodily harm, for the young soldier would well-nigh be desperate when he was
fully aware of his predica ment. There was truth too, in what the man was saying, Noah clearly per ceived. He surely was i a desperate plight, but his troubles would only be in creased by the action he was threatening to take. Quick to see his advan
tage, Thomas Hull stepped tage, Thomas Hull stepped back and smilingly said "I thought you w
to your senses.
this?" demanded doing this?"' demanded Noah
slowly "Why
$y$ am 1 doing it That's a fine question for you to ask: Who burned
my tea? That was rob bery, worse than highway robbery, too! Who-who made me suffer the indig nity of being stripped to my waist and being cov ered with that-that tar and all those feathers-
The man's face was dis The man's face was dis torted with passion and his voice, which had risen to a shrill scream, was broken in the rage which
possessed him.
"If you refer to me," responded Noah. "I did not give you your coat of tar and feathers."
"You did! You did:
"You did: You did! I saw you with my own ey
"Whose eyes would you expect to see with torted Noah. "I tell you I had nothing to do with it. I was there with the crowd in Pront of your home, and I did help haul the wagon away, but I thought you would be glad to be as far away as you could and
as soon as you could, for-" as soon as you could, for-

Yes, you did," shouted the man. "You were one of the ringleaders
you did, either."
you did, either."
No, it wasn't, that's a fact, Mr. Thomas Hull," retorted Noah, who now was aware of the need of cau-
tion on his own part if he was to find any way of tion on his own part if he was to find any way of
escape. "There was something else that I did, too." escape. "What was that?"
"I pulled you out of the water in Delaware Bay If I had left you there as I now see I ought to have done you wouldn't be here doing what you are now." Don't bring that up to me!' shouted Thomas Hull. burned my tea and you say yourself that you helped to drag me out of Greenwich - A contortion of rage appeared on the face of the infuriated man, and for a moment even his utterance appeared to be choked. Quickly he recovered control of himself and continued. "So long as I live Ill never cease trying to bring the men who treated me that way to Justice! I believe you were the leader and you'll be the first. This sloop is bound for the West bound you shall go along with her."
"Are you golng, too, Mr. Thomas Hull
"A re your
"I am."" that ?" suddenly demanded Noah as sounds on the deck came to his ears
"I fancy they are already hoisting the sails," responded Thomas Hull maliciously. "The tide will be more than an hour or two away. I think I'll go ul on deck and see for myself," he added as he thrus his hand lato his pocket and drawing forth a key approached the door.
"Mr. Hull," pleaded Noab irantically. "You can't mean it! You can't: You can't! You
"I surely am," responded the man glibly as he stepped to the door, which he at once unlocked.
"Mr. Hull! Mr. Hull!" called Noab.
"Well! What is it now?" Thomas Hull stopped in the open doorway and faced his prisoner as if he was almost daring Noah to do what it plainly was in the desperate young soldler's mind-to attempt to flee from the cabin.
"Will you come back and tell me when we start?" "There'll be slight need of that," laughed Thomas Hull brutally. In a moment he had stepped outside, closed and locked the door, and Noah Dare was lef alone in the cabin of the Charming Polly.
Almost as if his reason had fled. the young pris-
oner frantically shook the door, and again and again
cried for help. He had no means of knowing Whether or not his cries were heard, but as the moments passed slowly he became aware that no response at least was to be made to them. Rushing
to the porthole he peered out across the waters About a mile away he could see the opposite shore of the bay. but not a boat or a man was within sight. There was no help to be expected from that quarter. His friends were farther down the same shore near which the sloop was anchored, but it would be impossible to make them hear. He was held fast a
prisoner in the cabin He stoped abruptly
He stoped abruptly and once more listened to the sounds from the deck. The nolse and confusion The Charming Polly was Indeed preparing to set sall Again he peered from the porthole, and was aware that the sun already had disappeared. The waters were filled with pieces of ice, and from the direction in which they were moving he was enabled to perceive that even now the tide was strong and was going out. In a brief time the sloop would be sailing down the lower bay and when once she had passed the Narrows every hope of escape would be gone. Seating himself on the bunk. Noah endeavored to think more calmly of his predicament, but though

Fearful lest the cry had been heard by the sallor: Noah, trembling in his excitenient, expecting ever. moment to hear the sounds of men at the door, oner and tore away the neckerchief from his pris. his call for help, speedily bound Thomas Hull's hands behind his back. In spite of his own excitement, foah wondered at the helplessness of his prisoner, for his strength apparently was gone and no resistance was made, nor did he repeat his call. His own neckerchlef provided Noan with the means of prehe securely bound the cloth of shouts or calls. for face covering ha the cloth about Thomas Hull's breathe through his mose and leaving him free to desperation now hose only. Noah was working in plan as to what he would next do. Indeed bed any conscious of a feeling that he was making a wase mistake anyway, and that, as The Charming Polly already had started on her voyage to the west Indies, and apparently all hone of leaving the sloop before her arrival at the distant island was gone, he would pay dearly for his treatment of the man who was now with him in the cabin. The feeling of anger, however, was too intense to permit him to act calmly or even to stop, for thought, and as soon as he had secured the man he thrust his hand into the pocket of Thomas Hull and drew forth a key.
which he was convinced which he was convinced
was the one he desired. "Now, he said, thomas stopped for said, as he cazed in the diment and the he! pless figure in the bunk, "don't you try to make any fuss while I'm gone. If you do, whatever may haplen to me I'll see that you get your just deserts. Do you hear me?. Whether or not Thomas Hull heard the words of the young soldier he did
not respond, and Noah turned quickly to the door For a moment he paused Thomas Hull's cry for hel, had been heard on the deck a response would have
been given before this time, Noah assured him. self; and then, too, in this early stage of the voyage. it would not be probable that any of the officers or crew would trouble themselves concerning their passen ger, Thomas Hull, or the
he remained silent for a long tinse, not a ray of light appeared. He had every reason to belleve that Thomas Hull would be true to his word, and would Indies: and there "justice" would be measured out to him. The steadily deepening darkness of the oncom ing night was like the gloom in his own heart. He bamed himselt for having so easily been led into the frap. And how had induced him to follow, and now he a stras were there was no prospect of wesape now he was where there was no prospect of escape. He hought of Caleb, a is disappearance And then his saying concerniog his disappearance. And then his seemed to him that he could almost see the members of his family at that very hour assembling about the supper table. The vision was almost more than Voah could endure and the young soldier arose and again approached the little porthole.
The sloop was under motion already! Almost dazed by the knowledge, Noah stood and listened to the sounds he could hear as the floating ice crushed gainst the vessel. He was also dimly aware that the Charming Polly was frequently turning in her course, and although he was not familiar with the channel, he at once concluded that it must be a winding course that led to the sea, but the knowledge somehow now seemed of slight interest, for Noah Dare was dazed and numb and scarcely realized what was occurring.
He turned abruptly as be heard a key in the lock of the door. In the dim light he could see that a man entered the cabin and carefully closed and locked the door behind him, but it was not unth he spoke tha Noan recogalzed Thom to the in side threw his an back upon the bunk.

## CHAPTER XXV.

THE SHORE.
So excited was the young prisoner that he was hardly aware of his own predicament. In his grasp he was holding the man who had been the cause of all his troubles, and his own anger was so latense that for the moment his sole thought was of venge ance. Come what might be would at least measure al the punishment due the Tory who had trapped him on The Charming Polly.
A sudden lurch of the sloop threw Noah back against the side of the cabin, and with the motion his hold ons trom the bunk and made for the daor Hull sprang from the bunk and made for door but belore he was axerting all his atrength Noah lifted the man bodily and flung him once more upon the bunk. "Help! Help! l'm being -" shouted Thomas Hull, but before his cry was completed Noah Dare's hand was roughly placed upon the man' mouth and the scream was silenced.
prisoner he had secured by beguiling him on hoard The Charming Polly. Indeed. it was not in the least likely that any of the sailors knew anything of the matter at all, and with The thought came a momentary feeling of
Hesitating no longer, Noah thrust the key into the lock, and then returning for a moment to the bunk lock, and then returf that a moment ocurely bound and that he need have no immediate fear of any actions on his prisoner's part he returned hastly to the door turned the key, and then slipped softly outside. Not a man could be seen, though he could hear more plainly now the nolses on the deck and satisfied that his exit had not been percefved Noah thrust the key into the lock and securely fastening the door, placed the key in his pocket and started up the companionway to the deck above. As he stepped upon the deck he could see not far way the indistinct outlines of the shore, and a momentary thrill passed over him as he realized that the Charming Polly had not as yet passed out through the Narrows. A gleam of hope stirred in the young solitiers heart, but his fears instantly returnen When a man placed his hand on his shoulder and said How's your young rebel making out. Tom? Is h any more-" The speaker paused abruptly and ittering a low exclamation peered Into Noah's fac with an asconish could not be seen
Terrified by the action of the man, Noah Dare roughly threw oft the hand from his shoulder and without pausing to think of the peril that awaited the rater Before his feet touched the cold waters he heard the shout of the startled man on the deck and then he could neither see nor hear any more His feet struck a mass of floating ice which gave way before him, and he was sliding into the cold waters of the bay
When at last he arose again to the surface he wa almost strangling. His clothing was like a heav weight, the floating ice seemed to bar his way to the shore, and the chill of the plunge he had taken seemed almost to drive his very breath from his body. It was not long, however, before he recovered a measure of self-control, and glancing at the sloop he was not able to perceive any signs that she wa. about to stop in her course. He was convinced tha he heard a shout, but this was not repeated. and instantly Noah exerted himself to the utmost of his strength as be struck out toward the shore he ha dimly seen from the deck of the sloop
He speedily discovered that all strength was required to avold the masses of hoallig ice and even to keep his head above the water. It was not long beiore he realized that the the was running out to galn the shore swept over him. In desperation he began the shore swo discovered that his sirength would soon fail him. (To be continued.)


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 lo find the huried treasure we won't
have all of Bethany down to the shore
in see us land with it and try to grab

"I hope there won't be a lot of the
other boys going to the island today.
is sald as we rode away. "Oh, there will not. No ond hut Hugh Reece has a skif, and the and about all
of the other boys in Bechany are goins
 and the Hebardton llustl.
we'll the the coast clear."
But when we reached the island we
saw a column of smoke rising from the vicinty of the old catin.
"I know whose campfire that is," said
 an old fellow on the tsland gathering of a quack doctor lee thought he was. island in search of his roots and herbs "Bat the campfire may belong to some one else and we'd better approach catsthe shore here through the woods ani We'd better steal guletiy uF t" that coast is really elcar around the plam True enough, my son," sald Blly in
the fatherly and patronizing way he often assumed to remind m. or the fact
that he was three days my senfor. Having anchored our boat we took our
basket of lunch. our pick and shovel and a stout canvas hag we had brought for The treasure and startod toward the it necessary to maintain gave a fascin-
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"Yes. I have a nickel." moment."
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## good luck, and I fouminis

four-leaf clover yesterdas:
itell you, Danny, things ari:
going our way."
It took ws about ten min-
ntes t" walk to the bowldur utes t" walk to the bowlde.
Billy was several yards in advance of me when he
cautiusly appronchert cautioussy approacher
llie great black bowlder
ite peaned around it and lte preped qround it and
turned quickly towaril turned quickly toward
me with one finger hild up warningly. Then hi. laid his finger on his lips and his internse ix-
Cltoment manifested it self in his raceas I dr-w
near. When he was nuil near. whisper: late! Look
"Too around late bowlder
-look! $\underset{\text { arouna peeped gly } \mathrm{glent}}{\text { bowlder }}$ howlder. A man
was digging un-
der the plum irees! the plum cold. ragged. Mn-
couth man. hat whs off and
his hair hung in langled black and
kray mass around hray mass around
his shnulders.
irew back turne back and
nilly. Bligy. guess it is
"f old herb-gath. crer," I sald in a
whisper. no herb.
"He's no herb. gatherer," said
Billy angrily
"He's here on purpose to rob us of has had a dream. hoo. It I a bureanng
ahame! He oung to divide with us. Hadn't we better
march out and tell
"Oh he wouldn't divide, and we See what a big.
atrong. gurly looking rellow he is. Billy gritting his
teeth and shaking his




## How to Become Strong

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Chow and are attached to the hones of lhe tingers by long thongs called "tennot the forearm without the hand no Without having. at the same time, larg and well-developed forearms. physical training wand enable a boy to be a thorouglily good athlete or to make a great success at any of the outdoor
or indoor games of strength and skill. Not only this, but a strong grip is must
valualile, for at any moment the grip of one's hand upon the hand-rall of a car,
upon a walking stick, or upon the reln hife. and mossiny the lives of others. A little instance from my own expe-
ritpee will surereto flustrate this. I was riding on a single track rallway which ran along the face of a precipice high
up in the mountains. Standing with my farbed in talking of the car I was enthe train made a sudhe conductor when was tossed from the platform. As 1 fall myself going. 1 made a wild arip and the second and third tingers of the right liand. The conductor whistled "down soon came to a halt. In the meantime 1
wats dragked for about three hundred fert. hanking over a steep embankment. 1 lost my hat and walking stick, the glove
of my right hand was badly torn by the

hand sliding down the ralling. my shoes
wire badly cut by the sharn stones lylng wre hadly cut by the sharpstones lylng
along the track. Beyond that, however, the har:n was done. Had my grlp upon down the steen emhankment and un doabtediy been killed.
So much for one
strong frip saved a man from undouthe injury and proballle death. And the hand and formnrin whose strength saved
my life on this occasion were developed hy exercises which $I$ am nhout to de-
seribe. To what degree thts developr.ent has wen accomplishcd may be julked by the photographs with which ibictires of my own hand and rorearm. And how shath we develop and if alt. as in the tralning of any portion of the hody. we must pay attintion tu
ilice general condition. The the general condition, The hoy who
would have a powerful hand and a powurfut nrmand forearm must see to it that he gets simple ro do. not too much,
not too orten; that he gets every day not too orten: that he gets every day
a large amount of fresh. pure water: that the skin is bathed dally, and that
the action of the bowels is free and rekular.
is alsoral exercise of a moderate amount is also necessary. It is needless to kay
that any hoy or man who would develop strong hands and arms-who. in fact.
would develop any part of his body-


muscles. indeed for the general development of the forearm. the following ex
ercises will be found most valuatile. EXERCISE No. 2.
As hrfore, hold the right arm elther
pxtended or bent at the ellow. Cllneh the fist firmly. thumb uppermost. Now. hend it down natrd from the wist as far as possible (see Fig. 3). and hold it so
for a moment. Then return to position. Repeat again and again until the forearm is tired. the same manner with the left hand. EXERCISE No. 3.
Hold arm as for precelling excreises
clinch hand forcllily. Then turn the hand upward from thice wrist. turn the
th. After a moment return to position. tepeat until tired.
Same with left hand.

EXERCISE No. 4.
This is simply a combination of the
wo preceding. Turn the closed fist downward. then upward. pressink firnily tigued. first with right and then with left hand. EXERCISE No. 5.
Hold arm as for preccding exerciges

gharply inward toward the body. Then ncat nitll tired. frst with right and then
with left hand. (See Fig 5 )

## EXERCISE NO. 6.

Hold arm as for preceding movements
turn clinched hand outward. After a moment return to position. lieprat. usink alg avallable force until tired.
right and then with left hand

EXERCISE NO.
Coribination of exercises Nos. 6 and 2. etc. ading girth and shapeliness to a
slenser forearm. This is one of the erfonser forearm. This is one
most vaiuatie extreises is $\therefore$ ERCISE NO. 8.
Hold arm as for preceding, fist tightly
linched. Now turn hand frat Inward clinclifd. Ninw turn hand frat inward
(see Fig. 4), then downward (see Fig.
then outward, then upward (see Fig. 3 ).

lien inward agaln: and so on. reaching kcopink up the morroment untlithe mus-
cles of the forearmare wodl fatigued. Do, this first with right and then with left hand.

ENERCISE No. 9
Same as the preceding. sive that the varis. downward outwing a square linis moved areman in a wirche the hand beIn atl these ex.r.cises it is important that the wrist fiself shonld not be moved. EXERCISE No. 10.
Sit or stand eastly, Nos crasp right Wrist with left hand. Naid. relasing all
the muscles of the right irm. Lently
 slife with the left hinnd. allowing right
hand to hang loosily frotn the wrist. hand to hang luos.ly frotn the wrist.
Same with right hand grasping lefi wrist. EXEIRCISE No. 11.
Stand or sit caslly: ralse the hand in
pront of the hody. patms upward. Now whhout exerthus any forcenarde wowt.
 Exicisu no. and lan EXERCISE: No. 12.
Same as preceding. cxerpt that the
hands are held with the palms downward. EXEIRCISE No. 13.
Hold armas as in the two precedting expalmis iurned inward. Sow. move fore: arms up and down as dirccud above, al-
lowing the hands in 1 ,.. shakron edgewise lowing the hatits io l... shak, ne eigewise from the perfertiy licsible wrists. EXERCISE NO, 14.
Arms to to held as in the preceding exerciser. Itands hang lonsily from the
relasral wrists. palms downwird. move the forearms kently from side to
stde, allowing the hands to swi..m. EXERCISE NO. 15.
Same as cuercise No. 14, save that the ExERCISE No. 1
Arms as before, hands hanging palms
small elrcies. allowing hands to move
iretly from the nexible wrists.


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TH THE saving of the birthplace
or OId Gilory by the contribu-
tions of the nit rans of the nation, there natu-
the ruture of desire to see what idea of lendmark is to be. With the lolea of deplicting comprehensively the
old Flag House as
plans will look when the
 are have saved, it with the nation's alid
are cartied out, Charles $H$. Weisgerber Fhose ploture...Rirthe of our Natlons. Flag" and plans were made the basis of model of the Betay Ross house, showing
it exactiy as it will look if the ldea at present ravored is carried out and the
original of the model sarrounded by
 try, hae beern made to oxact cale arter
the most exhaustive inguirtes into the history of the house during into occupancy by Betsy Ross, the dessirner of
ine Flag. and shows the old structure in as it was in the days when Old Giory Was horn. The most painstaking care
has been taken to preserve every line and omit no detall. writh the result that realistic production. a marvel of patlent workmanship that would not be out of
place in the National Capltol. place in the National Capitol. has arranged a series of granite columns original Inlon. On earh of these is mates. In the center of the foreground
4 tall flagpole fs orected, and on this im proposed. there shall wave day and Whth the thirteen stars in a circle. in-
dicative of a inton without end. The artist at frast propnaed to plant around rach tree to tire the most characteristic doned in favor of that of the granfte clumns.
The model of the old hnuse is the re
sult of several years'study hy Mr. Welsgerber. Besides looking into the history of the old house to ensure acqualntance
with any changes made since the time When Betsy Ross lived there. the artist and burrowed in the underground por original lines of the bullding. The re
sult of this patient research was submit led to one of the leading archltects $n$ the same care as though a new structur of dwelling house dimenalons were to he
constructed instead of a little model. The a skilled pattern maker. who followed the lines carefully, making every tiny portion of the model to exact scale, even down to the little shutters that are the
exact counterparts of those of the origlnals. model is almost as interesting in
The way as the litile hullding on Arch street, to which so many thousands o pligrims from all parts of the country wend their way each week. For the old
Flag House has become so hemmed in by commerclal houses that have been erected in that part of the cliy that it is almost hidden from slght. while the
model discloses the bullding in all its pristine beauty, every part of ita pic-
turesque lines visible to the eye. a dainty IIttle Colonial cotitge such as lovers of
the antique in architecture dote uponand long to duplicate.
On the hlind alde of the model house the artist has inscribed, upon an appropriately designed tablet. this ahnort ac-
count of the work done in saving the
structure for the nation:

L OF THE BETGY ROSS HOUS

Under the auspices of the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial AssociaState of Pennsyivania, Dec. 19 . 1898 . One and seventy people, representing every
sect and section of the United States, its territories and colonies. and all parts of the world. have participated in the
patrlotle work of saving to posterity this
SACRFD ILANDMARK SACRFD LANDMARK. as a gift in the name of all Americans. Fearing. however, to egtablish a prece-
dent, the government still holds the mattrr in abeyance. The association was
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original site and every effort will be ex-

## A Hustling Newsboy

- $\begin{aligned} & \text { NE of the sturpnts at } \\ & \text { Harvard Unicuraity this } \\ & \text { year is a young fellow }\end{aligned}$ year is a young fellow
of seventeen y + ars of
that you Amerlcnn age that you Americnn hoya
should know something about.
He too He, too. 1s an Amertean born
boy, athough his parents
whe Rustan were Russians who came to
this country Highteen years
ago. This boya name is ago. Thls hoy name is
Meyer Heller and he has sold
papers on the streets of Bospapers on the streets of Bos-
ton ever since he was nine
years old. His father died
when Meyer was that old, and
he and his he and his brother Charipg. a
year older, took upon them gelves the support of their
ditte sister. Both boys became newsboys and they were out on the streets crying theit papers on winter
mornings when most other boys of their years were tucked up in their snug beds.
They stayed out on the streets geling napers until neariy nine in the morning, ind then they went to the public schools
in Boston. After school they sold evening papers as long as people would buy them, and then they went home to buckle the bugbear of so many gehooltoys. They keptright up with their classes and were in the meantime such hustiers as newsboys that they kept themselves and their
mother and little sister in comparative comiort. year ago member of the Newsboys. His name was Nathan Sodekson, and he proposed that the Unlon ralse a fund
with which to establish a Harvard scholarghip, and that one of their number be sent to Harvard each year on this
scholarship. The five or six hundred newboys belonging to the Unton and they voted one hundred dollars from their own funds as a starter for the went over to Harvard College and saw President Eliot in regard to the matter. and he sald the dea was a mighty good
one and that he would help the boys to secure the five thousand dollars needed for the scholarship. Appeals were made
through the newspapers and people through the newspapers and people
began to subscribe to the fund, which has now reached nearly three thousand dollars, and young Meyer Heller was the
successitul compettor for the scholarship and ls now at Harvard. The public announcement of the name great event in Boston. More than five hundred of the newsboys of the city as. halls in the city to hear for the frst acholarship. This announcement was made by no less distinguished a person
than President Ellot himself. and seated han President Ellot himself, and seated
on the platform in the hail were the on the platiorm in the hall were the
mayor of Boston. the prestdent of the
Boston gehool board and a large number Boston school board and a large number
of other noted men. all of whom had come tor do honner to the newahoy winner
of a Harvard nohntarnhip. A newsboy of a Harvard mrhntarahip. A newsboy
presided at the meeting. and the gal-
 crew down on the maln fore a notilny
came time for the exercises to betin came time for the exerisises to begin
when they sfetled down find pald th When they "settled down" and paid the
closest attenton to all that was said But pandemontum broke loose when
President Eliot announced the name of the winner of the scholarship, and young
Heller went down the aisle and mount. the platform. It was a great day for thi
ittle Russian-American who had founi in our country opportunities for educa tion such are he would not have foun
had parents remained in hussta. of interesting and simple truths. Amone other things he sald thls of education that nnme of you hoys would do well to
paste in your hats. or keep it handy
when any one undertakes paste in your hats, or keep it handy
when any one undertakes to undervalue
education: education: il must to another and a higher use of eduration. It is on increase the
happtness of life. the joy of life. the joy
 our sense of the beauty there increasing in the
wnrld. Beauty is all around us: hut the uncducated chlld. the uneducated man
has butan tmperfect apprehension of it he hut an imperfect apprehing gees it. Fiducation gradually
hevelops the nower to spe beauty, th pevelops the nower to spe beauty the it. And education brings hunse of the dignity and exaltation on women what the great, ever-advancing.
moral conceptiona of manhood have Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston could wel sympathize with the newsboys, for he
was once himself a newsboys on the Btreet
boys:
y
Boy
"Boys, you are on the right track. See o it that you keep true to your fathers,
to the parly settlers of old Massachusetts. to the early nistory of the men wh carved the why not only for a guccessfu
Boaton and Masmachusetts. but for a suc cessful "Thited States.'
Now if a
Now. If a newsboy selling papers in can at the same time put himself through the public schools and pass the entrance examination at a great universfty. what
should be possible to you ynung chaps Who have, nothing to do but to go to
school? Young Meyer Heller's education has come hard. "He has pegked away
at his lessons when some boys woul have deciared that they were too tired bound to get an education and he is getting it. And he will appreciate it all the
more because of the gelf-gactifice means in his case. To my mind this
young Russian-American lad was worthy of the high honor conferred upon him hy the distingulshed men who assembled that September sunday afternoon to ews
gratulate him on having won the new gratulate him on
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 Iniln or ito man nouk hamp was As is the custom with rruigers we
carried no weapons unless an axe may
be called a weapno. and traveled as !ight
as possible. Iving largely upon salt
 day Tibl and I rame nut into an old
hurning of approximatoly fire acres in
extent. With the exrentinn of one
medium-sized pine near the renter of the clearing ali the trees had heen fre-
hilled and the entire tract had grown
up with will red raspherry bushes. which lugclous fruit.
Laying aside our parks we hegan
gathering herries for the nononday meal, Working toward the center of the burn:
ing as we pirkef. thinking of sionping for h feast, when
I saw Tibi creeping through the bushes
sither toward me. making vehement gestures
for me to drop down out of night.
"Makwa. he whisper when reached me. using the Chlppewa word
for bear. and he held up two ningers to
indicate that there were at hand. Following hia lead I crept allently forFollowing his ean icrept nilently for:
ward and looking cantounly over at
tallen tree. saw two half-grown bears ferding greedtly upon the berries. They
were within a rod or two of the lone trepe those days 1 fid not know that
In
hear cubs stay with the mother for the
heter part of hetter part of two years, and as these
were evidently a year or more old it
never occurred to me that there might We had been without fresh meat for
two weeks, And our scanty menu had herun to pall upon my appetite. Thy
thought of the julcy steaka that one of
thone bears would furnish falriy mado my mouth water.
Cautiousivainithrawing to a safe dian-
tance the Indian and $I$ held a councli of
As Tlit was an adept at woodcraft,
and ithen rather newat the husiness, An took the lead . It nuggestions.
he freak um round other side. When Tlbi make he $\mathrm{I}_{\text {walt }}$ up tree. andrected untll itheard the hoy shout. And then ran at full apeed
toward the heara. yeling and waving my arms. The cuhs fidd exartly an the
Indian had anticipated. They climbed

have to stand clear as the tree palls and
bofore we can get within reach the bears
will silp off Into the brush." burore we can get within reach the bears
will silp of Into the brush...
This was good woodcraft and it
stumped the Indian. w. This was good
stumped the Indian.
YYou say. sald he "You say.". sald he.
"All right.: answered II "Ill tell you
what. Youre young and limber. You what. Youre young and limber. You
cut a club and climb up the tree and
knock the bearg out. and I will kili
them whth the axe when they hit the knock
them
groun
oh FRed UIITH BEAR gHim scratch." objected the boy.
"No they wont." it said. "They.il get
as far out on a. limb as possile, and
stay there and whimper until you knock
them loose." them loose."
". Tree rotten." again objected Tibl.
"faid saw that the tree was indeed hadiy
ind fraid fall:"
I saw that the tree was indeed hadiy
rotted on one side but it looked safe.
FThe trees ali right." I relled.
nothing short of a cyclone would make nothing short of a cyclone would make
it fall!
The boy objected, but 1 insisted, and
when finally 1 taunted him with coward. When finallyit taunted him with coward
ice he sullenly cita stout club, twisted
it into his belt behind and prepared to

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lub." cried. Knock im out
Tibl was aitogether too busy coming
lown the tree to reply. For a moment it looked as though the
bear would cllmb right upon the Indlan:
hut she saw the danger and crept nimbly hut he saw the danger and crept nimbly
nut on a big limb and held on like grim
death while the cub went on down the trunk.
Somehow or other as that little bear
scrambled downward towird me he pot higger and hggep. and my rourage he. came smaller and smaller. unt th thould
certalnly have turned and runt had it not
heen for the Indian. who called down to me sarcastically. .Get-um your hear
with axe: I drive him down. H|m like The little blazing-axe in my hand seemed ridiculousiy out of proportion to mined not to show the white feather to
the boy. An advanced to the foot of the When abnut ten feet above me the
hear stopped for a moment. looked down over his shoulder at me and growled.
IIt Ittie pla-like eyes were red with ancering my font in the hushes and fallThia was hruin's opportunlty and he-
could recover myselif he had jumpen and was oft into the bushes at a
great rate. Meanwhile the rut in the tree. less
ourageugs and hold than the other, was catterwaillig and bawling loud ennotgh
to have been heard a mlle. it neemed to Tibl was grinning broanly. and some"What are you laughing at. you cop-
per-colored pagan.:. If yelled ht hlm. Why don't, you drive the other bear down to me? find find the senten
But Inever Indinn hegan to yell at me:
"Look! Lurned In the Alrection indicated. and a single glance was enough to con-
vince me that it was time to he un and loing for an extremply hik and busi-
ness-like hear was tearing throush the ness-ike hear was tearing in an instant
hushea in my direction and
it dawned upnn me that here was the to dropped my axe. and the way I
climbed that tree was a marvel. I had never been accounted a kond rllmber
in my youth. hut nomphow or other I
manazed to reach the onwer hranches of managed to reach the lower hranches of
that pine in record time. T phould certalnly have kept right on
climhing unt1 the topmost hranch was reached it the Indian had not heen in the
way.
There he was perched just above me and he did not appear in the least diaenraged bear below which might at any me make things very warm for. us.
be here in a jastify.:" Thi did not move an inch.
"You keep Mot Mrald." he sald hlandily. poezk'pin." Bear scare Injun more'n I fel
wretch.
Mean
and Manwhile the cub above was quiet. and an thaw that there was no Immin-
ent likelihnor of heink eaten allve it re-
covered somewhat from my pale.


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 that I feared she would climb the tree.
Indeed she came and upraised herself hut on each occasion she changed hep
mininand resumed her beat around the
font of the pine.
rinfling the west of there was a dul $\because$ Rig stign come. Tree fall:" sald the
Indian. Must get um down.: Then $I$ heard a sullen. steady roar as
of surf in the distance and fear gripped The wind was coming.
above us took on a new note and ever Rign of indecision lpft the beast below
She upreared against the trunk and began to climb.
At the same time the cub above begai hissing angrily the tree growing and
we were between two fres, or rather I drewe my knlfe and prepared to id
my best against the mother while Tib fourshed his club and threatened the
smaller bear. About fiftern feet the old hear
climbed, then hesitated a moment, whin ing uneasily, and to our surprise backe
rapldy down again. storm was rlose a
The roar of the storn hand now. and a scant half mile a way
we could see the tree tops tossing in the Awed by a common peril. the Indian. againce. There was a sharp crackling sound
and almost imperceptibly the tree leaned
a Crack-snap - bang-complained the
rendling wood and with fasf gathering
velocity the pine fell directy into in velority the pine fell directly into the
storm just as the full force of the tor I must have been rendered uncon-
clous by the fall, for 1 do not remember striking the ground, and when I opened
my eyes the soft patter of rain in my
face recalled mp to my surroundings. Dizzily 1 turned my head to wither
something was moving in the tree tni It I was TIbled to my knees and looked was hus only comment.
Fortunately no bones were broken and in an hour we were none one worse
for the adventure. Lurkily for us the full force of the wind had caught the
tree as it wam falling and, acting like a parachute. let dis dnwir with nothing
more than a hard bump.

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many deserted cat-
ins. mintely telling
or the unfulflled in the unfulfiled
ireame of those whin
liad bullt them in in lope, only to leave
them untenanted, to
hecosean become the pons of any
posspanton of The cabin directly
apposite my own door had heen long
empty. That even. ing I was surprised
in see smoke comstone chimney. Its.
clumgy door. hang.

## hinge, opened suddenty, and out cam

 the litte Chinaman with an old tin can.which he fllied from a little mountaln
stream within stream within a few feet of his door.
"Hello, John," a sali, "are you goin ."Yel.. he satd. with a friendly smile in hts ugliness. file would have been the
ugliest Chinaman I wce saw had it
not been for his sparkling eye h wht not been for his sparkling eyes, whte
shone a kindiy inht and seemmed to be
asking you to take thetr owner into your oonfidence. "Yeil."
"Yt's very dull here.
"Yeh?"
"You won't get much to do."
"Camp have big boom, maybe
"No, no, John." I sald, maybering. "The
camp, has had, its boom, and it will "No never. I'm sure of jt. And, see
here, they dont allow Chinamen in this ca!
Ife grinned almost from ear to ear. they'dl run you out."
Me flinht."
Mils shining eyes flashed and he shook his hide so savagely that his long.
liralided cue was thrown over his should-
er and fell nearly to his wast in front.
ifight, John? No, no: that won't do. roud better run than fight.: wont do
"Bah!
he retortc, contemptuously, the door behind him.
I tiought it wass best to put Wah Lee

 tring in adjacent gulches and moun-
tain wopes alwaya came down to this
silon ior an orgy on saturday nights. When inflamed ly drink there was no
thing what form thil hilarity woud anke They might think it simply sion ifis very great dise mightere on poor wah dece But the first saturday passed withont
nity harm coming wah Lee. During
Hie following wack mine a few miles away, whose fanilfes sint a creat bundle of washing to Wrat
 portanity to give ap dotng theif own
washing and mending. brought their washing and mending, brought their
Work to the ittie laindry. soon the Hacs stretched back of Wah Leés cabin Wah Lee Was now netghborly and thu streit every time he saw me. One
-wning he was slting on my door-step When he saw in a littie frame hanging
on my cabin wall a photosraph of my


## "Yhe:" sald Wall Ier. with the light <br> Ah:" sald Wah Jer, with the ligh prernal low.: shining in has eye


palm of one open hand with his clenched




 II was useless to plead or expostulat


 wateched thom ond ine door and almy oblect of that wha ruesid downint of the wonder and afright when the leader of the mob shook his fist warningly, and
set una howl that was taken up by his
followers te wolves nounce upon their prey s When mob pounced upon poor wah Lee the rulche theyry men ried rished on down
thein their victim with I had heen walking all day, and had
found myself unable to keep up whth the men had wor cached the men had Kone down into the gulch. hope of staying their cruel purpose but I stopped short as I planced to ward but open door a little chinese boy. who be san reying plaintively when he who be I recognized him it once as the ort:
ginal of the picture wah lep had shown me of his "plll hoy.." There he stond.
iluaint, living picture of griff and deso ation. One sleeve of the flowing. frock hise tyue, garment he wore was put to
with sobs. and his slender form shook a "rickity-crackity! Lookee that!" cried a wice hehind me. I turned and saw
isig Jim lielso poining in amazement to
thr rrying child. Jim. been de was a youngster in the case," said Jim itto font think thay did in said. ."Th
 arins and ran with the fleetness of a "Don't cry. sonny. I
vout take keer of of me. fle minutes we reaclied the spout where the mob had halted. and we knew by the
preparations belng made that anything preparations belng made that anyithe
io lie done for the rescue of wah Lee mist he done spredily, of the crowil. crsing out: "Here boys, stop: Look hore! What's make wiy. with his datllary? frile it yount ye take a hithe then to think on it fore
ye carry this business any furtier. wil

He had mounted a boulder ns he spoke
and now stond with little Ali Phoo held hili. The his shoulder. in sleght of then hor father, and tat Lee, unrestrained forward. rell on his kners by the rock reat boots and hid his ashen face be "Now. Jook here, boys." sald Big JIm a little more calmis. "Have any o you
follers lift little tots o your own buck . little tow-liead bout the slze of this jit
ife chan miny shoulder. I'm thinkin'
 Shink about fer a minute or twou kin mace o this nonr peller here, at my teet
Ifalnt got nary litile kid o your own
 instigated the riot and put himself at
 "Nobody told me there was a young un In The case." sald llensliaw
. Well, thar is.: roplifed Rig Jtm. "And
here he ts whar ye kin all see im and
 that shoo still on his shoulde
"Now 1 makr a motion that we le proper business. He ain't done us no harm. He cayn't do iss no harm. Does we drive wah Lre awas? The idea of hle. stalwart Bill Henshav aking in wishing struck the crowd as
funny. and when at shout of laughter
rang through the gulch. rang through the gulch. I knew that Takere, Wah Lee I kuess you kin kn skeprce. Now I tell ye. boys, 1 don me poor this thing of pitching into

Whlle Blg Jim was talking. Wah Le and little Ah Phoo hurripd away up the it is nosstble that it would now hay in Quartz Ledge as long as he pleased put when I went up to 1 fous cabin an hour his belongings were gone.
As I crossed the road toward my own donr I glanced upward. There, far dis
lant on a winding trail above the tim
ber-line, I saw a man and a little boy ber-line, I qaw a man and a little boy I mounted a great houlder and shouted
loudly to them. They stopped suddenly
I motioned for them to return, but Wah ine adieu.
his head and waved his hands Almoment later he and his "Illl boy"
walked around a curve in the rad. and
I paw them no more. Quartz Tedge in onaw
only
there.


Wild Cats on the British Isles
Who would Imagine that genuine will cats live in the British lisles, but here is a photograph of two that were captured recently on Mr. Carnegle's estate in at the Bronx.
are as at mater of fact, it is not likely that a year ever passes in which several are not killed in Scotland. and a keeper on a Scotch forest shows the skins of two district they had increased of recent years.
The cats are extremely vicious and do not heslate to spring at any one
going near the enclosure in which they are confined. It was with ine greatest oing near the enclosure in which they are confined. it was with the greates
diffeulty that the photographer was enabled to get such a satisfactory ploture of
these interesting animals.


Herring Gulls
Herring sulls frequent the sea coast on the Unted states and Europe, fying
 Wherever there are schools of herring there will also be schools of blue fish and


Many diferent
kinds of frogs are
known. and they vary in size from ind thy cricket prog. no larger when full
trown than o. ID. to the huge bull rrog.
whose melodious ecrodunk" enllvens so whose melodious "crodunk" enllvens so
nany of our eastern marshes in the arly spring Some kinds, like the tree
frogs. Ilve all the summer in trees, while
the wood frog llves only in the leat mold of the forest, both species golng to
water only long enaugh to lay their eggs water only long enaugh to tay their eggs.
These tree frogs have their feet very
hat and broad so that they may cling These free frogs have their feet cery
hat and broad, so that they may eling
the more easily to the uprlght surfaces of branches and leaves. In the winter:
they like most other rogs, bury them:
selves in the mud, there to He dormant selves In the mud, there to lie dormant
until spring. This act is known as hit until spring. This act is known as "ht-
hernation." and the frogs are said to hernation. and the frogs are said to
hibernate much as do bears.
HARR H. DUNN.

The Boys' Poultry Yard By N. O. KING

Hens, like human beings. thave tem-
neraments. Some hens whli sit quietly neraments. Some hens wili sit quietly
wherever placed; others wil not sit if
woved from one nest to another Again moved from one nest to another Again
some hensarequiet and will hatch every
hatchable egg. witle other hens are hatchable egg, While other hens are
hervous, and consequently bring of about a half hatch, and then possibly trample to death haif the chicks. So. In selecting our sitters we should look for the quiet biddles and
Do not set a hen where there are other
hens laying: for the laving hens are llable to get in the same nest and break the eggs and make an awful mess. Then.
prrhaps, we have pald a good price for One of the best hatches I ever had was When it set a hen in my cellar. There
she was a way from the nolse and. It heing semi-dark. she settled down on the.
a cras much more quicky and quijtly
e than if she had been set with the laying As to the best way to set a hen: Get a soap box. or a canned goods box. place
about six or elght inches of moist-not
wot-dirt in it. scooping out the dirt wrt-dirt in it. scooping out the dirt
from the midde to make concave suringe. Then till the box whith straw. mak.
for three fongy bed for bididy io set on
weeks. Put her in some for three long weeks. Put her in some
gnift place. giving her fresh water and
feud daity. Have reqd daly. Have a box of dust near by
where she can take a dust bath. Thor-
ourbly spray her powder before placing her in the box
sinsect frray her once a week whilf, she is set things at once-keep the lice ort herself ome poultry m"n use
tobacon stims to mix tobacco stems to mix
in with the straw in
mating the making the nest. but
Ido not advisc it be-
cause I think the strong tobacco smel
penetrates the egg
killint penetratas the egg
killing the garm.
After seting. the hen do not molest
her. Du not think be-
cause she cause she does not
come oft the nest
every day she nill
starye to death, be
cause she wont. She
che Carre to death, be
cause he wont. She what to do
know if we let he
and if and she wiet he
alone she wo it
all right. Should she nll right. Should she
leave the nest and
you think she has torgotten all about
the eggs she was git
ling on and you iry ting on and you iry
to put her back on on
the nest you well ber dolng her a great in
justice. Nature
ha glwen her a sense
called instinct. and
this instinct tell thls instinct tells her
nhat and when to do
the necessary things. the necessary things.
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nicely settled on her
full stomach, which is proper. See that the grass is dry in the morn-
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## THE BOY ON HIS MUSCLE

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teddy roosevelt jr. and other husky candidates for the harvard pootball teak. ready for a strenuoug hour'g practice work. bome pretty aturdy young feliows for the


THe success that has attended Amer- Britlah championshins to his long list of season has ben nothing shortior have some ot our prominent sembiarers
swipt the many American, nnd in some
 und siripe easily sut classes all torelkn

 athilese who have bern responsible for For instance, there is C . Were boys. W . Daniels.


The World's Greateat Swimme
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tralla producnil a world-benter in the stablishing world? (ecords from 220 establishing worids recoris fromining
yards to the mile, but. taking everything
into ronsideration. It appears that as an all-around swimmer Daniels is his su. perior. it is rare that we hear of an
athete holding his own in the short dis-
 axhmple. yet this is just what this ciever
awimmer has hen able to do. it is in his abllity to sprint ts well as his encritlis on atulitics ure wont to give him
the ehole over Kleran. The later's route. but there is no knowing what that young Austrailan champion might way ht such a tender age.
Daniels now has beven swimming about five years. In his case, an in that or
many other hoys. hie learned his firsi lesson in the art that was later to maki. him famous, hy helng thrown overhoard
from a raft by his father. who himself was quite a swimmer. As one can easily magine. it took years of careful train-
ng and preparation before this clever ad came to the front. but rradually his As a member of the New York Athletic.
Club he won many championships. Mak. making a good showing against the beat wimmers in Britain, but was unable to defeat them. Followers of fauatles
abroad were not keenly impresed by his pecullar trudgeon stroke, consequentiy derful form they were not inclined to heIt was not until Daniels hroke the 100 yards swimming record that he imme-
diately sprang into world wide repute When he covered the century in 56 2-5 and although many doubted his work. markahle porformance, still there the re-
no
toubt but that he periformed it on account of that he performed it. On ac-
councht record performance ountry in the olymplc Games at Athene. of at Returning from Athens. he stopped
 thus proving to the Britishers record.
time in himerica was auihent hit
than time in America was authentif. At the
many indor carnivals heldin New York.
Buffalo. Chicago. and St. Louis he hand ily hroke all pxisting records at the vat rious distances in which be coompered
In fact. Ro regulary has he brok.or ro.
urds that it has been almost impossible Tineep track of them.
In luild liani.ls is a model champitin
He stands six feet in height. weighs 16 pounds in swimmming height. weighs 16
years of age. Many have, what is 2
yondered
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Whis While it is truc that no one doubts th
superiority of Dantels title as chanmpio
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young Handy has the tilie of half-mild
and mile champlon of America, and
tilas. holds numerous fndonr tank records.
When the team was pleck to represent
this country in the recent olympit

 Mistanne. men. hut for some rather un-
vxpanal, reason that Chteago boy wal Wrorlooked. Whikut any excerption athere
method of training himself, and the keen thterest he has taken in the sport, more
or less acrounts for his success. it was anly to be regretted that when the west
urn swimmer met Daniels in their recent Mntch at the New York Athletic Club nver the 1,000 yards route that he was
not in hla very best condition. True trat od the Nowe that he would have de
grand condition the later was ing. still much closer had liandy bould have ber
best. As it happened. Danlels very
easily won and broke the American rucord fo
the distance, and came wlinin a few the distance, and came wlihin a few
ifthi of a second of Barney kleran's
worid's record. world of record.
IIandy in app
lookting chap and does not rather doclle looking chap and does not convey the
impression of a wondurfulswimmer. He is 5 fret 8 inches in height. welghs 140
pounds, and is 21 years of age. He is not the loud talking champlon one so
often meets, but is most unassuming in point of view in bact, prom a sportsman we could not have two better leaders in the aquatic world. In no way was this at New York, when each congratulated
 turmoll recently in the skating world tion and the A. A. U. for control amateur skaters, Rtill the many detically when and where they pleased

clyde martin


Canfleld (the talle boy). And n. L. ander-
son, at one time intercollegiate
hampion. holds a most conspicuous po ation in the skating world. and a repu-
inat any boy would be desirnus of claim. At present he is the champion
Greater New York, holder of the interscholastic record for the halif-mile
(1 minute $291-5$ seconds). and winner of the celehrated Clarke and $A$. $G$
apaling trophy. During the season of palding trophy puring the season of
ine he won sixten medals and cups.
Ie also won the interscholastic Ie also won the interscholastic cham.
ponshipa championships held at Newburgh he qualiffed in the quarter. half and two-
mlle championshins. He has done much in making his schinol's fine showing in champlonshfp. Not orscholastic hos Markey
proven himse proven himseif to be the interscholastic
champlon of the Unlted States. but likewise has pollowed roller skating. and promises to keep up his good work. landed twelve medals. Indoor pameg thts year brings to light
the extraordinary performance of one or more athletes.
At the Brooktyn Interscholastic. where forty-three schools competed this
year, seven records were lowered by the schoolboys, as follows: The half-milie
the quarter-mile 220 , yards, the the quarter-mile. 220 yards, the pinning high jump. In was remarkable for schoolboys, but the
high jump of Wanfld, of St. Pauls K feet 10 1-2 inches was the best perHeretofore the best record ever accomlastice Indoor circles was 5 in intersichoscholastic meet by Harry Gardner. of
Worcenter Academy. For a long itme this particular event has withotood the remained for young Canfeld to accomSalla the fact that of ang records recalla the fact that of all the athlitic the one to withatand the progress of all feet 5 and $5-8$ ncher for the hikh jump.
held by Michael SWeeney, present coach
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was at Duquesne
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tle the Assoclation send to the colleges an-
nually it must be admlted that the
Brookiyn Association plays a gecondary Brooklyn Association plays a secondary
part. It was at the New England In
terscholastic Games that such world
wide athletes as T. F. Burke. holder of he world's record for 600 yards. Ward
Mectanahan. of Yale. the ex-intercolleglate champlon pole vaulter: W, D.
Eaton, the great spinter and many
others it could mention. received thelr others I could mentlon. received thelr
elementary training which later won for
them thejr champlonship spurs For the past sixtern years the Boston
Athletic Assoclation has conducted these Athletic Association has conducted there
gamea, mingointent has been the rivalry
between the diferent preparatury between the dinerent preparatiry
schools. and so keen has the interest
been that the contests now are recok -
nized he country over This year unusual interest was manifest+d in the
contest for the school champlonhips, us here were three prominent contenders-
Worcester Academy, Phillips Exeter and Phillips Andover. These schools in the have had. so naturally many thought
that one or the other of these teams
would win the much coveted trophy matters turned out, the Volkmann Schiool ran away with the champlonship ban-
ner. A sirange coincident in connectlon with these games has been that the
ghool that succerded in having the least number of entrles seemed to be th.
school that won the chumpponshlp. For
notance this year Volkmann school had but ten entries in the various events. Without any exception its athletes ex-
hibited one of the grandest displays of running that has ever been seen over
that famous board foor. In its victory the Volkmann school boys established
two new interscholastic records which will be hard to beat. In the relay race of the princlpal athletic prep schools in
New England, it made a mark of 3 min New England, is made a mark of which
utes it seconds over the course. which
is much faster than many intercolleglate teams have made for a number of years
Herbert Jacques. the captain of thr
team, who established a new interscholastic record in the 600 yards. Is known to be one of the most remarkable school
boy runners ever produced in Boston and vicinity. After Jacques' record breaking, Nelson
ine interscholastic champion sprinter proves of thestimable bentitit to the
polkmann boys for the easy manner in Which he ran away with the forty and
300 yards dashes proves himelf capable of better performances in the future.
have been told on good authority that
this shoolboy sprinter has Hashed ten this schoolboy sprinter has hashed ten
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elined to belleve it. as it seems
 Probabiy one of the greatest surprises
to the schoolboys was the sudden re to the schoolboys was the sudden re-
turn to winning form of young Follett. turn to winning iorm or it was only the
likewise of Volkmann. it
previous week that this jumper was declaively beaten by one of his competitors
from Stone's School. Urged on, how
 True, he had more experlenced jumpers Worcester Academy, but this did not schoolboy athletes get In real competi
tion they fall ort materlally in their per chap. Indeed. If he had not wrenched his
slde on the last jump there would have been a new record for Volkmann in this But all the record-breaking was no
connhed to Volkmann. There were other
schools in the hunt
record-breaker in the person of J. Kil-
patrjck in the $46-y a r d$ hl
The Andover mande succeded in covering The Andover man succeeded in covering
the distance in $1-5$ seconds, just one-
tifth gecond faster than the previous mark. Bealdes establishing an new record
in the hurdles. Kilpatrick wion recor mark. Beaides establishing a new record
in the hurdles. Kipatrick won second
place in the toyard sprint. and won the In the distancer against Exeter.
yards. Worcester Academy uneare the 1,000 "hamplon in G. W. Jones. Some were and "Jigger Jones.: before the contest
known by his schoolmates. lived up tis
all exp known by his schoolmates. lived up to
all expectations.
Considering the fact Considering the fact that we now have
two Interscholastic assoclatons so even. ly matched. the much talked of sugges-
tlon of having thy. two associations have, contests seems in prospect. It is to be
hoped that next year the old National hoped that next year the old National
Interscholastic Assoclation will once more be in evidence.
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plon interscholastic chess chat a Member of the ligh School his first
achierement was the winning of the
Boys High School juninr tuurnament, his Roys High School juninr tournament, his
frst term in schoot. From his irry en-
trance into High school Brooklyn has trance into High schont Brooklyn has
had the best team it rer turned out
whirh was mostly account

 captitined the Brooklyn School to the
channponshlp of the League. He once play d simultaneously against twenty-
six other members of the League. includ-
ing three professors. and won every ing three professors. and won every
game. His greatest feat, which many other older preatest feat, which many
been unable to accomplish, wame have been unable to accompllshe was to play.
blindfolded. six other players, and maktwo drawn games. so rapld has and wonderful playing been that he has his
invited to play in the New Yer Chess Assnclation. and many will rollow
his play with the older and more sclen-

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An Inspector called at a school a short
time ago and asked a class to name some cretping animals or reptiles. This was
followed by a pause followed by a pause for a few mis wan
until a little boy put up fis said: "A worm, sir.". "Qu his hand and
sponded the inspector: "Qite right," re sponded the inspector: "Quite right." re-
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strong memberghp. whilh whil not only be
good the boys themselves, but have considerable intluence in the communte. Wh.
would advige the members to get some adult
friend oo the hoys. such an thelr taicher or Y. M. C. A. secretary, and ask him to besorne
their company counsel to advise the boys as
to the best things for them to do. E. held very few meeting durling the summer
months. as many of the members were out of
town. The offeers recently elected are: Rein. hollt techlelter. Capt. Le Land Daves. V. C.:
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all work and nu play makes dack

One day a boy came to school with
rity hands. and the master chames. I wish you would not come to
sool with your hands 10 that state. What
would you say if I came to schot "

Tallman TH. Trask, of Clovis, Callfornia Badges ror School Record, was the proud re
clpent of a $\mathbf{W} . \mathrm{C}$. T. Coln siver Oratoria Radge not lonk ago. belng one of six con
testants Tallman 1 porking for money to
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No? Well say, you ought to get acHe is the kind of a man who will make an hour pass like flve minutes, and if
you wateh that iwinkle in hiss eyes, When yougein understand why it is no
atory for for him to invent the pranks that hard for him to invent the pranks that
huster's Dadady is Buster fanous. lushing, N. Y.. And if you will go a lit
le ways back into the past. you will te ways back into the past. you wit
recall another character on the "runny
pages. that h. is responsitie for, toothe .Fellow kids". Remember them? Of

pres Daddy? Well. you wouldn't guess tell you. if you have a bad tooth. 1 'l sudden jump, when, 1 do. Buster's dad muster up courake to have, a blang ugly starting to ache aggaln. you say? toot
Well. Mr. Outcault shut his eyes a We dentist advanced. and hatd eyes as
to me.
with an effort to appoar very brave. "What's the use of being afrald of a ittle thing like a tonth, anyway? Why,
lis so Insignincant that tis not worth
notice. -Great Scott, how that tooth did jump, then! ${ }^{\text {The }}$ dentist gravely examined the or fending molar. "it ts a hig one. sir!", he sald. "Just
lold your lireath, when l begin to pult. "Why man. you are not going to mur-
der me, are yoll? in cold hlood, without
power to held myself? power to help myself? hat tooth doesn't The dentist suddenly whipped the for cuse into vew.
linster's daid surveyed them with a groan.
On at ready!", he muttered resignedly,
One, two, threc!" The dentist leaned forward. the end of the forceps disappeared. 1 held my
breath.-and the next moment, there wa a fourth member in the group. It was Buster's daddy was upright in the "Say, I certainly am glad to makr your acquaintance, old chap!" he cried you nut, I em koink to tell you just what like you! "You jump ht man in the dark. When You're ufrald to tackle him in daylight And 1 say it lo your race: What ar have looked forward to this moment you bully! Now. N hope you will go a aching. yourself. untll you tind out jum sir. until you pee it from the other $f$.
low s low's standpoint. and then if you're
man. you will hat your man. you will let your friends and relaover a new leaf!
As we walked liack to Mr. Outcault hotel, he sald to me suddenly
In andentist's chair in honor of the oc cainon!"
But he never has. although a short
the later, I recelverl a pleture of the toeth from him. as he drew it from memory Don't you think him memory
whinld have maif the sketch pretiy rualistic
whirping posts,-
COS AND PAST: :grieves, you may come with me! you, and 1 hone you will realize that hurt me far worse that it wit you., will po these words echo jn your ears from Can you recall the day when your Or is the memory too painful to recall? what would you say oo a chap beeng jed
out to a pulile whipping post by an off A public whipping post: The boy of
a hundred years back would have been at a loss to understand your amazement. The legal whipping post was then main-
tained by very nearly every state in the tained by very nearly every state in the
union! is that for a bomb-shell?
How And How is that for a bomb-shell? And
was used. too.-right vigorously at
times. Those tily or sevent times. Those fitiy or seventy-llve lashes Which the law often decreed, had a good
big muscle belind them, und they stung? For the boys, not at all! you mean
 you? No, the public whippling post was for the men, the kind of men that hat, and politely asking you for your nuone or yeur life. Not caring so very nuuey
either which you give, as you are must either which you give, as you are most
uncomfortatly aware!
That was the purpose of the whipptnh post of the olden imes, and the whit

 Just so. In three states. especially are
they prominent. Isn't that the boy from1 the south who is raising his hand? To
be sure. it is! What is that he is saying?
 You may mave up one pluce." my larect some more ponts abiout the subject?
Those boys in the East, what have thome more points alrout the subject?
to say ? Ah. that Ilttle chap from Delaware:
is hear from him. official means of punishment for a lis of crimes tong that. Well, when it Was read. punpe began to toe the mark
pretty fainflly, you can waker.
prom Januestown. the custom spreat o the rither coloniok. New York madiyears, and the other members of the it un also, as an excellent means of pre the rustomspre order. From the East not for severat yrars after the beginning
of the last century that Ohio abolished it A pretty broal path through American THE AITHOR AND THE BLIZZARD: "I must elther sacritice my tent or freeze! The storm was at its height, the
thermometer had fallen until i could
our state! he tells us.
Rikht! We now have three of these
states of ours that may decree public Atates of ours that may decree public
lashes for a violator of the law.
1 will confesy that myself, when 1 began prubing the sult-
ject, by the curious details i found. Lithe Delaware bohs pretty well to the
front in the statistics. she may he small, hut she means that the law shal
be respected, and she has enough of the old fashioned hlood of the Purltans in make a mighty wholesome respect? In 1875 a seventeen men were publicly
nopged at New Castle in that state, and it was only a rew days ago that the
Delaware Senate decided that the whipping post should still stay, the world. the report leaked out that the hurglars the report leaked out that the hurglars
of New York and Boston and Philadel-
 them, would continue to stay Just as far And Delaware. you may be sure, much
prefers even the company of the whiplemen!
And now. for a mallow dive Into history. It was in 1611 that the laindon
company,-Is the name famillar?-Gent

scarcely move my limbs, I could not se two yards herore mes, a could not see nothing for a flice. I turned to my ten
in drsperation. must hurn it to kee allive! it would leave me without she
ter. but it was the only resource open so $I$ set to work as rapldiy as I could the cunvas to the thames. I crouched low over the blaze, chllidd exhausted. almos hack tollfe and action.
Nonture story". It was the from an "ada studious young fallow. with slightly hent shoulders. and a rather shy way o the hook called "The Jungle"? The book atockyards. the methods of the Chlcago big pensation that presldent Roosevel
invited the young author to the whit invited the young athor to the whin
House for lunch. and mate a government
invegtigation whlch proved the truth of everything that he had written? Th name of the author you will recall. it have heen telling you. is taken from his descrintinn of how he writes his hnoks.
"What's that?" you ask. "Do you mean to say he works in ask wllderness? Fixactly. Scores of miles away from
the nearest post office. decp in the soll

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he lived for months without seeing more
than half a dozen persons, and again far away in the Canadian wilderness. he birds of the forest. You will see by the picture of his hut.
which by the way. he built himself. that
it is probably th. queprest study a young author ever occupled. That word
young should be underscored, too. Mr. Sinclair is searcely 28 today, and
he has been writing since his 2oth year. start:
tion," santed to go away from civilizastory of his addentures. as he told the
break awas from the noise of the city and even the country. I was determined to get just as near to nature as I could.
don't I guesa I succeeded pretty well. dont you think?
drove me to burn my tent wase which
dre but one of a good many exciting little tncidents
which will happen to any fellow that Hves In the woods long enough. I
wasn't Jonely. for I generally found that
with my writing, my days were crammed pretty fult wonder that Mr. Sinclair was
Do you wo as brown as a berry when he got back
to the clty. and gought a publisher with
his manuscripts? his manuscripts?
A TRAINED NURSE IN THE SCHOOL, A new and important innovation in
schoilife is the trained nurse. The ten.
dency of medicine nowadays is towards the preventlon rather than the cure of disease and the introduction of the train-
ed nurge to our publlic schols tis right in
iline with this sensible nolicy Beginning with an experiment at one of the Philadelphia pchools, largely attended by of having a tratned nurse in attendance
on the schols of our citles has spread The trained nurse was suggested be-
ause it was found impossible for the achool physician on his hurried rounds to give proper atiention to all the boys
and girls in crowded classes. He might
find in his casual examination that one of the boys or girls was suffering from could do In such a case was to recommend that the chlld be sent home to its no mother to he sent home to: in others
where the school was located in the poorer sections. the mother was all too fre-
quently at work away from home. and sence of the parent and having a decided preference for the well-lighted and
warmed schoolioom. refused to be sent mal tenement. The teachers and school princlpals also found themselves continu-
ally confronted by the problem of children faling alck when there was no possibility of the phyaician being called to
attend to them and this placed them in a
quandary that was unfalr to men and women whose profession it was to train the mind and not care for the sick.
So the nurse was tried as an experiment and was an immediag start. The nurse has a supply of medicines avallable, and itke all properly tralned nurseg can ad.
minister to the wants of the sick without reference to a doctor, unless of course
the case be a Reve one. The school wigned has nothing to do now when a vate hospltal in the building and attends ran important part of the duty of the piris to see whether or not they are suf-
fering from any romplaint that ehould
the eye Rnd far aroubles. compon in in schools
which children of the Ghetto attend, and he Inspection by the traltod nurse and
save an epldemie through prompt and ef fectual treatment. Home prompt and ef
not to be classed with the treat ar the trained nurse will apply in such cases, and as the school physilian is in
altendance at stated hours for the pur pose of treating gevere allmenta, the
hanpy boy and girl of the up-to-dat
schonl. with both phyaictan and surse in attendance will be provided for
in an emergency In one of the schools where the trained
nurse has heen installed the visitig sifian's position has berome almost a
ainecure. This is largely sinecure. This is largely due to the effic-
lency of the nurse, who regards her commission as an elastic and expanding one
and coniders it no part of her duty to sit in her little hospital and wait for the nuchers setting an example to all her asso-
ciates. makes regular vigitailons ciates. makes regular visitations to al
the classrooms while they are In sesslon the classrooms while they are in session.
watches the boys and girls at work end. If she sees any signs of abnormallty, re-
ports to the teacher that the boy ports to the teacher that the boy or gir
ahould be sent to her for treatment
Frequently Frould be gent to her for treatment.
ly stupldy it happens that the apparentat the biack board and cannot be in
duced to answer intelligently the ques
tlong fons of the teacher. Is merely suffering
from Impaired sight or hearing or is sick with some childish ailment and is too
shy to say no. Should the school physiclan come into the room it would be more
than likely that the afficted schore wonld brighten un at the the scholar would brighten up at the presence of
this importunt yisitor, gnd the fact of
medical attention being needed would pass unnoticed. The school nurse how ver can flide in and out of the class-
rooms without attracting attentlon and study the boys and girls at her leisure
should one be seen peering with hati ehut eyea at the blackboard or straining
Aerective organs of hearing to Aerective organs of hearlng to catch the
words of the teacher the nurse would see it in a minute and would know what
All thls. as explained. is right in line venting rather than curing. The school
nurse is the ounce of prevention that will save many a pound of cure. both early
and late in life. WITCHES AND WITCH-CRAFT:"I am bewitched!" wrote a man from
a retired rural district to the Pennsyl a retired rural district to the Pennsy
"Isniat it younogist the other day "Isnt it your business to look after the
witches? What would, you advise me to
do to protect myself?" do to protect myself?
to smile before you hoys are beginning Some of you are laughing outright and to Whas a joke? witches? Why the ldea Is it though? Let me drive away that laugh with Just one sentence. Do you know that more than 75.000 people have
been executed in the past 400 years for wltch-craft? What-what-are you tryIng to have us belleve?' you stammer.
I was just as much amazed myself When the figures hit me.-squarely beLet's gee. it was in were. that the last
witch was hung in tcotland she was one of the kind that rode through the
air on a broom stick and threw bad spells ovpr her nelmhtors. Just let me stop to
tell that chap over there. wha won't lot of dry dates. that he is going to be mightlly nurprised fellow when he does
give it an examination? And say. you might write In and tell us just how sur-
prised you are. too. Well. England was only 16 years ahead
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horror-struck at her nelghbor's, record.
ht was in 1716 that the enilghtened peo-
 "Ah!" you say. "We haven't any black
pget ilke that. however, in our country page wager!
Haven't we? You're going down to the
foot of the class if you make that state-
In the year of grace, 1692, the good People oo Sailem hung twenty persons,
convicted of Wltcheraft! Twenty! it's Ane a dash of cold water, eh?
And inere were over 100 more in jail at the time, too, awalting their trial.
The boy over in Massachusets. The boy over in Massachusetts, who
Is Inctined to be just a $11 t t l e$ boasiful,

but, what's the use of rubbing it in? And after all, the other states in the early jusintes thought that Massachusetis did Now. for those figures that run up | nto the thousands |
| :---: |
| Witcheraft. |
| Germany executed |
| 10.000 | people as witches in less than 300 years.

and in not quite haif that period. 30.000 more were hung and burned in other parts of Europe for the same offence!
Witcheraft was at its climax in century and a half following the relgn Quepn Ress', that studtous looking chap
in the glases, tells us she was called. in the glasses. tells us she was called.
Every country on the globe, or as much if as was known at that time. he-
leved as thoroughly and sincerely in
che witch-cratt laws as iney did in any on their statute books. The chap who, to-day, talks twenty worthy of second thought, would have ound himself in danger of losing hls head had he done so. say 200 years ako.
And if he had sent a message by "wirehim! So swing back to that farmer in Pennsylvania who wants the protection inn't no much of a joke. after all. Is it ? unlocks a good
of that before?

## A Boy's Own Room

 rve pot a room, now, by myseltA room my yery own. It has a door that 1 can sh It has a whetf. a closet, too.

And hooks where I can keep my clothea As neat as neat can be. A rug is on the floor- it was. 1 like to go there after school. 1 Way off from every one: at first. But now I think it's fun.
The voires of the folks down-stalrs 1 hear the raln upon the roof: I watch the blids at play: At night there's not a soundBut I let mother in, of course
When bedtime comes around

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chapter xxy
frank meets his brother mark

Dyou mean to say that we shall
have to remain hereft demanded
Gasper Lee of the offictr .sper Lee of the officer
 Al strangers to me, and le may be as slould get myselr into trouble if 1 al-
lowed you to get away. lowedyou to get away.
manter. 'I am autrage"' stormed the SPerhans you know somehody in
Grenslooro who miknle po security for
youn surgeted
 ain her ben sith rest wati, Does Capt-

 "1 will do so. Mr. Lee."

 as..pe shonk hands. am in a mess. and new you to get me out of it." answe t "What is the trouble?" "A raseal trifd to swindle me on the
rain from New York. Thls young man gime to my asslstance. Now. we have as a withess. unless. I can get somebudy "That is caly.t Captaln Farrand turn-
ot the poile officer. What sort of a bond do you want sir?" "aptain."
 "I wish I, could fing somebody to go my bond put in Frank.
The plater The planier looked at him squarcly. and then at Captain Farrand. he said.
Name it, Mr. Lee.
"Go on a bond tor this young man. know he is honest ; hls face shows it.
will he personally responsible to you ror
we nem the amount."." answered Captain Far A. Pew minutes later the necersary
paprs were made out and signed. and napros were made out and slgned, nid
Thr Frank and the planter were told
thry
 He hanpened to remember the ox-
mnyor's home address. and sent the tele. rram without delay, it was rushiod the answer came back.
HHOld Flecker.
Will enme on at once and make an example of lim.
sinclaitr basswood."
"That is just like him," thought our
 have the refinwibu
"Don't you hink he deserves it?" Jecling that he could he fate gullty.
he cave in the hands of the ex-mayo and Mr. Itre. Frank hurried to the rait
roat stian and found le could get a
train tor
 nhont midnighit, and he telographed to

 ns ht sped along past mantation artor
nlantation and across numerous brocks
and rixers
 mefing Githo Flecker on this trip? had insisterd upon paying for a very poli-
 commodinus statinn at Charlestont
 platiform and thrn into the station tselt ly, and un rushed his hig brother. Mark
as brown as a berry from his long bea
irt "Mark "' returned our hero, and the
brothers shonk hands warmiv."
 with a smile. "But tell me, have you
lonrred anything new about Jharz Gar
risn "Nothing much. Rut I am prety sire
hr is stlil at the Planters House. But

"What do you mean?
"He is in jall..
anawered the young particulars. is what delayed you. I on that other tratn. What do you proHunt up this Jabez Garrian without
delay. and if he is really the man we
 say.
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d takn hold of the four and feed husi-
ess with father. But now he has given "I'li put you in the way of selling
book and you can try your luck at it." "Perhaps 1 could sell some among the hesping peopite. They like to do busihe sea." is certainly an idea. You might
cill them hooks relating to the ocean and works on navigation. and the ncean. feld.". contlinued our hern, soan reached,
The station house was soon and leaving the cabman waiting for them. Frank and Mark went inside. to
tell their tale. and get what assistance
they could. A CLEVER CAPTURE-CONCLUSION.
Less than half an hour later the cat Less than half an hour later the cab
whs on ts way to the planters House, a whs on ta way to the planters
well-known hotel in Charleston. It con
tained Frank and Mark, and two offeer of the law who were dressed In plain
clothes. The offcers had hard the hoys clothes. The ofters and were prepared to do their duty
should the man Mark had spoken about ahould the man Mark
prove to be the absconding rascal from "But. mlnd you there must be no mis. Acers. "It is a serious matter to arrest "I. know the Jahez Garison I am af one gquare look at this man here. and
lit tell you if he is the right fellow or
not
When the hotel was rearhed Mark
"Not much: This is my room:" hissed
 the demanded. have you outside, bes bey herwo oftcerg of the law." answered our "Has it?" snnered the man. "Not much! Take that! : dropped to the floor like a log. Then
Jabez Garrison caught up his valise and a bundle of clothing and made for one fire escape leading to an alleyway
Dazed and bewidered Dazed and bewildered. our hero stag-
gered to his feet. He was just in time fire see escape. "Stop him!" he called out. "Ife is "I will:" answered one of the officers,
and hurried through the hallway with still smarting from the blow recelved our hero staggered to the dorr and un
locked it. At once Mark and the maining officer came into the room. The ran to Frank's assistance.
blow. much. But he gave me a hard blow. I can tell you!' In a monent he was out on the fire
racane and Frank followed. jn the meantme jabez. Garrisonnthad reached the alleyway with all speed.
Inut the rascal had taken less than a hozen steps when he ran straight int"
the offer who had gone below. Thls
officer crali, him him both arms officer grablin!? him by both arms.
"Let me go!" offler. "That is none of your business! Let me Ro i say!:" gasped dibez Garrison. gotten away. hut the nther officer came Th, quickly followed hy Mark and Frank. Garrison. .. ithan mistake." satd Jaber haye done nothing wrong.
anerhen what didy sous run a way for?
sneren one of the niffers. for montis. In fact iceling very had por months. to fact l sometimes think
Tham golng crazy. I have such pains in
the head." "You must have been crazy when you
watked off from lhiladelpha." sain
Frank. "Wher is all the money you took with you?: know anything abnut any moncy, I am a noor man oh my
head. and Jabe\%. Garrison put his hand
to his templr. Yes, must be going to his. temple. he moaned.
 "We'll take it to the station house." saif onfe of the offerrs
Desplte his protestations that he was claration that he must he gning crazy. Jabez Garrison was taken to the stathon
house. There his valiss was searched. and much to Frank's satisfaction it was
found to contain hank notes to the amount of fourteen thousand follars. hero. Now. father ran have his. money Jahez Garrison had left some of his
clithing at the hotel and later on. in
one of the coats were found somet one of the roats wore found some time-
tables of tratns por the West. And a flat pocketbonk contalning a money-order Frank. "Now father wiand surely get his "Oh. I am crazy! crazy!" groaned Jabex Garrison, When he saw how com- hat heen exposed.
plety he to declde." sald one of the offcers. "For the pres-
ent you will remain in the lock-up. sald Mark, as he and frank grand canture.: sald Mark, as he and prank were walk-
ing to a telegraph office. to send the boy. I am proud of you for a brother." "Some of the credit is yours. Mark, If
you harn"t sent that foter in the fret gotten away. "Well it proves the old saying. 'Murhe relt sure he would never be captured what he stole. Now, he will most likely plled Mark. Well. he should tearn the truth of thin old saying. 'Honesty is the best policy.': Let me gdd a few words more before
drawling to a close this story of Frank Hardy the young book agent. Garrison
In due course of time Jabez Gis crime and grnt in
was trifd for his was trifd for eight years. Gabe Fierker
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was also brought to the bar of Justicn and sent to prison for two years. For
the capture or Fiecker. Sinclar Rass. wood paid Fr After a good deal of delay Mr. Hardy
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father also received from the
company the sum of two thousand dol company the sum of two thousand donthese combined sumg gave him a sum-
clent capltal with which to start life "T feel like a rlch man." satd Mr
Hardy. "q ghatitake gnod care nat ti
let my money alip throurh my fingers ". What hisainegs will you go into. father?" asked Frank. $\begin{aligned} & \text { and } \\ & \text { (Continued on page 189.) }\end{aligned}$

# American Boy Day---July 5th 

* Jamestown Exposition


## A Day at the Great Exposition Given Over to the Boys.

To Every American Boy:
I am in charge of the program for American Boy Day at the Jamestown Exposition. I want boy declaimers, orators, singers, instrumentalists, choirs, entertainers for this program. I made the first announcement in our March number and I have been receiving scores of letters from boys who want to take part. Strange to say, but few of these letters come from Virginia and the South. I have literally hundreds of letters from the New England and Western States. Are there no talented boys south of the Potomac?
As the program at the St. Louis and Portland Expositions, which I conducted, included mainly the boys of the North, I hoped that this program would bring out the talent of the East and the South. I want the best that can be had. Boys who are just fairly good will not do; they must be very good, and must be vouched for by intelligent men and women


JOSEPH BRUMMELL EARNEST. IR The boy who will delive the addrem of welcome on bion. The young mang rayduateref fom tho high school
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who know what the boys can do I want to hear from school teachers, pastors of churches, Y. M. C A. secretaries, boys' club leaders as to where I can get good plat form talent among the boys, for this great program. I would like to see it surpass the programs of the last two expositions, if that is possible. Boys applying should send their photographs and letters from their friends, telling us of their abilities. This will be a great chance for an ambitious boy. Boys who take part must pay their own expenses. There is no fund provided for the purpose. The honor and the pleasure to be derived from participation in this great day will amply repay any boy. There is no age limit, save that the boys must not be over 19 years of age. This is a BOY day. The program is to be all boy. Will you help?

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bec to the Ohio river. He is a good fghting fish and is caught In the game
way as the rest of the boys fishes as way as the rest of the boys' fishes, as
shall describe further on. The sunfishes are well known to all youthrul fishermen and every boy east
of the Rocky Mountains beging his career with the sunfish. He may have caught the sucker or the horned dace and not a real fish. When he is seated on the projecting roots of the big sycahe sees this tittle old "swimming hole".
throws his balt in the dinny" and the littie bright-colored fishe direction of noment hooks him and has him on the this fish is the frat prize of the yound
angler. it he lives in the East or the angler. If he llves in the Fast or the
North. the sunfsh wfll be the oldaranand ready to fight, but not the largest
dent of the Southwest. some nther species of the sunfish will fall to his lot, but

( yellow perch-binged perch
erman who aspires to be an angler. Later on he takes a step further and he becomes a man or grown ankler he
makes the step from the calico bass to the black bass, for all the calico basses black
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of the famlly of sunfishes, only of a
larger growth, without doubt or queslarger growth. without doubt or quesever the yellow perch is caund wher-
the fishes love the same kind of wand the fishes love the same kind of water.
namely that which are bright and namely that which are bright and pares herself a clrcular nest by remov-
Ing all weeds and aquatic plans from a chosen spot. a foot or more square, of
bare, clean gravel or sand. which she

excavates to the depth of three or four lay eggs as do hens. These egs ahe watches with the greatest care. and
is interesting to see how carefully all intruders. The black bass. also one of the aunfish species, does th
same, and when the young fish are
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fortunate in getting a string of these fish is a happy angler. st. Louls is a

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 hardy know which to tackle first. Fretuently long hours of research and
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the saw is cleacly shown in Fig. 1 (a).
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## drawing) drill a hole and insert the compass saw. As soan as you have sawed alit iarge enough you may use the hand saw. Part (a) of Fig. 1 shows

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pearance of being tight and snug. This is easily accomnlished by slightly taper
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1 plece $32 \times 3 \times 1$.for the two back rests 1 plece $9 \times 9 \times 1$..for chair seat 1 plece $53 x+x 1 .$. for frame of seat. some respects from the finishing of hard
wood. Of course when the whole is completed we go over it and try to resandpaper. Next put on a coat of shellac. If you wish to paint it use common oil paint of any color: something dull prepaced on the seat for ordinary use. to a boy's room. a a rords excellent tool
practice. it is also first class manual training and may be made by any boys A good but rather slow way of learning all the detalls of con.
make a small model.

## Card Writing For Boys

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 pers. It is not necessary that the colored show cards be designed. because plain, and taking sign cards every time. prices or new goods can be made by alniost any boy who willi go to the trouble
of making a sketching board and practicing a few days with the prower deticing a rew days with the proper de-
Vices. all of which are illustrated in the
irawinge. There is money in the busirices. all
negs. hutcher. and the hardware merchant are
always looking for and will pay far prices for them. Then
there are coods people who are constantly looking for price tickets and window announcehave been engaged in show card writing Hone exceedingly well. and they have tinanclally. As any lad can turn a dolsome window or counter tickets. after a he interested in the accompanying de. scription of the procedure.
The first move to make involves the putting up of the sketching board. it kitchen table or on a cover of a large your drawing board by knocking down thbox or two in the cellar, and with
these boards construct the sketching

the checks. using so many checks in plan of the letter. But almost all letter-
ers prefer to foliow the free-hand sysem of making the signs. This cails for
the employment of plain white surfaces on which to make the letters. surnaces The devices required for the purpose
are next illustrated. Fig. 9 is a type of
isome-made drawing device I constructed home-made drawing device constructed
to use in connection with the drawing
board on ordinary work. There is a triboard on ordinary work. There is a tri-
angle adjusted to the stick as shown. angle adjusted to the stick as shown. the stick and can be moved as desired to meet the requirements of the dlagram
on the card. By adjusting the eage of on the card. By adjusting the page of
the stick along the edge of the sketching board, it is quite easy to get any
allgnment for naking letters. The apMication of this device is explained later. Which you should have while the com-
mon crow quill pen is shown in Fig. 7 . costing five cents. The ruing
$1 \cdot 1 \mathrm{f}$. 8 . price about fify cents. is like wise needed for if you undertake to
make stralght lines with the common per and a ruler, the pen will create
dauns and uneven lines. These troubles are avolded by using the split ruling pen of the character shown. 1 make some of
Fig. 10 explains how 1 mater the letters. The experlenced arist han
little nced of the mechanical devices. He is able to grind out perfectly formed let-
ters without artificlal means. But the boy who is making show cards for money
will find it very convenient to use all manner of mechanical apparatus to as formed and correctly applled. Henci-
the use of the triangle in connection With the stick is shown in thls cut, a
marking the former and e the latier. The trissquare $h$ comes in as exhibited in
shaping letters on thls plan. With thi instruments adjusted, as shown. it is
itulte easy to describe the lines in pencll Ir usually put on the design and the letting the distances. I anply the perma-
nent letter dines in ink or the varnish

THE YOUNG BOOK AGENT (Continued from page 184.)
"I will see about that, later. I shatl
jump at nothing hastily." was his parent's answer.
When all the matters in court har been settled, Mark tried his luck at sell
ing books. But he could not make a llv
ing ink at it, and at the end of a mont "You have all the talent in the family
in that direction, he said to Frank. .
am going into some regular line of business." Early in the spring Mr. Hardy had a Early in the spring Mr. Hardy had a
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made a thorough investigation. He took
Mark in with hlm. and the businesa provi to bighly success from th Frank continued to sell books untll
Christmas. After the holidays he ento his studies. first. and then to
"Yous, are wise." sald Mr. Vincent, to
whom he had made the speech. "An edu cation is worth much to evech. "An man edu
The years passed and Frank graduated The years passed and frank graduated
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Then he entered Princeton College and hpre we will leave him. wishlng hit THE END


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wildest dreams.
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helleve he can account for the gift to
inday. "But I was exultant. My music had
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street organ. At last I felt that it had
strick a popular chord." "How about your government service.






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please give us "The Ice Cold Cer Sousa. Mase give us "The Ice Cold Cadets!"." came forty milles over the mountains to every piece that you have written! days and nights of steady work to do hought if $I$ had complied with his ri. "Hut the climax was reached at an me.-xir. Ive got my wirl handed ti sticking point. Why girl almost to thy
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hem remember that they are American And THE AME the name!.'. May BOY Maga 'It goes to the right spot, doesn't it":
Isn't that what the boys are thinking? CARD WRITING FOR BOYS

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## CHAPTER XXV.-Continued

Sstrug to be calm, he then decided not to to guide himself in the swifty flowing current so that at least he mght be borne in nearer the shore. Nor was he able to see the shore itself in the darkness, and as if to add to the desperate nature of his plight he was twice severely bruised by a block of ice striking him with force. His hands soon were so stiff that there was slight feeling left in them. His clothing held him back and almost dragged him. down, but it was impossible for him to rid himself of any part of it.
It was not long before the powerful young swimmer began to feel that his strength was leaving him. The blackness before his vision was steadily deepen. ing, and his strokes were less sweeping and more 1requent. The Charming Polly and her crew, even Thomas Hull and his dastardly work, were all forgotten. The one purpose in his mind was the gaining of the shore-the invisible, far-away shore of Which he had obtained a faint glimpse when he had sought the deck of the sloop. Even all idea of time was gone now, and Noah could not determine only hours? His arms and legs were still moving hut he felt no sensation in and legs were still moving, but he felt no sensation in them. The work of swimming was mechanical, and with every passing moment feelling in vioah's mind that the was a vague tlons could not be far distant end of all his exerapparently was be far distant now, but the shore aver the rall of no nearer than when he had leaped Suddenly Noah felt something bed
Sud yet. despite his weariness, a vague sense of relief came to him. He tried again and found that his impression was correct-he was able to stand, and the water scarcely came up to his chest. The floating ce was still threatening, and he was compelled to guard against its blows, but, nevertheless, he gained brief respite, though bls teeth were chattering and bis body was trembling as with an ague. But he could see the shore before him: There could be no question as to its nearness now, for not more than twenty yards away it loomed up in the night.
Quickly he pressed forward, but when he had covered a third of the distance he cried aloud when his feet sudenly failed to find the bottom. Instantly aware that he had been wading across a sand-bar, and that between the bar and the shore deep water remained to be covered, the sight of the shore itself now not more than thirty-five feet distant-aroused all his remaining spirit of determination, and with renewed courage he struck out once more. How it was that he covered the distance Noah afterward, in recalling his thrilling experience, was never able o understand, but somenow cover it he did. Blindly, his breath coming in gasps, his body numb, his hauds wout feelng. he at last fell stumbling on the He foll fainting upon the sands, proming his waid. o his dripplog slden and st fis, presing his thands had escaped from his peril in the great deep.
It was not long. however, before the intense cold caused hlm to realize that another danger yet re. mained, and that if he would escape freezing he must quickly bestir himself. With difficulty he staggered ato an upright position, and then looked carefully all about him. The fear of the sloop was gone now. for she could not be seen, and doubtless had salled had gone where no search for him would avall Not far up the shore Noah suddenly percel. faint light. It might be the glimmer of a candle be assured himself, and at once began to move in its direction. Painfully, slowly, every step apparently requiring all exertion of his entire sitrength, Noah Dare stumbled forward, and at last perceived a small house or hut before him. His surmise had been correct, be instantly concluded, and the light he had
seen had been the beams of a candle shining in some the folk a nearby house. Even then the fear lest in and about New York were gaid for the Tories caused him to halt for a moment, but the numerous, soon caused balt for a moment, but the bitter cold oon caused him to go forward. And yet all has bereath was not gone, and he stealthily crept up He beheld four people peered within.
He beheran people seated about a table in the parents of a there and a younger man and a young girl were it was evident they were excited hear what was said, triends or foes , Noab dexcted thating. Whether least receive bim loto decided that would at candle light and the glow of the burning logs on the fireplace, and he hastily stepped to thegs on the announced his presasce by the great door and which he could scarcely feel when his hand grasped it.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

## a welcome.

In response to Noah's feeble summons the door was soon opened, and the young soldler beheld before him a man not much older than himself. The candle which Noan perceived in the hands of the man also shoulder of face of a young girl peering over the the young soldier was impressed by the striking resemblance between the two, and instantly concluded that they were brother and sister. The faces of both were not unkind in their expression, but there was manifest not only a curlosity at the unexpected summons, but also a slight fear which could be readily seen in the eyes of the girl.

Can you let me come into your house long ettough for me to dry my clothing? inquired Noah at last, his teeth chattering as be spoke.
"Surely," responded the young man. "Are you "Yes, sir."

Come in."
Noah at once entered the house, and when the door had been closed and the young host had led the way into the room where be and his sister had been seated, he again held aloft the candle, and his surprise was manifest as he became aware of the plight "You have need visitor.
(You "You are os wrying yourself," he remarked gently. "You are as wet as if you had been in the " ${ }^{\text {ba }}$.

I have," replled Noah quletly.
The interest of the girl was keen now, but as yet she had not spoken. Her brother, however, was not manded. "How did that bappen on such a night as this?"" "rell you as scon as I can talk a uttle better" Noah replled
"That's right!' broke in the girl, now speaking for the first time since Noah's entrance into the room. "You must pardon my brother," she explained with a laugh to the visitor. "Samuel has been so busy today that he is not quite awake. He was talking of golng to his bed when you knocked. Now, Sam, you must take this-this"一 she paused inquiringly.
"My name is Noah Dare," explained the visitor.
And mine is Rachel Wheeler, and this is my broth.
Samuel," bhe added as she turned to her brother. Noah bowed low, and then despite his suffering saughed in response to the merry light in the giris was a sober, sedate young man, and that his sister. of whom he was evidently very fond, was accustomed to take her own way with him.
"Sam." Rachel said quickly. "you must take our visitor to your room and give him a change of clothing. It may not fit you very well, kind sir, she said again laughingly to Noab, "but I have a fancy
that almost anything will be better than what you are now wearing., And you say you have been in
"Not all day-but long enough," responded Noah. sald Rachel. "Now. Samuel wheeler you as this," say and take this young man to your room do as you are gone 1 will myselt see to it room. and whit hot for him to drink is prepared. Did you say you would like some tea?" she demanded of her visto
"I do not drink tea."
"No more do we," laughed the girl, and Noab laughed also as he followed Samuel who led the way to a room above, where in a briet time the young soldier had donned dry garments. It is true that Samuel's clothing dangled somewhat loosely from Noah's frame, for the young host was at leas four inches taller than his visitor, but the relief was so great that not even the laughter, which Noah was convinced would appear in Rachel's dark eyes when he returned to the room below, had sufficient nfluence to deter him.
At last when the two young men re-entered the room Rachel did indeed laugh as she looked at Noah's garments, but there was only a feellng of friendli ness in it all, and Noah laughed also as he held up his hands over which the long sleeves of the coa "I wearing had been turned back.
-" said we migh "You done better to put you to er, it you were ready or it. I did not notice before."
or me till I am in New York", but there ls no bed "You do not in Ne York.

New York tonight!" said Rache uickly.
"When am I to go?"
"I morrow if you are recovered
I am recovered!" said Noah fervently. "I thought was never"- He stopped abruptly as he became aware of what he was saying. There was no know friendly to the king or to the colonies. As for him self, though they might not have known just where o place him, still his uniform was of a character to show that he was no redcoat at least. He glanced apprehensively at the door as a sudden gust of wind shook it, and his action was not lost by the girl, for he smiled sympathetically as if she understood She said no more at the time, but at once placed before her visitor the food she had prepared, and both she and her brother exchanged glances as they watched their visitor.
At last greatly refreshed, Noah arose from his seat and, standing in front of the fireplace, sald simply "I thank you, I thank you both for what you have done for me.
You are welcome-every soldier of Washington
would be welcome," said the glrl warmily
You are not Tories, I fancy!" said Noan. yes flashing as she spoke.
"Not llke those I have seen," replied Noah thought. fully.

What kind have you seen?" Inquired Samuel. "There is only one kind. Listen; I'll tell you," sald Noah; and he related what had befallen him after his arrival at the point below Elizabethtown. The interest of his hearers was keen, as he was at once ware, and when his story, or at least the part of glowing with her interest and excitement
"Sam," she said quickly, "do you think there is any chance of men from The Charming Polly coming here tonight?"

I do not know, replied her brother.
"Let them come!" sald the girl, her excitement instantly Increasing. "I can call father, and that of-"
"I do not think The Charming Polly will stop," broke in Noah. "I was only a passenger anyway and she will not want to lose the tide. But I am now ready to go on to New York and join my com pany, so you will not be in fear if any of the crew "Pray kind tr tell
r, tell me how you are to go ta New York tonight"
"Across the kills?"
"Am I on an island?" demanded Noah in surprise. Yes, kind sir, you are. This is Staten Island. Yow, ?"'
"Ill flind some one to ferry me-"
You mean you'll let some one find you. Let me tell you, Noah Dare, that not all the people on Staten Island are so friendly to you as is the family of Jeremiah Wheeler.

Can't I do it?'
You cannot, sir. You will have to put up with such poor comforts as we can glve you till to
and then my brother will take you in his and then my brother will take you in his
boat. You are going to town tomorrow morn ing. Sam?" she inquired of her brother Noah was unable to see the glance which Rachel gave her br of a solved the young soldter's problem. solved the young soldler's problem quiety.

But I would not make trouble for you to night," protested Noah. "It may be that a Noah stopped abruntly
er on the door sounded the heavy knock er on the door sounded loudly. His firs aware of the white face of Rachel starin at her brother. In spite of the boldness of her words it was evident that she was alarmed by the summons. Noah Dare turned to look for an exit from the rear of the room, but instantly recalling how he him self had peered into the room before $h$ had sought admittance, he concluded that whoever the visitors might be they doubt less had done as he had, and if they were seeking him it was now too late for him to escape. The door meanwhile had not been opened, and as the knocker again sounde loudly, Rachel flerl from the room. Despite girl as she sped up the stairway in the hall and somehow there was no feeling of ange in his heart over her desertion.
Samuel Wheeler now approached and opened the door, and instantly two men en tered the room, one of whom was Thoma cers of The Charming Polly
"There he ls! There he is!" shouted Thomas Hull. "He did make the shore! I told you he would! We have him now!" In spite of his bold words the man did not make any attempt to seize Noah, who was steadily regarding the newcomers, though his face was a trifle naler than its customary hue.
"This man has a warrant against him," explained Thomas Hull's companion, as he pointed at Noah. "We were given charge of him, and he leaped from
the deck of The Charming Polly not more than two the deck of The Charming Polly not more than two hours ago. We did not think he could ever gain the sore, but this in that he might do it for he is as he spoke, agreed, and we hove to and sent a boat ashore We agreed, and we hove to and sent a boat ashore. We be here in a few ininutes. He is a dangerous man. and you are well rid of him.
"What has he done?" inquired Samuel Wheeler
"Done?" almost shouted Thomas Hult, "'Done? He has done almost everything! He set fire to my property! He gave me a coat-
"Tell what your property, as you term it, was, Mr. Thomas Hull," interrupted Noah.
"It doesn't make any difference what it was!" shonted Thomas Hull. "He set fire to it! He
"Tell what it was," again broke in Noah.
"Tell what it was," akain broke in Noah.
"Don't ston to jarley. Take him! Why don't you
"Don't stop to parley. Take him: Why don't you
ake him?" shouted Thomas Hull. "I told you he take him?" shouted Thomas Hull. "I told you he
was a desperate man! We have him-"
Thomas Hull stopped abruptly, and Noah himself glanced quickly behind him
proaching footsteps was heard.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

## A DEMAND.

Fntering the room was Rachel Wheeler, and at her side was a strong, rugged-visaged man, whom Noah Instantly concluded must be her father, so marked wr wheeler pazed bartly in anger at a moment his house and then sternly demanded: "What is the meaning of this disturbance? What do you want in my house?"
"We are sorry to trouble you, sir," explained Thomas Hull's companion. "but you are harboring a very dangerous man,", and he indicated Noah as he spoke. "This fellow," be continued, "escaped from The Charming Polly and has sought refuge here In your house. If it please you we will take him back with us and leave our apologles with you for disturbing you at such an hour.'
"You say you have a warrant for this man?" de-
manded Mr. Wheeler, glancing at Noah as he spoke. nanded Mr. Wheeler, glancing at Noah as he spoke. "Yes, sir."
Let me see it."
Thomas Hull's companion drew forth a paper from his pocket, and without a word handed it to Mr. Wheeler. Not a word was and advanced to the table and holding he document and advanced to the table, and, holding candle in his hefore carefully Noah glanced at Rachel hit the girl was an intent in watehing her father
that she did not respond or even perceive the young soldier's uneasiness. Thomas Hull, near to his companion, was plainly excited desplte his silence, and even Samuel Wheeler was manitesty perplexed and reread carefully before he looked up again at the group in the room.
"This is no warrant," said Mr. Wheeler at last. "Even if it was you would have no right to arrest this man here. We are in the colony of New York now, and your Jersey papers may not be served here. Besides, as I told you, this is no warrant. You cannot take the man on this."
"What is the paper, father?" inquired Rachel quickly.
"Thy woman's tongue will ask strange questions," responded Mr. Wheeler dryly. "I do not mind telling thee, though, that to me it seems to be a copy of an indictment which has been made-let me see, some time in last November or December, he added as again he opened the document and glanced at its
date. "It is for burning some tea in the village of dat

his companion. at orin on his face. yoved toward the door, and
hull was perforce compelled to follow his exalple

Greenwich In West Jersey. But there are a scor of names." he added, "against whom the charge is brought. Have you secured the others?" he
manded, as he looked sharply at Thomas Hull. "No, sir; not yet," replled Noah's enemy.
"Are you a sheriff?"
"I am not."
"Then by what ripht do you demand that this man should go with you?
"He's always calling
"He's always calling me a 'young, young," inter rupted Noah lightly, for he had been greatly relleved
by the attitude Rarhel's father had assumed by the ailent! This is no time and it cert the place for levity young man certainly is Wheeler, sternly
Abashed by the sharn rebuke. Noah was glad that the light in the room was so dim that the flush which the neonle in the room face could not be seen by dark eyes could not perceive hls confusion.

It is right." asserted Thomas. Hull warmiy. "This fellow is a dangerous man, and you will be well rid of him. He has done little but make trouble for the past months, and if we take him with us we can promise you that he will not be able to do-
"Where would you take him?" broke in Mr. Wheeler.
"To the W'est Indies."
"I do not know who you are, nor do I know this young man," sald Mr. Wheeler quietly. as he glanced at Noah, but, nevertheless, I am able to tell you to lift our hands, will you take him against his will. to lift our hands, will you take him against his wil. turned and looked at Noah full in the face.
"No, sir; I do not," replied Noah.
"You hear him, gentlemen. That settles it."
"You will not give him up to us?" demanded Thomas Hull in loud tones.
"I will not." said Mr. Wheeler quietly.
You may save yourself a deal of trouble," suggested Thomas Hull's companlon. "You know we have other men here on the island. They are now searching for this fellow. They may be here at any moment. You are llkely to save-'
"I would save myself further speech with you, gentlemen." broke in Mr. Wheeler, abrupty. "I win
save that by saving your presence. I bid you good save that by saving:"
evening gentlemen!"
"But-but-" began Thomas Hull eagerly.
"But me no buts!" sald Mr. Wheeler, sternly. There is no rtore to be sald." As he spoke he advanced the the Thomag Hull glanced malevolently at Noah and it Thomas Hull glanced malevolently at Noah, and it face did not tend to hls peace of mind. There was, face did not tend to his peace of mind. There was, pression of hls feellngs, for his companion, a grin pression of his feelings, for his companion, a grin
on his face, moved toward the door, and Thomas Hull was perforce compelled to follow his example.
Ab bnon as the two men had departed Mr. Wheeler
turned sharply to Noah and said, "Is it true that you "Yes, sir" tea as that paper declared?

Yes, sir."
Why did you do it?" demanded Mr. Wheeler sharply.
orted Noah. "Why did the men at Annat did?", reorted Noah. "Why did the men at Annapolis--" "What others did may not justify you in sucb approve of what our rulers did, but their mistakes approve of what our rulers did, but their mistakes and we will protest, but for one 1 am utterly opposed to such works as those of Ethan Allen at Fort Ti or of such a madcap march as that of Benedict Arnold against Quebec. That is golng too far!'
"Do you approve of the army at Boston?" demanded Noah a little warmly.
do and I do not. The first thing we know some of our over-zealous men will be for having the colonies set up for themselves. I love the mother country, though I do not believe in her attempt to oppress us."
"You believe in the army, but you don' believe in letting it do anything. Is that it?'
inquired Noah. inquired Noah.
These are terrible just what 1 do believe These are terrible times, but when it comes
to leting men come to my house and seize to leting men come to my house and seize
any one there on any such flabby pretense as these two men had tonlght, I'll stand against them as if I were the united army of the colonies.'
"Father, do you think they'll come back here?" inquired Rachel.
"I do not, child," replied Mr. Wheeler, in such a manner that Noah was at once aware of the place held by the man's affection for his daughter. And perhaps the young sol dier was
covery.

I am glad," satd Rachel, simply, and the young soldier was aware also of another fac as he heard her words, which was that to court of last resort from which there was no appeal.
"I thank you, Mr. Wheeler, for your kind ness to me," said Noab at last. "but I would like to go on to New York now, so that need not put your family to any more incon "Did I not say they would not come back?" demanded Mr. Wheeler, quickly.
"Yes, sir."
Then say no more. In the morning my son will take you to New York, and you can then resume your place among the men of that madcap, Anthony Wayne.
How did the man know that he was one of Anthony Wayne's men, thought Noah; was a "madcap"? He glanced at Rachel, but he face did not betray anything, and he had no mean of knowing what she had said to her father when in her haste she had sought his room.
Wheeler time we all were in bed," remarked Mr Wheeler. "It must be half after nine of the clock kee not know why it is that my children should puch unreasonable hours. But they always do. wefore we go, father, you must listen to some Post which Sam brought home today," commanded Rachel.

What is it this time?" inquired Mr. Wheeler quizzically, at once relenting at the request. "Has Patrick Henry been called a traltor again, or has John Adams or King Hancock had an attack of modesty?"

Tis neither," laughed Rachel. "It is a poem-"
care not for your poetry, lass. In times like "I care not for your poetry, lass. In times like these
"But you will care for this, you surely will. Tis really a song to the tune of An Old Courtier of the Queen and the Queen's Old Courtier.' 'The name of it is, 'The King's Own Regulars and Thelr Triumph written by one of the redconts though it wa written by one of he redcoats, though it sound sayiny on their way back from Concord and lexine saying on their way back from Concord and Lexing ton when the minute men were after them."

The girl, in the tune or recitation chant in which the song to which she had referred was sung, at once began:
"For fffeen miles they followed and pelted us, we scarce had time to pull a trigger;
But did you ever know a retreat performed with more vigor
For we did it in two hours, which saved us from per dition;
Twas not in going out, but in returoing, consisted our expedition.
'Says our general, 'We were forced to take to our arms in our defence
(For arms read legs, and it will be both truth and sense);
Lord Percy (says he) I must say something of him in civility,
And that is, 'I can never praise him enough for his great-agility
"Of their firing from behind fences, he makes a great pother;
Every fence has two sldes, they made use of one, we only forgot to use the other;
That we turned don't let that disgrace us,
was only to mak good what Sandwich eatd, that the Yankees could not face us.

As they could not get befors us. how rould they look us in the face?
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## BEGUN IN DECEMBER

 CHAPTER IXTRETLRN to Eben Chapman. The blacksmith was at dinner when he drove Prince up to the door of the shop, so he unpitched and sat passed, then with a hearty greeting the blacksmith entered his shop and set to work on old Prince's feet that had long stood in need of his services - The blacksmith was a talkative fellow. He knew all the news of the town and the country round about. Next to the town shoemaker, he was the best informed man within a radius of many miles. And he loved to display his erudition in the presence of such men as Eben, who knew little or nothing
and cared less: then, too, the flies were bad, old and cared less; then, too, the fles were bud, old It was full two hours before Eben climbed into his cart again and turned his horse's head toward home called, but the boy did not answer. Mumbling some hing about boys who were never around when wanted, he unhttched, watered, and fed Prince, then threw himself down on a heap of straw for a little nap before going into the garden.
Thus it came about that when Eben entered his house after an hour or two of digging potatoes, evening had come and it This bothered Eben not a little, for so long had the two been companions Eben felt uneasy when the boy was not within sound of his volce-particularly when the days work was
ing meal.
ing meal. had gone to the house, and, opening the back door, had called aloud for Tad without get ling an answer. Then he had gone out into dusty way for signs of the boy, but without result.
Now that evening had come, the time When, the work of the day ended. the two supper, and Tad was nowhere to be seen, Eben at first restless and perplexed finally hecame alarmed, then angry. Striding into the kitchen, he threw his hat into a chair muttered a flerce condemnation of worthless boys in general, and of Tad in particular and turned to light a candle. With the first ficker of the match, he spled the money on he table and by its side the plece of writing. te drew the candle ciose and bent down over the paper. Eben's hand was none too steady at any time, but now it shook like a leaf in a storm
"Gone!" This first word from Eben's throat was the cry of a great, wounded creaturethe cry of paln and of terror.
"Gone?". This time in a voice of anger-the grow of a wild beast suddenly brought to bay. His brawny breast heaved like the blacksmiths bellows; his hard, calloused hands smote his forehead, his eyes canny light. anny light.
No supper for Eben Chapman that night! Out of the house he stumbled, out into the middle of the road, along its weary stretch of dust into the village, Where, waylaying pedestrians and breaking into he with fevered tongue inquired of all, "Have you seen $m y$ Tad?"
No one had seen Thaddeus since the morning. People wondered at the manner of the man; then. recalling the close companionshlp of the two, pity took the place of wonder. Many tried to suggest explanations and ofter consolation; but Eben would have none of them. Tad had gone, had left home. had deserted his father's roof, had turned his back on hls father's life, had run away never to come back!
"Perhaps," suggested one, "he has gone to New York. That's the place to look for runaway lads
The words "New York" sent a thrill through Eben's breast. "Yes, New York! Why had he not thought of that himseli? New York: and the young hussy with her meddlesome father!
It was near morning of the next day when Eben In the stillness of his room wrole, sealed a letter, and addressed it to "Richard Appleton, of Richard Apple
inn and Company, Hardware Merchants, New York

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City." The clerk at the Sherman House had given him the address. The letter was brief, but it covered a page of legal cap, so large were its characters. They were dug deep, too, into the paper, as if a He demanded of the went into every curve and slant back to him his boy; he accused Mr. Appleton of stealing away Tads affections; and he wound up with a threat that only a crazed brain would conceive, that if Tad were not at once released from the spell he and the girl had thrown around him. the would pay the penalty with their lives.
The hours that elapsed between the sending of this letter and the receipt of a reply seemed week to Eben Chapman. With the going away of Tad his life was undone. There was no more labor for him no more eating, and no mote sleeping. And with it all, there were no self-reproaches, no self-conscious ness of error, no regrets, save that he had not kept closer watch of his boy. Yes, there was one regret and that was for not having kept his promise with Tad to give him half of what he made out of the
garden. So he then and there took a solemn oath garden. So he then and there took a solemn oath for the wrong. But most of he would matie aments conscious of a preat all-absorbing love for his was and an awful fear that he had lost him forever boy The second day after Eben posted his letter reply came.
"Here's your letter, Eben," said the postmaster who, from seeing the old man's weary, haunted look in the post-ofice window at frequent intervals, had was Eben. He added as be handed it out, "Tell nie what's in it."
"You open it an' read it to me," whispered Eben hoarsely.
The postmaster took the envelope, broke the seal that it was first to himself. Somehow he feared for the old man led him to want to break the news gently.
"What does he say?" urged Filun.

"He isn't there," replied the postmaster, shaking his head dolefully.
"He aln't there? Does the letter say it?"
"Yes, Eben."
"It lies," cried Eben, "he is there. He is there. I'm goln' to New York myself. I'll teach that man to rob me of my boy. I will! I will:
Men heard Eben's volce half a block down the he rushed tromhing about with his clenched fists he rushed from the post-ofice, leaving the post letter with him But Eben heard nothing: he golng to New York, and that, too, right away.

## CHAPTER X.

One day nearly two months after Richard Apple ton had returned to his home in the cliy, he sat in his office busily engaged in the affairs of the grea house of which he was the head. It was a busy day his mail was heavy; the frequent calls of out-oftown the yount vigorous man he once had been able to the your. wry ond work with a calm beven abme to The confusion of his desk and the knowledre that but little of the day remained for getting rid of his mail annoyed and worrled him. He was in the midst of a letter of complaint from a customer on un usually severe one that endangered the proftable relations which had un to that time existed between his house and a valued patron, when his confidentlal clerk entered the room.
"Well, what is it, Kirk?" be asked sharply, scarcely looking up from his desk.

I beg your pardon, Mr. Appleton, but there is a
"A boy?"
"Yes. He says you promised him a job." The clerk smiled broadly, for he saw the funny side of ter of the hiring of knew this: hence the humor of ohers. The clerk the boy had been so humor of situation. But compelled to report the matter. "I promise a boy jou?
"I promise a boy a jols? You ought to know bet
ter. Kirk. Turn him over to Mr lrown" ter, Kirk. Turn him over to Mr. Brown.
"I saw Mr. Brown about it sir before
you and he says he does not, sir, before I came to you, and he says he does the boy so. We cannot hire
who applles."
"I did, sir. but he insists that you promised him a job, and he will not leave until he sees you. And you ought to see his big, honest, earnest eyps. Excuse me, sir, but I belleve he is telling the truth.
"Why, the young rascal: I belleve he knows bet ter. When and where did I promise him a job? The lad has been put up to this by some older head Send him In.
The clerk disappeared and Mr. Appleton resumed his work. A moment later the door opened and the clerk again appeared, followed by a big. awkward boy with a sunburned face, and a look of bewilder ment in every feature
"Here is your boy, Mr. Appleton." Kirk smiled again-this time more broadly
The merchant looked up. "Well, sir. I promised you a job, did 1? Pray, when was it? i don't recall The boy chans.
The boy changed his hat from one hand to the other and looked confused. He had seen so much factor he had reached the city, his tongue seeme powerless to w.ag it last he minased to say
"You told me sir if I ever wanted a
You told me, sir, if I ever wanted a friend, to cal
Suddenly letting fall on the desk the letter he had been reading. Richard Appleton ruse from his chair and strude forward with both hands extended and a kind look the boy had once before seen on his face shining there again
"Thaddeus Chamman: llihy in the world didn't you tell your name?"
". Nobody asked me."
"How is that, Kirk? Announce a visitor arain. It is not courteous, Dond do that that. it is not business.
Mr. Kirk retired, astonished beyond meas ure. ...r. Appleton han never been known to show such buoyant cordiality, even to hits best friends, during business hours. With him, business was business.
"Have a chair, Thaddeus." went on the merchant. as the clerk disappeared. "Take this one. Sit down and tell me what has
happened since the day I left you in bed lajd up with a broken hip. You don't look laid uy with a broken hip.
Mr. Appleton's eye was taking in the deep sumburn on every inch of the boy's exposed skin, the result of the month's work in the harvest field, and he did not fail 10 note he new clothes. It was these more than off the track and made him fail to recognize the boy he had promised to befriend.
"Bút, first, how is your father? Glad, I suppose, to see you back again.
Tad looked confused. He did not know that Eben Chapman had paid a visit to New York, and that a lively scene had been enacted in the little private office where he
now stood, between the great merchant and now stood, between the great merchant and
his father. his father.
"I don't know, sir. I haven't scen him since I left home about seven weeks ago"
where have you been all this time. Thad
". Ind
deus?"
deus?" related the story of his meeting with the farmer and of his reason for not rearhing New York sooner, endearing carefil his fact tha "Your father knows where you are now I sup pose?"' went on Mr. Appleton.
"No, sir."
"Then I must tell him."
"No, no. don't do that. He wouldn't let me stay, if he knew."
"Thaddeus," the merchant sald kindly, laying a hand on the boy's shoulder and looking him closely n the cye. Thadneus, you ran away from home You took money that did not belong to you.
"But-" began the boy timidy.
(halt ant 1 am through, Thadfens. You left your father and your home with scarcely more than a good by. You have broken his heart. He has been here.
"In New York?" broke in Tad wilth scarcely breath enough to speak above a whisper.
"Yes, in New York. He sat in the very chair you now sit in. He came here crazed and angry. He thought that I had stolen you away from him. and he would not belleve me when 1 told him that you were not here. It was only after I had sent hlm over the entire store from zarret to cellar and let him question every employee that he might see he finally consented to ao home apaln He came he finally consented to ko home again. He came brokenthearted weening like a child Thaddeus your father is not the father 1 would he to my mon.
were he Iiving-_" here the merchant's volce faltered, "but there is one thing sure, he loves you, even although it is in a queer way, in a way 1 never saw anoth. er man love a boy." Mr. Appleton's lips
quivered. He drew his handkerchief from his pocket, wiped his eyes, and blew his nose energetically. Thaddeus sat silent and immovable, scarcely breathing. A big lump in his throat hurt him. He could not have spoken if his life depended on it.
"Thaddeus," went on the merchant af ter a moment of silence, "I cannot give you a place in the store after what has happened. I haven't got the heart. Go back to your home. I'l! Sive you money enough, and more. may be hard for you to live his way, but you had better do it. I have talked and reasoned with him, but it is of no use; it's his way, and your first duty is to him.
Duty! There was that awful word again. Mr. Appleton had sald it. His first duty was to his father! Could it
be that he himself had been mis. be that
"Do you mean it, Mr. Appleton? Am l never to amount to anything? Am 1 never to learn anything? Never grow up to be a great and good man
-like you?"
"My boy, I do not understand you. Then, while the
Then, while the great merchant's business waited undone, callers came word, the wheels of important affairs

the boy changed his bat from onz band to the other and looked confused
blocked, Thaddeus Chapman told his life history and ended with a plea for a chance in llfe, a plea that in its unstudied pathos and simple eloquence brought tears again to the eyes of Richard Appleton.
Thaddeus, you are right-eternaliy right, and something has got to be done," he sald with emphasis. Mr. Appleton, like all successtul men of affalrs, belleved in doing things. He had succeeded largely because of his promptness of deci-
sion and action. Summoning a ste. sion and action. Summoning a stenographer, he dictated a lelter to Eben Chan from, then called la a bade him see that Thaddeus found a bade him see that Thaddeus found a days, and comething to keep him busy in the store. Then, shaking hands with the boy, he promised to let him know his father's answer and turned again to his desk, serious and thoughtful. His eyes had been opened to a problem of boy life he had never before been called upon to see, let alone to help solve.
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## IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG

## OR, A BOY IN BLUE AND A BOY IN GRAY

BEGUN IN MAY 1006
CHAPTER XXX.

## hoventures during the sheven days

 BATTLESHARRY, we are going to move at last:" "Who said so?"
"Captain Paulding. I just heard him talk.
ing to the general. I fancy we are in for ing to the general.
ard fighting now." bit of hard fighting now."
We have waited here too long. Louls, to my way of thinking. The rebels must have a tremendous reenforcement by this time.'
It was a clear, warm day. It had not ralned now for more than ten days, and the high ground around the camp was beginning to show signs of dust. On every side activity prevalled. Yet it was not until hermint to which the Goreville boys belonged to regiment to which the Goreville boys belonged to nove forward, in heavy marching order.
eire either mean to merch for Richenclaimed. "Ore what, Black well?"
"Or we're going to retreat."
"Retreat!" came from half a dozen throats.
"Retreat!", came from half a do
"Exactly, fellows. You see-
The roll of benny liruce's drum cut the remark short. Soon soldlers were hurrying in all directlons Ifalf an hour later the Goreville Volunteers were on the march, moving down a road in the direction of Mechanlesville.
Less than half a mile had been covered, when they heard the deep booming of cannon, followed by the sharp rattle of musketry. The shots came in quick succession, showing that not a inere skirmish but a genuine battle was in progress.
Louis's heart began to beat fast. He had done no fighting since that advance at Fair Oaks. What did the immediate future hold in store? He breathed a silent prayer that all might go well with him.
A small hill was ascended and before the Volunleers was spread a moving panorama of soldiers, marching. retreating. and firing so fast that the clouds of dust almost hid the pallant fighters from
view. On another hill a Confederate battery was view. On another hill a Confederate battery was
dealing out death with every discharge of its four guns.
"That battery must be taken!" This was the cry that ran along the line, as the Goreville Volunteers wept into action. "Forward, men, and keep close. One gallant charge and the day is ours:
Away went the men, each bayonet glistening hrightly in the clear sunshine. On and on over the rampen hown grass, the solders so close together side of Louls, blact well won the other-on and one side of Louls, Black well umon the other-on and on. his heart thump akainst his cross-belts.
Boom! boom! boom! The Confederate battery had opened upon them in deadly carnest. The long ollashes of fire, the whistling of grape and canister, was followed by yells and shrieks of agony never to was forgoten. Men dropped by the score and for a moment the line staggered and halted.
"Close un! close up! forward!" came the command. and the men crowded together again. Now came the order to fire, and the first line did so. line frud over their heads. The rifles were pointed line frud over thedr heads. The rifles were nointed tumble back. Then on swept the Union line, yelling tumble back. Then on swept the Union line, yelling

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o the river. The change from the sunshine and heat to the damp shade of the forest trees cooled the ardor of the soldiers, but still they went on with passed, when there arose a wild yell from the righ and from the left. They had fallen into a trap!
"Fire! Charge bayonets! Fall back!" These and half a dozen other orders rang out. But no on hear them. The Conferay fighting arose upon every side. Louls charged with the others. He had taken lesg than ten steps when a clubbed musket hit him alongside of the head and he was knocked almost senseless. He staggered of o a thicket pitched upon a tuft of swamp grass and knew no more.
When the young Union soldier came to his senses all was pitch dark around him. His head ached as if it would split open, and his ears still rang from the concussions of the battle. He endeavored to sit up, but fell back completely exhausted.

The first sound which clalmed his attention was that of the swamp frogs. How calmly they croaked came the such a thing as war cais returning after a brief season of alarm, to tts nest. He continued to rest and to listen, and thus gradually bis beadache became more endurable.

It was the coldness of the night which finally made him arouse himself. He reckoned it must be three or four oclock in the morning. He listened atten tively. Far far away he fancled he could hear the tramping of horses and the rumbling of wagons. It was the retreat of the Union baggage trains. The Army of the Potomac finding the enemy too numer ous, had begun its withdrawal to the James River A part were already at Gaines's Mill, preparing for the battle which was bound to come at the break of day.

I must get back to our regiment," he thought, and arose to his feet. For the moment he could scarcely arose to his feet. For the moment he could scarcely remembered the savage blow from the gun-stock. He put his hand up to hls head. There was a large and sore lump back of his ear.
Which way should he turn? It was a puzzling question. The enemy might be all around him, and he had no desire to be taken prisoner again. He thought of the river, close at hand. The Union army must be on or near that, perhaps five or ten miles below. He would follow the river, for want of better path.
The task Louis had cut out for himself was no easy one. The swamps were treacherous and soon he found himself up to his knees in muck and water He could scarcely move, and coming to a slight ele vation threw himself down, panting for breath. He was near the main stream and now
The something was a flat-bottom boat, resting hal in and half out of the water, the oars sticking ove the bow. Instantly his mind was made up. He would take to the boat and row, or rather guide himsel down the Chickahominy untll an assured place of safety was gained.

A few steps forward, and he had just begun to shove upon the bow of the craft, when a Blight move ment at the bottom caused him to start. A man la there, his forehead tied up with a bandage. The ma was a Confederate captaln.
"Who's that?" asked the man, in rather a weak voice
"A soldier," answered Louls, and added quickly: "Are you alune here, captain?
"Yes, worse luck. Where is my command? I was struck by a glancing bullet and knocked out. Can you get up? here your command is, captaln Can you get up? This is a bad resting-place.'
and I thought you a friend What does this meider, and I thought you a friend: What does this mean?" the wounded offlcer made a movement as it then as his pistol, the youth leaned over him and snatched it from his belt.
"Hi! give me my pistol!" came in a weak but fierce tone. The Confederate officer tried to rise, but Louis shoved him back.
"Keep still now. As you discovered, I am a Union soldier, and I have no desire to be made a prisoner "What do you intend to do?
"Take this boat and row down the stream."
"I don't want to go down the stream."
"In this case I am afraid you'll have to go, captain. Lie still whlle I shove off.
But, see here
"Silence, if you value your life!" and Louis leveled the pistol at the man's head. The threat had the desired effect. The Confederate captain fell back, and Louls shoved the flat-boat into the stream. The
youth soon found rowing out of the question and youth soon found rowing out of the question and
merely guided the craft as it drifted swiftly along merely guided the
the swollen river.
the swollen river.
Half a mile had been covered and louls was guiding the boat around a bend when the sounds of voices in a thicket ahead reached his ears. To slow up was impossible and he therefore gulded the craft to the opposite shore from whence the voices came. "Halt! In the boat, halt!" rang out the cry. "Who goes there?" and louis saw the glint of a rifle barrel "It's a Yank the leaves not twenty feet from him. but lower, voice. "Plug him, Bart., afore he's got the chance to git away

## CHAPTER XXXI.

BETHEEN THE LINES.
Louis felt he was in one of the most trying situations of his life. The Confederate pleket had drawn a bead upon him. and unless he answered promptly he would undoubtedly be shot and killed.
"Stop! do yer hear?" came the voice again. Louis put down hls oar and found the river less than a foot and a half deep. The blade was sunk into the mud and the headway of the craft checked.

We are friends." shouted the young Union soldier. "You have no right to detain us."

Louls leaned do
Louls leaned down. "Tell them who you are and say I am detalled to take you to a farmhouse below here," he whispered to his prisoner. "If you don't help me out of this scrape rll shoot you!" and he
shoved the pistol forth suggestively. "Don't- don't shoot me!. pleaded the
Then to as shoot me,", pleaded the wounded one. ously as before but his tone was cold and told ously as before. hat he meant what he said.
"Air yer goin' ter answer?" came from the shore.
"It's-it's all right, men," answered the prisoner, ratsing himself with an effort. Im Captain Garrison. of the Fourth Infantry. I've been wounded and
my man is taking me down to a farmhouse below here. where I have friends.
"Humph.". There was a pause. "Got the countersign. cap'n?",
"Thet's all right, cap'n; pass on, ef yer want to."
"Are we in danger from the Yanks?" asked Louls, as he pulled on the oar with all possible haste.
"Ain't no Yanks inside o' hall a mille, to my way $o$ ' reckonin'". answered the Conferderate picket. and
then the flathoat drifted onward and Louis breathed then the flat-boat drifted onward. and Louis breathed a great sigh of relief. The talking had almost ex-
hausted the prisoner, and he lay motionless. with his hausted the prisoner, and he lay motionless. with his
eyes closed, in too much pain to even speculate over eyes closed, in too much pain to even spe
the outcome of his unfortunate adventure.
the outcome of his unfortunate adventure.
Another half mile was covered without further Another half mile was covered without light in
interruption. It was now beginning to grow the east and louis cast an anxious eye from shore
to shore. Had the river at this point been deserted? to shore. Had the river at
It would certainly seem so.
It would certainly seem so.
Crash! The fat-boat struck a half-submerged log, end on end. The shock was strong enough to rip onen the bow, and the water ponred in with great rapidity. The collision threw Louls. who was stand-
ing up with the oar, overboard, and so unexpected was the happenting that he could do nothing hut struggle to save himself. Down he went until his struggle to save himseff. struck out for the nearest shore. In the meantime. the flat-boat swung around, cleared itself of the log that had done all the damage, and went on Its way, half submerged. with Captain Garrison clinging fast for his life. Soon wreck and prisoner were out of sight. Louls fancled the captain had been drowned. but such was not a fact. He survived, to fall, later on, into the hands of his friends.
Dripping with mud and water, Louls crawled up the bank of the Chickahominy and into a tangle of bushes. Was he any better off than he had been? was the question he asked himself.
I ought to be nearer the Union lines," he muttered. "If I could only cllmb some hill and then a
tall tree I might tall tree I might-ha! what's that?"
A peculiar odor. as of cooklng meat. had reached his nose. He sniffed it and found the odo
stronger. Then he heard low negro volces.
"Ain't dat fowl most done. Henry Harrison Dundell?"

It am, Uncle Ike.'
cum fon to take it amay from us." um fo to take it a way from us.:
"De taters am dun, too, Uncle Ike."
"Dat's good, boy, dat's good. Come an' stow um away now.
A rattle of tin plates and a couple of knives fol
wretched negro hut, half tumbled down, on the edge of a clearing. In front of the hut an aged negro
and a darky boy were enjoying a feast of chicken and a darky boy were en
meat and baked potatoes.

## meat and baked potatoes. Making certain that no

Making certain that no others were around, Louls advanced, pistol in hand. At the sight of the young soldier. both colored ones started to run, the uncle smoking hot chen and the boy with his arms full of him to dance a lively jig.
"Stop, both of you!"
Fo' de lan' sake,
moan the moaned the aged negro
-I won't, uncle; but
w won', uncle; but come back with that chicken. potatoes; they smell so good.'
Much relieved in mind, the two colored ones returned and gladly divided their morning meal with Louis. As he ate, the young soldier questioned the aged darliy as to the camp of the Army of the Potomac.
"Da is right ober yander, sah," was the reply, and "Be colored man pointed with his long, bony hand. "But, bless you, sah, General Lee an' General Jackson am all aroun' yeah wid thousands an' thousands ob troops ready fo' to swallow yo' up, moah de plty!"
"They won't swallow us up so easily." smiled "They won't swallow us up so easily." smiled
Louis. He sat with his back to the fire, drying himLouis. He sat with his back to the fire, drying him-
self. In an hour he was ready to go on, and the self. In an hour he was ready to go on, and the
aged colored man gave him minute directions as to aged colored man gave
Morning had now come, and once again the sun shone hotly, Not a cannon boomed in the distance, for the battle of Gaines's Mill did not really open In earnest until some time after noon. With the pistol of the Confederate captain stuck in his belt, Louls trudged on and on. At noon he stopped, wondering where he was. He had taken a wrong turn and now found himself in a thicket. He tied to take a cross part of the day slipped by.

He was lost in the swamps of the Chickahominy:
Only the old veterans who went through our great war can realize the full meaning of those words.
Lost in the swamps" was the fate of many a strag. Lling soldier who never turned up to tell his story of starvation. With such a jungle about him that he could not see twenty feet ahead of him, and with mud and water up to his ankles, Louls stopped short, and a chill shot through him.
I'm in for it," he murmured, dismally. "I took the wrong road, or else that negro led me astray purposely. How in the world am 1 to get out?
It would not do to remain long in one spot-he was sinking deeper and deeper in that ooze, which stuck like so much glue. He staggered forward until a lowbranched tree was reached, and into this he climbed
to rest.
From afar now came the sounds of battle, as the Confederate General A. P. Hill sent his corps to the attack. with Longstreet following. How bravely the small division of Porter's troops resisted, history has told, and it has also told how the Union troops were
finally forced back and two of thelr best regiments winally forced back a
But Louls thought of none of these things, as lowly and paintully he cllmbed to the He was in a holl rom this spot side the distant woods cut off a further view. Yet he managed to locate the sounds of battle, and that was one point locate
gained.
By the time he descended to the lower branches of the tree it was dark. To think of going on was out of the question. He got down an almost sleepless night among the birds and frogs.
Daybreak found him hungry and cold. He now felt he must go on or face starvation. He had noted out for this, leaping from one tuft of swamp grass

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Day exercies.
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none appear worthy.

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to another, as best he could. The bushes scratched bls hands and face and tore his clothing. but to this he paid no attention. Thus he prugressed until nearly noon, when he reached frm ground and a
well-deflned trail, and threw himself down to rest
He was between his own line and that of the enemy, he felt tolerably certain of that. But how should he move to joln the Union army? The trail might lead him directly into the Confederate camp.
"I don't care-r'll risk it," he muttered at last. "I can keep my eyes open and 1 guess 1 can run as fast as any of them if it comes to the pinch.
Yet his progress along the trall was slow. for fallen trees were numerous, and once he encoun tered a nest of snakes, just emerging after an un-
usually long winter's nap. His scramble to get usually long winter's nap. His scramble to get
away from the reptiles was llvely enough, for he away from the reptiles was II
lmagined the snakes poisonous.
Nightfall brought him out upon a highway leading southward. The ground was cut up by many wheels. showing that artillery had passed that way but a
short while before. Presently he came up to three short while before. Presently he
soldiers wearing Union uniforms.
"Hullo there, comrades!" he shouted, joyfully. I'm lost. CCan't some of you find me?"
"We're lost, too," was the reply. from the evident leader of the trio. The three men belonged to a New Jersey regiment which had been captured. They had had a tough struggle and each was wounded, although not seriously. With this trio loouls pro-
ceeded upon his way feeling much lighter at hear: That upon his way feeling much lighter at hear: That night the four lost ones encamped in the woods close to the road. A haversack filled with wo days' rations had been pleked up. and although the eatables were stale, the quartet fell to with avidity and did not allow' a mouthful to escape them The march forward was resumed before the sun came up and at nine oclock the plckets of the Union army on guard near the rallroad at Savage Station were encountered. Nobody had the password, but
their story was soon told and they hurried to the rear.
The battles so far upon the withdrawal to the James River had not been particularly severe upon he Goreville Volunteers. Out of a total of seventy be sure, many had been "scratched," but in the grim. be sure, many had been scratched, but
Louls did not run across his command untll the next day, for now the fighting was general along the Whole line, the Union troops protecting not only hlores moving from White House across the penin tores to he was asked to act as an orderly and mounting a stray borse, he carried several orders from one part of the fleld to another for those in charge of the baggage train. Thus the day sllpped by in work that was hard but not particularly dangerous.
"Louls!" cried Harry, when at last the Goreville boys were found. "Hy jinks! 1 most feel like hug ging you! I thought you were dead sure!
"I'm a long way from that." laughed the youth. But l've had a rough experience, nevertheless. And he told his friend of all he had gone through There was no time to say much, for the regiment wazons would not have much to do but in this they were wreatly mistaken. The train was attacked by a large company of Confederate cavalry, and a hot skir mish kept up untll long after nightfall. And so the days sifpped by until the great body of the army of the Potomac reached Malvern Hill. Hotly pursued by the Confederates. General McClellan here took a stand, resulting in the greatest battle of the penin sula campaign, and one that Louls and Andy will not forget if they each live to be a hundred years old. (Concluded next month.)

## What They Would Do

When Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, was a ittle chap," said a gentleman recently. "I went to school with him. One day before school closed for the Christmas holidays we expected a visit from certain director. This director always questioned he chlldren about one thing-namely. what they'd morning before he came, preparing us finely on the course to be taken if fre should break out.
course to be taken if fre should break ond he got up to address us he said
on among so many rosy, smling yolly Christmas sea are a very bright-looking iot of children and 1 wonde what you would do now if I were to make you a little speech on the best way to celebrate Christmas.
"Quick as a flash young Van Dyke niped out
"Form in single fle and march out quickly."
THE CAMP FIRE OF MAD ANTHONY (Continued from page 196.)
We took care they shouldn't by scampering away That they had not much to brag of is a very plain For if they beat us in the fight, we beat them in the that.
the poetry, father" demanded Rachel merrily.
"though I am no fudge of such things. I am a judge of time, and on to bed you go."
To the surprise of Noah, however, the man bade him and Samuel remain after Rachel's departure men were instantly alert.

# PLUPY IN PEACE AND WAR 

Or, Chapters From the Lives of Plupy, Beany, Pewt, and Others

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## CHAP'TER IX

VACATION had passed long since and the Christmas holidays were nearly at hand. It had been snowless fall, skating had been good, so good ndeed the hockey games played in the school yard were fully as interesting as and much more prolffic were fully as interesting as. and
But Christmas was in the near future and that particular holiday was the burden of their thoughts by day and dreams by night. How to make the most of that holiday was the scheme to which all the ingenuity of their active minds turned.
One morning shortly after Thanksgiving, the elder Shute, father of our friend Plupy, slowly descended the stens of the mdoest habitation, pulling thoughtfully at a cigar, which showed an irritating propensity to burn up on one side. It was a crisp and quiet Sabbath morning. and that gentle-
man, havisg seen his numerous family troop off to

ginging vigorougly and restraining themselves wita
difficulty from jabing fins into each other
church, wended his way meditatively towards one of his favorite Sunday retreats, the paint shop of his nelghbor Brad Purnton, falher of a certaln youth. ful co-miscreant of our friend Plupy, known as Pewt. As he entered that warm and cosy retreat he found the worthy Bradbury sitting in a rush-bottomed chair and smoking a most virulent clay pipe. His coat, laid aside, disclosed the sleeves of his snowy Sunday shirt, while his feet, ordinarily encased in stout leather boots with much wrinkled legs, were now ornate in gaudy colored carpet slippers. Opposite him sat the trim looking gentleman Who boasted the distinguished paternity of the sinfu mings and flecking the dust from his polished boots with a snowy bandkerchlef.
The room contained the assortment of articles peculiar to a paint shop. The walls and doors, on waubed with painters had tried their brushes, were red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet of the rainbow, while colored lithographs of Dolly Bidwell, Morris Brothers Minstrels, Comical Brown, and Washburn's Grand Sensation, were pasted there on. Scattered around the room were wooden buckets of paint and oll, with half-submerged brushes and stirring sticks projecting from them, greasy papers of putty and casks of white lead, while across one side of the shop appeared a long board supported broad urushes, under which board stood a pall of frour paste.
By the window stood a carpenter's bench with a wooden vise clamped at its side, while in a wall-rack were bit and bitstock, spokeshaves, chisels, screwdrivers, hand and whlpsaws, sandpaper, calipers, and paint brushes, dry and stiff with ancient dust and lead.
Evidences of flourishing business were in sight. On a rack in front of the stove stood a long and very brilliant sign of bright blue sanded ground, and golden letters which informed the public that "W, I, Goods, and Grocerys" were to be had at lowest

## prices.

In the back of the shop a pair of wheels in sober garb of dull blue priming, patiently awaited the bright paint, gaudy stripes, and dazzling gold leaf
for their decoration. In the place of honor on the wall hung a most patriotic and soul-stirring creation the chef d'euvre of the artist, in which a most astonishingly pigeon-breasted young lady, clad in little but the hectic flush of crimson lake, held aloft with powerful and ruddy-Inted hand a glowing banner of red, white, and blue, with folds admirably even and measured as if by callpers, while at her side, with outstretched wings a glorious and jointless eagle, holding jagged lightning in his claws, shrleked aloud, but whether in deflance or horror the artist had neglected to state.
"Hullo, George," slowly drawled Pewt's father, pushing forward an old chair with board bottom
and wire bound legs, "you look glum, what's wrong? Don't your cigar suit you?

An hour later the same boys might have been seen vigorously tuning their lusty pipes to the more fer till later in of the Methodist sabs vociferous sing ing was the wonder and admiration of their associ ates in the Surday school of the Congregational church.
The reason for all this, Wats had sententiously glven. "Three Sunday schools and three presents or good behavior.
When a short time before Christmas they had ascertained that the Methodist church would prob ably hold their Christmas festival on Christmas aight, the First Congregational on the night before, and the Unitarian the night after Christmas, they decided at once to become members of the Sunday schools of all three organizations. True enough, of the Unitarian Sunday less discreated members xceedingly liberal in their reltgious as they were thought that great good would come from the they lations with several churches at once, especially in the Christmas season.
As Beany's family were members of the Congre gational parish, Beany occupying a position as blow boy of the Unitarian church from financtal and utili tarian reasons solely, it was easy to secure admis. sion to the first-named Sunday school through the kind Invitation extended by that pious youth.
Admission to the Methodist school was not so easy. Several young Methodists, to whom they applied, were proof against their blandishments, but one day, having artfully enticed one Diddly Colcord, an enthusiastic Christmas Methodist, into Pewt's back yard, they solicited his good offices; but fearful of too llberally watering the stock of Christmas presents by the admission of new members, he and soundly mauled him until he became converted to their views, and loudly and wailingly consented

And Diddly was as good as his word, and the next Sabbath, with a black eye and damaged nose he Sabbath, with a black eye and damaged nose he
ushered them, somewhat abashed, into a class of small and tough-looking gamins, evidently new converts.

That three Sunday schools only were jolned hy the trio, was due solely to the fact that the hours of service in other schools conflicted with these while these three did not conflict in the least with each other.

The Unitarian held their school directly after the morning service, and any benefit that children might have derived from the instruction, was eftectually prevented by the fact that before the end of the school service they were nearly starved from their unaccustomed feasting. the dinner hour in that good old town being at sharp noon

The Methodists held their Sunday school just after the dinner hour, and pupils after the hearty Sunday ity as were generally in such a cond uplifting from ity, as to gain Again the Firs
Again the First Congregational deferred their Sun day school until after the regular afternoon service vices were in a state of mental and physical exheus tion that ill-fitted them for their souls' improvement. In the case of our three friends, by the time the afternoon service begun, they were in the most irresponsible condition of semi-Idiocy.

Indeed after the last service they were accustomed to tone up their shattered nerves by snowballing, wrestling and fighting with their schoolmates, and secrelly doing many other things not warranted by their bringing up, and which upon ordin.
in the neighborhood. Before be came here to live. my boy was as good a boy as I ever saw. But get him with that infernal Shute boy
he is most as bad as he is."
"That's right," said Pewt's father, "never had any trouble with
Clarence 'fore that brat of Shute's Clarence 'fore that brat of Shute's
came here. 'Pears to put the miscame here. 'Pears to put
chief into all the boys."
chief into all the boys.
deal," said Beany's father.
That's so," said Pewt's father "Beats all how much George Beany's father.
"Well, you know he thlnks more of him slnce he has got that bile on his back, because 'Abscess makes the heart grow fonder.'" "Um-m-huh," assented Beany's father thoughtfully.
"P'tu," replled Pewt's father, to silence.

Now while this brilliant and instructive conference was being held, a few rods away three boys with freshly soaped faces and halr plastered over their foreheads, sat in the vestry of the Unitarian church, singing vigorously and restrainlag themselves with difficulty from jabbing pins into each other, while they cast frequent giances at the old clock which seemed to them to tick the seconds with dragging slowness.

ary Sabbaths we trust that even they would not have done.
As Christmas approached their fervor increased, and they even went so far as to study with some care their Sunday school lessons, and apart from heir ludicrous mispronunciation of unfamiliar words and four syllabled names, they acquitted themselves creditably. While the strain on them was great, they consoled themselves with the assurance that it oal of their ambition was already in rifthat the was, the safety valve was under very great as it sure.
The Sunday before Christmas, the superintendent of the Unitarian Sunday school made the expected announcement that the usual Christmas Festival and Thursday evening, the day after Christmas, at which the three boys grinned broadly and winked expansively at each other, and when their voices rang out blithely in the school songs, they were most avorably looked upon by their teachers, who knew some particulars of their daily life, as brands plucked from the burning.
To rush gleefully home and gobble their dinner and repair expectantly to the Methodist Sunday school required but a short time. But once there, a most astonishing and unlooked for facer awaited them. At the close of the lesson the superintendent a portly and bulging man in black and shiny broadcloth, ponderously arose and rubbing his hands informed his "De-a-a-r-r-r hea-r-r-rer-r-s" that the teachers of the school and trustees of the church had decided to use the money ordinarily devoted to the christmas and that to reward the "Dear-r-r" pupils heathen, and that to reward the "Dear-r-r" puptls Sunday school concert would be held next Sunday evening, at which all pupils ซere expected to commit


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III recite at least four verses of scripture. At the luse of his announcement, the school was dismissed ald a horrified silence. Which was broken as the heany dashed noisily down the stalrs, when Inpy cent Diddly Colcord a prodigious punch, fled for home.
But despite thelr discomflure they were promptly n hand at the late service of the Congregationa Sunday school, only to have their breath taken away by the harrowing announcement that owing to the unavoldable absence of the good pastor on the evening usually appointed for the Christmas festival. it would be held in the large vestry on the evening after Christmas.
The disgust and disappointment of our three riends was pitiful. For this they had given the best of their young energies, the best of their fresh oices, the best of their religious attainments. Dur ing the long and dreary hour of that session they were dangerously near the verge of mutiny, but restrained their feelings until after singing that harmonious morceau, "We all love one another," they were dismissed, when Beany, conscious from their sullen looks that something was in store for him although he was entirely innocent, and as much chagrined as Pewt and Plupy, prudently took to his heels and was pursued to the door of his father's house by his disappointed fellow-conspirators, burn ing to wreak upon his plump person, the vengeance their disappointed ambition demanded.
And when on Christmas morning. instead of the usual knife or bowgun, or hook of animals or birds hey each received a new testament from their no bounds.
(To be confinucd.)

## BEGUN IN MARCH

## CHAPTER VII

THE PARTY OF PCRSCIT

TIE FIRST ORJECT on which the eye of Dob Goodale rested was the stage, wrecked and splintered, the wheels remored and the body lying on its side, so battered and splintered that it was hardly recognizable. The mail bag had been slit and most of the few letters were scattered over a space of several square yards. The traces
were cut and the two horses gone. were cut and the two horses gone.
The next horrifying sight was that of Jud Staples himself. The old man lay flat on the ground. with his face staring upward ay the bade his last journey crossed the Great Divide, and made his last journey
with the old stage. Mob drouped fro
Bob dropped from the saddle, and reverently went was by the sight, he breathed a prayer of thankful. ness that he saw no signs of elther of his relatives having been in the stage that afternoon. No baggage was visible, nor were any tell-tale footprints found He walked to where the torn letters lay on the sand With a strange thrill, he observed an envelope twist ed across the middle, which showed a part of his own name. Even before he picked it up he recog nized the bandwriting of his sister. The other portion of the letter lay near, and he had little trouble in adjusting the parts and reading the message.
The sentences were few, the last being
"Aunty and I have figured it out, and find that if all goes well, we shall arrive at the station named Ray mond carly on Wednesday afternoon. As you know, we ride some twenty miles by stage to Corlita, where you will meet us, the rest of the way being on horseham, so earer to see you, Boh: Bhat I'm afraid wo hall koep pace with this letter, which won't be of any use therefore at all."
Strange emotions stirred the heart of the youth.
She fixed the day of her arrival as Wednesday. hat is today. They must have been delayed some where on the road; how thankful I am!
Pedro, standing on the higher ground, uttered a faint whinny. Glancing up, Hob saw the pony's head was turned to the northwest, where he must have discovered something unusual. Bot dashed up the slope, Winchester in hand, fearing that a party of Anaches were steating down upon him. L flash he was in the saddle and ready for filght.
There was no need of using his glass, for not more than two hundred yards away, three horsemen were approachtng at a swinging gallop. and coming directly for the Crossing.
They were Hiram Goodale, Arizona Alf, and Long Micah. The first ratsed his hand in salutation as the trio dashed forward and halted.
"You know about the raid. uncle?"
"Yes; not long after you left. Jim Leedon galloned "Yes; not long after you left. Jim Leedon galloned past the grazing ground of a part of our herd in the
foothills. JIm had made a circuit down country and was goling farther, when he concluded he ought to
put us on our guard. He told Alf of the break tha had been made from San Carlos and Alf sienaled to Ilicah. fing off to meet the staze."
ou didn't go to Cortita?" for Dead Man's Crossing. Where I felt pretty sure the hold-up would take place if it took place at all. It looks as if we made no mistake." added the rancher. surveying the impressive picture at their feet. "It was what poor Jhd has been expecting for a long time, but it is none the less sad on that account."

I was so fearful that aunty and Minnie would be In the stage that I rode headiong to this place."
"I had the same dread."
"How thankful we are that something kept them back."
"But $I$ "m not sure that tt did."
The bronzed face of the rancher was drawn, and there was a gleam of the gray eyrs, which showed the stress of the emotion he was holding in check. "What do you mean by that?" asked the startled Bob.
"We must examine closer before we frel certain. Even while this hrief conversation was going on Alf and Micah hat dismounted. and were walking slowly side by side up the bank of the sluggish stlently watched them.
The two had gone about a hundred yards, when hey were seen to stop, as if they had discovered something interesting. They were motionless a mo ment, when Alf turned his hear and beckoned the others to approach. Without leaving their ponies to stand by themselves, man and boy spurred to the side of the cowmen.
They had not reached them, when the horsemen were affighted by sicht of that which held the others sreechless. Lying in the bunch grass at the side of the stream, were two empty truks inat had bcen of lades, wearing appel and other articles had of ladies weaway a around -certainly more than enoush to identify the arex the owners
Man and youth hard braced themselves for something like this. Their feclings had been keyed for a long time to the highest point. and they were pre pared for the truth that was confirmed before they joined their frients.

Aunty and sister were passengers in the stage after all."
Hob spoke in a husky undertone, and the voice of the rancher sounded the same.
"There isn't an earthly doubt of it: they were with Jud when the stage was attacked and he was killed."
"But they were not killed." said Bob, casting a swe visible part of the plain: "we should be thankful for that:"
"Bob," replled the other impressively; "it is always
the other way when Apaches are roncerned: I should say the same in this case. except for one thing." What's that?
Yochitave always spoken of him as arorse than Geronimo.'
'So he is, if such a thing be possible, but the sltuation has become very beculiar. From what was told when at your house a few weeks ago, that dusky imp showed a fondness for Minnie.

I don't think there's any doubt of it."
"Well, when he meets her in this part of the worfd. he will probably be as fond of her as act in his way the part of a friend.'

You speak, uncle, as if it was he who led this "tack.
"It's guesswork of course, but he is one of the leaders of this rald. and if he was not here at the capture of a young and a middle-aged woman."
"It ls a vow of the siturilon that never occurre o me; I don't know what to answer or what to ask out to do. I can't remain idle while Minnie is in any peril from these unspeakable A paches.
"And how do you think it is with $m e$, when $m y$ wife is in their power? One thing angers me beyond vearing."

What is that?"
Wife is as good a pistol shot as you; it has been her practice for years never to ride a mile from the house wilthout carrying a loaded revolver; all the charges except the last were for Aparhes; the last was for herself. Her revolver is in the house, and she is without one when she needs it more than ever
"Sister has a fine weapon, and I am sure she rought ft with her."
"It isn't likely that it will be of any earthly beneft to her,"

She will give her life, if necessary, to save aunty." "I do not doubt that, and yet the giving of her life the ouly hope that I can see is in the help of one of the worst miscreants that ever lived; 1 mean Cochita."
"And hls friendship to Minnie must include her friends."
"Therein lles hope for wife, and I must confess it is slight."
Even with the singular ground upon which to base the slender hope to which he referred, the man fore saw complications of which the boy did not dream.
"Then, from what you say." added nob, "we may as well go back to the ranch and wait till Cochita informs us as to his wishes.'
"By no means. Despite my words, another possl. bllity presents itself. I belleve the break from the Reservation is far more serjous than Jim Leedon thinks. Geronimo generally takes his squaws and than a hundred Apaches rushing from San carlos had the United States cavalry, and probably headlos or old Mexico. They won't throw away any time but tonight ought to find them in the Sants Catallas

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range, to the eastward of us. I believe Cochlta and Geronimo are there now, and will stay untll well toward morning. There is a good deal of jealousy between the old chfef and this sprig who has been
in the East educated in the East- Hello! what have you bad been carefully studying the ground, while the uncle and nephew were talking. Alf was on one side of the small stream and Micah on the opposite. The rancher watched their actions, and noted a movement of Arizona Alf which made him call to him

The cowboy came toward his employer, with Micah close after him
This hold-up was made by three Apaches that were afoot and hidden in the sand in their usual style. They shot old Jud when he came up, cut loose the horses and started back for the mountains, two riding one critter and one t'other.
"Which way did they go?
"Their trail leads eastward, though they may have turned off between here and the foothills; if they didn't, they're only a few miles away.' the answer would be
"They went with them, both walking."
We take the trail, and, if anything can be done,' added the rancher, compressing his lips, "we shall do it; lead on, Alf!"

## CHAPTER VIII

## at The moUntain base

It will be remembered that the eastern spur of the Santa Catalina range push
for a considerable distance be. for a considerable distance be Pacific Rallway. It is marked by depressions and elevations many places by cañon-like passages, and displays the peculiarity I have named.- that of shooting abruptly upward from the plain into the clear sky. followed, therefore, that when the four horsemen rode eastward, they faced the spur, which was five or six miles
from Dead Man's Crossing. from Dead Man's Crossing.
Arizona Alf, because of his age and greater experience, acted as guide, though netther Micah nor the rancher himself was much his Inferior in knowledge of the ways of the red men. Alf took the lead, with Micah directly behind, while uncle and nephew, for most of the distance. kept side by side Although Bob Goodale was now entering upon a phase of anch life with which he had not the slightest acquaintance, him. It was almost certain that the captors of Minnie and her aunt had made for the her aunt had mant of the Santa nearest point of the Santa
could not have had much of suers, they did not reach the base of the their pur hefore the latter started bob pointed his field long oward the point, hoping to gain sight of them, but oward the point,
A more disturbing certainty was that no such pursuit could be pressed without the knowledge of hose who were pursued. Geronimo and Cochit n their the government cavalry would soon be hustling heels, and it would take the most vigorous were certain to be in an urly mood Consequently the dusky lookouts were alert and sure to discove the approach of the small party of ranchers.
Such heing the case, what possible hope was ther for the latter? It lay, as Hiram Goodale said, in the good-will of Cochita for the more youthful of the captives.
Bob's heart ached when he looked down at the sandy soil and saw beside the tracks of the two horses, the dainty footprints of his sister, and the more substantial ones of his aunt. It must have been trying to them, and there was no saying wha abuse had been heaped upon the two, as they meekly obeyed the commands of their savage captors. How he longed to be able to strike a blow in behalf of his loved ones. and how eagerly he would rush to their help, if only the chance were given him
The ride continued for more than half the distance without a word being spoken by either of the cow boys. Bob, who often glanced at Alf, saw him look at the ground now and then, and fix his eyes as often unon the mountains they were approaching No one could have understood the situation better han he
Suddenly, when everything was going with monotonous smonthness and nothing but the soft crunchIng of the hoofs of the ponles was heard, the animal riden hy Alf intered a snort, and made a sudden leap to the left. Skillful a horseman as was the because of the unexpectedness of the action. The because of the unexpectedness of the action. The himself, and brought the broncho to his haunches.
"Look!'" called Bob in a startled volce to his uncle who like the others had seen the cause of the animal's fright. An Apache warrior lay on his side in the sand close to a bit of sagebrush, as dead as could be. All four forced their animals to draw near the body, though it was against their will. The men leaned over and scrutinized the lifeless form. A wound in the forehead, so tiny as not to be perceptible at first sight, left no doubt as to the cause of the buck's death.

It was a pistol shot that laid him out," was the
comment of Arizona Alf, as he stralghtened up and ing to some incldent of insignificant interest
The eyes of uncle and nephew met.
I told you Minnie was a good shot
She rancher nodded.
me.
But, while she was about it, why didn't she shoot "Probably ?" impatiently demanded Bob Pas

It was notlceable that the weapons of the dead Apache had been taken by his surviving acquain ances, who must have been of an economical turn of mind. There could be no mistake about the victim eing from the Reservation, for his "tag" was still on him. He was liable to be shot in the circumstances, but it is hardly likely that Geronimo or Cochita ever supposed he would be brought down oy a white girl.
Our friends did not pause by the body. The afternoon was wearing to a close and they hoped to accomphsh or learn something before night, when the per their plans Hitherto they had ridden aty, canter for most of the way but they now dropped to a walk which was kept up until they were quite near the craggy base of the mountain range
At this point the four horsemen drew together and halted. The time had come for an understanding f the situation and plans, which as I have shown were taking a most peculiar turn
The inference was warranted that if Cochita, merch.
base of the vast, perpendicular walls, which were black or dark gray in color. Among these masses of stone sycamores and cottonwoods grew at al bushes protruded as if groping for the sunlight High up the range were pines, some of considerable

The front of the range was too steep for a hors or any animal other than a chamois to cllmb. I would prove hard work even for mountaineers.
Arizona Alf waved the handkerchlef from side to mountain spur in front

Uncle," sald Bob, without lowering his glass, "ar the Apaches on the Reservation supplied with white linen handkerchiefs by the government?
"No, because they would not be appreciated."
"How then does Alf expect his signal to be answered?
serve; do you hand, or a few shouted words wil glass
"I'm not sure," replied the youth a moment later I see something suspicious."

Bob hande
Bob handed the instrument to his relative
About two-thirds of the way to the summit, beside that high, dark rock, just where the gnarled pin puts out, fancled in's face," The rancher and his co
oint with the closest attenpanions scrutinized the point wi
to speak
"Something is there, but I can't make out clearly what it is; if it's an Apache he is self."
"Wants to admire us, Micah.
one is peering over the head of the other who is crouching on the ground. The bush hide them except when the secon reaches over the shoulder of
the other and pulls the bush aside."
"Do they know we have dis 'I can't tell, but it looks that way, for the buck at the rea has let the bush sllp back in front of their faces again." "Alf," said Micah, "shake
your flag straight at 'em"" (To be contiuued)

## A Story of the Sea

 q We have bought a "pirate story" of 70,000 words. It could not have been better written had it been written by Captain Kidd himself. In fact, it was so well written we had to cut some of it out: itwas too ferce. Get ready for the best was too herce. Get havedy for the best is coming soon.- The Editor.
less though he was in his hatred of the Caucasian race, knew of the misfortune of his old friend, he would do his utmost to ward off harm from her as well as from her aunt. The point, therefore, was to make sure that he should learn of her captivity and peril before it was too late. Could our friends already nossessed that knowledge their wisest course would have been to withdraw or at most to maintain a neutral attitude, for surely they could do nothing to help the women, and were sure to romplicate matters by their efforts.
But the factor of doubt made all the trouble Primarily the notorious Geronimo was the leader in the formidable outbreak, but Cochita was a second, if not his equal In more than one respect The aim of the pursuers was to make the dusky youth acquainted with the truth at the earllest pos-
sible moment. It might be that Geronimo was in sible moment. It might be that Geronimo was in the mountains with the main party. Indeed, the probabilities pointed that way. Cochita, young, ag gressive, restless, and eager to strike all the blows he could, was probably at some distance on a raid and might not return to camp until morning or late in the night. Between the present and that hour the crisis must come. The queston of life and death was to be met and answered before the rise o
The cowmen were certain that their approach had been noted from the range long before the halt took place. To push into the soling before the halt took an ambuscade from which none could escane. No for a moment had there been a thought of attempt ing anything of that nature
Goodale drew a white handkerchief from his pocke and handed it to Alf. He grasped one corner and looking at the mountain spur, slowly fluttered it "Use that gla
Use that glass of yours, tenderfoot, and tell me you see anything
Bob leveled the instrument, while the others used hundred yards distant rose abruptly from some two hundred yards distant rose abruptly from the plain with higher alutudes both to the north and south Off to the right the chain was spilt by a cafion with an irregular width of a hundred feet more or less Through the middle of this brawled a small stream twisting around boulders and breaking into foam Instead, however, of flowing toward the group o horsemen, it made an abrupt turn, directly after leaving the spur, and took a gouthern course along Its face, clinging to the base for a mile or more immense boulders and rocks tumbled about at the

## The GreatSeal of the United States

## By E. R. GAILLARD

Secretary of State Hay made complaint to Con gress that the great seal then in use had become so worn that it no longer made a clear-cut impression. and that body at once voted an appropriation
A document dat Senter 16,1782 , empo ing George Washington to negotiate an exchange of prisoners with Great Britain, bears what is believed to be the first impression made with the great seal upon an official paper
The seal was used upon congressional documents until the office of Secretary of State was createdSeptember 15, 1789-when it was given into the custody of the incumbent of that office with authority to use it.
The first seal was used until 1841, when Daniel Webster, then Secretary of State, complained that the impressions were no longer distinct, and a new During secured
During Secretary Frelinghuysen's term of office1881 to $1885-a$ third seal was cut, and this is now
to be replaced by a new one. to be replaced by a new one.
The seal has remained practically unchanged slnce its adoption save for a slight change in the form of the glory above the eagle, though for some unknown reason the seal cut during Daniel Webster's term had but six arrows halon, nstead of thlrteen as in the device adopted
Some idea of the wonderful increase in the buslness done by the government may be obtained from as long as the first one and the diference becomes more as the fist it and the dirle time the first one was in use it was affxed to all time the first one was in use it was allued to all whlle of late years its wee has been confined to commorione of Cablnet officers diplomatic and con sular officers ceremonious documents bet ween the president and corelgn ous documents and first importance the seats of the various department betng used on papers of less moment.

## Bright Boy's Composition

ark bal," said a veteran Missourian, "the schoolmaster Result of Laziness.
Young Clemens, at the end of half an hour, handed in as his composition a blank slate

## The Boy on His Muscle

Edited by ARTHUR DUFFEY, Holder of World's Sprinting Records at Short Distances 1899, American Champion. Intercollegiate Champion, 1901-2-3


UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA swimming team For 1907

THat American boys are contunuing had intervened which forced Gould most positions in athetic con- which in this case was one Pennell. priz


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siom Young Jay Gould of Lakewood, New
 American champlon court tennts player.

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Lakewood. Which
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on his frst



 nis by winning enamplonsh/p at the Tuxedo Club. New net ail comers, including he kradually acquet experts. who wero many years he boy ai but this did not dishearten nott exciling games arter one of tho eated him three sets to two. Up the this sen nation yout payer had created quition theat believed by the many experis, Britain and France to meet the fore mose exporents of tho, zame there, ho was abroad that he showed his rea niversal tople of discuesion by the
 Americais but hat manated to agal diefen Conitnulng in the prellminary trials ho ucceeded in winning them ishl and nally met A. As the winner of the fina

 onnelit hree sefs to ompor had now who saw the final maten with the cham. boy who had tought his way throughail the prellminaries, was in no fit condiaying back on his oars. so to speak the preliminaries. When he did meet filles in the finals he put up a wonder and endurance proved too much for the This boy. young Gould is again visit ing the British lisles to compete in the championship
last year. and ifel safe In saying that
whether Milics is an entry or not the away with the laurcls. While Gould is endeavoring to bring back the court tennis championship of In lawn tennis a representative in Kar
Behr another American boy. who with England. Favis cup from the shores of nis players of many years have the tenplace, but on each to its original birth.
been unsuccessiul. been unsuccessful.
This year Behr. the youngest playe Thl year Behr. the youngest player
that has ever been selected to represent this country abroad, has a great under-
taking before him. but in view of his recent showing on the lawn tennis
courts it is reasonable to presume that he will live up to all expectations. His
strong point on the courts which the Britishers will find hard to overcome is
his wonderful endurance and the manner in which he covers his court. True
it is, he has been a litie nervous in
some of the some of the principal contests. but as
he grows older he will gradually overBehr first came into prominence as an competed in the many plaportant matchmer resorts. and on each occasion has put up tennts of the first water. His
success on the court seems to come from
his wonderful vitality and strengih Many of his opponents have been wont age, but 1 n this they have been mis. taken. When playlng his best game before him with any degree of success. Calvin Demarest, of the Chicago Ath-
letic Assoclation. is another American boy champlon who has recently come
into natlonal honors owing to his wonderful playlng in the recent amateur billiards champlonship. This youth from the west took the eastern followers of
bllllards by storm by his remarkable playing. Demarest is but nineteen years of age: still to see the manner in
which he handles a cue and the way he performs some of the most difficult carroms. causes many an old veteran to look on with envy Demarest made
such a clean-up in the champlonships that he made the other competitors fare poorly in comparison. For his win he comes the holder of the celebrated sllver honors. which must be won twice before ship He also won frst prize for the
highest average, the Sevres vase, and a diamond acarf pin for the highest run. play the finest found abroad.
as keen an interest in roller gkating as they have in the other branches of athlecic sport. Judging from the showing that have been held, it seems only a
queston of time before we will hear of another boy phenom produced from this have been two important meetings in
the Metropolitan dintrict. one in Man-
$\qquad$ quarter-mile and the mite and two-mile events had entries from all the leading
High schools in the district. including High schools in the digtrict. including
the Townsend-Harrls High School. the tical High Schoold and many others. In


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experts. he has an excellent chance to win the champlonship of the greater
city. In races so far. many of are inclined not fo skate when the boy him an entry. they belleving they hav in the race. That he is far ahead of any when he fell in his last quarter of but sprinted and made up the distance before the finlsh was reached and won gracefui style. and is most remarkabl for his size, for without any exceptio
he was the smallest boy in the race las mentioned. The Public Schools Athletic Associa boy champlons in the course of its man athletic contesta, but as yet it has produce young Johnny O'Harres perform ances as an all-around athlete. At pres is voicing the pralses of their youthrul champlon who In many contests ha showing yible for thelr school's gran youngster of fifteen years of
tips the scales at 116 pound
outdoor meet of the pubitc schools that year OHare won the medal in the sixty-
yard event and left his schoolmates far behind. He covered the distance in the time of $72-5$ seconds. Which is very goor
ilme for such a boy. In the indoor meet of the league recently he made good in
 addition. young o'Hare is a baseball
player of ability He catches on the school team and has held that position
for the past two seasons. He throws the ball to the bages with fine precision
and hits the ball like a veteran. of all the events that the committeo on schoolboy events has added to their
already long list of sports, there is none that are so productive of school splrit
and interest as that of relay racing. In fact. so popular has this event become seems to be every boy's ambition to beteam. One has but to be a spectator the mepts of the schoolboys of the
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THE CLEVELAND BOYS' START FOR MONTREAL


THE BOYS ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE OHIO RIVER IN 1902


THE CLEVELAND BOYS CLUB w.frank moclure WOR NOVELTY in the way of fourneys and for varlety in clean
sports. the Cleveland (Ohio) Boys Club, on the west side of that clity. has long attracted public attention and activities, the doings of the season of
1906 will go down in history as among 1906 will go down in history as among
the best.
During the During this season four bands of In-
dians took up their abode in the vicinity dians took up their abode in the vicinty
of Geauga Lake, which is some twenty
miles erom Cleveland represented were the Pawnees, Chippe-
was, Choctaws, and Cherokees. There was, Choctaws, and Cherokees. There
was a time when such an announcement would have struck terror to the hearts of the thabitants of Geauga ake, was due to the fact that they were
known to be good Indians. They were All members of the Cleveland Boys Club in good standing-boys from well-to-do There were fust ten braves in each
tribe, and each tribe was presiaed over tribe, and each tribe was presiaed over
by a chief. The tribes were all rivals by a chief. The tribes were ail rivals
for the greatest number of points in a serles of athletic contests extending over
iwo weeks. The contests included basetwo weeks. The contests included base-
ball games, tugsof-war, tree climbing, swimmings, and loat racing. Every lrave
did his best. Hesides the honors which came to his trilie. the Indian who won
225 points was decorated with a fine silk 225 points was decorated with a fine silk
badge.
The real Indians who played so promt. The real Indlans who played so promi-
nent a part in American history wers played games. There are even evidences phayed games. There are even evidences of bowling alley and played a game not with all due acknowiedgment of the
redskin's love for sport, it is safe to redskin's love for sport, it is safe to
assume that never did the Fawnees, the Cherokees, the Choctaws, and the Chip est and keener enjoyment in their con. tests than the youths who camped at
Geauga Lake during the geason of 1906 . Each brave was up promptly at ${ }^{6}$
oclock for breakfast. Then came devothons and camp duty. and then the mornafter dinner, and In the eventing was
the pow-wow. Around the camp fire the hoys gathered after the strenuous activ
lities of the day. There were no pipes of tice of the day. There were no pipes of
peace, however, for the members or the


Cleveland Boys Club do not use tobacco. After the evening devotions the lights
were put out promply at $9: 30$ o'clock. In the summer of 1902 , thit notable club attracted greater public attention
than this year. Camplng on a secluded spot is not apt to attract the attentlon of the ,oys from city to clty and from town to own. There were wo weeks of travel schooner," and the route in the aggregate amounted to nearly 250 miles. The fifteen years of age, and were in charge of a chaperon-Mr. M. D. Crackel-a man of great efficlency in his work among boys, and one of the promoters of the
club to which these lads belong. A cook and two drivers also accompanled the alls and straw hats diress included overAfter leaving Cleveland, the first stop was made at the town pump at Bedford.
Ohio. Dinner was cooked over an open Ohio. Dinner was cooked over an open
fire just south of this place. After two
hours' hours' rest the lads proceeded to Twinsburg, seven miles beyond. where they
made their presence known to the inhabitants by hearty salutes. They pltched town of Hudson and gathered about the camp fre. On the following day they
wandered over the seven thousand acres of the Zoarites-that interesting sect about which so much has been witten.
They saw the mansion of the king and They saw the mansion of the king and
the noted Zoar inn, and learned something of the history of the people in
whose midst they were guests. whose midst they were guests. bowed heads before the tomb of the late President McKinley. They touched the Ohio river at Wellsville and Eest Liverginia and Pennsylvanla by street car. At some points they were accorded recepshown through the potteries of wera Iverpool, and along the Ohlo river they studied Indlan mounds and rellics.
At the Onlo river the boys filled a

bottle with water prior to the return and there poured it into the waters of thelr home city. Sixteen of the lads started to cover he return journey on the thers of the pariy in camp. Some walked 100 miles during the entire journey, and the town of Lisbon, the birthplace of the ate Marcus A. Hanna. and then thes raveled on by way of Salem. Benton. tically no bad weather on the trip. There hoy was glad to put himself under the Dipline of the chaperons. During another season, some of the
members of the clut organized themselves for the vacation season into a his bicycle, stated be a most instructive and entertalning trip. Their destination this the was did and saw on this tour would fll many pages of an ordinary-slized book. At Toen the "keys of the efty." which, of course, means that every public butlding and spo had to do were thrown goven to
them. they take up thelr activitles anew in a beautiful streets-a bullding valued at $\$ 5.500$ Gymnasiums reading rooms. ming pools-all that any boy could ask. is to be Clound here. The Cleveland Boys Club, as it is known. is under the direction of the $Y$.
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## Intelligence of Dogs

A shepherd in Scotland to prove the value or in the house where we were taiking. said to me in the middle of a sentence concerging something else. "I'm The dog. which appeared to be anleep. tmmediately jumped up, and leaping through the open window, scrambled up the turf root of the house, where ho Eeelng the cow. ran and looked Into the stall where she was, and finding that all was right came back to the house.. The
shepherd sald the same thing again. When the dog once more made his patrol. But on the doubt belng uttered a third When he laughed, growled and curied and again by the nre.-Ex.

## How to Become Strong

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No. b-HOW TO DEVELOP THE LUNGS
ARGE, powerful lungs mean streng

LSmall, weak lungs mean strength.
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 after as bright: the man distance comes in trom a long or eleven innings in a close or eleven innings in a closebaseball game, and be ready to
do the same trick the next day do the same trick the next day
and next-all such men and
boys have, you will find, tig In a word. I repeat that a lange. lungs are always and inevitably,
the mark of the man or boy of the mark of the man or boy of durance case. what show is there for the shoulders, and small lungsing wildly, and who, by the
time he has finished his first set of tennis, is quite "tuckered
out?" What chance is there for him to get big. active lungs and
the power and endurance which can come only with big, active Why, there is every chance
in the world. All he has to do is to study the tuestion as it in articles of thts series. and to
practice carefully and perse"And is this all?" you ask. quite, for he must also take care of his too often: not too much. He must drink tots of Water at times other than meal clean. and that his bowels act freely
every day. He must avold over-work, wory, anxiety. or great excitement boy tor any are, of course, bad tor any
bother. for that mat the boy who would develop his lunes. to the directions just given. the boy young man who would develop large and cises for that purpose. The change that months by the careful and persevering for that few would belleve it. It know added within one year elfht inches to
the circumference of his chest. This ad dition was not $a$ matter of chest expan-
ston." which does no good whatever but merely stralns the chest; but it was a owing to proper position ine standing and
walking. and to scientific lung develop ment. I know of another case where young woman has added ease when inches one year. I could mention many others equally striking. These cases prove absystematlc practice to expand and upllft the body and to inc
tivity of the lungs.
Now, In develoning the chest and the
lungs. Wee have three things to bear in mind. First of all. the body must be nroperiy carricd. That is to say, the
rilis must be expanded and upllited. the
back must be straleht the hend must be




tomorrow fifteen minutes two or three days later than that-to do things this reasonable. Ires to boy with small, weak lungs de hould make uphis mind to glve at leas
ten minutes twice a day to the ten minutes twice a day to the
exercises described in this arti-
cle: to take care of his health
as I have directed above. and. as I have directed above. and
in adidtion to this. to spend
as much time in the open air
as possible. if any boy will do
this. results are absolutely cer-

 ly suinging the armis downward until
they meet in frunt of the body. while
head and body int bent furward. This
exercise should te reveated from iwenty exercise should
to thirty thes.

EXERCISE NO. 3.
Ith heels together. raise the hands stralght ug until they nurit ovwr
the head. Then. holding the ehest and shoulders rigld. hend forward toward
the floor, at the same time inhallng the breath. After fuit breath has beont taken. exhale at once while risins to erect
position. arms still held fast no a ilne
with the tody isee fir. 31 . This exerise should be repeated from tive to tet mes. FixElicise No. 4.
Stand with heels tigether toes turned stand with heels mpether tocs
slighing outward. Plate the hands at
tides of the waist. tinger tips in

the same time sinking the chest and Fig. 4). As you much as you can (sse
walst expands, calising the hanas to be the Waist expands. catising the hanas to be
pushed farther away from each other
When full breath has been inhaled. let out. at once rising to erect position.
This exercise should be repeated from
ten to twenty times.

Country Boys
That boys reared in the country are
the hope of the world was nrver more
clearly illugrated than during the past clearly illustrated than during the past
Winter by a fourten-yearold boy who Winter by a fourteen-year-old boy who
inea five miles from the clty, and alks
in for school. Rtarting often at hali-past
six to be on time. One stormy morning six, to be on tlme. One stormy morning
having to help do the chores beforestart
ink he forgot his undercoat unt lil coming
to town. when on taking of his overcoat to town, when on taking ofr his overcoat
he mised it, hut determined to go to
achool in his shirt sleeves reithur than be achool in his shirt sleeves relhur than he
marked down for absence. A Priend nn
ally borrowed a nelglibor's coat whic ally borrowied a neighbor's cont which
was several gizes too large. but vetter
than none. of course the wchool buys was several gizes too large. but better
than none. Of course the wehuol hiyn
made sport of him, asking if ne had a "corner on coats.: and other foolish
questlons, all of which were trying. kut
the boy kept his temper. only replying
that he ddidn't the boy kept his temper. only replying
that he didn"t come to gchool for
heauty show." His moral courage in
thus braving publtc opinlon. will be thus braving pubitc opinion. will be
valuable lesson to him.
His character is being develnped i, His character is being develnped biy
the trials endured in getting. his eflinca
tion. Beds of flowery ease." which sre
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want to strike out for themselves, they want to strike out for themselves, they
want to go West or South, they want to
make money hand over fist-but their
ambitons are checked right at the start ambitions are checked right at the start
for the want of a little ready money to
begin on. A young man who has not the legin on. A young man who has not the
staminina and backbone to put aside fitte
temptations and save a portion of his temptations and save a portion of his
salary each week or each month is not
likely to accomplish much m life. if his purpuse tis not strong enough to enable of his ambition he can not expect to be
successful ultimately. The history of
successiul men shows strong purpose successiful men shows strong purpose
and invinctble determination.

Beer is Bad for Athletes In commenting on the fallure of the Kimes at Athens, rays the Median
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The Tale of Captain Kidd ril tetl you, hoys of Captain kidd.
of who he was and what he did: And how. When on his ocean trips For many years he salled the sea, his name would make the children cry llis pyes were blark as anthraclte,
And filled most persons with affright Ate wore big boots upon his feet.
And he would rather ight than eat. Vpon his ship he always dwelt.
Vilh mighty fistols in his belt With mighty pistols in his belt.
And saling cross the ocean wide, And saling cross the ocean wide,
A cutlass sw ung down at his slde. The flag he flew was deepest black,
And as he'd gulckly sail and tack,
Heti whik the deck to see if he Het walk the deck to see if h
Could see a slip upon the sea. When one was sighted he gave chase And then thered be an awful race. And likely scare you most to death. lill tell you, lads, it was no joke! The shlp ahead would have to stop
And down lts thag would quickly drop And down Captain kidd and all his crew And when ti was quite blue, theyd dowing Then great big holes were quickiy Into the ressel till she flled, And just before the vessel sank.
The crew was made to walk the plank. Immense bright heaps of ahining gold
The pirate loaded in his hold: The pirate loaded in his hold:
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## Company News

RISING SUN COMPANT. No. 59 . Brooklyn,
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of 19 . It has a library of nearly 100 books, and has 116 in the treasury. It also publishes members. CYRUS WRIGHT ATHLETIC
 Treas.: Floyd Lytle Libn. This company
has a fine gymnnetum occupylng the upper story of a bullding. Its gyrm outht consists
of boxing gloves, Indian clubs. punching bag,
wrestling mat, trapeze, and varlous other
 which Is belng constantly added to. Meetings
are held every Friday evenlig. and members
have a good time with debates and ouher forma of interesting and helptul work. It il
has $s 5$ in the tresury which it intends it has 55 in the treasury which it intends to
spend on books. This company is aliso in
correspondrnce with other companes of the
Order. LEWIS AND CLARK COMPANY, No. 15. Clarkston. Wash. recentyy elected onncers
for the ensulng six months as follows
Dewitt Parks Capt Alan Cart Rigalns. S. A.: Bertha McCready Treas. This company would like to hear from other in its treasury. WOIVERINE ATHEETIC
COMPANY. No. Cleted the followink othicers: Chas. Lawton,
Capt.i. Francls Lewle, Sec.; Harry Smlth.
Tras.: G. W. Lawion. I.ibn. Dues were fxed after that five cents a month. Midred. and nish was elected $c$ C. U. $C$. GRANT COM.
 opening of the new club room there is
greater interest shown by the members, and an incraserest attrndinnce at members, and meetings.
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## BOYS' FISHES AND HOW TO CATCH THEM

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No. II.-HOW to CATCH them


 hooked.
The sunfish needs a cane rod and a braid. This line can be dressed and
waterproofed by the following mixure
Take half an ounce of whlie resin, cost white wax. which can both be bought
from the nearest drug store. Mix them by melting over a slow fire or spirit
lamp and when they are thuid and not
too hot, place your line in the solution too hot, place your line in the solution
and let sitmmer a few minutes: then
take it out and draw it througha plece
of chamots leather 웅․․․


they not usually the strongest and mos
wary? now come to the capture of the
wellow perch. This fish is one of the yenow perch. This fish is one of the
brexest fhhters of the water and ranks
next to the black bass. There are several ways of catching this fish. One is
with the worm, as described for sunfish
and crapple. and another by baiting wit a small shiner or minnow, passing the
hook through the back fin bone of the bait. As the perch takes the bait head
first. it is well to let him have a few moments in which to turn and swallow The minnow, then strike sharply, and
look out for squalls, as Mr. Perch is a
fighter from the word "go.. Sometimes the perch, if of a good size. say one pound shake hls head like a terrier dog. You need to keep a tight line on him anyhow,
for his jaw is strong and the hook, if
once it penetrates, is not likely to be shaken out. Sometimes a liarge perch
will break a hook, however. no matte accidents when perch fishing. A smal finon bait with a red ibis leather on the
hook of the bait 18 also a good lure for
the yellow perch. This is used by troll
 waces are near the
weeds growing around the shore or the
lake or rive. The perch is a fine pan
fish and in England is spoken of as the Presh-water sole-the salt-water sole be-
ing the most delicious of all pan fish where it is found. The perch has very
hard and close scales. and it is best not
to scale it to scale it for conking. but clean out the
entrails by cuting out the gills and
drawing and wathing drawing and washing out the intestines.
As the perch is the cleanest in feeding
of all fishes of fresh or salt water it 15 easily cleansed. It can now be fried or

plate and the gralen detached whithout
dificulty. leaving the withe conked fish with all tits julces Intirt. which would
not be the case if one took the trouble
to scale fish
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thally a bry's flsh and have been asked
throurh the malls by my correspondents
at least a score of times to tell them how to catch it. 1 refer to the eel,
which is hard to get on the hook unless
you know now. and then he nruer lets
 and early autumn. August is a gond
month. of course, oneg does not often
catch sight of the eel untll be is hnoked and the way you can efrect this is as fol,
loas: Take a darning needie, not too long. and tle a line about ten feet long
on the middle of the needle with a plece of waxed thread, Bo that the tine is at
right angle to the neade when ilited
Take a large garden worm and past Take a large garden worm and pass the
hend of the needle and string drawn to the head of the worm. and retaln it thus by passing the point of the needie
sighty through the side of the worm
near the tail. near the tall. Now cut a willow or haze
redece of thin prat or so sind whip on a
pio the tip, about
six inches nf it projecting fom plece of thin brase wire to the tip, about
six Inches of it projecting from the tip
of your rod. Curve this plece of wre.
and nass the end into the worm about

let the rod do the work of tiring the
fish out. Lift the fish out only when he
ceases to struggle, and then be aware or Ghiclets C2

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may many years ago, either. scores of young
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the bottom of the ladder, every one of them! If you have the rit which will win In any other field, it will win out as
well in Encle samis empluy, you may be
sure. And at no time. has this been more evident than to-duy.
Clvil service examinations are held as again in September and Uctober. and
there are special examinations going almost every month. It will pay you to
look them up at your post oltice, if you are steking a job or expect to be at
sometime in the future-when you are
no longer an no longer an American buy, and a
shifting for yourstif, you know. THE HERO CROD OF 100s:-
Here is a startling question for you.
and the answer ought to scatter pretty efrectually that druwsy reeling you have been calling spring rever" hero crop of
What was the American her? frowas a record-breaker, and it sweeps Canadian burder southward clear to old Mexico. And the percentage of boys it
includes is one of its very foremost
Fire, ship-wreck, train disasters, mine
cave-ins, the list makes a wide Last year. there was one ship-wreck Within sight of American shores for
almost every day in the 365 , placing the
Itves of over 3 Bues of over 3,000 peuple in dire peril.
can life-savingt rescues of the American hresaving crews, the greater per
cent would have meta watery death.
Veering to the dangers of the daring fire flyhters of the great
clties at once claim our attention. New York alone, nine fremen were
killed and 150 injured in thelr pertlous dutles: And the number of heroes whom
the year revealed in the department but who escaped death or injury, was even The Carnegie Hero Commission award.
ed 63 medals for speclal acts of bravery during the year. of which the tanner
state is, -ah, the boy from Pennsylvania
is is already on his feet! Yes, Pennsyl-
vania heads the 1 st with 13 winners of Carnegie meduls, New Jerscy and Ohio
lie fur second with \& each, and New York
and Wigconsin make an even thrd with 5 each.
Thirteen other states are included in from Georgia to ldaho. you see the same qualities which make the term
American in the east as in the west, as easily in
the north as in the south. Cnassuming. manly courage, you may be sure, is
always bubbling forth wherever you find a really true American
The Carnegle Hero awards included 46
rescues from drowning. trocution, four from mine disasters. six from suriocation. two from train wrecks,
one from snake bite, and one from an explosion.
explosion. at least 15 of the cases the
And in at
heroes can well be termed American JESSE JAMES,-OF A NEW TYPE:-
"Hands up! Your money or your life!"
Does the command recall Jesse James to you? But III wager, it won't help
you to describe the Jesse James im going to tell you about,-Jesse James. Jr. The son of the ramous outlaw, you
say? Exactly, but as unlike his father
as it ts possible for a boy to be! While the notorious bandit whom the world remembers as Jesse ames. kept several
states at one time or another in a condilion of terror, the Jesse James of to-day chap. who is termed one of the most
promising law yersin Kansas City And he is known for his blg heart as
well as for his other byg qualites. It arrest of a man ago what he caused the
a horse on the street abusing Jesse James is a self-made young man.
He has fought his way up from the bottom and the level from which he started
was a good deal lower than that of most woys. you can belfeve.
strugging with his Fourth Reader, Jess and scrubbed type instead of learning to From the printer's office, he progresse to the position of errand boy for a rea tenden, the son of the governor to whom hames fathers outlaw brother, Frank dramatic career. Doesn't the atory soun exactly like the pages of an excltin where you never know what is going business wesse learned the real estat fore he was 21 , well in fact that be fore he was 21, he had bought a home
of his own for, whom do you suppose?
What will you say was for his mother and sister, tend you that
it was the proudest moment of his und the iltite garden them the their home you that there about enough to convince kind of stuff in young Jesse James, in
spite of the red record of his His future life has of his rather? same kind of lines. By an intelligent estate of hise, opportunities in the rea he waccount of more Within the next three years, he
doubled his capital by other investments and then the thought that he was position to gratify the ambition of his to an end, you see, not the was a means he Missourl pass the examination $t$ lo practice law, Jesse James felt that he never could desire anything better. But He had grit. however, and he clenched
his teeth with a flash of his father's old mpirit, and buckled resolutely to the n the end. The story wouldn't be wom Which the proud old state of Missour Which had once put a price on his fath
ers head. tendered him its officla measure of his merlt in the shape of his young Jesse James indeed had just cause
to be proud? THE SLAVE TRADE IN 1007,
Ask the studious looking boy who gets
a mark of 90 in his History class when the slave trade was stopped, and he whil probably tell you anywhere from 35 to should tind a cross instead of antlema ably be very much surprised. As a prob ter of fact. however, the slave trade has
never teen checked, and still more atar ing, it is actually in progress. on a fairly Hundreds of blacks are annuaily being of ours. slavery In this progressive age
Not in this country, true, the cated in that grim old seaport of is 10 Tripoli? our friend of the history clas repeats. Why, that is where Commodor war of made himself famous in the
wember his or course, you lads re member his dashing explolts in pirate at the story of some held his midneath coast! Well. Tripoli today hasn't an Negroes are stlll gathered rom the erior of Africa, and herded into grea And the slave craft which ply between by those who ought to know, find
pretty busy task, year in and year Tts demand. it is principal market. an than the supply. Any attempt to chec with the Sultan, and while England an against the passing of slaves across th as yet show their possessions, no one has gauntlet to the mysterious old man wh rules the Turkish Empire. And in the stealthy ways back and forth over its rlppling waysers, with thelr human car
goes chained between deck.

SEEKING NATLRE'S BIG SECRETS:man in the world more secrets than $A$ fund of $\$ 7,000.000$ is now being
spent to force her to divulge a few of Nature can
ner possible. ner possible, or she can frown in a way breath shorten. She has done much for the world. and is doing more every day But she has secrets of her own whic The most daring sclentists in the world's history are to-day working vig from her much of that which she ha n!ng of Tim
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their sclentific terms. they will try io prove to you that their prophecy is bullt on a solld foundation of fact. the most remarkable college in the world, -the Carnegle Institution of Pitis burg. In which its wonderful founder bulld that library in your town, you re your church, buy the new pipe organ in 0.000 he has set aside $\$ 7.000 .000$ for the purpose of playing a big game thts sum has already been spent an the men who are spending it. say they other five years. Playing with Nature to a pretty expensive propostion. you see. portant facts they are trying to gain

## Hints For Yachtsmen



NAl'tical termis.
Starboard-Right hand side of boat Port.-Left hand side of boat. Aft.-Toward the rear.
Forward.-Middle section Forward.-MIddle section of the boa
Fore and Aft-From bow to stern Athwartships-From side to side. Aloft-Above the deck.
Below-Beneath the deck. Abaft-Towards the stern
Avast-To cease, stop

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SIGNALS TO ENGINEER. When engine is stopped, one bell When engine is running either way. when means stop.
When engine is going full speed either When engtne is stopped, two bells mean go astern.
When engine is golng ahead, two bells
mean reverse and go full speed astern. LIGHTS.
Llghts must be carrled on all boats White light is placed forward and is
screened so as to be visible over ten points of the compass on each side. side and is screened so as to be visible from seam.
board side and is screened so as to bo visible from straight ahead to two points abait the beam.
Upon being
Upon belng overtaken by another ves-
sel, a white light must be shown astern. A sail vessel carries two slde lights
only, but when approached by another only, but when approached by another
vessel shows a bright light or torch irom the point in which the other vessel is approaching.
nder way only. When layin. at anchor a white light A row boat sh uld carry a white light
ald and show it

> BUOYS.

In accordance with Section 4678 of the Revised Statutes of the United States,
the following order is carried out in the coloring and numbering the buoys along or channels, yla

1. In approaching the channel, etc from seaward, red buoys with even numbers will be found on the starboard of
right slde of the channel. right side of the channel. 2. In approaching the channel from
seaward. black buoys with odd numbers seaward. black buoys with odd numbers
whe be found on the port or left side of the channel.
2. Buoys painted with red and black
horizontal stripes will be found on obhorizontal stripes will be found on ob
structions. with channel ways on elther side of them.
3. Buoys palnted white and black per-
pendicular stripes will be found in mid pendicular stripes will be found
channel. and he passed close to.
channel. and
When perches with balls, cages, etc. are placed on buoys. it indicates tha number indicat
To use a buoy for mooring purposes with a boat is unlawful and punishatie by fine and imprisonment. except when such moorin
Baving life.
The U. S. Government Salling Rules, as Appled to your digtict. together with a
clasaified list of all lights. beacons and buoys, giving thelr description, characte
and location. will be sent you lipan request to the Secretary of the Trensury

STEERING AND SAILING RLLES. SAILING VESSELS
When two salling vessels are ap-
proaching one another so as to involve proaching one another so as to involve
risk of collislon. one of them shall keep risk of collision. one of the way of the other as follows: keep out of the way of a vessel which is closehauled
(b) A vessel which is closehauled on of a vessel which is closehauled on the
starboard tack. starboard tack
(c) When bo
(c) When both are running free, with has wind on the port side shall keep out of the wey of the other.
(d) When they are running free. With
the wind on the same side. the vessel the wind on the same side. the vessel
Nhich is to windward shall keep out of
the way of the vessel which is to lee. ward.

## STEAM VESSELS

When two steam vessels are meeting
end on, or nearly end on, so as to ing
rolve risk of collision, each shall alter her course to starboard. so that alter shall pass on the port slde of the other as to involve risk of colliston, the ves. sel which has the other on her own star-
board side shall keep out of the way of the other.
When a steam vessel and a sailing ves Hel are proceeding in such directions as
involve risk of collision. the ateam vessel shall keep out of the way of the salling vessel.
scribed. one of two the rules here preout of the way, the other shall keep her
course and speed. Course and speed.
Every steam which is directer
by these rules to keep out of the way of nnother vessel shall, on approaching her
if necessary. slacken her speed or if necessary. slacken her speed or stop.
or reverse:
Notwithstanding anything contalned in these rules. every vessel overtaking any other shall keep out of the way of
the overtaken vessel.
In all weathers every steam vessel un der way in taking any course authorized or required by these futos. shall indicate
that course by the following signals on her whistle, to be accompanied, whenever required, by these rules. shall indi-
cate course by the following signals on cate course by the following signals on
her whistle, to be accompanied. whenever required. by corresponding altera.
tion on her helm: and every steam vesael tlon on her helm: and every steam vessel
recelving a signal from another promptly respond with the same signal one blast to mean. "I ame directing my
course to starboard" Two blasts course to starboard." Two blasts to
mean. "I am directing my course to port.' But the glving or answerink signals hy a fessel required to keep her
course, shall not vary the duties and nhligatinns of the respective vessels.
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 settlers at Jamestown, Virginia, a
ileet of nine vessels. carying five
hundred passengers of all ages, men hundred passengers of all ages, men,
women and chidren, set sail from England, bound for the new colony in Vir-
ginia, far away across the western ocean. The theet was under the command of
Captain Christopher Newport. and on Captain Chrlstopher Newport, and on
Newport's vessel were Sir Thomas Gates. the newly appointed lieutenant-governor Somers. who. as an admital, was to as
sist in the government of the colony and sist ar the government of the colony and
look ater the navy:" The nine vessels
made good headway and nothing or curred to mar the pleasure of the sum-
mer journey until they were within elgh days of thelr destination. When they were Sea Venture." Hith Newport, Gates, and aboard became separated from the re-
mainder of the fleet. and. after being
orn and shaken lorn and shaken by the stormis sprang a grievous and hone had well-nigh been
abandoned when land was sighted, and
on the summit of a mighty wave their on the summit of a mighty wave thetr voyagers laynded on ond of of the Bermuta
lislands. which were then a nart of Vir. ginla, although several hundred miles of Here the colony llved for nearly a year.
as castaways upon a beautiful but uninhablted land. Fond. they had in plenty she ship. and Huts were bind btores from
Hhind the
shis bell was brought to land and usel as a call to worshin. morning and evening. There were marriages, two children
were born. and slx persons dled. among
them being of the two births. a boy and a girl. one muda. Bermuda was the daughter of John Rolfe. the colonist. Who, arter the
death of his wife in Jamestown. married Pocatontas, the Indian Princess.
Altogether the lot of the castays as not an unpleasant one, but neverthe
less they strathed their eyses in the directinn of the Virginia coast to catch the most a yoar went by. and as the chances
of rescue seemed hopeless. two smal of the Bermudn forests and the portions
of the conter unon thesek of the "Saa Venture." and
under were. named "raembarkef, and on the 24th day or May
1610. they salled into Hampton lloads Jamestown Ter-Centennlal, in where the ontinn of the pounding of Jamestown
opened on Anril 26 . Proceeding up the James river they arrlved at Jamestown
and found that their companions of the neet which teft England a year before. man reached the colony many months
nevever agatin expecting to see The story of this shipwreck, as report-
ef in England. gave rise to many liter-"Tempest:- and the superstitious tale islands of castaways the vext Bermoothes" upon furirs which all men did shun as perdi tion." gave the scene of Prospero prac
ticing his magic, while "rytrhes hovered in the air and uncouth sliapes anneared


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ion, lending a hand to the Eskimo boys restding in Alaska. As
most of our readers probably know, the officials at Washington regard the Amerconsequently Congress each year appropriates money to maintain schools and otherwise assist the young red men to
take their place in the world as useful, self-supporiting citizens. Of late years ing hand in much the same manner to East, and finally this generosity has been extended to our Lapland cousins in
Alaska. However, the young men in the land
of snow and lce are being encouraged in a different line of ambition from the dwellers in warmer climes, and it is the
novelty of thls scheme that makes it
doubly interesing novery of this scheme that makes it taught by manual training, as are the ters and shoemakers and blacksmiths and tinners, the Eskimo lads are being the one occupation that they can carry on proftably all through the year fin
their homeland near the Arctlc circle Among the natives of Alaska, as
among white folk, it is the ambltion of every energetic, self-respecting boy to make his own way in the world and to
engage in some pursuit that will pui money into his pocket. That the Alaska lads are pretty much handicapped, howappreciated when we remember that in the northern land it is winter for nine
months of every year, and that five-sixths of the great peninsula that Uncle Sam
bought from Russia has so rocky and barren a surface that nothing can grow in large quantites save moss.
This moss. seemingly worthless for any new future that is opening up for the Fskimo boys. This moss is not accept-
able food for human beings or for domestic animals such as horses and cat-
lle and sheep, but it is the best of food for reught to the attention of our public men at Washington, they immediately
bethought themselves that the best way these young men to find occupation as rindeer herders and drivers.
But why, possibly questions some go out of its way to do anything for these young men who are not legal citihave never pald any taxes as do most
of the white men whose sons have the

HE United States Government is, in benefit of our public schools? For the harness just as horses are broken to
an odd and very Interesting fash- same reason, it may be answered, that harness, but the sole object of the

uncle bam's reindeer herders and daivers in alaska
was in a quandary, for whereas Alaska there were very few of the anlmals there. Finally the problem was solved to transfer relndeer to Alaska from The Imported animals made the plong sea
journey in United States revenue cuiter journey in United States revenue cutters and other government vessels, and most
of them stood the trip very well. This
colonlzing took place sever colonizing took place several years ago. told, were a fer hied to Alaska, but bo rapidly does this animal multiply that there eleven thousand reindeer. more than Uncle Sam has carried on the work of
raising reindeer and training them to
aring for, herding, and driving reindeer proven trustworthy and efficient Uncle Sam does a very generous thing-sets him up in business for himself. This is accomplished by "loaning" to hundred reindeer from the large government herd. Now a relndeer is worth hat the young Eskimo is in effect given a loan of from $\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 5,000$ with which to start in business. The young herder y expected to, after the lapse of a few returning to Uncle Sam's herd a number of animals equivalent in every respect to those loaned to him, but he is allowed
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No. 5-FRANK A. MUNSEY ${ }^{\text {EW YORK laughed at him }}$
 IIttle his shoulders. buttoned his coat a
inter. trok a deep breath-and
smiled himself milled, himself.
It was a stirn proposition for a chap
Hike him to tackle when you try to figure it down to hard-tack
Pou boys who are proud to call your-
Whes amateur journalsts." altention! What would you say to a youns fellow he colld start a boy sis week wh magazine
in New York and make it pay? Takes in New York and make it pay magazine
your breathes away. eh? well this was
just the nan just the plan that. ehas weked away in in
Frank Munsey's braln, gnd he had ay in tion enoush to belleve it was golng to His dreams were at thelr helght when he approached James G Glaine-the "Mr Blame president. want to go to sew York to seek my for tune and I would like to write some ar-
ticles Bout you get the money to do that would be or use toc youme matter It 1 can.
that would you be willing to pay me? what would you be willing to pay me?"
"Nothing." was the prompt answer. "And if you take my advice. young
man, you will stay just as far a way from New York as you can get!"
The youth took the dash of cold water with a grim smile and before the year Weww York as he could burrow,
If his friends had been toid that the square-sawed young Pellow was destined in less than fiteen years to be one of the
iwent - fve Americans who can clalm an business they themselves have buill upbusin thes they tupmsel wees have huit up-
rarebit dream! have considered it a And yet to-day this is a cold-figured
fact. and Frank A. Munsey. the boy who entered New York unknown and almost penniless. is publishing seven of the successful dally newspapers in the coun-
"Aly this is nit a sequet to the story of Aly magle that Frank Munsey possessed
was American grit and conflence in himself But they can sometimes produce almost as many results as eve
Aladdin's lamp: "I had less than ${ }^{530}$ when 1 entered as he thecalca those dayg or the reater of THE AMERICAN BOY a short time
ago.
Think of it, boys: A bank account of less than $\$ 50$ for floting a modern magazine: Can you wonder that my interest in the remarkable joray eyed man be-
fore me began to jump by leaps and bounds?
would surport that magazine of their own flled with their kind of storles." con. thued Mr. Munsey yand I determined to
glve it to them. was up to them. of course. to come. to my mupport and deter-
mine my success or fallure but had pretty well defned idea that 1 wasn't
going to meet failure. $I$ had conflidence

In the boys-and welt, they seemed to
have confldence in me, "But it was a long. hard, uphill fight. days and nights when the prospect could be palns black and dreary as it know on one saturday night where $I$ was going to get the money to pay my men culation and bustiness manager and ad an vertising sollcitor and eldtor, and be-
ween times I had to find space to write Whood share of my own stories as well! can belleve that the size of a my treasury very many such invest"'The Golden Argosy' I called my venI shortened it to The Argosy after a While and so it remains to-dayy, although a
it is no longer a boys magazine. "There were four long years before 1 years on the ragged edge, when the outome was a toss up with Fortune And I guess I got all of the hard knocks and
rough handing that were coming to What is that chap away over at the
end there saying? Just a iftile bit fouder. please. so that we can all hear: Isn't Mr. Munseys story agood bit 11 ke
that of young Bejamin Franklin? he asks. Good! What do you bays answer? t, the comparison strikes you, I see. in peddied his papers in a wheelbarrow when his treasury was too low to hire
Over a hundred and twenty-five years goo wasnt th Ever think what a queer
Way hese ittile stories have or repeating And the same qualities that won in he days of Benjamin Franklina are win-
ning out in the days of Frank A. Mun When prosperity did come to the darof a meteor. Almost within a year his income lea
of dollars.
paper world, however. hagaine or newsirst rubsed shoulders. thith the work-ator world. It was as a telegraph operaproblem. in hilsearly days.
took it was during this period that he took one of his biggest strides forward let him tell of the story in his own "The school of experience is the only
 ments cannot be regulated. through businass a college. I spent a sum mer as telegraph ort.
able mountain resort. "A number of Wall street brokers sort and I was kept pretty busy taking The latest quotations of the market for
ther beneft. The contact with wall sireet naturally fired my desire ${ }^{\text {to gatn }}$ gatice of its wealth. and it made up my mind that 1 would save every available


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to Invest in certaln stocks. I eagerly to Invest in certaln stocks. I eagerly
accepted the suggestions. and ventured my small savings. of course with the be worth $\$ 200$ and would return to schoo with colors fiying
the market swept my cherished hoard aslde like a cobweb. and I a woke, with a start. tio the fact that 1 was penniless:
II think you will admit that I had taken one course in the school of experi.
ence in a pretty quick whirl. even if it ence in a pretty
did cost me $\$ 100:-1$
merely shakes tiself when it recelves a
hard blow in one eve and then sizes un
hard blow in one eve and then sizes up
the situation with the other, that formed Frank A. Munsey's real capital when he invaded the New York magazine feld.
Nerve, you say? Barrels of it! But
 Western tnion office at Augusta, Matne.
Munsey the young telegraph operator
fought his way-and then his path took a sharp turn. For years a dream had
been bobbing before him. getting be. hack to him with double and coming his dale moments, the way an ldea will or maybe
It was a blg idea and it wouldn't be
suppressed. in spite of Munsey's shaking his head and buckling down to his work and driving it for the time out of his
mind. if he could only establish a into it the kind of matter own. and put ning and print it in the we was he had world couldnt convince him he would
not make a record-breaking success! Finally, the itching to try It got so
strong. the way you sometimes get that strong. the way you sometimes get that
feeling that you must go gwimming. youl nation and found out the cost of a ticket o New York.
de. you say? Truet and with alr cas the. you say? True, and with nine per-
sons out of ten. it would have crumbied
to the ground. the way air castles have thing more than a dreamer. He was a worker. and he bullt his dream on a
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 makes thim belave ye're the divil him-
sllf, and the glossy mane was molstened
with tears as the sobs broke out anewf
Each day found the sergeant repeating
the sorrowful scene, pouring out a secret the sorrowful scene, pouring out a secret
grief to his dumb companion that ho
vainly tried to conceal from his com
rades: and the morning of the foteful
day found him caressing Ben, trying to bid hima last farewell.
Hugging him to hls heaving breast, the
honest old sergeant's form shook with sobs, while officer Ben stod mutely
gazing at his master: something unusual
was going on, heknew, but he was quite unable to comprehend the storm or emo-
tion exhibited.
As Clancy braced himsele for the last.
lingering farewell, the trembling trum: lingering farewell, the trembling trum:
pet notes. singing Boots and Saddies.
品ivered on the hestricken air. and
Offcer Ben's nostrils dilated, the musical
call seting all his pulses throbbing in
delleht

headquarters.
"Whot's it anl about, captain?" he
asked, breathessly. his tones tense with
asked, breathlesily, his tones tense with
more excitement than he had ever al-
lowed himself to display when campalgn-
ing was in sight.
sergeant. Galding the ranchers again.
sergeant. Get the troop ready whth ra-
thons for ten days." I ride Ben, captain?"
"An
"Sure. clancy. The onnsignment won't
arrive before noon, by that time we"t be
milos away The colonel himsclf. will
command
dinn campaigning."
as hery be! yerila Clancy. ecstatically.
as turned to carry out the welcome
as he turned to carry out the welcome
orders wth a lifhter heart than he had
borne since disaster had threatened him.
Jive days later found the command
following the windings of the Little col-
orado river. For two days they had been
nimost within striking distance, but time
after tlme the cunning foe har slipped
away among the rocky gnoges they knew
so well, and not a shot had been fred.
The natience of the colonel was nearly

taking risks that were uncalled on for.
though thus far misfortune had been
averted.
showed him where the foc was located
and with orders to divlne the command
to cover the locality. the advance crept
to cover the locality, the advance crept
away. the colonel, himself, well toward
the font. Clancy, with a squad of tried
followers, leaving thelr mounts with the
detail presed on through the tangled
growth under ihe protecting ciffs. and
soon they were far away in a rocky
canon. an ncasinal shot marking thelr
cautious advance. To the south the
more onen country enabled the tronns
to spread out. loping to prevent the es-
and bring to bay.
Pound himself almost alone, his inexperi-
ence in this sort of warare jeading him
inte exposed nositions that others. more
judicious. took care to avoll. In his
excttement he falled to notice that the
last of the troopers was disappearing
last of the troopers was disappearing
around a noint of rocks sime distance
ahead. Seeking what he deemed an ad-
vantageous spot. he crouched down to
recover his breaih and adiust his edulp-
ment. Far away to the right a alngle
shot rang out, and the formo or the off-
cer crumpled as the ball cut thay way
through the muscles nlong the splne.
He had nnt known that three of the
mehind, concealed with had been belal care to
undertake the task of dispatching the
undertake the task of dispatching the
offere in command: And none but they
knew that he now lay disabled among
After a time conscifusness returned.
but total paralysls of both his legs and
one arm imnressed unon the colonel the
one arm impressed unon the colonel the
seriousness of his pllght. A movement
among the shrubs caught his eye, and
his horror knew no bounds as
nessed a crawling form. hlinous in its
wirnaint. creeping cautously toward
him. His right arm useless. his revolver
vision! Death in its most terrifying as
nect confronted him, as the palnted
brgue.
and maltcious revenge. slowly came to-
ward his helpless victim.
Almost at the noint from which he
could make the last rush. hts ear caught
the sound of a hoof clicking amons the
the sound of a hoor cicking among the
pehthles. and he hegitated. delayIng his
attack unt he could learn if danger
threntoned his retreat: e moment more
and Oflcer Ben his saddee empty. trotted
un the trall. Half a score of yards awo
the hnrae halted abruptly, endeavoring
tn underatand the meaning of the scene
hninre him
hrinre him. For a moment hia eyes

now munt inge ye." monnen the
rescue was buoying up the colonel
courage. though the empty sadde was
disappointment. Still, other mount
bearing rlders. might be near at hand
disappointment. Stllt, other mount
bearing rlders, might be near at hand
and the painted dcath driven away o
dispatched.
and thed.
In the meantime the Apache had rec
In the meantime the Apache had rec
ognzed Ben as a longed tor prize, and
belleving hla victim
ognieving his as a longed-for prlize, and
belle could not escape, he
now
now hoped to socure the horse and use
him as means of escape after the
But a feed was committed. feet now separated them
The Indian polsed himself upon orie knee
But a few feet now separated them
The Indian poised himself upon ore knee
his hand seeking to grasp the trailing
reln. Ben, himself. appearing almos
unconclous of the plot contemplate
against his biberty, cropped at a tuft o
grass within easy reach. though, had th
brave been less occupied with exulta
t1on. he might have suspected the cun
ning gleam in the animals eys
ning gleam in the animal's eyes.
Only a few inches more and
eted strap would be within his grasp
The Indian's fingers curved for the las
effort
Bemple into bulp. the paintred face an
teming the Apach
lifeless on the sand
"Thank God! Thank Goa!" gasped th
colonel. feebly. In a hoarse whisper, a
he watched Ben eyeing his foe carefuly,
he watched Ben eyeing his foe carerully
as if fearful his work had not been com
pleted.
pleted. If that Isn't that stripe-legged
beggar of Clancy's!" whispered the cot
onel. "Wonder if I could crawi into thr
gadde if I could coax him to me," and
he began calling the horse. savage was
Satished at harming him. Bat the savage was appoached the
wounded otncer, his eyes wide with won-
der and curlous query, though carefu
not to come within reach of the feebly
outstretched hand. Affew minutes inves
tigation. and he whirled about, holdin
his head high in air as he scented th
his head high in air as he scented th
wind. then. whith pricked ears. he started
away, leaving the colonel disheartened a
be a hopeless abandonment.
"Why. Ben. ye wretch. wot ye doin
here?." crled Clancy, a half hour later
as Ben searched hit
as Ben searched him out among th
rocks. Sure and the guard must b
stampeded or you'd never
rocks. "Sure and the guard must b
stampeded or you'd never left thim
God's grace. but why cant ye tak an
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ou talking about, Clancy?. the old
you talking about, Clancy?" the old PPlase, sor, plase sor. Offcer Ben. sor."
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this exception to the guide's model. for chlldren and ladies, even on the stillest Hoys, espectally, are venturesome, and a canoe of steadiness is better for them. Such a one should have a pronounced
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Which propels the canoe and also keeps the bow from pointing off of the lline. is
composed of two motions skillfully comcomposed of two motions skillfully com-
bined. They ghould be learned separately, that when known they may be united
with understanding. The first motion is with understanding. The first motion Is ing the paddle in the water with a forthe side of the body. The second motion is the steering one, and now begins to line obligue to the canoe, and backwards.
Flgure 4 shows the direction that the Figure 4 shows the direction that the
lieginner's padde should take. In prac-
tice it like a curving capital ell (L). While the
paddle executes these two motions. the canoe moves in, let us say. motions. the cance Foves in, la diagrams them. I, et it
tions. Figure 5 diemembered that the object of the nadile stroke is to go stralght ahead.
Drawing the padde bark (first motion) sends the canoe forward, but also off
the course from the side on which the paddle is dipplng: the second motjon is gence, and swing the bow back on course
or a little on to the other side of course.
If a person padde with his padde in


Fic. 5
the water on his right side, the bow will
wing to the left when he makes the swing to the left when he makes the
frst. or propelling motion, when he
makes the gecond. or steering motion. the bow will swing to the right. At de is out of the water ready to repeat
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her bow her sailors stretchrd along the Ai three boats wrore Mph the mark.
"Ready about:" Shouted Teddy. Up with
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This is impossible. nine out of ten contractors will tell you, but the scien-
tists who are being paid blg salarles to that it is only a matter of a very short They even tell you that it will be a sort durabillty than steel, and whlch will
revolutionize the whole bullding inThis, then, is one alrection in which Andrew Carnegle s millions are belng in
vested. Another is in the waters of the
Paclfic Ocean. Did you know that the Paclific is the must mysterious body of
water on this earth. that there are vast sectlons of it. of which we know prac-
tically nothing? it is in the task of constructing a monster chart of the corner that parties from the Institution prospect of years yet before them.
And then there is the great mystery or the stars, and the sun, and the moon
Men have been trying to solve this mys-
tery for centurles and have been obliged to own fallure arter fallure. The Car
negie sclentlist belleve, however, that
they are polng to meet with success in many directions wher it hascess been
deemed imposible. and may soon give the world some astonlshing facts to di-
gest over tis morning coffee and rolls. learn that one of $h t s$ greatest states is
recelving speclal investigation. In the recelving special investigation. in th
deserts of Arizona, Carnegie scientist have long been at work. Wrestling with grow in the nrld sands. wouldn't it
mark an epoch if they should be suc
cessful?
cessful?
And then of course, there is the poultry
problem. The sclentists say that the problem. The sclentists say that the
egg and chieken buslness of this country
ought to be almost doubled.- and they are trying to find a way ta do it.
Certain members of the university staft belleve that if they can learn cer-
tain facts which they are now seeking can be increased and one of the most
is belng devoted to this work.
Speclal men are studying the hablt of the anlmals and the birds, - investiof the earth. hundreds of miles from civllization, in the effort to make a
Natural History such as has never before in short, a great blg ripple is beins made in the affairs of this world in the
spending of those seven millions of Mr Carnegle. a bigger ripple, it is safe to
say. than has ever been made by seven myilions has bere. And who shall say
where it whll end?

## Inherited

Vincent was altogether too garrulous
in school to please his teachers. Such unishments as the institution allow punishments as the institution allowed to
be meted out were trled wlthout any ap
parent effect upon the boy, until at last he headmaster decided to mention the
ad's faults unon the monthly report. ac
oording to the Boston Record. So the
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THE SKIFF described in this article fastening. that the hoat is square every may be very easily buth at small way, and not skewed out or squape; you
expense; the construction is very can easily tell this by the eye and a few expense; the construction is very
simple, requiring only a few of the
ordinary carpenter's tools: at the most ordinary carpenter's tools: at the
same time it is a very easy rowing boat and very safe.
The total cost of the lumber should be
about fve dollars, and the best way to
order it will be to take the list about five doliars, and the best way to
order it will be to take the list of stock
given below himen get it out to the best ad and let
The only tools required are cutunge.
 List of stock required:
2 pc pine or cypress, 12 in . Wide, si in. 1 pc. pine. $3 / \mathrm{in}$. thick. 10 ing . wide, and 15 2 pe. pine $\%$ in. thick, 2 in. wide, 12 it. 6 in. running feet $\%$ in. pine tongue and
grooved sheathing. 6 in. Wide-for bot-
 1 pe. $2 \times 4$ spruce joist. 15 in. long. The first step will be to shape the two
loards for the sides to the form shown in
Fig. 4 : the upper edge is planed smooth and siralght: the bow end is made to shape by cutting back on the lower edge
two inches, as shown: the stern end is
elght inches deep and the town dige eqght inches deep and the lower edge
curves ont. joining the straight part about three feet away in a smouth curve.
To give the sides the proper slant you To give the sldes the proper slant you
will need a form as shown in flg. 5 . It
may be made of any rough stock, but

wust be tue and strong. The next thing the the to get out the stern-board from menstons given in Fig. 6: the board be-
ing ten inches wide. will allow the top hown. curve upwards two inches. as The two sides are now placed edge-
wise on the floor. with the form between them at their mididle point, to separate them while bending. You may tack it iontiy in place by two nails in each side
to prevent its springing out. You may now bring the stern ends in sufficlentiy to nall them to the ends of the stern-
board: you wlll notlce that the ends of the stern-board will need to be beveled off somewhat in order to make a good
joint. The sides are now to be fastened to the stern-board. using about two-inch
wire nalls and driving thern in closely logether.
The sides now stand at a conslderable
angle with each other, but the bow ends angle with each other, but the bow ends
may now be carefully brought together. Be careful that the boards do not spilt
during the bending. To hold them during the bending.
nlace after bending it is best to fasten a cross-plece about elghteen inches long across the end of each sideboard, about
six inches back from the end. Rope may now be wound around the ends of these sides are brought together until the this way is ton polnted at the bow in the sides should be forced apart by an-
other brace about haliway between the bow and the form which ts already in
place: the sidea are forced apart by pushing the brace fore forced apart aptle boy is full enough, when the brace is lightly
nalled in place. nalled in place.
For the stem.
joist and bevel it off until it just fis into the angle between the two sides. You
may then palnt it well and fasten the may then palnt it well and fasten the
two sides to it. Be sure, however, before


Wite carcful to have this edge even and the boat depends upon this Joint
the sides and the bottom boards.
the beadedom boards are put on with slde smooth. It will be best to start a
the stern and work towards the bow plenty of thick paint under them and in the groove: the latter and the tongue of
the adjoining board must be well painted the adjoining bard must be well painted
to keep out the water. They are fas
tened with twoinch steel wire nalls tened with twoinch steel wire nalls
about rour helng put in each end of each
board. In driving these nalls be very careful not to split the sides; it may
perhaps, be better to bore a small hole serhaps. be better to bore a small hote
to start the nall in the right directlon Each board may be sawed oft reasonably
close on the outside as you go along. and, after all the boards are on. the
entire edge may be smoothed down with
a plane. The ends of the slde boards
where they where they Join the stern are also
smoothed orr, and at the bow the edges
are planed down square are planed down square across. may have the tongue and groove planed middle of the bottom, outside. Be sure
to paint both it and the bottom before fastening it. Use about two-inch nalls and clinch them over on the outside; a
the bow it is tapered off to the line of the sides. This chafing strip protects We will next fit the two middle seats as they are required to keep the boat In
shape: the ends of the seats are fitted shape: the ends of the seats are fitted
as In Flg. 7 , the two vertical pieces helnk
three-quarters inch square and so fitted three-quarters inch square and so fitted hem and not against the side of the sour feet from the stern, and it is two eet nine inches between the seats. The
vertical strips are fitted first, leaving them two inches short at the top. so that cleat under the end of the seat is two s placed six inches down from the top The seat 1a now carefully fitted to bear be nalled into place. When both middle seats are fitted the form and braces may
be removed. The stern seat and the bow seat are fited in place and supported by
The gunwales may now be fitted in place after being planed up smooth; they boards, as shown in Fig. 3, and fastened first be painted. At the bow the gunthe stem. and the same at the stern. The top of the stem is now finlshed off as shown in Fig. 8. and a hole hored to
take the painter. To cover up the ends of the side boards at the bow a triangu-



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We must now fit the skeg. as shown in
Figs. 2 and 9 . it seven-elghth inches stern and shaped to the curve of the
fastened by nalling through inches gquare is fastened on the after nd. as shown in Fig. 9, to support it.
Fig. 10 shows the rowlock blocks of Fig. 10 shows the rowlock blocks of
which we shall need four. if possible.
make these of oak. as there is much strain upon them. They are elight much
long. geven-eighth inch thick beveled as shown. and the same width as the
gunwale-nne and one-half Inches. They are fastened on with wire nalls; holes
must be bored through the oak hefore must be hored throukh the oak herore
driving. as otherwise it is very likely to spllt. whe whole boat may now be palnted
The

two coats inside and outslde: all nain pens to be any large cracks or seams.
they should be flled with lamp-wicking forced in with the end of a putty knife. The rowlocks and any other hardware
may be bought at almost any large hardware store. Cleats should be fastened to the bottom at the proper distance
from the seats to serve as foot braces. If you so desire, a rudder may be made in a boat of this kind
You will And that seven-foot oars are
the best length for this boat; it is best make them. If spruce nars are used they they bear on the rowlocks to keep them
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EADEILS of THE AMERICAN BOY writes, "His ablity as an orator, for one of talented boys, particularly in the line and their friends should ere this be of his age, is simply marvelous." The of music. There should be some fine
well acquainted with the fact that pastor of his church writes. "He never singers. Perhaps, as in the case of THE on the fifth of July there will be a falls to capture and hold his audience." AMERICAN BOY DAY at the Portland program rendered in the auditorlum of Another describes him as "a wonder." the Jamestown Exposition by American boy talent, and that the oratlons, declamations music, the awarding of prizes, and other fealecting the performers has been placed in the hands of the cditor of
THE AMEIACAN BOY, who will act as Presi. some weeks past he has been the recipient of boys all over the coun try, asking to be placed most cases the boys a plying must be disap pointed, as at the mos there is room for not over twenty boys. their particular lines
their particular lines
The address of welcome, as was stated seph B. Ernest. Jr. of Norfolk. Virginia. The response will be made by Courtiand reuquay of Chandler, Oklahoma, a stuhoma. He is sixteen years of age. Some will remember him as having made a hit on AMERICAN BOY DAY at the St. Louls Exposition.
 will be given by Joseph N. Milier, Jr. of Camden. Alabama, a seventeen-year-old a distingulshed Southern family. His father is a well-known member of the bar, his uncle is a judge, and his grandfather was an eminent educator. is Umphr young orator who will appear Umphrey Lee of Sikeston, Missourl. known throughout Missouri as "The Boy Orator." Those who have written us about this young man are extravagant
in their pralse of his work on the platform. A princlpal of schools says, "He would be a contestant hard to reckon with in a debate where the contestants were near his own age. He should not
fear to meet the best in the country." Another who knows him personally

aUditoruum and palaces of history and art
shall hear is Fleld R. Marine of Valpagood mind, and good character.
been made. There is still need, however
 a declded St. Loul declded Louls Exposition created most remarkable and unique of the given in the great exposition auditorlum
Despite the fact that the day was raing an audience assembled to listen to the program of the day equal to the one that on the day before (July 4th) greeted Whlliam Jennings Bryan. The program that day lasted four hours, and not a
boy falled, even to the extent of a word boy ralled, even to the extent of a word
or a syllable. We want to duplicate this success at Jamestown. What can you do
to help? Will you be present?
Now. a word in closing to the boys of Virginia: We shall depend upon you
very largely for the audience on July 5 th next. We want to see crowds of boys from Jamestown, Norfolk, Richmond, and have many letters indicating that boys will attend from far-off clttes and states. but the bulk of the audience must be made up of the boys of Virginla and their iriends. You can Interest your teachers and all adult friends of boys in so, in order that they themselves may plan to attend and spread the news of their acquaintance.
Watch for further progress in this matter, much of which will be described UMPHREY LEE, SIKESTON, MO. in our June number

It Made a Difference Hall Caine was praising the American
autumn. "I visited in October." he sald, "the
country home of a New York man. It side, and the splendid colors of the foll age, the scarlets and golds and innum-
erable tlamelike tints-gave to the still erable tlamelike tints-gave to the still
forests an indescribable magnificence. "And the leaves fell in a rain of color through the transparent air. In the gar-
den. one afternoon. I heard a gardener
bay to his little son: leaves in a plle.'
o. 'Oh. I don't feel like it.' Whined the
boy. My back's sore and Ive got cramp in my wrist and there's growing paing in my legs. the gardener, calmly, 'you can make a
nice. big bonfre out of them and jump "'The boy began to whoop and leag.
"'Hurah!. he shouted. 'Where's the
rake? "-Rochester Herald.

## Editorial Limitations

 The beller that an editor knows every-thang is widespread. but one small boy
has discovered the iimitations of the editorial mind. Here is the anecdote as
we got It from a contemporary: "Father," asked the amall son of an editor. "is jon know, my son't was the truth rul answer.
Presently he was interrupted again;
FFather is there any sea serpents? II don't know, my son."
The little fellow was manifestly cast down, but presently ralled and again
approached the great source of informatton. Father, what does the north pole look Ike?". alas! again the answer: "I don't At last, in desperation, he inquired,

A Word or Two of Advice
 and boys trousers often need dusting-
anten they need it whil he has them Civillty costa nothnr but pays well. hit father-excent when ho knows thet
his father in going wrong.

## FRANK A. MUNSEY INTERVIEWED FOR THE AMERICAN BOY

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 mays work each wey, who put in six hardman follows ining. as sometimes carried over into the evening.
as well. Some millionaries are mighty busy
men. Mr. Mungey is ne of them. He
does not belleve that beaus. does not belleve that because he has
several million dollars he should forget
his old
 Ar. Hard Work is one or the oldest!
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why fellow-not that
 go to school with him, or who remem-
bered him when he was telegraph oper-
 When did the magazine business first
come into your mind. Mr. Munsey? querted. curiously.
When I was a boy in short trousers,", was the prompt answer, And
lost sight of the tdea. it grew with me.
It was a boy's dream and a mand It was a boy's dream and a man's ambi-
toon. It does a lad good to have some
definite purpose before him. you know.
lt gives him something it gives him something to work for and
atiriens his back bone and training for the fight and puts him into publisher of to-day?"
 must enter into the making. The news And like all other professions. a chap ime. much time. are needed to master and acts on the not a man who makes But when he is ready to strike. he can When The Argosy blossomed Into a uccess he determined on annther plunge
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un by the dozens on the newsatenn p Mr. Munsey determined to introntuce it to the nublic, and his friendn nromptly kef that he recelves THE AMERICAN


## President <br> S (Suspender

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for the same day.

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CHAPTER XXVIII.
REJOINING THE CHESTER COMPANY.

IOO NOT think it wise or safe for you to remai here longer," sald Mr. Wheeler to Noah.
"You think these men will come back? quired Samuel quickly.
"They may."
"Speak not trouble you-" began Noah eagerly. "Speak not of trouble. There is so much of that we mind not a little more or less. It is of yourself 1am speaking. Samuel, do you take this young man north shore." Mr. Wheeler explained to Noah to the will be safer Mr. Wheeler explained to Noah. "You eeking. In the morning nearer the place you ar rectly across to New York, " chy across to New York.
Somehow the feeling of disappointment in Noah's
heart at the thought of departing was keener was his own feeling of fear at remaining in Mr Wheeler's house. It may have been that Rachel Wheeler was the cause, but as Noah did not explain no one has ever known. At all events, the young soldifer made no protest to the suggestion of Rachel's father, and in a brief time with his wet clothing carried in a bundle over his shoulder Noah set forth from the place with Samuel.
The desperate exertions which Noah had made in the water, his excitement at the unexpected appearance of Thomas Hull in the house, were now having their natural reaction, and it was with flagging foot-
steps he followed his companion. Both were watchsteps he followed his companion. Both were watchful and cast frequent glances in the direction of the for the return of Charming Polly might be waiting ever could not her missing mea. The vessel, howtor, could not be seen, nor was there any indicawhen an hour had elansed the young ened, and at the place they were seeking. No lights were to be seen in the house, but ing. Nosponse to the loud knockings of Samuel a window was soon rathe loud a head crowned by a nightcap peered forth and demanded the cause of the disturbance at such an unseemly hour.
Samuel's explanation instantly quieted the fears of his uncle, whose voice had been the one to greet them, and in a brief time they were admitted into the house, and not long afterward both young men were sleeping soundly.
Refreshed by the rest he had obtained and by the ample breakfast which Samuel's uncle provided on the following morning. Noah's spirits were high, and he was eagerly looklng forward to the time when he would rejoin Caleb, who now doubtless was in New York, and sorely perplexed by the unexplained absence of his cousin.
It was barely daybreak when in a huge punt or yawl, which had been equipped with a sail, Noah and Samuel set forth. The heavy boat had been selected on account of its strength and ability to withstand in the ntght and that fact together with shited made the course much clearer than it had been in the preceding evening and it was without been in culty or delay that at last the young men landed at the foot of Whitehall, and Samuel at once prepared to retura.
to "I wish I was going with you," he sald, somewhat ruefully.
"I wish you were," responded Noah eagerly. He men, for hissea this uniform of Anthony wayne place in the preceding night at the home of Samuel's uncle. The white frock or blouse and the round hat which he wore were still somewhat striking in their appearance despite the young soldier's recent experi-
ences.
"Why don't you come, Samuel?" he continued eagerly.
"My father objects."
"He's not a Tory, is he? He didn't taik like one."

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"'Tory!' You don't know him," laughed Samuel. "No, sitr. he's no Tory, but still! he doesn't believe in taking arms against the king.
"What would he do? How"
"What would he do? How would he do it?"
"That I can't say, because I don't know. He would of that." ${ }^{\text {on }}$ in jolning the millitia, though; I am sure of that."
"Perhaps he'll feel different after awhile."
"It you get a chance will. Good-by," Samuel added. "If you get a chance come over to Staten Island and "I'll do that
y. "And tell your sister hou," responded Noah eagerhave any chance to express my thanks to I did not kindness."
"I'll tell her." said Samuel quietly; and at once he set forth on his return to his uncle's home on the border of the island which Noah could plainly see as he stood for a time on the dock and watched the denarting yawl.
When the little boat had gone a considerable disance down the bay Noah turned to the street in which people were already to be seen. Where he was to find his comrades he had not the slightest dea. That they must be somewhere in New York he was convinced, for the boats by whtch they were o be brought from Elizabethtown Point he had him. self seen on the preceding afternoon before he had accepted of Thomas Huall Thomas Hull.
Across the street he observed a man who was apparently keenly observing him, and in a moment and recognized Joe Latrobe. The man was alone young soldier had no there at that early hour the Quickly crosing to the place where J.
Quickly rossing to the place where Joe was standJoe?, Noah hailed him and sald, "Where are our men, "Is that you, Noah Dare?" demanded Joe Latrobe slowly.
"Did you think I was George Washington?" laughed Noah. "Yes, I'm Noah Dare. and if you don't believe it r'll put you on your back right here in the street, if you must be convinced."
"I don't think you can do that."
"I did tt once anyway. didn't I, Joe?"
"Yes. You can't do it again." A grin was beginning to appear on the dull face of the man and apparently his good nature was unruffled by the reference to his defeat.
"I can tell you one thlng. Joe, I'm not going to try lt," said Noah quickly. "What are you dolng down "Looklig for you".
"Looklng for you."
"Honestly
"Yes," responded Joe Latrobe solemnly.
"What do you want of me?"
"I'm right here. Can't you see for yourself, Joe?"
"Yes, I see." Can't you see for yourself, Joe?
By dint of many questions Noab at last learned that the man had indeed come, as he had declared, sudden disappearance of Noah had been a source of wonderment to his iriends, and as soon as the men had been landed in New York Caleb had at once sought Anthony Wayne and reported the loss to him. A search had been made but as we know its results had been frultess, and early in the morning Joe Latrobe had sought and obtained permission to return to EHzabethtown where Noah had last been seen, and strive to learn if possible what had become of the missing member of the Chester company. The pleasure of the dull and honest-hearted fellow was so
manifest at the discovery of his friend that Noah's heart was deeply touched, although he did not explain what bad befallen him
"Where are our men now, Joe?" he inquired.
"They're some in one place and some in another."
"I didn't suppose they were all in the same place, Joe," laughed Noah. "But where is Caleb?"
"He's busy making a camp."
"He's busy making a camp."
Up yond
Up yonder," responded Joe solemnly as he jerked a huge thumb toward some indefinite region that lay behind his back.
All right. Come on. We'll go there now."
at once set fobe offered no protest and the two men dicated. Noah onth in the direction that had been inbeheld, for it was the first time me his all that he New York, and the differences he observed between the town and Philadelphla were most interesting to him, although the Quaker town to him seemed to be far in advance in many pofnts of advantage. Joe was not inclined to talk and appeared to be content, now that he had found his missing comrade, and it was not until they had passed on beyond the residences that Noah found that they were in the open country.* He then became aware that the soldiers, or at least a goodly part of them, had been stationed there, and the few tents which the colonial Torces possessed were now being put to a good use. The morning was cold and clear and the sight of the smoke rising from the fires over which some of the men were preparing their simple breakfast, was in itself an evidence of the new life upon which he himself was about to enter, and Noah's interest was no keen.
tyed was not long before Noah and his companion arbusy in the task of making their camp, and Caleb bimself was soon discovered
"You're a great man, Noah Dare!" exclaimed Caleb. relleved by the sight of his cousin and yet partly angry now as well. "We didn't know whether you had been captured or had deserted."
"Where is Colonel Wayne, Cale?" inquired Noah. ignoring his cousin's invitation.

## "Somewhere.

"That's real strange. But where is he? I must see him."
"He rode past here a little whlle ago. He'll not be very far from his own campfire, you may be as sured of that, unless-
"There he is," said Joe Latrobe, polnting as he spoke toward the colonel himself, who could be seen engaged in conversation with another officer not far away. "I'll be back soon, Cale," sald Noah, as he quickly turned away and sought the leader.
When the young soldier drew near the colonel he became aware that Anthony Wayne was furionsly angry. He was talking in loud tones and his face was fushed and his arms were almost as much in action as if he were beating a drum. Noah Dare stopped When he came within a few yards of the angry man. not deeming it expedient to make his presence known at such an lnopportune moment. Anthony Wayne. the young soldier and instantly turned upon himer "what so you and in." whether to have you shot or shut you up is the guard house."

CHAPTER XXIX.

## NOAH DARE'S ANGER.

For a moment Noah Dare stared in confusion at his eader. His own eagerness to see the dashing colonel rive with his company had been so atrong that ar once had it occurred to him that any other interpre tation might be given Assured of hls own devotion the mere possibility that his presence and explanation would not serve to account for his loyalty hed not even suggested itself to the young soldier. His con.

[^6]fusion apparently only served to quicken the anger of the young colonel, who for so Noah had been good soldiertermed by the colonel's men-had falled at the critical moment.
"What have you to say for yourself?" demanded Anthony Wayne, loudly.
"I can explain," began Noah quietly, "No doubt; no doubt!" interrupted the colonel. sharply. "I never yet saw a
man who was good at dodging who couldn't find plenty of excuses. Of course it was some other man who was
to blame, now, wasn't it? Answer me." to "blame, now, wasn't it? Answer me."

Yes, sir, it was.
"Ah! ha! I knew it!" laughed An.
thony Wayne, derisively. "It is always so."

But, Colonel Wayne-" began Noah in desperation.

I have no time to listen to your talk. The only redeeming thing is that you have shown up at last, though not in the best of form. Look at your hat! See your jacket! My men never come to me
in such a plight. I shall not send you to in such a plight. I shall not send you to the guard house, as you deserve this
time. Nay, I have no time and less intime. Nay, I have no time and less inclination to listen to your words." he
added almost savagely, as Noah made as added almost savagely, as Noah made as if he was about to speak again: "Take yourself back to your company and re-
port, where you belong, though first it might be well for you to look to yoursel and see that you make yourself present able.
Colonel Anthony Wayne at once turned and abruptly left the discomfited yomng soldier And Noah Dare was been free with his men even when he had most strenuously insisted upon strict discipline, should now give him not even a chance to vindicate himself seemed to Noah so unjust that for the
moment all his feeling of love and ad moment all his feeling of love and ad
miration for his dashing colonel was banished by the
rage that possessed him. It was brutal it was rage that possessed him. It was brutal, it was un-
fair to brand him without listening to one word fair to brand him without listening to one word of explanation. When Noah recalled the desperate
nature of the plight in which he had been, his own nature of the phight wich he had been, his own collage and bravery in making his escape from The Charming Polly, the attempt of Thomas Hull. in assisting him to make his way to New York whither he had been so eager to go, it almost seemed to him for the moment as if it would have been lietter to have Thomas Hull carry out his own plans. The West Indies could have had no greater disgrace than that which had befallen him. And doubtless, too, Rachel Wheeler would hear of the anger of his colonel, and he would be disgraced in her eyes, as well as in those of his comrades. It was the more difficult for the young soldier to bear because of the marlsed favor with which Anthony Wayne had regarded him. His record as a wrestler, his success In the drill and his promptness as well as his pride in being enrolled among the men of the battalion of which Anthony Wayne was the colonel had brought Noah Dare to a position in which he was well pleased with himself, to state it mildly. But now everything had been shattered by the injustice of the impulsive leader, and when Noah Dare turned and walked slowly back to the place where he had left Calpl, his feeling of bitterness against Anthony of aylmiration and devotion had been. There feeling of aimiration and devotion had been. There was not that every the mind of the troubled younk soldier of the disprace that had been heaped upon him and of the olisgrace that had been heaped upon him, and his own in lis ability to clear himself of the unreasondence in lis ability to clear himself of the unreasonable charke the angry colonel had made against Fortunately neither Caleb nor Joe
Fortunately netther Caleb nor Joe Latrobe, who were with him, apparently were aware of the young
soldier's feelings when the latter folned them and Caleb said quickly: "We're detalled to cut some wood for our campfre, Noah. Here's an ax for you and we are to go out into the woods and get all we and we are to go olong! What did Colonel Wayne have need. Come along! What did Colonel Wayne have
to say to you?" he added as his cousin took the ax which Caleb held forth, and the three men at once started toward the woods above New York.
"He didn't say anything," replled Noah, and he would not permit him to say anything elther, but, thinking better of his impulse, he refralned from referring to his own tronbles. "He's a great man, I tell you!" continued Caleb. He's already arranging for you to have a fall out of the best wrestler in
"No, he Isn't!" broke in Noah, angrily.
"Why, yes, he is. Noah." protested Caleb. I heard him talking about it myself last night. He was asking me, too, why you were not here.
"Did you tell him?"
No. I diln't know then, you see."
"So you didn't, Cale.
"Of course not." respionded Caleb, eagerly. "But, Noah." he continued, still unaware of any change in his cousin's feelings, "isn't this great that we're hearing?"
"I haven't heard much," said Noah.
"Why, about General Montgomery taking Montreal, and now Benedict Arnold very likely has Quebec, too, by this time. You know he's a perfect dareright up through the forests in the dead of winter He's bound to get Quebec. and then we'll have the Whole of Canada right with us in this struggle.
'Tisn't likelv Lord North or even King George himself

gratitude to them for what they had done for him, or that was the form in which the wish declared itself to him. Many of his comrades sought and easily obtained leave of absence, but Noah Dare resolutethat not even a shadow of a cause for heglect of duty should be even apparently cast by him.
He shared in the excitement of the men when the report came that Benedict Arnold had failed in his attempt to take Quebec, and rejoiced, too, as much as had not abandoned his project and was still in the region of the St. Lawrence, intent upon winning Canada to the slde of the colonies that were launched on this struggle for their liberties. The death of General Montgomery had affected him, as it did all the patriots in the town*, and then when the report spread and gained credence among the men that Washing. ton, freed from a part of his anxieties by the departure of the redcoats from Bos. ton to Halifax, was about to send some of the soldlers from New York to assist In the invasion of Canada and that Anthony Wayne's campfire was likely soon to be transferred to the northern border, even Noah Dare's enthusiasm apparently returned in full force, though his colonel had not as yet spoken a word to him since his return to his company.
On the day when Noah heard the rumor he chanced to be walking along Broadway, and directly across the street he perceived Rachel Wheeler and her brother. Eagerly he crossed to the side where chagrinned when hachel, gazing straight at him, turned coldly away, and apparently had no word of greeting for the young soldier whom she had rescued in her own home.

Will keep up the work of taxing us without represenwe're wound all of North America stands together, as And they say, too, there isn't a ghost of a show for the redcoats in Foston They're bound to evacuate. for our men have Boston shut in on every side now.: "And what'll be done in case the redcoats do leave there?"

Why-why. I don't just know. Probably that will bring things to a-
"It'll 'bring things.'
"It'll 'bring things,' Cale, no doubt about that. and It'll bring them in a plenty, too," said Noah soberly. "But isn't it great, Noah?" persisted Caleb.
"Yes, but what are we to do?"
From what in New York and keep the Tories quiet From what I hear there are plenty of them.'
"Supnose the redcoats leave Boston, as "Suppose the redcoats leave Boston, as you say they will, and come on here.
"That's just what a good many say they will do."
The conversation ceased, absently
The conversation ceased, for the three men had arrived at the place they were seeking, and at once
began their task of securing firewood. Some of the began their task of securing firewood. Some of the were sold tents cut many made their themselves. some had protection from the cold were obliged to fell the trees and provide great camp flres, around which the men and provide great camp fires, around which the men peclally those of the Pennsylvania line engaged in the popular rough-and-tumble sports, or told tales of the French and Indian wars, or amused themselves after the fashion of the times. As not all of Anthony Wayne's men were even provided with mus. kets, the task of guarding the patriotlc people of New York from the depredations of the angry Tories was confined to a small portion of the soldiers.
Several days elapsed in this manner, and only once had Noah Dare been compelled to serve as guard. At night he assembled with others of his comrades about the campfire of Anthony Wayne's men, but he to join in the and steadily persistedich many of the hardy soldjers delightedly engaged.
Not even when the expresses brought word from Boston that the town had at last been evacuated by the redcoats did he share in the many demonstrations of delight. Still, like Achilles In his tent, he was nursing his wrath against Anthony Wayne, and his anger at the injustice of his leader had been intensi fled by the actions of the colonel himself. Not once had Anthony Wayne spoken to him nor did he even appear to be aware of Noahs presence in the com pany. Several times the leader had laughingly greeted Caleb or stopped for a word with dull-witted Joe la trobe when Noah was near, but for Noah himself he had never a greeting. Apparently he had cut the In spite of his sume
In spite of his suffering-for Noah, though he had not even complained in his cousin of his treatment was feeling keenly the neglect of the man whom he - the young soldler was striving faithfully to do what young soldier was striving faithfuly to do of his comrades had not once been and, unlike many house for disorderly conduct The men of the Penn hylvania companies were notortous for their Penn pades though they were accounted as amons the very best of the soldiers who had enlisted and Noah felt that he was entitled to some consideration for his conduct. But if Anthony Wayne was aware of his former protege's falthful work, as the days passed he never betrayed hls knowledge by word or deed and the feeling of bitterness in Noah's heart steadily increased. He had been eager to return for a day to
his friends on Staten Island and at least express bis


## (To be continued.)

## Why He Failed

A boy returned from school one day with a report that his scholarship had fallen below the usual aver-
age. "Son," said his father, "you've fallen behind this
month, haven't you?"' month, haven't you?
"Yes, sir."
"Yes, sir."
How did that happen?.
"Don't know, sir."
The father knew, if the son did not. He had obbut had not thought novels scattered about the house, until a fitting opportunity should offer itself. A basket of apples stood upon the floor, and he said:
"Empty out those apples, and take the basket and bring it to me half full of chijes." Suspecting nothing, the son obeyed.
"And now." he continued. "put those apples back Into the basket."
placed, the boy said:
"Father, they roll off. I can't put any more in."
"Put them in, I tell you."
"But, father, i can't put them in."
"Put them in? No, of course you can't put them In. You sald you didn't know why you fell behind at school, and I will tell you why. Your mind is like the basket; it will not hold more than so much. And here you've been the past month filling it 1 ul
with chip dirt-dime novels.:
The boy turned on his, heel, whistled and said:
"Whew! I see the point!" "Whew: I see the point!"
that ay to this. Cut been seen in the house from

## The Boy Who Does Not Have to be Told

One of the rarest qualities in a servant in the house ing told One of the finest quallites in ane without bethis quality. Young men working their way through college are Invaluable if they have this quality. A tool is left out on the lawn; there is a rall off the fence; there is a lock broken from a door; there ts a window pane gone somewhere. The boy who to without specific directause they need attending things being equal is cions is the boy who, other he gets out tion to little things and the habit of observation, which sees what needs to be done and then does It, which makes exceedingly useful men and women. There will always be a position for such persons. Ther sense a small thing to to these litle things without sense a small this the do these ltte things without orders, but it is the doing of them that makes grea captains, great engineers, great artists, great arch absence of thls qually that makes commonplace men and women who will always have to live under the dominion of petty orders, men and women who do nothing unless they are told to do It. It is this quallty which makes volunteers in church work, and the invaluable men and women who do not have to be stood over. They are the joy of the pastor's heart; they are the persons who do not have to be watched.-Rev. Charles M. Sheldon.

## PLUPY IN PEACE AND WAR

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## CHAPTER XI.

IWAS MARCH. The snow had gone except on the north side of bulldings and in sheltered spots. The roads leading to Exeter were seas of mud by day, ary morning and the air was balmy and brightly very morning. and the air was balmy, and everyone said what a beautiful
At noon the sky became overcast, a piercing northeast wind began to blow directly from the land of icebergs, people resumed their heavy overcoats carfs, and earmuffs, and solemmy declared tha ever was there a colder or more backward spring. In the stores, hoes, rakes, shovels, spades, seed but even with this encouragement the snow squalls alternated with weak, watery sunshine and cold drenching rains. It was a typical New England spring that poets have idealized, raved over, painted in a thousand alluring colors. but which is in real ity the coldest. dreartest, mosi miserable season of

the year, freighted with coughs, colds. mumps, measles, sore throats, ear-aches, chilblains, consumption, bronchitis, influenza, chills, fever, wet feet, and countless other evils. A New England spring! Heaven help those who have to endure it. The hottest summer is none too long to get the chills out hardy serves to tone one's system to bear the dread fill weeks of a New England spring. fit weeks of a New England spring
was asleep, dreaming of the coming summer. It had was asleel, dreaming of the coming summer. It had heen a dull week for everyone, rainy, snowy, cold. It had seemed to Plupy that nothing had ever hap-
nened, and he was sure that utter dreariness and lened, and he was sure that utter dreariness and thing was going to happen that would bring wild excitement to Plupy and to his famty
it was even now happening, but Plupy and his ramily slept on unconscious.
In the large building next to Plupy's house, occuphed as a postoffice and a dry-goods store, the cellar sity, and thin spirals of smoke began to creep from the cracks and keyholes. The light increased, the smoke grew thicker, and a dull roar was heard.
Then the bell of the First Church began to ring jerkily, excitedly, as if it knew the danger. Someone had seen the fire and rung an alarm. Instantly the and the clump of heavy boots on the run, as their owners hurried to the engine houses; then the big bell of the Methodist Church added its deep tones to the chorus, followed by the brazen clang of the Upper Church bell, and the alarm note of the Eplscopal. They were all at it now, and everyone was shouting fire: as if nobody else knew it. What a noise! Plupy woke with a start. He had been dreaming of fire and seemed to have heard the bells in his sleep. He sprang from the bed almost before his eyes were opened. "Bully, there was a fire. He could see the light. It must be a "ripper" by the noise. He tore into hi clothes. He got his trousers on whong slde-to. What did it matter. His boots wet the day betore, suck. Hen stamped untlil the warped and twisted boots were on They hurt him, but he did not care there was a fire a bully one and pretty near too for he could see the light. He hoped it would be a big one, he hadn't seen a big one for some time
He conld hear his aunt calling excitedly to his father to hury un and see wher it was. He rould henr a bustif in the other rooms Suddenly there was a tre
mendous pounding on the front door, and hoarse volces shouted. "George, wake up, yon re all afire Then the pounding was repeated
Plupy rushed in tremendous excitement to his father's room; his father was loudly calling for his trousers. The children began to cry loudly. Plupy's mother was a woman of nerve and coolness. She ordered Plupy's father to guard the front door until they had the children dressed. He rushed down stairs, unlocked the door and shouted to the crowd to wait. A violently excited policeman, brandishing a club rushed forward and tried to enter: Plupy's father pushed him back; he rushed ayain and tried to seize Plupys father: he received one straight from the shoulder, and went bumping backwards down the steps. Plupy's father owed the policeman a grudge. It was the same policeman that had put Plupy out of the hall the night he was to make a speech. The crowd roared.
Inside, the dressing went on coolly; the processlon was formed. Aunt Sarah led the way with the baby and Frankie, the rest followed. holding on to
one another. Plupy was allowed to stay behind and one another. Plupy was allowed to stay behind and save things. His mother also stayed. She was nave been a thing left unsmashed. Plups's father was saving things loo He saved some pis father and a china dog also a litule imare of "David Pray and a china dog. Also a hitte imase of "David Pray: things out of thent So did the crowd when Plupy's mother did not see them. They were things that mother did not see them. They were things that
would break. Most of them did break. Plupy's faiher kept on saving thinss.
Plupys father kept on saving things. He saved good apple-sauce. He carried it apple-sauce. It was set it down carefully. He did not throw it through set window as he did the other things. He would
the with the window as he did the other things. He would
liave spilled it if he had, and then asain the kettle might have hit someone and hurt him. It did not make so much difference with the bureau, or the pitchers, or the glass globe or the lamps.
In the meantime the fire was gaining ground. Round the corner from Front street came a lone line of men on the run dragging the old hand tub Fountain." They swung round a short turn. The engine struck the curbing. tipped and went over. The men rushed back shouting and swearing, and the fire roared. From the other direction came the "Torrent." They backed her to the big cistern, run out the hose, the men manned the brakes, "zoonlia zoonka" went the engine, the nozzle men stood ready. there was no water. "What's the matter?" shouted the nozzle men
The pumpers stopped. They had forgotten to let down the suction pipe. A dozen men sprang to to it, there was a crash of rotten boards and the top of the cistern gave way. Four men went through. They rose to the surface gasping. and were dragged out dripping. There was great excitement, and the
fire roared merrily. foared merrily
The old "Piscatequa" was late. She had farther to go and had two horses to help. They were a great help, and carried the engine at great speed a new palr. They ran with great swiftness, faster even than the other horses, but they ran the wrons way and the driver could not stop them for a lons time.
liben the "Piscatequa got to the Are the Foun tain" had been pried up and had got a stream on. So lives. Bucket lines had been formed, and the thud and tunk of leather buckets on heads made appar ently of the same material was heard above the roar of the fire. So were the Indignant remarks of the victims.
The bells were still ringing. They were deter mined everyone should know there was a fire. Some of the people may not have known it. Some of them acted as if they did not. Most of them worked hard to put out the fire and save things. Plupy's father was very active in saving things. The last thins he saved was Plupy's boat. It was in the cellar
The cellar was rapidly flling with water and the
boat might have got wet. So Plupy's father saved It. It was the last thing saved. Everything else had been saved and smashed but the tacks in the carpets. They had been left in
bunches of carbet under them
The platio had also been saved. All but the legs They had been chopped off with axes. Old Sam Brown and Jethro Holt had cut them off. They knew how to cut down trees. They could cut a large tree down in five minutes. They cut down the piano in less time than that, much less. They were strong men. Plapy's mother cried about the piano. She had learned to phay on it when she was a girl. They could have unscrewed the legs. She said so.
Ify thi
Ify this time the post office building had fallen
down. There was nothing else to down. There was nothing else to burn but the stone foundations and they would not burn. Lucy Boardman's shed had also burned down. They had pulled part of it down with poles and hooks. So all the streams rere turned on Plupys house, and the there here nas any fre there, and then they stuck in the Some of the neibhe mo made but cofte
Some of the neighbors made hot coffee and passed it to the tiremen. They also passed black bottles around, not the neighbors but the firemen. Some of
them staggered, they were so tired, and one or two fell down exhausted. As soon as their places weti taken by fresh men, thes would ko into the hotel near by to rest. They all wellt into the bar-room because they could rest better there. because they cond rest better there. morning then and quite light.
Plupy and his father went into the house. It wis not very badly burned, but the plastering had all fallen down and the paper was peeling from the Walls. The insurance men came and talked with Plupy's father. He said the house wasn't worth a red cent. They said it was in pretty good condition, considering.
Plupy's mother had gone down to Aunt Clark's, where the children were. Pluyy got permission to go down to Ed Towle's to stay to breakfast. Plupy was having a good time, he felt rather important because It was his father's house that had burned, and he thought Lizzie Towle, Eils sister, would think he was quite a fellow. Heany wanted him to come to his house and Pluly had promised to make him a visit of a wrek after he had finishea his visit at Ed's. After breakfast Plupy returned to the house, and helped remote such furniture as was not entirely ruined. to storage in beany's harn. Pert helped him Tady. Skinny, Diddly. Pile. Skipuy and his other friends.
They.
They were very kind and sympathetic with Plupy It was a dreadful thing to be burned out and to lose verything.
Plupy fully appreciated his position and did his best to be solemin, melanclioly, and sad. As he con emplated the ruins he passed the back of his hand across his eyes and mournfully shook his head. and ooked herolc and resigntd.
It was really very hard to play the part of a crushed martyr, for Plupy was having the best time he ever had in his life. He told again and again to heard the bells and jumped from his bed, feeling sure that the time had come to play the man; how sure that the time had come to play the man; how
he had rushed throurh the rooms awakening the he had rushed hrongh the rooms awakening the
family; how he had told his sisters not to be scared that he would look out for them: how he had'saved the most valuable things, and had lifted weights that in sober moments he could not have stirred from the floor: how he had directed the firemen just where the fire was under the coping. and where to cut the holes to insert the nozzle; how the hose had burst right under him. and the flames had almost cut him off, but he had stayed until everyone had safely got out.


We must not criticlse Plupy too harshly. He was an imaginative youth, and the fact that he was temporarily occupying the center of the stage had in a measure unsettled his judgment, that was all. Pewt openly scoffed at Plupy's storles and told what he had done, and how Plupy might have done, much better, "if he had knowed ennything." But Pewt was so evidently jealous and un. fair that he was told to "shet up," and he plupy's in huge diggust
Plupy's father was conferring with the insurance men. He was much depressed by his severe losses. They were much greater than the insurance men were willing to acknowledge. The insurance men were not fair, so Plupy's rather sald. Plupy s father was trying to magnify his loss beyond all sense or reason, so the insurance men said.
Plupy's father put the case to them as fair men, willing to pay what they agreed to do under the terms of their policies. They put the case to him as an upright man, who only wanted what was right and fair, man to man.
The day passed; crowds of people visited the ruins. One engine was still in attendstill too hot to be opened, and steamed when the water struck it. The postmaster had opened a temporary office in the west room, ground floor of the hotel. The reporter for the local paper interviewed Plupy's father, and estimated his loss at a most appalling figure. He also intervlewed the insurance men and they were much impressed at his remarks. He told the insurance men that he wanted to say in his report for the paper that "The adjusters of the Insurance Company and of the
Insurance Company, two of the soundest, most Insurance Company, two of the soundest, most
liberal and at the same time conservative companies liberal and at the same time conservative companies
now doing business in America, settled matters with now doing business in America, settled matters with
Mr. Shute on a far more liberal basis than the strict Mr. Shute on a far more liberal." That "It is such treatment that assures the confidence of the public and the success of the companies." That "the adagents, Messrs. Cypher and Nought, to the public agents, Messrs. Cypher and Nought, to the public
and grateful for past favors solicit a continuance of and gratefu
the same. of Plupy's father, and had conferred earnestly with him before the insurance men had arrived. He

was elastic and he gave Plupy a ten-cent scrip which was a sure sign that his mind was at peace.
That night and for a week after, Plupy stayed at the American House, kept by Ed. Towle's father. There was a large stable attached to the house. There was a billiard hall in front of the stable. Plupy had prom lsed his mother not to go into the billard hail. But there was a great deal to see besides that. It was almost as IIvely a place as Major Blake's.
After hls visit to Ed's was over, he went to Beany's for a week. A week of constant fun and skirmish. From the moment they woke in the morning they had a pillow fight, which raged furlously untll breakfast time After breakfast they wrestled and skirmschool. They chopped kindlings with to school. They chopped kindlings with de light and in friendly rivalry. They drew wa chaln and windlass, and slopped it over each chain a
other.

Plupy's father hired another house until his house was repalred, and Plupy had to help move. It was vacation again for two weeks. Beany helped him and they would drive Nellie up to the new house, which was on Lincoln street, nearly a mile from where he had always lived. Then they would return for another load and would always race with everyone on the road. This saved time and made fun for them. It was not so much fun for the other people because Nelle was a fast trotter, the old dingle-cart rattled assured the insurance men that his report would be as they could. People were not pleased, but they published in the Boston papers. The insurance men could not catch the boys.
conferred agaln with Plupy's father. The matter
conferred again with Plupy's father. The matter was compromised. Certain papers were filled out and slgned by the insurance men and by Plupy's
Plupy's father returned to his family. He was met on the way by sympathetic friends, who told him how sorry thanked them, sighed do learn of his great loss. He thanked them, sighed deeply, and said the insurwith him, but that there was a sentimental value attached to household goods that no money could fully compensate.
But there was a satisfied look in his eyes, his step

By-and-by all the furniture was moved, and the family went into the new house. The people in the neighborhood, where Plupy had always IIved, were very sorry to lose the Shutes. Some of them cried They did not feel badly to lose Plupy. Some of them said so. Pewt's father said so, and so did Beany's. They thought a great deal of Pewt and Beany. It was fortunate for Pewt and Beany that Plupy moved. Perhaps it was for Plupy. What do you think?

THE END.

## IN DEFENSE OF HIS FLAG

## OR, A BOY IN BLUE AND A BOY IN GRAY

## BEGUN IN MAY 1906

CHAPTER XXXII.
MALVERN HILL-CONCLUSION.

MALVERN HILL was a small elevation not over sixty feet high at its topmost point, on the above was nearly large enough for the entire army, and the approach from the north was rather abrupt, while on the south it was protected by Western River and heavy timber and brush
The Army of the Potomac took its final stand around this hill in a huge semi-circle, the right and the left resting upon the river, where the gunboats could offer a good support. Back of the Hill was Harilson Landing. which was to be the last stopping place for the great army.
It was the intention of the Confederate leaders to force the fighting simultaneously all along the line, but when the time for action came this was impossible. Owing to the denseness of the forests and the lack of the divisions went astray and at the lmport. some of the divisions went astray, and at the importthey should have been. Nor were some of the Union they should have been. Nor were some of the Union troops better off. Having retreated in baste and
dropped their guns, they, seeing the gunboats on the dropped their guns, they, seeing the gunboats on the river ready to support them, ran forward again to
find their weapons, and meating some of the advancing Confederates produced a confusion which broke up all of the plans laid for that section of the hattleground.
From early morning the artillery were engaged, but it was not until about one o'clock that the real attack of the Confederates began. From that time on until nine in the evening the battle waged with relentless fury at one spot or another, until, seeink they could not force the federals from their chosen position, the army of the south withdrew, and McClellan was allowed to go his own way. The losses during the retreat from before Richmond were over Early thousand men upon each side.
Early in the morning the Goreville Volunteers round themselves resting upon their arms on a smal levation some distance from the main hill. Here walled upon to support So far thls battery had not alled uto action but now at eleven oclock it not eenelch forth at the Confederates who were advanco belch forth at the Confederates who were advanc shots were fired, the men in gray taking to cover as soon as possible.
"We're out for hot work today," sald Louls. dectdedly. "General Lee is golng to do his level best to break our backbone.'
"Yah, und maybe it vos his own packbone as got much der last week it seems like I can't do noddings lise.'
One man had disappeared from the ranks withou

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being either killed or wounded. That was Jerry Rowe. Two days before Jerry had flung down his gun and started on a run for Harrison Landing, and nere be was now, skulking among the wagons, walt tunately, nelther side had many such arrant cowards as this lad was.
"Attention!"" came the cry. "Look to your guns, boys, and see if they are loaded and in good conditon. No play today. The general expects every man to do his duty."
"We will! We will! Down with the rebs! Let us drive 'em clear back to Rlchmond!"
"Hurrah for Little Mac!"
Two hours went by, and again the battery opened up, as a long line of men in gray were seen coming hrough the hollow at double-quick. The shots did good execution, but the line came on through the rush, over fallen trees and rocks, until it was ad vancing straight up the little hill.
"Company, attention! Charge bayonets! For ward!
The battery had blazed away right in the faces of the men in gray, who were yelling at the top of their volces. But leaving their dead and dying behind they strove to reach the cannons. Now the boys in blue swung out to meet them. Crack! crack! Nent the rife shots, like barrels or hall as line alter line swung into position, fired, and wheeled away to and the men in gray faltered at the very mouths of the pleces they desired to capture.
But now reenforcements were coming-a large band of cavalry, with colors fing and the truperer blaring wildly. Down the hollow at breakneck speed prancing as they smelt the smoke and the burnt prawder-on and on, untll the foot-soldiers burn leap aside to avoid being trodden upon. The Montgomery Grays lead the van, and Louls sees Andy in the fore, with saber waving over his head. Andy is yelling and Louls almost imagines he hears his words but that is impossible in the unearthly racket upon every side. The battle is opened in earnest now and sunset will not see it ended.
"Close up!" It is an order to the Union men, and they close up around the battery, ready to defend every gun to the last. Stlll the Confederate cavalry of glistening beyonets, and then they pause. But only for an instant; there is a break, and the cavalry
rushed through. The battery is lost and the Union
men scatter in every direction, most of them flying to the woods on the west. The gunners lay dead at the wheels of their pleces, falthful to the last.
But the victory is a short-lived one. Word has been sent how the battery is being pressed, and a body of New York volunteers are hurried through the woods to the support of the Pennsylvania men. With a ringing cheer they burst into the clearing and the cavalry are shot down, horses and riders, in a fon the the order is alven slon of the enemy presses them. The order is given to retreat and they scatter, Just as did the Union go into that same woods to the west
Hatless saberless and shot throush
Hatless, saberless, and shot through the left arm, Andy dashed into that thicket to avold the raln of bullets pouring into what was left of the Montgomery
Grays. Poor Firefly llmped painfully, shot through the flank. It had been a daring charge, but a useless one, for the battery was againg in the hands of Union gunners. He panted for breath and wiped the swea and dirt from his face.
"Andy!"
"Louls! By all that's wonderful! Where did you come from?"
"We were driven into this woods by your cavalrysome cavalry that was with yours. How did you get here?"
"Some Union reserves came up and we had to scatter or be cut down to a man. Oh but it's a fearful day for both sides! I wish this war was over, Louls."
"You don't wish it any more than I do. Andy. It's not all glory, is it?
"Hardly. But, hark! Some troops are coming!"
"And I am not armed!"
"Nor I! Listen-they seem to be passing to our lght. We had better separate."
"You are badly wounded, and so is Firefly."
"So are you wounded. Your cheek is covered "ith blood.'
That's only a scratch, Andy. But one of your horses stepped on my ankle and tha
Hullo, what's the meaning of that ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
The conversation was broken of and oldiers stared through the thickets both young soldiers stared through the thickets. A strange, heavy smoke was rolling their way.
"Andy I think-"
"The woods are on fire!"
"You are right-and, heavens, see! the fire is behind us, too!"
They swung around. It was true. either by acc dent or design the forest had been ignited, and now the dry brush was burning like so much tinder From here and there came a distant cry for help. "It looks as if we were hemmed In, Louls. What shall we do?"
Do? Get out-just as fast as we can
there seems to be a clear space to our left."

They hurried off. The wind now began to blow, carrying the burning embers close to each. Firefly anorted in alarm and could scarcely be controlled. as andy passed under a low-branched tree he gave a sudden bound and threw his young master back ward. The next instant he was out of sight.
Louls ran forward. Andy lay where he had fallen. motionless and with his eyes closed. His head had struck the root of a bush and he was senseless. "Andy! Andy!" cried Louls, pleadingly, but there was no response.
The young Union soldier looked back. The fire was advancling with frightful rapldity. He must run with all of his might if he would save himself from the devouring element.
But could he leave Andy, his enemy and yet his best friend? No, never! "I'll die with him before I'll do it!" he muttered between his set teeth, and caught up the motionless form and slung it over his shoulder. The burden was a heavy one, but he ruggled on maniuly
But now he could not go much farther. Every nerve had been strained to its utmost. He stumbled rather than ran a few steps more. Ah, what was this-a tiny stream! He plunged into the water and allowed his clothing to become satyrated.
"Louls-what-what happened?" and Andy's eyes opened widely.
"Firefly threw you and ran off, Andy. I carrled ou here. We are not yet safe.
"You carried me, Louls? How good of you: And the fire is behind!'
By a superhuman effort Andy started up. "We must go farther."

Yes. If you can walk give me your hand. See, there is a road and beyond is a clearing. Come!"
On they went, side by side, Louis supporting Andy, who was still dizzy. The clearing reached, they saw another road, and beyond was an open held where a regiment of Union men were battling bravely
against a broken line of gray. Here both came to a halt and gazed into each other's eyes.
"We must part, Andy! Good-bye!"
Good-bye, Louls, and I'll never forget you. May God spare your life!"
"And may He spare yours, also!'
"I am coming home for awblle." That was the message Lucy and Martha brought home from the Goreville postoffice one day. There was a great
bustle all over the house, and when the time came bustle all over the house, and when the
"I see him! There is Louls!" cried Lucy, and then all rushed forward, to kiss him and to shake hands over and over again.
"My boy! My boy!" murmured Mrs. Rockford, straining him to her breast. "God be thanked for this day!" And the tears of Joy streamed down her cheeks.
"I want to ask you one thing," sald Louls to his father, after the greeting was over. "Did you recelve that document I sent-the one made out by
Mr. Fally?. Mr. Fally?'
"I did. It came yesterday morning. The edge of the envelope was burnt, and the address scorched, but the document and letter were intact. An hour after they came Mr. Hammer called. I showed him the document and he was thunderstruck. He got ouf as
soon as be could, and by the way be acted $I$ do not soon as he could, and by the way,
believe he will bother us any more."
"Good!" cried the young soldier. And his heart was lighter than ever.
"Louls, you have done your duty, and more," said his father, affectionately. "I am proud of such a son.'
"And we are all proud!" crled Martha "Just as proud as we can be!

The great rebellion is now only a matter of his. tory. Many of those who wore the blue and the gray are sleeping side by side on the great battlefields. To those who laid down their lives, the Peninsular Campaign was the end of all, but to the great majority it was but the beginning of a conflict which was to wage fiercely for three years longer. Louis and Andy were destined to serve further, the one under the stars and stripes, the other under the stars and bars. But, come what might, neither was
to forget those first battles, when each did so nobly to forget those first battles, whe
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THE END.

They shook hands and urned in opposite directions. It was the last the chums saw of each other for many months to come.
The memorable day was drawing to a close when Louis found the Goreville
Volunteers or what was left Volunteers, or what was left of them, for the charge at Malvern Hill had cost the command dear. Brave Call. ngs was dead and so were missing. But, cut up as it missing. But, cut up as to the remnants of several others and sent to the ald of the center of the line.
At nine o'clock the volunteers lay down on their arms. worn out to such a degree hat hardly a soldier could Confederates had been re. pulsed in handsome shape. and, as worn out as their enemy, they were perfectly willing to withdraw and leave the victory wherever it might rest-which was with the Union forces.
And here properly ends my story of a young solder in blue and a young soldier in gray. A few days later found the Goreville Volunteers at Harrison Landing. ready to return by water to Washing. ton or to go wherever thes were sent. A slight attack was made by the Confeder. ates, but it soon ceased, and the troops of General Lee marched back to the neighborhood of Richmond. From this point Andy, still suifering from his wounds, was al lowed to return, for the time belng, to his home. Firefly had again turned up, and youth and sate in lo Run themselves safe in Lee Run once more. Need may of the warm greeting the of the Warm greetng celved from his parents and his sister?
"And Louls saved you from the fire, did he?" said Grace, When Andy's story was told. How noble of bim! He is surely a real hero, even if he is a was more than glad to learn, later on, that Louis was sate.
"Now you are home, you must take it easy for awhile, sald Andy's parents. You have done enough for your country's flag." And the boy quite content to rest for the time being.
 ully be sald now that the order of The america: or embraces more comany other boy organization in the world. These companles are engaged in varl. ous innes of work-social, itterary, milltary, debating. athletics, charity, etc., etc., all owing alleglance to the one head, the Order of The American boy, of which I am proud to be the chlef executive. All companies to "Mronliness in the motMind and Morals, Muscle, mod, and Morals. and anl, up to the motto so live up to the molis. so far as pany of the order a com. devoting itself to questionable ends, or is gullty of questionable practices. thoroughly belleve the Order is doing good work among boys in the hundreds of lo. callties where its companles are planted, and that it deents. teachers, and iriends of boys generally.
I am interested just now. of course, in the success of American Boy Day at the Jamestown Exposition, of date July 5th. By referpaper you will note that the program is almost complete. I have succeeded in getting some of the best boy talent in the country, some coming from beyond the Mississippi There will be boy singers, boy declalmers, boy orators, boy essayists, boy poets, boy everything. I hope that many hundreds of the readers of The Amebican boy will plan to be at the Expo sittion on July 5th. I should like to shake hands with al the boys who read these words, but I know that there is not a building in the world blg enough to hold a tenth part of them. and that I can expect to meet but few, compara tively.
Two of our long nerlals end with this month. Next month the space heretofore devoted to "In Defense of His Flag" and "Plupy" will be flled with matter in every way worthy of the space. May we enjoy it together! The Editor has no fing hls boy friends.

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## BEGUN IN MARCH

## Chapter ix.

## face to face

AZONA ALF followed the suggestion, Once more he waved the white handkerchief to and
fro in front of his face while every eye was entered on the bush at the side of the rock high up the mountain spur. That the two Apaches were there, and keenly watched the fluttering signal was not to be doubted, but they took care not to show themselves, and the field glass which the rancher kept pointed gave not a glimpse of them.
marked.
"No use of fooling any longer," exclaimed Alf impatiently, handing the handkerchief to its owner. and struck into a gallop to the southward, the others imitating him. This quickly took them to the side of the brawling stream which followed the course of the mountain spur. The ground became more broken and partook somewhat of the nature of foothills, though these were not extensive. It was hard traveling for the horses, but they were pushed, and in a brief time had gone an eighth of a mile. Then
Alf turned again, this time to the left, and forced Alf turned again, this time to the left, and forced
his horse among the cottonwoods, into the water his horse among the cottonwoods, into the water
and up the other bank, where he was among the and up the other bank, where he was among the
trees again, with the others directly after him. Reining up, he slipped from the saddle. Apache lingo," he salid, in explanation of his action;
The tall cowboy nodded. He could speak the In. dian tongue as well as a native, while his friends knew only a few words. He was ready for the perilous duty.
The plan was simple. Long Micah was to go forward on foot untll he found the Apaches, who could be at no great distance. He took the white handkerchief from Goodale to use as a flag of truce.
Geronimo and his bucks knew its character, though Geronimo and hls bucks knew its character, though
in thelr eyes, it possessed no sacredness. He was in their eyes, it possessed no sacredness. He was
to make known to whomsoever he met that his business was with Cochita. It was reasonable to believe that when he proclaimed his errand, curithe white man face to face with the young teader That done, Micah would withdraw-if permitted to do so. None knew better than he the risk he was running. but there was no hestation on his part. Five minutes after the halt among the cottonwoods, the hrave fellow took his departure, and his companions were alone
They had dismounted and stood beside one another, talking in low voices and with all their senses keyed to the highest alertness.
Bob supposed that the plan was for the three to
walt where they were untll Micah came back with walt where they were until Mic
his report, but he was mistaken.
his report, but he was mistaken. "There's no need of our staying here," satd his
relative, addressing Alf: "we know enough to take care of ourselves, and through a liftle scouting may pirk up a polnt or two that will prove worth while." I was thinking of the same thing." replled Alf.
"Stay here and guard the ponles," replied his relative: "I hoje we sha'n't be away long, but you mustn't grow impatient. For the frst time in your the neighborhood of a war party of Apaches, the worst body of wretches on the Ammerican continent. If any harm
forgive me."
"But what of Minnie?" asked the distressed youth. "Sad as is her situation, I'm not responsible for th but I am partly responslble at least for you. I romind you of this that you may use every care
to protect yourself."
peared as guardedly as more, the two men disappeared as guardedy as their comrade had done a
stort time before. Left to hlmself, It was no
'All of them are scouting in the mountains; Micah has gone off by himself, and uncle and Alf have shirted on their own account. I'm left here to take away from this spot, but suppose some of the Apaches find out where the horses have been left-and I'm sure they already know it-and come down here to steal them. what can I do to prevent it? I can't fight a dozen of them, and I shall be in twice as much danger as any of the three. It's an imposition. Be-
sides," he added, although he was already convinced sldes," he added, although he was already convinced hy is own arguments, "uncle and Alf have started
on a blind hunt; they have no more chance of learn on a blind hunt; they have no more chance of learn-
ing anything than I have: It may fall to my lot to ing anything than $I$ have: it may fall to my lot to
discover the very thing they are so anxious to learn; I'll be hanged if I'll stand it
The bridles had been slipped from the ponies, who were crnpting the bunch grass and twigs of grease wood which grew plentifully on the banks of the
stream. They had eaten little or nothing since noon
and were hungry. All were so well trained that they would not wander away and they were ju
where they were without Bob as with him.
Night had closed in while the party was riding along the bank of the stream, and a gibbous moon was already in the sky. Objects could be seen on the plain for a distance of several rods, but
among the trees, all was profoundly dark. The ripamong the trees, all was profoundly dark. The rip pling of the current around and over the stones an profectig rows drowned the mass by he jaw of the ponles, when craped stamp sounded when one of them was pestered by some insect.
The youth and natur courage of Bob Grodale together with his affection for his sister. made him more headiong than would have been the case in
different conditions. He asked himself why, if his different conditions. He asked himself why, if his perll, it should be expected of him, when his feelíngs were no less stirred.
"They may be gone half the night and I'm to wait. pense.
It was not until he had risen from the boulde on which he was sitting. that anything in the nature of hesitancy came to him. He was violating the orders of his uncle, whose responsibility in the cir cumstances could not have been greater or mor delicate. Standing erect, with his winchester grasp ed, Bob histened and peered into the shadows around As I have shown, he was wrapped in the glonm
of the trees. He could not see the ponies. Even Pedro, who was not a dozen paces away, was Invlsible. The gurgle of the current shut out the othe bounds that
The bealtation of the
for a mesute or wo he youth. however, lasted only rldden south, the ridden south, the course he was to follow lay to the
north, which led to where the glimpse of the faces of the Apache bucks had been caught. Moreover all three of the men had taken that course
"I'll follow. though it's likely I'll have to turn to the right or left; if when I come back, I find all the ponles gone, uncle will be angry; but, if I stay here. they are Just as likely to be gon
with them, so it's better as it is
This reasoning was undoubtedly good, provided the prenises were righ
Bob's sensations were novel when he found himself clear of the camp, as it may be called, and in the Immediate neighborhood of a party of Apaches. were had defied the thed coutry huning and and were lalang many demons wherever and and ng reane ofer what would be his own fate be fell into thelr hands? There could be but one answer and he shuddered at the thought of it
What presumption on his part to measure wits with these pastmasters of flendishness: He, a youth in his teens, who, only a few weeks before, was living on his father's farm far to the eastward, and who had never at that time seen a hostile Indian, was dropped into the heart of the apache country, and now matched himself against the scourges.
Presumptuous it certainly was, but having put his hand to the plow. Bob Goodale did not look back. Stepping softly, though with the gurgling of the stream so near, there was no need or the yoms until several rods from his starting point He had nimbed ser some fom his starulde polnt. He ha climbed over some of the boulders, gone around several times, swithed in the face by the protruding limbs. which he could not see in the darkness, and still kept his progress northward until at the point named he came to a full stop.
The cause of this was that he found himself on the margin of a space, nearly fifty feet across, devoid of trees, and therefore of shadow, except the patches cast by the rocks themselves. It was a curions break, which appeared only on the shore along which he was making his way. By wading the stream to the other side, he could avall himself of the gloom there, but be did not like such a recourse. Thus far he had kept his feet dry, and in the water he misk weet whing inhap. surely hore could be no misonit apace into the shatow beyond
And spa strate misiving beld
ad read of dsaster which had hertaken back. He one scout, because of momentary carelessness or tm . pattence, and he recalled an incident told by Arizona Alf of a similar nature which came withln a hair of proving fatal to hlm.
So it was that when Bob glided cautlously out from the shadow, he assumed a crouching posture went his head on a level with the frst boulder. He such extreme care that at the end of a quarter of an hour he was hardly halfway to the other slde
Suddenly he found himself "up against it." He reached an immense rock that seemed to stretch would be to hurry over the flat top, hut. that was a
violation of his own rule, for it would be a full exposure of himself to anyone who might be near.
Suddenly Bob ducked his head. He either heari Suddenly Bob ducked his head. He either heard
or fancied he heard the sllghtest possible disturbor fancied he heard the slightest possible histurb-
ance. He was so far from the stream that he could detect faint noises of that nature. Drawing his re. volver, he held it firmly grasped a minutes wore past, he finally believed it was idle over.
At the moment of doing so an Apache buck did prock and the same thing from the other side of the than ten feet between them

## "BE OFF WITH YOU:

It must always remain a disputed question as to which was the more startled,-Bob Goodale or the Apache. The presumption is against the squat war rior from the San Carlos reservation For this reason: the two rose from behind the same mechanism. A spectator might have though them automata with which the inventor was operat ing. Even after the two saw each other in the same instant, they continued to rise until their shoulders buck in tiew. Each held a winchester rine, the buck in his right and the boy in his left hand. Yo will remember that nob hau
grasped it in the other band.
Suddenly he whirled the weapon round in front with the barrel on a level and pointed at the face of the amazed redskin
"Hands up"" commanded Bob. in a low voice, as he rose, so that his body showed to the waist abov the rock. It is bardly to be supposed that the buck it is stll harder to ollie English language, bu can be found who does not know the meaning of such a command whether uttered in Apache Spanish or English. At any rate, the dusky individual to whom the order was addressed was as prompt in obeying as any traveler has been in heeding the similar summons of a road agent or an enemy who has gained the drop on him.
ed the hands reached for the stars, the rifle drop ped to the ground beside the buck, and was hidden had the gight of his conqueror. $1 t$ is because Bo cline made himself master of the situation that in of the Apache. Anyhow, he rallied sooner
As the two stood, the faint moonlight fell on the face of the A pache, while that of the youth was partl obscured in shadow
The countenance thus revealen to nob Goodale was repellent to the last degree. It was wide, with high cheek bones and small eyes that seemed to be place light of sisp, hou the black wir hert light of a serjent. The long, black halr. parted in out midale, dangled over the shent. The face was free from taint whith in truth could not have added any hideousness the countenance, shockingly disfigured by a huge scar that extended from one cheek across the nose the cicatrice most likely a memorial of some cavalry man's sabre cut.

The plcture of the Apache was one that Bob Good ale felt would remain vivid throughout his life. Th fellow knew he was caught inextricably, and being man who never showed mercy. he did not expe mercy himself. He must have wondered why the shot of the leveled weapon was delayed; perhap the victor wished to enjoy his mental torture. If so he should never see any wincling on the part of the redskin, one of the cardinal virtues of the race being the angulsh under which the victim may be suffering.

But it did not take our friend long to awaken to the fact that he was in the situation of the man who drew the white elephant in a lottery: he didn' know what to do whin has prize. As you can under troubled ey of his was not one that would have been made of an Anache caught at work would have But Bob was not at such make. Much as he had learned about these scourges of the Southwest had could no more shoot down a helpless warrior than he could have slaln a white prisoner that had sur rendered to him.
But what was to be done with his captive? Bob's Arst thought was of holding him as a hostage for his relatives, in the hands of Geronimo and his band. A was ments thonght satisfied the youth that the plan prisoner would in; to retain the redskin a secure greater skill in woodcraft than Bob possessed. The chances were ten to one that the captive would gain some lightning like advantage over him, and turn he
No matter what the consequences might be, the Anache must be set free. Rob had no doubt as to soine knowledge of English and could be utilized in
peaing communication with Cochita. He addressed question to him:
The Apache stared and mumbled something which Bob did not understand.

Where is Geronimo?
The result was equally vold
Go! Clear out! Be off with you?
This was said in a louder voice, as we often uncon sciously speak, as if vigor of tone will make up for To Bob's a language.
To Bob's amazement, the buck instantly turned his back upon him, and walked away. The gestures may have helped, but there could be no doubt of his read it the meaning of the words that set him free. while walking away and during the few steps when he was the fairest kind of a target for the youth. He must have expected a shot with every monent It has been sald by brave men that the hardest thin in the world to do is to walk deliberately and digni fiedly when you are confident of serving as a targe or one or more persons at the rear. He that as it may, the Apache succeeded and, with his shoulders hrown forward, with silent step, and without once looking back, he moved toward the shadows on the other side of the moonlit space and disappeared among them.
Now, though Bob Goodale had been rash, he had earned too much in his brief stay in Arizona to put any trust in the grati ude or chivalry of an Apache. Instead of turning about and imftating the ac ton of the freed captive, he stooped down, so as to be hidden by the rock which had been the cause of his singu lar adventure, and was almost as quick are made by the cotton woods. gloom made by the cottonwoods
Eung before the the views of the change. He understood now that the change. He understood now that the probably true that in case of a demon tration against the ponles by any of the Apaches, the lad could do nothing o prevent their being stolen. The as signment of such duty was with the single purpose of keeping him out of the danger into which the men fel themselves obliged to plunge. The in ident 1 have just related proved tha Bob had no business to leave camp, fo he had hardly done so when he almos an against an Apache warfor, and, bu for providential good fortune, it would have closed the youth's career then and here.

Had I risen from behind the rock en seconds sooner, it would have given him time to wipe me off the slate; i might have been as bad had I been way I can't do any good away from amp and as uncle says I must keen out of the game and leave it to them to play to the end
A disquieting fact could not be over A was, or substantially where he wa known to others of his tribe. What more likely than that they would visi the camp, run off the ponies, and prob ably add his scalp to the collection they were rapidly making? But in asking himself the last question, our young riend was unaware of the singular fac that the worst tribe of American Indian
"Such being the shape of things.
"Such being the shape of things, it proves I ough think I shall tell anything the hink 1 shall tell anything of what happened to he will hear of it"
When among the ponles, who were still cropping the grass and twigs, Bob passed from one to the ther to make sure all was right. So far as he could ell, the animals had not been molested, and for the ime they were secure
He could not free himgelf, however, of a growing he had spared is comrades, bul not rest to repay back to vil, as, I am rieved to say, is the rule with the majority of red men, no matter what may be said to the contrary.
Since the youth could put up no kind of a figh against the dusky raiders, so long as he was without the help of his friends, he did a clever thing. Sllp ping the bit of his bridje between the jaws of Pedro and securing it in place, he swung into the saddle and guided the pony to the edge of the stream into which the animal carefully stepped. The other horses pald no heed o his novemer risiog above hnees and moved out into the pringe of trees on the other side His rider guided him to the edge f the plain intending to ride farther His plan edg of prevent the capture of his pony in case the Apaches came for the animals. Mounted on the feet Pedro, with his course unobstructed, he could laugh to scorn all attempts to overtake him
Bob had ridden but a few paces beyond the edge Bob had ridden but a ew paces beyond the edge nose and stopped. He had discovered something suspicious, and a glance out on the dimly lit plain showed his young master what it was.
Something like a hundred feet away, a horseman ad reined up the moment before, as if he wer first in making the mutual discovery. Rider and pony were as motionless as an equestrian statue. bu there could be no doubt that the man was studying the one who had just emerged from among the trees as if not satisfled with his appearance.

e, the fugitives called into play all the subtle skill of which they were pastmasters. When the camp had been located In the depths of some rugged mountain. the soldiers, and patiently for hours through the sitent gloom of and patiently for hours through the sight, only to find perhaps that the losening of a pebble, the snapping of a twig the half-spoken a pebble, the suapping of a the rustling of a carbine had betrayed the word, or the rusting of a carbine had betrayed the
secret, and the bucks had scattered like a covey of secret
Long Micah understood clearly the task he had undertaken. He was about to enter, or at least to attempt to enter, the Apache camp in the Santa Catalina range. He knew it was not far off. and forget dusky sentinels were alert, but you wim no to let the peculiarity of the his coming. Nothin was easier and therein lay his real peril. Being see first. his greeting was likely to be a rifle shot or stealthy blow in the darkness. To succeed. he must make himself known and be accepted for what $h$ claimed to be,-a messenger entering the hostil camp under a flag of truc
He was a veteran of the Southwestern frontler He had taken part in more than one fight with the Apaches when on their raids, but his only advantag over his friends was in his knowledgling languases tongue. A hat to lacil almost as wing nimo or Cochita himself He had often served a interpreter because of which fact he wes well know to many of the Warm Spring Apaches. He had talked with Geronimo when he was a good Indian on the Reservation, and that wily old miscreant once complimented him on his proficiency, grimly remark Ing that all be needed was a darker skin in order to be as good an Apache as the rest of them
The hope of the cowboy was that the leader was somewhere else. Possibly be was pushing his figh to Mexico. If he were out of the way, Cochita was the all-important individual to see. Even if both rival. If Cochita knew of the misfortune to Minnie Goodale and her aunt, there could be no call for the
services of Micah or any of his male friends. There was the problem which the brave scout had set ou Danie
Daniel Boone or Simon Kenton never made more steathy and skillful advance than did Long Micah around the rocks and boulders, and ami the base of pines, after leaving his companions a water. He steadily cllmbed, heading for the spo where they had had a glimpse of the faces of the two bucks, peering out upon him and his friend when riding across the plaia. Half the distance wa traversed with hardly any more noise than tha made by the creeping moonlight, and then he ab ruptly stopped.
It cannot be said that the scout had heard any thing, but he was guided by that mysterious intuitio which is sometimes called the sixth sense. He knew on either or more enemies were near him. Whethe on either hand, in front or at the rear, remained to Goodale made about the same time for being in shadow of a rock the staved there, for, belng in th moonlight on his right as he would have shunned pestilence.
Five, ten minutes passed withont bringing any further knowledge to him. His Winchester was in his left hand, but his right rested on his revolve at his hip. That was the weapon to be used in such a situation.
"I know that one of 'em is somewher about and more likely there are more of 'em," was his thought; "this thing may keep up for an hour, so here goes:
Raising his voice enough to reac several rods away, he said in Apache "I am looking for Geronimo; I come as a frend, I bear a hag of truce A goodly part of this introduction was useless. In the first place, it wasn't while the statement that he was seeklog the Apache camp as a friend of Geron the Apache camp as a iriend of Geron nouncement itself ourlit to modify an nouncement itself ought to modify what might have held.

And so it did. In the minute of si lence which followed, Micah succeeded boulder on his man. He was behin onl two or three feet separated the respes tive shadows. The Apache might have bounded across this at a single leap, but refrained from doing so under th bellef that he would not catch the scou unprepared. The latter's hesitation showed that his suspicion had been stirred, and his kind were not those that could be taken off their guard. It woul truder provided be could be placed with truder, provided he could be placed With sumcient exactness, but the shadow in wounding of the scout would insure the death of the buck who wounded him and, no matter how brave the aborigine may apuear in certaln circumstance he "side-steps" when all the chances ar against him.
Thus matters stood until the knot was cut by the words of Long Micah. The silent for a they were addressed was known for a moment. He must hav sage to the great chiuf or bore a mes wish to know its nature, even though it could make no difference in his dar ing plans. Extraordinary as was the
turn in matters, the warrior must help the white man to secure the opening hewas seeking "Come with me and we will go to Geronimo, but you are taking your life in your hands.
I may say at this point that the conversation which follows, as well as those that come aller it, are tran lated very liberally. Yoa win prefer that such should be the case, for he reading will the bettors Moreover, 11 was necessary the couple, each that it was impossible to fecl. Otherwise, nothing could be done
As the Apache uttered the words given. he straight ened was aldy behind into the moonlit space. Mica bad brought out the white handkerchief of the rancl er and held it in his right hand his revolver havin been shoved back in place. Micah did not belleve the buck would attempt any treachery at thls stage but the scout was on the alert. None could dra quicker than he

The Apache, having faced the visitor, said
"I will show you the way.
And he began climbing the mountain. To do this he placed himself in front of the white man, who the easiest thing in mercy. It would have been the easiest thing in the world to strike down the the intentions of Iong Micah.

The singular tramp led around boulders and rocks as before, and once or twice the leader had to make considerable detours. All the time, however, he wa sentinels, but there was no interference. They must have looked upon the white man as a prisoner, to well secured for them to ofer ald
The walk ended sooner than the scout expected He was on the watch for the glimmer of a camp fire, but there was nothing of the kind. The Apaches were too wise to run the risk when it really was a of cold They could have stood a much greater degre them as when cooked. On the edge of palatable to teau of less thanke. On the edge of a small pla Micah did the same, but first came up so as to stand
beside the other. The little act was meant to show his good falth.
Peering into the gloom which surrounded this bare space, the scout could not catch the first sign of other persons, but, none the less, they were near, peculiar whistle of his attendant a figure emerged from the darkness opposite and walked slowly to ward them. He was of stocky build, and though, as I have said, the night was not very crisp, he wore a blanket wrapped about his shoulders and dangling to his knees. His head was uncovered except by the coarse, abundant black hair, there not being so much as an ornamental feather in sight.
The moment he came into the fleld of vision, Micah suspected his identity. He had advanced only a few paces when he recognlzed the broad, hard face with its deep llnes and saturnine expression.

It was Geronimo, chief of the Warm Spring band of
Apaches
That he was equally quick to detect the identity of the whited in front of him "You are iront of him
With a smile, the visitor dare you come here?" kerchlef in front of his face.
'Do you come from General Miles?'
"No; I come to the great Geronimo to ask his per mission to speak to Cochita."

He is not here; he is a long way off."
"Will you direct me where to find him?
"Why do you wish to see him?
"I bear him a message about one of his friends.
"Who is he?"
"It is a young woman whom he knew when in the
"What is the message?"
Geronimo was pushing his questions and Micah could hardly parry them.
She was on her way to the ranch of Goodale; she has fallen into the hands of some of your men "Why does she not ask
nimo?" "Will you give tt?"
"No nor will Cochita he has no frlends among the white people." replied the chief angrily, though he did not raise bis volce.
"May I speak with Cochita?"
Micah bowed:
'I am sorry, but I must go back to her friends with your words and they will be disappointed." (To be continued.)


## BEGUN IN DECEMBER

## CHAPTER XI

EBEN CHAPMAN alone, without the consolation of friends, without the pretense of a phllosophy or a retigion that can pierce a miserabe environ-
ment to let in the sun or cure a heart of pain, sat haggard and gray before the dying embers of his grat the leaves in showers against the window. His lew the leaves in ofter ajejection, his arms hang ing at his sides his head burled unon his breast. The candle fickered in its socket and by its side a letter lay, as if it had just been read and thrown lown by a careless hand. Eben was not asleen. Had you been itstening at the door you would bave heard roans and mutterings, as of one in deep distress or fighting some evil thing within himself
Poor Eben! He had fallen on evll days: First, a poor crop, then a threatened mortgage foreclosure then the disappearance of Tad, and now on that very day old Prince had dropped dead in his tracks.
That morning, as Eben was driving past the post office, a voice called, "Eben, something here for you. On looking up he saw the village postmaster at the door of the post-office, holding out to him a letter. Eben had long since ceased to call at the post-offce. Mr. Appleton had promised to write if Tad turned up at the store, and regularly, day after day, for several weeks as soon as the mail came in
from the station, Eben had asked for a let rom the station, Eben had asked ortaster knowing the sorrow of the old man, had finally sald, "Eben, when a letter comes will send you word. No need of you calling face had ceased to frame itself in the postface had ceased to frame itself in the post
offce window, and the postmaster was glad. But now the letter had come, and that offl clai, with a very unofficial flutter of int off watched closely for Eben, hopeful that it contalned good news.
The postmaster was not, however, to know at once what was in the letter, for
Eben took it, put it in his nocket without a word and drove away. Nor did Eben open It till beyond the confines of the town; then
he let the reins fall and, taking it from his pocket, opened it and read.
It was a long letter. It told of Tad's ar rival at the store, of the merchant's refusal to give the boy a place without his father's consent, and of Tad's ambition, whtch Eben aiready knew; then in words simple and sincere it pleaded that the boy be given a chance to show the mettle that was in him It invoked all the manhood that Eben pos sessed, and more, too, in behalf of a son growing up in comparative poverty and ig nearly took the old man's breath away "Sell that nearly" took the "old man's breath away. Sell the mace, in our shipping department, a man who under. stands horses, and if you come at once you can have the place. That will permit Tad to stay here and you can be together.
you can be together. not as good as they once were. But he got the drift of it all. He now knew where Tad was, and if
there was any resolution at all in the man's heart at that moment. It was to go and fetch the boy home again. Crumpling the letter, he shoved it into his pocket, took up the lines, and with a "g'lang. Prince" that showed a new spirit had taken posses. slon of him, he sought to hurry home. But something was wrong. Prince would not "g'lang." The
amusement, excitement. Deprived all his life of these, he now set out to make up for lost time. He would see the sights. His days he gave to his duties at the store, but his nights he reserved for the streets, the theaters, the concert halls, wherever reigned. Starved by the life of self-denlal he had lived, and without settled principles and a trained will, he now grasped at every glittering bauble within his reach with the avidity of a famished man. With boon companions, easlly found, who knew more than be did of the life of the city, he began at once sowe devil' promise that after a while he would settle down. All the time Eben, sad-eyed, lonely, longing again and again for home, remonstrated, reproached, and threatened; but Tad, grown bolder with his newall, hurled at bis aged father the taunt that be was the cause of it all.
"If you hadn't kept me so close at home, and let me see something of the world, I wouldn't have wanted to go out" was Tad's constant reproach Then Eben would groan and Tad, slamming the door behind him, would go out to spend the night on the street. Thus it came that Saturday nights found the boy without a penny, and many and many a time Eben's hardearned wages had to go to pay the board of both.
Eben would long before have returned home, but two things kept him: the home had been lost on a mortgage, and Tad would not go with him. So, grieving, and aging under the confining work of the store and his worry over Tad, the old man resigued himself to his fate, yet loving his boy even more as the two grew farther and farther apart.

One thing that was driving Tad into reckless llv ing should have more than casual mention. Tha was Alice Appleton's apparent attitude toward him The day he started for New York her face flled the horizon of his hopes. Admit it or not, it was the thought of her that first induced him to think of leaving home. And as soon as he got settled in the store he set about finding out how he migh get a gllmpse of her. By adrolt questioning
he learned that she seldom came to the he learned that she seldom came to the store, and that she was never known to have visited the stock room. Days wore into weeks without his seeing her. Then he wondered if he might not call and see he at her home. It was a bold move, but he could make the excuse that he had come to tost when pla og the store door after his midday ent carrtage drove up to the curb with a polite ness that must have been instinctive, for 1 certainly was not learned of teachers Tad turned, sprang to the door of the vehicle opened it, and to his surprise and delight saw step to the sidewalk Allce Appleton, dream of beauty in a stunning gown and hat. Without seeming to notice him the irl turned to the driver and with a word of direction to him, crossed the pavemen and entered the store. To Tad's fevered ye seemed that she had recognized him and that was all. The cut hurt. It bled an the afternoon and night that followed mained. And yet, even with this, he hoped that the time might come when she migh speak to him. He found out where she lived and many an evening he sauntered back and forth past the house, hoping to catch days he stole into the church on Sun family wore the glimpses of her he had there his eyes on the day he learned from the boys in the ofnce that the day he learned from the boys in the omce that the fair young dausiter to the head of firth A venue engen Tad's dream ended and life for him Avenue Then Tads dream ended, and life for him was rob and now Fben his father begen the hardest tesk of hig hard life that of saving him from downrigh ruin.
At first Eben merely remonstrated with the boy and told him how foolish it was to spend his money and his strength in running about the city at night then, as this accomplished no good, he fretted and scolded; and finally fumed and stormed. But all to no purpose. The boy had a will of his own, and having now tasted freedom, was glorying in it, and
had bounded only a few acres of farm land. the country road, and the sleepy village, where day
brought a round of monotonous duties, and night brought a round of monotonous duties, and night content imagination got actle play, and the senses readily slept Thaddeus Chapman now found himself readny headiong into the sparkle and glare, the nolse and confusion, the bustle and strife of cosmopolitan life.

In this new environment, it was not long before the Tad of the little Connecticut village, with the nerveless, purposeless will, was born anew. At one bound he seemed to break the chrysalis of into something yet instinct with new spirit and Hife, craving action,

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horse's head hung low; his sldes heaved; his legs Were unsteady, so that he lunged from side to side Eben was about to call "whoa" and get down on the wagon to see what was the matter, when the and snapping one of the shafts in two.
Eben was in a predicament. Helplessly he looked about. There was no one near. He knew enough about horses to know that Prince's time had come, two had been companions for years and it was like he dying of an old friend. He took the horse's head in his arms and called him by name. He could ton into his eyes. Then he saw the legs twitch convulsively, then stiffen, and he knew that Prince had done his last day's work.
That in the light of his candl. Appleton's letter again in the light of his candle, he lingered long bis fire to fight it out. It was a long fight, and a hard one. But the next morning, turning the key n the lock of his front door for the first time in years, and with his wife's picture under his arm, he station from which Tad, two months before, bad started for New York.

## CHAPTER XII.

Eben and Thaddeus Chapman were now residents of the great city of New York, and both were Appleton \& Company Eben was assigned to work in the shipping department of the big store, and Ta to the stock room, with a varlety of duties requirin no great head but considerable care and attention to detalls. The two, father and son, found a room small home of another of the employes, where and save they could inve modestly management the head of the firm, who had seen to it that his two proteges were settled in an honest and comfort able neighborhood.
To Tad the city was full of interest and wonder. Fresh from the country, where his horizon of vision

yet. because we are small and have no
ilterature for our defense, you humans stand up and mallgn us,
The fiea 18 wise, and in cold weather he cuddes close in the sort pur of a
young. warm kitten. just as you would place. white upust bro fod of your firedengerous sparking wood. or, again. you
send out your hunters to kill the cats. whose sott fur you appropritite and
wrap around you and think nothing the While of the cruelty you have practiced
for your own comportime
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 burg to see the capitol bullding, so th.
stean ot taking tramp we
tramp take be but hefore reaching there stead or taking a tramp we had the the there reaching there
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the iramp died. and the tramp died. and some smart Aleck
made a joke in Fudge, which read like First Fiea-What brought you back Ro soon? I thought you went on a
tramp to Harlisburg becond Flea-I did, but the tramp died. make sport of our misfortunes. I just
tell you. if any of you were compelled to rrde on a train of cars as filthy as
that tramp you would feel more as wa do sout such thingst Of Which he is proud. and that by any
high Jump which to
man on earth, would cover his heaving
 jumps of ours, if introduced at your Oiymple gaines. would startle the world.
Imagine a man jumping four hundred times his own length. or two thousand four hundred reet. and yet most any ${ }^{\text {I }}$ rermember one time that a certain Frenchman had what he called a troupe signals. would jump over bars. inrough Pings. in and out or a row of thimbles. dows, 'till crowds or people farly $\begin{aligned} & \text { hind } \\ & \text { thelr sides with laughter and fell upon }\end{aligned}$ the Frenchman's neck to congratulate him. The feas were, or course cirnored. good works. but they were earning a generously of thelt own free will, too. fieas. Now, why don't hey laugh when you say an Englishman has dogs? And. again. If you say a dog has fleas, no
one will want the dog. use as a conveyine a certain poor alley dog until one day my frlend got pros-
perous, and like all aspiring people, he
at once
mooked up a more stylish animal. He was mightily more stealish ani-
new with his new choice. unti one day the dog sat
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smelling liquid that ended the days of my aspIring fritnd. and it the days of
goes to show that even feas should be conterted leaves air poumble lot, Any hea that
bulldog is a chump ierier for a rich at thls is a chump. A few flea proverbs
learned most of the be Interesting. my mother. who them at the knees of
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A flea in the fur is worth six in the open. firt, jump second.
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Fleas should be felt and
Fleas should be pelt and not seen.
A leap in dime saves nine.
 Don't lich to ble bit but
Every dog has his flea
Good fleas will jud Keod thy dog and thy dog will keep Love me , love my dog.
Out of the black and tan, into the mire.
Jump the cat and kill the fite.
with the hare and hold with the hound.
A live fiea 18 a spry flea
hhere are many more of these, which
have helped $m$ greatly in my eventful career, and now greaty hate my eventiful
a moral side to our natures and you a moral side to our natures and, to
some extent. vindicated my kind that you will not belleve too much evil
of the flea.

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By John C. Watson. Prestdent of the East
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Whether push alone is sumclent to sare a young man the right start on
career tor which he la adapted seems to me to be answered by the history or of
American industry. It is reasonatie to assume that thery. men tho have been the most successful as founders and been than.
zers of the greatest induatria organ pilses of our country might have failed itterly to leave any enduring impression ife the pull whey had enjoyed in early them in comportable berth in which If as the motto book says. "Necessity
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## TAD

(Continued from page 234.) fighting the

Finally, broken in spirit Eben Chapman went to his employer. In the private office of the great merchant the gray-bearded old man told his story and pleaded for help.
"Help me to save my boy," he cried. "Help me we were contented and happy.
Mr. Appleton was surprised beyond measure. He called in the superintendent of the stock room and asked about Thaddeus.

Does he do his work well?" asked the merchant. The superintendent looked cautiously at Eben. The merchant noticed the look.
"Speak out. Eben here wants to know as much as I do. How is the boy doing?"
"Not so well of late, sir," answered the superintendent. "At first he was the best young
fellow we had on the floor, but lately he fellow we had on the floor, but lately he has got careless and a little toppy."
"Toppy?" inquired Mr. Appleton.
'Toppy?" inquired Mr. Appleton.
Yes, independent like, wants his own way and won't be told anything. Then
"Think what? Go on." The merchant spoke firmly.
"I think he has been drinking of late." "The curse of young men in New York, groaned Mr. Appleton. "Send
him here; and you, Eben, go back to him here; and you, Eben, go back to your work. After I have talked
A few moments later the door of the merchant's private office opened and first time he had stood in the presence of his employer since that first day in New York when, fresh from the country, he had presented himself before Richard Appleton and asked for work. Indeed. Richard Appleton seemed to have forgotten that such a boy as Thatdeus Chapman was in his establishment. It was not strange for Mr. Appleton was a busy man. The institution over which he presided employed an
army of clerks. In the nature of things army of clerks. In the nature of things he could not be expected to give parhe came into contact personally with only the heads of departs them only at intervals when Thaddeus appeared, what Mr. Appleton saw was not the boy that he was expecting for this youth was flashily dressed and had unmistakable signs of dissipation in his face and manner. At his first sight of the boy the truth of Eben Chapman's words dawned upon Mr. Appleton at once. Yet in his tone be did not show that he was in the least displeased or that he suspected anything wrong. In
the kindliest tone he said
"Thaddeus, I want to have a little talk with you about your work. Please sit down."
Thaddeus made no reply, but with a queer feeling about his throat he took the chalr across the desk from the merchant, facing him. Then, not without tremors of conscience and a sudden dread of impend ing punishment, he lifted his eyes slowly to those folded his hands behind his back, and stood facing folded his
his visitor.
"You have been in our employ for some six months now. Thaddeus."
"Yes, sir, six months next Tuesday," Tad replied.
"You have liked your position?"
Yes, sir, pretty well." Mr. Graves tells me that when you flrst came Tad colored and moved uneasily in his chair. "But he tells me you have not done so well of late.

He's got no right to say so." answered the boy with a show of spirit
"He says," went on the merchant as if not hearing what the boy said, "that you have grown careless."
"He says." Mr Appleton continued, "that he thinks you are drinking, and--"." wicked gleam in the boys eyes. "Thaddeus, do you know you are committing sui. cide?"
Slowly Tad's lips formed a smile, but it was a very foolish one

Don't you know that the worst crime a young man can commit is that of killing himself? Let us leave and position, which no young man with your habite can aspire to-leave these out of account; you are can aspire to-leave these out of account; you are boy, do you know that a young man never entered my emplor with a better chance than you had? told the superintendent of your department to give you every opportunity to get ahead. For reasons that you well know I wanted him to favor you. When you first came here you had health, ambition, and everything that goes to make a clean, successful man. Today, six months after you began your work, you have earned, not advancement, but a reprimand, If not a dismissal. You are not the same boy you were six months ago. There is an insincerity in your look; there is a pallor in your cheeks; there is the stain of nicotine on your fingers-all these are marks of an unhealthful, evil life. And what is most shamea white.bearded old down in the basement there is out over the course you are bing Bls hear out over the course you are taking. Blg. strong comperlling your aged father to work for you both.


The old man shook his head slowly
Mr. Appleton would have continued. but Tad interrupted.
Has he been talking to you?"
"Yes, my boy, as a last resort your poor old father has come to me.
"He's got no business to. If I haven't done right, he's to blame for it." The boy shook his head dog gedly.
Mr. Appleton measured with his eye the nearly six feet of flesh and blood that now stood defiantly be fore him, then he said slowly, "Young man, that is he word of a coward.
Had the merchant struck the boy with his fist, the latter would not have been more surprised. For a moment he struggled to recover, but before he could say a word, Mr. Appleton added:
There are two courses open to you, young man. One is to return with your father to your old home in Connecticut and resume the simple but honest
"If I should redeem it and give it back to you, and take a long time mortgage with low interest-that would just suit you, wouldn't it, Eben?"
"I couldn't ask It. It's more'n yuh ought to do. I aln't got no right to ask it
"I might do it," replied Mr. Appleton. "I can see It's this big city is no place for a man like you. only with you, Eben, as it's killing the rest of us, to go back to Conoing quicker work. If you want for you. Come, what do you say?"
Mr. Appleton held out his hand to Eben as if to clinch a bargain in the way men of mutual faith have. Eben extended his hand slowly, hesitatingly. then without letting it touch the other man's he let it drop by his slde.
"I think I'd better see Tad about it first," he said. Then the moment that Richard Appleton had dreaded came.
t boy, don't you, Eben?
He's all I've got.' without him, I can see that.'
"I couldn't do it, sir. We "But he's a truth here. anticipated unwelcome news. store, Eben, and go it alone."
"Leave the store? What's he been
doin'? Did yuh turn him off?" doin'? Did yuh turn him off?" it comes with many come with you, as it comes with many a father, when you
are no match for the influences that You can do him no good. I am sorry to evil companions and blinded by the
your present habits and associates. Which shall it be?".
"I don't have to do elther one," replled the boy with a snarl. "I can get a job some place else." "If another man in my employ," answered Mr. Appleton soberly, "should use such words to me, Thad deus, it would be all over between us." Mr. Apple con advanced a step, and placed a hand on the youn. man's shoulder. Think of your father, Thaddeus. im. It's thinking of him that makes me what I am. him. It's thinking of him that makes me what I am. have an education. He kept me down. And now that I am a man and earning my own wages, he's following me and dogging me wherever i go, whining and whimpering because I won't stay at home I hate to say it, Mr. Appleton, but I am going to quit him for good. If I am ever to amount to anything the only way is for me to get another job and clear out so's I won't have to put un with bls interfering. The superintendent's got it in for me anyway, so what's the use of tryilag to do anything here?'
Mr. Appleton waited some time before he made a reply. He would like to save this boy. In a measure he felt responsible for him, for it was he himself who had brought Thaddeus to the city. In the mo ment of silence he tried to conjure up some sort of a plea that would melt the boy's heart, but when he ooked into Thaddeus's face he felt how impotent must his words be
"Very well, Thaddeus, but God have plty on youinfinitely more pity than you have on others, on one other at least Heres my hand. Thadeus, going to remain your friend"
oing to remain your friend.
here was rebellion in his heart but it was evident o effort to reply in his heart stlll, for he made A few to reply.
Mr. Appleton call later, Thaddeus having departed Chapman be sent to him. and directed that Eben pacing the floor when the old man entered. He was thinking of his own son, now some years dead, and wondering what he could do for Eben Chapman, to whom hls heart went out in sympathy.
"Take a seat, Eben," said the merchant quietly Then, after a moment's besitation, "Do you want to go back to Connecticut?
Eben's eyes glistened. "It would jist suit me, sir,
"You still have your place. I suppose-your cottage and garden?" went on the merchant
"Yes-no-it's gone. The bank had a mortgage
"And you think they have taken it on the debt?"
"That's about it, sir. It's all gone."
"But it can be redeemed, Eben."
glitter of city life, he means to make up for what he thinks you have deprived him of. Do not be surprised, Eben, If you don't find him at home when you return tonight. The boy is in a bad way." Then seeing the evident distress of the old man, Mr. Appleton added. "Hut if you will leave him to me, I will do everything I can for him. I have a plan in mind that will prevent him going too far, but it will be just as well for you to go back to Connecticut. I'll keep ouen at staring hard say
Eben sat staring hard at the speaker, breathing vulsively and his right hand clenched fiercely an conof his chair, while the other, never still betrayed nerves strafined to the utmost.
"I can't go without Tad," he whispered hoarsely "I couldn't do it."
"But if he doesn't come home tonight, or tomorrow night: if he loses himself in the great city, and night: if he loses himself in the great city, and
evades you, as he can. why remain here where you are among strangers, alone and miserable? The fact is. Eben, I can do more for Thaddeus if he knows you are back in Connecticut. As long as you are here he imagines you are watching him, and that he is not free. Give him freedom. Eben. Let him run his course. Many a boy has come through all right, though it's taking terrible risks. Come, be reason able."

I can't go without Tad," the old man whined.
"Very well, I will do what I can anyway," repli "Very well, I will do what I can anyway," replied the merchant, somewhat nettled. "I cannot forget
his services to me the day he was injured. Go back his services to me the day he was injured. Go back
to your work now. If by any chance you see Thaddeus, do not repeat what 1 have said about watching him. I shall employ a detective and have him look after the boy till 1 think he has gone far enough o learn his lesson, then I'll step in
the interview over, Eben Chapman went out, while the merchant turned to his desk to dismiss as far as possing himself deep and determinedly in his corburying him

## (To be continued.)

## A Good Use for Spectacles

There was a little Scotch boy who had the quality of astuteness highly developed. The boy's grandmother was packing his lunch for him to take to school one morning. Suddenly, looking up into the old lady's face, he sald: "Grandmother, does yer specs marnify ?" "A llttle, my chlld," she answered. "A weel, then," sald the boy, "I wad juist like it 'dye wad tak' them alf when ye're packin' my loonch."Argonaut.

And you will not leave New York been couldn't do it, sir. We've always

But he's a grown man now, Eben, and you cannot always expect him to just saying to me that-that-, It was hard for Mr. Appleton to tell the
"What's be been sayin' to yuh, sir?" Eben's clenched hands showed that he
"That he was going to leave the
"No, not that. On the contrary, I
begged him to stay and showed him the folly of bis course. Hut he is headstrong and. I disilike to say it to his father, but he is getting into bad habits that sooner or later, if persisted in, will ruin him. The fact is, the city is too much for your boy, Eben. Bad associates are getting the best of him. I want to tell you this so that you may
know the facts and prepare for what know the facts and prepare for what may happen. I know you love your are no match for the influences that
work against you. I want you to back home and leave the boy to me. I may as well tell you that il am not yoing to let go of him. I am going to have him watched. I will find means to stop him ere he is lost. Perhaps a
little taste of the bitter fruits of his evil ways may bring him to his senses. say it. Eben, but he blames you for it all-blames you for keeping him down all these years, and now, encouraged by

The Boy on His Muscle
Edited by ARTHUR DUFFEY, Holder of World's Sprinting Records at Short Distances. 1899, American Champion. Intercollegiate Champion, 1901-2-3.


E
-ERY healthy American boy is just now becoming interested in some
branch of athletle sport. as base-
ball, tennis, the track or the ball. tennis, the track, or the wa
Each branch has its narticular fol owing. but whatever the sport the
will be enthusiasm all along the line. Of late I have recelved many letter letters contain perplexing questions One writer wants to know the mos sultable dlet for an athlete in training
Another says he can run 100 yards in 13 seconds with his clothes on and wishes oo know how he can better his time.
Some of these questions would require too much space for an answer, but il
If the beginner is at a loss to know
Just what branch of athletics he is best fitted for. 1 would advise him to tak nart in as many different games as posbranches of athletic work appeal to him strongest. and will soon come to
know the things in which he can most asily become proficlent. As a starter
would advise all boys to go in for liaseball. Without exception the think it muscle and mind in the greatest variety
of ways. if you were to consult th of ways. if you were to consult the
champlons in athletics feel sure that in most cases they would thell baseball. This game nay truthrully be called a "feeler out" por the oth.
sports. if a boy can play good bas.sports. if a boy can play good bances are he can play other sports to advantage.
One of the most important things to remember regarding raining is that
one must have a certain systum and one must have a certain system ani lowed. Have regular time for ex regular time for gleeping. By establish Ing regularity in these particulars the
prospective athlete will be puting into praspective a rule that will not only lay a practice a rule success in athletics. but
poundation for suct
will prove of service to him throughout his ilfe. think it necessary in order to accomplish anything that they follow some part diet is of importance to the young athlete; but my advice to the boy
is not to bother much about diet. Let him eat what is placed before him at home. excepting on the day of a contest
when he ought not to burden his stomach with if the young athlete is insistent upon adopting training food. I would light breakfast composed of a say. porFor iuncheon, rare roast beef. just a
Fittle potato, and a glass of milk. For supper or dinner in the evening beet
steak. toast, and tea. with pudding ad dessert this diet has been used by With reference to timing oneselt in
training to sprint. i would say that the
 Hrat places few boys have stop watches:
fewer still know how to hande them. Boys who are contlnual:-
ly timing themselves are
always doing their best
that was going on about them. finally
led them into paths in which they met with success.
We have many splendid examples of
what American boys have been dolng What Amerlcan boys have been dolng
lately in the athletic fleld. Tom Lons:
boat. an Ameftcan Indian boy. recently boat, an American Indian boy. recentiy
eclipsed all previous performances. It
is true that very few AMERICAN Boy readers would care to go into such
sport as a Marathon race, and it is just as well that they do not. This is the
longest race in the nthletic calendar covering some twenty-five miles. It re-
ceived its name far back in the days of anclent Greece, when messengers ran
over the Marathon road some twenty-
five miles. to inform ine citizens of Athens of the victory of the Greeks over
the Persians. So fast and so hard did these messengers run that when the
tirst reached his destination he told news and thetis dropped dead.
The Boston the out any question is responsible for much
of the pinthusiasm in Marathon races. The athletic associations in varathon races. this race, hut it is the Bive place to which Is run over hill and dow event.
over sandy roads from Ashland to Bos: ton, that it recognized as the American than usual was shown in the race. ow-
hag to the reputaton enjore Wg to the reputation enjoyed by many
of the athletes. but particularly because
of the fact that a real pive lndun to take part. From time to time we we
hare had indians taking an Important jart in the athlethe world. Mantant a
day. however, has elapsed since the remurkable performances
were on everyhody's lips. Were on everybodys ips. At
1eerfoot ran he was supposed t
kreatest Iong distance runner
world. The carlisle Indians ways borne a good record. especially in rocorall. was made bumping and sprinting
named young Indian named Mit. Pleasant. He was good for
23 fret in the liroad jump. and close to ton seconds in the hundred yards. But
these fats may be said to dwindle in importance in romparison with what Tom Longboat has done. Tom began
athletic work by dabbling in practically athletic work by dabbling in practically
every kind of sport. It was by mere chance that he began to take up runway is the Indian setti+nent of Cale-
donia. near Ham! donia. near Hamilton. Canada, he was
known as a flite lacrosse player. it licks, and in trainin
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seldom seldom time themselves in training for races.
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regular training have regular training have
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that men were heard remarking about hls neetness of foot. Perhaps Longboat
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not been for another boy who played lacrosse against him and challenged him
to a race in 1904, when Longboat was to a race in 1904, when Longboat was
but seventeen years old. beat his opponent and this gave him an
interest in racing. He is not quilt twenty years old, so that his athletic
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V. C.: Yera Hawkins. Sec.: Frank Lyons, Treas. F. E. Hoppns. C. C. We are in re:
celpt of a neat litte fold er which Elves the
names of the omeers and membera, also the names of the ompers and members, aliso the
date or the holding of regular meetings or
the company. PILOT ROCK COMPANY, No.
 Oney Walker, s. A. This company. has now
21 members and In geting along nicely. Thelr 21 members and is gotting along nicely. Thelr
basket ball team durng the winter monthr
has heen giving a good aceount oo Tiself. It has 88.50 in the treapury at present. It has
one or our pennanta mhich this necretary de-
clarea the 'innest ever.: MOUNTAIN VIEW

 to be dispnerd of at the next meeling. We
do not andse bya to become members of
mort than one company in any town. it




FOR THE
Wide-Awake American Boy


HO, FOR A TRIP TO MARS:The boy in Mars would laugh at you,
if you suggested taking a rain to go from one clly to another.
"A train? he would repeat, in disgust.
"railroads may have been used by the anclents, but they would never do tor the along wow in the world do you get
tor querles. In them?. whe American visiAnd then the Martian boy remembers cated chaps from the world down below.
and he is polite enough not to laugh at
him "Oh: We have had our airship lines for
years airship is ever so much more comito table and convenlent for traveling, you
know. Come along with me, and well
take a little sall just to see the country".
He pauses a moment. and is evidently
hinking of something that tickiles him immensely, but he doesn't let his visitor things that pribobitereste you good many ry of yours, as, as-" But he doesn't finlsh the comparison as he turns away. and the Amerisan
chap is much too ocupied with the slghts around the two to ask him to
complete the sentence. self, is not the least peculiar feature
that is given him to study.
If the ideas of professor Edward $S$
 lian boy able to lift a two hundred. Professor Morse says that the people ours is dwarfed to almost nothing. In
general features and bulld. the boy of
Mars, the professor thinks, is much like Gars, the profes and thinks. is much mor or
Mhe boy of this earth. He has a pecu-
the boy
lar lung power, however. which enables him to breathe alr so rare that the ordidown in It, would die with a few gasps American boy might visit, would have
ooprovide him with an artincial breath-
ng apparatus before he could One of the queerest features of all however-here is something that is goboys and men of Mars are inveterate mokers, according to the latest deduc-
ions. Up there. says Professor Morse
he lads don't have to crouch behind the barn for thelr first smoke and keep a
watch around the corners for thelr athers. The professor tells us that the
nhabtitants of Mars are the greatest An airship trip over that planet will and take notice. To begin with, water
is as precious in Mars asgold is on this as bigand barren and unpromising as States is one of the most progressive
nations in the world in the construction re like toys compared to the waterway Mhers! is one canal on that mysterious
There which is more than 3000 mlles
 ephone, all of the tmprovements which
we are just beginning to have. and Which Fre pride ourselves are putting us
In the frontrank of the world's progress
Professor Morse says the people may have been using for people of Mar
What would you say to a visit.

 justed, you will have to be content wit A BURIED TREASURE CITY:-
Have you. ever read "'The Last Days
If you have. of course you emember the thrills that ran up and
down your body as you tried to pleture the storm of lava which poured from Ve.
uuvius over the streets of Pompeli and Herculaneum. Teve that all this occurred nearly two dating their letters, 79 eh . People were
D. when the
daption took place. And What has this to do with today? burled under a crust of lava and rocks celved the lesser edges of the disaster,
and it was an easy mater for her people. who had been absent from the clty.
to dig down to their homes when they
returned. But in the case of Herculaneum thin clty was buried deep under tons of earth
and for the better part of two thousand years, not a ray of daylight has ever
penetrated to her courtyards and walls.
A Aroject is now under way, however
to uncover Herculaneum bore down to her burled housean and to bore down to
bring to the
earth agaln her treasures.

Anclent history and geography in ex-
citing chapters. if you were there. you say? Yes, and two or three years of
them, too. Fxploring Herculaneum is a
nroject of time. much tlme, with a millproject of time. much time, with a mill-
lonaire to pay the bills. too. It is to be a hunt for burled trea-
sure. with as romantic setings as ever
faced the most daring seeker of pirate's gold.
Professor Charles Waldsteln. an Eng:
Ilshman who has given a life time of lishman who has given a life an Eime of
labor to the study of musty old parch-
ments and records of by-gone ages. says belleve that vast treasures will be
discovered in Herculaneum. When Pompell was uncovered, it was found that
nearly all of the houses had been entered by the anclent Itallans, who had
escaped the disaster, and who carried
away everything of value. This will lic buildings ought to contain much
that will astonish the world.
"The lava, which buried the old clty, was Whipped into a hard cement by a
long deluge of rain shortly afterward.
The place could not be protected more fully if it had been walled in with
stone.
ender the site of Herculaneum exends the present city of Resina, a place
of 20.000 people which has been bullt directly above the anclent streets and
walls. For years, the inhablants have
known that every day they walked to
thelr work they passed above poss thly thelr work they passed above possibly
untold millions and to emphasize the
fact. over their shoulders they could see
the same surly crater of Yesuvius which
spelled death tor some then the same surly crater of yesuvius which
spelled death for some 12.000 or thelr
countrymen in anour'span. and for
many hundreds more since the days
when Herculaneum and Pompeli fourmany hundreds more since the days
when Herculaneum and Pompeli four-
tshed." POCKET CCRIOS FROM YOCR CESCLESABT- CCRIOS FROM YOCR
One-sixth of all the people In the
Cntted States recelve their mail by rural dellvery
Seventy-six American eltjes each pro-
duce man $\$ 20.000,000$ worth of There are fifteen hundred billion peo-
ple in the world. They could all be set down in the state of Texas, and
person could be glven one-ninh
 Each minute during the past year. two gess a comblined of the Mississippi pos-
$\$ 23.000 .000 .000$ of more than $\$ 23.000 .000 .000$ and the states east of
that river. $\$ 80.000 .000 .000$ nearly three and a half times this amount.
The state of Arliona, 113.000 square
miles In area, is as large as the entire miles in area, is as large as the entire
Phillpplne 1slands. Which containa pop-
ulation of $8,000.000$ as against Arizona's population of 123.000 .
The Cnited States
age popsesses an aversquare mile.
The wealth of this country, if divided
indollars and cents among its $80,000,000$ people. would give every man woman
and child a bank account of a little over The original New England was on the shores in 1579 he took Dossesston of
the.country for Queen Elizabeth, calling it "Nouva Alblon," meantng New Eng-
land. The state of New Hampshire,
Massachusetts, Maine. Connecticut. Rhode lsland and Vermont have, there-
fore. appropriated the name, which FROM KANSAS CITYY
TO KANSAS CITY
Blank amazement was In the face of
he ticket agent. as he stared at the man
 more slowly. I am not used to shocks like that:" at the window laughed.
The man at
"It simple enough". he rejoined. merely want two tickets Prom Kansa
Clty to Kansa City?"
From Kansas City to Kansas City? he agent repeated again. Why manbly. The fact of the matter is that my
wife and I intend to go around the world and as we are starting from Kansas City
we will naturally end here. won't we?
That is why I say from Kansas City to We will naturaliy end here. won't we?
That is why isay from Kansas City to
Kansas City. Now, can you give me the ticketa?".
The akent was all animation again.
"Certalnly, sir! 1 'll have them ready or you in two minutes!",
He was already stamping long allps of white and green tickett that his trained
ningers rapidly drew prom the row of Angers rapldly drew from the row of
pigeon holes berore him.
You took me just alle by aurprise."
 a call like that, you know. But I suess
we are equal to it. Here we are! Two
tlekets from Kansas Cltyto Kansas Clty!
I'l tlkets from Kansas Clty to Kansas City!
I'HI trouble you for $\$ 1,358.80$ sir!
How is that for twentleth century busi-

How many miles are those tlcket good for? you are gasplng. What con
nections will that man have oo make?
how far by rall, how far by water will h how far by rall, how far by water will he
go? What detalls-just one
Here Here is a a ditile table that one moment will give you
the whole thing in a nut-shell. And
yountake a trip. yound read lithroug
pretty slowly you'll take a trip. you'll read it throug
pretty slowly. You may fmd it userul
when you get ready to take the trip
yourselves
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anywhere from nou can put it at years, depending on the size of your
pocketbook. Outside of your meals and Cotel bllss. the $\$ 679.30$ which the Kansas
Cty agent collected, pays all expenses
with giop-overs at any polnt that may attract your interest. Sounds goo
enough. doesn't It? Are you Wishing-
but let me plve you another feature but let me Rlve you another feature o
this aame subject before you go to day
dreaming!
reaming! Around the world in elghty days!"
Jules
"Around the world in elghty days!", You
Jules ferne, you say. Right!
yave read the book most of you, and have read the bouk most of you, and it
you havent. get it from the 11 brary when
you are down the next time. But truth
is a whole lot stranger than fiction, a
you have been told ber you have been told before in this page
and Jules Verne's traveler is going to be
asked polltely to go away asked polltely to go a way bark and si
down, as i tell you of a trip around the
world in forty days? Forty days: No, the printer has no
made a mistake! And an air-shlp or a balloon, and no
not even an automobile is necessary not even an automobile is necessary
do it.
made schedule has already been
mity-nine days without the un of specials, and with the improvement
of the great Trans-Siberian Railway fast steamer line from Port Arthur t
Japan, the nineteen days can be choppe Japan. the nineten days can be chopped
orf. without having to He awake nights Anyone can go from New York to
Cherbourg Cherbourg. France In six days, now
and the irip to Paris in another hatif a
day is imple day is simple. From Paris to Vladivo
stok-take that name, slowly thirtee days will be needed. to Nagasaki two
more, to Yokohama itwo and more than
half of your time is exhausted. Van couver whill be your next point, and the
new schedute counts twelve days needed days and a half trip from New You
and the end of your time 11 mit . Rall road men say that this last lap is easy
With good connections.- and when you
step on your train. a trifle exhausted step on your train, a trifie exhausted
possibly, you have cut Jules Verne's
dream exactly ta half! Take your map and,-ah, you have
already got it out Wiell, you won't care already got it out Well, you won't care
to be disturbed for the next half hour.


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taining 12 STEELPENS $\underset{\sim}{\boldsymbol{\sim}} \begin{gathered}\text { ferent } \\ \text { patterns, }\end{gathered}$


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## Chats With Big Americans

## For Young Americans

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 started back in amazement at their ap-
parance, and the chances are that hls
hand would have dropped to his rifle.
for it was in one of the widest sections of Californifa, away back in the days of
outlaws and prowling Indians and grizBut it is safe to say that not one or
these would have startled him as greatiy
as the sight of the strange group before Himeavy wigs adorned the greater num-
Her thelr faces were thick with greasepaint. and they were all attired in thr
Engiish court costume of three centuries
ago-doublet and hose. and sweeping cloak and plumed hat, while light raplers
swung jauntily at their sldes. you will endoy meeting them, especially
you chaps who are fond of giving shows
out in the harn, when the hay clear and yourn. can et a couphe of sheets
for a rurain. Youre interested. eh?
Well. what would you say to boys making a summer trip through the
mountalins, camping out in the woods


 tueston of dollars and cents, with some
iont faces among them, when the crawd
ion the cvening performance wasn't a
at was back in a tlme. too. When a tour of
Callfornla wasn't what it is today gold discoverey was the big topic of con-
versation. and the rough inhabitants of the miners' camps formed their chlef au. Yet the leader of the party, now he-
"ome in man, is today Americars greatest
theatrical manager and playwrlght
 hon a week
Last month I told you of another
American. Frank A. Munsey, who, beginAmerican. Frank A. Munsey, who, begin
nine with noting in his pockets, earns
it ycarly income af aver $1,000.000$. Mr
 Can you chans heat them?
©rt was sometimes necessary for ua
curn the hushes into dressing rooms an turn the hushes into dressing rooms and
journey to our next stopping place al
ready for the stage. resumed mr Brlasco with it twinkile. as he leaned
hark in his thisk harr in his handsome Hamlet' and the 'Merchant of Vente Hrithe ither characters of Shakespeare
drickety wagon through the
Callfnrnia woods. and the effect on tha Il really lemet? that some of the get-
lers must have thought the end of the world was coming as we whipped up our waving our sworis and plumed hats! hufit rions of of heats frome roand lumber and and
gave our show in the light of lanterd and torches. Our audlence didn't know
Shakesmedre from Bill Jones. but they
weren't disnosed to be critical and wo "We trled to carry some scenery with
s. but the greater part we had made home and liy the time we wad made at amping a frw weeks. It was hardiy of a
tandard to warrant much advertising. We made "up lacked in enthusiame respects.
hink that weally Youm must have had some pretty lively Pperinnces oft the stage as weell as on."
ingeested as he paused. W1th thourhis
if red-shirted miners and outlaws with ix-shooters and panthers filtult
 and Indians. difl geam a lonk way from
he hurry and bustle of Broadway. eh. Well, they were still. finding new mines almost every week." he answered. staked out. and we were always meet-
ne prospectora who had come to dig a ortune from the earth. Well. It would have bern stranke if we hidn't had our we hadn't been on the lookout for ex"We mft more than one of the bad sheriffis posse that was on thelr trall
ilinn. The nutaws carried thelr lluesin in

With Promenent Men in Behalf of Readers of The American Boy
By HUGH C WEIR
law prevalled in Callfornla in those days.
and ine fugtulve generally fought to the
death rather than submit to capture. death rather than submit to capture. A
pitched batte was a much more common experience for the sheriry of the mining
district than a trial by jury, and as a
rule he knew more about gun play than rule he knew more about gun play than
he did about the law. ul remember on one occasion a posse
had been on the trall of a futlive for
days. Several times the sherift and his days. Several times the sherlifeand his
deputies were almost at his hels. and
once thought that thev had him cornered. The man, however, was such ed himself from belng surrounded, and
In the end he managed to escape. The
posse pressed close behlnd him, more aroused than ever. It was certain that
the fugltive had been wounded and the end of the chase seemed at hand. of the outiaw vanished. The pursuing
party searctied the bushes In valn, and
fnally. sullen and baflied. turned into a
settler's cabin near at hand for rest and
food. IIt seemed incredible that the man
ould have escaped from the nelghbor hood, but every possible place of con-
cealment was visited without giving the
slightest clue. Susplciously. the posse
 brown study. Suddenly he uttered a low
exclamation and snrank from his seat.
On the wall above his head. there had On the wall above his head, there had
appeared a narrow red line. As he
watched, it became broader and broader watched, it became broader and broader.
running in a queer zigzag course dowil the rough logs
Clutching revolver. the sher!ft
anrang up the rickety ladder that led to aprang up the rickety ladder that led to
the loft. Sprawled on the rafters was the fugitive who had escaped hin, and
the next inoment the mystery of the red
line on the wall was explained. The
man had been given shelter by the setman had been given shelter by the get-
tler, buthad falnted from a buile wound
in his side. It was his blood trickuling
through the loose boards of the celling
which had caught the sherifis eye and which had caught the sheriff's eye. and
alone betrayed him." Of course, you chaps have gathered
before this that Mr. Belasco was a Cali-
fornia boy, but this fact hardly explains fornia boy, but this fact hardly explains
his keen personal interest In the Panama Canal. You will understand the Panama
When I tell you that his mother on her
way to the West. crossed on foot the Way to the West. crossed on foot the
Isthmus of Panama. Where Uncle Sam is
now digging h!s $\$ 200.000,000$ waterway! Mr. Belas hec parents, were mmonk the
very flrst to be attracted by the Callfor nia gold discoveries-back in 1849
youn prohably remember without look-
ing at your historles-and he was born and raised in the atmosphere of the minlng camps.
nWhat was
come to write it? ${ }^{\text {at }}$ duty corner of an old book. store
in Aan Francisco was responslble." Mr San Franclsco was responsible.' Mr
Brlasco answered. musingly. By some chance. the proprletor had collected an
odf assortment of old plays. I I don't
believe I ever saw a stranger llst in my blleve I ever saw a stranger list in my
life. They had been qathered from
many quarters. and some of them were
hundreds of years old. I was like the boy who finds a lot of old stories in
some forgoten trunk in the attic.
was working as a call-hoy in an san
Francisco theater and i had a certaln
amount of lelsure earh day. The mo amount of lelsure earh day. The mo
ment I was away from work. I turned The owner was a kind keare mated man


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A S Wandered about through the Tul watious crowd that was closely watching the movements or a man.
There he stod, the center of ad-
miring spectators. with pige sparrows thronging around him. The


## "come on my childoen, fear nothing

 bead-like eyes thled with absolute confl-
dence and trust. I realized that this must be the celebrated M. Pol, the birdbut never seen, slmply because 1 had never chanced to cross the Tulleries gar-
dens when he happened to be feeding his
feathered pets. I drew near. attracted by the pretty and an opportunity presented itself, and was able to enter into conversation with unly too pleased to give me all the par-
iculars of his charming. M. Pol revels n expatiating on the intelligence and himseli is a curtous character. clever and bright and amusing repartees of his coun In one of the Parls minlsterlal oortices. and it was in passing to and from his
work through the Tulpries gardens that work throukh the Tulpries gardens that
he frst noticed the birds. nearly fifteen years ago. One morning he brought a
small roll and threw the crumbs on the ground. The Parisian sparrow, like his
prototype. the French gamin" or stree hoy, is not shy, and M. Pol was interested
and amused to see the little thlngs futter at his feet and peck vigorously at the bread he had given them. He gradually
got into the way of stoping morning and vening to distribute crumbs to the birds very soon they became his one absorblng and life. Ne Negan to content with their ways
peing their he soon grew to know many of them in dividually, giving them speclal names
that accorded with some tralt in their character or some peculiar mark in their plumage. He mentioned to me as one of gence that these birds remember a name
iven to them one day and answer to it the next. This extraordinary man is now in such they obey his sllightest wish when given
by word of mouth or by a mere algn or "In fact." M. Poi confidently asserts. "I And these birds are no longer mere spar ple. To tell you the truth,". and a merry frathered friends are far better ac-
quainted with the forms of outward poiteness and courtesy than many of their men snd women! troduced to some of my ilitile friends?" terest i show in his pets.
Most certalnly: I should be charmed." answer, and I draw nearer the magic

He notes my hesitation and exclalms "I shall tell my little friends you are all right and that you will not harm them, them. so that, if you wish it. they will at
my bidding feed out of your own hand. Delighted with the novel expertence. I extend him my hands. holding in each a tiny morsel of bread rolled out in a apl-
"Come on, my children. fear nothing." word of command the sparrows to the to f bread I am holding
See. 'tis quite eesy. for anyone to be laughs.charmer if they only try." he
the talents of me show you some of the talents of my pupils, for many of
them are clever and wonderfully gifted.
"This is Cafe au the partlcular gloss of his coat, and called arter a celebrated race-horse belonging
to M Bremont. Well known on the Eng-
lish turr. 'Cafe au Lait, The bird sonamed. come here!"
flies. from the ground, soars above M. Pol's head and
swoops down on the piece of bread held
aloft. '"Thls is Mr. 'Joli-Coeur.' (Gay Young plece of bread from off the tip of my
nose
"Here comes Tape-a-oell (One in the
Eye): he is an old frient of iwelve ears' standing; you see. as they grow
older the birds plumage turns blacker contrary to the human turns blacker. grows gray with age.
"This ilttle mald here is only three
months old: her name is La Souris Mouse); she was exceedingly shy when
first her mother introduced her to me. but see, now I can rain down cults to
Within an inch of her head, and she does
not budge." not budge."
He suits the action to the words and
"I a souris" seems to smile up at him plactdy. This gentleman I am rather proud of: row on record who has learnt English unly what I say which he understands
and responds to.
In falrly fluent Engllsh M. Pol calls Will you have a glass of hread. my dear? my boy?
Wine Come here, old chap!
nies up from the each phraund and "Le Boer"
" 'Here is 'La Mere Michel.' who. though actially learning English. Ah! here comes. The old man speaks in 1tantan to the
last-named bird, which responds to each direrent call. Yes.
me. "It was Le Pere Joseph" who was her
dancink master. See what a creditable
pupil she la to him. Do you not think so." pupll ghe ls to him. Do you not think so? ?
Le Pere Joseph! and who was he? enquire. Pere Joseph? why: he was one of the cleverest cock-sparrows that ever few about. But he ts dead now. poor fel-
low. "Here comes 'Mme. Clara.' so-called pt lady who was stopping at the Hotel Regina, and who wished to become the god "This now is my frend 'Nicholas;" he all. He comes every morning to meet
me at the statue of Joan of Arc. And-
would you belleve as I was walking down the Rue de Ri-
voll, my thought tle feathered friends, I suddenly saw a head, which, on the air, high above my my shoulders with a little chirp of de-
light at having found me. It was this gentleman here. Notholas: and I remem-
ber I felt so sorry I had not one scrap
of bread to to bay to himl in Awfully sorry, old boy.
but in never thought I should have the pleasure of meeting you hould have the
fore I am not and therefore I am not provided with bread!
"Now. just look at this one, Le Pom-
pler' the Fireman) how' pler (the Fireman). how proudly he car-
ries himelf. because he has two white stripes on his feathers as an insignia of the honorable position he holds. He ex-
tinguishes all the fres which break out tinguishes all the nres which break out
in the sparow world!
ththis rather solemn-looking chap here "This rather solemn-looking chap here
is ife Prophete. He foretells what evil
may befall his brother-birds. and what good may come to ther-birds. and what
As he enumerates the miraculous aus As he enumerates the miraculous qual-
iffations of the last two birds, the merry
twinkle in the twations of the last two birds, the merry
he expects me to man's eyes shows me he expects me to be amused by his draw-
ing of the long bow, which 1 am. Heart). the bravest of the brave. (Iron
would not finch if i were to give him a blow such as would shake the Colonne endome to lis very foundations!
Old this chap here, that is 'Le Diable' Old Nick'. He is simply maryelous-a regular sir isaac Newton he has such
a mathematical head. If he is standing hirds andi call out a row with order in which
he happens to be third pourt he happens to be, third. fourth. or fifth.
he comes at once; he never makes a
mistake. mistake. This fllow here is 'Sclplo Africanus." who recelves thumps and knocks from
my hand with such he recalls the courage of anclent heroes ing round hlm. but these birds are not "plerrots" and cannot perform any won. No matter what be the weather-hall snow, or raln-M. Hol never falls to come
and feed his ittle frlends it is more and feed his ilttle irlends: it is more
by his unering punctuality than any-
thing else that he has won their faith and love. no enemies." says M. Pol. "but If I had I should only have to teach
some of my blrds to go and tear outt the
eyes of those wha had wronged me. He tells me how often on a winter:s evening, the old and alling birds. feel-
Ing they are about to die, come and lie appeal and takes them back to his mute home to die. stretched in the hollow of
his hand.-Lily Butler in the Giris Realm



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## When Daniel Webster Taught School

By MANTON MARLOWE


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 Tandingot the Hifrims to tho presi Heera of thatr manhood jhe writit


 them began teaching at a very early age. wenty, and the whole story of his
perlences as a schoolmaster is very interesting. He had graduated
from Dartmouth College and had bery anxtous that a younger
brother of his, Ezekiel, should also
graduate from Dartmouth graduate from Dartmouth, and as young Ezekiel was without funds
his brother determined to earn
money for him by teaching ear or two. The position of
eacher at the Academy In Frye
urg, Maine. was ortered to salary of three hundred and fifty as a very llberal salary for that ime personal appearance at thi time in these words: "I was long.
slender, pale, and all eyes: Indeed
i went by the name of ill-eyes the country round." He may not ways, but to the end of his llfe he brillancy of his deed-set and pe-
culfarly penetrating dark eyese it
is probable that many a pupil in hem. was In the year 1802 that Danlel Webster fared on horse back a distance of neariy one hun-
dred milles to begin his career as
teacher in Fryeburg then teacher in Fryeburg, then a
rowing town about fitty miles
rom Portland, Maine. He found romportland, Maine. fity miles
boarding place with Mr. James Os-
oood. who was the register good. who was the register of
deeds in Fryeburg and was en
bled to eerrn his board copyin abeds evenings form br.Osgood. The
liftle schoolhouse in whing ittle schoolhouse in which he
laught had been built the year
1791, and the ground on which the schoolhouse stood is on thich the
consecrated to the memory day
Webser Webster.
We are told by one of his blogrannovation of opening and closing
he school with extemporaneous prayer. and that this made a deep
impression on his pupils. He impression on his pupils. He had he had
always been a reader of the Blble. burg a pocket-knife given to him by for committing more verses from th Bible to memory than any other pupil
n the school. His frst work as a teach n the school. His frst work as a teach find the trustees making him a present the first four months he taught in the
Academy. Nearly every dollar of the money he had earned was sent to hi young brother Ezekiel, who needed it al the more because of a
that had fallen upon him.
young schoolmas not copying deeds, the the best literature he could find. He
had little taste for any other kind, and he now and then took up his pen to were included in ine long letters he was
ever fond of writing to his friends at home. Even before coming to Fryeburg he had written a poem on Washington
beginning with these very creditable
"Ah, Washington, thou once did gulde And point each danger to our infant
Didst show the gulf where faction's tem-
And the blg thunders frollc o'er the
rhrough the red wave didst lead our
Like Anclent Moses, the other ulde the
 d that he ever had the good will of
puplls. He get them a good example his pupils. He set them a good example Coke. Hale, sond Blackstone for massacrby never falling to attend church on ing thelr ianguage. As to the practice what and other strong drink, no matter the business of an office 18 conducted what the occasion might be. Young as wlith the. very refuse and remnant on
he was, he was chosen to give the ora- mankind." tion on the Fourth of July aiter his ar- Years after the death of Webster a
rival in Fryeburg. The entire oration minister living in Fryeburg wrote the has been preserved and it is a remarkayears. No wonder that some who heard it predicted then and there that a great
future was in store for the young orator,
> veins, New Hampshire's high When from New Hampshire's high Came down-t seeker and a sayer To stand beneath the elms, and That guide the heart of boyhood' They called him Daniel Webster and the chime
Measured the sliding hours with
smooth, slow siroke While he sat registering the deed As though the wlde world watche But slow in speech; and yet when Then ance archangel taught."
> Webster visited Fryeburg four years after his term as schoolmast
ter in the town. and he pald a sec-
ond visit to the Bchoolhouse in which he had taught
was standing, but it was destroge was standing, but it was destroyed
by fre in 1863 , much to the regret
of the people of the town. who would gladly have preserved it as It $1 s$ worth while to state that fellow one of whose maiden efforts was to be given to the public in
Fryeburg. On the 25 th of May. In the cent 18nilai of Lovew celle Flight
and an eftort was made to and an eftort was made to get dellver the oration on this occasion.
His engagements at Washington kept him from accepting the invi-
tation. Had he been able to have done so, he would have had among Youth of elghteen who handsome writ-
ten a poem of six stanzaa for the occasion, a youth whoz like web-
ster, was to "make his mark" in
the world in the His name in the years to come. Who closed his oration with these words, poem as true today as they were when they
fell from the ifpe of webster: "A true
patriot, with his eye and his heart on patriot, with his eye and his heart on
the honor and happiness of his country. hath an elevation of soul, that lifta him
above ordinary men. country enjoys peace he rejoices and is thankiul, and, if it be in the counse
of Heaven ho send the storm and the
tempest. his bonom proudiy swill tempest, his bosom proudly swells fear, above danger, he feels that the last end which can happen to any man neve
comes too soon. if he falls in defense of the laws and ibberties of his country. to come from a young fellow of but
twenty years. It is of interest to add regarding thit
wonderful oration dellvered by the youthrut schoolmaster that, elghty years
later, it was found in a junk shop with other waste paper in Boston, and it is
now the highiy-prized possession of resident of Fryeburg. I Would advise
all- young people to gearch in the nearbecause a more masterly production from the pen of a youth of twenty years
does not exist in the Hiterature of the world. Eminent literary critics have de clared thla to be true of Webster's ora
Hon at Fryeburg on the Fourth of July the year 1802.
When the time for which he had en every effort was made by the trustees o the Academy to induce him to remain an
its teacher. but he was anxlous to give
his whole time to the study of the law. his whole time to the study of the law.
and not oven the orier of quite an 1 n-
create of salary could deter him from create of salary could deter him from
this purpose and he left Fryeburg and
went to Salisbury to read dull law booke
set to music for the occaston to be sung
by the people, was as follows: "And the story of that day
Shall not pass from eartn amay Shall not pass from earth
Nor the blighting of decay
Weste our liberty But, Within the river's sweep,
Long in peace our vale shall sleep,
And free hearts the record keep
Of this Jubllee."

The fifteth anniversary of the founding of the Academy in which Webster the year 1842, and again an entiort was
made to secure $W e b s t e r$ for the orator
of the day in Fryeburg. and again he pound it Impossible to be present. All which he refered with deep feellig to to
his days in the beautirul little town. and n closing he salutations. and if there be among you
any of those who sought to learn Latin or Greek, or to read or clpher, under my
veteran tultion, please say to them that I trust their children have had better instruction than their fathers." of web.
The hundredth annlversary of ster's year as a teacher in Fryeburg was celebrated by the town. and the
poet of the occaston was Miss Ellzabeth poet of the occasion was Miss Elizabeth
Porter Gould. Who closed her lons poem
"For then, as now, a teache
"For then, as now, a teacher
Was called to be a gulde
To lift the soul to h gher life,
The Or tide
Which bound of the shores of ming thought
fraught

With depths of life unknown, unsought. Thus taught our Daniel Webster,
In 1802 .
I think he's worth remembering here-

PIGEONS FOR BOYS
By A. NICOL SIMPSON, F. Z. S.
WERY boy who keeps. or intends to friendly advice and see that every
bird within his loft is thoroughty
Nothing. in my experience 1 s a greater factor in successful pigeon keeping than having every bird familiar to take any management instide the loft If this advice is followed many
troubles and vexations will be saved It makes all the difference concelvable whether hen pigeon dashes off her eggs or young ones on being approached,
or allows the eggs or squabs to be handled while she simply "coos." of
course every pigeon sitting on eggs. or quickly at the hand inserted in her strike But it very much depends who her nest.
to disturb her in her maternal functo disturb her in her maternal func-
tons. If the person be recognized by
the bird as the attendant. then all is
well: otherwtse the well; otherwise the pargon dashes of
and upsets the whole of her domestic arrangements.
On approaching a sitting pigeon, gentby the back of the gently lift her up against back of the hand being held
usually give athers. The pligen will usually give a sharp blow with her
wing, but this will not hurt. and as the eggs. or squabs are more delleate than
the attendant's hand, it is wise the blow should strike the latter in place of the During the breeding
hould be looked at every morning and vening. As young plgeons are ?reabout ten days old, they may require hand-feeding. You will always know if
the squabs are belng properly by examining the crop. If this is fur
fall's well; otherwise attention is called for.
In the case of eggs. it is always easy
to tell aifter the lapse of fve or six o tell after the lapse of fve or slx
days if there are young in them. The
shella are very transparent, and of a shella are very transparent, and of a
uniform white color. which enables the owner to declde readily whether they are clear. then they may be removed as
useless. but if the shadow inslde is useless, but if the shadow inside is
opaque, the probabllity is that young When the squeakers are fit to look arter themselves, they should be drafted
into a separate loft. as old birds often
 especialy
lay again.
young plgeons, on gaining their adul they "fall back," as one may say. Any squeaker late at coming to the feeding
call. or that has its feathers out of or
der and sits idly in a corner, demand prompt attention. Before such a blrd goes to roost at night it ought to be
carefully examined. If the breast-bone is in any way. prominent, and the bird Epsom saits by placing this deliberate
ly at the root of the birds tongue
This may reinstate it. but, falling any This may reinstate it. but, ralling any
improvement. ig cod-lver oil capsunte
once a day will in most once a day will in most cases effect a
cure. Such remedies can bee had of
any chemist or purchased via the me in in every issue of the week
devoted to minor live stock.
At times young plgeons seem to have feathers, and this may be helped greatly
by pulling out three or four of the tail
former reathers
In the matter of varlety of breed. thls Some boys will love the Fantall, Pouter Jacobin, or the Turbit; While others ly to the Racing tastes, may take kind
variety but whatever variety be selected. it goes Without say-
ing that much pleasure and profit may he derlved by the keeping of plgeons he derived by the keeping of plgeons
There is. indeed. no class of domestic birds so lovely qs plgeons, and to breed
a good spectmen inat can win at
large shows. 18 not only any boy might not only an achievemen
once be proud of but a once stamps its breeder as a person who
knows something of the art of mating Indeed, in the judicious mating of fancy pigeons lies the great secret of producing typical specimens-birds tha rank and nle of the show-pen, but reflect the greatest credit on the breeder
who produced them. And in this connection it may be wise to state tha careful regarding the selection of his
breeding stock. Pedigree 1 s a most Im breeding stock. Pedigree is a most Im
portant matter in pigeon-breeding, al
though ft may appear to those uninappear of little momen The best blrds the pocket can afford should only be kept. Inferior breeding slock means poorer progeny, and hence
less success in the show-pen and lower
prices when the blats are disposed of Then some varieties of pigeons ar
as good speclmens in their first season
as they whil ever be when as they whill ever be. When four or five monteclde it the bird is according to
to de demands of the standard, or wheth
the er it will be likely to imppove or de considerably as they get plder, some
become becoming thick in their head proper
tles, where narrowness is desired ers, again contract where a broad skull
in called for. In many other ways also plgeons develog as they approach
the adult stage. and even later. and is only by close observation and study on the part of the breeder that the fu
ture prize-winnera can be judged. But any young pigeon that casts a a doub
on the breeders mind as to tita ulimate
development ought to be retained it is often the unexpected that happens
in this engrosing hobby of pigeon-
keeping.

## How to Become Strong

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OHow to be a guccess at outpoor UTDOOR GAMES are among the
nost important int interesta
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And so in boxing. All of Jearleg' su-


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 The secret of suce suss in outdoor games depends upon eparate and dach of them the

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 another ariticle of this series, so witill not

every case. They simply can-
Thy ghould be praticed as
often and as long as you can
manage. The more you prac
crease the $s$ Ging untlly the
armis tossed high int the air
EXERCISE NO. 3. Stand with feet alightly apart. Swing
the arms gently back and forth. Gradually increase the movement, allowing the head and body to enter into It. SWing
the head down as the arms go backward. swinging it upas the armg are tossed
up in front. This exerclis will uping front This exercise will resemble somewhat the swing which is generally
made at the "take of of the standing Jump. EXERCISE NO. 4. Exhale the breath in a gentle sigh. at the same thme
allowing the head to fall on the chest
Then gradually relax the muscles of the Then gradually relax the muscles of the
body. allowing the head to fall lower and lower, arms hanglng toward the
noor. (See Fig. 3). The object of this exercise is to teach muscular relaxation.
in performing it be very careful not to in performing it be very ca
bend the knees.
EXERCISE NO.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Stand with right foot one step in ad- } \\
& \text { vance. Swing the right arm genity back } \\
& \text { and forth, until you can make the awing } \\
& \text { with the utmost freedom and ease. }
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$$ with the utmost freedom and ease.

This exercise should also be practiced
with the left foot forward. swinging left arm. EXERCISE NO. 6.
Make with a lead pencli a small crosa
elther upon the wall or upon a plece of paper attached to the wall. Now. take
in the right hand a lead pencll, place yourself in front of the mark on the
wail and go through the movements de-
scribed in the exercises just preceding this. swinging the arms and body easily
back and forth.
As you do this make a mark with the
pencl upon the wall, trying to see how As you do this make trimark with the
nencll upon the wall, trying to how
nearly you can come to the point where (See Fig. 4). Same should be done, hold-
ing the pencll in left hand, swinging left
hand up as described.

 "head" and lots of cold nerve, he lot go-
ing to get rattled. and elther let the
man on third steal home. or let the batter take his bas
thing of that kind
And so take any of the other games-
at critical points. eapectally. it is only the boy or man who can think stralght decide quickly, and keep his nerve who is
golng to be a champlon. so the second golng to be a champlon. so the aecont
thIng to be developed for succes at out-
door games is the ability to do good door games is the ability to do good
head work. This. of course. 1s matter
of practice and attention. and beyond of practice and attention: and beyond
saying this, I can give no directions in
this article. Now we come to the third and most success in games of akill. That thing in control of the body. A boy might have
the strength of Sandow. the head of a Shakespeare, and the nerve of a life inurance mani and yet he would fall could control his muscles in auch a way as to put exactly the right degree of hla stroke at preciacly the right fraction of a second.

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 Few boys who love exciting thingshave the Ereat good luck to see a bomb.
shell fall in a peaceful watermelon field. But this happened to two young lads ton was belng shelfed by Union guns at
the time of the Civll War, were hoelng meion vines in the fleld of a country They namere the sons of a farmer, Who,
hough he was off at the wars then, had a
areater local reputation as an amateur
magician than as magician than as a soldier. miles above
The farm was many mater The farm was many miles above
Charleston, so far away, Indeed. that
only the falntest sound of the distant frlng ever was heard there. So you can
imagine how astonished they wiere when. with a tearing. whistilng roar overhead It had been a tornado wind-something patch, as if from the sky, almost at the
feet of the hoeing boys. Spellbound with terror, they waited for one distracted. moment, expecting it to
burst. for they had read enough of was their habit. Then they took to their
heels and fied: and when they returned a half hour later with all the rest of the


long time. fearing still it might burst: but after some month the two boys great black ball that they decided to
move it nearer to the nouse, and guard Porever as a keepsake.
This they did, and, deeming the center of a verbena bed in their nower garden
an approprlate place for such an ornathere.
FInally. some sort of an inscription a curlosity. the boys got some white
paint and printed the following words upon the shell the ony Yankee bombshell
that ever fell so close to Summerville. It dropped In the watermelon patch of
Mr. Dave Morrow, who swallowed
nakes and was killed in the wers. snakes and was killed in the wars."
What finally became of the bombshell surely. if only for the sake of its novel
"Hey, Bill, Your Mother Wants You'
There': a ery which youth onrages Tif the noigan or the ieses. When the ball game you are leading. On a home rung gulchiy speading:
Comes the rry. demanding heodins: Oomes tho cry, demanalng heading:
When the world, without forewarning Let this fact turn night to mornine: y. Bill, your mother wante you

Thu you live till leaves are falling
Thil your pleasures turn to palling: Earth, Who cradled, then In calling.
'Hey Blll, Your mother wants youl"
-Mciandburgh Whison, in the N.


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him the fullest measure enjoyment. had entered Montana, and bud, were receding from view, They
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imasinative enough to see Indians in dil directions, occupying each helgh
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 "Most assuredly, my son," was the re-
piy.The massace occured with a few
hundred yards or that very hill.. And
Lloyd looked entranced out of the car.
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war-paint and win uplifted tomahawk
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she was recognized. Higher and higher he
mounted, then reached the summit. when uttering a fierce cry and urging his pon
to pull speed he rode down the hill at
rapid pace. with head erect as if eager to encounter danger. His courge was
quickly arrested-a volley orought him
low. So accurate was the troopers aim that the pony was uninjured although
the Indian was riddled with ball. "Second call: shouted the waiter en
tering the Pulliman. and soon the travel
ers were enjoying thelr dinner ga ers were enjoying thelr dinner as th was slow iy climbing up uines atached,
amid the darkening mist.

| DAVID BELASCO <br> (Continued from page qlo.) |
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| to |
| em?" Mr. Belasco repeated, slowly. |
| Do you know that is a pretty blg ques- |
| n? The American boy is the biggest |
| ry today-l expect |
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| merican drama. Twenty years ago he |
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| hom you would hardly give a sec- |
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CAN BOY DAY. By the time the July number is in the hands of its readers I shall be at the Expositlon, meeting, I hope, hundreds and hundreds of the boys
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Chapter xxx.
IN THE NORTH.

ANGERED as well as chagrined by the sharp re huIf, Noah turned quickly away, hardly recog nizing the greeting of Samuel, who apparently had been inclined to stop and speak to the young soldier, but his purpose had been frustrated by Rachel, for she had hastily seized her brother by the watched the two young people unt tl they turned into a slde street and disappeared from sight; then he himself retraced his way and started back toward the camp.
There could be but one solution to his slight the young solder assured himself as he proceeded on his way, and that was that Colonel Anthony Wayne must have told of his own feelling for him, and Noah's anger at the leader became quichly more intense What right had Anthony wayne to scatter such re ports without giving him even an opportunity to explain? To Noah, in his somewhat seilish thoughts, the fact that it was extremely Improbable that the colonel had ever seen the Wheelers, or that hls young private was of sufficient importance to cause the eader to refer in any way to what he had done, did ot occur. He was humiliated. his pride had been stung, and he was rebelling against the false llght in whin whe had bea placed the infustice of the court Cale all his eagerness was apparent cousia, cas al gone. and $N$ All was amare how futle any protest of his would be it Colonel Anthony Wayne did not choose to listen to him. And he had not listened-as Noah was only too well aware. To go to the leader and beg for an opportunity to clear himself was something which opportunity to clear himself was something which angrily declared to himself that he could and he would bear the indignities in silence. No one should ever hear him complain. As for Rachel Wheelerif she chose to belleve lies concerning him, and her confdence in him was so silight that the first whis pered word of evil could turn her against him, then he would let her go and never think of her again. Somehow the determination did not afford much re lief, and when at last be had entered the camp it is safe to affirm that amongst all of Anthony Wayne's loyal followers there was not one so wretched or miserable as was Noah Dare, whose self-pity had now become the one great controlling element in his fe.
"What's wrong. Noah?" demanded Caleb as be per celved how downcast the face of hls cousin was.
"Nothing." retored Noah glumly.
"You don't look it, Noah," laughed Caleb.
"I'm not trying to."
"Homesick, Noah?"
"No!"
"Consclence troubling you?"
"No!"
"Well, what is the trouble?"
"Nothing, I tell you!" answered Noah sharply. "Yes, there is."
"Ies, there is.
Caleb, zoure now that it was useless to try to induce his cousin to explain when he was in his pres. ent mood, whistled softly and then became silent as lie watched Noah striding glumly toward thelr tent. But Noah's strange mood did not depart. Faithfully and regularly he performed his appointed duties, but that something, in which he himself was not permitted to share, was troubling his cousin. Caleb was fully persuaded. Several times he thought of consulting Colonel Anthony Wayne concerning the change which had come over Noah's spirits, but the dass passed and the opportunity did not present Itself, and consequently the word was not spoken and
Noan Dare:a sulkiness remalned unexplained, and ap.
parently became more pronounced with every pass ing đay. No even when at last the battalion was really un Noah's interest return. He heard the word much in the same mood in which he had watched the coming of the men who had marched to New York from Bos ton. If he was Interested he did not betray his in lerest by any excitement. He prepared to depart with his comrades and accepted the orders in tho same indifferent manner in which he lately had per formed all his tasks. The sole exception had been the shout he had given with his fellows when first he had seen the commander of the colonial army, for in personal combon msen was now in New Yor The strang foce the powerful bos assembled here thon and the courage parpressed by the determina forceful manner of the new beneral quit and yet deeply impresslye to Noah general had anf been had been sllent when he watched the command he he rode past the men that bad been dramn up to recelve him, the shout which Noah soon raised was so loud and long and enthusiastic that Caleb turned and glanced in wonder at him. But the one pro longed cheer apparently had given vent to all o Noah's enthusiasm and his former mood soon re turned and apparently with increased power. The light-hearted Caleb, who had felt somewhat hurt by the fallure of his cousin to confide in him the cause of the trouble which so manifestly was pressing heavily upon Noab, was nevertheless greatly elated and excited when at last the word was given by Washington that General John Sullivan, who outranked General Thomas, at that time in command of the forces on the St. Lawrence, was to take six bat calions and proceed with all due haste to the ald of the patriots in the North. With General Sullivan, Colonel Anthony Wayne and three of his companies were to go, and in the companies were Caleb and
Noah and Joe Latrobe.
At Albany for the frist time all of Anthony Wayne's men were supplied with muskets. Thus equipped restored though he still refused to explain to his cousin the cause of his moroseness, But Caleh has too keenly interested in at that was occurring to give much heed to Noah's glumness, and when the warmer days arrived and on the bateaux which had hastily been constructed the men were transported over the beautiful waters of Lake Champlain, Caleb was so enthuslastic over what every new day re vealed that he no longer, even sillently, invited his cousin to ghare his confdence with him. There were times when the boys were detalled to march with the teamsters that hauled the luggage of the little army over the rough roads along the shores of the lake. Even here the Pennsylvania men added to their fame as a "noisy, quarrelsome, rolstering set of men." but Caleb was not troubled by the outburats knowing well, as he did, that it was merely the way bis comrades took of displaying their exuberant
It was not untll the passage down the lake had been nearly completed that the disquieting rumors from Quebec were confirmed, and when at nightfall Noab he had some strange tales to tell
"Noah," he sald, "things have gone to smash"
"What things?"' inquired Noab, without betraying
"Why, thlags around Quebec. There's no doubt of it! General Thomas has left the town and is coming up the 8t. Lawrence.
Retreated?" demanded Noab, now thoroughly aroused.
"Yes. sir. That's just it. It seems his force had dwindled till he didn't have more than five hundred men, and half of them were sick with smallpox and "But they'd starved or worn out.
But they'd beld on all winter," proteated Noab.
"What made them give up now? They wouldn't do It! They couldn't!" he added angrily
"They did, and that's all there is to it! It seems six British frigates had made their way up the river oo Quebec, and when three of hem landed their ma except to start They'd held a force our men to do big as theirs in the old town all winter bues as couldn't keep it up any loncer If Benedict they badn't been wounded so that he couldn't keep the command. maybe-" "There isn't any 'maybe' about
is true, Caleb". interrupted Noah.
"It's true," said Caleb dolefully. "Everybody knows it now except you. and you'd have heard of it too it you had had your ears open. The men are all talk ing about tt."
What's to be done? Have you heard that?" In quired Noah, ignoring the implied rebule of bls ccusin.
"No one knows, unless it is General Sullivan or Colonel Anthony Wayne, and perbaps they don't know. 1 know what I'd do."
"Id march str
"I'd march straight back to Quebec. I'd pound the
old walls to pieces! I'd keen it up till old walls to pieces! Id keep it up till-_"
"You ought to go and tell Colonel Anthony Wayne just how to do it, Cale," said Noah. "He'd be glad to have your advice. He'd do what you told hlm right away."
"Never you mind that, Noah," retorted Caleb goodnaturedly. It was good to see Noah in better spirits, be was willing coun would only be himself once more Caleb's prophecy, bowever. proved to be correct for the line of march was changed and with all haste the little advancing force pushed forward to Sorel the little village at the mouth of the outlet of Lake Champlain to which General Thomas and his men had retreated, and arrived there on the second dav of June.
The joy over the coming of reinforcements was quickly dispelled by the death of General Thomas himself on the very day of the arrival of Sullivan, and the depression which had prevalled at once re curned. Many of Thomas's men were ill with smallpox, the digease from which the leader himself had surered, supplies were scant, and sickness as well brave fellows. brave fellows. A part of the force, too, had left the tained permission from the seneral to lead a pab to Three Rivers where it wias reported leat a party force of from four to eight hundred men had taken position. Colonel St. Clair and his followers hed departed from the camp only a few hours before the arrival of Sullivan, and the latter upon learning of the plan (for he had at once assumed command of the troops), at once sent General William Thompson with a force larger than that which 8 . Clair was leading, to go to the ald of the latter. With General Thompson marched Colonel Anthony Wayne and wo hundred and two of his own men, and late in the oight of June 6th they overtook St. Clair at Nicolet. On the following night the united force, "all Pennglvanians except Maxwell's battalion (a torce of our hundred and eighty-three Jersey men), crossed he river and landed at two oclock in the morning. But little did the leaders or men, and among the atter were our friends Noah, Caleb, and Joe Latrobe, realize what lay before them

## CHAPTER XXXI.

A STRANGE GUIDE
Several milles still remained to be traversed before the point of attack was to be gained, and the uncerLainty as to the numbers in the British force, the lack of knowledge of the best as well as the most
talning force had been sent or was to be sent to the aid of the advancing patrlots, naturally made all the leaders anxlous. Because of thelr anxiety the ad rance was cautiously made and many small detach ments were sent in advance and also to the flanks the force, in order to forestall any peril from an unexpected appearance of their foes.
Our three frlends were together in one of the small aanking parties, and separated as they were by sev eral hundred yards from the main body their move maintalned. Not une of the three men had spoken for a half hour, and Caleb, whose ability to concea is fears was not so great as that of his cousin, was peering about him as the little party moved forward ith an anxiety that under other circumstance would have brought a smile from Noah. As th was however, Noah's sllence was an indication that he too was fearful, though he was less demonstrative his manner of betraying his feelings.
Suddenly Caleb stopped abruptly and clutching Noah by the arm whispered, "There's somebody lght ahead of us! Hark! You can hear them now! All three at Caleb's word of warning had instantly alted, and in a moment the young soldier's state ment was conflrmed, for three men could be seen in t the trio was an Indian another a lad of fourteen ond the was an Indian, another a lad of fourteen and the where no means of lnowing on which orm is sympathies were enllsted. The surprise of the his sympathies were enlisted. The surprise of the soldiers, and for a moment it appeared as if they were about to flee from the spot. Noah however holding his musket in such a manner that it could instantly be used if occasion required, instantly tepped forward and said quietly "Good morning to you. Can you point out the most direct way to the place where the red-where the regulars are?" h hastily corrected himself.
"You want to go to Three Rivers?' inquired the man, whose curiosity as he gazed
of the sllent red man by his side or f the lad whose fears were lost In his eagerness to hear what was said.

Yes, sir. Do you live here?" in quired Noah, glancing meaningly at his two comrades as he spoke, in alcating that they were to be on helr guard.
I don't live very far away. Are "We belong to General Sullivan's army. I don't mind telling you ur very good friends, and we want our very good flends, and we want you to show us the
take to Three Rivers.'

Nust you three men?" No, sir." We've a large force The man was excited and eager strengthened that he had none too riendly feelings for the little army hat had come in a meas ing upon the friendship of the Canadian people.
"How many?" demanded the man. "I can't tell you exactly," replled Noah in apparent confidence. "There
are not more than three thousand he
"Where? Where?" asked the man eagerly, glanc ng fearfully about him as he spoke.
ou is to gulde us by the shortest way we want of you is to gulde us by the shortest way to Three Rivers."
"Just you three men?"
No, no. The entire force
The man turned to his companions and in low ones conversed with them a moment. It was im possible for Noah to hear what was said and he "Did you know there was a big force at White house? That's a good bit nearer than Trois Rivieres I can take you there if you want me to
"What's that?" demanded Noah. Instantly excited.
Yes. There's an advance guard at Whitehous ust as I'm telling you. Maybe your men would rather go there first and cut that force off from the others at Trols Rivieres. I can show you-
"Cale," said Noah to his cousin, "this is the great est plece of news yet-if is true. Ill tell you what we'll do. You and Joe Latrobe take two of these men and go back and report to Colonel Anthony Wayne and I'll go on alone with one of them and see if there really is any such place as Whitehouse and find out if there is a force there. It would be great if we could be the ones to report! And it will make General Thompson glad he's alive if we can just cut of a good chunk of his enemies like this! Turning again to the stranger, Noah sald, $T$ wo of you go back with these men, and "i polnt Latrobe as shere Whitehouse is and lat me this advance force you're telling about
There was a brief whispered conversation among the three strangers and it was evident that the in dian, who hitherto had not spoken, was now greatly brief time the white man turned to Noah and said "Wrief time the of course you'll pay us for what we do."

I can promise you that. I'm sure the general will be glad to reward you as you deserve. Come on. Noah added eagerly. Look out for them, Cale," thing is all right here, but if what this fellow says is true it's a great thing.
"I'll take you myself to Whitehouse," volunteered with the other, and these friends of mine will go
are. They can
"How a can.
How rar is it to Whitehouse?" inquired Noah Not very far. It's right down the rlver not more'n "Noah," whispered Caleb, "don't leave us. I don' llke the look of that man. Let's all three keep together. Colonel Anthony Wayne will know better han we do what ought to be done.
"I'm going, Cale," said Noah firmly. "We mustn' sie any time, and if what this man says is so, even Colonel Anthony Wayne himself, if he was here, self, would he?
"No, I don't belleve he would," acknowledged Caleb. "But I don't llke to separa "Go ahead, boys," broke in Noah excitedly. "You tell the colonel l'll join the company in a little while These two can show him the way to Three Rivers and I'll go with this man.'
There was no delay now, and Caleb and Joe La trobe at once departed with the boy and the Indian or the main body, and Noah with the stranger im mediately set forth in the direction which the latter held by Carleton's advance guard at Whitehouse The y Carleton's adlowed guard at whitehouse swiftly through the forest and did not for a even glance behind him to percelve whether Noab was following or not. The sunlight found its way was when the branches of the townering trees and was fantastic lights upon the dead leaves which covered the ground. Birds were flitting about in the bushes and the warmth of the early summer day seemed to add to the peacefulness of the scene. Even the gulde had no musket and the young soldier's confl dence in his own ability to protect himself from possible treachery was unshaken. Indeed even the fear of war itself seemed to be foreign to the da and place, and yet as Noah advanced through the forest a feeling of uneasiness crept over him despit the apparent peacefulness of the scene.
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tom of the canoe and sit down in the bow while
"I can keed my gun quiet.
"Put it where I tell you." The man spoke grufily he young solder.解 session of such marvelous physical atreng the pos his, and the confidence of the man was perhaps onl

Concealing bis momentary hesitation, Noah obeyed and carefully placed his musket on the bottom of The canoe, and then took the place indicated for him. The man also took his place in the stern and then out ing with his paddie, thrust the light little crait put into the current which speedily caught it and from the shore. The nowelty of the experience for time seemed to hold Noah's attention. His sensa tion, he fancled, must be like that of some of the birds which he could see flylng low across the waters
but the canoe had not gone far before birds and but the canoe had not gone far before birds and

## Chapter xxxil <br> NOAH'S PLIGHT

The man with Noah, after the canoe had been had tonored current of the great river, apparentl casionally he had made use of his paddle but on to keep the little craft headed down the atream As Noah keenly watched his companion he became con vinced that the man also was intently watching fo something or some one he expected to see and the younger man's fears again asserted themselves. He was doubly suspicious of hls guid by this time and, as he recalled the words and actions of the man when he had informed him of the nearby presence of the patriots, he was angry having placed himself so completely in his power.
It was almost impossible for Noah to percelve wha was ahead of the canoe, for he was faclag his companion, but he watched the expression of the man's face with an intensity that with every passing moment in. creased his fear. As he endeavored to turn himself about to see what lay before the advancing canoe the man spoke sharply, "Sit still there. Do you want to have us both in the water?"

Where are we going?" demand ed Noah as he settled back into his former position,
"You'll find out plied the stranger. "All you've got "But where are we land?" persisted Noah "I want to go straight into the hands Noah ceased abruptly as a call arose farther down the stream Uation the canoe and peered before him The frall little craft careened and both its occupations were nearl thrown into the river, but Noah was too intent upon discovering

In a brief time the man had led the way to the shore of the majestic river, and as Noah halted upon the bank and the wide sweep of the waters glisten log in the sunllght appeared before him, he could scarcely repress the exclamation that rose to his lfps. In places he could see that the current was some peaceful pond The river itself wes wiese some peaceful pond. The river itseli was wide wher ered with the diak, are the Ing even close to the border of the St Lawrence itself. The mild air the balmy fragrance of the forest, the rocks and wooded shores the clear water of the mighty stream, the calls of the birds, all served not only to impress the young soldier with the beauty of the scene upon which he was gazing but also made stlll more emphatic the loneliness that was all about him. His guide was the only man to be see and he was unknown. What treachery he might be plotting no one could know, and in spite of Noah's Canadians reassure himself by declaring that the were to colonlal and Canadian, his suspicions alike dea panion, although be was unable to define them, be came somehow steadily stronger.
The redskin left a canoe here this morning," volunteered the man. "We'll take it and save a good tramp along
"But you said it was only a couple of miles," sug. gested Noah. "I don't mind that and 1 belleve I'त rather trust myself to the woods than to the river." Probly you never saw any such river as this, laughed the man, as, ignoring Noans protest, he drew it easily to the water.
"No, I never did," said the young soldier softly, as he again looked out over the great body of rushin water. The vision of the quiet little Cohansey creek him and for an inatan Delaware Bay arose bealc him, and for an instant a feeling of intense homesick own quit home in Greenwich-how sadiy they were all out of keepling with his present position, stand ing on the bank of the far away Heer his sole com panlon a man whom he did not know and of whose honesty he was already susplcious, and engaged as he was in an expedition filled with peril and of whose outcome he was by no means certain.
Noah was roused from his brlef reverie by .the
volce of his companion. "Pnt your gun on the bot-
he canoe, which had quickly righte itself, or to the exclamation of anger which came rom the man in the stern. He was eager to find out and meaning of the unexpected shout he had heard and all other things for the moment were ignored. He was unable to discover any one on the shore creased ocfore him, however, but his fear had increased to he in where lo ger was it possible of his co remain where he was. The attitude had been before and the fact that other men were near who at least were not airald other men were their presence, aroused him to the determination to do something at once

Cautiously resuming his place, he looked again at the man in the stern of the canoe and discovered that he was leaning forward, evidently reaching for the gun. Without a thought of anything save presprang from his. placeng the weapon, Noal al musket.
There was an exclamation of anger or dismay from the man at the young soldier's action, but before elther could draw back the canoe was instantly overturned and both men were struggling in the water. As Noah arose to the surface he could see the canoe a few yards in advance of him, floating and overturned, and without giving a thought to his companion he instantly struck out, determined to overtake the floating craft before it could be seized by the other man

Despite the weight of his clothing and the coldness of the water, Noah Dare in a brief time had secured a grip on the overturned caioe, ana, still clinging to it, he pushed it betore him toward the Both the young soldier and the canoe wards away. swiftly down the stream, but they had not gone far before he had succeeded in driving the little craft nearer the land, and in a few moments he felt beneath his feet the bottom of the river. Stumbling forward be drove the canoe before blm, and then lifting it in hls arms he struggled up the bank and deposited his burden within the border of the great trees.
Then for the first time, still breathing heavily, he turned and peered back at the place where the accldent had occurred to discover what had become of his recent companion. To his consternation not a
trace of the man was to be seen. The wide sweep
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## Chapter xil.

## A Failure.

THIS WAS the crisis of the extraordinary situa tion. Within a few minutes after the arriva of Long Micah, in what may be called the in visible camp of the Warm Spring band of Apaches, he stood face to face with death.
Having been allowed to walk unharmed into the presence of the terrible Geronimo, would he be per
mitted to withdraw therefrom mitted to withdraw therefrom, as if making a call upon one of his own neighbors? Every condltion answered in the negative. That dreaded chief was his spirits were high and he dared defy the national government. as he had successfully done the national government,
The flag of truce means nothing to his race. He had ignored it during the brlef interview, though it was dallied in his face. More than all, the visitor had asked to be allowed to see Cochita, whom the old miscreant regarded with a jealousy hardly short of hatred. Micah's first plan was to ask the sentinel to be taken directly to Cochita, and to make no
mention of the elder leader, but the course he fol mention of the elder le
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Had he lingered or
Had he lingered or contlnued his appeals, the scout would probably have been struck down where he stood, though he would have given a good account conversation was britting the long traill." But the changed and then, announclag his intended return Micah wheeled on his heel to leave the camp.
No more trying ordeal had leave the camp.
Could ever come to him agaln ever come to hlm or few minutes. He had turned his back unon Geronimo and the guide who had brought him thither for the latter stood only a few paces distant during the interview. He yearned to make a dash, but that would have hastoned the calamity he was trying to escape. He would have Invited certain attack.
He walked with deliberation, no slower and no faster than when he came out of the gloom into the moonlit space. He held bis breath, with his herves on edge; he was prepared to draw and open fire on the instant he was assalled, though a shot from the rear might well bring him down without the ability to use even his smaller weapon.
It was the very abruptness of h/s action that disarmed Geronimo, generally so quick in resources, for the instant. Before he fairly comprehended what had been done, the athletic form was fading in the to enter his camp but to go away agaln not only chief dreaming?
If so he speedily awoke. He uttered a few angry
ir so he speedily awoke. He uttered a few angry words to the buck who had brought the intruder into camp, and the savage whisked across the moonlit
space into the gloom, close upon the heels of scout. None could have been more eager to ohey the command of Geronimo, but the barbarian did not forget that he was pursuing no amateur. The encounter by the rock had given the buck a good idea of the white man's woodcraft.
The Apache sped as if treading on velvet. He knew the course taken by the other, and the pursuer did not turn to the right nor the left. Unless the man was running, he ought to be seen in the course of two or three minutes. Falling to see him. the buck hated abruptly and histened. He was now among
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Instead of detecting the guarded movement of someone, It was a voice that fell upon his ears,- a someone, It was a voice that ell upon his ears,- ${ }^{\text {a }}$
volce so low that it could not have been heard more than a few paces away
"Why is my brother in such haste?"
"A white man has been In camp; he came as a messenger to Geronimo; I have been sent to overtake and slay him.'
"He went in great haste; he must have passed thls way."
"He did: I heard someone hurry through the wood and among the rocks."
"Which path did he take?"
"He came over the ground that you are traversing; he cannot be far off.
"I shall soon be with him; do you wish to help "Iay him?"
I will leave that to my brother; I must wait here on guard; Geronimo gave me the orders and The purguer has.
the prough ort the next moment, exasperated at the thought that the white man's chances of escape th wit every passing second.
who had given him the last information the one one had answered truly, the Apache would have learned that it was Micab Polk, more generally known as Long Micah.
If the latter had been dignifled when striding across the moonilt plateau, where he held his unsat isfactory interview with Geronimo, he threw that
dignity to the winds, in the same instant that he knew he was hidden from sight by the enveloping danger of druth, he hurried so fast that he was in were posted on every side of the sentinels tha Finding his pursuer drawing uncomfortably near he halted in the gloom and exchanged the few words recorded with him. Waiting only until he knew nothing was to be feared from the Apache, Micah resumed his withdrawal from the dangerous nelghborhood, making sure that he kept to the safest course in doing so.
The visit to Geronlmo's camp had been a fallure and now that it was over, Long Micah asked himsel how. he came to expect it could result any other way He view of the circumstances in which it was made He ought to have known that all that would come of an interview with the chieftain was the simple placing of himself in deadly peril. The only possibil the scout had not the remotest idg Cochita first. But for him No dependence could be of where to look oimo's declaration that the dusky youth upon Gero way of Even if he were where should a good sought? It was just as likely-he was within a brief distance of the camp. It might be too that the women. were with the main band, in which case Geronimo would take good care that they were kent beyond reach of anything that Cochita could do in the way of rescuing them.
Considerably depressed by the report be was forced to carry back, Micah threaded his way with the utmost care among the rocks and boulders and trees never forgetful of the probability of running into danger at any moment. Geronimo was not the wily miscreant he had proved himself to be without re taining his wonderful, woodcraft. which enabled him to outwit the United States troopers time and again Mican, could not forget his own narrow escape, no man.
He steadily worked his way down the mountain slope toward the spot where he had parted from his iriends and the ponies. He had nearly reached directly in front warned nim to be on guard. He had paused near the scene of the meeting between Bob Goodale and the Apache at which the youth cleverls got the better of the other.
It was the ear that gave the warning, and Micah was able to tell the polnt whence the almost imper ceptible disturbance came. Naturally it was among the shadows and he who caused it was as well screened as himself.
The next instant the silence was plerced by a low tremulous whistle repeated three times. Micah grin ned, and, puckering his lips, sent back a similar response. At the same time he moved toward the point. Someone came in his direction and before elther saw the other, each indulged in a sligh chuckle. Then Long Micah and Arizona Alf cam together.

Niere's Hi ?" asked the former
Right here with me; we sot out to take a look at things, but hadn't tried long, when we made up he is.".
The rancher came out of the gloom and the three friends were together Standing thus and speaking in low tones with the eyes and ears of all onen, Lon Micah told the story of his fallure to gain any tidings of the women or of Cochita.
"I'm disgusted," he added, "but I'm not ready to give up. How do you two feel?
"Never say die," replied Alf. The rancher, who had so much more at stake, was partly prepared for the disappointment, and, strange as it may sound was more hopeful than elther.
"None of us has thought of anything else since Cochita can be hat has hanpened. I cant see how Cochita can be ignorant of the plight of my wife and niece; it must be known throughout the Apach "That'
borhood, but I've had the idea Cochita is in the nelgh borhood, but I've bad the idea for some time that the
Apaches this time are split up into two partles, with Apaches this time are split up into two parties, with
Geronimo at the head of one and him at the head of the other. There's a big lot of hatred between the young and the old leader.
"But in making their rush for Old Mexico they are sure to keep together, unless they are so hard pressed that each one bas to look out for hlmself
little independent work. Now, HI, since you are brave man, I may as well tell you what I belleve."

Let me hear.:
Cochita lsn't strong enough to dare show any mercy to his capures in the lace of Geronimo opposition. If he doesn't get the chance to save the women before Geronimo can lay hands on them, I will be too late.
"And you think that is what has happened?"
"No; I don't mean to say that, but at best the chances are even; If Cochita gains the custody of ou
take care of them. Whether he has done so or not is for us to learn, and if they are not saved thls aight, they will not be saved at all
The three were
camp, that they camp, that they made their way thither. It had beBob Goodale must understand the new phase in the situation.
When they got to camp they found their three ponies undisturbed, but Bob Goodale and Pedro were nowhere to be seen.

## CHAPTER XIII

## THE HOLD-UP

Minnie Goodale was never in brighter spirits than when she took her seat In the old stage at Raymond secure, Jud Staples jerked the lines, cracked his whip and the two horses broke into a jogging trot toward the north. The terminus of the line was the little station of Corlita, as you will remember, some twenty miles away. There they expected to find the waiting ponles and ride to the ranch, as the brother and uncle had done several weeks befor
It was a long and dusty ride in the train, and few persons would have viewed the journey in the stage with pleasure, for the day was very warm and no ahade protected them for any part of the distance The the sky was as blue and clear as that ot ltaly. bu despite the heat of the day the air was full of life and vigor, as if ozone was in every pulsation.
The elder woman sat on the rear seat, and Minnie in the middle, while the grinning Jud, who was canti vated by the cheerful, merry girl, sat sideways, so as to give more attention to his passengers than to hls team. Indeed, the latter required no care at all, for they could have made the trip as well at midnight as when the sun was shining.
Only to think," said Minnie, who had learned everything that was to be learned about the journey from her aunt; "long before dark we shall be at that queer little piace which you call Corlita, and there we shall find our ponles. Auntle, they won't forge to meet us?
No fear of that: I sent word to Hiram and you did to Bob, and they are too anxlous to see us to "It wouldn't be leaving us lane lurch.
wouldn't be so very awiul if they did; you could give us accommodations at Corlita, Mr. Staples, couldn't you.

Zeke Connor and his wife would be mighty glad is 'Jo so, but, miss, I wish to obsarve that my name feel very bad if you Staples. Zeke and me wouldn over nlght."

We'll do so some time, Jud; for I mean to see verytbing."
"How long do you expect to stay in this part of Arizona?" "A whole week.
The old fellow threw back his head and laughed heartlly but silently.
"Make it six months or a year and you could throw a purty good bluff, but a week won't give you time to do more'n turn round.
"You don't know what plans Bob and I have fixed miles over the hais into the take me miles and miles over the plains, into the mountains, and off on the ranges where Uncle Hirams thousands of cattle who knows as much about handling cattle as a who knows

I gever heerd of no such females."
"Well, you will know one when she has been here a week. It wouldn't do to speak of her as a cowboy

I think 'tomboy' would be the proper word," sug gested the aunt, smilling at the effervescence of her niece.
"I don't care what you call me, so long as I ge the fun. Don't you think it would be romantic, Jud if we could have a flurry-just a little one-with the Apaches?"
The veteran slowly turned his face and looked fixedly Into the glowing countenance. He did no smile and was never more impressive.
them 'Paches an't aly in that style
"noesn't our government keep the
"noesn't our government keep them safe on the "It hasn't al
It hasn't always done that, and I'm afeard It won' When they do the only place for women and children to be is somewhere else. No Minnle the best viea of a 'Pache is away off, with h!m heading the t'other way."
Wen, I shan't worry about them: you have strong against the worst they can do.

That would be well enough if the 'Paches didn' tackle anytbing but the adobe places, and was also so kind as to send a brass band ahead when they
mean to call. but they have a way of dolng things with a from the ranch houses and haven't no they're how for themselves Better cut out them trips you show for themselves. Better cut out them trips you foothills and mountafns."
"Now, Jud, you needn't think you are going to frighten me by such talk; I guess I can stand it if you and aunty and uncle and the rest of you can. It was in this mood that the little party drew near Dead Man's Crossing. The elder woman spoke only now and then, for she preferred to listen to the chat ter of her nlece and the qualnt remarks of the stage driver, who had formed a liking for her. The last word from the ranch was that all was quiet and the
wife did not dream that there was any cause for immediate fear. They did not meet or see a single person on the way northward, and, although Jim Leedon at that very hour was scurrylng over the sandy plain bearing his fateful message to the widely scattered ranches, he uttered no warning to Jud
Staples, who was steadily pushing into the zone of Staples,
The tired horses whinnied faintly as they moved down the slope to the little stream at Dead Man's Crossing. Jud Staples stopped them, walked out a step or two on the tongue, and released the check slowiy into the current and drank their fill Resum ing their walk, they struck the hard earth again and started up the opposite incline.
It was at that moment that a thin puff of smoke was seen at the top of the slope, a whip-like crack sounded, and Jud Staples, wthout a word or outcry sagged sideways and sank down in the front of the stage. His Hife had gone out as suddenly as if smit ten by a bolt from the sky. Neither Minnie Goodale nor her aunt comprehended what had taken place, until they saw three hideous forms rise seemingly out of the very ground, with the sand and dirt streaming from them, and leap down the incline in tront of the ponles, who snuffed
with fear, backed a tew paces, and with fear,
stood still.
"They are Apaches!" gasped the elder woman.
"I have my revolver," replled the erightened Minnle, thrusting her hand into the pocket of her dress, with the intention of using the weapon upon their assailants.
"Don't do it!" Interposed her aunt, catching her arm; "save it till you need it more."

I don't see when that can be," replied Minnie, who nevertheless refrained in obedience to the com-
mand of one who understood the mand of one who understood the Each of the bucks carried a WinEhester, while a knife was thrust chester, while a knife was the belt which spanned his Into the belt which spanned his
waist. They showed little or no waist. They showed little or no
interest in the silent form huddled in front of the stage, but, coming to the front of the vehicle, two of them unhooked the traces and led the animals free from the stage. The third, who was the one that had fired the fatal shot, beckoned to the terrifled women.
"Weme-come to ground.
"We must obey," replied the el
der, rising to her feet, pushing open the door at the side, and, placing her foot on
the iron step, she stood the next instant on the ground. With a single light leap. Minnie dropped beside her. She slyly sllpped her hand down beside her dress. The revolver was there

Her relative seemed to read her thoughts.
You might shoot both, but there are others near
I shall have one or two shots left for them. need them.'
Having freed the ponles, the two warriors who had them in charge flung off the harness, leaving only the bridles. Then two of them bestrode one of the animals, while the third mounted the other. This one reached out his hand with a grin to help the younger woman up in front of him. The sturdy girl recolled and shook her head.
'I will not: And if you know what's best for you, you won't try to compel me.

Her action more than her words told the buck her resolution. He turned his head and spoke for a minute or two to his companions. Then he polnted toward the mountain spur to the eastward, nodded his head, and repeated several times: "Go-go-go!" He means that we are his prisoners; the rest of hls men are in the hills; we have no choice for the present arcept do $8 s$ he says.
Minnle looked back at the stage, standing lonely and with its dreadful load. Jud Staples had driven his ponles for the last time. He had crossed the not touch his body. That tribe as I heve sald does not touch his body. That tribe, a
not take the scalps of its victims.

When the command had been repeated, Mrs. Goodale started at a moderate pace over the sandy plain with her nlece stepping close behind her. One pony on the right load walked on the left, and the other or two, but nothing that was sald was understood by the captives.

I am afrald that that is the last of our trunks," remarked Minnie, who in the awful minutes and with the memo
speak lightly.
"It is a matter not worth thinking of; more than llkely we shall never need them again.
The remarkable party had advanced only a little way in the order named, when the Apache seated to the westward; swung his rifle over his head, and

come to ground"
husband and nephew, though it may be said they were always prepared for a revolt on the part of the Apaches, who had caused our government much trouble for many years

There is one thing that gives me hone," sald the aunt, reaching out and clasping the hand of her young frlend.

We ous that?
We ourselves have been offered no harm; that is contrary to the rule which prevalls when the Apaches are on one of their ralds

And why have we been spared?
'You have told me a good deal about Cochita, whom Hiram detests beyond the power of words to express. Despite his youth, he is a rival of Geron-
imo; it looks as if he had given orders that no should befall you."
"But, aunty" sal
"But, aunty," said the perplexed girl, "how could he know that 1 am expected in this part of the world?
We have just arrived and are on our way to your We have just arrived and are on our way to your
home, when the stage is attacked by some of his home, when the stage is attacked by some of his
tribe; why they did not serve us as they did poor Jud. is beyond my power to understand. Can you explain it?"
chita may cannot answer your quem Bob or Hiram and yet I don't see how that could be-
Minnie was giving all her attention to her aunt their hands still joined. In their deep interest in the situation, they forgot the three Apaches for the moment, though the soft crunching sound made in the sand by the hoofs of the horses was ever in their ears, and the two had but to glance up to see the abominated red men, the most repellent and ter ible beings that imagination can picture.
They had approached quite near the mountain, and Minnle was talking to her relative, when she felt her left arm seized In a grip of Iron. She uttered an exclamation of dismay and pain, and whirled about to and inge almost against her own He had leaned over with the intention of lifting her to the back of the pong in front of him. Indeed, so terrific was his grip that fue, girl was raised partially from her feet In the same tiqment that she was selzed by the dusky miscreant, whost, actlons were complacently watched by the other two minning bucks.
It was all done in a flash. Minnie Goodaic was beside herself with fear and anger. Her right hand
was thrust into the pocket of her dress, the povolver
was snatched out, and the muzzle almost touched the coppery nose, when she pulled the trigger. Rarely of a dumb snimal when smitten. but in this in. stance, he remained as mute as Jud Staples when slain by the Winchester of the same wretch. He lurched from the back of the horse, his head plunged against the soft, yielding sand, and he turned a half somersault, flopping over on his back as dead as Jullus Cxsar.
In her excitement, the girl would have fired the remaining charges at the other Apaches, who seemed dazed by what had taken place, but again her aunt interposed.
"You mustn't! you mustn't, Minnie! you have no supply of cartridges and you must save what are left! They will be needed!"
"I will not use them unless they try to harm us." The girl had regained her wonderful nerve. She watched the two, determined to fire on the first demonstration by elther. It is impossible to say how the startling ference.

In theze dreadful moments, the whole party heard the call of some one from the direction of the mountains in front. Looking thither, a single horseman was seen coming toward them at a rapid gallop. He was waving his hand above his head and shouting something in Apache, which was evidently a com mand to the two bucks, for they sat qu

Minnie and her aunt naturally studied the new comer, for it might be he was as much to be dreaded as their immediate captors. But Mrs. Goodale exclaimed in a low, excited tone

Do you see who it is, Minnie?
"How should I know him?"' asked the astonished girl.

It is Cochita.'
Even as the elder spoke, the girl recognized the remarkable youth, who, as he drew near, siackened the pace of his animal, and smil. ingly made a graceful military sahute. he would have removed his hat to remove.
In that brief moment of marvel ous silence, Minnie Goodale could with this Apache. He had been fashionably dressed and it been a prominent ball in the city of Philadelphia.
Hardly had the pony stopped, when Cochita slipped from its back whinning smile that displayed his handsome teeth, offered his hand to Minnie, who, before taking it, slipped
pocket.
"I am always glad to see you, Miss Goodale, though I can hardly say the present circumstances
might not have been more pleas ant." "It all seems like a dream, Co chita, - I mean what has taken place within the last hour or two.
"But I hope the end will be al right."
"What is the meaning of this Cochita?" asked Mrs. Goodale; "while riding quietly in the stage e were attacked at the Crossing by three Apaches poor Jud was kilied and the warriors set of to drive hand on my nlece and she shot him." and my nlece and she the $A$
f his black eyes; "had I been Apache with a flash saved her the trouble. You ask me the meaning of this, Mrs. Goodale," he added, turning to the elder "I cannot tell you how much I am grieved over what has taken place. Geronimo and a number of his men have left the Reservation and are doing much mischlef,"
"Have any of my people been harmed?" as
I am glad to
I am glad to say that your people are always ready and Geronimo therefore wastes no time on them. He linger the cavairy

But how is It, Cochita, that you are among them? "As soon as I learned of Geronimo's break I set out to persuade as many of his bucks as I could to return to the Reservation. Failing to do that, I sha give all the help I can to drive them back

How are you succeeding?" asked Minnie, looking Into the smiling face of the dusky youth, who showed his chivalry by drawing the women far enough away from the inanimate form to talk without seelng it The Apaches, each now on a horse, sat as stolid an "It is a little too early to judge, but I have ha some success and belleve I shall have more
"The least that you can do, Cochita," said Mra Goodale. "Is to escort us home"
"Be assured that nothing can give me more pleas ure, and I regret that I cannot do so at once

What hinders?
"I must take time to procure suitable saddles." "We can walk," said Minnie, unable to hide her, to thess to get away from the neighbor delay. "It is ancb house. with the learil you do so, but it shall be as you say. However, we must be very cautious.

What need when you are our eacort?
"Geronimo is enraged with me; when he and I meet, we shall probably come to violence and one of us may kill the other; he is but a litle way from here it the mountains; he will take up his flight
again before many hours; I wish him not to see or (Continued or page 262.)


## BEGUN IN DECEMBER CHAPTER XIII.

WHEN EBEN CHAPMAN reached home the evening of the day of his interview with merchant had on, he found hat. as the there before him and gone away, taking everything that belonged to him and leaving no word of explan. ation or farewell.
After supper, which he barely tasted, Eben took his hat and went out on the street. There were many saloons, pool rooms, and loafing places in the immediate vicinity of his home; and he visited one after another, eagerly scanning the faces of the men and boys congregated there, but asking no question. Far into the night he kept up this search, but without avail; weary and disconsolate, returning to his lodgings, he sat with head buried in his hands until from sheer exhaustion he fell asleep
Night after night the old man passed in this way. gradually widening the circle of his inquiry until one night he found himself, neariy a mille from his boarding place, in a concert hall where at cheap tables and under the fickering glare of sickly gas jets sat men and women drinking. smoking, and exchanging formance was belng enacted on a staze at the far end of the room, seen by few, and by those far only by peering through a dense fog of tobacco smoke that hung overhead
Eben pushed his way slowly among the people, jostled by waiters who muttered their displeasure at noticed by ing the aisles, mutterings that were unthe heavy atmosphere for a sight of the face of his boy. An empty table attracting him, he sat down. A walter said something, but Eben shook his head. He was tired only, he sald, and
just wanted to rest a moment; then he would move on.
Hardly had he taken his seat ere a disturbance occurred in a far corner of the room. Above the rattle of the piano, the
scrapings of the violins scrapings of the violins. and the strident
voice of the singer on the stage. rose the voice of the singer on the stage. rose the cries of men-angry, half drunken cries then a sound as of men fighting. At once
the occupants of the room. men and women the occupants of the room. men and women alike, left their seats and crowded towart lowed, pushing his bulky form to where he could get a view of the combatants who were now just recovering from a savage en Priends, at close range, and urgeal at eac other's throats. One look was enough for Eben. Lowering his right shoulder he hurled himself into the center of the mob One of the fighters had just struck the other In a flash Eben threw himself against the fellow who had dealt the blow, and with his big right fist felled him to the floor where, his head striking against a chair. he lay as If dead
"That'll settle him fur yuh, Tad," cried Eben, turning to where Tad Chapman a moment before was gathering himself to gether after belng struck do
tagonist, but-Tad was gone
tagonist, but-Tad was gone.
Pandemonium followed. Men surged toward the big, burly intruder as if to annihilate him. A police. man who now arrived on the scene pushed his way that he go along with him. At slght of the officer of the law the crowd drew back, some quietly slipping out for fear of being held as witnesses; but the most. urged by curiosity, held their ground
"Where is my Tad?" demanded the old man, seemingly obllvious to all about him, his eyes eagerly sweeping the circle of faces about him.
"Tad? Who's Tad?" asked the policeman.
"My boy. He was here just now. That fellow struck him Gown, an' I couldn't stand by an' see him do it without raisin' an arm. He's bigger'n Tad or he "wouldn't have done it.
call him. we don't know anything about Tad, as you call him. He's got all he wanted and left you to
take the rest. You just come along with me," re. take the rest. You
plled the policeman

## In the poilceman

In another moment some one stepped up and whislatter's manner changed suddenly
"All right, lieutenant," he said; then to his pris oner in a gentler tone, "Yoi'll have to come aiong with me, old man. The judge will hear your story. Perhans vou haven't done so far wrong. after all."

## TAD:

The Story of a Boy who had no Chance
By WILLIAM C. SPRAGUE

At this the crowd, now grown quiet and curlous parted, and the officer, his arm in Eben's, left the place.
was not far to the station house, so the police man did not call a patrol wagon, but walked his prissing crowds: but street, scarcely noticed by the keeplng on the other side of the streeth behind, an a young man, shabbily dressed, with unsteady and halt-sober brain. who watched every step the policeman and his prisoner took. It was Thaddeus Chapman, and a few paces behind him, keeping in the shadows, was Richard Appleton's detective.

## CHAPTER XIV.

The next morning, scarcely had Mr. Appleton fin ished his breakfast before a servant announced to him that a young man was at the door insisting upon seeing bim at once
"I the one from the store?" asked the merchant "I think not, sir," replied the servant. "He looks "Did he sir. 1
Did he ask for money
"No, sir. But he said he must see you."
"Take him into the library," sald the merchant Richard Appleton was a man of
life had been full of acts of helpfulness heart. His lows-and particularly to young men. He hlme had had a hard struggle as a young fellow, so his heart bad been ever responsive to calls from such as he had been. Personal calls on his pocketbook and his time in behalf of struggling young men were of daily occurrence, hence he thought nothing strange of the untimely catl.
"Somebody must be needing me badly to come so early." he remarked to his wife as be rose from the table.
"But I wish, Richard, they would let you eat your meals," she replied with a troubled look.
"Some things are more important than meals, my dear. If by staying to sip my confee I put in peri a life, I surely do wrong. It
to see what the trouble is."
o. see what the trouble is.
ton to her mother, as her father left the room "il the young man were Thaddeus Chapman? I dreamed to see father, and had pron: ised to do right."
"I hope your dream will
they are young the difference between right and wrong.
"And alove all," added Mrs. Appleton, "training their will powers, so that when they know the righ they are strong enough to follow it. It I understand your father right, Thaddeus's father has never perthing him to have anything of his own, or do any thing for himself. He has always been Insanely permitted him to think or act for hasif neve when Thaddeus is out from act for himself. Now is weat and a hands of boys naturaly to every temptation. In the been led to destruction. It is a pityt Your he ha says he never was so impressed with a boy as with Thaddeus when he first took hold at the store. He made the remark once that there was good materia In him, but that it was covered with a lot of rub bish.'
At this Mr. Appleton came Into the room. Mothe and daughter looked up as he ent
sion of pleasure shone in his face. " Thatdeus!" he exclaimed, "and Thaddeus hu miliated and repentant. He is a pitiful sight, mother but he is etter off at this moment than ever before In his life
"Oh, 1 am so glad!" exclaimed Alice, clapping her hands.
"Now sit down, Richard, and finlsh your breakfast," said Mrs. Appleton, smiling. "and tell us more about hlm.
No, dear, no more breakfast for me. But I wan Thaddeus to eat something. He has been up all night and is trembling from weakness and-drink you go in, dear, and see him. He will not come a a few kind words to him Be prepared to be shocked But you will not show, 1 am sure that you notice his looks. He is not a prenossessing pleture."
Mrs. Appleton gave a few simple directions to th servant, then went into the library. Alice hersel set a plate and poured a cup of hot coffee, and when Mrs. Appleton a little later, followed by Tad, entered the dining-room, all was ready. Mr. Appleton him self had withdrawn, and was now telephoning pollce headquarters and arranging with the detective to meet hfm at the police court at the opening of th day's session.
Alice met her mother and Tad at the door as they entered. With unaffected warmth she held out he hand to the miserable young man, whose head drop ped perceptibly at sight of the young woman. it is my daughter, Alice, Mr. Chapman. You re Tad did remember her, and particularly the when he opened the carriage door and she had When he opened the carriage door and she had to see you," she said, sweetly, and Thaddeus could scarcely belleve his cars.
Then at a signal from her mother Alice with drew, and Tad, given a seat at the merchant's table opposite the elegant. White-haired wo man who talked so motherly to him, se fast the memory of which went with him Into his old age.
Breakfast over, Mr. Appleton appeared and the two, the great merchant and hi protege, entered a carriage and drove a once to the office of the police maglstrate Here, for a iew moments before the time
for the convening of the court. Mr. Appleton for the convening of the court. Mr. Appleton
and the detective were closeted with the and the detective and the pollceman who made the arrest. In the meantime Tad sa in the dingy courtroom, his eyes riveted on the grizzled, gray-bearded face in the pris oners dock, which, neither to the right nor left. With looked neither to the right nor left. meart, he asked an officer if he might speak to one of the prisoners.
"It's against the rules," came the answer shortly.
Thaddeus resumed his seat and walted anxiously for the return of Mr. Appleton who had bade him sit there till he returned Finally the magistrate appeared and took his seat on the bench. an officer made th formal announcement that the court was ir session, and the call of cases began. Mr
come true, dear. I do not know when a case has su troubled your father. He was saying only last night that the reports the detective made were such that he must flad a way to save the young man at once or it will be too late.
i cannot believe. replied Alice, when I shut my eyes and recall his sincere, honest face the first time bad."
"It is the city, Alice. A boy to withstand the temptations of a city like New York must have been trained to love good things, and hate the evil. A boy must be something more than ambitious. He must have good principles and a trained will. I fear that Thaddeus lacked these, and when he reached the the The 1 father ofed thadens I recall the inustration you some time ago. He sas athat many a boy bas like some time ago. He said that many a boy was like trol, all steam up, and that fling along the rails with no engineer and no schedule was ready to leave the main track at any switch and dash full speed to its ruin."
"Why do they let boys grow up so?" asked the the terrible danger of not think fathers would see

Tad. narrowly watching the proceeding One after Tad. narrowly watching the proceeding. One after by the police during the night came up to the railing in pront of the magistrate's desk and after a hasty inquisition, In which the police were often the sole witnesses. were adjudged guitty and subjected to fines or imprisonment, or to both. The proceedings were rapid and, for the most part, informal.
"Eben Chapman," called a volce.
An officer took the old man by the arm, and, fairly lifting him to his feet. led him before the bar.
"Eben Chapman, you are charged with assault In striking a man last night in a saloon row. Do you plead guilty or not gullty?"
Eben looked up now for the first tlme. His face showed the wrinkles of age and hard labor. His eyes were hollow and sunken; his clothes worn and sfabby. Altogether no more foriorn a picture eve stood before the magistrate of that court. No sound came from Eben's lips.
"He stands mute, Mr. Clerk, enter the plea of no guilty. What witnesses have you. these last word the magistrate addressed to the prosecutor
"Officer McGInnis, Your Honor.
The offcer named stepped forward. Then the pros ecutor in a few words drew out the story.

What have you to say to this, Chapman?" asked the Judge, turning to the prisoner.
"Had you been drinking?" asked the judge.
"I never tech licker, sir."
"What were you in that place for?"
"To find Tad.
"He's my boy. He'd gone away an' left me. I'd been lookin' fur him an' I couldn't stand it, sir. I couldn't stand to see my boy struck afore my eye
an' not help him. Yuh couldn't a done it yerself." an' not help him. Yuh couldn't a done it yerself."
The court room was very still. The maglstrate The court room was very
looked closely at the prisoner.
"Your Honor," spoke up the prosecutor, "I think there is another witness in the room who saw the Chapman."
"Thaddeus

## court officer.

 that Tad was his head and listened. Could it be that Tad was there to seehis humiliation? Could it be possible that Tad would be possible that Tad would "Go forward, Thaddeus. They want you to tell you
story," sald Mr. Appleton. Thaddeus left his seat at the slde of the merchant and, directed by an offlcer,
took his place at the bar took his place at the bar. The gaze of all in the room save that of Eben Chapman was on the young man, as
with hollow cheeks and with hollow cheeks and facing the magistrate.
"Your name, sir?"
Thaddeus Chapman.
"Tell the Court," said the prosecutor, "what you know last night."
Tad hesitated a moment. "Do you want to know all that took place?" he asked: "Yes, tell it all. another young place with another young man to spend the evening. We had a few drinks together when a
crowd of swell young fellows came in and sat down at the next table to us. ting storles. They were drinking and got to talking loud. I heard one of them speak badly of a young lady, a girl he was going to marry, as good a girl as ever lived, and I couldn't stand it. I got up from my chair and went over to where he was, and 1 tapped him on the shoulder and said, Don't you it again for if you do I'll make you take it back, Then the fellow laughed and getting up from the table he repeated the words, and then I struck him." "Well, and what then?" asked the judge, noting the seeming purpose of the boy to end his story there.
"The next I knew we were at it good and heavy.
Just as I was getting the worst of it my father here, Just as I was getting the worst of it my father here,
Eben Chapman, struck the fellow and-and-" "And what? Go on."
"And then like a coward I ran and hid."
"And left this old man to suffer for you?"
"Yes, sir, that's it. But I won't do it any longer. I came bere to ask you to take me instead of him. I'm the one that deserves the punishment. I want free. He didn't do anything any man wouldn't do free. He didn't do anything any man wouldn't do kind. I ran away from home and he was hunting me night after night. I knew it, but he didn't know that I did. HIs love has never falled me. He is not bad. He never drank a drop in his life, and he never gambled, like I have. I've done everything that's wrong. I've drank, I've gambled, I've spent my money in wicked sport. Send me to jall. Let him go, and God will bless you for it." Tad was sinking to his knees, clutching at the rall before him for support. His voice, pitched to a high key, penetrated every corner of the room, bringing men that had not known a sympathetic throb for years. The aged prisoner stooped as if to take the boy in his arms, but his legs trembled and he would have fallen had not an officer, taking him by the arm, held him upright. For a moment the judge hesitated. then in a voice low and manlfestly full of emotion, he said:
"Mr. Clerk, enter, case dismissed. Officer, let the prisoner go."

There was a little murmur of applause, checked by the sound of a gavel, another name was called, and the machinery of the court went on.
Mr. Appleton, who had pressed forward as Tad and followed by the boy the two left the arm, and,
room.

## chapter xv.

On leaving the courtroom Mr. Appleton and his two proteges entered a carriage and drove directly to the store, where for an hour the merchant denied himself to callers and all demands of his business ous plans for the future. One thing was set at rest ous plans for the future. One thing was set at rest
at once, and that was that Thaddeus was not to remain in New York. This brought a glow of contentment to Eben's face that had not been seen there in months. It was Thaddeus's own suggestion. He would llke, he said, to show Mr. Appleton that he was capable yet of being somebody. He knew,
too, he said, how unhappy his father was in the
city, and he had made up his mind to devote his time now to making the remainder of that father's an honest, Industrious, pralseworthy life as well in the country as in the city. Mr. Appleton praised him for the position he took, and said that it was exactly in line with his own thought. Eben, not to be outdone by Tad, suggested that instead of returning to thelr Connectlcut home, where Tad could never have a chance as the son of Eben Chapman, and where it would take years for him to overcome the prejudice that existed among those who had known father and son, they would find a new home among strangers, where Tad could bave an even, fair chance with other young men. Thus it was settled that the two men should seek employment in a new country.
The question of money with which to make a new start presented the only obstacle. To a business
man like Mr. Appleton, no project is without its man like Mr. Appleton, no project is without its
money side. To Eben and Tad it had scarcely
ready, his face glowing with pleasure at the success of his plans and the consclousness of a .good deed of the $t$ wo, and with a pencil Mr. Appleton traced the route across the Alleghentes, through the raced states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinols, across the Mis slssippi and Into the boundless pralifie country beyond. He drew a great circle about the little station where they were to leave the rallroad, then folding up the paper and putting it with another that gave explicit directions as to how and where they were to obtain an outfit on reaching the end of their route, he gave them into the hands of Eben.
"It will be roughing it for two or three years, but it will do you good," said the merchant. "It won't be market gardening, Eben. It will not be a comfortable house and nelghbors. You will probably go be sleep at night to the music of wolves. You will be long before the settlers will be coming in won't will be ahead of them with your crops and your bulldings. Thes will ask
your advice. You will be a Thaddeus here will marry a sturdy western girl and bring her home to keep house for you, and you will live in your old age among yourchlldren and your grandchildren like a Christian. Indeed I would not be surprised if some day you will see this strapping boy of yours a leader among men-one of those fine specimens that
come out of the west to come out of the west to
teach us easterners that good men may be made out of the rough-without colleges and universities, and society, and money, and civilization. Here, Eben, is a
hundred dollars. That will hundred dollars. That will
see you through. I have arsee you through. I have ar-
ranged with the land department of the rallroad here to notify their agent at the station where you leave the road to give you what you need, horses, waetc., and have told him to look to me for payment. Here is a contract I bave drawn up that I want you you for any money until you come to me voluntarlly and tell me you can afford to
occurred. It is usually 80 with the poor and the lald aside but Tad had a lew dhars of his wage get them out of the city and further money would two had strong arms and a willingness to work
"What would you say to pioneering, Eben?" asked Mr. Appleton, after he had canvassed the money side of the question and learned the exact state of Eben' exchequer. "There's a great opportunity for young men beyond the Mississippi, say in Kansas or Nebraska. You can get good land on the rallroad out there cheap. I see by the papers they are making big Inducements to settlers, even so far as hauling them free and setting them down, bas and baggage, on the land. You can get a time contract, and with rich soll, your knowledge of farming, and two pairs of strong arms, you ought in time to pay for a good farm, so that by the time Thaddells here is thirty or thirty five he will be a thrifty farmer, perhaps a governor or a governor or senator. Theres a great chance in for an old one, I am sure. What do you think of tt?" Eben looked for a moment, bewildered, but the bewilderment had more of joy in it than confusion of mind. Tad was surprised, but he had no control of his tongue.
the very very thing! Mr. Appleton, you have struck The old man was not so sure. "If it is a good thlng fer Tad," he replied slowly, "it does not matter much about me. I am jest livin' for him."
"Then we will say it is a go, Eben," sald Mr. Appleton, bringing a hand down on his knee emphatically and rising to his feet as if to end the intervlew.
"Now you go home and return here tomorrow at this time and I will have everything arranged a this look up the advertisement and if I cannot find it look up the advertisement, and if I cannot find it,
some of my rallroad friends can assist me. We will some of my raliroad friends can assist me. We will fifth of February-by, say the middle of March, and in time to do spring plowing.
Mr. Appleton then turned to hls desk whlle Eben and Tad, after making awkward attempts at express Ing their gratitude, took their leave.
"There's a lot of good in those men underneath a lot of rubbish," said the merchant as the door closed. "I belleve life on a prairle farm away from the enervating surroundings and conditions of a New Engiand village, and the terrible evils of the great city, will bring out the good in this boy." Terence with a land agent of a western rallooad in a ference with a land agent of a western rallroad in a New York offlce. Maps were spread on a great
table: rallroad llnes and water courses traced with a blue pencil; soll, water, timber, dlatances to settlements discussed: prices and transportation settemined; time tables studied and explicit directions written out as to where the two ploneers were to leave the railroad, where they could find a place to buy provisions and equipment, and how to reach the quarter section that Mr. Appleton had contraoted for. The next day promptly on the minute Eben and Tad were announced as in walting hefore the door
of Mr . Appleton's private offce. The merchant was
 pay it back. Of course I shall expect some return on my investment, and if it is not money, my boy"-he said this touching Tad on the
satisfled if it is good character."
"It will be both, Mr. Appleton," replled Thaddeus, looking the merchant in the face.
"Then, good-bye. Take the papers with you, and take good care of everything-and particularly take good care of yourselves. And by the way, my wife and daughter gave me this, or rather, these, for your names in them Yoy may need something to read in the long evenings may nerget those wolves." Mr. Appleton smiled. "Bibles are not the worst reading a lonely man can have. Take them, and God bl
"God bless you, sir," was all Eben Chapman could say a
grip.
Tad's eyes were brimming as he was trying to read his name on the flyleaf of his Bible. "Dld she write , sir?" he asked, trying to be brave
"She? Who?"" asked Mr. Appleton.
"Your daughter-Miss Alice."
"Let me see." Mr. Appleton glanced at the book. "Yes, sure enough, that is her writing."
"Tell her," said Tad, "that I shall read it. I know it's a good book, for my father says that mother used to read it."
(To bo continued.)

## OFF THE RESERVATION

## (Continued from page 260.)

know of you untll it is too late for him to do any harm."
"Is not the best way, then, to hurry home or to Corlita, Where we sha
asked Mrs. Goodale. until night has come."
"The Apaches are roaming everywhere; they will be sure to discover us before we go far, and then we shall be in great danger."
molest will have these two to help defend us, if they to do."
"These two cannot be relied upon: they would join the others, who would be more anxlous to please Geronimo than me.
"What then do you propose?" asked Minnie. "To travel a little way to the northward until besight until night has fully come. It is not far off of As if the question was settled Cochits bounded upon the back of his pony expressing his regrets that he should ride while the ladles had to walk.
"I shall make the distance as brief as I can," he added, turning the head of the animal more to the pered to her niece:
"He is decelving us; he is more to be feared than Geronimo."
(To be continued.)

NNIE'S MOTHER died when he was barely was at his wit's end with two bables to tend" and a living to make. Naturally a sad ending came to the unequal struggle. One day the man made a mistake in his work which together with his record for many absences accomplished his dismissal from the factory where he worked; then, Bennie and his brother went to the orphanage
When Bennie was just entering his teens he seemed old enough and big enough to do work for the farmers on neighboring farms. First it was only light chores, like carrylng water to the men in the but soon he was doing harder work, each succeeding year staying longer away from the orphanage till
finally he did not return time sending word to the officials of the institution that he thought he could find work for Bennie the year around. This employer had other plans for Bennte; he had heard of a farmer many miles away to the north who was willing to pay $\$ 1.50$ a week as well as "board and keep" for a good, strong boy, so he shipped poor Bennle off, as he would a cow or a
horse, without consulting him at all, pocketed the money, and reported to the orphanage only the name of the man to whom he had sent the doy
In his new place Bennie had every chance to test the truth of the adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," for he was not given an oppor. tunity to learn anything more than how to work-
and work hard. Had he shown any dispositlon and work hard. Had he shown any disposition to read about the great world about him, he could not well have done so because there were few books in hls new home, and he was kept so busy from early morning till late at night that when the last strok of wo
About the only pleasures Bennie had were "house raisings" and "apple parings," at the neighbors,
and these came few and far between. He and these came particularly the "apple parings", farmer Sears's. Twice he had been allowed to
attend them. They were held in the farmer's blg barn. Here, seated on benches, boxes and chairs brought out from the house, behind grea heaps of apples, under the light from lanterns and big oil lamps, men and women worked for dear ifte with all the enthuslasm of a country horse race to see who could pare the greatest number of apples. The younger people did their share, they trying to get the skins of their apples in single pleces, cor where one succeeded h this, he waved three times over his head and then threw whebind him. The letter it formed when it fell to the floor was the Initial of the name of the one he was to marry. All thls caused great fun and greater noise.
Such tlmes as these were oases in Bennle's hard life. To be sure, Benale had enough to eat, and his cloctes were warm, though queer-looking and coarse; but plenty rew good times or the "apple
rellef to an overworked boy.
Then Bennie had another trouble. Farmer John Brison, Bennie's master, whom everybody calted "Ol' John," had three sons who made it their main object in life to make Bennie miserable. When they shirked work, Bennie had to do a double share. Mrs. Brey made mistakes, it was Benales Yaver occasion she excused her sons and blamed Bennle when anything went wrong. Why not? He was only a "bound boy." This remark, made often in Bennle's presence, always hurt him. He never knew what answer to make, but just wondered sometimes the thought made him savage inside.
One narticular summer when Bennie was about sixteen, he had an experience. For two or three days prior to the Fourth of July he beard people talking about the "Fourth." He asked Sam, one of Farmer Brison's sons, shouted Why, TME Fouth. "What Fourth' What Fourth! He wants to know what Fourth:
Afterwards, while milking. Bennle caught portions of a conversatlon between "OY John" and one of the nelghbors; something about, "how many are going flag.drill tic." "one long table for," everybody, the and then as the nelghbor climbed Into his wagon and started away, he heard, "Of course you will all stay for the fireworks. They're goln' to be better than ever this year.
Something in what the farmers said and the tones of their voices stirred Bennie. He knew that something great was going to happen. Picking up his pail, he hurried so fast and so eagerly to ask Farmer Brison what it was all about that he stumbled and spilled half of the foamy milk, receiving a curse in. stead of the knowledge he wanted. Later he asked the rarmer's whe "but she" that hror reples were loss of so much "strippins" that her repiles were
somewhat vague. somewhat vague.
Why, yes, to be sure, the Fourth's a hollday. Everybody supposed to have a good time on the Fourth. (Now as Mrs Reld). What you don't know? Why, the Father of his Country, he freed the United States on the Fourth. He freed us all (I had four pounds last week) from the tyrant English-with his hatchet you know, or I guess that was before, and he never told a lia, did George Washington, and Bennle, you ought to copy him, and not tell so many lles, though. to be sure, you are only a 'bound boy.' (I wonder if Mary Reld wlll be at our end of the table. If not, she wll never know). Oh, long, long ago: everybody elebrates it. Run along. now, and don't bother. But Bennle now had the key to what he had been

hearing for the past week. It was all new and strange to hlm . He remembered a boy at the Hone called George Washington SImons, who was named, they said. for the very first president. He had a dim recollection, too, of one day in the summer when nobody worked, and it was never too hot to eat lots
of cake and things. Now, somehow, he had got the of cake and things. Now, somehow, he had got the
idea that it meant that on that day everybody was idea that it meant that on
free to have a good time.

The evening before the Fourth, Sam shot off whole bunch of firecrackers behind the barn, and it made Bennfe's heart leap. He wouldn't be a "bound and that meant he hlmself Bennle too Jumning into bed earlier than usuai, he resolved Jumping there to get up early the next morning and have all hls work done, and, maybe, Sam's too, before break. fast. Then closing hls eyes he went to sleep tred but happy in the thought that next day he would be free.

To Bennie's great joy not a cloud was to be seen In the gky when he thrust his tousled head from the window at about dawn. What a glarious day it was golng to be: Whistling, he hurrled about his work, fnally becoming so anxious that he hitched up the carryall without taking time to eat his breakfast. He had greased the harness the night before by moonnight because Sam had gone to bed and forgotten
it. But Bennle was in a llberal mood at the time, thinking of the morrow.
When he helped Mrs. Brison carry out to the carry. all the basket filled with the good things that boys like, he had oo no best clothes, but his face was the antlcipation of almost heavenly pleasure. He the antlcipation of almost heavenly pleasure. He
had Just set the basket down when Sam poked him in the ribs with bis thumb and sald:
"Huh, you aln't goin'
He thought Sam was only joking. The family were all seated in the carryall and Bennle was about to hop in when Farmer Brison, taking up the whip and the lines
and sald

Look after them cattle today, and see that they git water and don't git through that hole in the fence. rou better keep an eye on the house, too.
Mrs. Brison added, "I left you a bite in the kitchen," and then with a "Glang. Bess," the carryall drove away.
Bennie could hardly belleve his ears. Not go When it was a holiday for everybody! Why, he had worked harder than anyone to get to go, and nowbut through his paringe calng sam only sam on bis tnees on the pleading eyes he saw only sam on his thumbs in his ears and wiggling his hands pen. nie knew his ears were rather large but-then he stopped short, turned round and slowly rêtraced his steps, digeing bis toes viclously into the dust and steps, digging his oes vicousiy into the dust and that would crowd over bis eyelids and fall in such big splashes on the road.
Rennie sat down on the front doorsteps and wonthere two hours later when it rose high and hot in the heavens. Then he wandered out on the road, then back into the yard and into the fields. The day was
hot with a dry, prickiy beat from which there was
no rest. The stubble in the flelds bruised his
bare feet. The stones and the dust in the road werc like ovens. The call and the dust in the road wer little stream had gone dry, water had to be carried to them. This accomplished he climbed one of the trees on the billside across the meadow, hoping to see something; but nothing met his vision except a most dilapldated scarecrow. Then he went to the brook and "skipped" some stones, but that was no fun, all by himself, even if two did strike seven time and one nine.
to the house to the house, where, removing the red tablecloth tha covered the bite prepared for him by the farmer' ple was good, and he ate as heartlly of it as if he had never had a disappolntment. The meal satisfied him to some extent, and thinking of the long lonely afternoon, he wandered into the bayfield and lay down for a nap on the shady slde of a haystack. As he lay there, looling with half-closed eyes across the fields everything seemed quaking with the heat and overhead a buzzard was slowly salling. He slipped a little lower, his hat sinking farther over his face, so that all that he could see under the brim was the buzzard. How far it could go with but one flap of its wings! He wondered what it had espled now, for it was clrcling Immediately over him and coming closer and closer. How funny its head and beak, and how much quicker it seemed to move than at first. Why, he had never seen that kind of a buzzard! Then, as it made one last, long sweep
about him, he saw that it was an eagle, and then it about him, he saw that it was an eagle, and then it
settled on the hay so close to him he belleved he settled on the hay so close to him he believed he
could reach out his hand and touch it. He tried, and could reach out his hand and touch it. He tried, and him. Bennie had heard of American eagles. He him. Bennie had heard of
would find out if this was one.
"Are you the American eagle?" here? Don't you know this is the day we jollify, the boys and I? What do you mean staying home asleep on the Fourth of July? Aren't you proud of your country? Don't you remember George Washington and how he licked the British and set us free? Don't you like fun? Why, I declare you are about the only
boy in America that would go to sleep on a haystack on the Fourth of July
Bennie almost stuttered in ihis eagerness to say that he didn't mean to be unpatriotic.
Il ready wanted to go-I never knew before-I got The eagle's face was so sharp and comical looking that Benale could not keep from grinning, then be added:

I Just wish I had half a chance now."
The eagle edged his way close over to the boy, and before you could say "Jack Robinson" and, without the boy was astride of the bird and away the two the boy was astride of the bird, and away the two Bennle didn't seem scared. It seemed the most natural thing in the world. They were going he knew not where. The first time he looked down he saw that they were hoveringeover a town on the outsklits of which he espled a long table where it seemed that hundreds of people had been eating. Great crowds were in a grove near by. and someone was standing on a platform throwing his arms and shouting till Bennle could almost hear the words. Bands were playing, flags were fying everywhere, and everybody was happy. Bennie himself could not help getting hilarious, whether it was because he caught the spirit of the people beneath him. or be-
cause of the rare atmosphere in which be was float. cause of the rare atmosphere in which he was float.
ing. First he chuckled to himself, then be laughed and then he shouted. The bird seemed to catch the spirit of the occasion and made grand sweeps famlly and bell the people and herod that nobody ramily and all the people, and he boted hat nob.ody eagle weeled and rose highar the lill seemed as though the whole world was spread out beneath him. He could see lights gllmmering here and there below as the evening came on, which were answered by the stars that stole out one by one and seemed to twinkle a velcome to him . At one place he saw a bonflre, and in the colors, red, white, and blue, that blazed near by, "Welcome all," while all about fountains of sparks rose into the air and rivers of fire ebbed and flowed lighting up the sky about him with colors of which he had never dreamed. Flowers of light grew from buds to full bloom before his wondering eyes. A flag of light shot across the heavens, a shout went un, and the eagle, swelling and spreading his wings, bore him up, up, till it a deep-toned cannon, huge balls of colors shot out nd up and broke in a myriad of stars.
Thus Bennie sped on from town to town, over ittes ablaze with splendior, his ears greeted with the shouting and the musle from assembled thousands. And such music. Never before had heunds lise that. His heart beat, and before he know it he was slaging songs he had never sung before. He was ao happy be could hardly keep his seat on bis fiying steed. A rocket burst above him, and as the stick descended he grabbed at it: the welght unseated him and over he went still holding on to the stick, till, falling down, down, he struck Farmer' Brison's haystack with a thud.
Then sitting up. holding his hat tight in his hand. he heard his name called. It was night, and old John Brison was cursing.
"Yes, sir. Yes, sir," he replled, "I'm here, rill unharness the horses. Till give them extra corn, too. Yes, I'll rub 'em down. I'm coming."
Rut Bennle had had the biggest kind of a Fourth of July and was happy.

## President Roosevelt's Address to the 1907 Graduating Class of the Friends' Select School

SEVEN MEMBERS of the Friends' Select School of Washington, D. C., forming the graduating class of 1907, their parents, friends, and a large crowd of pupils and invited guests, listened
the address of President Roosevelt on The Amerto the address of President Roosevelt on The Amer-
ican Boy. President Roosevelt's son, Archie, has atican Boy. President Roosevelt's son, Archle, has at-
tended this school for three terms. Last year the tended this school for three terms. Last year the
President addressed the graduating class of the President addressed the graduating class of the
school of which his daughter, Ethel, was a member, school of which his daughter, Ethel, was a member,
and following out the custom he this year spoke to and following out the custom he this year spoke to
those who had been his boy's friends and classmates. The program included music and speaking, but the principal feature of course, was the stirring, etraight-from-the-shoulder talk that Mr. Roosevelt gave.
Mr. Sidwell, principal of the school, in intro ducing the President lald great stress on his pleasure and that of his audience in having the first man and the first father of the country address those boys and girls who were finishing their school life to begin that larger and less sheltered life beyond
When I speak of the American When I speak of the American
boy what I say really applies to boy what I say really applies to
the grown-ups nearly as much as the grown-ups nearly as much as
to the boys. I want to see every one of you boys enjoy himself to the full, and yet remember that the won't enjoy himself if he does he won t enjoy himself if he does
not do real work. It is not the boy who shirks his lessons, who shirks dolng his work, who ultimately has a good time. I remember once talking with a great friend of mine, a professor at Yale, about a certaln boy who had been put on the Yale football eleven early in the season; I said that I happened to know his father, and that 1 hoped the boy would do well. My friend, the professor, answered: "You will find he won't do well; that fellow has not got the right stuff in him ; he will not keep up with his studies; and my experience has always been If a boy has not the right character to study he won't
have the char
in the game."

## in the game.

dropped before was exactly right. The boy was dropped before the end of the season. He did not shown itself in his not keeping decently up in his studies, so it showed itself in making him quite unable to do his work on the team. I want to see rach of you play hard when you play; and I want to see cach of you work hard, and not play at all, when you work. I want to see a man work, but if he is the kind of man who is wholly unable ever to enjoy a boliday, he is apt to be a pretty poor father, a him remember to enjoy the other side of life, too.
want to see you game, boys. I want to see you brave and manly; and $I$ also want to see you
gentle and tender. In other words you should make it your object to be the rlght kind of boys at home, so that your family. will feel a genulne regret, instead of a sense of relief, when you stay away; and at the same time you must be able to hold your own in the outside world. You can not do that if you have not manliness, courage, in you. It does no good to have either of these two sets of quallties if you lack the other. I do not care how nice a little boy you are, how pleasant at home, if when you are out you are afraid of other liftle boys lest they be rude to you; for if so you will not be a very happy boy nor gron grows up 1 want him to be of such a desire to show the wrong-doers that he cannot be
have courage and strength, so that they can be used in protecting the weak, against those who would wrong weakness and gentleness. The boy who will maltreat either a smaller child, a little boy or a little girl, or a dumb animal, is just about the meanest boy that you can find anywhere in the world. You should be brave and able to hold your own just because you should be able to put down such a bully. It should be your pride to be the champion of the weak. You will flind a certain number of boys who have strength and who pride themselves in it and who misuse it. The boy who will torture something harmless, who will oppress the boy or girl who is weak, or do wrong to those Who cannot resist, almost always proves to have a
weak streak in him, and not to have the stuff weak streak in him, and not to have the stuff in him that would make hom stand up to an equal foe under punlshment. That boy has not much thoush I dislike seeing and much though I dislike seeing a who cannot hold his own, 1 dis Who cannot hold his own, 1 dis woy who uses his strength and woy who uses his strength and
courage to oppress those who courage to oppress those
cannot help themselves. Now, one word to the grownups, to the fathers, and especially to the mothers. Do remember that in your own homes it is just as important as in the outside world that you should have nelther hardness of heart nor softness of head. The damage done to children by cold or un feeling or selfish parents is not a bit greater than the damage done to them by foolish and weak and over-indulgent parents A foolish indulgence is as bad as any harshness. In particular, the mother who lets her boy grow up selfish, Imposing on her, not showing tenderness or consid eration for her or for others, is preparing to turn the selfish son into what will some day be a bratal and unfeeling husband and father. That woman is not showing real tenderness, rea folly and wicked folly howin wronged with impuntry. Ithe to have the man who wronged with impunity. I like to have the man who She is doing the worst she can for the boy, and is a citizen feel, when a wrong is done to the community by any one, when there is an exhibltion of corruption or betrayal of trust, or demagogy, or brutality, not that he is shocked and horrifled and would like to go home; but I want to have him feel the determination to put the wrong-doer down, to make the man who does wrong aware that the decent man is not only his superior in decency but his superior in strength; not necessarily physical strength, but strength of character, the kind of strength that makes a good and rorceful citizen.
The place in which each of you should try to be most usefill is his own home, and each of you should wish for, and should practice in order to
she is preparing misery and suffering for all those who come in contact with him thereafter. The who counts for most in the household) who fall to bring up their children so that they five a prompt and ready obedience, and show unselfishness and consideration for others-all of us need to be taught sideration for others-all of us need to be taugh that, it does not come naturally
I shall quote, in closing, a bit of advice of which I have always been fond, gathered from the footbal fleld, and it applies just as much in after life as It does on a football team. In after life, as in your games remember
'Don't flinch, don't foul, and hit the line hard!'

## Effect of Confidence

There is nothing which quite takes the piace in a boy's life of the consclousness that somebodyhis tescher, brother, sister, father, mother, or friend -belleves in him.

One of the most discouraging things to a youth who is, apparently dull, yet is conscious of real power and abllity to succeed, is to be depreciated by those around him, to feel that his parents and teachers do not understand him, that they look upon him as a probable fallure.
When into the life of such a boy there comes the loving assurance that somebody has discovered him, has seen in him possibilities undreamed of by others, that moment there is born within him a new hope, a light that will never cease to be an inspiration and encouragement.
If you believe in a boy, if you see any real ability :n him (and every human being is born with the ability to do some one thing well), tell him so; tell him that you belleve he has the making of a man in him. Such assurance has often proved of greater advantage to a youth than cash capital.
There is inspiration in "He belleves in me."-Suc cess Magazine

## Happy Days of Boyhood

I'd like to be a boy again without a woe or care With freokles scattered on my face and hiyseed In my hair. I'd like to rise at four o'clock and do a hundred chores, saw the wood and feed the hogs and lock the stable doors; and herd the hens and watch the bees and take the mule to drink, and teach the turkeys how to 8 wim so that they wouldn' sink; and milk about a hunared cows and bring the wood to burn, and stend out in the sun all day and churn and churn and churn; and wear my brother's
caat-of clothes and walk four miles to school, and
get a licking every day for breaking some old rule, and then get home again at night and do the chores and then get and milk the cows and feed the hogs and curry mules galore. and then crawl wearlly upstairs to seek my little bed and hear dad say, "That "worthless boy! He isn't worth his bread!" I'd like to be a boy again-a boy has so much fun! His life is just a round of mirth from rise to set of sun. I guess there's nothing pleasanter than closing stable doors and herding hens and chasing bees and dolng evening chores.

## No-Use-to-Try Boy

In a certain Illinols town the congressman of the district had a chance to make an appointment to the milltary school at West Point. There were five boys in the town who were anxious for the appolntment to who urged their clatms before the congressman
to best of their abllity. At last the choice was

made and the "lucky boy" as he was consldered b the other four, went away to West Point.

Two of the four were school chums and very good frlends, and they talked over their defeat.
'I'm going to try for it again when Henry is out," one of them said, with determination.
"It's no use for you to try again," the other said "If you didn't get it this time you won't get it at all." way not so sure about ithat. I mean to try, any way, and I'm going to do all the studying I can for it too."
Some time afterward the boys learned, to their gur prise, that the boy who had secured the appointmen had raited in his examinations, and was coming home the boy who had previously expressed his determlua tion to keep on trying.
The other shook his head. "It's no use for me to try now," he sald. "I'd have the same luck that had before.'
"Well, I'm going to try," his friend said; "and I'll keep on trying till I get an appointment, or get too old to be admitted. He did try, and this time he got the appointment.Chlldren's Friend.

## What Young Men Can Do

The writer recently met a bright young man, and in the course of conversation the following facts in his career were developed. He was born in Holland, and when eighteen years of age came to America. Upon landing here he went to Iowa and hired out to a farmer in that State for fifteen dollars per month. He kept his position for a year and a hali, and in, that time saved about two hundred dolchores, meantime, for his board. He is now t wenty six years of age, and is earning twelve hundred dollars a year. His success has not been phenom enal, nor is he, by any means, a solitary instance of what some of our immigrant boys are doing in thelr

## A Poor Boy Who Pushed to The Front

SEVERAL YEARS ago I read a book called Pishing to the Front or, Success under
Dificultes. From cover to cover it was filled with stories of poor boys and girls who had struggled over great obstacles to win fame, honor, and wealth. These life stories were told with such a sympathetic touch that I wondered it the author had not himself been a struggler. Soon after ward It was my good fortune to become a friend and business assoclate of the writer of the book; then 1 found that my surmise regarding his early struggles was not only true, but that bls own life story was even more interesting and inspiring than many of the stories in his books.
Orison Swett. Marden, the writer of that book was born in 1853 at Thornton Gore, New Hamp shire
Surely no great man was ever born in an humbler place, for it is not even down on the maps. His parents were so poor that about the only thing they could give to their son was a fine sounding name rison Swett Marden.
Three years after Orison was born his mother died, leaving him and his two small slsters to the care of their father, who did all the housework even to making clothes for the children, and at the same time he provided food by farming and huting A ilttle later, when the boy was seven years of age accidental closing of a big bear trap.
Orison now was sent to live with his grand Thornton Gore. Soon afterward he the way than with a minister's family at Woodstock, New Hamp hire, and was put to work doing chores, sawing wood, picking stones in the stubble fleld, and even washing and ironing for the family. An incident of his first day in the parson's family will give a good dea of the Hife he led. The parson's wife sent him to the cellar for potatoes. The lad returned with he basin filled brim full with the best of the pota toes. Seeing this, the good woman held up her hands in amazement, exclaiming: "What in the world are you going to do with all those potatoes?" Then she ordered him to return to the cellar with her, and, pointing out a bln containing large-sized potatoes, she said: These are tor the elder, who a bin containing some nubby little ones, she said: " bin a tim to take one potato from the elder's bin and tw him to take one potato from the elder's bin and two great plenty for one meal.
From the parson's the orphan lad was transferred to another family, where he was whipped almost dally. Often at night he crept up to his sleeping place in an attic, into which the snow drifted
It does not surprise us then to learn that later the boy decided to run away, and that one day when al the folks were at church he arranged his few bc longings into a iltle bundle and struck out for lib erty.
nene of hill in Mad River valley was the nex boarded his activities. In the family with whom he him. This wer two giris, one whe for an ducation, inspired have young humberman with sim lar asplrations. There was not much spare time for hired man in those days but all there was young Marden used in readigs ine fow books which he and his girl friend could borrow.
An accident in the sawmill caused hlm to be lald ofl from work for a time, during which he decided go Hampshire. "upg" in the to le him 80 and createned to post himing care of a barn and do ing other odd jobs around town.
Belng now nearly twenty-one years old, Marden oped to receive enough from his father estat o educate himself, for his father had owned a good farm, but when he approached his guardian about ae mater he was told that there was very little left for him and his two sisters.
Dlsappointed, but nothing daunted, young Mar en set about working his way through New Hamp on Institute. while there he was a close student, learned rapidy, and finally graduated with honor second to none in his class. Noxt we fipd him en rolled as a student at the Theological Seminary at Andover, Massachusettg. While theology wa congenial to him, stiml he longed for a wluer rang of study, and it was not long betore he became nember of the sophomore class of Boston Univers ty. After earning his degree of A. B., he entered he school of Orait 1879 Next he which he Maica Schod and the Boston Univerity Haw school and by doing double work through the Law I B A yeara mot graduate work at Harvard Med lcai school completed his education within college walls.
During these years in which he was educating himself Marden earned more than a living. In fact to doubtrul if any student ever started
At New Hampton he ran a boarding club for stu dents and later, at Boston, he conducted a simila club for both students and professors, which netted him seven dollars a week and attracted the atten Lion of President Eliot, of Harvard, who sent for him and asked that he form a simin club there This club is still in existence, with a membership of some twelve or fifteen hundred stidents.
During the summer vacatinns Marden worked frst as a waiter, and afterwards as manager of sev. eral summer hotels. In the latter position he earned

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Success Magaxine.


## To The American Boy With No Chance

## A Mescage Expresaly Written for the Readers of

Q "There is no chance for the American boy today." This is the plaint of scores of boys who write me. The trouble with these boys is that they have not yet opened their eyes to the opportunities around them.
No chance in a land where nobody is held down by canc? No chance in a lend of opportunity where the greateat re.
No chance where the deaf, dumb, and blind go to college, chance where the deat, dumb, and blind
and even the crippled achieve high success?
No chance in the country where log-cabin boys and poor boys rom the farm go to the White House?
No chance in a country with thousands of libraries. tens of
thousands of achools, free night echools, free educational lectures?
No chance where even poor boys from the slums become our legislators. and where the poorest boys become our merchant princes, our great bankers and financiers?
No chance where thousands of poor boys tant in business for themselves without capital?
No chance where so many business houses and institutions are energy and integrity?
No chance where braken
No chance where affice boys become proprietorn?
No chance in a land which has proved innumerable timea that you can not keep an energetic boy back after you

The Americas boy with bo chance?
The American boy with no chance? He does not exist.
as much as five thousand dollars a year. He was saver, and before he completed his studies he began to build the Manisses Hotel
In 1882 his fortune was sufficlent to warrant him in taking a trip abroad to complete his studtes. Ro man history was his favorite subject. While in Italy after a climb up Mt. Vesuvius he was stricken with Roman fever and for
between life and death
On returaing to America, Dr. Marden decided to write some books that would be help to strugglers who were trying to be somebody and do something in the world." For nearly fiftee years thereafter he spent all his spare time on hls manuscripts. Then, while at Kearney, Nebraska one of his hotels burned, destroylng every scrap o get a gings even to his note books. Right here wo of his hotel were still smouldering he bolight an other note book and began to rewrite from anemory his best book, Pushmg to the Front.
The Kearney fire was but one of ating of disasters. 'At this time Dr. Mardet hat control of four hotels in three different states. Smallpox broke out at Bleck Island, five hundred of his bath houses burned, $\cdot a$ drouth destroyed all business in the west,
and almost before he could realize it his entire property was wiped out. His property all gone, he to lited ato literary work. Scarcely had he made this de cision, when a telegraph message came offering him he mand dollars a a great hotel at a salary of ten down this ofters a year. But he resolutely turned ones. To Boston we Thinking he would havent with his manuscripts. of hls book he had submitted it to three publishers of made of it and To his surnrise every publisher acepted it time ton. Miffin \& Co. finally published it it. Hough through twelve editions during the frat yer. 0 .n a hundred thousand coples have now been Over Ished. It has been translated into been pub anguages. In Japan it is one of the many foreign the government schools.
This was Pushing to the Front. Small wonder know was so deeply impressed by it that I wished to know the author. I found this first book was but the forerunner of more than a score of others that It was the foundation of a great publishing enter prise, the center of which is the Success Magazine From Pushing to the Front to his blg and suc cessful publishing enterpilse of today is an inter lows i think yet not so interesting to us young fel lows. I think, as the story of his earlier strusgles. boy who reads this a suggestion for every American York be sure yor 1 ever you talie a trip to New York be sure you visit Washington Square Park On the east side of the square you will notice the and get of the Success offices Ask for Dr Here you will find him that you are an American boy. Hell Just tell then, no matter how busy he may Hell see you assoclated with him for five hears may be. I was him to refuse an interview with a bright boy this suggestion and wiew with a bright boy. Act on your visit with "the doctor," as we call him, one of the brightest events of your life.

## A Suggestion to Make Us Think

When the first Christmases were celebrated in this country education was dependent on outside teachers, and almost bare textbooks, poorly trained such environment came George wish fet out of Patrick Henry, and later Dantel Whashmgton and Clay and a host later Danlel Webster and Henry lay ars of republics, brilliant will never willingly will never willingly let die
all our splith all our splendid modern equipment of school and ont librarin cent Morarles at the command of all our students. are we doing to make worthy successors of these In
In contrast with the meagre equipment of Jeffer our yay are we giving too much help and offering ur the too many literary critches, thereby merit ng the charke made by some educators that they cant get their scholars to think? How would it be physlcally if alter our bny has outgrown the go art we furnish him with a bicycle, and a little late ave him an automoble, and wen the weather does not permit the use of these, sipply him with trolley fares? Hed be a fine walker, wouldn't he? From scholastic btandpoint, when you surround the boy with a vast apparatus working automatically, and books of minute explanations and endless diagrams and tralned speclalsts to clarify any possible de ect of vision, do you wonder that the dull boy can't think and the bright girl doesn't have to think Why does the country bred boy think quicker and easler than the city bred boy unless it is that his eariler school life for the very lack of this equip nent compels him to use the sources of his own mind. This phase of education is one we canno aftord to ignore, and our youth ought to be led to illize their minds more and depend upon thelr out side equipment less.

## A Word for the Boy

A boy at fifteen years of age is, In our opinion, a the most important period of his life. He is at the lorks of the road. What he needs more than any hing else is sympathy and advice. It would be strange, indeed, if boys did not build castles in Spaln at that age, and what they need is the prac ical suggestion of someone, who is himself a succes in life, to guide them. Most people think that boys elther sympathy or aduice great mistake. They need it as much as girls. We have never known one of them to refuse to take ad vice if it were tendered to them at the right tlme. In the right place, and in the right spirit. The mistak that most people make in talking to boys is tha they lecture them in season and out, persecute them with all sorts of foolish suggestions, and expect good deal more from them than they would from a man. If we had any word of counsel to give it would be: Don't lecture a boy. Don't nag him. Do not persecute him If he has done some wrons Don't laugh at him if he has falled. perhaps in some arer-ambitious boyish schemes. Don't crush him Don't break hls spirit. Give the boy a chance

## T"HE CAMP FIRE OF MAD ANTHONY <br> (Continued from page 258.)

sky, the towering strong rushing current, the blue not a vestige of thess Sobered by the fact, Noah stood for a few mo ments, but soon he began to run along the shore, peering at the banks and out over the river to discover if possible the man struggling some where in the river. He was tempted to call, but the recollection of the strange shout or call he had him self heard a few moments before, restrained him as the thought of his own peril recurred to hlm. He ran farther up the shore, but still the man was not to be found. He turned and gazed down the stream, thinking that possibly the man might have been borne by the current farther away, but there was nothing in that direction to indicate that his recent companion had been swept away.
At last, concluding that the man must have been unable to 8 wim and had been drawn under the treacherous waters, Noah abandoned the search, and then for the first time became aware of his own plight. The sun was by this time low in the western warmth of the summer day with the cold His clothing was hesvy and wet, and the chill that was upon him was all the more marked now that the day was departing. Withdrawing within the sheiter of the trees he took off his coat and shoes and wrung the former and emptled the latter. He could not be seen from the river he was positive, although he himself was able to see it from his hiding place Suddenly he stood erect, and, breathless with ex citement, percelved two canoes on the water before him, one contalning a white man and two Indians and the other with three white men in it. The canoes were belng paddled up the stream in the direction from which he and his recent companion had come, and from the actions of the men it was manifest that they were looking for some one, for they were moving slowly and all were watching the sight was it still was not altogether unexpected for the one call which not altogether unexpected, for warned him of the nearby presence of other men and no great reasoning was required to convlace hlm that they were not of his own force. Without movthey could no longer be seen and then turned back toward the place where his own canoe had been left. Without any plan as yet formed he examined the little craft, admiring its lightness and strength, but convinced that it was no longer of use to him, for the paddle had been lost in the overturning. His musket also wa
defense
The outlook was not promising he ruefully assured himself, and then for a moment he stood thoughtfully considering what he ought now to do. He had not had any food since morning, his gun was gone, and by this time. His best plan, he was convinced, was to return with all haste and strive to overtake his com rades, for he had a general idea as to the direction in which they must have gone. The darkness would sonn be upon him. but not even that peril or the songs of the countless mosquitoes that now were "singing" about him must be permitted to interfere with his task.
He was about to start back up the shore when the two canoes that had passed bim were seen reand what had become of the sixth was an added per plexity. Had he been landed? Was he to return by the shore? The questions were not consoling to the troubled mind of the young soldler, but the slght of the passing canoes instantly caused him to change his plans. The man who had accompanled him in the canoe had declared that a large force of the red coats had been stationed at Whitehouse, and he had also declared that the llttle point was close at hand. Had the man spoken falsely? The presence of the two canoes seemed to imply that he had not, and Noah Dare instantly decided that he must make some attempt to find out the trutb. He was not far from the place where the men were sald to be, and to return without having made at least an attempt to learn the truth concerning the size and presence of the force was not to be expected. Surely Anthony Wayne would not lightly abandon such an opportunlty if it had been presented to him, Noah thought, though there was stin a trace of biterness in the suggestion. The dashing young con's presence in any way seemed to be aware of Noah's presence in his force, for not a word had he spoken bad departed from New rork. All this did not alter the nature of the opportunity of learning of the presence of the regulars, as the man had stated, and
Noah was firm now in his determination to learn more before he even attempted to refoin his commore before he The sun had disappeared from sight now and it would not be long before the summer night and it would not be long betore the summer night again at the canoe at hls feet he decided to make use of it in his attempt. Although he had no paddle be could float with the current, and by keeping a sharp outlook along the shore as he passed he might be able to discover the spot where the "advance force" was encamped.
He found, after a briet search, a pole which might be of service to him in an emergency, and placing it on the bottom of the canoe, when the darkness had deepened he lifted the light littie craft in his arms and carried it down to the water's edge. Before be embarked he once more peered out over the waters and along the saores, but only the dim outhnes of the trees could be seen and only the musical rippling of the waters be heard. Apparently he was the only man in all the region.
For an instant a feeling of his intense loneliness agaln swept over him. He fancied he could almost see the lighted candles in the far away home of
his father, and even hear his mother's volce as she was seated near the table in the center of the room, doubtless knitting, as was her custom of an eveningfor him. Then for an instant he thought of the home into which he had been welcomed on Staten Island and of the strange actions of Rachel Wheeler when he had chanced to meet her with her brother on Broadway. What did she mean? Why had she ignored him? The questions seemed strangely out of place but they still would come even on the distant hores of the mighty St. Lawrence.
Resolutely the young soldier endeavored to Ignore them, and placing his canoe on the water he care fully took his place within after he had used his pole to push the little craft out into the current. He his while the canoe nolselessly gilded slowly forward with the current he malntalned a careful outlook as he passed the dark and shadowy carere outlook as he passed the dark and shadowy shore. For a time the watch kept him alert and intent, but at last the excitement. Whether or not ho had been asleep he was unable to dectde, but he was startled as he suddenly became aware that the course of the canoe directly toward the shore beslde which he had recently been slowly drifting

## To be continued.)

## Advice to a Young Man

The following quaint advice from the Burlington Hawkeye-man has the "pith of truth" in it.
Remember, son, that the world is older than you are, by several years; that for thousands of years it has been so full of smarter and better young men whan yourselt that their feet stuck out of the dormer windows; that when they died the old globe went whiring on, and not one man in ten million
Be as smart as you can, of course. Know as much as you can, without blowing the packing out of you cylinder-head; shed the light of your wisdom abroad in the world, but don't dazzle people with it, and don't imagine a thing is so simple because you say it is. Don't be too sorry for your father because he knows so much less than you do; remember the reply of Dr. Wayland to the student of Brown Uni versity who sald it was an easy enough thing to make.proverbs such as Solomon wrote. "Make a few," tersely replled the old man. We never heard that the young man made any. Not more than two or three, anyhow. The world has great need of young men, but no greater need than the young men have of ft . Your clothes fit you better than your father's fit him; they cost more money, they are more stylish, your mustache is neater, the cut
of your hair is better and you are prettier, oh, far
prettier than "pa." But, young man, the old gentleman gets the blggest salary, and his homely, scrambling signature on the business end of a check wil ring more money out of the bank in five minute a copperplate signature in six months.
Young men are useful, and we all love them, and we couldn't engineer a picnic successifully without them. But they are not novelties, son. Oh, no Do not be so modest as to shut yourself clear out but don't be so fresh you will have to be put away in the cool to keep from spolling.
Don't be afrald that your merit will not be discovered. People all over the world are hunting for you,' diamond i6n't so easily found as a quartz pebble, but people search for it all the more intently.

## August William

August William, whose plcture is shown herewith, is the fourth son of Emperor Willam of Germany. sons of this strenuous ruler is going through a very rigid course of study in the University of Germany.


The fact that will be of interest to the readers of THE AMERICAN BOY about this young man is that when he has completed his studies at home he will attend the lectures at several of the American un!versities. It is fast becoming a hablt among the rulers of foreign countries to send young men to study our methods, and we appreciate the compllment.

## The Gircusebay Paradt $1-\operatorname{Hen}^{2}$



# The Boy on His Muscle 

Efitrd by ARTHUR DUFFEY, Holder of World's Sprinting Records at Sbort Distances
1890, American Champion. Intercollegiate Champion, 1901-2-3.


THE ENTRANCE of our schoolboy college athletes has always been
closely followed by the athletic world. in fact olhe Interscholastic athlete on his entrance Into college may be sald
to be placed on the rack by his fellow
treshmen for
 renutation he estabitshed yor himself in
pcholastic circles. In many casea 1 have
 faplen short of what was expected he
them. But while we have had the intercholastic athlete who has hailed to make
oood as a college athlete, we have had others who, arter doing nothing extraordinary in Interscholastle circles. have
during thelr coltege days developed into
the fineat athletes. he recall athletes. 1 was a student at team named Frank Scheuber. Without any exception Scheuber was the most
versatile athlete in the school. He could sprint. hurdle. Jump. vault, and do any
of the events with considerable credit. It the events with conslderable credit. hlm to win the champlonship banner for
them. Young Scheuber lived up to all expectations and handily won the va Was the talk of the Interscholastic great future was prentcted for him. ated themselves on his entrance as a


might be at a loss to know what to do the country, the team is now to take a erected by placlng a bar between two bar up about two feet six tinches from the ground. If two or three can be erect-
ed some fiteen or twenty yards apart of
course more advantage can be gained rom the practice. practicing in either or these specialtles.
let me call his attention to the necessity of running right at the hurdle. or the
take-ont. (as it is called in the broad Jump). Just as if there was no such a
thing there. Many times I have seen boys who have plenty of spring. and a
good gprint. Who lose their nerve and stop upas they approach the hurdle, or
the take-oft. Sometimes the fault lies in
the fact that the boy is unable to get his the fact that the boy is unable to get his
proper stride at the hurdle, or the take-
off. if such is the case, for instance in practicing in the hurdies, run from such
a distance go that you will be able to approach the hurdie with your proper
stride without siopping up. Sometimes stride without stopping up. Sometimes
it might be frteen yards. or it mlght
be more or less. At any rate start from a distance whiere you wilt be abing. In the broad jump a run of some
twenty-five yards or so is needed. This is in order to get up plenty of momenAs in the hurdles, the great trouble lies beginner will keep trying he will soon
overcome this diffulty. As in the hurdles, the run should be approximately at strike the take-off. In practicting elther
of these the run should be rather easy of these the run should be rather easy
at fratis then when it is found thet the
right distance for the run is secured. gradually Increase the speed. Mercersberg Academy, Pennsylvania, has the
honor of deading the champlon Interscholastlc Track Team of the Easter. every contest in which they have com peted, Including the Princeton Inter-
acholastic. Championship the Yale Interscholastic. Championship. the Yale inter-
scholasilic and the Unlversity of Penn-
sylvania Championship. Not betng satisfed with practically cleaning up every
champlonship in the eastern sectlon of


Peet at once. Always have one foot advance of the other in that you are
western schoolboys what they can It is rarely that one reads of a schoolact 4.30 among-college athletes ls conPaull though but twenty yeara of oung has started on the right road of becom.
ing one of our future millers. He has been running since 1904, and now holds ord of 4.372 .5 geconds, and the Pennsylseconds. Which is the Ameilcan Inter-
scholastic record. Last Thanksiving cholast Philadelphia he won the interof Pennsylvanla. When young Pa Pauli
goes to Chlcago to compete In the WestWill be Interesting to sge how he, in it
fare with some of the western schoolboy While the Mercersberg Academy is in
 puted fiyers from the far west come east-
ward and there try thelr fortunes agalnst some of our eastern boys. For Instance
out in the Spokane (Washington) High School, they have a youth who promises
to rival in the near future Dan Kelly.
the great western Rouse Is his name, and if all the things
they say about George is true he must hey say about George ta true he must
Indeed be a wonder. Few boys fully 2-5 seconds. If. for sprint instance. the reard.
er were to go out on a track and time himself for such a distance he would
fully apprectate the significance or such entlearimance. Away Mack in the suevatarlled the world has ever produced. nondered at and This performance was Tondered at and stood all alone untll
1903, when Victor Rice, of Chicago, and seconds. I might say that at that time pasa before it would be again equaled. before a new western sew days elapsed
doing the same thing. This succeeded in ran the distance twice in the namene night.
The nrat time he did it. it was thought that some mistake must have been made short. On examining the course it was
ound to be corren the boy appeared later When. however.
out op mere curlosity nothe fnal hyat. out of mere curlosity some of the old
rellable clock holders who were im.
pressed with his running placed it watch on him, his running. placed the their nurnfise
learned that ail their watches cllcked $52-5$ seconds.
To accomplish such $n$ feat as this seems almost unbellevable to the older
generation of athletes, but noweders the progress that our Amertcan athietes
are making in sport warrants or lleving the reports. At any rate, If this boy performed as reported it is true
that he has the princlpal trick in sprint-
ing down to perfection. For in order to
run 50 yerds in he must not on ony be a perrecte starter,
but also must be a good fnisher In
sprint runing these are the two hard.
 start but unable to nnish. Then again
you will find an athlete that knows
nothing about starting. but apter he gets up spout starting. but after he
good rate. I have often been asked about the
crouching start. Somehow or other boys
cannot underatand how an sthlete can start faster from nuch an athlete can this point I might say that rormerly the
standup start was universally the only
one used. one used. In fact many old.time only
nera today will tell you of the many ad-
vantage conilagering it with the crart. But in
of today there is no comparison if yout were to observe a tliper. or a cat, or any
member of that family. about to apring
for a prey you paul
 Whole of the animal's body to colled up
and close to the ground. So it is in
sprint running. by curling the body up
so to speak. and by getting down on ali
er so to speak, and by getting down on apii
fours, the aithlete can spring much farther and quicker into the air than he can
by atanding upright. Furthermore. he
has more control of his body and is not has more control of his body and ls not
so apt to met unsteady on the mark, and
consequently make a It is true that each apinter has nome
particular knack of starting. Each one particular knack of starting. Each one
seems to have his ititle secret which he
does not care to tell every one. But if the reader will follow my method of
starting. I feel sure he will not be the The frat thing to consider in learning



## THE BOY WHO MADE AN ERROR

By KENT BROOKLYN STILES

A resolution

LFAYETTE BROWNELL, Merrill Prep. 08, rushed into his room in the
north dormitory, and after hing
ng hithalgebra at his chum. Ned Raffey, who wes sudying Induatri-
ously in the corner by the broad window.
seated himself on the center table and seated himself on the center to the
swung his legs back and forth.
uWake up, Rafles!" he cried
 "Well, why don't you tell 't ?", demand
ed the lad in the Corner. "You're a jolly
poor shot. What's the news? "Cromwell Military beat Alnglee," sald
Brownellit then waited to see what enfect th1s would have on the other. Raffey forward. fxing his eyes sterns on his
chum. Then his features relaxed into smilie and he lounged back into his chaitr "Straight goods, Raffes," sald Lafe,
earnestly. Three-one-eleven Innings;
 hence, zwel runs. Stralght goods, I tell
you." he relterated, seeing the look of
doubt still on his roommates face. citedly; then," Why Mbled Raffles, ex Well-shut her out, four-nothing; that
means we ought to beat Anslee easily.
It's a clnch for us. Wow!' he cried, springing to his feet and grabblng his roommate from the table, catching
himarely in time to prevent him froml
landing heaily on the foor. Do yo you
hear, Lafayette Brownell? I say itll be a cinch for Merrill. Why, it'll bige about
steen for Merlin, one big. round
goose-egg for Alnslee. It'll be about a
easy as punching you in the head," he asy as punching yo
added, threateningly.
Then we'll never win, declared Lafe, tapping his chum's cheek lightly with
the Angers of his right. Then he grew
serious. "But you should hear what serious. has to suy about it, hear what declared.
Happy hour
"He says well all get such swelled heads that when Alnslee's star pitcher begins
to twirl them In on us well alif fan away
like grammar school boys berore a professional. Happy's going to call a pro-
spe-
clal meeting of the team to-nlght and you can wager your last cent that we'l
get such a lecture as we bavent re.
celved since Copely grammar beat us in that geven-inning game. Gee. he sald,
shuddering at the remembrance of it,
ithat was an awful one, wasn't it, hough ?"
Lafe and Raffes, respectively center
felder and third baseman on Merrill'd noming lecture from Coach Happy Hopp
coll for half an hour. neglecting algeb and Cicero in a way that would not have defeat of Ainslee by the Cromwell Mill
ary Academy nine had been the frst had recelved during the present season port among the schools of these Masda
chusetts hills. The Alnslee-Merill annual conteat was to be played on the
Saturday following. and Alnslee had
been the favorite. This defeat. however crystalized matters somewhat, and
where, before, the Merrill students had been looking forward to the game with they talked in confinent tones of the way
In which the Ansiee nine would be over
whelmed and beaten. It was this over Whelmed and beaten. It was this over
confdence that Coach Happy Hoppwel
feared would be the downiall of hl charges.
Raffles pulled one of the shades down
to shut out a blinding sunlight. and then to shut out a bilinding sunlight. and then
turned to the center table and took up
a history book. disclosing a. white en elope edged in black
corgot to tell you about it before." Brownell reached out his hand eagerly for the envelope and was sheon reading news at home which she knew would in-
terest him-that Billy Edgell, a former year; that the plgeons were dolng nice-
ly: or a dozen and one other things. As Lapayette turned the page there dropped
out geveral blls: they fell unheeded to out several bils; they reas reading with
the noor, for the boy was
lips compressed and nerves strained the "My dear boy," the letter continued, my lawyer han not been able to collect
that money yet, and does not belleve he
will be able to do so untll after your wlll be able to do so untll after your
school year has ended. Fortunatery, you
do not graduate untlinext year. and you
will. consequently, be able to squeeze whil, consequently, be able to squeeze
through this term and have all your tebts paid. Next year, 1 hope, we shall
dein more fortunate circumatancess be
bin inclose thirty dollars; this, I be"I Inclose thirty dollsrs; this, I be-
lieve, will, with what you have at pres-
ent. tide you over until the school year ent. ide you over unt when you try. you
endi. I bnow that. when yery econical. You have done
can be can be very econgar. dear boy, and inm
very well you can
sure you whll continue to.
only get over your habit, of belng
thoughtless, I know you can., Here the boy paused and thought of
how many times hls reoklessness had caused his mother heartache and worry. How many times had he spent a doin if he could but learn to curb this Inclins
tlon to spend his money thoughtlessly. He turned agaln to the letter. Th
words zeemed blurred now, for ther Was a mist in his eyes. But he brushed appeal that he be careful with hit
money: spend it thoughtfully and with aconomy; and ended up with an expres-
sion of pride that he had played in every one of merrins games charged up against him.
having an error
The letter was signed, "Lovingly, Mamma." and there was a postacript from
his ittle sister, telling of her success in pasing ail the examinations at school.

 through the doorway. demanded Raffes,
 So his mother's letter and 1 ts appeal
passed ror he time, trom Latayette


## wager.

The game was the annual one between
the Almalee Freshmen and the Merrill

 the doubt as to the outcome of the big
game to tollow on the Merrill Freanman team also were two piayers - Bell
a Merrit eam ag wert tio play on the so many of the Alnsee students were
present this day to witness the Fresh-
man contest.









 gan to make personal remarks.
A handsome dark-halrea. tail youth. whone mouth had sometting of a n neer
when me milled, took the lead in this when he smilled, took the lead in this
unsportsmanlike behavior.
i.




 materear.


 He saw that the was not to be stopped teaged and he determinea to tosit the
Orange and White mudents abllty to


stand for being "guyed." The darkhaired Alnslee lad's nature was, on the
Whole, an afrable one, but he had an
over-fondness of makdng others the butt
of his rldicule. Those who understood the of his ridicule. Those who understood the
boy. liked and respected him; to one
with an impulsive nature. the dark. with an impulsive nature, the dark
halred boy was ever intolerable.
"Bet the frog-eater bribed the score keeper in each game not to mark do down
any errors againat him; that pretty in-
nocent face of his completely decelved nocent face of his completely decelved
them; as Coach Horton says, if he fell out of a boat he wouldn't strike
at the sight of the pretty face-
Someone pulied Dlak back into
Someone pulled Dick back Into his seat
just as Lafe, his face fushed, eyes shin-
ing dangerously, arose and turned toJust as Lafe, his face flushed, eyes shin
ling dangerously, arose and turned to
ward the Ainslee boys. pointing at the dark-haired boy, hotly,
Slade. the boy who was suspended prom But Raffles was now at his room-
mate's side and a hand was over the angry boy's lips. easy." he breathed "careful, old man; remember, the Ains
But the boy was not to be stopped. He was angry; and at such a thme he usu pulsively. He brushed aside hls room
mate's hand and continued: training. You're a good player, and they say that because you broke trainlng the
team went to pleces, and that your act cost your team the game. Merrill won;
Ainslee got the worst defeat she ever re:
celved, and it was all your faut.; He paused. ready at a word from the
other to continue his angry talking. Dick ing himself under control. instead of getting angry, laughed derisively.
Myy. isn he handsome when he's
mad?: he sald, mockingly. And he didn't make an error all season? How one on Saturday, all right, anl right. the "My, my," murmured slade; "pretty ..What il you bet?" repeated Lafe, in. "He does mean it, doesn't he ?". cried
the Alnslee youth. "How much have you got. Mr. Browneli?"
Iafayette reached into a aide pocket and pulled out the thirty dollars which recalled to his mind his mother's urgent appeal and for a moment he hesitated,
studylng Dick Slade's face. A moment more and he would have cast aside this er's sacrifice-but, as a mocking smlle
spread over the dark-halred boy's face. anger and impulse swept aside all caushaking it in the direction of slade.
"Thirty dollars," he said tensely. dare you to cover it. This says that I Slade was surprised to see the money and for a moment was taken aback: but "Lend me ten. will you Jack?" he asked. as he took out enough from his
own pocket to make the requifed amount
"Look here fellows," cried Raffes, done this thing now, so I sou fello tit can't
be helped; but you all know that bettli isn't allowed; and if this thing is noised around both of you'll be suspended-and
then the bet'll be ofr anyway. All of you
have got to pledge secrecy; otherwise-.

Rarfles shrugged his shoulders. "rll sotactory Mry, siader." The game ended soon after that he Merrme youngs soong after that, with
o nothing. When tare and Rat the agaln in their room, the former sat for glow of the sun, which on the golde
how but bettled
down behind the distant western hill His thoughts were not on the splendor of
he sky however; nor on the hardships hat were ahead should be make an er-
ror in the coming game. No. his thoughts Eere or nobler import than that-he was
thinking or his mother, appeal which
he had disregarded-disregarded with reason-disregarded because he without been man enough to hold in his reckless.
thoughtless impulsiveness. He thought ver the scene at the feld and saw now
that Slade. whom he thought he detested had had the stronger will or the two for
had not the dark-haired Ainslee youth held in his temped to do
himself had fallo
Raf Raffles did not interrupt his chum's at the present time there was mental would not be biraightened out until ap er a night of interrupted sleep, festless
ness, moaning, and pitiful sobbing. THE ERROR
Up to the end of the elghth finning the
Orange and Whte of Mlerrill foated triumphantly above the Blue and Gray of
Alniee. Bell, Merrill
Wizard
pltcher tain had won the toss for the choice of nnings and had elected to send his men
frrs to the bat. If, by thelr visit to th Freshman contest, certain members or
the Ainslee nine had hoped to solve Bellis puzziling out-curve. they were now grie terlous disincilnae ion to but hit with any
ertect. that the young Merrill lad had depended for keeping his rivals down to
but three safe hits thus far in the game One or these had been a three.bagke
but the succeailng trit of batter had
been tanned easily, and Alnslee had been In the third inning. Bell had recelved base on balls from his rival twirler; La
fayette Brownell had seratched out a sin ge. The fothowng two men had ranned
hee art, but Rafnes had responded to the
frantle call or the Merrill students by banging cut of twe Merrer, stendints Bell first of the ninth, Merrill had sent a man had prevented the Orange and White lads It was Ainslee's last chance. now, ut and the Merrill fans groaned a mock ng groan of derision. Alnsle was not
sllent, though. but was cheering loyaliy each man on the team. The next baite
to race Bell tuent an easy grounder di-
rectly Into Hutchings hands The stop juggled the ball, dropped it. pleked rit baseman, Fernald, a moment too lat batter mee me a a ceean sing oue,
man on first around to thle
This game was the first "blg", contest
Por Bell The young pither was flushed ings. as the success and, between the inn ings. as the game progressed, he had sat
on the bench. day.dreaming of ruture
honors-when he should captaln his school team and, in later years. he hoped Princeton down to a tie acore for eigh teen innings, as Doyle had done-still in
something of this dreaming Yused the Fredhman pitcher's braln An
another Ainiee batiter faced him in this
ninth ining wit ninth inning. with one man out. a man on
third and another on first ut ent and the umpire cailed a ball. Twice he pltched his puzzillng out, but could not
concrol titr ad two more balls were call.
ed. He tried an in, but the bater had to jump to avold being hit. The umpire. Bell now raced the tangerous situation
of three men on base, with but one out
 had the two star" batter oo the Alnalee
nine. Dick Slede and Capt. "Culiey Hocourage sank and his dreams or glory
and honor at Amherst faded as stars behind a black cloud
Slade was at the bat, now, and the
crinit was at hhand The de
Anslee youth fouled the hrst balil and Alnsilee youth fouled the frst ball and
Bell was given a bref chance to recover
his nerve. Two sitikes were called In raptd succession and the Freeshman
pitcher, heart beat more normally. Eut going behind slade's back. and he heard mocking cries trom the Alnaslee ntand.
his legs began to tremble violenty and a
 it. He mumbied a few stuttering words
it
of thanks as the umplre handed tit to
 determined to strike his rival out with
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fore He trid to rately, determined it possibte, to pocu-





What the Base Ball Rules Say
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 plate, which is the apex or the home of the diamond and then runs herralgh hatr townest, maktne the githit and oneWhen the pitcher dellvers the biall to

 pitcher makes any motion to when the the for avold a baik he must aiso step th thi

 to the pitcher tior his hourd be treturned A man that the bat untli he is put out










 rouine touch all on their return the basee
 othe risht, elise he may be Put out. all





Dick slade. It he caught the ball and Capt. Hobart. Would not the fellows ac-
cuse him of dolng tit to save the thrty
dollars? Would he not then be accuged dollars? Would he not then be aceused
of selling his school honor for money?
Here, then, was the question that faced Lafayette Brownell as a result of his im.
pulaiveness and thoughtlessnesi. Should pulaveness and thoughtressinesis. should
he sarlfce his school honor to save his
mother sorrow? or should he give his mother, whom he had known long before school. frst consideration?
When Lafayete Brownell fully real-
tzed exactly how matters stood. he hesilzed exactly how matters stood, he hesi-
tated not an instant in his decision. He
would give thought to his mother. of course, let the fellows say what they
mlght. IIe would leave school, if necessary; but he would have his mother's
sympathy and friendshlp-and was not
this worth more to him than publle opinion at Merrill?
A lump rose the boy's throat and a
mist gathered in his eyes-or was it the sunlight? or in the glare of the base sky?
He had fully determined to catch the bal He had rully determined to catch the ball
and his brain was clear, now, even is his
eyeisght was not. He put up his handz oo gatiner in the dirt-covered sphere-1
struck one of his fingers. bounded of gaid
fell to the green grasa at his feet.
 Cant and then made a clutch at the sal
Catching it up, he did not for a moment
hestiate as to what to do-Instinct froni hesitate as to what to do-instinct from
summers of playlng told him. He reach-
ed second, touched the base with his fcot and then threw the ball unerringis into
the hands of Jack Rally, awaiting fit anxThe game was ate ${ }^{\text {gid }}$ Merrill had won.
But Lafayette Brownell had made an er-

## A FRIENDSHIP.

The boy sat the next afternoon before the open grate in his room. staring mood
ily at the red coals. He saw nothing, and
he seemed to think of nothing; he did not he seemed to think of nothing; he did not
even hear his room mate as he entered
sotty and 11 ghted the gas: although hls now wlackened coals-he did not notice the light: it was not until Ratfies touch
ed him lightly on the shoulder that the lad's brain was impressed with the feel-
ing that the blackness was gone, and th nothingness flashed from before his the eyes
nond he found himself. face upturned and he found himself, face upturned
staring into his room mate's cheery fea
tures. tures.
"Wake up. Lafe; get some life into
you: whats the matter with you. any.
how demanded Rafles.
think that your best friend Anyody'd
burled ally your to be burled allve,", he went on. No. No. not yet.
my boyi yours truly is sill above the
cold. cold sod and is enjoying life to the my boy: yours truly is still above the
cold, coid sod and is enjoying Infe to the
ilmit. What if I did make four errors Ifmit. What if I did make tour errors
and strike out three times In the Anglee
game? Didn't I make that two-bagger?
Dldn't we win? Isn't the Orange and game? Dldn't I make that two-bagger?
DIdn't we win? Inn't the Orange and
White stlll on top? Wake up; do you
hear? Look cheerful, even if you can'
hear? Look cheerful, even if you can't
BE cheerful.
 Ainsiee. Shouldn't wonder if-" Raf-
fles was about to mention Dleck Siade's
name; but paused and added rain iomorrow, then suoplded. Lafe reached out alowly and took the
missive. Breaking the seal, he opened "Mr. Lafayette Brownell,
"Merrill Preparatory School,
"Class of 1908 .
"Dear Sir-I fancy you'll be surprised to recelve a letter from me, but I'm not
such a prig as you think am. I'm a Nit-
the inclined to foolshness and you're al the inclined to foollshness and you're a
littie too hot-headed: we both have our
faulta. 1 m writing this as you gauts. In writing this, as you may
ed connection with inat confoundknow. Why: 1 know as well as you do
that that error was made. purposely, and. being made thus, it doesn't seem squarely
on the level for me to kep the thirty. I
want you to think decenty of me-just as. I do of you. find the money inclosed
here: 1 wont fnow better than to send it that
wer way-you're just the hind of a fellow to
return it on the ground that, technically, an error is charged upagainst you. Any-
way. you wouldn'thave made that bet it I hadn't jollied you into it.
"I've been told by many you're a
decent fellow; I hate like the Dicken decent fellow: I hate like the Dickens
to do thing ilke this, but its the only
way can get your money back to you Way I can get your money back to you.
Yesterday. malled the \$30 to your moth-
er. Itold her I had found it-which statement is not altogether an untruth-
for it really was like finding money for it realy was like finding money-1
don't mean to be sarcastic here. old man.
I told your mother that I had heard you had lost it-which is also true. instead the receipt of which you would immediately malpt back to me. No, It didn'i tell her why I did that-that is up io
you. And I know exactly how you will
explaln it her- belleve you would
have told her all. anyway. You can have told her al., anyway. You can
readily see old chap. that there is no
other way in which I could force you to other way in which I could force you to
take back the money-which is really
yours, not mine yours. not mine.
me. The frst time we meet you can lick
mant to-but I hope you'll
 dick slade.
 he bits in among the folds of the paper Susto of wind In the chimney in his
mind, he saw the dark-halred Ainslee lad he sneer transformed into a manly smile.
tanding before him with hand stretched: and he saw his own hand ex-
tended in a clasp of priendship which hould last through the after years of
ing life, infuenclig his character, moulding him. with the remembrance of his
mother's love, into-a man.

The Tree-Top House
 the tree. The frame of this tree.house

 there is room for several easy chairs
and a couch. The tree-house 15 connect-
ed with the house below by telephone and there are averal other convenIn the Kerr famlly, besides the mother
and father, are two alsters. Each member has taken turns in sleeplng in the tree-top at night. They clalm that it
afrords the most delightful repose imagThe tree in which this house is bullt
is rather slender and would not bear a heavy welght. In some other tree-
house built in Chicago the material is of wood throughout but in such inare rooted and bided with tar paper fas-
tened to rough boarda.
In g good many insancea it has been
found that the tree-houses have had found that the tree-houses have had
tenants all winter, although as a rule
hey are closed up and the ladder hey are closed up and the ladder re-
moved late in the fall. But the squirrels that inhable nearly all of the suburbs are disposed to take up winter quarters
in them. and In some of them Mrs. Squirrel brings out a faraly of 1 ittie squirrels
in the spring. If Mr. Squirrel does not

## Mra. Squirrel may enter, working to- gether with thelr sharp nut-cutters they soon make one. In every Instance of this kind the boy owner of the houso displays a humane feeling. He does not take on the role of a constable and set the little femily out in the cold, but bldes hls time untin his little friend leave the place of thelr own accord. <br> Too Tedious

It was easy to tell he was a farmer'n
boy and that he felt out of his element
in "the watchmaker's shop. "to send a man to my father's place "Want miles out. to mend a watch. fve milles to mend Watch!': sald the startied traderman. "Well. no." sald the youth. "It can't
very well. You see, father 'ave been onk bad. and he's takin' his med'cine by want meto send to mend it ? "hy do you In a manner of speakingo. Father makes it run, but he says he's gettin tired of
pokin' the wheel whapin, gn he wants

During the stoppage of the trame in a
busy thoroughfare, a bus driver. ever on busy thoroughiare, a bus driver. ever on
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T HE construction of the modern
tailless kite ls very easy once the same remark applies to the old
kite with its cumbersome. looking tail. Why thit new kite should have
been so tong in coming to the front when ti in known that it was made and
fown centuries ago by the Japanese
Chinese, and Malayans, is hard to
 We shall givo the methodr for two
Brod
Box kite: these kites-the parakite and BeEinning with the parakle, select a
 ${ }^{\text {croass.arm }}$ A ${ }^{\mathrm{C}}$ Intersects the uprigh

 ten per cent (three and ono- hair inches)

 A BC D. so that they can not allo; but

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 polnt B. Now, holding the lower end of
prame D rast, move the top part of frame central mark five per cent. (ones and
seven-elghtha inches) and draw alline on Inch wider than kite frame $B C$ D. for a
margin to paste over frame. Then. in ame manner move frame to left of cen tral mark, and draw a line an inch wider
as on the right ide. Now cut along the
lines the covering of your kite done, and while frame of still inte. This
on left side. paste over side D A. and then move to right mide and paste over slde DC. Then begin with the top por
tion. by pasting along from and
 to within two inches on elther side of $B$
where it is made into a box pleat and pasted nicely over the frame. The pur kite is to allow or the wind forming con
caves on each side of the upright aitick Which gives stablitity to the night of the
it is this feature and the bowing of the cross-arm. that permits fying the
kite without a tall. The bride-ntring is ng cut long enough so that when one
ond in fantened about an inch from the
bottom end of D, and the other end to the upright close to and Ahove the
crbse-arm at E, the loop end would


#### Abstract

ake CHASIE of $\mathbb{C O N E}$ WOLE (s)

TERE WAS a crackling of snow as two boys pushed thelr way through the underbrush down to paused to edge of the lake, and the elinging massere of white from their leggings and to fasten heir skates securely Then they shot out across the smooth the surrounding they had been scouring and down, to this trapper and that, to half-breeds at the foot of the hills, bear at their house on the followling Sunday Side by side the boys sped on, the ne sharp click of other skates. As the skater came near, one of the boys said.Aunt Roxy". and the other added. "Golng home to her mother'. Then the woman shot past, waving her Everybody knew and loved Aunt Roxy the nelghborhood andit. who went from house to house doing nursing, and who in spite of her fifty years, could still give the boys and girls gomething to do when she went skating with them. came a long, menacing howl which made them bend forward to their work. They snows grew deep. it was common enough to hear the howiling of wolves; but this an outcast from its own kand, grown nerce till all. the country had come to fear him. The boys faces grew tense as they sped on, and they listened for the swift pattering of the beast's feet. Ordinarily they would not have run from one wolf  how this thing would ond. It was more insplring to chase than be chased; bu  assured that the moment they stopped the wor would stop. and the moment they turned back he would follow. And hey wurned back he would follow. And the protf geemed to have no trouble in keepplas keeping ahead of the have now. trouble in dered a inttle uneasily how it would be 


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hole is then bored through each of these hole is then bored through each of these
pleces about one inch from the ends. square pand twenty-tour inches long. are
also sawed out and ntted with shoulder to enter these holes. Which are to hold
the stdes of the kite apart. and complete rame. Two strips of any colored musiln med, to prevent raveling, and long fasten together at the ends. These atrips
are tacked tighty around the frame. ono are tacked and one at the bottome. onds.
at the top.
so that they wwill not slip up or down on the frame stick m . The bridie-cord 18 now
cut six feet long. and so fastened to each atde of the frame close to and about an
inch below the top strip of muslin. The main line is then thed to the loop end of Is ready for a trial fight, and if carefully
made It inould be a good nyer It may
be necessary to raise or lower the bridle
on the sticke z tifle. on the stickE a trifie, according as the
wind is IIGht or strongs. rasing them
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D- YOU WANT to be taller? It can be one in nhaty-nine cay, it can bo
done or
a hundred. How much taller? That dephundred. how much taller?
 times two it be do ane? 1 think I can
How can it the diagram which accompanies this ar tile. It is not
shows. 1 bit pretty: but ink. what I want to show.
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clos, exhale the direction, relax the mus-
slit h return to position. Repeat.
These. two movements have a most
powerful cfrect in straightening the bent
spine, in uplifting spine, in uplifting
and expanding the body; and, ln a word.
of changing the body so changing the body
taller and larger. taller and larger.
The next exercise
has an equally strong

pend upon clrcumstances-how much
lime you can spare; how much you wan tome you can spare; how much you want
to be tier; how strong you are. For
the average boy, should advise fifteen the average boy I should advise fifteen
minutes three times a day. Four times a day is better, it it can be managed.
As to the amount of force put into the movements, I would tell you that it is than you do for an ordinary stretch EXERCISE NO 1.
Stand with heels together, toes turned
slightly out. Now, take full, slow breath and at the same time raise the arm
straight out at the sides until they mex strap the head. Then, holding the breath stretch firmly upward and forward. (See
Fig. 1). After a few momenta or firm Fig. ${ }^{\text {stretching. relax the muscles, exhale the }}$ breath and return to easy standing po breath and ret
sition. Repeat

EXERCISE NO. 2
In this movement you are to proceed exactly as in the above exercise, save head. (Sec Fig. 2). Then, while holding the breath, sway the body slowly from
aldo to side. After swaying four ur ne


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the mines or Ophir. We did not discover them, by the way. ${ }^{\text {dit was }}$ found them farther south
We did very itite hunling on that trijp. except such as was necessary to provide
foo tor the party Conequentily we did
not disturb the game around our campy during our stay at any place, and the
Wild 1 one or the jungle went on freely
around us. This made the scenes at the water times saw herds of animalis, gillde down
to the water in the evening. Someltmes
wit duletly us ghosts, thoush there were big erds of them. They manare werehow
o move through the thickeat growt

 sut we rarely saw any of the blg cata,
though there was plenty of evidence that o drink. came down to the water holes antelope. These graceful animals never approached the water hole in a hurry
but invariably stood stili in smali bunches at some istance from the
water and snifed the air cautiously for were certain an hat there was no taint or the the then Even on the wind.
hem that no thetr or penses had assured wait in the tall reeds, they continued to
scan everything with keen susplclion and acan everything with keen suappiclon and
dyanced only step by tep. Then in the
end one big buck would go ahead. with ntll he had entered the water ainely
nd began to drink that the reat of the herd would press in behind him. Hight at dolngs at my ease. I took along my heavy rithe, in case I should meet a right by the side ot the hole where the
spor showed that the most animals en-
terd sithe They began to arrive almont as soon
as the sun had set. The drst animals
that came were small gnu, very pretty
and raceerul despite the ugly hump on
thetr rhouler. They stepped into the
water as water as lightly an race horses, and ind
deen-
dead their hindquarters resembled those deed, their hindquarters resembled
of danty litle ponles very much.
After them came Arter them came a herd of zebra,
gleam ind spectramy with heir white and
black sides in the bry

 per of the breeze, and though I was
watchn them closely, hhey were orr and
away again so suddenly that hardy
 realized that they were going before they
had vanthed.
Springbok and eland followed with host of smanlir animals, followed whith
moved so furtively that I could which

 of an odor close to me that I could not
mastake. for 1 had mmelled it often. It
mas hion sure. Cautlously 1 turned my head in the
way the wind was blowing, and there, within not more than twenty reet of me,
crouched a great, maned. tawny beast. crouched a great. maned. ta tany beasi.
He was watchng the water hole ntenty
and the onl thing that save me way
the that the fact that a smart breze wase meowing
directly from him toward me and thua
 I turned my head slowly toward where
my rifle was ying and found to my dismy rifle was 1 yng and found to my dis-
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my position, and that now 1 was at east ten teet an way from tit. To mos at peast
that short distance would have been sure that short dithance would have been sure
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growth was so thick that 1 could. not
have stirred in the most minute degree without making it rustle. Minute degree
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not not possess the gift of absolutely sillent
locomotion possebsed by the gnu and antelope.
Thas nothing to do except to sit
still and pray that something woud happen to the Mr. Lion away berore the
wind changed or he found me out by some other means. been watching the
Now hil ${ }^{\text {had }}$
harmless animal had found it easy harmless animala 1 had found it easy
enough to sit perfectly still and $I$ had nolghten even the twig rust beast. Enough to When my life depended on absolute
allence.


 straln or sitting stlll brought the per-
spiration to my rohea.
How long this terrible situation lasted

 was beginning to change. The wind Slowly. it veered. First it blew over
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before the lion arose and looked stralght
I threw myself over and snatched a
my fife, but mised it. in the inst my balance and feli fat on my back Instantly I felt as if all hope had Gone,
for
lon knew only too well how swift
 thward myelf there came a sound 1 lk
thunder and a mass of huge object
loomed black againgt he sky helnd loomed black against the sky behind the
beast
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actually reallzed what happened the mass crashed past me an
nan only just time to roll behind a tree
 they had immediately charged up wind been known to charge bIg caravans that
same way. I atepped cautiously to where the hon
had been. He was here yet-but he was stone dead. and not only stone dead but
so terrinly mangled and trampled that
there wasnt enough of him left to serve as a trophy.
But at any rate I was glad enough to
do without a trophy in this partlcular
case.

## A BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH BIRD <br> By THORNDIKE COLTON

E
 commonest of these ia the thap
wing. sometimes called pewit, be cause of its cry. It is to be seen on the
moors and in the shrubbery in great numbers. Its eggs are regarded as a great luxury, and the London markets
display them temptingly.
It is a graceful, crested bird, about the size of a pigeon, quisitely
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fair chance. You have as falr a chance as many a young fellow has had who has
made a splendid success of his life. If you do not believe this I can easily
it up." wich proof that it is true.


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dog trainers, that in order to secure the best results. that in order to secure the workers they should be broken by the one who is to
hande them. I have one bitch that
have offered to work in compettilo have offered to work in competition with never seen her do reasonable works fo
any one else. For some people she will any one else. For some people she wil
not go a rod. In the firnt place I would not go a rod. In the first place I would
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He might as well have saved hig re-
pinings That very morning flve great
boats, loaded with armed men wearing Gansett Bay from Bristol and landed a
Warrick Neck, on
 The commander of the British force
In Rhode Island at ithls time was Gener al Richard Prescott. a a typleal English
man of the old school, who had rendere himself particulariy, obnoxidus to the
Americans by reason of his tyrannical exactions and brutal conduct. Pres-
cotts headquarters were near Newrort
in Rhode Tsland. where hearccupled a
large, old-pashtoned house large. old-rashtoned house (still stand
lng), about three quarters of a mile pron
the shore. Here he slept every night All a small had buard on duty. Barton, and he had planned nothing less
nazardous than to attempt to capture

"I know the place right well," de-
clared Tom, "and could go over the house
hlindfolded But, the British are occu-
pying the island." "That is the very reason I wish to go
there." sald Barton, with a queer look. "Oht, if I can do anything for our sir.". By nine oclock that evening he had
everything in readiness. The night was
cloudy and dark, which promised well
for the success of the expedition. Tom's
boat. In which was Colonel Barton, led the way. At its stern was fixed a, ten-
foot pole, to which a handkerchiet was
attarhed. in order that it might be distinguished from the others, and that down the byay, in the stilliness of mild- night. they heard the drowsy call ong
All's well from the sentry on the Eng-
Ish ships; and as they touched the shore
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$\qquad$ talled a man to remain in each boat. and cott's headquarters in flve divisions. Avision was to advance to each door.
The fourth was to guard the road. and
the fifth was to act as a reserve. As they reached the house, they were chal-
innced by a gentinel.
> "Advance and give the countersign
was the reply. was the reply. countersign. But hav We have no countersign. But have
you seen any deaerters to-nght?
Baid Barton, advancing upon the sen try. seizing his musket. and threat ening him with instant death if In answer to an inquiry, the bentry
sald that the general was asleep in Each division had now reached its Each the door was forced, and un-
atation, the lead of the lame fisher boy, he soldiers rushed to the door of the negro named Prince, whollved to tell
the story many years afterward, butthe story many years afterward, but-
ted In the panels with hls head. Im-
medately. Barton and his soldiers enroom. Where they found an elderly man silting
nightcap on his head. "Are you General Prescott?" de-
manded the American officer. amazed Briton. "You are my prisoner," replled Barton.
"I acknowledge it, sir," sald the gett.
"But let me have time to put on eral. "But let me have time to put on
my clothes." Our business requires aispatch, said
Barton. And without giving the British
commandant time to put on more than commandant time to put on more than
his breeches and slippers, they hurried
him out of the house, taking the rest of his clothes in their arms.
Prescott's aide-de-camp had leaped ou of the window at the besinning of the
iray, only to And himself in the midst of
the reserve guard.
The three prlsoners were conducted to The three prisoners were conducted to
the boata as direct and as rapldy as possible. Barton wrapped his cloak around
the old general. and ordered his littlo
fleet to move off. At this very moment an alarm was
given at the British camp by the dis-
charge of guns and fire-rockets. which Was answered in the same manner from
the neet. But siralght under the sterns the feet. But straight under the sierns oners were safely rowed, and morning
broke upon the expedition arriving un You have made a bold push to-night,
"Your Colonel Barton,: said Prescott, as they ansembhave been fortunate," replled the lowed this exploit, the part played by Tom Chesley was not forgotien. The him the thanks of the Colony and a hun-
dred pounds in money. To-day he is remembered as one of the boy heroes of the
Revolution. Without his assistance, it is quite likely that Barton's heroic expe-

## PRACTICALGOLF

By M. CROSLEY EASTMAN

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 palay than ho no mor. nat noople woud The distance may be trom half a mile
to two over the links. The llnks themo two over the links. The hinks them
selves may be in a straight line, irregu
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course. In regulation links all teeing
grounds are bits of level velvet green-
sward, and the course from hole to hole
sward and the course rom hole to hole
free from long grass. etc. But. prac
tically gpeaking, anything will do.
The game consists in hiting a hard
rubber ball, nearly two inches in diam
 tains. On farm tands, you are sure to der certaln conditions. When it count
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# Chats With Big Americans 

 For Young AmericansNo. 7-THOMAS W. LAWSON
 The old rarm was golng under the auctioneer's hammer and, but we are
getting ahead of the story. Let's tell it the way it happened.
We'll call our friend. Jones. It wasn't
his name, but it will answer at a plnch. his name, but it will answer at a plnch.
Well, young Jones was a Malne boy, a "Yankee,', you chaps from the Weat
would call him. He was country-bred, With all of a tarmer boys dream of the
fortune walting for him in the city. And
this fortune would be doubly to him. had been several years of poor crops at home. Things hears of poor
gone from bad to worse. until the time Eaged. But this didn't clear the mort. it seldom does, you know. That mort:
gage hung over the heads of the Jones tage hung over the heads of the Jones
Finally, our great black shadow. Finally, our young friend made a des-
perate resolve. He would see what the
city held in store for him. He would
see ti a country boy see if a country boy's grit
and determinaton couldn't accumulate enough from its
hurrying business centers to
acatter the threatening cloud acatter the threatening cloud
from the home clrcle. Just like one of those
stories of Horatlo Alger, eh? storles of Horatio Alger, eh?
Well. it was a blg task young Jones was entering
upon and no one realized it better than he did, aiter hee
had gotten to the city and had gotten Somehow, they didn't seem to pay boys in the city any
more than they did in the country.
Those flattering salaries he
had read about seemed as had read about seemed as
far away as before. it wag
just a matter of plain wages with him, and poor wages at that ila chance of dolng any-
thing with that mortgage seemed more remote than ever as the days went by.
And then temptation whispered.
Dlacouraged and worn out. the boy was in a poor mood.
to combat it. And its promto combat it. And its prom-
ises were to very glittering:
It came in It came in the form of a great square of space. with heavy rat type. How was
the boy rom the country to kno boy rom the country
know it spelled ruin?
What did he know bucket shops? of cours
you have all heard of the
millions of dollars the millions of dollars that have geen swambed gambling lures and
gou probably know something of the strict laws
which most of the states are now passing against them.
A bucket shop attracis A bucket shop attracts
those people who want to from the fortune in a week market, with promises
gives nothing. Buthing and lims are bing But its vicand they don't send Jones. Convinced that a month would see him eage the cly clutch hittle savings into waited impatiently for the profte that Were to following came llke a dash of ice-cold water. in the curt statement that
he would have to advance 8100 to meet a sudden drop In hls stock
Jones might just as well have been
asked for a thousand. Where could he. asked por boy. alone. iriendless, almosi penniless but
And fallure to do so meant the absolute complete aweeping away of the littie hoard he had scraped together with such Can you wonder that Jones walked the
street all night, with a blind despair tugging at his very heart?
And then juat as the temptation had come to him at the critical moment. a Way of ercape opened abruptly before
him. It was a vague chance, true, but That chance is explained in the name of a great man Thomas in the name ink into the story?
You know Mr. Lawson. of course. it you have read any of the newspapers of the lact ther talk about the evente of the your Hou probably remember his vigorous
the law, and what a stir he made among
the noted money kings by his exposures of "Frenzled Finance." No doubt, Mr Lawson is the first man your father
would call to mind if you shoula ask
him to tell you or the great Amerlcan money centers. fought an insignificant clerk he has is onnt of whay upward untll today he financlers of the country, beside taking
the lead in some hali, a dozen other ways I will tell you about later on.
Talk about President Talk about President Roosevelt and be forced to glve way by the stde of Mr.
Lawson's dashing exploits. Lawsons dasurng exploits.
count to retra to Mr. Lawson and our Mr. Lawson has a heart that keeps pace. With his fonduness fort doing things
on a big gcale. He is a blg man ing on a blg scale. He is a ble man minga
good many ways you will find. As young Jones struggled with his gloomy prob-
lem, the storles he had heard of the a fash helping hand came to him like athers why wouldn't he ald him? lad seized paper and pen, and the next
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mall took hls appeal for a loan to the
famous broker. Did he recelve an answer"
The
plete story, he hadn't.- but the nature of ing lines ran something like this, open-
 bucket shop is a gamble. pure and simple, and a young fellow. like you should
atay away irom it altogether. There
is oniy so much money in the world and if you win, some other chap must lose. My advice to you would be to save your
money and stick to your work.".
You boys were You boys were expecting something else, eh? A note enclosing a good sized
check, perhaps enough to pay ofr the entire mortgage enough to pay ore was Mr. Lhe
son's big heart. you are anking? Let me give you the rent of the note.
Perhaps it will throw alitie light on hola queries. friend of mine. and although I would have it undersiood that to disapprove of
hls action, he ls willing to help you. If
you will so to your broker's you you will so to your brokers you will
hnd sum sumcient to ksist you, at your credit. When the market turns at
you hope. take my advice, get out of 1 ta . you hope, take.
Can you kuese who that "Priend" was?
But thla is a sample of Mr. Lawsoris way of dotng things.
Did younk Jones mange enough to nay
of the mortgage? And did he take Mr


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how many of you have had the
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Mr. Lawson has aome positive ideas
on the subject of the young sportsman
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the out-door life, and he wouldn't make
it of the order. elther. But he doesn't belleve in
taking bationder cution
more than 1 kif1 an innocent animal any tell you. He wanta excitement; yes, wut
not that kind. Something tor you boy not that kind. Something
hunters to think about, eh?
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THOMAS W. LAWSON (Continued from paje 87o.) ket? Do you like spanlels? They are
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 a green, like velvet. The stable was full
or horsas and there were chickens by the acore in the barnyard. Around it all was roses by the doozens. the orort you find
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hoes, even if he doegn't have his reindeer: And he plays the part about as selr! At least, the boys of Winchester. Massachusette, think so.
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cage on the outskirts of the town hat the owner of "Poets corner" was dividual. A goet but a very eccentric in-
was sufficlent to justigy the front door was sumcient to justify this opinion. It
words: This house was erected when it was It has been erected ever since."
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was asleep. Not wianing, of course, to commit the unpardonable crime, of of
awakening the baby. I sought another hape of a small wicken gate, on which n.". Written: "This gate is open. Kum diately of this hospltable offer. for my
curiosity had become aroused by numerous ilttle white signs tacked on the fence which surrounded the house. These each one containing some original plece of poetry or witty saying. The Arst
verse which caught my eye was a gen-
"Would you drive dull care away?
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ing plece of poetry? Come in, my triends, 'twill not take And buy some peanuts few or many, old -Walt till the clouds roll by, Jenay.'

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of peanuts over everything else once and
for all: for all:

## "The grass is green, the rose is red <br> But after all is done and sed, Boneless peanuts beet em aw

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est frlends in the bygone years.

## The Boy on His Muscle

to start is naturally the position of the
body. as to the legs and hands in par-
ticular. At flrst I would advise anl boys to start with the left foot forward, and
about five inches from the lline. The right about
or back foot ghould be elghteen inches
prom the line. A good way to judge the proper distance of this back foot is by
placing the knee oo the right leg at the your feet correctly placed the hands are then placed on the fine about ten inches
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foot in this instence, is practically held
foot motionless and is used more
and is only brought into play at the re,
port of the plstol or as the word "Go" is given.
In the third and last position. the body
is swing well over the mark, Just so far is swung well over the mark. Just so far body reaches this position it should there the hands should push the ground away.
If the reader whil practice these few mbition to become the champlon of the varying from good hablts and hard Wres early and arises at dawn. welghing less than 115 pounds he won
his novice race on the Hudson in event he beat oarsmen many years his senior who weighed twice as much as and not strength wins boat races. and
with this idea he has set out to defea Ais muscular rivals. was the Interscholastic elght oared race
for the schools in tho east. At the time
for the gtart there was reat excitement lor the gtart there was oreat excltement
among the many boys who had asmong the many boys who had as
gembled to cheer on their mates. of
course it was to be expected that som of the crews were not as far advanced
as the others, for rowing has only been as the others, for rowing has only been tlme. In all there were four crews en
tered. The H1kh School of Commerce
the Stuyvesant Hikh the De Witt Clln the and the Morris High
It was to be hoped that the crac
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8. Davenfors
Champion Performor of the New York
Interscholagite meet
row, but at the last minute the youthand were deprived of the opportunity to display thelr oarsmanship. The High
School of Comemerce. however. proved to
be the See the winner and handily outclassed
the other achools. The baseball championship for the Anal round. Great Interest has been
awakened bet ween the Public School No. 10 of New York, and Public school No.
24 of Brooklyn. Booth of these zchools
have played fine ball for youngsters, and have played fine ball for youngsters, and
have successulliy dereated all ther com-
petitors in the Dletricts and the interbistrict contests. In many cases have
there been 1-0 and $2-1$ sicores: the boya
have batted and flelded the bsill like old


Frank Shea, a youth who resides in
Brooklyn. created quite a sensatlon when he appeared on the Hudson River last
Decoration Day in the annual regatia of Decoration Day in the annual regatia on
the oarsmen. Without any exceptlon he
was tas the youngest sculler on the river.
In appearance Frank fa a rather delicate
looking chap. and hardly looks fit stand the strain of a sculiing race. But
lookn are often decelving. and although
Frank did not win in the intermedlete singles. still it was apparent from the
Way In which he handled his ahell tha
he knew what he was about Veter oarsmen on the river predict that desplita
his youth and fraliness in time he will his youth and frainess in time he wil
make a second Ten Eyck.
Whlle training. Frank Indulges in as a youth of 130 pounds. Twice dally, rat several miles at and cood clip. His habls
have always been exemplary. It is his es ha has
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Prudent Peter } \\
& \text { Said prudent Peter, as he peered } \\
& \text { Wlith caution past the door, } \\
& \text { "It really is as I have feared, } \\
& \text { I dare go out no more. } \\
& \text { The sky is full of stars, and I } \\
& \text { Can very plainly see } \\
& \text { That if they should begin to shoot } \\
& \text { One of them might shoot me." }
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There's a big demand for the boy who can do some orte thing well. He a high salary. Are you that boy? Wouldn't you like tolearn how you can be trained in your own home. so that when you take a position it will be a good paying one?

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spare time so that when you report for duty you won't have to start at for duty you won't have to start at
the very bottom, but in a position where the pay will be good and proo motion rapid.
It's the trained boy that wint out. can qualify. This advice will not cost you one cent.
Beawinner. Sendthe coupon to-day.



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kind of gold mine. You will ind it in
the soil, true, but this is the only resped



HOW WOUNTD YOU I.IKE TO BE A A GREETING IN ESPERANTO. La Bostona Esperantista Socleto sendas
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ekstudi Esperanton Tlu helplingvo
estas faclle lernebla tre interese kaj endube estos tre utila por la vojagado
la sclencos kaj la komercaj aferoj. TRANSLATION: The Boston Esperantist Soclety sends ts greetings to all and desires oo state
that if anyone wishes to study a lan-
guage, whether for pleasure or proft, he guage. whether for pleasure or proft, he
cannot do better than begin the study of
Esperanto. This auxlliary language is Esperanto. This auxiliary language is
easily learned, very interesting. and wil
be without doubt very useful in travel for the sciences and commerclal mat-
ters. Edward K. Harvey. Sekretario. de
la Boston Esp. Soc. Esperanto? Esperanto? You don't know just where to place 1t, eh? Ask
any boy from the Roxbury Latin School
in Boston, and he would tell you some in Boston, and he would tell you some
facts about the subject that would open
your eyes. Esperanto, you must know, s the new world-language, a language
which tis inventors are trying to estab. Which in all parts of the globe so that if a
Frenchman meets an Italian, or a China man mets a Russian, or an America understand one another if they carry on of in their native tongues. is made very easy to master, so easy in
fact that a noted professor the other day
was able to read an essay written in it after only three hours' study! At noon, ranto than you do, but before evening ha
could understand it without difnculty.
This doesn't mean, however, that you could do the same-we are not all boy of average energy and intelligence should make very fair headway in the The Roxbury Latin School boys have
even formed an Esperanto department in have been established in all of the club clpal colleges. There are more than 2,500 .
000 people in
who ease. Text books have been published In
22 diferent tongues and already 26
newspapers printed in Esperanto have newspapers printed in Esperanto hav
made their appearance.
The entire Esperanto grammar cover only twenty-four pages, and sells for
but one cent. You chaps. who are lives and the rest of the mysterles of
Engilih. would adopt it without delay. The Boston Esperanto Soclety has
opered a free public course, which ls
meeting with so much success that this meeting with so much success that this
actlon may be followed in other cltes
The secretary of the Boaton Soclety Edward K. Yarvey. Who in also princlpa
of the boys' department of the famous of the boys fepartment of the ramous
Perkins Institution for the Blind, and an
interesting man in several ways.
if you want to be an Esperanto boy If you want to be an Esperanto boy
drop him alline. and ask hlm for Arec-
lons how to go to work. Wouldn't it make that chap stare, who prides him-
self on his Latin and Greek. to say
"good morning" to him in Esperanto? THE WORLD'S NEWEST REPUBLIC.Nearly eleven hundred years ago, a
tall. falr-halred Norseman stood on the
deck of asalling vessel off the coast of iceland. gazing intently at an object
bobbing about in the waves. It was a long phlar of carved wood. which he had
journeyed hundreds of miles to cast into he sea at dis sits direction, he Ahewlise ordered the course of the vessel to be altered
never losing sight of the strange pilla
foating ahead. From that
dated more than one whousand years of When after three days and nights it arose from the waiching crew. The spot land's capital. According to the super
stitions of the time, the course of th atilions of the time the course of the
wooden pillar had been guided by the
hands of the gods. who had finally thrown it on the shore at the point
where they wished the seat of govern. ment to be locsted.
Today, the
Today, the historic old olty of Reyk-
javik, Iceland's captal, is given a fresh
nter interett. it may be the seat of the
worlds newest republic. for Iceland is
demanding its independence irom demanding its independence from the
Danlsh government.
By the way. how much do you boy: really know about Iceland? Oh, It's a and snow, you any, there there isn't
much going on and the people dress in
skins and most of them ive in hute skins and most of them live in huta
Rtirht here is where the boy from Ice
land would call you to a "A barren. desolate ."Wartep", he would reper in disgust. "Don't you know
that the climate of my country is an
mild en Enkiand. and that in the sprine a bouquee of fowera in our fielda an you
can in your own itate? "Our country has one powerful frlend
that can sweed away even the chll of
the lceberge.the Gulf stream. Our

 And our home ie called Iceland. could




 In ho conery part ed othe the world general.
of the population of 80.000 people there

 as hat father! tural scenery, its wonder.


 have won the goal of freedom? Whet het the new republic of the Northland galns
its bith, it ls likely that some prettr blg
surprises will come down to us from the reglons of snow and ice in the next
ten years. And maybe, if the airship
inventor stirs himself. you will have a Inventar stirs himself. you will have a
chance before that time to pay the buy
in Iceland a nelghborly visit. Who

## A VISIT TO THE BUG HOUSE.- <br> 

 and bug-dom when you leave.There are several bug houses scat-
tered about the country at the present
time, and all of them are kept buay tered about the country at the present
time, and all of them are kept busy.
You are accustomed to think of a bur as You are accustomed to think of a bug as
nothing but a litle insect that you can
crush under your heel without even crush under your heel without even
ntopping in your walk. But when you come to reckon bugs by millions and
tens of millons, you have a proposition the year.
Just now several million bugs of the
deadliest character are making war on deastiest character are makings of the
dmar on
Amertcan crops and trees, and the American crops and trees, and the
farmer says thelr ravages are one of the
most serlous dangers with which he is threatenedional government and several
The national governments have emof the state governments have em-
ployed experts, who have establshed bug
laboratorles. with which to fight these dangerous pests.
To corner milions of the deadly insects, and exterminate them in wholesale
quantitien, you can see at the outset.
would be impossible. The experts have quantities, you can see at the outset.
would be impossible. The experts have
therefore concelved the clever idea of making war on these bugs with other
bugs, much on the principle of setting at
thlef to catch a thlef, you know. They bugs, much on the principle of setting a
thlee to catch a thler you know. They
belleve it is possible to ralse a certain belleve it is possible to ralse a certain
kind of insect that will destroy and eat
the others an it would food, and that if the others as it would food, and that if
enough of these are ilberated. in the
course of time the dangerous bugs will be destroyed.
But how were they to carry out this
plan? How were they to find the par: plant how wore they to carry out this
tlane they to find of the par that would execute
thelr wishes? This is what the bug their wishes? This is what the bug
houses were established for. The men
In charge have been working for montha In charge have been working for month
and some of them for years, watching and some of them for years, Watching
the hablts of the thousands of little in.
sects under thelr charge. and in many sccts under thelr charge. and in many
cases actually producing entirely new varietles that would answer thelr pur-
pose. Last year dozeng of varleties of
bugs that have never been descriled in buge. that have never been descriled in
the natural hlatories were. liberated. on the mission of hunting out thelr bar dinner or a breakfast of them.
It is said that $\$ 10,000,000$ would not cover the damage the farmers have suf-
fered in the last two years from bugs. The experts belleve that the bug-ealing
bugs. with which they are foodng the
country. willi remove the danger. But it.
wlll take an expert to tell whether country will remove the danger. But it
wlll take an expert to tell whether the
bug is sood. bad or indiferent-don't you think so?
UNCLE SAM BUYS A PICTURE MA. Wanted, 3,000 husky young Americans for the United States navy. This is one
of the problems which just now is causing Uncle Sam to wrinkie his eyebrown
And he is trying to solve it in an en And he is trying to solve it in an en-
tirely new way. Have you heard about He has bought a new moving picture
machine. And it's a dandy, too. But it machine. And it a dandy, too. But it
was not purchased for amusement pur-
poses. In his wise old way. Uncle Sam
is gong to try to make that machine is golng to try to make that machine
pay for itself the new recrults he expects it to get for the navy.
Do you begin to see the detalls of his
plan? Uncle Sam if Bending his new plan? Uncle Sam if sending his new
machine, with an upto-date lecturer.
about the country in the belter that about the country in the bellef that
When the American boys see the won-
derful asmortment of senes he has col
lected for it from 1lfe aboard the blk
batteships, that they will promptly nul bat the list of vacancles in the service.


A VIDOCQ IN THE

## FLESH

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DoES not look the detective of
Ititerature. this John Elbert Wil-
kle who rules the Federal Ser who vule the feideral secrit
tureau is too widely recognized for one
to prejudge the man merely because of
his banker-like face


OHN ELBERT WILKIE, ChIEF OF THE FEDERAL
fice he fils so capably. Chicago edu-
cated him, the papers of that Western metropolis carrying on the work begun by its, schools. First he served the
"Times one then the Tribune., cllmbing
frome the fournalistic ladder to another t111 he "graduated," as the
saying is, going across to London to
take part in the banking actlvities of
 man" was as true in the case of Mr.
Witikie as it has been in so many others.
and back he came to It. Then he turned and back he came to lt. Then he turned
his attenton especally to criminal matters. running out slender clues and exerring success in this that dr
the notice of Lyman . Gage.


[^8]Susiness or mike you want to to into th
Have you ver thoung withot delay there is in trees? In the year 1905 the
tailroads spent $\$ 36,600,000$ for rallioad
ties, alone, and the ties are but one item
In a good-sized tree. Nearly 305,000 ins, alone-and the ties are but one item
cords or oak bark tree. Nearly 305,000 cords of oak bark for tanning purposes
were used last year. merely another de-
tail from a The best French walnut sells for 88 a
pound. How ts that for bls pro gour investment? You can even get $\$ 2$
a pound for walnut of an ordinary White ash is another highy profitable tree. A grove of ten acres containing
12.000 trees, yjelded $\$ 10,000$ in ten years How is that? The catalpa is anothe year's cutting in a good catalpa grove
should make $\$ 100$ on the acre. The willgood many dollars which will bring a sessor, and there are so many different kinds that their study is extremely in
teresting. The black walnut is so valua ble that a small army of men is constant ly on the hunt for it in the forests of How many
Harious many of you boys can tell the
afternoon's stroll trees you meet in an afternon's stroll through the woods?
Now that you know' the money-making
possiblities of some of them. you ought o bruh up your knowledge. Why might be stumbling right past a
worth tiree What would you think of the fifea of studying the different trees in your
nelghborhood during the vacation? There are many mysteries in the woods worth
lnvestigating. but don't think you will
find any more fascinating than the mysfind any more fascinating than the mys Try trees. and see.

## JOINT RULER WITH TZU-HSI

## O

 he was has recognized that. In fact, nered Irishman to share any part of the
rule of China's teeming millions with the rule of China's teeming millions with the attentlon. Now comes a ward that he is to
return to England, so the whole odd story comes again lito the pubilic eye.
Born in 1835. "Bob" Hart, as his mates at Queen's Coilege. Bellast, called him,
was.only nineteen when he entered EngWas.only nineteen when he entered Eng-
lands consular service in China; seven
years later he had made so distinct yeark in his work that the Mancliug gov ernment oftered him a post In the new!
established Customs Service. That wis forty-slx years ago. and all that tlme he
has steadily advanced the cause of good both for his Oriental masters and for the Occldental interests which have, in that
perjod, grown so greatly in the lard
Tact, strength of character and the Tact, strength of character, and that pat
tlence which is most Important of alt
things in dealing with Aslaticn, did the work. The reault is a model organlza tion, welding progressively modern idea
upon the most conservative of peoples. upon the most conservative of peoples.
Nor IB the Customs Service SIr Rob-
ert's only achlevement. He established ert's only achlevement. He established
the. Imperlal Posts. whas inatrumental in founding an European university a Peking and had innuenced the mainte-
nance of lighthouses along the coant nance of ilghthouses along the coast.
All this spells busy hours. so that this
man. Who. undoubtediy. In all Chinese
matters, is better informed than matters. is better informed than any
other. has. written but one book on the
subject. Now, with London lelsure be subject. Now, with London le1sure be-
fore him. and Peking labor behind. it ts
to be expected that he will tell many of those important the
knows how to say.



How to Get a Job VERY BOY is Interested in the red
 fun in playing baseball than in Hoing in
to the booss office to abk him pont bink
for a yob. But playng baseall will not for a job. But playing baseball whil not
help a by to become preidient or hhe
steel truat while getting a
 all began about as far down on the lad
der as one can get and be on the pay roll
at all. most boys seems to think that all em-
ployers are bear-like in disposition and plwaya on the alert for an opportunity to
chop up boy applicanta into bologna wougage. The rea ract on me mater is, look for eemployment cannot bexpect con-
vinced of to too quickiy), that employera raw materlal for a sausage factory oc-
casionally one runs across a crabbed, grouchy old geezer, but that tis not sur-
prising one gan even ind boys who are
too sucy or too tilt-tempered to hold jobs ${ }^{1}$ of boys to knowld surprise the majority
gre to run across
and boy one who aliks and mctas though he Wha headed ror biger things. Boys of
this kind are rare enoug to be entiled
to exhbition ina glas case. Most employers will

## cancles.

in large institutions and at any time boys are generatly regarded wide-awake business
men as splendid tivestment buen speculation.
There are at least three
 bashruli hessitausing. scared nirst kind and are
be decidealy sorry that they hapear to be decidealy sorry that they have mus-
tered up courage enough to get them in
 ine third kind are not airalid to took you chance, they know they can do the work 1 need hardly say that kind No. 1 ai-
otht Gilwayz fins it difcult io get any thing of that kind, althoughent or some-
edty true that many a boay in this ciati-
ely would develop splendidy in a better
poition 17
only he had gumption enough place if there is a kenerally be given a mosi cases regarded as an experiment. not at all certain of that abillty himselt. Shis worth may be able to demonstrate
 Kind No. ${ }^{3-\text { the }}$ rare kind-always 15 talking. If he has had any previous
experience he franky says so and telis recommends that hls former employer be called up on the phone or written to por
his opplinlon. it. on the other hand. a boy
年 an opportunity for him to adyance experience may be against himat but that hings of thaster the work. And he gays
hind and other things, in manner, but at connident mannerge that
one is aimost compelled to make room for hime. from the fact that boys of the secure positiona, they are also much
more certain of promotion than are less sixteen, who six months ago entered the employ of a large frm. There was no presented such a good "rront" that he
was hired on general princlples. A hali dince that time, but this boy and steadily
silmbing up and has already outgrown the frst work he was given to do. An-
other boy has in three months been proIn one of the departments. Any number
of other boys have applied for places they did not get because they falled to
make favorable jmpressions at the first
interview. Here are three pointers that every boy
who expects to want a job should careFirst: Be clean. A boy Whe will go into an ome with a dirty face or dusty to be given work that requires any de-
ree of neatness. Not all boys can wear good clothes, but all boys can look clean, that good clothes on an indifrerent boy clothes who looks clean ail the way Second: Be manly. Don't go Into an to whether a boy fis needed. The jenitor may be the frat fellow you run acrosa arter his job and will turn you off with
glight courtesy. Ask to see the gentleman who employs
the help and dont waite time talking to partien who have nothing to with If some one telle you that the man you
must gee 1s busy, don't run outdoors and must see is busy, dont run outdoors and
come in again, but take a seat and quifot.
is wait until your turn comes. If given a seat In the outer omce. or if you are see to it that yowr hat is removead and
do not jook as thoroughly out oo place
do tramp at alnk tea The fal as not oramp as thoroughly out or place
atea. The fact of
the matter is. you are there on businese ust as much as is any man who comen
to the omice, and it will be good thing
for you if you can give those who

## SUGGESTIONS FROM THE BOSS



 Be manily if for no other reason than becunhird Payaik as though you meant

 to the point of actually asking the boas
about a job they generally forget their
plece and make an awful mesa of it. Don't talk in a whisper, as though you
were afrald of wasalng your breath, and
don't look out of the window or at the plitures on the wanl whilie the boss is
talking to you. It will be time enough
to look to look out of the window and at the
pictures when you get to be boss your-
self Keep up your end of the conyerse self. Keep up your end of the conversa-
tion and give your prospective employer
to understand that youknow what can do, for it la almos as fatal to act
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what you think you can do. Both of these methods have landid
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inal puzze
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 Carrington Jones, Holly Springs, Miss, winn
the prize for the best list of answers to May Harold KIncald. 9408 Hough avenue, Cleve-
land, 0 wins the second prize. unustrated Fourth of July puzzies deserving
special mention were recelved from Bryan special mention were
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C. King (who gent no answer).
In addition to the above named, honorable In addition to the above named, honorable
menton accorded the tollowing for ex-
cellence: Richard E. Rundel, Lewls A.











 P. Arnold
Labensteln.
The follow
 out the Tanglea to cend us, to Keleh wut
strenuously object. Tangles are numbered

editor will read a communication written in "write in Ink", Our rule doem not say, at
Mr. Brown bays it does, "write whit pen and
ink." Think. A prize of one dollar wlll be given for the
beat ilst of answers to the July Tangie; also
ane book for the gecond beat list recelved
by July 18. A prize of one dollar will be given for the
hest lot of orlginal puzzles, nuitable for sep-
tember, recelved by July 18 .


Intlata, St. Patrlick's Day. The real Sym-
bol Acrostic, by Jesse Glenn Patterson, sis so bol Acrostlic, by Jesse Glenn Patterson, 1s go
good that we are golng to print dt, with the
correct fllustratlon inis ilme, in a future gsuect Meantratile. fallure to answer numbere
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S. June Tangles, will not be counted asalnge
anybody.

 58. 1. Cant. 2. Chant. 3. Pant. 4. Plans.
5. Mant. 6 . Slant. 7. Enchant. 8. Supplant.
9. Elephant. 10. Adamant. 11. Ignorant. 12. 9. ELepph
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New Tangles
PATRIOTIC ENIGMA.
This differs from the ordinary numerical
enigma in that the word forming it are
pletured instead of deacribed. The full namon of four signers of the
Deccaranlon ot Independence are concealed in
the following Dictures. The drawing is by the following pletures. The drawing is by
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BEGUN IN DECEMBER CHAPTER XVI.

DAYS OF WONDER for Thaddeus Chapmanwere those which followed the interview in Mr. Appleton's office. Grown-up man that he was interest in the new and the novel, a boy's appetite for excitement and adventure.
When once on the train bound for the great West. scarcely did he once withdraw his gaze from the long days the great train with tor tive kept on its thunderous way toward the setting sun.
First there was the trying experience of getting safely aboard the right train in the great New York depot; then the night ride up the slopes of the till near morning; then the awakening to flid himself being carried with breathless speed along the seifges of rocky precipices and through the hearts of edreat mountalns, along rushing streams, amid forests and over bridges; such things as he had not dreamed of since the days when in school he dozed over his geography. 'Then came the descent into the rolling valley of the Ohio amid prosperous citles and vil. lages and the great states of the Middle West, across the Father of Waters to the boundless plains of Iowa and Nebraska, where for hour after hour the eyes swept the horizon to find scarcely a sign of human life or habitation. Then Eben and Thaddeus began to make inquiries of the trainmen and their fellow passengers, and get ready to leave the train.
An end comes to all things, and so finally, the father and son stood on the little station platiorm. while the ponderous thing that for days and nights had been their home pulled away out of sight into the west. The father and son realized then for the first time what they had undertaken. There was no
hand or voice to give a welcome. They were hand or volce to give a
Then Eben remembered the paper in his pocket, and taking it out and unfolding it, the two read it together and then stond uncertain which way to turn. They must find the land agent, to whom the paper directed them. Surely that would not be diffl cult in the little village in which they found themselves. There was little in sight besides the railroad station and, across an open space, a row of frame buildings, mostly of the one-story variety, and every other one a saloon. A few men were on the street, dressed for the most part in the regulation western costume, of a slouch hat, trousers, and bor mules or lank pones, and some wagons drawn by mules or lank ponies, and some plew and curlous spectacle to Tad and his father Shouldering their bundles, the two crossed Shouldere and accosting a rough-lookiog man with sombrero and heavy boots asked to be directed to the office of the land agent.
"Sajy, pardners, yer come right away from his place if
station.
So back to the station went Eben and Tad, where they found the agent. who, having had a letter of advice from bis superior in New York, was ready to thanks them and give and care of their benefactor. Mr. Appleton.
"So this is Eben Chapman," said the'agent. "Well, say. you've got good Prlends in the East. It Isn't often a man settles here with the good backin' you've
got. I've got orders here to fit you out with what you need for startin' a ranch, and to send the bill to the company in New York. Most everyone that comes out here prospectin' has about all he's worth

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on his back, and that's not much generally speakin' But seems like you've a whole railroad back of you But seems like you've a whole railroad back of you East. Now the best thing you two men can do is to go over to the Gtand Union, that's our hotel, and go over to the Grand Union, that's our hotel, and
urn in for the rest of the day, and get rested up after your long trip. Then tomorrow Ill interduce you to the storekeepers. They'll sell you what you want. You don't know what you need, of course How's a New Yorker to know what's wanted on a ranch." This last was in answer to Tad's suggestion hat they were not acquainted with the manners and customs of the plains, and would need some help in selecting an outflt
"Well, I'll get ole Nelson to help you. He's an old rancher that's moved into town to spend his money and get cured of rheumatiz-that is, if I can eatch him sober. Perhaps he'll go out with you and help you find your quarter section, and by the way ou've got one of the best in all this country. Some ody that knows his business picked out that ranch or you. In a few years that country will be ful of people and land will be sellin at ten times what he ralloads ask. I wish inad a square mile of it e livid be rich in a kew years, and then I wouldn' e living out in this blarsted country. Now, you go interduce you round Tell wer soon, and 1 , nerty full for une. Tell thent you. They're
 he traliss now adys. The country filing up fast found a house in a hundred miles of this spotnothin' but coyotes and Indians. Now, so long, glad you got here all right. I'll just send a message to your friends in New York. They told me to tell hem if you got here all right. You certainly have got some good backin' in the East."
With this the voluble land agent turned to send the message, while Tad and his father took thelr way across the open space toward the long row of rame bulldings, among which was one und Unlon Hotel.
The entrance of the two newcomers into the hote office, if such it may be called, created no comment among the score or more of men that lounged about the place. Strangers were the rule in this frontier own. Men caume and o distinguish them save that those who came in directly from the East to find homes wore clothes of a different pattern from those of the old settlers, and their faces had not the tan that comes from roaming the plains. Then, too. the old settlers were distinguished by their broad-brimmed hats, their corduroy or leather trousers, their flannel shirts,
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necks, and their spurred roots; invariably, too, they necks, and the
The "boarders" at the Grand Union were mostly andlookers, prospectors, cattle men, and cowboys it was a rough-looking lot, but they were cordial and easy of manner, so much so that it was not many men in the reon and felt thoroughly at home the men in the room, and fel horoughy at home. Eben, is 1 and watche the a da through half-closed is pipe till the rough accommodations afforded by the Grand Union for a lodging.
"Goin' to locate over on the Middle Fork, eh." was the comment of an old fellow with a weather-beaten face and one eye gone, as Tad described to the best is his ability the quarter section for which he and his rather were bound. "That's good land over thar varmints can't git used to seein' white men around an' the Middle Fork kentry is the apple o' their eye. More'n one settler's gone in thar never to come back, but 1 'low things is better now. I haln't heerd $0^{\prime}$ nothin' happenin' fer nigh on to "bout a year.'
This sort of talk awakened Tad to a rcalization o the meaning of the new life upon which he had entered. Somehow it seemed to suit the free spirit that was awakened within him. He longed for a tussle with nature, and this first night in the Grand Union Hotel, amid the rough spirits of the frontier West, stirred the young man as nothing in all his ife had stirred bim.
Liquor and cards played a prominent part in the hotel entertalnment that night, but Tad, though often urged. stood aloot. He preferred to ask and answer questions, and listen to stories from any and every ne who displayed the least ability and willingnes n the story-telling line. So it was late when he ollowed a rough-looking youth. who bore a candle In his hand up a creaking fight of stairs into the ittle room where his father had preceded him.
The next morning. to the surprise of Tad. the land agent introduced Eben to the ore-eyed man who
the night before had warned him of the Indians and a bargain was struck by which Ole Nelson wa Tad on select an outit and accompany Eben an quarter secticn on Middle Fork. The first to their quarter secticn on Middle Fork. The first job wa of no difficulty, for horse trading and horse buyin was one of the principal ladustries of the buyin village. Two good mules with their the frontie canvas covered wado mules whe their harness, a keg of assorted nalls, blankets, a small shetols stove, a quantity of meal, potatoes, corn, and goodly supply of ammunition, with two good guns made up the principal part of the outfit. Thes the three men plled into the wagon, then the mule were hitched up, and the expedttion was ready to move. Ole and Eben sat on the driver's seat, while Tad sat perched high up on a bundle of blankets In this style they drove out of the little village and on to the wide prairies, Ole cracking his long whip and shouting to the mules with the evident purpose of tapressing Eben and Tad as much as the mules with his knowledge of driving
To Tad this experience was glorious. Here was freedom indeed. The crisp spring air intoxicated him. He felt at times like shouting, and once or twice during the morning he dropped down from his perch on the wagon and ran at fnll speed aheai of the mule team from the very necessity of work ing off his enthuslasm in some form of physical
xtion.
"Hurrah for the West! No more cities for me!" he shouted., "Give me the open pratrie and room
All day long they traveled, most of the time along a well-nigh blind trail, stopping only to eat a scanty meal at noontime, and rest the mules. At nigh kindled from dry wo aninals and sat about a tre way. Then, after listening to several hairbreadth way. Then, after hatening to several hairbreadth in their blankets underneath the shelter of the wagon and slept soundly
An early morning breakfast, cooked on hot coals in an improvised oven, and the expedition was of again for another long day's drive. During the firs day they had seen a settler's cabin at intervals o every mille or so along the trall. Now they wer surely in the wilderness, for during the whole of the
forenoon but two ducouts were met these was deserted. By the middle of and one of the tired mules needed urging with the whip and Tad, by his anxious questions, showed an increasing realization of the lonellness of the boundless occal of thin grass that stretched away in endless monot ony in every direction. Finally, as the sun was getting low, Ole pointed ahead with his whip and exclaimed

Thar's Middle Fork: See them trees lyIn' low yonder as far's yer eye can see? That's timber, an that's Middle Fork, an thar's yer home." Then with a crack of his whip on the back of the oft mule that aped away over the soft, ylelding turf, so fas that it appeared as if the very dumb brutes knew the end of the long journey was in stight.
It was quite dark when Ole brought his team to a halt on the bank of a creek that, not more than a dozen yards wide, ran snake-like over the prairie. ined on both sides by a fine growth of trees.
No use tryla to locate yer land tonight," satd Ole as he began to unhtch. We'll jest turn in and git some rest, an find our bearins in the mornin:For the part slept second nikht on the prairie For the frst the howe of the prairle wolves. Ole lay all heara heng beside he pun rewinges. ole lay al night long beside his gun, rousing at intervals to keep the hre bazing. thourh sleep was next mpossible, safeguarded though he was by the ni every-night accompaniment of his dreams
The following morning Ole, from the rough sketch of the quarter section given him by the land agent was able to locate it. Then at a place near the stream under a little bank the wagon was unioaded and the first work of the settlers began. Now cam an expert with all tools used in digging the earth set to work under the direction of Ole to excavat the bank, for, according to that worthy's specifica tions, the house was to be a two room alfair, part of earth and part of timbers. Eben was to dig into the bank, throwing up the earth on both sides. A roof of grass was to be put on. and this, in turn covered with earth and turf. Then, In front, as a projection of the earthen room, logs were to make three sldes of another, or outer room. Tad wielded the axe on the slender trets. Ole trimmed of th Thus for the greater part of three days the three
men worked. By the end of that time, with a fire in the stove that had been placed in the dugout shooting its sparks and smoke through a hole in the roof; with lltte branches with earth sprinkled in the corners for beds blankets spread and benches hewn from a the ugunks of and benches hewn from the truat enough as ole declared for any king; with rifles hanging on the walls, and ammunition and supplies safely stored away against a possible day of want; with a candle burning in its socket and casting shadowy gleams on a pleture -her picture-that Eben had hung on the wall-this made up the new home of Eben Chapman, chosen by him, as he had declared, to give his boy a chance! No assoclates but the wild beasts of the forest, the dumb burden-bearers that had brought them there, and a rapidly aging father, now but the shadow of a man! No teacher but the volce of nature, no preacher but the solemn stillness within him and the majesty of earth and shy about him, no cxample save the processes of wild life that went on unceasingly about him, no woman's presence to teach him tenderness
and love, no goal before him save that of and love, no goal before him save that of conquering day by day the two great adversaries of the plainsman, hunger and out of such environment God had raised great and noble men. Perhaps He was to do so in the case of Thaddeus Chapman. Who knows!

## CHAPTER XVII

After several weeks, in which Eben and Tad learned much of wilderness life under the lead of Ole Nelson, the old frontiersman took his leave. A settler, discouraged and beaten, astride one of two ramshackle ponies hitched to a creaking canvas-covered wagon, out of which peered a dozen hungry, dirty faces of both sexes and all ages, drove up before Eben's shack one
day, and when after an hour or so it day, and when after an hour or so it started away again toward the country
of the rising sun it carried Ole back to of thilization- rising station on the railroad. The miserable outfit were the first visitors Eben had had, and so well did he treat them, they left behind as a token of their gratitude a brindle dog on which Tad had set a covetous eye.

The departure of Ole was keenly felt by Eben and Tad. It made a break in the family circle that Tige, the long-legged, rangy pup that had seen service in the wilderness with the discouraged settler, did not
begin to fill. But the two men were busy, so the spring passed rapidly, and then the summer with its growing crops that seemed to burst from the soll in a night, and then the fall with its harvest.
During these months Tad learned to love to hunt, and scarcely a day went by that patc of it he did not spend with his dog and his gun among the timber or out in the prairie grass. certain to return with rabbit or prairie chicken or other game to make a feast in the little cabin. Many a wolf and other night prowler, too, fell a victim to Tad's good aim, and it was not long before a splendid pair of antlers hung above the door of the shack
Tad grew in girth and stature as the months went on until in his moccasins he stood full six feet tall, with shoulders and chest to match. His hair combed back from his forehead, fell long behind til it covered his neck and rested upon his shoulders. His fashloned like those of a champion athlete The fashloned like those turned to brown His eyes lost sunburn on hir and shone with the light of health A free spirit now beamed fearlessly from beneath his high forehead, giving his face a noble, purposeful aspect that had been foreign to the face of his youth Strong as a young ox, he took the burden of the work, while Eben, vainly clutching at the life that was slipping away from him and doing hls utmost to keep his old pace, gradually sank into the back ground. Most of the time the old man spent sitting in a corner of the shack smoking his pipe, wrapped in blankets and nursing that dread foe of old agerheumatism.
So gradually did Eben lose his grip on his strength that Tad scarcely realized he must soon be alone and single-handed fight the battle of frontier life. It was well that as Eben grew feebler Tad grew stronger. Indeed so great was the courage and the spirit of the young man now that he took it as a favor if his old father dropped his tools for the day and left him to do all the work
But Eben did not give up without a struggle. He wanted to see more of the ranch under cultivation. He wanted to see more cattle. He wanted to see
a better house for Tad to live in. So every day he better house for Tad to hive hi. So els hody was ought on whe pith and his eyes deep-sunken and dim till trembling with weakness or racked with pain. Tad led him roaning into the shack and lald him down upon the blankets, and went out alone to finish the work
Night after night by the flickering candle Tad sat for hours alone while Eben slept. It was then that he planned his work and cast up his figures in an quarter section and buy a few more cattle to add to the little herd he had managed by good economy and shrewd trading to possess.
Visits to the rallroad town once a month enabled him to obtain some reading matter, and this he read and re-read, careful to save every scrap of print that came into his hands. Scarcely an evening went by that he did not read from the beautifu book Alice Appleton had given him, so that the book was now won and thumb-marked as few Bibles of even the most zealous Christians are marked.

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Few visitors disturbed the lonely solitude of the Chapman shack. These few were mostly prospect ors who, like Eben and Tad, came in big canvascovered wagons bound for some place farther into the wilderness. From these Tad learned the news of the outside world, giving in return descriptions of the new country so far as he had learned it from others and had seen it in his hunts. Occasionally a lone Indian on foot, or a small party on the backs of ponies stopped at the cabin, where Tad won their friendship by bringing out the best in his larder and setting it before them, always sending them away with a gencrous plece of bacon or a bag of meal. Sometimes these wanderers of the plains,
white men and Indlans, were induced by offers of white men and Indians, were induced by offers of provisions to remain a few days and help in the
work; but for the most part help was hard to find work, but for the most part help was hard to find, and on Tads shoulders rested the burden of it all willing and they scarcely felt the wearisomend willing and they scarcely felt the wearisomenes
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lut it came about one day in the midst of a busy season that Eluen took to his bed on the hard
floor of the dugout, never to rise agaln. It was the middle of the morning. With infinite effort he was limping along holding the roins over the team of mules, while Tad held the plow handles. Suddenly dropping the reins and putting his hands to his head, the old man stumbled and went down on his knees Tad, jumping from between the plow handies, caugh him just as he was about to fall fiat upon the earth
"What alls you, dad?" he cried
The look the old man gave spoke louder than words. It meant this:
'It's all over, Tad, my boy. Your father's done his last work. Let him lie down and take a lone Leaving the team standing in the furrow, Tad lifted the enfeebled body of the once brawny Eben as if it were house, a full quarter of a mile away, where he laid it down as tenderly as a mother puts her sleeping babe in its cradle. Then, turning about, he sought for relief-medicines, restoratives, anything to bring back the life that he saw was going out. No preparation had been made for a tlme like this. It had all seemed so far away, so impossible. Then in despair Thaddeus realized the awfulness of his isolation-alone with death! No medicines, no physician, no one to help! Kneeling by the dying man, and taking one of his cold hands in both of his he called:
Dad-dad-don't you know your
boy. Its Tad.
No motion of the lips, not even a twitching of an eyelid gave a sign of pulse and convulsive breaths at irregular intervals that showed life stlll lingered in the old, wornout tenement.
It was dark in the inner room of the dugout and Tad lighted a candle that the better hls father might see him should he open his eyes. Then he sllpped quietly to the door and looked off over the prairie. Tige. master's tace inquiringly, as if aware that a strange and unweicome guest.

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"And the city had no need of the sun, neither of
he monn, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defleth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketb a lie: but
In the Lamb's book of life.
"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
"In the midst of the street of it. and on either
side of the river, was there the tree of life, which side of the river, was there the tree of life, which
bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her frult bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit
every month: and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations.
And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him
And they shall see his face: and his name shall be in their foreheads
"And there shall be no night there: and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God
giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and
ever.
"And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is whall me.
"I am Aipha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments. enter in through the gates into the city. "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, antd whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie
Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you thes of David, and the bright and morning star. "And the Splrit and the bride say. Come. And let him that heareth say. Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
Tad closed the book. The old man's lips moved again: that wad, Tad, I-thirst-too. Give-meThaddeeus did not understand. Water wes close at hand. He quickly brought a cup. But there was sonething in the old man's face that bade him stop. It was not this water, then, of which the dying man spoke. Waiting he stood breathless for another sign, but none came, for, thirstIng, Eben Chapman had gone into eternity. deus Chapman. He had seen its ceremonies deus Chapman. He had seen its ceremonies
and trappings when a hoy, but he had won. dered, and that was all. Now it had come into the little shack on the prairie, and had
taken its place by his side and had said to taken its place by his side and had said to
him:
"Thaddeus, henceforth you are to be alone.
For a long moment the young man stood looking into the face of his dead father. Then he went to the door and looked out over the prairie. Night had fallen, the stars were out. and the silence of God the shack. Stooping he drew the blankets over the face of the dead, spoke in a whisper to Tige, who lay sleeping at the doorway as if on guard. and the two wandered down by the creek's bank. where Thaddeus threw himself full length upon the grass, one arm about the neck of his dog, and sobbed as if his heart had broken. That night Tad sat by the side of his dead father, watching. The next day, on a grassy knoll he dug a grave, and then he made a rude coffn.
There have been grander funerals, but none more tender and beautiful as seen from heaven than that by which Thaddeus Chapman laid his father's wasted body beneath the sod of the prairle. The music was the rustle of the leaves in the tree-tons; the prayer was the unbreathed petition of a stricken heart; the mourners were one hone hisure hat, whe has spadefull of earth threw itself prostrate upon
little mound and called for the last time, "Dad." CHAPTER XVIII.
During the year following the death of Eben Chap. man settlers began to come in great numbers into the Middle Fork country, taking up all the best land and transforming the wilderness into prosperons country laying out a branch railroan, and then news came that a town site had been located within a came that a town site had been ocated thaddeus Chapman's ranch. Hardly had this report got abroad ere workmen began erecting a hotel, a church, and a schoolhouse, and a little community of tents arose in the vicintity like magic With the coming in of the people the price of good land rapidly increased so that Thaddens Chapman soon found himself not only among the "first citt. zens" in point of time of residence, but also in poin of wealth.
Great was the young man's interest in the springing up of the little frontier vilage that could be seen by him from the door of his shack. Often of evenings after the work was done he visited the village to watch its progress under the hammers and saws of the carpenters and to get the news that now came fast. On these visits he made the acquaintance of the workmen. greeted the nd laym the foundations in pitching their tents and laying the Youndations of their rude houses, told them about the country, quieted their misgivings. and gave them courage. antir tue tall. brom. and the chlef adviser of the little community.
All this time the Chapman quarter section, which had been added to from time to time untll it was Fork land was blooming and blossoming like a rose Fork lana, was blooms obs laber corese acres could be cultivated, and a large herd of sleek Fork country.
atte grazed upon the luxuriant grass. The incom and whe many settiers made a market for the cor and wheat and oats and vegetables, for which they Thus ready and eager to pay nood prices.
Chapms came the day of prosperity for Thaddeus moreman. His crops seemed to come earlier and the old ranchmen, so that his of even the best of verbial. But those who knew Thaddeus best know that it was not entirely luck, for no more intelligent and industrious ranchman lived in the Middle

A church was soon started in the little community and a trateling preacher engaged to preach every other Sundas. In this enterprise Thaddeus Chap-
man took the lead. Although not a professed Chrisman took the lead. Although not a professed Christian, he became at once the preacher's right hand man, realy to give money or fight for the church church a school was startecessary. Alongside the be had a school was started, and until a teacher could we hat Thaddeus himself taught, at night; and so with their iof hat the rathers and mothers came man who was capable of such self-sacrifice and never seemed to umat angthing in reture, and who joy to be had from service. Then came the organ fzing of a county and the first election of the organ to represent it in the state legislature who could better serve the county than the man who had so well served the settlers in the day of their need Indeed, no other name was proposed or thought of than that of Thaddeus Chapman.
Then in the rising tide of the young man's popularity something happened that brought a sudden
 of the qreat tain, and not in the emigrant car that he and his father had been forced to take on that memorable journey ears hefore.

On the third night the train on its way east pulled
into the station on the New Jersey side of the river opposite New York, and passengers were trans
ferred to the ferry that should land them in one of the great docks along the city's front
With wonderine eses Thaddeus chapman stood on the dock as the bout Chapman way thoush the dark waters, watching the thousind lights of the farther shore gleaming like so many stars, and the flotilla of water craft that plied to and
fro fiashing their siant fro. flashing their giant eves.
To the younc man, fresti from To the young man, fresti from the west-
ern plains where God roims in a ern plains where God reigns in awesome silence through the night. a city that never slumbered was a source of unspeak-
able mystery and wonder. A thousand able mystery and wonder. A thousand
times more ionely he now felt than on the day he first set foot on the boundless plain with nothing above but the blue sky and nothing beneath but an occan of grass. As he left the boat and made his way to an hotel whose name he remembered from fally days, his loneliness kave place to besounds that met eye and ear on Broadway at night cansed him to hasten his steps that he might find himself snfe within the four walls of the hotel. Theye. tired with the long journey, ho day of sight-seeing on the morrow, and early to bed and arly to rise had been the molto if the years since as a reck less boy he had turned the nisht into day.
halt to his plans. In the moving from the shack on the ranch into a new home that he had bullt in the village he came upon a book that he had not opened since the night his father died-his father's
Bible. Turning its leaves in a reminiscent Bible. Turning its leaves in a reminiscent mood
his eye lighted upon a paper. It was a copy of the his eye lighted upon a paper. It was a copy of the agreement that his father had made with Richard new back to the time when he and his father had new back to the time when he and his father had chant For the first time since he had entered upon his ranch life he recalled the words of hts own pron ise to Richard Appleton, that he would repay him for his kindness not only in character but in money. He had begun to forget then the man to whom he owed everything that he was and hoped to be: Ills father's dying request had in the time of his prosperity beon lost sicht of-the request that he should pay the debt.
Then came to Thaddens an overnowering desire to see the face that had almost faded from his meman almost forgotten passed into the dim shadow of impelled him to drop everything and hasten to fulfill a long forgotten duty and at the same time look again into the face that had been to him when hoy such an inspiration. It did not take long for Thatdeus Chapman to decide, and with him in those days to decine was to act. He would go to New York in person. He might, indeed, write a letter, make his excuses and send the money. That were an easy thing. Or he could deputize some one of his acqualintances who might be going east. for such persons there were from time to time. and ask him to look up Richard Appleton and pay him the money. That, too, were an easy thing. No, he would go himself. That very night he laid his plans and the next day prepared to execute them. Fortunately it was the slack season of the year. His ranch was in good hands. his dultos in the legislature would not ing stoon in the the scenes of his boyhood filled bim with an thusces of able. He conld acarcely hour when he should take the train He smiled as he viewed hls tall manly form and hiondsome bronzed face in the mirror and recalled the punyfaced strinling that a few years before had set foot on Nebraska soll. He recalled, too, the lazy, donothing days of the Connecticut vthlage life. Tha life of self-sacrifice had been buried long since in the

## Whitticr's "In School Days"

## By alli:E mar dol'glas

IVISITING the birthplace of Whittier at Haver hill, I saw mon the wall the sampler made by the In School Dive The family been treasured for so many years thought that it would lie an appropriate addition to the large collection of heirlomms in this honse.

A friend and myself walked from the homestead up the beautiful country road to the site of the schoolhouse mate famous by the poem. We called at the house, too. where Whittier was wont to call for this child that he might walk to school wilth her, no doubt preferring the company of a little girl to that of an average boy, whose native robustness
would be likely to be distasteful to one of his poetl would be likely to be distasteful to one of his poetic temperament. By the way, it is said that the boy Whittier instead of doing his sums in school, would
be writing verses on his slate.

A niece and great-niece of the little heroine showed us her school books and a beautiful piece of needle work she had made. She also spoke of the friendshlp Which existed between her famliy and Whittier's when he became ared and in need or such we wer whe he became amed alimer whitler had write for his ald friend and nelahbor Many visitors often visit this litle and nighoor. Many visitors often comed. In front of the house was a beautiful large tree called the whittier Tree under which the poet and his little sweetheart were wont to play

We continued our walk to the site of the schoolhouse. Had we not have been directed thither, we could have found the place by the abundant growth of sumach and blackberry vines still to be seen there down but a which marked the spot had been taken exact place where the bullding had stood-much near. er to the road than a schoolhouse would have been built in this time-in fact, almost upon the road, from which it was separated by a stone wall, yet to be seen. The schoolhouse is not now standing. It was moved from its original site and in its new quarters succumbed to fire.

In the Whittier homestead hangs the pleture of bls port.

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BEGUN IN MARCH CHAPTER XV SHUT IN.

WM MUST not lose sight of Bob Goodale, awful fate that threatened his sister and aunt.
It did seem as if some malignant obduracy of events joined to baffe the good intentions of him and his friends, and to increase the danger of his heloved relatives
Had it been a half hour later that the walk of discovered them with the aid of his field glass, but while he was not many miles distant, they had passed out of his field of vision. Stranger perhaps than all, when the veterans Hiram Goodale, Arizona All
Iong Micah, and the youth rode eastward toward long Micah, and the youth rode eastward toward
the same spur of the Santa Catalina, they took'it for same spur of the Santa Catalina, they took thed that the women with their escort had pushed directly on to the mountains. As a conseaunce, the porsuers entered ine solude at a point considerable distance from where Cochita had escorter the captives.
Recalling the incidents of that memorable night, ou will remember that our young friend Bob, atter being left to look after the ponles, ventured on a out having achieved a very pronounced success. He crossed the stream on the back of Pedro, and in the gloom of the early evening rode out on the sandy plain over which he had come earlier in the afternoon. To enliven proceedings, he received a shot from an Indian horseman who skurried off unharmed, as must have been
"It strikes me that I'm not considered of much account in this business, mused our young friend, with just a tinge of resentment: "Uncle Hiram brings me along with him and Alf and Micah, but when there's any work to be done they leave me out of the calculation; I don't know that there is
anything for me to do out here on the plain, but anything for me to do out here on the plain, but anyway trees at the foot of the mountain. Hello!
Looking to the northward he saw a vivid and increasing glare in the horizon. With his eyes fixed upon it, he checked Pedro and sat for some minutes looking upon the sight whose meaning he knew only too well.

I don't know whose ranch it is, but whoever he may be, he has received a visit from the Apaches. There are more things to be burned there than at up in flame and smoke. And the women and chil-

Bob shuddered and did not complete the sentence. For a minute or two Pedro seemed as much interested as his rider in the ominous glare in the north. ern sky, for he stood with head erect. ears pricked orward, and rigid as a statue. Then with a pecullar
firt, he turned his head without shifting his body flirt, he turned his head without shifting his body so as to look to the right, or in the direction of the
mountain spur which he had left but a short time mountain spur which he had left but a short time before. At the same
said, in an undertone.
It was proor that he had discovered something to cause misgiving. The trained pony of the west is often a better sentinel than his master. Bob prominent objects for a hundred feet or less, but could discover nothing to explain the unrest of Pedro. To withdraw from the presence of the danger meant to withdraw farther from the camp where he honed to rejoin his friends. Bob did not wish to do lding a few rods, when he halted again. As before his pony faced to the eastward and emilted the falint warning that something in that direction did not please him.
Since his eyes were of no assistance, Rob Goodale now resorted to an artifice of which he had read than one instance. He slipped from the saddle, knelt down, and pressed an ear against the earth.
He was startled by the result. He heard the sound of hoofs so plainly that he ralsed his head and looked to the eastward, certain of seeing severa horsemen emerge from the gloom. But the darknes cold him nothing: all was blank obscurlty, as before
Strange!" he muttered, once more pressing his ear against the warm sand. He detected the hoot beats, but they seemed not quite so sharp as before. Still the sounds did not die out and Bob rose to his feet.

A minute later he cllmbed into the saddle. He was impatient to return to camp, but prudence whis nered that instead of doing so in a direct line, he should make a detour, so as to flank the strangers the sky made bim certaln that he could keep his
bearings, and turning Pedro around, he started him forward at a slow waik
thaoks very much as If Apaches are more plentr. ul than is pleasant in these parts. It doesn't matter way a felow turns, he is hable to run into some of them. It wouldn't be so bad if I had my
friends with me, but I don't care about going it alone. Hello, again!
The young man was riding almost in a direct line southward, when his pony threw up his head and stopped without waiting for the pressure on his bit. That the subtle sense of the animal had made another disquieting discovery was not to be doubted, quarter from which it came showed that it was a new danger
Bob thrust his head over the neck of his pony, but his keen vision detected nothing. Once more he slipped to the ground and appealed to his sense of hearing. Again he heard the dull thumping of hoofs, and the distance seemed the same as in the previous instance.
Bob did not wait before climbing into the saddle. Pedro showed an inclination to turn to the westward, or directly away from the mountain snur, but his rider held him still, best course to take.
If we go north, we shall run into those fellows: If I turn south, I'll butt against the others, and can't get back to camp without going to the cast. ward. The right thing to do is to make a wider
circuit out on the plain, and then come back to the circuit out on the pialn, and then come back to the He of the spur.
He cast a look to the northern horizon, where the lare had first caught his notice. It had nearly died out. The raiders had completed their work there and we hurr cong them.
"If they knew the
"If they knew there was a lonely youngster gropng his way over the country just now, I think they ould make a hunt for him, and if they hunted, they with his
wh the senses keyed to the highest point, Bob rider used their eyes and ears to the utmost and before, it was the quadruped that was the first to detect something suspicious. He was facing the west, opposite to the course he took in the first nstance, when he slowed his pace, snuffed the air and finally halted
"Things are taking the queerest shape I ever knew; ive started toward three different ponts of the compass and each time have been stonped by a bunch of redskins. Now I wonder that heing I found out where they were. they have not also found out
something about me. An A pache on the warnath something about me. An Apache on the warpath can be counted on to know his business a good deal efter than a verdant youth from Pennsyivania.
Rob was debating whether to dismount and apply his ear to the ground again, but hesitated, because it seemed needless. He did not doubt that he would hear the sound or hoofs, and the feeling came over him that it was advisable to stay in the saddle and In a line due westward
In a line due westward the darkness gradually assumed shape until the youth made out dimly but could see the forms but nothing of the face or make un ef either man or animal. Bob's natural supposipo either man or animal. Bob's natural suppositm. He dropped the reins and held his Wlochester grasped and ready for any emergency
To his unbounded amazement, he became aware a minute or two later that the horse was not moving a muscle. Reaching the edge of the field of vision, the rider had brought him to a halt and held him there.
Watching and wondering, Bob heard the warrior emit a low, tremulous whistle like the call of a night bird. That it was a signal was proved by the rom which sounded precisely the same, and came like a point behind the youth. He turne
A second horseman loomed to view at the same distance, and the two exchanged signals over the head of the dumfounded youth. Not only that, but another whistle came from the north, and, turning his gaze thither, Bob saw dimly but as un.
mistakably as before, the form of a third pony and mistakably as before, the form of a third pony and his rider. Thus, if he looked to the right or left or in front, he observed the same seem
"I wonder how-many more there are; of course
ere must be another
Bob turned his head, and looked over his shoulder, but saw no more. The three were enough, and in The tuth for
The truth hashed upon our friend: he had been discovered long before he saw the Apaches, and the victim in this extraordinary manner.

They have shut me in," muttered Bob, com don't make things lively for a llttle while.'

## CHAPTER XVI

THE PARTY OF PURSUIT
Brief as had been the experience of Bob Goodale in Southeastern Arizona, it will be admitted that it was of a stirring nature. Now, however, he felt that he was caught in the most serious dilemma
of his llfe. Seated on his pony on the open plain, ear he spur of the Santa Catalina mountains, be was surrounded by three horsemen, all equidistant, who were on the alert to stop his filght in any direcion. The instant he made a start he would throw only one to the rear, while the other two could Why converge so as to head him off.
While he was confident that not one of the animals was fleeter of foot than his own Pedro, it was not would pave a shorter distance to be faster. They would fave a shoter distance themselves across his line of fight order collision with all the Apaches was inevitable. Bob glanced from one to the other. Each seemed as motionless as himself, and all were facing him. So far as he could judge, there was no choice in the course to take in making his break for freedon. The statue, but not more than three or four minutes had passed, when he made a terrifying discovery, Each horseman was becoming more distinct. With a precision that in the circumstances was marvelous, the three were slowly closing in upon him. They were edging forward, and he had but to remain
motionless where he was for a short time to find motionless where he was for a short time to find
them all within striking distance. What scheme could be more remarkable, and what scheme could have been carried out with more amazing success?

The discovery that the human wall, as in the case on on with the frightrul end inevitabse creeping pothing to he rous Bob as hed been roused before.
"If I wait till they are within a few paces, it will e all un; I must make a break before it is too late." In a flash he resolved upon a desperate plan, which Instead of trying to dash between two of the Apaches, thereby placing himself at the mercy of both, he would charge stralght at a single horseman This would draw him the farthest distance possible from the other two, but it made certain a fight with one. He did not hesitate.
He glanced again at each in turn. There could be no error: all three were nearer than at any previous moment. The ponies under the guldance forwar riders were stepping almost imperceptibly of the dial, edsing toward the central figure.
Bob decided to charge upon the Apache on his ight. That course would carry him toward his riends, whom he was cager to join, and thereby essen the distance between him and them. The and he would gain light arantage by the sudde. ness of his action. He held his Winchester in his left hand. He brought the nose of his pony around so as to face brought the nose of his pony around so as to face
the warrior, and dropped the reins. Drawing his revolver, he gripped it in his right hand.

Now, Pedro, do your best! Run him down if you "Now, and show the others a clean pair of heels." He intended to walt until within a few paces, and then let fly with two or three chambers of his weapon. With the interval so short, he was confident of disabling his enemy at least. By that time, he others would plunge into the affray, and Bob would filng himselt forward on the neck of his animal and trust to Providence and the fleetness of his peerless pony
Suddenly a strange and alarming thing took place The horseman whom he faced and whom he was about to charge, increased the pace of his animal and came forward at a rapid walk.
think, Bob, it's about time you stopped fooling!" The words were spoken by the one whom the outh was on the point of charging
ized the volce as that of his uncle
At mors spured heir ponies into a faster gait and closed in upon the was Arizona Alf, who called out:
"Wal, tenderfoot, how do you like it?"
It was all clear now. The three men returning to camp and finding the youth had left, set out to look for him. Calling into play all their wooderaft. and using the same means that Bob himself had employed, they finally located him. for at no time was he very far away, and fixed up the little scheme or teaching him a lesson. He could enjoy a joke ven when was at his expense, and be laughed as he four came together.

You spoke just in time, uncle," said Bob.
Why?"
"I had completed my plans."
"I was going to
Micah, bus golng to shoot you first. next Alf, and then
"Now, wasn't that lucky for all of us?" It was no time, however, for jesting words, and to follow. Hiram Goodale explained:
"Micah has seen Geronimo and talked with him. We must act for a time from guesswork, but 1 may say the belief of Micah is that of Alf and me. Wife hey are in the custody of Cochita, who is to be feared as much as the old reprobate, but there is this in our favor: That fellow is In love with your gister and will try to save her. He cannot well do that without saving my wife, and he cannot save Geronimo. Both parties are camped for the night or a part of the night in the Santa Catalina mountains. must be done between now and sunup. Alf has figured out that the young chief is a few miles north of Geronimo, or it may be that the two camps are
nearer each other; we are now going to hunt for nearer each other; we a
Cochita and his captives."
Bob could not help asking
"If he will act the part of a friend toward Minnie and her aunt, how can we give any help in this business?

It is hard to answer your question, but possibly Cochita may. make conditions that will delay the sad end. It is on such delay that our hopes rest
From what has been said, it will be scen that the cunning wisdom of Arizona Alf had come startlingly near the truth of the situation. It was comparatively early in the night that the four horsemen. riding
in Indian file, silently entered a well-marked trail in Indian file, silently entered a well-marked trail
among the narrow foothills of the Santa Catalina among the narrow foothills of the Santa Catalina not only the most skillful woodsman of the party,
but was upon familiar ground. He had followed but was upon familiar ground. He had followed
the cattle into these parts, and once had a brush the cattle into these parts, and once had a brush
with a marauding party of Apaches, in which he with a marauding party of Allaches, in which he
was twice wounded. Next to him, walked the pony was twice wounded. Next to him, walked the pony
of Hiram Goodale, then came Bob, while Long Micah brought uy the rear. The leader had fixed in his mind the spot where Cochita was likely to make an indefnite halt. It was speculation on his part, but when a fronticrsman engages apon sochies all his skill and energies, such in a large measure must be his method.
It was not necessary for the leader to impress upon his companions the necessity of absolute
silence. Not a word was spoken, and, had it been possible, the hoofs of the ponies would have been muffled. It seemed as if the intelligent animals had an idea of what was required of them, for their steps could not have been lighter, though now and then the iron shoes gave out a slight sound which caused the riders to wince with misgiving.

Enormous rocks and boulders, looking black and grim in the night, rose on every hand. Between them the trail wound, steadily ascending, though often at a moderate grade. It looked at times as i the path must end abruptly, and the horsemen tnd themselves face to face with an insurmountable wall; but in each instance the leader turned the head of his pony to one side and pushed on without pause.
Sometimes his sinewy figure was hardly visible in Sometimes his sinewy figure was hardly vislble in
the gloom, and then it loomed clear and distinct the gloom, and then it loomed
where the moonlight fell upon it.

The trail which they were following had a width varying from two or three yards io ten times that extent. It suggested an anclent cañon that had been washed out in the remote past by some mountal stream. Before starting over this mountain trail Alf had said he expected to follow imple to a mile. Beyond that it would be mpossible to go with the animals and
them and push on afoot

For a half mile the procession wound its way up the rocky trall like so many phantoms. Not a word was spoken even in a whisper. There was no call for speech and the instructions of the leader were follow in spirit and leter, to be a faint deep profound. At times there seemed to be a faint, deep murmur in the air. The voice of silence that had ocean, but it was the voice or silence that had brooded The ceme the scene, and the surroundings hills. The time. the scene, and the
Suddenly the ranchman saw Alf stop. He did the same, and the two behind imitated him. Arizona Alf ralsed his hand as a warning that no one should ranchman nor his nephew could hear anything excent the low hollow murmur that had been in their ears from the beginning, but something must have bee foted by Micah., for he forced his pony forward be noted by Micah, for he forced his pony forward be-
slde the leader. The wldth of the trall allowed the four to edge nearer together.
Without speaking, Micah slipped from his saddle. Alf did the same, and again raised his hand as a command for silence. It was evident that the two most experienced members of the little party were listening. The Goodales did the same, but still nelther was able to note anything different from before. Amid the tense sllence, Alf suddenly whispered:
"There's somebody ahead of us on the trall!"

## CHAPTER XVII. <br> A MEETING in THE GORGE.

Grouped so closely together, it was safe to speak n whispers.
"You heard him, Micah?" was the inquiring remark P Arizona Alf to his comrade
"I did; I wondered you didn't stop before."
"I thought it best to make this point first. The rest of you will wait here while 1 look after. th
fellow ahead of us."
Before he could move away, Micah interposed.
"It won't do, Alf."
"Why not?"
You know the trall and the rest of us don't. If
you shpuld pass in your checks, it will be all up with
the rest of us, but it wop't make any difference in the rest

Arizona Alf saw the force of the logic
All right; I'll leave him to you; I think there's only one of em.
Without another word, Long Mleah moved up the ravine on foot, with no more noise than the creeping shadow among the rocks and boulders that walled evolver, and knife.
Ten minutes after his departure, Arizona Alf said in the same guarded undertone.

You two will stay where you are
What are you golng to do?" asked the ranchman. Move ahead a little.
The couple who were left supposed Alf wished to gain a position where he could learn something addi tional. His real reason, however, was that he might give aid to his comrade, should it become necessary, and something
Meanwhile, Long Micah gave all his skill to the perilous task he had undertaken. He knew as well as if he had plainly seen him that
one of the A pache scouts was in the gorge a short one of the A plache scouts was in the gorge a short
distance in advance, and that his presence was not accidental. He had been placed there elther by Geronimo or Cochita, for it was incredible that the dusky raiders would fail to take every precaution hot on their trail. The Apache leaders may have hot on their trail. The Apache leaders may have neifhborhood, but they were aurare that the appar ently secret passage in the mountains was known to more than one trooper, and that some of those horsemen were the equals of themselves in woodhorsem.
Arizcna Alf, as he had already done in the course of the evening. guided his course by a theory of his own. In the performance of his duty, the Apache scout had gone some distance down themen despit the extreme care they usen. Instead of hurrying back with the tidings, he stealthily withdrew before the advance of his enemies until no doubt longe remained that they were heading for the party en camped in the neighborhood. It was possible, how ever, that the white men had a different purpose in view, and would turn into one of the cross-ravines and thus leave the sentinel to continue his watch for the benefit of his own particular friends.

Another fact was certain: the Apache would find out that the horsemen had halted, though it was not
likely that he would suppose it was because of his presence. Nevertheless, the buck was sure to stop also, and wait till the meaning of the pause appeared but, while kecping a safe distance ahead, that dis tance would naturally increase before he learned Acting upon this theory, Long Micah had not gone more than a hundred paces up the ravine, when he stopped at a sharp bend and awaited the return of
the Apache. His intention was to take him on the fly, as may be said.
fy, as may be said
knew he had pitted himself the last degree. He woodcraft, and the slightest carelessness on his own that could be avolded
The cowboy leaned his Winchester acainst a rock and placed his hand on the butt of his revolver. This was done to assure himselt ther of the firearms was the weapon which he relled upon in the impending encounter. The fight must be carried on without noise. for there was no knowing how near they were
It hostiles or to other Apacke stamped against the rock behind him, whose narrow shadow inclosed him. He was relying wholly upon his hearing. for he did not dare step forward or thrust out his head. He grasped his knife and silently waited.
You will understand the importance of the task undertaken by the white man. It would not do
to allow the scout to return to his camp bearing to allow the scout to return to his camp bearing the ldings that four horsemen were stealing upon In a million of accomplishing anything. All the probabilities polnted to the anninilation of the whites

## themselves.

Fifteen minutes passed in stillness like that of the tomb. Men of Micah's calling learn the value of patience, and though the time seemed longer than it was, he did not allow
first incautious movement.
Sh: Was It the sound of a falling leat. coming from a point in front? Nine persons In ten would have belleved so. but Micah did not doubt for a
moment that it was caused by his Apache enemy who having missed the horsemen that had followed him so long, was returning to learn the cause of the lagaing. The cowboy gripped his knife more firmly, compressed his lips and braced himself for the shock that he wis certaln would come within the next minute or tro.
But the minutes wore on and the sound was not repeated. It must have been that the buck was stealing unon the white man with a skill that defied plished many a time by his race, and why should it not be repeated in the present circumstances? It might be that the wonderful intuition of the Apache had whispered something to him, and, instead
of advancing, he also had paused and was waiting for his enemy to betray himself through some inad vertence.
Enough has been told to show the skill of Long Micah. and yet, astounding as it may seem. it is none the less a fact that in pitting himself against in outwitting him. This Apache had observed the stoppare of the horsemen sooner than they supposed His halt was nearer the white men than even Ari Into th
uncertaln
Thus it came about that when Long Micah was sure the Apache was farther up the ravine than himself and approaching from the front, he was ctually at the rear of the white man, who dia ble noise which ting fact. was the soft impact of the buck's moccasin, but it was so faint that Micah had no thought that it came from a point behind him. All his attention therefore was fixed upon the front, where he was con
A form like that of a crouching panther moved through the gloom until at the right point, when, with the same absence of noise, it straightened up and with a single bound, shot forward and came down upon the shoulders of the white man, bearing him as
In the same instant that the cowboy felt the crushing weight, he knew the woeful mistake he had made. He had been outwitted, but the end was not yet. He was powerful, active, and skilled in wrest-
ling. As he sank downward, he threw up his hand and seized the wrist of his enemy with a viselike grip. He had aimed to grasp the right wrist, but in gripped the anderate haste he miscalculated and gripped the left one, but by a remarkable colncldence his knife in that hand. Instandis seein hls did his knife in that hand. Instanty seelne his insad other hand, for at such close quarters he could use it thus with deadly effect.
it thus with deadly effect.
The cowman was prom
his enemy and strove with the ue the purpose of his enemy and strove with the utmost desperation
to prevent success in the effort. In the shock of to prevent success in the effort, In the shock of
the encounter, Micah had dropped his own weapon the encounter, Micah had dropped his own weapon and could not recover it, for it was invisible in the
gloom and his hands were too busily engaged to gloom and his hands were too busity engag
turn them to other use had the chance offered
But the white man had his revolver at his hip. and strove to draw It, only to perceive after a fierce attempt that it was impossible to do so. The utmost he could do was to prevent the buck from using his knife, and there was no saying how long the tell, the Apache was of exceptional power and activfty, and it took Micah but a very few minutes to learn that he could not master him, nor could he
even save his life without assistance. He might bring one or more of his friends to the spot by shouting. but the proud fellow would die before doing that.

The poor man must have succumbed in a brief While but for the arrival of Arizona Alf. It will be by the belief the had left the present would call for him. He had heard the scuffing. which told him the trith. and he was on the spot in a toinkling. No more need be sald.

## There is Some Good in Every Boy Who Goes Wrong

To the credit of the boys who have been in the Juvenile courts of my own city, be it said that out of several thousand brought there by the police department for offenses, I have never known of a single case where we did not get the truth from the boy In the end; and the reason others did not get the truth. or we did not get the truth at first, was generally because the boy did not get a square deal. You cannot get the truth out of a boy by starting in to scare him to death; you cannot get the good will out of a boy by employing methods of violence, of force and of hate, simply because it takes a little more time and patience to use kindness and sympathy Nor does it follow, however, that these are the methods of leniency or of Justificatlon; a boy has no
more use for the man that is patronizing and weak more use for the man that is patronizing and weak
in dealing with him than he has for the fellow that a coarse and brutal. A boy, as a rule. is not a fool: he knows and he understands, and he is not going to mistake kindness for weakness; if he does. It is generally the fault of the man who tries to be kind and doesn't know how. A boy does not like a fellon who is "dead easy." With him, as with the man who is dead easy. With him, as with the man it is to be abused
Over a hundred such boys have taken their commit ment papers from my hands, and without anyone's watching them have gone straight into the Reforma tory, although. they might have broken fail or run away from the city. I say this to the credit of most young fellows who go wrong. They have good in them-if we only strive to bring it out. They are weak, rather than vicious. This is not sald by way of excuse for wrong, but rather as enabling us to understand the boy nature better, for weak

And lastly, but not the least important in develon ing a boy's nature, I belleve that the gospel of work should be taught, and preached by every parent to his boy; the gaspel of the worker who works not fo the money that there is in It. but for the joy of the work itself and for the best. most honest way of doing it. That is the boy who always wins out in the end: not the boy who watches the clock, who is always whining and complaining that he does not get enough salary, or who believes it a good thing owork as little as he can and get all he can for it The best hope I can have for every American boy is that he will have a hard the, itheres for wo time: Infinite difficulties rather than ease, for with out these there can never which is hound to come to isuccess and hap not shirk - Judse Ben B Lind loy in man who does journal.
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## Chapter xxxili.

## CAPTOR AND PRISONER.

PEERING over the gunwale Noah was starticd as he perceived that a man had scized the canoe by the bow and was drawing it toward the shore. Even in the dim light he was aware
that it was not his recent companion who now had hiclil of the canoe, for this man was not so tall as the cther and his bearing was entirely different. Ap-
parently, too the man did not suspect that there was parently, too, the man did not susplect that there was
any occupant, for he had not even peered into the any occupan
little canoe.
iittle canoe.
For a moment Noah was tempted to leap into the river, for he was convinced that the water must be shallow, as the man was wading through it and was in no fear. Resisting the impulse until the shore was gained, when the man attempited to draw up the canoe, Noah suddenly sat erect and then stepped quickly out upon the ground.
The surprise of his resclier would have been ludicrous under other circumstances, for the sudden start and the exclamation which escaped the man's lips botiayed his complete astonishment. He did not
ofite to however, and as he faced Noah, he demanded.
"Who are you?"
"Can't you see?"
"No, I can't. What were you doing in that canoe?"
"Nothing.'
"Where are you going?"
"How far from here is Whitehouse?"
"You passed it. It isn't more than a quarter of $\because$ That is
"That is where Carleton's advance guard is.
was instantly aware there was something wrong in what he had said.'
"Why, jes," he responded. "At least I was told the men were there."

Four or five hundred or more,
The man laughed as he said, "Then you heard what isn't so. There aren't more than ten there.
"Are you sure?
"As sure as I am that l've got you."
"You've got me, have you? Well, what are you going to do with me?
"Take you to whitchouse since you're so anxious to go there. You are not one of our men. I can see that even in the dark.
"Who are our" mea?"
"That l'll leave yon to find out for yourself."
'How are you going to take me there?'
"That's easily enough done. You did give me a start though. I thought the canoe was just drifting
down the river," down the river
"Well, it isn't drifting any more."
"So I see."
"Wo me mee.
"We might
"Go ahead."
The man carried a rifle, but it was evident that he was not altogether satisfied that his prisoner was cotirely unarmed. He advanced suspiciously and "I can't do that," retorted Noah ligh fast."
"You have no weapons of any kind?"
"Nothing excent my arms.
The man laughed goodnaturedly, and apparently satisfied, said: Crime on, then, a we'll start for Whitehouse. You may be all right, yon know, but I'll have to take you with me and let you give an account of yourself.

That's gond of you.
I can't help that-it's my nature," rejponded the man, as he prepared to advance.
"Tell me," said Noah quietly, "were you one of the men that called out here a few hours agn?"*
"I didn't call out," said the man in surprice.
"I didn't call out," said the man in surprice.
"Some one did."
"It might have been-" The man did not complete the sentence, for be stopped abruptly and demanded, "Why are you here?
"You can answer that question better than I."
"You're not a spy?
"You can see for yourself."
"No, I can't see. That's the trouble. You'll have to come with me
"Didn't I tell you that was what I wanted? Didn't I say I was wanting to go to the place where the ad vance guard is?"

Yes, but there isn't any advance guard there."
"Go ahead. We'll go to whatever it is that is there I don't care what you call it."
"Come on." said the man abruptly, as he turned, and walking beside Noah hegan to retrace the way
test, and together the two men procecded on their journey toward the place where the advance guard of Carleton's army had been reported to de. Neither spoke for a time, but the younger man was striving to think of what he should do. He was eager to ascertaln the exact condition at the point. but if it should be possible to obtain the information he desired without entering the place he was determined to do so. His fear of the man by his side, despite the fact of his being armed, was not great. In a foretell the outcome. The very confldence of his companion would make him the more easily companion would make him the flung about him, but for a time the young soldier did not intend to solve his problem in that manner if first he could obtain the information he desired.

In a brief time the two men arrived at a phint where before them the place they were seeking could be dimly seen. It was manifest that the men who were there had slight fear of an attack, for a huye pile of logs was burning in an open space, and hy
the light of the flames Noah was able to perceive thit a few huts were near by. Not even a guard could be discovered, though Noah was well aware that his thabllity to perceive any did not by any means prove that none was there. He was gazing intently at the place before him and quickly concluded that the man who was with him had spoken truly when he had declared that not more than ten men had been assigned to duty at Whitehouse.
Without warning, he instantly turned and seized his companion, exerting all his strength in the bearlike hug he gave. Taken off his gilard the stranger was unable to detend himself, although Noah was instantly aware that the man was no match for him. Wrenching the gun from his companion's grasp and freeing the man as he faced him, Noah said in a low volce. "Will you be good, or shall 1 have to heip you to be?"

What do you want?" demanded the man, sullenly.
"I want you to come with me."
Never mind that. Will you come without making any nolse?"
"Yes."
Very well. Now 1 want to get around this place
Can it be done without arousing any of the men "Yes."
"All right. You go ahead and I'll follow you. 1 don't know whether your gun is loaded or not and I don't much care. But if you call or do anything without a word the man
Without a word the man turned into the forest and Noah followed, keeping close to his companion and ready at any moment to fulfill his threat. It was plain that the man now had a wholesome respect for The strength of his capior and that, as well as the his that Noah was at his heels and had a gun in his hands, seemed to pake him tractable. A wide detour of the niace was successfully made, and when at last the point had been passed withont any one hring a prisoner with him into the camp of Anthon wayne would be a pleasure that appealed strongly to the young soldier but as he was not familiar with the recion and the presence of another man with him might increase his own peril, he decided to send the man back.
"You can go." he said abruptly, as he called to his companion to halt
"GO?'" responded the man in suprise. "Go
"Rack to the advance guard
Do you mean it?" said the man eager
"of course I do. I thought at first I'd take you with me and let you see how a colonel who is fighting for you as well as for us, feels toward a man that fight for it."

How far away is he?'
"He isn't very far, and you'll know it before long Now then, you go back and I'll be with my men almost before you know it.
The man did not delay, but instantly darted into he forest behind, and in a moment disappeared from sight. If he had been able to see, the young soldier's actions would certalniy have puzzled him, or instead of dolng what he had suggested, Noah, too, began to move cauthusiy and slawly the young soldier was determined to know more defintely just what the conditions at Whltehouse were and even If he was unable to take back to the Chester company a priaoner he was resolved that at least more definte knowledge than he then possessed mould be his
Accordingly. using the utmost caution, he hastlly
returned to the place where the advance guard had been reported to be. He was not surprised when he drew near enough to behold what was occurring in the camp, to perceive ten men assembled, in front of the great fire, about the man whom he had recently sent back to the camp. It was impossible for the young soldier to hear what was sald, but the actions of the men were sufficient of themselves to and frequently turned to gaze into the forest in the direction in which the recent prisoner pointed. Noah had no difficulty in understanding that the report which the man had brought had of itself aroused the excitement of the little garrison, which doubtless had been assembled as soon as the man had returned. In a brief time Noah was aware that a decision of some kind had been made by the men, and when the entire band hastily collected their belongings and set forth from the camp, advancing toward the very spot where he himself was sheltered, he fancied that he understood what was in the minds of the ap proaching men.

## CHAPTER XXXIV.

THE DARING OF ANTHONY WAYNE.
It was not difficult for Noah to avoid the attention of the approaching men, for the darkness was still about him and the great trees provided secure hiding places. Accordingly, taking his place behind the huge trunk of a tree, he was within a men when they passed him, and not one of them was aware of the presence of the watching young soldier.
Noah remained where he then was until a half-hout had elapsed, and then convinced that the men were gone and would not return, he hastened into the to investigate that the place had been abandoned and that nothing of any value had been left behind it was also manifest that at no time had many men been sta. tioned there, and therefore he concluded the report which had influenced the leader as well as Anthony Wayne, had purposely been misieading
The one purpose in Noah's mind now was to return to his battalion if possible and report his discover; at once to his colonel. Despite his hunger, for hours had passed since he had tasted food, and the weariness which now oupressed him. he was nevertheless still eager, for he pictured to himself the reception he would have when his colonel, who had treated him so unfairly, shonld learn what he had done. But where was the army? All definite ideas of direction were gone from the young soldier's mind. He could only conjecture where his comrades might be at the time. and after a brief hesitation, Noah decided to withdraw into the shelter of the surrounding forest and wait for the daylight to come, which he was positive would soon appear.
Stretching himself upon the ground. it was not long before the wearled young follower of Anthony Wayne was soundly sleeping. and when he awoke the forest The very air too seemed to be ill with res. The very ali, too, seemed to be alive with the songs or the blrds. Angry that he should arose, and giter he had searched the camp for food and found none he resolutely set forth in the direc and ion which he was confident his recent comrades must have gone
He had not advancen far, however, before he was startled by the sound of heavy firing in the distance. Halting abruptly he listened until he was convinced that he had not been decelved, and then plunged forward, making all the haste possible, and following the direction from which the sound had been heard. It was not long before he fnund himself in what appeared to be a rough roadway. and speedily he discovered many evidences that men -many of them-had been there before him. Quickly concluding that he had found the way over which his own friends had advanced, he pushed forward with increased speed, and the firing in the distance became steadlly louder and more distinct.

When he came to what seemed to be a forest ot hls right he halted for a moment and again listened The sound of the guns had ceased but he was con vinced that he knew his direction now and would save much time by plunging into the lorest and leaving the road. Accordingly, without hesttating any longer, the young sor a time his wads and secure and not a sign of danger could he discover Soon however the firmer pround under his feet gave way to a marsh But atill he steadily pressed onward The a marsh. Sut stin he steadily pressed onward mud to his knees in places, and it was only with the mudtest difficulty that he was able to proceed at all

Bushes and low trees now took the place of the giants of the forest, but not a thought of abandoniug his attempt had as yet occurred to the struggling young soldlet. Before him lay the place where tho tiring had been heard, and there he was convinced he would find his friends. Besides, the ground looked firmer a little farther on and, when once he gained that, many of bis difficulties would be passed, he assured himself.

To his dismay, instead of becoming firmer the ground over which he was passing seemed to be softer. He sank in one place to his waist, and only by the exertion of all his strengll was he able to
extricate himself. He was spattered with mud, his extricate himself. He was spattered with mud, his face was no longer recosnizable, and his breathing was labored and dimicult. Stil he pushed forward, hoping that the firmer ground would soon be gamed he a low cry escaped his lips when, to his dismay he stepped into another concealed spot in the bog to be unavailing for try as he mirht the mud sucked him down, and his efforts to free linself only sucked him down, and his efforts to free himself only served to make him sink still farther into the mire. he looked about him for aid tren a cry escaped his lips, but the ouly apparent response came from a great blue heron which lazily rose from some marshy spot and with trailing legs and big graceful sweeps of its broad wings flew slowly across the bog. The sight of the graceful bird was well-nish maddening and the long legs scemed almost 10 tan talize him. If only he could grasp them and be drawn from his predicament ${ }^{\text { }}$
But help nowhere appeared. Exhausted by the struggles which now he had abandoned, Noah endeavored to think more calmly of what he might try in his efforts for release. Despair, however, seemed to be the sole answer. He was helplessly held in the grip of the mud that came nearly to his neck.
Once more the vision of his father's house came to him. He could see and almost seemed to hear the members of his family as they assembled his mother was speaking of her absent boy. What would she say if she knew his plight and peril?
Then, too, the young Quaker, Elnathan, and Thomas Hull, arose before the vision of his mind. There was no sympathy to be expected from them, and the no sympathy to be expected unon their faces were not those of sorrow. The house on Staten Island n which Rachel Wheeler dwelt also could be so plainly seen that even the vines about the door appes in the flower beds when Noah had been there
but now it almost seemed to him that he could see
the purple blossoms of the wistaria. Perhaps Rachel would be sorry she had
Noah's thoughts were interrupted when suddenly he became convinced that men were approaching. There were many of them, too, and it was evident that they were meeting troubles like those which had befell him in his efforts to cross the swamp. The figures seemed to be bobbing up and down much as the fleet little Swallow used to be tossed When the waters of Delaware Bay were roughened in a storm. Was he only dreaming? Were the men he could see approaching only the creatures of his wn distorted imagination?
That they were real and not inaginary he was speedily convinced. He raised a cry and in response some of the men halted. He called again and could see that one had left his fellows and was approaching. As the man drew near his face strongly yesembled that of Joe Latrobe, but Noah was strange y indifferent. Even when he felt his arms grasped and knew that he was being pulled steadily from the mire he felt neither surprise nor ple

He was noxt aware that he had been placed upon firm ground and that someone-and now he was con vinced that it was indeed Joe Latrobe-was chafing his hands. He knew. too, that many men were pass lag. He could see their forms and hear their voice as some shouted, some cursed, and others laughed They were all somewhat fantastic in their appear if they were engaged in a contest of some hind.

It was not long, however, before strength returned and Noah aros
"Come to help you." responded Joe Latrobe grimly. "Yes, I think I can. Where's Cale"

## "Yes, I think 1

"Got anything to eat, Joe?
les. Here, take it. If you can go onfood and despite his covering of mud began to eat avenously. The young soldier's hat was gone. bit he still had his gun, to which almos had cling in an his tronbles.
Following Joe latrobe, Noah began to move again hrough the morass. By the aid of his friend he last the firm ground had been gaincd, he was somewhat restored in strength though his appearance was such that his friends would have had difficulty in recognizing him. He and his companion had now arrived in the open fields which covered the point of
land between the two rivers (St. Maurice and St. Lawrence) that united where the Ittle village of
Three Rivers stood. The bespattered and bedras. gled Americans were now seen by the redcoats, and General Fraser ran from his camp to the bluff and shouted in his frenzy for the warshins to send all heir guns ashore. Two or three thousand of the rebels
town!"
Anthony Waynes men were in front and already strong collmn ras advancing to meet them. At he same hime a number of mof war ban to fre that he and his comrades were within range.
Without hesitating a moment Anthony Wayne, excited now, ordered the comprany in which Noah and Joe Latrobe were marching (Caleb had not as yet been seen by his cousin) "to advance and amuse he enemy, as his own report expressed it, and then forming the remafnder of his battalion in line of watthe pushed sturdily shorward range," when he swume his two ends forward in the form of a crescent ind becan to pour his cross-fire into the British column which soon scattered and ran in confusion. But now off on Wayne's rioht flank new troops appeared. But perceiving that the rest of the Amery liayne, without delasing a moment, mavched straight for the enemy's camp. When he had arrived he discovered that breastworks had been previonsly thrown up and behind them were the regulars, who greatly outnumbered his own little force. In consternation the daring roung colonel looked about him for aid. Off to his right he could see that General Thompson was retreating, while on his left the sturdy Jerseymen under Maxwell were being driven back into the swamp hy a body of regulars much larger than theirs. Only about two hundred men were with Anthony Wayne now and they were and British regulars.
A quick retreat was the sole hope, but as the men turned back and gained the border of the woods Wayne shouted to his men and made a stand as he called for others to join his battalion. Refore him the redcoats could be seen advancing in overwhelm ing numbers. His one hope now was to protect the retreating Americans. Detachment after detachmen marched safely away until at last only twenty-one men remained with the dauntless young colonel For an hour the fearless little band held its ground. and among the little squad were Noah Dare and Joe Latrobe. Then the crisis came.
(To be continued.)

## "Do It Now"

IDON'T K NOW of any better habit for a boy to cultivate than the very excellent habit of doing things when they should be done, and that time is usually now, right this minute. I know a man who feels that the hable of procrasimation as such an thousands of cards with the words

## DO IT NOW"

on the cards in large red letters
I have seen several of these cards on the desks of business men, and it seems to me that it would be a good thing if every boy had a card of this kind in plain sight in his room, and it would be well if he would fall into the habit of looking at it every time he has anything to do. It nught keep him from call ing out, "Yes, presently," or "Yes, i'll to it pretty soon" when father or mother calls up the stairs and tells him to do something they want done right away, this "by and by" way of doing things is a very poor way. Ever hear the old saying: ' and By leads to the house of Never: That's true. The people who are always golng to do things by and by never get them done. The evil habit of procras tination has been the undoling of many a man just as many a m
success of his life to his

## DO IT NOW

way of giving his attention to things that must be done. 1 remember that was once riding on a rallroad train and in iront of me sat two alert look
ing business men, one of whom I knew ing business men, one of of partner of a form em ploying several hundred men. There ploying several hundred men. overheard this man's companion say to him:
"You have George Blank working for you now, I believe. Rather smart lellow, isn't he

Oh. yes; he's smart enough, but find him.'

In what respect, for instance?
"Well, I have come to know that 1 can never depend on him to do a thing when it should be done.

That's bad.'
Bad? I should say so. It's a fatal failing in the buslness world. I lost a good thousand dollars yesterday simply because George Blank put ofl until eleven o'clock something I told him to do at ten oclock. He has re ally a great deal more natural ability than a cousin of his in my employ, but the cousin is the more valuable man of the two because I can always de pend upon him doing a thing exactly when I tell him to do It . I.ots of truth In the old saying that 'Delays are dan gerous.'
"Well, I guess. Give me the man who can be depended upon to do a thing now."
I remember that when I was a boy I sometimes spent the day at the home of a man who had no well on his place. All the water had to be carried from a spring bubbling out of a hillside about a fifth of a mile from the house. Wells did not have to be dug more than twenty feet in that locality to supply an abundance of excellent water, or a day or two of work unfaillng supply of water from the spring down into
the house.
"And that's what I mean to do," I used to hear this man say. "I mean to pipe that water right down into wants right. at hand all the time.:
But when. ten years later, I was a man and visited Joel Smith $i$ found his wife still carrying water from the spring.
this fall" to pipe that water down into the house this fall," sald t
Ariving out to this mand and again 1 found mysel

the roal brought the house into view, and the first thing I saw was this man's wife tolling down from he spring with a bis pail of water in elther hand. Son have never dug a well nor piped that wate into the house, have you?" I said to the man.
"No, but I mean to do it just as soon as I lay b my corn, and I'm ploughing it for the last time now." A dozen years later a brother of mine who lived in that locality mate me a visit, and one day 1 sald "Has Joel smith ever dug a well or run a pipe from hat spring of his fnto the house?" "Never, but he says that he 'means to' as soon as the ground thaw in the spring. His wife has grown ound-shoubderen carrying water from that spring out kinow its very steef just bifore you reach the in the winter, when everything wias a glare of ice, she fell while coming from the spring and broke her leg and dislocated her shoulder poor woman
One liay within a few weeks 1 received a letter from my brother, and in it was this bit of informa
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$I^{7}$Whas Charlie Bradford's first day at
 You could see at a glance that he
was fom the country; and perhaps it
isn't surprising that his appearance gave some annusement to the puphils of a clty
school. Indeed. Charlie himself felt that
his lig coat, patched at the ellows, and his big coat. patched at the elbows, and
his hapry irouscrs, reaching six inches
below his kners. were not the kind to below his kners, were not the kind to
wear in the cty if one could help it and
he would have given anything to have he would have given anything to have
had the knowing. self-satisficd alr that
all of the other boys seemind to have. "What do you call that?" he heard one
of group of well-dressed, laughing
boys say as he passed them. "Look! a boys say as he passed the
brand new hayseed, boys!"
"H! $!l l$. Rube!" called
 Charlie fushed a little at these re-
marksinuthe gave no slgn that he
heird hem. and walked on, up the steps. It was. it fairly warge butheng. but it
seemed inmens. beslde the lifile. oneroom schoolhouse at Richmond Corners.
Sonve one diricted him to the oflece. where her fund a pleasant-looking young
man seatrd before a large desk. Gord morning: Are you the boss?"
said Charlie. at lithe confused and at a
loss for any oine tile to glve the man



 Mr. litidson (for that was the prlnciplis
name. decidrd to five him atrialinthe
lowtr, seventh prade for one monti. Meanwhile the bell had rung. so the princhal went with the new pupht io Room
18 whre he introduced him thistwach
er. Miss Winton. When Mr. Hudson and Cr. Miss Winton. When Mr. Hudson and
Charter.it thi. room there was a scholars: but a sharp rap of the princi-
pals penci and a frown brought fnstant
silence, which seemed to show that he
 oound blue cyes which one couldn't help vacant seat in the room. gave intmen ans.
snn tu study. and went on whith the rectRecess came in due time, and Charlic
was glad that Miss Winton asked hin to remainin. for he dreaded to go out on to
the grounds. boys of the Cortland Avenue School al-
ways initated a newcomer: and his experience when he came upon the krounds
this morning had confirmet his informadon. He was by no means a faint-hcart-
douth. as we shall soon sef. hut he was nut sorry to put off his initiation.
The tother showed him what work had been rovered hy the class in the two
weeks achool had heen in session: and won his heart at once. Right then, he made up his mind to work like a Trojan
in orrler to stay in the scventh grade. cesss. there seemed to be great and glee-
ul excitemient anomg certaln of the hoys. It appeared to renter around Law-
rence knmp ("Fat. the hoys called hinl). who sat just hehind Charlie; and the
wise figkling lonks exchanged hy his
noighors madn our hern foct that the matter had something to do with him. grammar lesson.

 they reached the han door, and thr line passid out without hum arsued giggling hehind him. which Prosently hrcame a rant of laughter so
ilsorderly that Misa Winton strmped the the merriment was $n$ blg plece af card
board which was dangling from Charlie' hly printed THIS IS HAZY.
ISN'T HE CRAZY?
Poor Charlle didn't realtze that "Hazy"
was a nickname which the hoys had coln. ed from "haysed." or his unhappiness
would have been even greater than it
w
whs.
Charlle, Fred, and Jerry, step out! the
rest. porward. march! commanded Miss Winton after only a moment's hesta
ton. Whey the others had passed dow $n$ stairs. the teacher returned with her
three prisoners to Room 18. where they met Lawrence coming out. He gav chancrid to "rateh miss Winton's eye and moment."". "Charite." ghe sald. when they got into the room. "do you know whn pinned this
eyes seemed to look tight through hime
 swerid you?" she repeated. Stll no answer.
"Yes'm." $y$ feebly.
go now sorry, Lawrence. The others may hope you won' want you to remain. badly, Charl!e. I am
sorry Lawrence was so unkind? "No. I don't care," sald Charlte. "He
was only foling. and I'd rather you up in surprise. You are very forgiving. Charlie, and I hope Lawrence appreciates it but 1
cannot overlook the matter: Lawrence needs to learn the Golden Rule."
At the oprning of the afternoon session, Miss Winton announced that Law.
rence Kemp had something to say to the
class. Everyone looked up in surprise as. Lawrence rose.

ford's coat," he satd, "and I apologize him for It. It think he's a brick, caus
he didn't get mad. and he trled to hel Misg Winterward. not expecting hlm to pleased. and said she hoped that after this the people in her room would be more carefal of each other's fecllngs.
When Liawrence sat down. Chartie
reached back his hand and Lawrence reached back his hand and
grasped tit. They were pricnds.
When sehool was dismisese past thre. Charlie stopned for a few minutes to get some directions about his lessons, and Lawrence waited for him.
As they went down the stops together they saw a group of boys stianding hy a
corner of the bullding. and overhearil some one say,
in and push!
."Che
whisperse it. fellows; there he comes!' whispered some one else. the two approarhed the group, a
As the
big fellow called out: "Hello. Hazy. You want to look out for Fat, there; he s.
a hravy josher." and he laughed loudly
"Goto to milk the kaeows. Hazy." adked a freckle-faced mean-looking chap,
taking an aw ward attitude, In imitation of Charlle. some one at the back of the group then some one at the back of the others. Who were. of course. expecting lit.
passed it on with such vlgor that Charlie and lawrence were thrown to the ground
and half a dozen others were pled in a hean on top of them. Fverybody laugh-
ed. and after a little foolng all got up.

tions. was coming from that direction.
Meanwhile. Lawrence and Charit. Who
were not afrald to meet the principal walked learsurely pasteet the prontincipal. ullding and down the avenue. towards home.
old yon't you be afraid of Jack weeks."
sald Lawrence. You could thrash him sald Lawrence. You could thrash him
and not half try. It will do him good.
ton; he thinks he's the whole shooting .I'm not afrald of hitm, but 1 don't see use of getilnt mad so easy?.. Wish 1 was that way wou ever grt mad
into him good and hard if he trid inght any of
 ust becans. annther findow makes a fool
of himsif. gatd Charlic. Nou biter bpose not, anybow. I like
easy. Say. he added apter a pause. hit get some difcrent clothes, If I were you.
it's your clothes that mikes the kids
bother you so much. Get some like these, why olon't ynu?". "I will as soon
Charlie colored a little. "I as I earn money enough. The rolks have the money they could st re un to move.",
"That's too bad. I wish is could heip you out. Maybe 1 ll hear or a Job for
yoll. Wrll. furn or here. That's where I live-the hig stone house Say, now,"
he added, "don't let Jack bluif you tomorrow. lil help you, if you need it."
mon't you worry: In look out for
When Charile went to school next
morning. he had made up his mind how
he would deal with Jack. if that high.
disposed to force a fight. Charlie had had a long talk whth his mother, to
whom he always trusted his contideces.
He told her the trlals of the tirst day.
and she commended him for the way and she coramended him for the way hie
had borne them. it don't want you to fight: that is not the way to settle your
troubles.: she had said. .What would
you think of your father is he shold you think of your father, if he should
ight every man who was me日n to him?
You will find a way out of it, whleh will
make nobody who is respe make nobody who is respectable think less of you if you keep your temper."
As Charile approached the steps, Law
rence hemp and Tom Balley. the Largest boy in school. met him. They told him
that Jack was planning to inake him
ight it recess and he challenge, and whin him well. you are afraid and you will have no end
of trouble." satd Tom. "Ill be there
and sec fair and sce fair play. I know Jack had no a great scrapper, and he is aching for an celt out of him; lill bet you can do it."'
anack will be sorry if he hits me,
swered Charlie. though he didn't explain the rather unusual means didn't explain
intended to bring about that result he Chapter in.
By recess time the news had spread
among the boys that Jack Weeks and Hazy were to have a fight; so a and crowd quickly gathered around them on was in the upper seventh, was out frot;
and as soon as Charlie pot around the couner of the bunding he walked un to You think you can lick me, do yout
You just come out behind the shed, and
let's see you do it ," "Come on. Hazy: You can llck him:"
cried half a dozen boys, who were anxlous for the fun. are poing to fight mbout. Jack., what we charlif with provoking coolncss. "Cause you hit me yesterday," sald Jark. at a loss for a cause.
il didn't hit you yesterday
and Jack aimed. you liar. Take that: hut the latter caught it on his arm and was not hurt in the least. Jack then
took a defensive position and waited for
his his opponent to come on. Charlle made
as if he were going at his face, so that Jark raised his artus to protect it. when he was sitting on top of him holding his
hands so he couldnt move, amid the cherrs of the bystandrrs.
Now we can talk business." satd Ch and you are going to fet mie over nothing you are ready to agree to that. and take
back the lle about my hiting you, you No. confound yout Get on from me:".
cried Jack. making a fresh struggle to ried Jack making a fresh struggle to
get ury But Charle held him so he
couldn't turn and jammed his elbow coundnt turn, and jammed his elbows
into the ground so hard that he was glad At this moment Mr. Hudson appeared on the scene, having been atiracted by
the cheers of the boys whin Jack was thrown. He took the two hoys and somene
nf the older and more reliahle witnesses to the offce, where. In a few minutes.
he secured complee information. This
arose not simply from the fact that the arose not simply from the fact that the but also from the fact that the witnesses
all consifered Jack's conduct dishonorable and had no desire to motwet hlim. dismlassed the others. "after the warning you hitd last night. I am surprised that
youthase the boldness to do this. It is a
contemptible. cowardly trick and contemptible. cowardly trick. and 1 am with the othicr boys any more. Unti your room when you come to schonl. and got you your recessits thlones. and to keep
you after schnol untlt the rest havegone nity to io anything more or the kind until I have very good assurance that

Jack was a very much humbled and a
ery much disgusted youth. $H$,. had nected a whipping. and would par rathe cetyed; hut this nunishment cured him not have. so i amminclined to think he tion. A was the end of Charlie's persecu disappointed at not sceing a fight; but they all faw that the country boy was
not afrald. and the more sensible ones ""I tell yout." sald Tom Batley. "tha fellow is a trump. He could have laid Jack out flat if he had wanted to and
he knew he wouldn't get nabber for it.
elther. because Jack marn the trouble I like this way of doing things myselt:" grew to be quite popular. The boys soon
found that there was a jolly. good-natured. honorable rellow under those out his temper under any provocation. and frtinds a good lurn. long as he stayed in the schonl. but very
few of the boys cvor knew of its orlain and it was not used for Meanness. after
the first two days. Eyry hoy seems to necd a nickname, and this one was Char-
110 :
lsfird that was all. and Charlle was satOne morning. soon after the events have narratrd. Lawrence kemp came up to Charlin. his face beaming. "Say, old
fellow.. sald he. I've got a job for you
youknow papa has a clothing store. and You know papa has a clothing store, and he wants a couple of extra deltvery boy be one of them and earn some Chistmas
money, and hm says if he likes yourlog money, and hr says if he likes your looks
you can he the other. He will let you have some swell clothes right away
cause he wanta the dellvery boys to full price for them. We can soto work at furs. so "t won't hinder school any." He nceded money for other things a well as clothes. Mr. Kemp was pleased
with hls lonks. and that frry dAy oup-
plicd him with a neat. stylish sult. which
made him look and feel like anothor boy
Tndeed. hit appearance ait achoor nexi




 his parents.
or was geturg along finely now
he was a mudil or industry in his sududes


 mischer did get the uppectand. with


 NLed her for that, she was and hod









 light stens. emphasizing the beat ot the gaze had been ho cioscly fxed on Miss


 marfor the others had gone out, Mr
Hunson said:











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 The Wrok of the sevent grade was













Mary Ann was rery good
Come! Let unh toin hest the
 hrter. When someone was neglecting his
Work. Miss
winton would say. Remem: ber Mary Ann. my boy: wind the boy The Cortland Avenue Schiol was one
 tactive, The one thing which interese in the basement. It was furnished whis.

hazy was carried around the room on the bhoulders of hooke on with long faces cokrades. and the lowell

## and best of all a fine metal turning-bar. 

 omirads. and the Lowell boys looked Nothng was tor good for nur young fortor
he
he
tit
to Hudson expressed ft.
One afternoon. soon after the great
baskethall game. all nuplls above the
fourth grade were summoned to meet in rourth grade were summoned to meet in
the gymnasium. which was the inly
room in the buiding large enough to
hold the fiw. hundred upperegrade chllitren. Eurybhody was wondering what in
the world was the reason ror this ment.
ing. Som. thmuzht. nerhaps, there was hepe a singing practlce. like there has chore chisisnas last year:
others thought there was Eolng to he
 percert attention.
non hate calld. you together this after-
whe sald tell you about a man which I amm wur. whil intercat ull of youn
Younall know something alout how our
 plan.
porplex ${ }^{\text {end and questoning looks were }}$
"In the first place." continued thir prin-
chpal. the is a b bidy of nurn, called the rapltal and makes our laws. A Aher thate
men have pased a law. hey send at copy
of it to the kovirnur whor Gureruly. und. if he thinks pads it yery
law good
slgns his name to $1 t$. Then everybody has to obey it.
unut there are always a few bad men
who whil not ohey the litws, and they who will not ohey the liaws, and they
have to be punishod: so we have courts,
whose duty it is to makn sure whether an accused man has hrokr.u alaw, and,
if he has. to punish hinby sending him
to prison or making hill pay a fine. if the mans offense is not wiry great. one
man. callird the judge. derid.s whet her
 serlous, a company of men. called a jury,
is Appointed to decide about the man s.
gult. though the judk. stift tixes the gunt. though the Judke, stit tixes the
punlshment. Every man charged with
breaking a law is allowid to have a law yer to argue for him bofore the court.
This man is called the attorncy for the
defense. and anoth.r lawyor. wio arpues igainnt that man. is is callicd whe at-
torney for the prosection.
 something like the state; for wi. have a
few inws (we call them rules). which
everyone must obey. even the teachirs: and we have punishments for tie few
bad cltizens who break the taws. The
diference is diference is that the teachers take the
place of legislature, fovernor, judge,
jury, and all. This is because the tcachers are older than the puplls, and, of
course. know better how todirect things.
-But I have been talking wilh in. But I have been talking wlth tho
other teachers about my litile plan, and
we have all agreed to ask you older pu-
 you leave It to the teachers to make the
rules, and enforce them., and I am afrald
you sometlmes think they are not quite
just."
Mr. Hudson paused for a moment. In-
terest was written on every face, and so
close was the attention that one could close was the attention that one could
hear the clock thek.
"My plan ts this." he contlanued. "to ask My plan is thls." he contInued "to ask
each clags to elect one on more of thelr
number to represent them number to represent them. These rep
resentatives will form a leginiature the princtpal of the school will be the
governor. We will talk over the rules together. and perpaps change some
them. Then this leglslature will elec
one of its numher to be judge and one of its number to be judge, and
ahall try all cascs of discipline excent
perhaps, little ones which occur in in




 fore. The Judke will appoint police-
men. who will have the power to arrest
nyone who dis disorderly; and anyone
who resists a pollceman will be tiable to who resists a pollceman will be liable to "Another thing which you must under-
stind clearly. 1s that when a clizen ts
summoned betore the court he is sommoned berore the court he is obllged
to tell all he knows abour hease, even if
it means telling on his frithis. That is
the way nien haye to do In courts of law: and it you are allowed to make your own
laws. you must expet to do the same.
Ioo not vote for the plan unless you aty To this. Now let me see how mangrep
you would like to try the plan. and wifl
promise to do your level best to make ill promise to do your level best to make it
a sucress. Hands. please? He mand
Every right hand in the as if it had been shot out of a went un
and there was a great hum of happy ex. and there was a great hum of happy ex.
clement. There was no mfstaking the
feeling: everybody wanted to try the "Good!" satd Mr. Hudson. "Hands
down! I am glad you all like the plan,
and that everyone her later down I am glad you all like the plan.
and that everyone here has promised to
Five his support to the government. Tomorrow we will to the government. To-
moom; and meanwhile. I hope in each
room will he considering very carefully whou will
whil rhoose for representaties. You
should elect your most trustworthy friends for if you do not. you may have thtnk the older scholars should have the most representatives. so $I$ will ask each
seventh and einhth grade room to elect
two two. a hoy and a girit and earh fith
and sixth grade room one, who may be
cither a boy or a girm. You may now pass
to your roomg and to your rooms and be dismlssed. Teach-
ers. give signali!
To say there Cortand Avere was excitement at the
very mildily. indeed. School is puting it great wisdom in calling the assembly just before time for disnilssal. for fian
sure there would have been very studying. while everyone was so exclted. groups to discuss the plan. gathered it were debated loudly and forg. legisiatur past eight in the morning they gathered tencd to the talk you would certalnly
have thought that he fate of a nation
was to To he sure thare were a rew sllly peoWhole manter; and make a joke of the
elected as representative Oscar Hoom is who was kenerally consldered one of the yery worst boys in school. He had rash-
iy promised, if ctected. to see that certain rules concerning tikhting and cigar highly elated werm repealed. Oscar rel
ted around for he was going to do. wout the things prising. in view of his reputation for square dealling and the glory he had reCently brought the school in baskethall,
that Charlie Bradford was chosen as
teen represislature, consisting of sevenor the first time on, was called the order
erind Fiday af of November, Mr. Hudson chalrman. its first act was won belng ture would have tocords of the leglsta.
kept. Warner Camp, of the carefuly was chosen. and then the lower eighth.
judge was in of judge was in order. Donald McClain, of
the lower etghth. arose and. in a neat
litile speech. nominated Charlas Brad. he had shown that on numerous occasions
that he had the conflidence of on the and It would be necessary. he sald. to choys. whole plan would be a rainected. or thi elge nominated Arthur Heath. but thi
ballots showed Charlie to be elected by
a gond majority. The laglalacure callod for a speech of acceptance. but charlte wis so overcome by the unexpected hon-
or that for the trst and only time his
confidence forsook him: and he only stanmer a fcw words and he could plause gave him a chance to sit down
He felt like a fool, but he wasn't The ENWrnori Mr. Hudson, next prothat cuprits were brought before the
court for trial, and to conduct the case agalnst them. This attorney should be a tion so perfectly. that he wiss chosen After the officers had been elected. the
Iegislature was ready to proced with he consideration of laws. I have no there were no very important changes
made at this time. the members thinking thrat to consider very carefully before
 eges, on account of his attempt to fight
Hazy. NowiJaak was the bosom frend
of oscar Higgins. and that worthy had
promlsed that he would try "Mr. Governor." sald he. "I move that car think he could get the legislature to
go back on Mr. Hudsons decsion, after
he had done so much for them? Not much! done so much for them? Not
To everyone's surprise. Charlle Brad-
 peaker in amazement: he wasn't look

## PATRIOTIC MEMORIALS COMPLETED AT VALLEY FORGE



ANEW interest
the pilgrim to develoning for the form of aldilions to the Mespot where Washurgion knelt in prayer. be a memoriat liy all the states whose sons participated in the stirrtng
scenes around the encampment, are now scenes around the encampment. are now
a visible part of the chap.l. The first
to be erected was that of the State of No be erected was that of the State of New Jersey. Cut in the stru "To the Glory of God and In Apprectio-
tion of the Datriotism and Devotion of the Solders of New dersey in the Mar of
of Stille Chew and in Loving Menory
of Meca 1 . Turner,
 is Erected by Sarah R. Chew, 190.
The second Bay thit repriventing
the Keystone state ano is the wirt of Mr.


ONE OF TEE MEMORILL REWS PLLCED IN
T. Broom Belfield of Philadelphia. On
this Bay is the following inscrintion: The Brave Plory of Goo and In Honor of were given for the Blessings we enjoy.
and in Loving Memory of the Parents Whe. And Children, who now rest from their lahors, this Bay is ererted by T.
Broom Belfeld, June 19, 1906 .: Granite and Indiana ilmestone are the matertals used in the construction of
these Bays. The cellingsare of carved these Bays. The cellings are of carved
oak embellished with the arms of the oak ems states. The foors are of Tennes-
vare marble and set in the centre of each see marble and set in the cent
is the Colonial seal in bronze.
The memorlal pews that are to he another feature of the patriotlc sentiment
that is taking form in the beautifyink of the chanel are ready for shinment
and will qoon be placed In the hutling and dedicated with sultahle exercises.
They are handsme prwa of quartered
oan and on each is a orass plate in-

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scribed with the name and eiving the
particulars of the haro in whose hunor They are placed in the chapel. rials. is a result of as national sentiment in preserve the spot sacred where Wash-
ingon prayed for victory in his darkest hour. The porch of the chapel was tullt down. Which miedged the first hurndred chanil. This inscription is cut in the
wall. It is taken from the Gencral or. ders at valley Forge in which Wash-
figton revealed the religlous side of his
charater haracter in these words: "While we
are zalously periorming the Dutles of Good Citizens and Soldiers we certainly pught not to be inatentlve to the higher
Duities of Religion. To the distinguished Character of Patriot ti should lie our An inserintlon on the opposite wall.
taken from Washington's farew
 and Hablita which lead to Polltical Pros-
perity. Relligion and Morality are indiaWrnsable supports. In vain would that
Man claim the Tribute of Patriotsan
who should labor to subvert these kreat Pillars of Human Happlness, these firmest rrops of the Dutles of Men and Citizens. antictpation of the time when the
In Memorial chapel will be finished and hepatriotic societies who desire to gather Por sperial occasions on the Valley Forge
grounds. relics of Washington are helng Krounded. to the care of the rector, the
Rev W. Herbert Burk. Among then is A letter written hy Washington at VaiGey Fornor Wharton of Pennsylvanian and calls attention to the nerds of the troops
of that state. A glit hutton Which Washwho palnted his portralt, has been pre sented by the peale famlly, nnd some candle shades presented to Washington
hy Renjamin Franklin have come into hy Renjamin Franklin have come into
the possession of the rector. Annther
interesting telic a little book alled "Advire to a Son." It was Riven by John who married Martha Dandridge, When
she marrid George Washinton the she married George Washington the
hook was taken or Mount Vernon. After
Washington's death it was owned hy his Washington's death it was owned hy his
nephew. Lawrence Lewls. the hushand of Nelly Custis. From him it descended
to Lorenzo Lewis and $H$. $L$. D. Jew/s. It was aold with the Washington Library
in 1890 .

## The Uses of a Pull <br> by hon. paul h. kendriceen

Perhaps nobody ever has had a chance co get a good start in life without some the form of B word of kindly recommendation to employment by some influsponse of a or it may come as the appeal of a young man for the opportunity to mow what he can do.
We can picture such a condition as
that in which the doors of every house in a small communlty might he closed to the applicant for work, and in that case he would need some kind of a pull.
In the same way. a young man in a large clty might be unable after the most diligent ingliry 10 discover any
opening whatever for employment, and opening whatever for employment, and
of course he could do nothing without a pull. these cases are very rare. when a
young man has abllity and a good char y ever occurs. Usually such a hardman can make an opening for himself if he has that quality which you call
push. And if any young man can make the start in life with nothing but his
own push and his own good qualltes to oun push and his own good qualites to
recommend him. it is much better for
him that he should not be burdened with The pull is a userul thing. but it is beneft. and does frequently beneft. the naturaily difident young man who has
plenty of ability. is honest and loyal. but plentyof ability. is honest and loyal. but
is lacking in push. and requires some
encouragement to develop that useful encouragement to develop that useful any influence or pull to be ready to ex-
tend aome kindly eftort in behalf of the tend some kindy efort in behalf of the
young man who needs only a little encouragement to make good.
of a man out of any young fellow. Push of Itself alone has done it in thousands of cases. When we say push aline, of
course we mean push whth ability and intrgrity. two things that are even more Columbus needed a pult to discover a new world, Watt to perfect the steam engine. Stephenson the locomotive. Ful-
ton the steamboat. and so on, but they
all had push in abundance. and the pull all had push in abundance. and the pull ilicir push. This has been true, on a
smaller scale, in millions of cases. Bos smaller s.ale, in millions of cases.- Bos-
ion Globe.

HAZY
(Continued from page ese9.)
Most of the members objected to mater, and thought it the duty of the Hudson sald hat he should like to have
it within the nower of the judge to pay it within the nower of the judge to par-
don an offender, and that he would not interfere if Judge Bradford chose to release Jack. Indeed, he thought it might
be a good plan, for it would enable the be a good plan for the would enable thi
school to see that the legislature had taken hold of things; but he recrom-
mended that a promise of good behavior mended ted a promise of good behavior given to understand that any future ine
fraction of laws would be sertous for praction of laws would be serlous for
ilim. The legislature finally declded to Confer the power of pardon upon the he would pardon Jack. The latter was rhetoricals were being held, so oscar
was dispatched to bring him before the "Jack," sald Mr. Hudson, when the boy appeare in the school upon promise of pood behavior. and with the understanding that if jou are gulity of any further
serious disorder. the punishment from Which you are now released will again Which the orfense demands. Do youl
wromise? "Yes. sir."
"Very well. Now, I think you ought to
shake hands with Charlic Bradiord He shake hands with Charlic Bradford. He will explain to you,", replied Jack. "I think he is all right:" hand cordially, and Jack wondered how he could ever have been mean to such a fellow. As for the
members of the legislature, they looked in with preat satisfaction. This was the second persecutor whom some of
them had known Charte to convert int. a frlend hy his manly generosity They Fuessed things wouldn't go to ruin fast.
with that fellow for juige. Oscar had learned some things this be able to keep his promisis to the ras cals who elected him. His point had heen won today. tu be sure. but it was legislature had shown very clearly that it would not listen to hls evil sebemes
He made nop or iwo more attempts. simhe made nopor two more attempts. Sin
nly to sathsfy his friends, hut he fatled
ilatly: and aftur a few months he found his own ideas rhanging. so that heng be ly arrayed "in the side of right. Was now started. It still rematined to
he sepn how it would work and a lee seph how it would work; and a conin a wroup of elghth grade boys who had "Now we've got a judge, we ourht to give h!n something to do to earnt his salary" saill sath linderman. "Let's do
vomy:thing to bother him, and have some (Ti be continued.)

## Noted by a Naturalist

 A naturalist has made some interestanimals behave on board ship.The polar bear. he says. is the only one that takes to the sea. and is quite volpenty resent a trip on water and give
vent to their reelings as long as ser The tiger sufers most of all The mere sight of a ship makes him uncom pitifuly and his eyes water continually pitifuly and his eyee water continually.
Horses are bad sailorso and orten per:
ish on asea voyage. Oen are herotc Ish on a sea voyage. Oxen are herolc
in their attempts not to give way Ele. phants do not like the sea, but with
medical treatment suffer little inconmenical treatment suffer little incon
ventiom a trip on the ocean.
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Cocoanut shells make excellent puel especially as fire-lighters. the enormous amount of ofl they co
to take fire af once.


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than you do. and the forblading coun-
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From Bricks to Real War

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Ing being erected acros, the way. And on the modern substltution of machinery
for hand labor. That gave him a place for hand labor. That gave him a place
on bo bournal. A. Mckenzie's wits won him start. and those wits have ever slince pushed him up the journalistic ladder.
ill now is recognized as as able a
correspondent as writes for the prosentday press. From the "News" he went had it was while in that harness "Mall. anese-Russtan warces wheretagatn. it was readiness to make the most of what was
in front of him which He had been sent out to wite victors soclak and Industrial conditions in the the Yellow Seanis. but² Japan crossed
in Korea, and tack her giant. foe the tronps. Before London zaw him sent seone all sorts of fighting, and had happenings of those hig years.
Since then he has turned his attention ongly pope's American Invaders," sirik thr commercial achievements of the
Yanker merchants in the markets of the old warld.

## Ted's Beginning

o impres assistant rector was trying son the difference bet ween his own position and that of his superior. "Now to $b$. he ended. "I want you to remember strangers and I am only the , We are strangers, and it am only the assistant. self." day perhans I shall be rector my With his father when they met the digni"Hello". promptiy began Ted. "Pop's the real thing, an he's just the hired
man an we.gat to knuckle under biul sime day, he may be the himgelf. 'tan


The "Star Special" of the London "Daily Mail," in the cume he wore during the campaisn amon

## The Pitcher and the Catcher

By W'ALTER B. NORRIS

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 BOY should certainly have a stronsarm betore he tries to pith muc
He


 Whith thls strength and enduranct deal


 stch any curves the first fiver. and utes or one-hart hour with diay morine


 pitcer shoutd stive to swire curnot or 3hould stand the remblathon distance hee regulation size. The home plate long toward the pitcher, two paralle
sides eight and one-half inclies tong ox
 plate which he must the hheat of and
 hrow fishl brospective nit nher shoul






 Another errective dellvery is the ot deilvery. If therange th the methoa



 More inan anvthing elsontre frst pew weeks shanda be devoted to seerring ab.
solute control of the ball If you can not put it where you wlsh, you can hardy be effective as a pitcher. With con-
trol. even if you lack speed and curves.
you can do a great deal. When itent you can do a great deal. When pitch
ing in a game alm to put exery ball
aver some corner of the plate. Your averk is to porne strikes After some control has been obtained it is time to begin on curves. A curve grips on the ballitand pecullar twists of
the arm in delivery. All this means
strain and is dangerous if not learned properly.

the "center pont (lowa) cung." a crack dowa team
 whlies to llrow to a hase, lif should
side-step away from the bater. and side-step away from the batter, and
without walthg to get a body swing.
snap the bitl to the base with the arm When men are on itrst and third, the
pitcher should not attempt the shor throw thward sorond unless he is throw ing woll, as there is dinger that the man
on third may cone in on a poor throw. When the cather notices the man on
second tiking buc much lead. he should second thking loo much lead, he should
slgnad the pitchre by some sign such a then the phther turns and throws to an for the signeat ind hisemban must wateh When the catcher thinks a man is go out-curse that hi. may g.t the ball mor easily. somethass how her the man
wats for the hater to be given four
 just aftre he hat loorn kicto a base on pitcher hut wat thit he has played of
his hase and is wather the phteher, and The real woik of the catchar. however.
is working with th. pither to strike out batters or pront them froun heting
safus. batters watakesses. if one does the slgnal for bills rlose $w$ his body, com-
bined. with an orcasionat slow ball. If the batter stops a way from the plate, a If he serms w striki owir the hant give
him If a foul ball is hit into the atr. the
catchir should jork ofr his mask with cate hor should jark off his mask with
one hand and start hark. cuached by the Whlle giving signals to the pltcher the catcher should rouch and thut the
mitt between his thighs. with. this as background he can make his signals. are. offe tinger for an inshoot or straig hali. two tingers for an "ul-rurye wheth Müch drop or whthout
and help glemen the ditcher oncouragemen and heppgen thi bitcher by the cateh
or. When the pitherr is gung well le If he seens to be nervous, walk out ti riving hima chatice to recover his nerve.
10 not let him pitrh hall ater ball withAs for tatking to the batter and so at
irarting hys atention away from the bath-that 1 believe to be an undesirable elenent in the gamie and has been pro-
duced by an unfeaithy desire to win.
there. as in most cases, the Goiden Rule

## What Makes a Boy Popular

Is mantiness.s Juring the war how many schools and colleges followed popular manly boys whose hearts could be trust ed. The hoy who respects his mother
has leadership in him. The boy who careful of his sister is a knight. The
boy who will never violate his word, and Wo and pledge his honor to his own hurt and change not. wlll have the confi-
dence of his feelings. The boy who will never hurt the feelings of any one will
one day find himself possessing all sympathy.
too manly and to be a popular boy, be seek to be popular; be the soul of honor: love others better than yourself. and pcople will give you thelr hearts, and
try to make ynu happy. This is what
makes n hoy popular.- The Presbyter-
lan. Toronto
 and the members of the Long cove club, to. discuss the matter.
order!. The chairman of the Long Cove Yacht the members eager por action sank to wait further proceedings rom the chairman, who sata san especial meeting called for the purpose of tiking iktion upon the chatupan the rourth of July, the clerk to
read the chathre? permit the a member. "Such is the inlumtion of the chair. Mr.
lerk. will you kindly roid for the benetit of the members the challenge re-
cetved from the Swan Point people?, lowins: Long Cove Yacht Club, We, the members yacht do herety challenge the Long Cove on the is thirty feet over all and we sug. gest that the competing craft-sailing in
the interest of the Long Cove Club-be of the same dimensions. Hoping for
sperdy acceptance of our challenge, $w e$
 "lsut, Mr. Chairman, How are we to
race? We havent got a boat of that
lenkih, or, In fact, any boat at all!" crled enkth, or, in ins.
That's so!.". chorused the members
without the smallest regard for parliawithout the smallest regard for parlia-
mentary rules.
onrder, gentemen! Order!", and the chairinan brought his gavel sharply
down upon the table. Wh upon the tabl
$\because$ Mr. Chatrman-" Burton
.Mr. Charin.
Murton.
May I ask
Mry I ask how much money the treas-
ury of this club contalns? I think if we ury of this club contains? Ithink if we
are ever going to own a boat. We may.
as well begin to act upon the mater. as well begin to act upon the matter.:
Ifaving spoken, fob Burton glanced
about inm to note if his sentiments about him to note if his sentimenta
found ravor with the other members of
he club. "I am of the same opintion, Mr. Chair
mand sald Gerree Joscelyn. "And I: And i: And I!" cried others
of the thys. statement of the club's finances?" asked consulting his hooks, arose and began "Mr. Chalrman and fellow shipmates.
The ctub has In its treaniry alnout two
hundred and fity-nve dollars. or will have when the quarterly, dues are collect ed at our next meeting.
of May lask the chair how much a boat "I shall have to refer you to some one fect than I am." replied the chairman. Charlte Perkins.
Will Mr. Ransom olilge the chair liy
Member? replying to the question a modest-apprar ing boy who had not as yet spoken. Ran-
"With pleasure. repled Hary
Have seen som. rising from his seat. "I bave seen should say that dree construct the hul of such h hoat, and about two hundred
follars more would be needed for salla and spars." case." Interrupted Rob, out of
order as usual." "we may as well declinc the chailengee at once. may as well declin "That's mone"
This nutburst seemed to dampen the spirits of the majority of those assem-
bled. and quiet relined for nearly an
instant. instant. Move. Mr. Chairman." sald a boy of the Swan Polnt Club." ed chairman.
Several hirys arose to second the mo-
ton and the chairman proceeded to put the quarstion.
"Rat thertion is." sald the chairman. chalionge of the swan Point Club. Are you reaty for the question? ${ }^{\text {Y }}$, question! question!" cried severalust one moment. Mr. Chairman!" and
liarry fansoin was agaln upon his feet "Refore a vote is taken upn the ques-
tion 1 would like to shy a few worde
 cove-your all know the tumble-down old place. he left at the tlime of his departure state of completion. She is neariy thirty Walf.: hoys were now all attontion, and
The
listened eagerly as Harry continued. in the fillowing words: the hot hullder and myself have hern working, at odd
times. unon this bnat. and now it is near-
ly complotrd. One hundred dollars will nish the money reruired to finish the hoat, we may still have the wished fo
trai of, sperd upon the morning of the "Hurrah for Hal Ransomi" cried the
ircepressible Job. "I move we accept his
second the motion!" cried Frank. chairman, the yuestion berder, thaid the the challenge." "Mr. Chairman, I bor leave to withdraw my motion, sald the boy who had tinn to reject also withdraw his the minunon do." sald the other boy thus called
Very well. The chal will now enterRob Burton again put hls motion that som, and this motion being seconded. the hairman hasiened to submit it to a vote.
all those in favor of the motion please say aye. babel of voices shouted aye.
A small babrim. anked the chalrman as a matter of form, never thinking there
could be any objections to so desirable consummation of the vexing question. Piverylody looked in astonishment at nrgative.
"I have $\AA$ right to he heard at any
rate." said Percy. Mr. Chalrman. 1 move
that we reconsider the motion.: 11 can not entertaln your motion: plied the chalrman. The club has kind ofter of harry lansom. and 1 don't Well, 1 do ohtject! 1 ? m a member of this club and pay in more money than Harry
Ransom. Hesides, my father owns this Rannom. besides, my father owns this and that ought to make some difference. want to sall in that race, but.I won't "Shame on you. Percy Glover!" crled more than one volce, while a suspiclon
t morsture
Harry's eyes. "You may cry shame as much as you
like," repiled Percy. it don't care a bit
for that. If you will reject Hal's offer
my father will build me a hoat and the
 was passed.
shall I! crled nols.
 prey in all things. Who was the ally of Then 1 sand from the club, and you
 his words hic dintited the room. bangling he dour after hiln. "Good riduance ${ }^{\text {an }}$ shouted Rob.
"Youd letter not say much. Rob Bur-
on," said tor Willis. m guess Percy
ton." said dor Willis. 1 gucss percy
Glovernll hace his way. in splte of you
"And I guess he won't'" returned Rob savakely. .And you ha I I whil, and when he has a boat of
his own, you'11 be sorry for this! his own, you'll be sorry for this!"
And Joe, too, slammed the door as he ir am sorry that this should have hap-
pened on my account., sald harry. pened on my account, " sald Ilarry.
don't know why Percy should dislike me" it's because he and his have got what belongs to you, 1 guess," replled Rob.
Yust not talk that way, Rob."
Id Halry.
"I will, and everybody says the same-
"Order. gentlemen!" ericd the chair man. it will nuw be in order to ap point a committer to carry on the work
of bulling the boat. How shall this cominittee be appointed?
"Ry the chalr."
". Thy the chair." chair appoints on thls committee Har Perkins." Chatman", "Now. Mr. Chairman," began Charlie,
if percy meins to turn us out of this
rown. we mind another place in which to meet." hold the next meeting in my father's of
fice. 1 move you. Mr. Chairman. that we now adjourn untlit the next regular
merting, which shall be called at the of On Robs motion the mecting was ad On Robs motion the mecting was ad-
journed, and the boys separated to go to
their several homes. Harry and Rob
went away together, and as they passent iy thould thinik you would feel bad






 will She expected to share equally wiUl
 Oh I Rucss not, Rob My grandtanher

 Red peristent way. That his dog



 are ripht, too: But now eet's get to the
 It if will twil yout Mother thought that
 them. The shop stands on grandrather's
land. alth ygh my father buit it. He
hegan thr hoat a long time ago, before he went Before he huarrelled with your grand"Yer?, and he never entered the shop
"terwards. of the lioat and 1 did not intend to let of he lioat and 1 did not intend to let
 have it there." intend to keep on butldthrough with school. You know we have "But" thought you were golng to codiI do want to go, but 1 must work to
inport my mother. Her money what
Ittle she had, is nearly exhausted., whent "And yet you have gone and given your and 1 must say a bit foolish too How, do you expect. to get money enough to "rill tell you. I can get lumber enough one should win the race. I shall have lith te difficulty in ohtaining customers for others. There will be. quite a boom for mean?:' you bulld a boat-an alone. ittle course I can; or, at least. "Youre a brick. Hal:" cried Rob, ad-
miringly. Harrys assistant, old Jim Taylor, as he Whe old shop as the was lounging near "Good morning, Mr. Taylor." sald Rob Hal has let the cat out of the bag. and
your occupation is no longer a secret?" ant, kncur na haow snme of ye ud find it disappolnted sort of a mane. "Couldn't
keep. it tew yerself any longer. hey. "It seems that way. Mr. Taylor:" It dors. lad. And does yer mother
know about lit?
 guess it will he all right.". known teht Glover ter do some pesky mean things
in' nyy day. 1 wish ther bo't wus in ther water. do I. But we will hope for the Harry's face was clouded, for to tell
the ruth. he felt uneasy himself." her craf yer happen ter let on baout was cleariy worried about the ingtier.
 "I menn what i say. I wanted to give
$t$ to the Long Cove Yacht Clut. of hich i am a member. in order that iney
night sail a race upon the Fourth of "Race Fourth of July!. Air ye crazy sais spars rrum? They cost money". terrupted Rob. "The club has almost guess we can get the salls in time." will
"Wai. 1 'm dum-faounded! What win "I don't know, hut I think she will be says 1 'th never at home now," replied "I spose ye want me ter continer ter CCertainly. I could not get on with-
out you. And, best of all, you shall be "I hain't never asked ye for no wages have i? know how yere situated, an cause $I$ want to gee the little craf in
the water. Your father did me many gond turn, and I only ax that ye git, your "Then I will depend upon you to assist me. and we will liave the boat in the
water in a few wecks. come into the hop. Rob, and sce the beauty." Opening the door of the old shop he
went inside. follownd by Rob. who saw for the frst time
Cove Yacht Club.
The unfintrhed hoat appeared to Rob as to the partial eye of an admirer. crifi. "Whatantong overhank-and. say Bhe's centerhoard. Inn't ahe?" sloop-rigged

rob saw for the first time the hope of the long cove yacht club

With Gaff-topsail and balloon-jlb," reAs Harry had sald. the brat was nearcahin to finlsh the woodwork in readiness for paint.
us.: gaid Rob. . And so she will if I am any judge of
bots, young sir," heartily relterated Tay"If she does win it will lay the foundamon of my ruture," said harrry. "Now PART 11.
As Harry Ransom had prognosticated, his mother imposed no resiraint upon
his actions in regard to the disposal of the boat.
so the work of construction went mer-
rily on. in two weeks' time the wood-
 readincess for caulking and painting. "Wi are doink nolily satd harry to
Taylor, as a brier lull in the nolse made
by the latters caulking mallet permitted them to.engake in a moments conver: "White. Hy hoy. white!". sald the oid man. "She li look larker and seem to show more freeboard in that than any
othr color.". "What shall you gall her? what name na, dofter my mother. but the hoys mer Una, after my mother. but the hoys may
wish to name her themselves...
'Well. well. there is lime enougli for hat. Have you heard anything more No: but Mr. Hurton told me to go on
with the boat. He docs not think that prevent me from launching it. He might have forbldden me the right of way to
the shop, or even to come upon his iand at shop, or even to come upon his land
ati.. Jhin may not be as black as I have estimated mim not baid Aay black. As its have sign that he has let you keep at work
on the boat.: hat i think. And 1 guess it "That's what 1 think. And 1 guess it
will begll right." he "s a foxy old chap.".
With these words preclude further conversation din as to Incredible as it may scem. Percy club-had induced his father to attemp the purchase. or hindrance of the work He had gone so far as to tell Harry
that the boat really belongrd to him,
from the fact that it was on his from the fact that it was on his land
And also for the further reason that there had never been any rent pald for
the aforesald land upon which the old oat-shop stood.
sro": asked Harry
that Bouse. young man, 1 did not know husiness on my premises." Mr. Glover had repllif. "However. If you will mell the Ith1. say nothing about the rent of مlled could not pay you. sir, anyway." re-

Marry wont at once to Mr. Burton, th
father of 180 h and told him what M dider had sald. Mr. Burton evidenti serious. he advised llarry to go on with
his work. "I don't think your uncle would d anythng so cuntumptible As to seize the
boat:" sald Mr. Burton. PPubilc opinion would surely consure him.
Mr. Burton was the leading lawer the village, and any advic. from him Wals considered-ly Harry-as belng gone ahead with the work upon the boat
Mrs. IRansom and John Glacer were hrothrer and sister. but the Glady had in lare
curred her fathor's and rurred her father's antere by def Ying his
authorlty and martying Henry Ransom. the puor hoat-bullder. Glover would not recognize his daukir ter. nor permit his son to do so, John
Giover. heing of a grasping nature ain Glover. belng of a grasping nature and
foresecing galn for himself in the event of his father's dying while estranged
from the daughtir. hecame from the daughtir. hecame even mor seem passilile a lirother could be. wpuld and the shom in whirh he modest entlage later humding standing apon the lan
of his the young man who had allays liked the young man untli the latiter as
pircd the the hand of his daughter pired to the hand of his daughter.
His Dinsinesa hronming unprofitabie and having quarrelled with his wife. father. Henry lansom. one year bifer
the birth of our young friend farry, ieft his home and want Wrest in harry that in a new country he might retrleve his
fortuncs. fortuncs.
He nive
country froma matignant fever Mr. Glover at once forgave his daugh ter. and pelling himself growing old
liggod her to come to him for the remalnuler no his days.
But she was not altogether happy, even in her old home. Though having the fll posgessed herself or phillimece, hand lived
on with her father some time unt on with her father some time untll
Harry had grown to the age of fourtcen years. Glover had never. in all this lils wife and son, held distinctly aloo from her though he had craftlly spen porgetting to kepp himself and his in mind. Ransom had every reason. to think that she would share equally wilth therefore, was her surprise and grief at
hut few hundred dollars.
Whe this small lezacy she returne upwards of two years or mor John Glover never troubled his
sister. or permitted his wife or son hold intercourse with her or son $t$ Harry and his cousin being in the same school and both studying for high tact with pach other. As we have con Percy. in his treatment of his less for-
tunate cousin. was not always quite the gentleman.
Harry's meditations were sad, as he warked a way heslde Taylor, and he was
glad to see the familiar faces of Rob
and Charlie at the door of the shop.
Halloa. Hal! they both cried and -Halloa. hal. they both cried. and in above the din of Taylor's mallet.
"My gractous, Mr. Taylor. can't you
stop that nolse for a few moments?. stop that nolse for a few moments?
replied Tourse $I$ can boy. But I shant.: pounding harder than before. We'ye been to see Mr. Bills. the sallHe says he will have the salls ready and he wants you to make sure that you For bure they are right. masures."
Fory Mary. "Isn't she going to be a beauty? ask-
ed nob of Taylor. who. having completed
a seam. paused in his work a seam, paused in his work. "She's as puriy as a pletur', young Burcon. And it's my ddee sheri! young Bur some of the business men are going to subscribe for an elegant silk flag as a
prize to be given the winner of the race
-not a little one for the boat, but lag big enough for the club house. Wut a
it be jolly if we can win tit? "It would be nice." suid Harry. "But
you must not count too nuch upon it. I ras yet.": well risk you!" cried Charti "Oh. well risk youl". ©ried Chartice.
Hut isay, Hal. what's old Glover coming
here for? "l dont know, Where ts he?" And Taylor at once resumed his work chuckling to himself as he made the most
awtul din. He did not care a pin for
John Glover. who. though universalty on account of het treated with deference Harry, bolitely. Mr. Glover," said Harry. politely,
noise! ${ }^{\text {G-morning-Taylor stop that }}$ pon the offending workman. frowned "lave you cone to your senses yet
about the boat? asked Mr. diover of
Harry, as Taylor, at a sign frome lhe lut
er. Maus D in his work.
al the I have. str.
of am gited Harry. avarimglad to hear ft." And the small. With pleasures of thought mou twinkled hold out against me any lengithor time
You may tinish the boat and turn it over to. my son. larry. The boat ys the property of the
Long Cove Yacht club, and I have no duthority to dispose of att." I have no Glover angrily. to defy me?" cried Mr. al do not wish to antamonize you in
anything:, sir. But the boat belongs to che cluy had no right to give the boat
away. or to sell it even. fou had no away, or to sell it even. you had no me. This shop has stood so long on my
land withnut rent hat it virtually be-
longs to me. I intend to have that boat "No, you won't: You old skinfint!" shoutid Rob, Burton. You old skinfint!"
"Rob! Rob! He careful!" said Harry "Rob: Rob: He careful!" said Harry.
"aes. young man, your rather shall
hear of this." thundered Mr. Glover shaklnk his cane at Roh
"d dont care if he does:" cried Rob. Hed say the same if he were here. The spoil the pleasures of a few boys. You
ought to he ashamed of yourself:. Rob trembled with inamed of yourself:" Rob
There. Rob. You notion as he spoke. "There. Rob. You nnly make matters
wrse. Then. turnink to Mr. Giover. rarry sald: "i don't think, sir, that you coon tome. dont. Well, 1 dil show you in n to my land, but as 1 wish the boat


Hnlshed I won't do that. Once more. will
you sell me the boat?: "it is not mine to sell. sir.
me again, and-. pound and the angry ing his cane furiously at the workman

Whess our cake is dough-
hecry volce as Taylor who had cease Ths nolse began his apeech. Burton, the
The wcomer was Mr. Burtor "Oh. tather:", cried Rob, "you lav
onme just in the nlck of time. Onl Come just in the nick of time. Oniy "Mr. Glover. I think you mean. my son." corrected Mr. Burton.
Well. then, Mr. Glover says he will claim possession of the boat if he has to
 amm happy fo right on with my work. preat credit ior what you have accom
pilished. It is my rondest wish hoat may win the prize, that vlorious
llas. for the preservation of which so Having thus encouraged the young afratd of what Mr. Ghe truth. were at bit
genial lawer might do. the My father departed. brick! Don't you say
so. Hal? cred Rot "Hetter than a brick." interrupted Charife. "But, oh. Harry be sure t
come over to the meeting tonight. oclock-sharp. In Mr. Murcons ofthe. As lifa: Here are some mort visitars:and Joe Willis came and. Percy Glover $\because$ Come in and have a look at the hot sald liarry pleasantty. whlspered foh. want them in here for or siy something hateful. le sure to dat and make a hole in "Oh. I guess not." said Hary. who did Aftur a little whispering percy and his
companlin entered the shop and walk cdamanirn entered the shop, and walk "How do you like her". asked Harry
"First rate. repled percy. "Only "Oh. the large cockpit will make he of .llie club." said llarry the member clulithat's the use ir talking about the moly times the club will sall in it will he
won 1 am pleased to take them, and the "You are surely jesting, Percy." sald Harry. whlle Taylor, who had listened
to the talk, spat in discust at a large chlp at the same time winking at loh.
Goure got lots of nerve, young Wal Weil. the boat is mine. and you and Hal lansom may think yoursilves lucky trespassing... docs not prosecute you for "That's so! said. Joe Willis ever ready
to sustaln Percy. .il think Mr. Glover is "Oh. youldo!" snecred Roh "You'v got more hrass than Johnny Glover him
gelf. Now. Charle Prekins and pose, to have Charlif Perklns and I promatter. We are hoth on the commlte to bulld and ft the boat for the race. I
tell you fellows that we won't stand any nonsense, if Hal does.: won't stand an "Good for you ynunk Rurton," sald Taylor. Who was himself lliching to driti linth the
shop.



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 hisws of delipht his quieted dren pand and jof. Harry and hiss mothith knew
their affer of home to Rover for the re Rut he was sis hapry he could not to

The School Days of Your Fathers
manton marlowe
Boy stood on the hurnin' deck.' and Tras midnight the his guarded tent-we
 CHE THOCSANIS of elty schoolboys - the dows when this the boys and girl spoke pleces on Friday afternoons in
the deestrict" schoolhouses of long ago
of schoolhouses now. and no doubt Mary
lamb is still itroted out in some o them. and the little folks still tell about so." But time has wrought a good many
changes in the "deestrict" school as well changes in the deestrict school as we
as in the city and town school. and new
pleces have taken the place of The Boy Stood on the Burning peck and Bingen
on the hhine. Fine old pleces they Were, and we were ner tired or hear
ing them when $I$ was a boy lin a country
school. those old pleces lifted up their wotces in
the halls of Congress in their later year Some of them berame gorernors of thet
natile states, and more than one pres
ldent of the lunted States recelved
lde
on
sht


lithe red sohoolhouse in New
when hot up and spoke
itike to see a litte dos.

And pat him on the head
so prettily he wags his tail
torical gentus in embryo should ora
said, but his unrily tongue tripped him ne to see a ilttle dog.
Then when the untefling people
laughed he began over again and said. And head him on the dog
Then he fed to his seat. where his good
and sympathetic mother comforted him. and sympathere ever ready on comfort the
as mother
hoys when overtaken by the painful and boys when overtaken by the painful and
mortifying things of the world. that time become your mothers would be sure to speak,
Inttle drops of water, Hitle grains of Make and. mighty ocean and the pleasant Your mothers may not know that the
whor of that immensely popular little plere. Mrs. Julla Carney. is still livin Illinnis. She wrote her famous little porm in the year 1845 whlle teaching
arhool in Roston. Mrs. Carney was at that timn Miss Julla Fipteher. and she phonography. The writer is so fortunate in Mrs. Carnpy's own hand at the ake of elphty one Others have taken from and
added to the poem untll one does no often see the original version. In the
last verse of the original version Mrs. Ittle deeds of kindiness,
Heln to make earth happy,
like the heaven above.
"Bingen on the Rhine". was a grea
pacorite with hoth hoys and girls on houses. hut not many nof the glins At
tompted "The Roy Stond on the Burning

nd hut the bonming shat repllen, Then the hoys wruld speak "The Sn

## Of A $\dot{m}$ monarch op all 1 survey. My right there is none to disnut

Pe."
annke
"Rien

her that when I was a hoy we once ha
a gnod laugh when guiten ifaf nid ken
tleman was among the visitors who cam
In on one of our "speaking afternonns.
and one of the boys was announced t
speak "Spartacus to the Gladiators." He
fld so with tremendous gusto. and" when
the old gentleman wan asked to ..make
a few remarks" he complied with the re.
quest, and in the course of them he nprkf
In high praise of "the young gentleman
who had dectaimed spartacus to the
Hanny days they were in the old
achonlhouse. Ynur fathers and mothers
Hanny days they were in the old
shonlhouse. Ynur fathers and mothers
who were pupils there will tentify to Wha were puping there will tentiy io
that. Put nur present schonl system is hefter than was that of the days of long
aRo. and the hny whi does not make the


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 fureyy ratenimg tuat arms hat iyng thong. This done, hice inserted the wedge chagrined warriors from theinsed the
position. windins the position winifng the end of the rope
infund the blork so that there was no
possiblity of their escape. Mrs. Claterthg was upon her knees, verance and ther ouerthrow of thetr en-
emles. Even Maggie's sweet. innocent emles. Exen Maggies sweet. innocent
fare was fult of.solemn kladness.
My brate bny. said the mother . have saved our iives, and we hatd better
died here than run the Cand here that run the tauntlet in cabln has bepn burned, and all dor prop-
erty is destroyed. We will take repuge in the fort at
the village for the present and by an-



"B
 keep a sharp lookout for our
sakes as well as your own, for what nould little Maggice and I do if what
the Mrs. Clavering stood in the door of their daugher cotage, with her six-year-
old daughter Maggie beside her. while
Robbie, her son, manly youth of six-
teen. was balancing an axe on his teen, was balincing an axe on h1s
shoulder. preparatory to starting for the
forest. where for g week now he had been busy gathering and
from the budding maples.
It was incentral New Ha
It was in central New Hampshire. dur-
ing the long-away days of the eighteent ing the long-away days of the ejghteenth
century. The indan wars were not yet over. and the scalping knife and torture
'ost were still the nightly and dally
dread of every man, woman, and child in the frontler settlements. Mrs. Claver-
ing and her family. who had followed the tide of emigration from the more helr new nuarters nearly two years un disturbed, but for the past month or two
inere had been fearful rumors of devastation on the border, and efery day
the itite settlement of canterbury, far un on the smilling Merrimack, expected "Don't fear for me, mother," answered
nobble. bravely. "I shall bee as safe in
the wonds as here the wonds as here. ${ }^{2}$ have my axe and
riffe. and can take care of myself."
"well, good bye. When you hear the harn sound come home to dinner. And if
you think of it you may hring me some
of thnse hemlock twigs for a broom need an new one." gie.: And whlstling cheerlly. waiked away to his lonely task in the
forest. All that forenoon the lad was busy
carrying and bolling the maple sap Which was fowing freely in the warm April morning. It wis betore the days nf th buckets and aine evanorators. and
the ploneers way of dolng business was
rathertive. In the frst place a number of troughs were hewn from pmplar wood. These
would last two seasons. Holes were
bored Into the maples on the south side. bored Into the maples on the south side.
about a foot from the ground, and spouts abade of sumac or pine inserted to con-
mact the sweet fuid into the troukhs.
duct The sap was bolled in two large ket-
than surted by a woden har placed
horizontally across two crotehed sticks irlven into across the ground. crotched sobhle has had
hult a ruile covering nver the kettles two sides of which wre protected from san season was a trery niensant nne to
nohhte, the most pleasant in fart of the whole yor. The boy was nevor hap-
nler than when the warm days of march nler than when the warm days of March
approarthed and the frat notes of the
blue bird betokened the coming of san thme To gather the Awoet fuid. itnd
the ires. and make candy of the in-
gnissated Hinid unon the white snow were cheerful experiences In his young
IIfe.
During the season we are spenking of. During the season we are spenking of
nugar time was late. Rohbie tapped his
frst tree the second day of Aprlit but as Arst tree the gecond day of Aprlli: but as
if to gione for lat cedent. with a regularity beyond all pre-
Anose who are conversant he seamon 1s distingulished by what are freaing tlme followed hy two ory three
warm days. Sometimes a "run". will continue a werk. but usually threp or
four days is the limited time. and then angues a siorm. or another cold snap. again. first run that Robble had lasted nine days. and as he had nearly a hunpnough of lt On several nccaslinns he
had bnlled all night. He whs nbllept to Rlve his whole attention to the husiness.
This he could conveniently din. as his mother was well and strong prough to The ninth day, was the hest of all. How the san did run! Nonn was consliferably ted and all the holdera were full. He Had tha horn anunded and he falled to hear it? It must have been so. he falled to warn him nif the hour of noon. Fither he had not heard it. ar his moth. rible. negifet porehoded something terHe grasped hiagun and startorito on
home at once. alarmer hy the thnught that prespnted itself, hut after going a counle of rods he rotracft his atens,
threw down his fintinck. and aplzed the
are.
"I will work halr an hour longer" he
thought Wof course at's at right. Ticre
is nothing that could have happoncul. is nothing that could have happoncd.
Mother is only a 1tile late, that ald
shall hear her sound the horn pretty soon." now busied himself in spliting
meveral logs of wood that lay before the door of the sap-house. They wire prot-
ty rough customers, according to rustic parlance, and he was oblyed to resort
to wedge and beetle to surcessfully op-
erate upon them. At last only one of the erate upon them. At last only one of the
logs remalned uncleft. This one was very crooked in its grain. and of a hird and stubborn
growith, and. despite his most strenuous
exertions. seemed to defy him. His axe exerthons, secmed to defy him. Atenuous
scarcoly made an impression upon the springy wood. and the wedge would fly
from the finty los. as if controlled by wome adverse splrit. But he worked on With a win. and at last succerded in
effecting an opening. though the wond
stubhorny resisted his efforts to be cloven entlrely. hard, shtid astick toukh: come apart and as the youth turned suddenly he
found himself confronted by six stal-
wart Indlans. They were brutal looking warliors. their faces hrdeous with
whr paint. and each one bore a musket and pomahawk.
Robert Clavering was no coward, but
if we sald that he did not experience a shudder of dread at the moment, we
should be asserting what was not true. They were enemles, and he knew they were visiting him with no frlendly in-
tentions. But he controlled hts fear with an effort. and answorcd as uncon-
cernedly as possible. letting h/s nxe drop to a pernendicular-iphty it is a
 Cuers not now. White bov nir nilsoner. Walk woods wlth us to Canada.:
and the dusky snokesman shook his tomahawk threateningly ith you " replled "I ought not to go with you," replled
the boy. composedy. "I have a mallicr
and $n$ sister who denend on me for licir and a sister who denend on me ror their
support. They cannot take care of thpport. The ${ }^{\text {In }}$ the wilderness." Whe take
"White boy no see quick. We them. ton; all ko to Canada. Come quick.
we can't walt much of any." was the guttural resnose.
"Come. Robble. don't let them kill you:" sald his mither whom he now notiecil hands bound hrhind her back, and llitir
Mnggie beside her, secured in the same Mngkie
manner.
The boy's breath came rulck. Fis
heart rose up within him nnd calion for vengeance. He saw the names of the
hurning cabln. and nictured the yoars of hurning eabln, and nictured the ynars of
cantluty with all of thit roncomitanls
of horror, and it sefmed to himas though of horror, and
he whuld rather die at onfe than under
go all their tortures. His mother and slater must be resstied ton. He Holld
never live to see his little. laughing. golden-haired Maggie the squaw of one
of those savage warriors. Ths mother's
white hairs should not be brought down in sorrow to her grave. were six to one againgt him, each one a
strong-armen. hrawny brave. with whom ste could not hrve coned successisully in
a trinl of strength. His rife was beyond atrin of strenger
his rach. nor could he have used it if
he had held it in hts hand. Cunntng was the only reanrt left him by which he
 Take scatn. ynu no mine gutck." "Well. I wh go with you." bie, with all the sank-froid he could
muster "But dislike to leave my work like to burn this wood. so ald me, you and your compantons. in forcling this
log asunder which $I$ have tried in vain to..split." do that pasy." answered the
 you no speak about it before? Salf
what youl. want first we have him split Pore now." "Iny how then with all your strength. and we when wee what can be
done. fit is a contrary wood. and you mist pult hard." like mighty," grunted
 Klless: and the arcommodating ret men
ali 1 in hold of the nnen seam whleh the wedge had already atarted, and atrained "Pull harier, all tngether now." crled
Robhie. and hin atructs the emberded Robhle. and hr atruck the embenided
wedge with his axe. adroltly knocking it from its nlace. consternation and pain A mad cry of consternation and pain
rose from thn Tndiana hs the y vaning
seam closed like n vise upon thelr finseam closed like n vise unn thelr fin-
gers. Tho late they saw the trap that
he ant the flameg of the burning cabin. and pictured the tearg of captivity


Robble took the precaution before he went. however. to conflscate all thelt son, and fortly with directed his steps to-
ward Ciough's Fort at the getlement ward Clough's Fort at the settlement. hree miles distant. By the midale of at the blockhouse, where they were wel-
comed by the kind setlers, and accomoomed by the kind settlers,
on hearing nobble's account of the
apture of the slx indians. Captaln capture of the six indians. Captaln
Clough. after congratulating him upon his explolt, set out tmmediately whth a
few of his men to bring tine warriors to lie fort. This was accomplished with out trouble: and the red men were held
is prisoners of war untll they were ex-
changed for an equal number of whites changed for an equal number of whites
who were held as cantives by the French uthoritles at Quebec The following summer a hand of
whites. under the command of the famats Captain Lovewell. went into the Our Robsie whas wit of the savage foe.
Onditier in the ex: rodition, and at the battle of Pequakeept.
ho exhibited the courage of a true inho exhibited
dian fighter.

## FOR THE FLAG

 (Continued from page sos.) What you for Charlie Perkins? Ron Burton And you Charlie Perkins?" sald Percyurning to the hoys he named. "Your kins and I'd like arieked Roh. To twit a fellow with his father's misfortunes:" "Well, then, he needn't set himself up against me." sald percy sullenly ral about there, hoys, Don't let us quan setil the matter
in gond time." joined in Harry n. . G Ond time." joined in Harry. "Fuerything proken, lad," sald Taylor
will get the hnat."
glaht and the club "Never!" shrleked Percy. And catchng lip a healy hroad-axe he with a
nnterinl blow, sent the shars tool through
the of the boat. making a jagged "You voune acountrcl"" roared Taylor And. as Percy raised the ase for anothier
hlow. Ifarry-soming for the moment ondowed with the strength of a glantdoor Into the sparkling waters of the Percy shouted ion heln the building. Percy shouted for heln. But as the help was given lilin. And he foundered
out the hist way he could. With dripping clothes, and accomparted. woing vengeance upon Harry contemplating the wreck. You served him just right: But, my! "I'm sorry that i permitted my temper to get the best of mermitied my temper
to the boat, I can easily repair that, and make it as good as new."
(To be continued.)

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Poise of the body just before going over the bar







 Corleges. Thel are members or no revu-


 fortunate in the make up of their teams.
and might be sald to be a litle better
of than many of the ather sele off than many of the other schools.
They have a great athlettc following.
and they seem to be a great attraction
for all young fellows athletically infor all young fellows athletically in
clined. They have a large number of
students to plak from. and have the finest coaches in the country. Andover
is the prep for Yale. and Exeter is the
prep for Harvard. and each your some each school. and there help the boys
in their contests. Of the other private schools that have
shown up well is the Mercersberg Academy the school which won the
Interscholastic Track and Field Champlonships of America. This year Mer-
cersberg ook a northern irip. ithe frsi One in April. and made an envable
late and and
showing against many of the northern schools. Lawrencevilie ilkewise played
fine bail and besides defeating many of the principal schools. played a fentin-
ning tle game with the strong Princeton While these private schools might be placed in a class by themselves in the been lacking among the various High
Behools of Manhatian and Brooklyn. me season just closed has been the
mosteresting since the formation of probably never so many star ball plare
ers in the rank of the high shools as
this year. this year. Erasmus Hall High school
proved liself the champlon team and players estabilshed an Interscholastic
record by going inrough ine whole sea-
son without a single defeat cess of the Frasmus Hall boys Was due
to the fire all a nund work. They had plenty of team play. Each boy
seemed to know how to play the game
like a regular old timer. and all were pretty good with the stick. The captain no exaggeration to gay the star of the
whole Interscholastic League, was back Sibley. Sibley has been playing schoolboy certainly knows all the fine
points of the game. This year un-
doubtedy mond. and whs his finest on the dia-
Erasmians are expecting to college the
areat things
ore Eramians are expecting great things
of him. His position on the team is
itcher, and the way he handles him. pitcher, and the way he handles him.
self in the box is responsible for his
 anlerted. has fine speed. and curves.
ond from time to time mixes in a slow and from hime to time mixes in a slow
ball that has caused conslderable truu-
hle to the opposing batsmen. His great headwork savosing batimmen. His gratit from working his
arm out, so that when the batter faces
 ane showing of the EErasmus bue to the
he schoolboys in the Manhattan Dit the schoolboys in the Manhattan Dls.
irict are claiming the championship. feated all they may. for they have de-
rict as well os the chools In the dis. of Philadelphia, the central Hiph school Quaker boys can play state. Ane. too. for the ows that Jark Knight. the ychoolboy first played on the Athletics and is now eady he has succerded in proving him-


nected that they will show thelr true
Judging from the reports that dally
come from the Far Weat ft anpars that the climate, or the athletes. In a great
many Instances, must be far superior

 son. ihe west clialm that walter John


 of to itis star its thertorianees create
 nings, fintither feat was the striking
 Young Johnson is ninetcen years oid
and a natice of Californla. which has
produced many fine ball players. He is produced mand as strong as the proverblal ox cor in his pitching. it is thought tha !eague. and there with Brown. of the
Chicago Natlonals and Christy Mathewplenty of npportunity to show. hils class. tures of the Intercolleglate boat race a appearance of the Lnited states Naval
Academy boys. It is true that Uncle Sam's boys did not wiln. but in finshing ognized leaders in rowing in America. hely established a record for themdets go in for rowing, and it is safe to
sas that they take as much interest in their crew as they do in their football
tpam. Eery year they hold races wilt
Dennsyluania and sometimes Fale and Harrard. and
in a majority of instances won wictorie in a majority of instances won victories.
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row all thelr racrse the course is always



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sin. Sy racuse, fransivania, and George-


 the lower Iludson was giving his Inter
ested hearers many a scene in fox hunt
ing and many a fart concerning lify
nardo so many. inderd. that when fnaty
he arose to mo to licd he found it was almast timic to gri hod he found it was
again. says a writer in the New work
Press. of the youngir members of the party
as they sat irowsy from the exceeding
comfort of the evening hearth and had
drawn them ont into the night for action
hat suggested the nld farmer's remin iscences. Those who listoneris mulling
cider nnd roasting chestnuts found thelr
inabilly for inactivy consoled in liret

 he would not meet the schoolboy's eyes
with the savage klare of all the cat kind
whin cornered, nor with the nryink. im-
purdent peerlne of the weasel and its
 No. Mr. Fox. it appeared. remained
onwncast and fumpish. though. snme.
imes making the quickest, neatest use of a splendid set of tceth upon any nose
or naw that invadod the houne op his
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A quarter of a mile tarther on he came
to a rlse. and here he paused panting
with exertlon whlle he levelod the glass With exertion whlle he levelcd the glass
toward the objects seen ahead. The tele.
scope. small as it was. brought the scene

N






 in plates and cup
 sullen anger iney had filished eating they
rase when
rest




 Didch way scarcely elghten, while Joe
hat brely reaced his majortity They
hat had hen rrends for years, and had set
out riom central Missouri together to
or
 destination and urged that they push on
ahnad of the train of emigrants they
 dut the danger of cravelling aline through
 arose, and Joe denounced bick as a cow.






 Dhec shut his lins while a warm nowior
swept over his countenance. For a mo-
 satd at fensh hi it wish from my heart
inat never set out on the journey with
you. -That is easily mended." broke in Jooe.
 wathout more ado he cllmbed into the of Chening, Dankets and other thing
 hie that Joo meant to loave nitm there in
the midst of the desolate plams. with no
 setyement Ye. was no doubt that Joe
 rectis. you mean it, Joe?" asked Dlek, a
 fist chance you get.ished remouing the things beionging

 then storpared. treating wagon.
But ${ }^{\text {woe. if he heard, made no reply. }}$
He cracked the whip vigorously over the
 in acloud of dustinst the stunted cotton-

 nalds it was only a dark speck in the
metst of nebulous mass of rising dust
then it vanished behind a rise in themen Dick Henderson was alone. As far as
the eye could reach no living thing was visible. He was stunned, and long after Joe and his wagon had vanished irom
sight he stood gazing in a sort of help
less manner across the plain. less thanner across the plain.
At last he seated himselfat the foot of
the tree and tried to think calmiy of his struation. It might be dayss and days
hefore any one would pass that way. There was but one trann on the trail be-
hind so far as hee knew. and that was
stopped in the Arkangas river valley for stopped in the Arkannas riner valley for
a season of rest before attempting to a season of rest betore attempting to
cross the desert that lay before. And in the meantime. What should he
do? At any moment some band of in-
dians might pass that way, and, seelng
him alone he knew enough of their na-
ture to rallize that they would not hesi-
tate to attack him Among his effects was a rifle and a
quantity of anmuntion. He took the riffe, loaded it carefully and set it where
he could nlace his hand on it at a mo-
ment's notice. Then he walked about the ments notice. Then he walked about the
little valley, making an inspection of the a short distance away, and, ascending
this. he stood looking aross the plain.
Fand Faintly, to the southwest. a litile cloud
of dust could be seen rising from the
trafl as Joe journeyed on his course to he far-away gold fields. Disappointment, regret and remorse struggled in
the breast of Dick. He thoukht of all
the plans he and Joe had made, and of all their hopes and joys and hardships.
He wished over and over that he had not allowed himself to be drawn into a guar-
rel with Joc. He might have avoided it.
but now it was too late. Joe had gone on without him, and all the plans he had come to naught ${ }^{\text {He would wait till some passing train }}$
came and then iry to get some one in it came and then ryd hise effects hack to
to carry hima and While these thoughts
Council Grove. were passing through his mind he climb-
ed to the highest point of the litile knoll. As he ran his eyes to the southwest over
the trall he agann saw the dark speck and its nebulous cloud of dust. It seem-
ed to htmas he looked that it had drawn
closer than it was when hr looked in that direction a few minutes hefore.
Could it be posible that Joe had recovturning?
The thought had scarcely come to
Dick's mind when something elsemet his with a sudden thrill of apprehenslon Bemond the spot where Joes wagon was
moving across the plain. a dark. Indistinct line was moving, and as Dick gazed
at it the truth flashed upon him in an intant. A band of indians was approach-
ng Joe's wagon. There could be no doubt of it. Dick stood as if transfixed, a Poor Joe! He would be at their mercy.
alone and far out on the open plain. instant all anger and resentment disaphe must go to Joe's ald.
For a moment he strained his eyes
along the windlng trail. Joe had turned
back and was urging his team at fulf raped pursuit. Dick ran to the spot where he had left
his rifle. His frrt act was to selze a canteen and fill it with water. Slinging
this across his shoulder, he took his rife
and belt of ammunitlon and was about to urn away when his eyes fell on a small
shy glass 1 ying among his traps, one that
had been a present to him from Joe. He had been a present to him from Joe.
thrust it into hts pocket. and then
was running swiftly along the trail.


Where the Comanches would pass if they
should nake another circle , nad here he should make another circle, and here he
paused a moment. His heart sank with-
in his breast as he sitw the dark line swinging agtain around the circle. He
qulekly stretched himself in a litie holquickly stretched himself in a little hol-
low. while the muffed thunder of pound-
ing hoofs rolled with sullen sound across the plain. Nearer and nearer came the pounding of hoors. Dick held his breath
in an agony of suspense. for he realjzed
that discovery meant death. He did not dare to lift his head. Death. He did not
dals fat in the blistering sun a prey to a sickening sense
of faar. There was a moment of awful
suspense. then the band had swept by. passing so close to where he lay that he
caught a glimpse of the palnt on their
hideous faces and felt the earth vibrate As the storm of hoors swang feet.
line of curling dust-clouds lay in, a long line of curling dust-clouds lay in serpen-
tine colls lehind. and leaplng into this.
Dick ran with it as the wind carried it
toward his destinaton toward his destination. More than two
hundred yards was thus gained, end this carried him rar over the line traversed
by the Indians in their circle. Hls heart beat high with hope now, and sinking to
the ground as the dust-cloud was dissolved, he crawled rapldyy on his way.
Fvery moment the band of Comanches
were drawing were irawing further and further away.
and this lessened his chances of being
discovered. Fortunately band swept round to the northwest they werr for a moment concealed from view the opportunity. Dick leaped to his feet
and ran with ali the speed he could muster. Then, just before they came mus-
view. he again sank down and began worming himself along the hot earth.
A feeling of exultation and thankfulness swept over him, for he was now so
close to the wagon where Joe was gar close to the wagon where Joe was gar-
risoned that it would be impossible for the lndlans, should they discover him. to
prevent his reaching dt. He might have leaped to his feet and ran boldly the in wiew. Ife did not wish the Comanches t: know of his coming. so that when he
should suddenly appear inside the garrison
dians
ne
help was near Crabtrec, unmindiul tha help was near at hand lay against the despair tugging at his heart. Again he
swept the Dlain with his glance. hop-
ing thit some train misht appear in ing thit some train might appear in burning plains met his gaze.
He might be ahle to hold the Indans
at bay, he thought. but when darkness should come it would be an easy mater
for then to steal upon him and then the end would come. No one might ever
know of his fate. He thought of his father and mother living peacerully of the preril that surrounded him. and the lears sprang into his eyes. shart pang of remorse tugged at his
heart If Dick were only wlit him now
He bowed this head hlm. Then he was attracted by the
sound of a slight movement behind hin. Heturned with a sudden thrill of terror, had stolen upon him. for maty believe the evidence of his Vision. Stretehed on the sands, almost
dit his elhow. was Dick Henderson! For a moment everything seemed turn-
Ing in a mlaty whirl. Then he felt the "I have had a pretty close run to get
to you without butling into the Indians..
Dick said but I kinder slld under and Dick said.."but I kinder slld under and
here 1 am.
"And 1 iI am a coward, Joe" replled Dick. "I
could fust fecl my hair rising on cnd. but
I just had to come. And now let us get to work." to work with a shovel brought
He fell that
from the wagon, and Joe sprang to his irom. Ine a short, and Joe sprang to his they had scooped
out a long ditch in the sundy soit end out a long diteh in the sandy soll, pnd
into this they crept just as the Indians
made another circle. As the Coman made another circle. Ast the Comanithes
circled about them something strange ocCurred. Suddenly two forms arose from
ile trench ind fred. The two had bare-
iy disappeared when what appered be two others rose from a difperent part of the trench and fired, and this was kept
10 thill the wondering savages pully be-
lieved that not less than half geore whites held the garrison.
plainsman a back in councli Grove. an ond cd Dick, as the bapfed Indians withdrew
and disappeared in the distance, "and it

Joe sank down on the sands and laugh-
in sheer transport of joy, holding II whands. you to stay with me. Dick." he sald, "and I want you to sorter take
charge of things and look after th.
whole outfi. Now we'll drive back in the creek and get your things and wail

## Boys and the Saloon

The Mayor of Boston lately sought the
views of a half dozen school boya about stopping
He said:
"Well, J'm golng to let the boys of the
school tell me what they think of the The next day half a dozen of the boye. ranging from ten to hfteen years of age,
called on the mayor. Each boy gave
some reason why he belleved the saloon to the last one. a youngster of twelve.
He looked at the mayor squarely in the eye. and gave as hayor reason:
My school gives me a cha
Mayor och Boston some day. the saloon
cant. It think us boys ought to have all
the show we can get to be mayor That's
the show we can get to be mayor. That's
The mayor threw himgelf back in his
chair and laughed heartlly then, straisht-
en!ng up. he sald to the last spokesman:
ening up, he sald to the last spokesman
My boy you have said more than did
all the politicians and the teachers.
all the politicians and the more than did
shall have the show to be mayor. Thau
aaloon wlll have to quit business at once."


## Chats With Big Americans

 For Young Americans

No. 8-WM. A. PINKERTON A MaN was hugging the roor of the express car lising almust fint on
his ace. His hands were sharply
lenched about the edge of the footboard. and his bout was pressed so
closely to the planks that from the ground he the planks that from the roots were deserted. He was completely
alone. The quick eager glance he darted

his face.
Train was whirling oover the ralls
at ate of 50 milles an hour. when lie rassed himself cautlously to his eltow. cloth bag and fis body he drew a rough
hand and hand, all he could spare. The
The bag at last was opened. From its
mouth a coil of stoutly woven rope was iron hook was attached sharp-pronged The man's brier smile of satisfaction tated pistening Then. stralghtening himself to a sitting position gith the
hit same cautiousness he had exhbitted be-
fore. he began a series of brisk, resolute movements.
The hook th his hand was supped
frrmy under the footboard. and he tugged
briskly on the rope unti he was con vinced tis held copuld not he was con-
Then. with the coll of rope doubled unbag again. A roughn a saure of of the the
cloin came to two solited stings danging
from it ends.
He knotted the cords be-
hind his head. and the hind his head. cords be-
cloth fell down over he face. showing three narrow
Bilit
for his eyes and It was a black mask.
There was
hesitation $W$ With furin hanging ioosely the rope hand. ne crawled stealthily
toward the edge of the roor.
For an instant only, he
granced below him. toward the ground. seeming to fall
away from under the fiash ing wheels or the train car-in its center direculy
beneath. a
window. His had planned well. With a sudden tikhten-
ing of his lips, he silipped the end his the he siliped
the sole of his she Ther
next next second, with the train
making a speed of nearly A mile a minute, he neary
himself into space! A crash of proken glass
brought he express
mes. senger in the car sharply
to his feet. His started
face face was turne upward-
to see tone of the most dis.
concerting sights of his career.
Through the broken window the body or a man man
was thrust the face covered by a grim mask in in
one hand was the sleam of
 a harse voice rasped. Up
with then. I Say, and be
quick about It!. The messenger had seen
setwice the
among the tain
robers of the west who
 erward. He was accustomed to think battle wounds flisfiguring his face. You and act quikk Iy, he sprang toward the
bellith nope. That was his answer. An angry exclamation burst from the
Hps of he man in the window. and the
next ing sharny.
The messenger's hand dropped to hls
side. shatterref and a stream of blood spurted from thr wound.
His face whitened and he reeled drunkenty. Then his left hand flashed jerky serics ot shots in return.
The man wh mary pallsed musingly. who course, you boys Nm. A. Pinkerton, the noted detective? train robber pehave ever known. ${ }^{\text {and }}$
 he besun his operations fifteen minutes "In the excitement. he had not heard
the ngine whistle. He had scarcely replipd to the messenger's fre when the
fraln came to a sudden halt. It had

reached its next station which he had
thought was still some distance anead. "His game was upp Escape, not booty, Was now his, hite though. npringing
to the ground, he dodged around the car.
at the point of his smoking revolver, he drove the engineer and fireman from a
loromotive on an aujoinink track. and turning on tull spect, he sent the engine spinning over the rails. added. as an after thought. made him a prisoner before the day was over.
and ask? Not at ank than hapened in the very
much civilized state of New York, near the thriving eity of syracuse, back in-
letis see just fitten sars ago: Mr. Pinkerton and his father, who
founded he.famous pinkerton detectuve bureau, you must know. boys, haye had
a handin running to earth nearly all of the notorious tratin roblicrs who have
figured in American history since the cull war. Aow is that fory a record or
exctiment and danger and crisp advenDon't you belleve that Mr. Pinkerton
ought to be crammed to his. finger tins ought to he crammed to his finger thps
ithh thrning sores, and woulnt yuu
iike to hear some of them? Wouldnut you think you were dreaming to talk
face to face with a man who chatted with the ease of an old acquaintanceship
of Jesse James, and the Younger brothers. and the Reno gank. and the other
famous desperadoes, whose names were wont to strlke terror in half a dozen No. Mr. Pinkerton ts not a feroclous
appearing man, with the scars of old rornia
years
sentus

rarnia mountalns abo cars ako and seemed to thenty-fice
enlus for bobbing un thent laces and doobbing up in unexpected When a holdap was atritute trat him. Pubitc opinion at once made up tis mim.
Hat the perpetrator would never be cadturd. always worked alone. He was heter seen with a companion, hut when he was always in command of the situa-
tion. No one seemed to think of resisting ${ }^{-H}$ He was nea linen duster, and instead of the usual mask, he generally wore an old thour
sack over his head. His felt hat was hattered that it looked a good deal like a!t. he certainly could not have been ac"But his chitef delight seemed to be in conducting it hold-up as though it was a known to lose his polite manner. He inand was never known to rob one of his revolver on any occasion. alchoust when there was a reluctance in obeylng his eyes and his volce took on anedinto his eyes and his volce took on an expres-
slon wich always resulted in the viccommands.
"All in all, something like twenty-

## corded even in those stormy frontler days were credited to Black Bart

## THE WERE WOLF AND THE REAL WOLF ${ }_{A B B C G B}^{H_{B A K R}}$

 Nond

 their sreans on the the tee and bowing
 onh father! rather:", cried the three

 orten promised to t evening that you were eoing to toth the Come and stit by the fire and tell us the
 grieved over the skeptlcism which bis
laush berraed.




 lands and the grace. whid orish




 of curtainty smiled at her tonn me daugher. tif we were in ivening in macter the tharknoss datk frot thro hours, mean that the sum would have Quite that early Up in the your mother nan wert worn, he mountann at about nine in he morning. hl you were ther



Sweden of ine scourge of the wolves.
ind what is my life in comparlson Wuch a blessing?' and grasping the sharp anife more firmly he gashed his body
again and agan until the spurting blood
prom to was carried back by the flerce
winds almost into ing wolves. The the faces of the near-
Thesh smell of blood
but crazed the starving animals and they leaped forward tarving animals and they
ing spaedom sight they of course did not ing spaedom sight they of course did not
see the awful chasm. but Just as they
reached him the Were wot gave a cry of victory and leaped over it into
hls watery grave. Rushing furiously
forward in thetr forward in thetr haste for the blood, the
oncoming wolves fell headiong into the seething death below.." ${ }^{\text {Oh my }}$ Wasn't that dreadfut?" said tender-hearted Chrlatina who
eagerly devoured every word of the story.
I will talle is only a myth, my dear, bu that did voluntarlly shed its blood to
save a $11 f e$ though not in any such a Whas a farmer and lived on the edather the forest which covers the mountains
of Harjehogna. How vividiy recalion green flelds of rye, and oats, and barley.
It sometimes seems that there are no
such beautifully green fill such beautifully green fields now as
those were. The house was a small one story and a half cottage, and, like all of
the out-bulldings. was painted a bright
red color. We kept and sheep, and in common and cows, the neighbors around us we lived in constan
dread for the cattle from the wolves of
the nearby mountain. "But one morning my brother and
wre going through the pastures afte the cows when we heard the faintest,
weakest, Hitle cry. We thought it was a lost lamb, and began looking for it tiny grey wolf. Such a wee, ilttle wolf
as it was, it could not have been more
than a few hours old most piteous manner. After some con-
sultation we took it in our arms and carried it to the house, determining to

## to see him, but toward the south. After he rises In the morning he

horizon for a few hours, glving sort of light even on the brightest dayy
and then glides back behind the hills
athout half-past two, leaving the worl abouthal-pastrlete darkness for elgh-
up there in comple
tern hours. "Well. I should say so!" efaculated
magnus. "and 1 should think that everybody would grow most awfully tired of
the dark." "They do." assented hls father, "and
that is one reason that there are so many folk lore stories told in the Penin-
sula. During the long, dark hours of the cold winter evenings no one wants to be
in the streets and the people ait by their
fresides and wile away the hours untll bed time with stories. I rememher hearpather were they the S Swedish falries?:

 people to whom were attributed every
thing supernatural or mysterious that came Into existence. It narrated that
one evening the gods. came down to eartmal mother had heen barents. That day and had let her large family of children
go without washing thelr faces. When She saw the delties coming she rished
into the yard and quickly wast as
many of them as she could and those she cluster of nearby growing trees so that
the deltigs might not see them. But the once and were so greatly ofrendeed that
they and that as the children had heen invisible to them. they should remain
through all of the rest of time invisithle
 nader met hnt min wh in


and staldly walking behind old Blossom as she came home at nlghts. Of course he nelghborhood, and there were thoso e was foollsh.
"rou'll regret keeping that wolf with
our cattle gome of these fhe dayg when
ts too late. Neighbor Magnus." they its too late. Nelghbor Magnus," they
would say. Thats a fine helfer and
some night she will ome night she will turn up missing and
you'll find that your gentle young wolf
has torn her to pleces and made of has torn her to pleces and made off to hls
native lair." "It rather troubled father to have gentle as a kitten and the woif was as were most
careful to feed him only milk and cooked meats he feed him only milk and cookerd thought. As for we chlldren wee were
devoted to him. When we went to the pasture where he was with the calf he ut he would leave us at any time for the "It was in the spring when we found ratrs continued. Every morning the te and every evening he walked back stretch of land that peached to the foot ravine, at the bottom of which was a
swift fowing stream. This was onely part of the farm a long ways from "One evening In the latter part of Sep-
tember when the cows came home for mllking we were horrifted to hind thrit
the helfer and the wolf were not with
them. We boys ran through the pal ures calling willdy, Romulus: Remus! Romulus! Remus: but we could And no trace of elther of
them. "'It's just as ${ }^{\text {I }}$ sald it would be,
Ived next Magnus, lived next door and who chanced to be at
the house on an errand. A wolf's born
with wolfs show it in time. I'm only surprised that
he hadn't killed that heifer before this.' e children were inconsolable, but he answedish tre was stirred.
rool. I might, I guess I was a the taste for blood would that
itself sooner or later. If I could
just kill the little pugrateful
whelp I wouldn't feel so bad
about about the loss of the helfer. ${ }^{\text {JJa }}$
ried in then the hired man hur"Here is the wole coming now
and he is all covered with the
blood of the calf. that he has killed and eaten her. sure enough, corning up the lant
was our Remulus wolf. limping along, hls head and body covertd
with blood. his tall trailing dejectedly. Father sprang quickly
to.the wall where his rifie hung exclaimed, he'll not kill-ane! he he of my animals, and almost be-
forewe had time to utter a word
he ran into the yard and shot he ran into the yard and shot
him dead.
!' 'Now, boys,' he said, turning to us, we wllit ho said, turning
and see if we can find any pare
of the heifer: he fur have eaten all of her.' could not
"He and the hired fuly. Just on the other sorrow- of
the ravine in the edge side or est we came to the place where
ine struggle had occurred, but a
glance at it exonerated the poor There In a closer cluster of
trees latd the dead calf, her body
torn and bleeding but torn and bleeding, but beyond
her were the dead bodies of three
wild wolves, more torn and gory than that of the torn and gory
uprooted ground and shile the showed how flerce the fight had
been between the calrs valiant
defender and her assallants. Wity saw in a moment that the calt
and woit had wandered away
from the cattle to this out-orfrom the cattle to this out-or-
the-way spot and that the three onslaught on the calf? That her life had been given dearly and that her loyal wampanion had fought heroically for her
wodies of the from the condiltion of the srlef and I were overwhelmed with Rrlef and I never saw my pather feel
more badly about anything than that he
had shot the falthful wolf. He had the comport of knowing. however. that the woir could hardly have lived anyway, examined it we found that his body was wolves that it was astonishing he had "sull reach the house at all
soting himer and whenever any one told Wolf who gave his life to drive the
wolves rrom Sweden he would shake his " That is only a myth but we did have
real woir who gave his life trying to




## Robert Fulton, The Inventor

By HUGH D. MONTGOMERIE



Fulton whll at this time we are sure
hemericar boy. the readers of THE
AMt Among the joung men who during ern continent was one Rohliert Eultin
Who later worked as a talor in Phin Mary Smith. This Robert Fulton arter ancaster countsiand became Guentor, was horn. The hingraphies of Elve the exart date of his birth. hut from oel Rarlow. Rt one time American min.
ster to France. he mentions his birth. ng a widow and fied children. inare thre celyed his parly education from his
mother. being taught to rean, write civing to hrlyg up her children to the
tet of her alifity. and Rohert respetaly appears to have anpres
 son, a Quaker, very prectse and digni.
fed. Truth to tell. Robert was some.
thing of a disappointment ktudies. In rake. Mr. Johnson considered
him among the dullest of his mill him among the dullest of his munils. fre-
quently scolding him for inattention. nessons properly prepared.
andimp
very high posttion in the eyrscury or his hoy was lazy ar had no caprincity for
learning. On the onntrary he was never
gaged in play during recess or after
schonl houra. he would be found with
pencel and paper making a drawing of of his school pellows. or whith jackknife The boy's gentus for mokinge. The hoy's gentus for making things
showediselrat a very eary ake. His
spare time was fither spent with his pencll in drawing or in tisits to the the town, where, younk as he was. he ro such detalla of machinery ,
me time spent in study. Ing his lessons vas as much of a trial nflcted. Robert. after a time scems to have concluded that the charge of $n$
lectug his lessons was becoming t frequent. and that the punighments he
was recelving-generally delivered with oftimes undeserved. One day his teacher to recite, ordered him to hold out $h$
hand. paim down. but the boy quiet steadlly in the face. sald: "Sir. I came
here to have something beat. Into my
brains, and not into my hands." Robert appeared in school one afternoon long after the other pupila han annem:-
bled. On the teacher demanding the rea-


 ul incentor not only. bscaped punish
nent for belng late but was warml
ommended for his ingi.nuity. It wa
ot long before all the pupils in th
chool were possessed of pencils mad
 we are not surprised at his remark
Mrs. Fut ons Mis head to so full of
MrIginal notions that there Is Clanber to store. away the contents of
aily dusty books.:
in 178 the Declaration of indep. ndence



 there had been published the following
notice: excessive heat of the wrather.







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 main cuuses of Fulton's future success

 smith shop where he visited atmost datly Ink. but he whulf not toll them. The
boy was much liked by the wormmen
whi
 glving calculations of the force size on
lore and balls. as well as the isstancr
line would carry. ther to the open conmons near hy rot.
ter's feld to shont mat mar on ar

 Congress had at that time contractor mak. and repair the guns "sed hy the Rohs suggesions as to shapec deslgn thd invariably found to be correct
When he was fifteen he incrnted an air
kun which showed murh ingronulty and But technical knowledge. than young inventor. was an enthuslasti-
fitherman and frelurntly Invited the iwn linys to go with him on his excursions
on the Conestoga river. These invita thons were not glven altogether out of
kindness. as the boys were expected to do the work of pollng the clumsy and very
hiavy fithoat. It was hard and tire hege work and young Fulton at once
bekan to plan to make it easier. While
visiting an aunt he made a modrl of a fishing horat to he moved hy and his frjend made a set of paddles to Were attached to a crank placed near
the stern. His invention worked so well Robrrt Fulton had now reached the
age of seevieen and the necessities of the tam think ahout making a llyelihnod.
His tolent for drawing. early showed lt.
self. and the fart that the son of his Renjamin West. was at that time earn

the boy's abilis and manners was
Benamin Franklin. Phtladelpha lasted
Fulton's stay in Phers four years. In his work he was perse
vering. -er aiming oward the highest.
While principally engaged in portralt and
 saved his monne and helpod reliese his
monher of pressing poverts by his gener
osity.




Wrehanceal fenitus took at wide rang
 rhanical drodge which was used to tine.
land for many years To him also is
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bridges and aqueluts.


The subject of navigating boats by
stam was not new
had given yours of labor ban well much ment $Y$ to find at soluthan of the
problem. kut it may be said that all of She inventhins of these men fell short in
practical use.


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Enited states Ministor fo France. In

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Robert Fulton

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|  |  | of steam navigation. He had already: spent thme and money on the sulject. but The acyualntance of hivingston and

Fulton Was to be of the freatest sig. nificance. Fulton had the inventife
genius and a rery happy combination. At once Futwhich should be muwd by nadille wheels.
Fverything was ruady for the tast woused from morning the inventor was roused port that the hoat had broken to pleces.
and gone to the bot tom. The disappoint man was great, but fulton was not the hours of Incessant lalior. Hhe boat was framework, and the rockink caused by While the boat must be rebuitt, lithe. machinery. suon a socond buat was spectators the tral of a multitude of
Fulton was so prow asess. orderud the great English firm of Watt
\& Bulton to linild a steam engine from
his designs and rorward it to him in Fulton returned io his nalle land at
the close of 1806 and began bulding the hrst practlcal Amertican steamboat. She Charles krown. on the East river. New
York during ine sping of
engines having were hat once ditud in the hull and soon
everything was in roalliess for the test. the Hudscen. she was 133 foet long. six-
teen and one-half fect wide. four feet
deep, and liad a capactit of 160 tons. Were. and had a capacity of 160 tons.
The engine had a stam csilinder twenty
finches in diameter and four foot seventret wide wad cight feet deep. On the date of the trial trip. August
1ith, $1 \times 0 \pi$. public
nulfer was given o that a very large crowd assembled at all grat idras and reforms. ille project
was tratid 1 y nany with ridicule. 1 m possilile was the cry or the skepttes. and
on the whar that nioring the crowd
nulalged in all kinds or cries of .l.ulton's folly. jering remarks. money are som partid." and the sarAmid the jeers, sneers, and cate calls of about has work. speting that everything
whs in purfect reidin. order was given to cast off the ropes.
Fulton placed his liand on the controljer: the badde wheels fivolved the thouts
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cold indifirence into fervid enthusiasm. and smerring jgnorance Into unfeigned Thie trial tip diselosed some smalt thed, elermont would make regular salling The dips hetween New fork and Albany: stcamer marde the fourney in 3 3: hours
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oss streets of the lower city, and with beating heart bent his steps in the direction of the well-re membered scene of his early fallure. There it stood, as grim and gray as in his dreams he had pictured it with the old sign across its front and before its door the old turmoil of traflc, greater, he thought, even than in the former days. Entering the store, he recognized one of the porters, but without giving his name or making known his ldentity he inquired if Mr. Graves was still in the employ of the firm.

Yes, he's here. You'll find him in the stock room, sir," was the reply of the porter.

Sir to Thaddeus in the store of Richard Apple ton: He felt not a little elation in the thought, but he lost no time in finding his way to the stock room where, superintending the work of unpacking grea boxes of light hardware that had just arrived, he espied the object of his search. Going directly up to his former chief, he held out his hand.
"This is Mr. Graves?
"Yes, what can 1 do for you? Here, Sykes, put these hinges aside. They are not on the bill. Ex cuse me, sir, but I'm very busy this morning." Graves's manner was a little brusque, but he had called him "sir" and that was enough for Thaddeus.

Don't you remember me?
No, sir, I don't recall ever seeing you before. You have the advantage of me.

Don't you recall a boy that worked for you some years ago, who was a good workman when he came in, but who afterwards got lazy and impudent

Yes, sir, I recall several of that kind. That's nothing very definite. If you had said you were the boy that began right and kept right, that would point you out, but have had sort. Nowadays, the boys are a."
Mr. Graves was growing a little impatient, as his manner showed more than did his words.
"Well," said Thaddeus, "you called this boy "Tad," but on the books it was 'Thaddeus Chapman - "Tan Give me your hand, if you u excuse a dirty one from Give." me your hand, if youn excuse a dirty one from
iend. Mine's been dirty most of the time since left here, but thank God, it has beef clean dirt, and the same brand you are wearing.
Both men laughed
Say, it does my eyes good to see you so healthy and prosperous looking." replied Mr. Graves. "Where did you get that six feet of bone and muscle? And that fine color you didn't get in a city, I'll be bound. Come over to my desk and sit down. Let's have a chat. Sykes, bustle that stuff out. There's a big consignment coming in this afternoon that's got to be put away by night."
With this Mr. Graves led Thaddeus to the rear of the room where, offering bim a chair, the two sat facing each other.
Now where have you been, and what have you been dolng., Struck oll or gold?
"Nelther," replied Thaddeus, and then he told bls story.
"Well, well, did you ever hear anything like that: And here 1 am working away at the same old wages with scarcely a dollar ahead, and looking forward to nothing better than dylng in the harness like an old horse. Say, hat man. I could have done the same thing No use

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now, however. Chapman, I came here a young fellow from up in the country, just as you did. I had heard so much about New York, and how men got rich here, that I couldn't rest until I got among them. You know how I used to work. Well, I am working harder to day than I did then. I haven't ladd up a cent. And here you are-the fellow that I used to boss as a worthless young chap, now rich and in the legislature-and in only six years. The fact is, Chapman, I don't get as much as I did six years ago. The firm promised me a raise, but after Mr. Appleton died there was a new set came in and-...
"Mr. Appleton dead!" exclaimed Thaddeus, halfrising from his seat.
Yes, didn't you hear about it? But of course you didn't, away out in Nebraska. It's a sad story, Chap man. Mr. Appleton died three years ago. I guess his heart broke first, then his health. He dropped dead one day in his office here in the store. Mr Kirk went in that day to counsel with him about something, and there he found him, stone dead. The old man seemed to be expecting something to hap pen, for his private papers were scattered all ove the desk, and they found in his ve, you whin interested in this, they found Sometody eot curious and pasted them tomether found they were mostly old notes and contracts and he held against old emplores and old friends an qualutances for money he had loned triends apd ac had forgiven those fellows their debts. Hut nobudy could find any record of their ever having been paid Then Mrs. Appleton would not hear to anything be ing done with them and-wait a minute. Clark, the bookkeeper can tell something that may interest you I don't want to be mistaken about this."

Then, while Thaddeus sat wondering. Graves disappeared in search of the bookkeeper. He was gone but a few minutes and on his return drew his chair closer to Thaddeus.
"It's a fact, just as I thought. One of those papers was slgned by your father, Lben Chapman. Richari Appleton squared the old man's debt with his pen The bookkeeper has the pieces yet, all pasted to gether. Clark's going to bring this one to you; it's a curiosity."
Thaddeus Chapman sat dumb, his heart in his throat choking his utterance. "Richard Appleto dead! The debt cancelled!" he said to himself.
"You don't seem very glad," sald Mr. Graves. I seems to me a fellow ought to feel good over having his debt paid that way. 1 guess most men would think it a special favor of providence, a stroke of any way, and get out and have a big jollification You're not a blt pleased-
"I am not," declared Thaddeus. "I'll not have i hat kay. A debt's a debt, and 1 promised dad on his death bed I'd pay it, and I will.
"But who will you pay it to? To Mrs. Appleton? Well, Chajman, she needs it, I guess, from wha they say. But she wouldn't touch it. She's dead se against anything that would be against her hus band's wishes, and she wouldn't accept charlty That's a great woman. Chapman. She's the kind that makes you glad your mother was a woman. Thaddeus had a question on his lips. He could think of nothing till it was answered.
"Mr. Appieton, you say, died of a broken heart Mrs. Appleton may need money. What do you mean by that. Mr. Graves? I thought Mr. Appleton was a rich man."
He was once," replied Graves to everybody's surprise when But estate was settled up there was Ittle left but the home, and ther was a mortgage on that! Part of his stock here in the store had to be sold, and what was left for the widow has paid but one dividend in four years. I don't mind tel ing you that there has been bad management here. Don't tell ans body I sajd so. And some of us boys have been wondering how those two women live.
"The two? Then is her daughter still with her?" "Yes, she is. And that brings me to the really sad part. Miss Alice, as we all of us about the store used to call her, was Mr. Appleton's only child as you remember, and she was as nice a girl as eve breathed. She seemed to have all the virtues of both her father and her mother, There wasn't Alice Appleton well, she married and I don't mind Alting you that it n, she maroke her father's heart telling you that it neariy broke her wathers hear. of rood family and smooth and all that Well unce
he was in Mr. Appleton's family it seemed as if the old man was at his mercy. He got him into un profitable investments, and then got himself caugh u a bad scrape, so that Mr. Appleton, to keep the money name clear of scandal, patd a big lump of After that the good Lord struck the fellow days in a pistol fight in a gambling house, and two home, herards he died. Then Miss Alice came reat her life crushed out of her by shame and ill ness. and her father ruined in health and bus in a nt seemed to us that he became an old man when he came into a dinost to look twice at him day about came into the store to recognize him. On told you. He just died of a broken heart. But tell you, Chapman, if I could have a funeral and things said about me like what he had the day they buried him, I would think life at its worst was worth
Thaddeus and the superintendent sat for a mos ment silent, each struggling with his emotions. A last Thaddeus ventured
"You say that they still live in the old home?"
"Yes."
"Do you think they would be willing to see-au old friend?
"I couldn't say about that, Chapman. I have hearn they live very quiet, and don't mo out much. They have given up their horses and carriages, and some one told me the other day that the house was fo sale. You see there's a mortgage on it.
At this moment the bookkeeper came up and Graves introduced him to the visitor
like to see it" said the bookkeeper ing you would like to see it," said the bookkeeper, after a word of greeting
Thaddeus took the paper in trembling hands. I had been put together perfectly, the lines joined and nothing was missing. His father's rough signatire was as black and as scradily as on the day he had put it, big and heavy, at the bottom of the writin there was no mark of cancellation upon its face
"I should like to take this with me," he sald earnestiy, as he finished reading It. Mr. Graves and the bookkeeper looked at each other questioningly
"I can't see as there will be any harm in it." said the latter, after a moment's panse. "The estate' all settled up. Mrs. Appleton and her daughter $2 r$ the only heirs, and they refuse to recognize it. don't see how any one can complain. I guess you may as well take it. I was only keeping it as curlosity. Things of that kind are curiosities thes days."
"Thank you." replied Thaddeus, as he folded the paper and put it into his pocket. "And now, Mr You are buss. You were always busy. Hut there

one favor I want to ask of you. May I look Into Mr. Appleton's private office that was once his?"
Mr. Graves looked doubtful. "I don't know about that. The new head of the firm isn't the most obllging person you ever knew. But I'll find out."
"Tell him," said Thaddeus, "that 1 just want 10 look in a moment.
"All right, l guess f'll work. Come along with me."

The two went up a flight of stairs and to the front end of the floor above. Thaddeus recognized the door. There was another name across the frosted glass. Mr. Graves whispered something to a clerk
on the outside and he passed the word to anoiher, who frowned but stepped to the door indicated and who frowned but stepped to the door indicated and outside, having bidden Mr. Graves good-bye. outside, having bidden Mr. Graves good-bye the messenger when he reappeared.
In another moment Thaddeus stood in the little room.
I beg your pardon, sir, hut I wished simply to stand here a moment on the spot where I was started The me said. blank stare and made no reply, then resumed his work. Thaddeus stood still for a moment. To the man at the desk it seemed like an age. In that moment Thaddeus saw visions through eyes that wer filled with tears.
I thank you, sir, for this opportunity," he said in choked volce, "it has done me a heap of good." mustache, that slightly resembled "all right" or "good day," or anything else Thaddeus might happen to wish. Then Thaddeus withdrew and hurried to the

For a reason that Thaddeus Chapman would hardly have confessed even to himself he lost all interes in the sights and sounds of the city for the remainder of that day. At once on leaving the store he went by the shortest route to his hotel, where, getin the hotel writing room and composed a letter Perhaps others in the writing room noticed the Perhaps others in the wring room noticed the of they did they must have wondered some and per haps questioned if he was entirely in his right mind for no sooner dit he write a sentence or two on sheet of paper than he tore it up, took up another wrote a sentence, tore it up in turn, and so on until the desk and floor about him were fairly littered with scraps. Evidently he was having a hard time of it . for he shifted continually in his chair, tapped his fingers on the desk, mumbled something to him self, and altogether acted like a man very ill at eas or much engrossed in work that puzzled him. A last, however, he sat back in his chair and read ove to himself, with the air of one who had overcome n a great struggle, the following.
Mrs. Richard Appleton,
nadember Thaddcus Chapman, who use o work at the store? Or may be you will remem ber the boy you gave a breakrast to one morning the boy that asked Mr. Appleton to go with him to the police court. Or may be you will remember the boy Miss Alice gave the Book to when he was going away out west. Well, I am that boy, and I would like to see you. I am in New York and I will not go back west without seeing you. Please send at answer by bearer and tell me when I can come. ours truly.
'haddeas Chapman."
The letter was not in society form. The phrases were not just such as New York gentlemen would use in asking the privilege of making a call. But al he better cor Thaddeus, for when Mirs. Appleton's malled the big house in the prosperous days handed her the note and she read it her heart understood the honest sincerity back of the writing and in he heply, which she wrote forthwith she too forgot the eply, which she wrote forthwith, she too forgot the come and come that very evening to dinner bim need not consider, she said, that it was a forma dinner; he should just come and meet herself and her daughter, and she begged that he should not dis appoint them. Furthermore, he need not go to the rouble of sending an accentance; they would ex pect him if they heard nothing to the contrary.
During the hour and a half that intervened be ween the sending of the note from the hotel by te hand of the messenger and the return of the nswer Thaddeus Chapman never allowed himsel n move twenty paces from the clerk's desk, so fear , was he that by some accident he should miss the eply. The blue-coated messenger boy had scarcel entered the hotel ere Thaddeus had Mrs. Appleton note in his possession. Reading it, he started flushed and happy toward his room, there to take an inve tory of his clothes

Fifty cents, sir," said the boy, as Thaddeus started o leave without paying for the message
This brought him to his senses. "Yes, certainly I had forgotten about the money. Here's a dollar Keep the change. I guess this is worth a dollar.' Then ne added to himself, a thousand dollars.
"Gee, but that westerner is gay with his money," was the comment of the boy. incess he must have struck gold out there. He looks like a ten-time Maybe hes herg lost son that ran away note. Maybe he's her long-lost son that ran away and went out ith lime they tell ahout in novels" Thaddeus Chapman a moment later up in his room Thaddeus Cha hardest kind of a time dectding was hav blue vest with yellow spots in it and a ween a blue vest with yellow spots in it and a brown one with black spots. Every article his trunk was spread unon his bed, and red in the face he was doing his hest to find a combination of necktie. vest. coat and trousers suited to the Apres.
ton home. At last he concluden that neither of the vests he had bought in Nebraska would do. and that he must go out and buy another. During the day he
had noticed how few of the New York men wore whiskers. His upper lip sported a heavy mustache, was a lone home he had been some what proud. It gave in to the suggestion that this mustache must go. Down to the barber shop he went, where luckily he found an artist of the razor who was clib and full of suggestions. The result was he came out of the shop poorer by two dollars and a luxuriant mustache, Nut richer in knowledge of what goes gentleman's attire when calling upon lady friends.

## CHAPTER XX.

So it came about that when Thaddeus Chapman was ready for his dinner engagement in the elegant home of the widow of Richard Appleton, he looked like what the boys in Nebraska would have called disauperred from his face, and instead there was the bronze hue of health. His eyes were no longer listless, but clear and keen, as are those of most men of the plains and of the sea, whose visions are bounded only by the blue sky. The cowlick in his hair, that used to give him so much trouble when a boy, had grown tame and tractable. His figure had filled out to manly proportions; so that now with clean shaven face, and good clothes that well set off his form, it could be said that no fitter representative of the splendid type of man the great $W$ est produces ever set foot on Broadway. And but six years had done this for Thaddeus Chapm-n. itix years of the independent life of the plain, with its pure, free air, its uninterrupted vision of sun and stars, lts wild storms and wha beasts, its eonstant challenge to combat with nature,
And yet, courageous as was Thaddeus Chapman generally, his legs shook beneath him as the maid answered his ring at the door of the Appleton residence that evening, and he found himsele a tion room ushered into the well-remembered reception room. deus scarcely knew whether to sit down or remain standing while the maid was absent announcing his arrival. His collar seemed suddenly to grow tight. He turned to look at himself in a mirror and was

She is fatber, mother, sister, brother, friend to me-
Thaddeus wanted to say something more tha was nice, but he could not find the words. indeed he had forgotten what he had already sald and los the thread of the conversation, for the face before him was calling up so many memories that his wits were wool gathering. It was the face of his boybood reams, grown a litle older, a litle thlnuer and les osy, but mil he hade, whin a color like the inside le girlish face The young woman seemed to fee is givh for a moment nether spoke. She could sher she could mother would hurry. Sh sitting opposite and he so poor a talke
Thaddeus, all the time aware of his da
ie now dangling neck hough he knew that without a mirror he was a helpless as a child.
"Let me help you fix it," she said sweetly, rising and coming toward him. It would be a relief from he awkward silence that was threatening
"If you wouldn't mind," he replied laughing, "it"s got th
"Oh dear, I cannot reach so high." she said de pairingly, at the same time holding up two prett arms in mock effort to reach his collar.
"Then I'll sit down again," and he suited the ac lon to the word
"There, that's better. You want it in a bow, suppose. I haven't tied a bow for a long time. don't know whether I can do it to suit you. I used to do it for father. You know of his death, o ourse?"
"Yes," he said, "but I learned it only this morning heard it at the store. It gave me a great shock.' The two were silent for a moment. The tie was having a hard time of it.
"Father used to say that no one could tie his neck e as well as 1 could, she said as if to break an em arrassing silence.
" am ready to believe him," Thaddeus replied though he had no reason for saying so, as she
seemed a very long time in getting it to suit her, and

amazed to find that his necktie had crept to the top of his collar and was trying its best to get a grip on his neck and strangle him. Desperately he fumbled With all ten fingers to make it take its proper place, young woman in black he beheld in the mirror a within the door. He turned, and the face that greeted him lit up with a smile in which there was a touch of mischief, for she had seen a little of the struggle with the necktie and had hesitated whether to venture farther before seeing the outcome. In confusion Thaddeus dropped his hands, allowing the ends of his tie to dangle helplessly. Then confusedly be said

But the young woman came to the rescue just in time, for no one, not even Thaddeus himself, could say what was to be the finish of the sentence
"Welcome to New York, Mr. Chapman," she sald in her prettiest way, then as if she was measuring her tiny self against the wif six feet of western bone and muscle, she adned. to lim. You have prown so big since I last saw you We are not accustomed to big since I last saw you. We are no
"Everythlng grows big out West," replled Thad deus, adding with a grin, "It might be a good place for youl"
Then both laughed, Thaddeus in an embarrassed
"You have come to call on my mother," she sald and she has asked me to tell you she is superin ending the dinner and that I am to entertain you or a moment till
"Then she is the same good woman she used to
be." rejoined Thaddeus
"My mother is the truest. hast woman on earth
all the time Thaddeus was very red in the face and warm about the heart
Luckily perhaps, Mrs. Appleton at this moment ntered the room. The necktie situation demanded an explanation, and this followed immediately upon he greelngs which, on the part of both Mrs. Apple on and Thaddeus, were very cordial. Then the din ner was announced. It was a cosy dinner, exquis itely served. Thaddeus was soon at his ease. The great house ceased to frighten him; no servants stood about to awe him and notice his mistakes Life in the west was the theme of conversation, and on that Thaddeus easily waxed eloquent. The two women had never been west of Pittsburg, so with open eyes and ears they took in the glowing word in whin Thadde sang the pralses of the Prontier told the young man's tongue was inspired. He firs boyhood struggles in the wildernesg He min bocidents the hunt and the chase, and then be of fis der' Modestly he related the of his lathers death. Modesty he related tbe stor pribed to them his present position and circum stances, closing with glowing accounts of bis rising ambitions and his growing prospecta. Eloquently be described the rolling prairies with their waving fields of colden grain; the mighty rivers and the track less forests. He boasted of the bold. free spirlt of the people; their uncomplaining endurance of hard ships; their single-handed struggles against the forces of nature; their lonely watches over thelr sick and their dead; and their sterling, simple virtues The dinner over, the three repaired to the sitting room. where the conversation continued until late in the evening. Little was said of the sorrows and losses that had come to the Appleton home. The wo women themselves barely touched the subject Thaddeus was glad that little mention was made of

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Mr. Appleton, for he knew little of the art of expresslig sympathy. Once or twice he strove to find a ful silence, which he was only too glad to dissipate by turning the conversation into other channels.
Finally it came time to go. The little bronze clock on the mantel said ten. But there was yet a a moment of awkward silence he suddenly After from his pocket the contract his father had made with Mr. Appleton six years before. Its more than a score of pieces were matched and pasted on a sheet of brown wrapping paper, so that the whole could be as easily read as on the day it was written.
"Mrs. Appleton," said Thaddeus, "one thing that brought me to New York was that I might discharge a long standing debt of my father's. When we left New York, as you know, it was to take up some railroad land in Nebraska. Mr. Appleton not only bought that land for my father, but he fitted us out
with tools and stock. In Mr. Appleton's office in the with tools and stock. In Mr. Appleton's office in the
store my father gave to him this contract, and it store my father gave
has never been paid."
With this Thaddeus handed the paper to Mrs. Appleton. Taking it in her hands, the woman's eyes filled with tears.

Yes," she said, "I remenber all about it. But, Thaddeus, the debt is paid

Paid?' exclaimed Thaddeus, his whole manner speaking the earnestness he felt.

Yes, paid. Paid by the good it did. You never knew it. Thaddeus. but Mr. Appleton kept watch of you and your father. He knew up to the time of hls death just what you were doing. He used frequently to tell us about you. He learned that you had kept
your pledge, that you were growing up into splendid your pledge, that you were growing up into splendid
young manhood, that all the country round about young manhood, that all the country round about praised you for your kindness on heart, your intellgence, and your strength of character. The last time
my husband spoke of you he said, 'Some day that my husband spoke of you he said, Some day that boy will seek to pay his father's debt, but I have
made up my mind to cancel it. If all my money had made up my mind to cancel it. If all my money had die content. Thaddeus, here is the contract. I give it back to you, paid. Please say nothing more about it. I feel that it is a solemn duty 1 owe my husband to have nothing more to do with it.
The big. strong westerner rose from his chair and took a turn or two up and down the room. endeavoring to conceal his emotions. The daughter was silentiy weeping. The memory of such a father, the sorrows her mistakes had brought upon him, the pain of her double bereavement broke out afresh in her
breast. The mother's face was as peaceful and breast. The mother's face was as peaceful and sorrow.
Suddenly Thaddeus stopped before the two women, his tall form towering above them as if in com mand.
"Mrs. Appleton-Alice," he began. "this is all wrong. Here I am, comfortably well off, with life before me. Money has come to me easily. It will continue to come. I have plans that will make me
rich. Never, never, never could I look an honest man and a good woman in the face again were I to man and a good woman in the face again were to to men know how to cancel debts, and that is by paying men know how to cancel debts, and that is by paying
your loyalty to the wishes of Richard Appleton, my benefactor and saviour, the man whom I have taken as my model in life, and much as I regard his pur going to talk plainly to you and you will forgive me I know, when you know how I feel. I know your circumstances. The information came to me withour my seeking it. The house you live in is mortgaged and is about to be sold. Your husband's fornuer friends and acquaintances will see you lose it. It will be bought in for the debt, and you will be left with the llttle stock in the store that pays no divi-

But, Thaddeus-" began Mrs. Appleton in the same calm, even tone.
"Wait, please, Mrs. Appleton, I have not finished We westerners are bold. We are taught when we "ay to pay that debt. 1 am going to buy that mort gage. I am going to own this house
"Mr. Chapman!" exclaimetl Alice, looking up for the first time into the man's face.
"No not own it exactly," he went on. "but 1 am
going to buy the mortgage. Then I could own it if wanted to foreclose the mortgage.
"But, Thaddeus, you do not want to invest your money here in Xew York," said Mrs. Appleton as
calmly as if talking of an inpossible business deal almly as if taking of an inpossive business deal
$\cdots$ No, 1 don't, for a fact. I had rather put it in cattle, or more land. I would not want to come way east here several thousand miles to collect rent, o ourse," he said naively. "We Westerners are quich to turn our incestments. 1 would do this: I would pat have him sell it." Both women looked puzzled. "Then with the money over and above the amount of the debt that $I$ would be sure to get, for it is worth much more in the open market than the mort gage. I would buy for you, title free, the best house and lot in Sebraska, somewhere near my own. Then in would give orders to the stores to give you any Richard Appleton said to Eben Chapman six years ago."
${ }^{\text {Both }}$ romen uttered an exclamation of surprise "I learned that lesson of your husband, Mrs. Ap pleton. See how nicely it will work. I pay my yours. And a Nebraska town gains two good women that it needs. Oh. my dear friends," Here Thad deus seated himself and became as gentle in his man ner as a woman, while his two auditors sat bewil ike you speechless, the west needs good women peech and manner. We forget there is cure ass on as love and virtue. We forget almost that there is a God. The Bible you gave me. Miss Alice, and the memory of your father and you two good women are the things that have kept me decent all these years. What might not you do for me, for scores
of other young fellows like me out there in the West, if you would come and live among us. We
have women-some good and some bad. We need you, with your gentle, christian ways. We have started a church out there. We need women to do it. we need some one to show us how the torn to do it. something beesides our lands and our cattle and our
crops. You can be angels of mercy in scores of hones that rise before my eyes to-night-humble
homes, but homes that need your example and youl homes, but homes that need
teaching. Won't you come?
The earnest, Impetuous
The earnest, lmpetuous utterance of the speake carrled helplessly before it. They looked at each carried helplessly.
other inquiringly.

Give me your hands on it," exclaimed Thaddeus advancing and holding one hand toward the mothe and the other toward the daughter, in the same brusque way
on his ranch.

He can at least thank you, Thaddeus," exclaimel Mirs. Appleton, taking the hand extended toward her "But do not see now how we can
Thaddeus scarcely heard these words, for his hear Was beating a fearful tattoo at the touch of a slen bir white hama that rested trustingly in one of his little hand touched his when he lay in his bed with a broken hip. and she had said "May be, Thaddeus our dream will come true.
It had come true; he had come into the great city that hatl been the acme of his hopes. To be sure he had failed there; but now there had come an other dream, and it was as if she were saying again
to him May lie. Thaddeus, your dream will come to him "May he. Thaddeus, your dream will come true."
Then, his brain dizzy with the whirl of his thoughts, his heart bounding with a new-born hope. Thaddeus tound his way back to his hotel utterly
oblivious to the rush and roar of city life about him.

This is not a love story, or I might tell you how Thaddeus Chapman remained two weels in New momentous question asked by him of Mrs. Appleton and Alice hung in the balance how the mother sald "Yes, if Alice is willing." and Alice, fairly compelled by the ardent, persuasive, powerful Thaddeus, finally said "Yes," though to leave the home in which she was born, whose every room and article of furniture was associated with her dead father. whose portal had swung wide open to her in her sorrow, when the man to whom she had given her life had all bu ruined it in the ruin of his own-this was har enough. To go away to the far, far West at the conmand of a big. impetuous, irresistible stranger, was something hard, too.
It is not a love story, or I might tell you of the in wast: the indinerent reception the two women in spite of the in the little . .ebraska frontier town they of the efforts of Thaddeus; how by degree. the toilers and increased in wealth and honor: how finally in his Bible he read that it was not meet for man to live alone; and of how one night in the parlor of the Ab pleton cottage across the street from his own he the Andee to call him Tad, and how a month later into the Chapman home and a big "For Sale" sign indicated that bereafter the one house would do for both, with an inglenook in it besides, sacred to the use of the good mother
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# THE CAMP FIRE OF MAD ANTHONY 

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## CHAPTER XXXV.

RECOGNITION BY THE GENERAL.

WEN the united forces of the regulars were seen approaching even Anthony Wayne was a ware that further efforts on his part were behind the shelter of the wide morass and accord ingly the word to retreat was given. Few of
the little band of twenty six were aware that their leader had been wounded in his righ leg, for despite the pain which the yoming
colonel was suffering his enthuslasm was unchecked; and he leaped from hummock to hummock with his men and even assisted in pulling from the mud the unfortunate victims who slipped and fell. Noah was
Joe Latrobe fell into the soft mud and Noah Joe Latrobe fell into the soft muld and Noah was of hands were laid upon Joe's shoulders and in a moment the bespattered and woebegone soldier was drawn to a place of safety. to perceive who it was that wace aiscovered that he was face to face Anthony Wayne. But there was no expression of friendiliness Wayde. But there and the bitter feeling in Noah's heart was in nowise relieved.
There was slight opportunity afforded, however, for the young soldier to nourish bls grievances, for required for the efforts to move swiftly through the treacherous swamp.
At last when the border had been safely gained the colonel discovered that the men who had preexcited that his own efforts were required to bring about even a semblance of order. But Anthony Wavne's most prominent characteristic was his abat Wayne's most prominent characterisic was his aly acco dist whed his force now containing six hundred men, was moving up the north shore of the St Lawrence. When they had advanced about nine miles a detachment of British regulars, outnumbering the little force of Amertcans suddenly appeared. The engagement did not lasi
for a battle and soon Anthony Wayne's men resumed their march toward the mouth of the Sorel, where they hoped to be able to cross to the opposite side of the river. On the third day of the march the
force, now increased to eleven hundred men by the force, now increased to eleven hundred men by the addition of stragglers, arrived at the place it wa seeking. Then it was learned that General Thomp men. had been made prisoners and that about fifty had fallen in the flght. As it was confidently be lieved that the loss of the British was greater the courage of the men with Anthony Wayne was not dampened though the hopes of accomplishing the purpose for which they had come were now less bright.
General Sullivan now learned that a force of thir teen thousand British regulars was advancing from retreat. Soon** a British fleet was coming up the St. Lawrence and at once the American leader gave the order to break camp and, taking their cam equipments with them, his men were ordered to retreat up the Sorel toward Lake Champlain. It mea were burdened with the sick as well as with their belongings, and the fears of an attack by the British were so keen that among some of the men there was little less than a panic
At this time Benedict Arnold, who now was in command at Montreal, sent his aide $\dagger$ to Sullivan, beg ging for reinforcements. General Sullivan at once sent Arnold's alde forward to Baron de Woedthe, German volunteer who was in command of the rea guard, to detach five bundred men to go to the help of Arnold.
So great was the confusion and fear among the Americans that it was agreed that only Anthony Wayne could select and lead successfully the nue Who were to attempt to enter Montreal. But the young colonel was found marching with his men and contagious that his men also seemed to share in the courage of their colonel. Colonel Wayne at once
way gave the command to stop every man who appeared to be alert or active. In less than an hoifr
the desired number was found and then, with Joe the desired number was found and then, with Joe
Latrobe and Noah amongst them, started at once Latrobe and Noah amongst them, started at once
for Longville, a little town opposite Montreal on the Ior Longville, a little town opposite Montreal on the
St. Lawrence. When the detachment had proceeded two miles Anthony Wayne learned from his scouts that Arnold had already escaped from Montreal and accordingly the force turned toward Chambly. It kas now on the same road over bhen of the retreating Americans was marching. and was almost a panlc among the soldiers, who believed that it was the British army itself that was approach ing. The young colonel pulled out his glass and watched the effect of his approach upon bis recent comrades, apparently with the greatest glee. He laughed and shouted and slapped his sides as he beheld some of the men fleelng, while others were making a desperate attempt to prepare for the battle fought.
The mistake was speedily discovered and then the united army continued its retreat from Chambly to St. John's. At the latter place the bateaux were
loaded with the munittons and the sick, and after everything about the old fort that could be burned had been set on fire the men entered the water and weary to push the bateaux up the rapids. For six men allke exerting themselves. Sometimes they were up to their necks in the water, sometimes the soldiers lost their footing and the heavily-laden craft would be torn from their grasp. Noah and Joe latrobe were still working together, but still not a
trace of his cousin had Noab been able to find. Per. plexed and fearful as Noah was by the strange disappearance of Caleb. all bls strength and efforts were required in his heavy task, so that it was impossible even to make inquiries concerning the missing lad. At last the retreating army arrived at pusbed forward toward Crown Point where they days afterward the little army arrived in safety.*

A count of the men revealed the fact that General Sullivan had now under his command a body of five the danger they had encountered in Canada, but of the danger they had encountered in Canada, but of pox, which had made terrible ravages in Arnold's army and had spread until it had threatened the entire invading force. General Stillivan had done a remarkable deed under the circumstances in bring ing his followers safely to Crown Point, but the congress decided that "an experienced general" was needed to command the northern army. Only two men in the American forces were considered equal to the task-Charles Lee, who afterward was re vealed as the greatest traitor in American history, and Gates, who was an incompetent, conceited little dandy. Lee was at first sent to take the command but Gates in a brief time was substituted. General Sullivan, angered and mortified at the unjust treatment of himself, resigned, but the appeals of his
own field officers, Anthony Wayne among them own field officers, Anthony Wayne among them,
finally prevailed and he consented to remain in the fnally
army.

Clthin a few days after the arrival of the army at Crown Point ${ }^{*}$ General Gates and General Schuy ler meanwhile having arrived), a council of war was held and it was decided that the army should go on to Fort Ticonderoga and that the final stand Ahould be made there rather than at Crown Point. A bitter protest against this decision was made by
many of the officers, but the decision was unchanged and the army was transferred, while the sick were sent on to old Fort George. Later, $t$ when the British led by Carleton, after the little fleet that opposed their advance on the lake had been swept away, drew near "Old Fort Ti," only a little recon-
noitering occurred. Carleton soon went back Into noitering occurred. Carleton soon went back into
Canada and into winter quarters and the reason for his retreat from Ticonderoga, as he himself expressed his retreat from Ticonderoga, as he himselr expressed difficulty of approach, the countenance of the enemy difflculty of approach, the countenance of the enemy
with other cogent reasons." Doubtless the Ameri cans were content with his departure, whatever his cxplanation may have been.
As the summer passed, seven regiments of Con inentals were withdrawn from Fort Ticonderoga and sent to the aid of llashington, who at that time Defeated in the battie of Long Island, fighting again at Harlem and at White Plains, and his men slaugh tered in what afterwards was called Fort Washing ton, the great general was retreating across New Jersey, his followers few and many of them dis heartened. More of his men were prisoners of the
British in New York than were left with him in the British in New York than were left with him in the
army. Surely the great commander was in need army. Surely the great commander was in need
of help, for neither he nor h/s discouraged though of help, for neither he nor his discouraged though determined followers were aware of the
was to be taken at Trenton or Princeton.
When Gates departed from Fort Ticonderoga it was at his suggestion that Anthony Wayne was placed in command" and soon "Colonel" Wayne wa changed to "General" Wayne. The enthuslasm o his men at this recognition was boundless, although only two thousand four hundred and fifty-one all eleven hundred were fit for duty.
One day soon after the army had taken fts final stand at "Ticonderoga, Noah Dare chanced to meet the new "general" face to face. The young soldiet saluted and was about to pass on when he was surprised to hear Anthony Wayne say shar
Astonished at the familiar and frlendly tone, Noah urned quickly abou. It had been him and he had e had shok would not be explained.
"You have done some good work, Noah Dare," began Anthony Wayne in his impulsive manner which ance had fascinated
"Have I?" respo
at more to say
Yes, sir, you have. I've been proud of you.
I'm going to see that you don't suffer for it Which would you rather be, an orderly or-
"My time is up in a few weeks," interrupted Noah

You are not going home even if it is!" exclaimed the new general.
'You mustn't. Why, man, we've just begun! Why, ince independence lias been declared-" "Thas his leader.
"That's it! The congress has declared that we are now the free and Independent colonies of America I have just had the word. It's true. We shan't stay here in this forsaken hole very long. We'll have things to do. For my part belleve this is the las part of the world that believe it was finished in the dark
Noah smiled, though his excitement now was great. The entite problem was changed if Antbony Wayne's words concerning the declaration of independence were true. And somehow Noah Dare was convinced that they were true. Suddenly he turned again to the man before is or an what has become of him? "Why, haven't youl heard? Don't you know?" deWhy, havent you heard? General Anthony Wayne quickly.

## Chapter xxxvi.

CONCLUSION
For a moment Noah stared blankly into the face of the man before him. The color faded from his
cheeks as thoughts of the unknown fate of his cousin cheeks as thoughts of the unknown fate of his cousin
presented themselves, and he was almost fearful of

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of Anthony Wayne
the reply to the question he was about to ask. At "At Fort George." Where is Caleb?"
"Is he-." Noah did not complete the question, ut he was aware that Anthony Wayne understood "Yes, he came down with the smalljox. I heard hat he was one of the men that, against all orders, thoculated himself with the virus from some of knew better
"Do you know he did that?"
No, I don't 'know.' I'm telling you what I heard Rivers where lost sight of him back there near Three pretended to know all about the shortest path to the own led us out of our way and into that swamp. We were almost as great fools to trust them as those men were who thought they'd get rid of the smallpox by just making themselves catch it. Did you ever hear the like? Well, I lost sight of Caleb there as was telling you, but afterward, when I made some
inguiries about him, I found out that he was one of the men that were down with the disease, and then heard that he had been sent on to Fort George "Have you heard of the sick men.
"Have you heard anything from him-how he is-
"Not a word! Not a word! Don't you be scared Noah, for if anything has happened, such as you sus pect, I certainly would have known it. I look over

## "May I go up there?"

"Now. Today. Just as soon as I can find_" Noah, are you goins home?" broke in Anthon Wayne. Your time will be up in three days, for if you are determined. Dut I don't want you to go I yon are determined. But I don't want you to go
don't wou to at all! I have too few men here as it is, and I will do my best to see that you are made an orderly. I shan't forget what you have done.'
Noah glanced up quickly, but though he was cont dent that Anthony Wayne understood the question in his eyes, the young sollier was also aware that the man before him would never explain or apologize for he strange breach that had come in their friendship Still, now that the former cordial relation had been estored, Noahs heart was warm at the cordial man ner of the leader whom in all his troubles he had never ceased to -admire. However he said quickly enlist again I must ask my father. There certainly enlist again I must ask my
will be mc 2 work to be done

There certainly will," assented the general eager | 1. |
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"And you'll promise me that when you enlls ou'll come right back to your old company?"
That's where Id rather be-if I come
"Thank you,", responded Noah. "Now may I go
. If you are to leave Fort Ti so soon you would do better to wait until then and stop for Caleb on the way. His time is out, too. I am sorry to say
Noah said no more and turned away. For thre days he remained in the camp, but he had slight interest in the deeds of his fellow soldiers. At nigh time huge fires were lindled and in the light of the flames the rough and hardy men forgot their hard ships and sufferings. They sang and told stories and frequent were the rough-and-tumbles and the wrestling matches between the champions of the rival companies. Into these matches Noah steadil refused to be drawn, but Joe Latrobe, who had re enlisted, as had also many others whom Anthon Wayne personally had urged to do so, was in man of he honts and Noah was his strong supporter.
At last Noah Dire, frether with a few othe.s who were for wich he was golng falled to find anthons on for when he was golng, falled to And Anthon and so was unable to lid him good-by He left his message however, with Joe Latrobe and when he met forth for Fort George Noah had no thought that Anthony Wayne would be left until the followin spring in the place which the leader had declare was the "last which God had made and that Ticon deroga had been finished in the dark." Had it no been for Noah's anxlety for his cousin he would have been even more impressed than he was by the majesty of the mountains, the coloring of the sliy, opinion of the region was markedly different from that of his commander's, but the fact that he was on his way homeward made the level stretches of West Jersey seem to him the most beautiful spot on earth There was home, and . Noah's eagerness apparently was shared by his companions, though not one o them halled from Jersey. When the little party ar rived at Fort George Noah's usnally self-controlled manner was forgotin as he began his scarch for his that very day declared to be able to start for home Chat very day dectared which the sutfered but otherwise he was appar ently the Caleb of old and his enthuslasm at the entiy the caleb of ola, and his entive that the Noah's. For a long time the two hoys talked together each explaining to the other what had befallen him and Noah's Interest was keen in his cousin's story of how the "guides" which had been sent to the camp had proved thelr falsity by leading the Amerlcans into the swamp. It was there that Caleb had been taken 111 and what had occurred afterward was dim in his mind.

On the following day Noah and Caleb departed from Fort George, but their journey toward Ne York forms no part of this present story. As the did not were in control of the city, the to Ne Jersey, though some planned to go to the American camp at Morristown. Noah, now no longer under the direction of the army, since his time had expired, explained to Caleb that before they returned to Green-
wich he had declded to go over to Staten Island and
stop at the home of the Wheelers. In vain did Caleb point out the perll of such a venture at a tlme like were on every side and the fact that Rachel Wheat and her brother had not been frlendly when hls cousin had last seen them was emphasized by Caleb To all the suggestions Noah would not listen and at last Caleb reluctantly consented to make the attempt. There were delays and adventures, and the reports of the patriots as to the danger that beset Washing. ton and his little army were disheartening, but at last the two boys arrived on Staten Island and soon after. ward approached the house in which Rachel Wheeler dwelt.
It was Noah now who had misgivings, and he al drast wished he had not come, but it was too late to by the ack and he boldy announced their presence Rachel aid of the heavy knocker on the door. It was slght of the vir who responded and, startled blankl at them. In a moment, however her manner change and Noah had no question as to his welcome
"Then you thought at last you would come, did you?" she demanded. "And all the time you were in New York you never once came to-to see how my father and mother were. And the last thing yon said when you left us was that y,
"I-I wanted to come," stammered Noah. ." couldn't get away
"He's here now, anyway," laughed Caleb, coming to he ald of his cousin
'So 1 see. Are you glad you came?"
"I'll tell you later about that," replied Noah, again laughing.
It was soon evident that neither of the boys re gretted coming, for their welcome was too warm to be questioned. They were compelled to relate al as her pride in what she heard, was a continuous as her pride in what she heard, was a continuous in would do excent that the boys should remain until the following day, and then when Samuel explained to them that he himself was to sail in a large sloop on the day following that for Philadelphia and that he would be glad to have the two boys sail with him, the stay was again prolonged as the invitation was eagerly accepted
At last the time of the departure arrived, and as the boys bade farewell to the Wheelers, Noah's promise to "come again" was so eagerly made that no even Rachel apparently had any doubts of its fulfill ment.
It was late in the afternoon when the boys sailed up Delaware Bay and while they were excitedly gazing at the ramiliar shores, Noah suddenly exclaimed as a little catboat drew near them, "That's the Swal low: It is, as sure as you're born! And that's An-
anias at the tiller and Ellas up there in the bow: anias at the tiller and
$H!$ ! Hi!" he shouted
The hall was heard by the boys in the catboat, Which speedily was run alongside as the sloop was docked, and in a moment their excitement was even they recognized their friends. In a brief ume Noah and his cousin, after thanking Samuel Wheeler for his kindness and bidding him and the other men on the sloop good-by, were on board the catboat shaking hands, laughing, and Caleb almost in tears, as they were greeted by their old-time friends. Elias explained that he and Ananias were about to return to Greenwich for the night and Noah at once decided to go with them. Caleb, however, was to return to his home in Chester, and as soon as the good-bys had been spoken, the other three boys at once set sail that all wich. After Noah had received assurances and the ceaseless anxiety concerning him had told severely upon his father and mother, he was com pelled to relate what had befallen him and Caleb dur ing their march with Anthony Wayne
"Has anything been heard of Tom Hull?" he de manded at last.

Not a word," sald Elias.
"Oh, he and his father are more for peace than ever," laughed Ananias. "You ought to have seen them when we had our celebration over the declaration of independence. They were worse than they Were when wie agaln told the story which he already had Ananias again told the story which he already had
related to Noah of the excitement that had greeted related to Noah of the excitement of the congress. Then more soberly he continued, "But somehow it doesn't seem to work very well. Driven back from Canada, running from New York, it almost seems as if we'd never make it." "That's the way I feel about it," said Noah. "But a man on Staten Island (the young soldier did not explain who the man was) told me he was
was better for us to be beaten in the start.'
"I don't see why," responded Elias.
"He said it would compel us all to get closer to gether. If we won at the start every colony would go its own galt. We will have to go together
hope we'll go in the right direction," sald Ellas. Noah, are you go
suddenly demanded

I am if my father does not object, and I don't think e will."
"I am sick and tired of this patrol. I wish Ananias and I could go, too," said Ellas dejectedly.

If you are going I belleve our father will let us go,

## too!" Elias?"

We will that!" responded Ellas fervently.
"Better wait till I find out whether or not I'm going," suggested Noah.
"Come around to the house and I'll tell you," said Noah slowly

The little catboat was now near the dock and the Twe little catboat was now near the dock and the

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Chapter XViII.

## THE CAMP FIRE.

CLOSE to the place where the four men bad halted their ponies and dismounted was a gorge the right. Arizona Alf remembered it well. It extended but a short distance and was in the nature of a mocket.
"We'll lead the animals in there and leave 'em mighty close em," he explained. "Don't forget. we're will upset everythe Apache camp, and a little slip He took the
his animal, and ste as before, holding the bridle of those who follow stepping with the utmost caution, The distance was only a few rods and the veteran leader was certain they had not been observed. Then the four made their way back to the ravine, where they paused for their final discussion.
"We're close to the camp, as I observed before,"
sald Alf, "a good deal closer than I thought, but the situation is mighty onsartin.
"In what respect?" asked the ranchman.
"I don't know whether it's the camp of Geronimo The Cochita."
The others were surprised. Goodale said:
"It is only a little while ago that Micah left Gero-
nom's camp, two or three miles distant nimo's camp, two or three miles distant in the moun-
tains." ains.
iving that can make a quicker change of any that, but there living that can make a quicker change of base than "Why should he do so in this Instance"."
"He hates Cochita as bad as he hates us; he knows people and it may be he trying to save some of our people, and it may be he has gone to Cochita's camp
to take a hand in the business. We've got to larn things for ourselves."
"How shall we do ft ?"
"I thonght Micah and me would work together, but each of us must do what he can on his own hook. ore likely to spoil the game if you try your hands, but I know how harl it is to stay idle when others need your help. So rve no objection to your doing what you choose.
This concession on the part of the leader astonished the others. It struck them as snecially imprudent to leave Bob free to follow his whims. But the men reflected that he would do this, no matter whether forbldden or not, and therefore there was ittle or no choice in the matter.
Something more definite was needed in the plan of campalgn. Their leader told the others that whoever picked up any knowledge of importance was to return to the rendezvous at the head of the side
gorge and await the rest. This was vague, for it gorge and await the rest. This was vapue, for it
might be that such discovery would call for prompt action, but it was all that could be done.
Within the following five minutes Alf and Micah passed up the ravine and disappeared from sight. They had hardly done so when they also separated, it being agreed that Alf should work round to the
northern side of the camp. while Micah pushed on northern slde of the camp. whe thing south. The veterans kept thinging. rom the south. The veterans kept things moving
"Earlier in the evening we left you alone," reyour companion. Alf was good enough to glve us your companion. Alf wis good enough to give usitle prospect of any success."
"From what Alf said the Apache sentinel discovered the approach of Micah, though he paid dearly for the knowledge. I have learned enough to be careing so. Suppose I steal round to the left of where the Apache camp is supposed to be?"
"I know of nothing better, but it is well to remem. ber, Bob, that neither of us is to attempt anything on his own account: that is, for Alf and Micah." This was all the program that could be arranged, after their friends, and like them quickly parted company. Thus the four were working independently, but along the same lines, with comparatively slight space separating them from one another.
A peculiar problem faced them. Geronimo and A peculiar problem faced them. Geronimo and
Cochita were leading separate detachments of the raiders that had broken out of the San Carlos reservation. The younger man had fewer bucks under $h$ is command than the elder, and when these came together, there would be no questioning the authortty of Geronimo. Cochita was as ambitious as he. and, although the two parties were sure to unlte If hard pressed, or they should cross the Rio Grande into Mexico, Cochlta would delay such junction as long as he could. This was more assured than before, since the younger had taken a couple of women in his charge.
Had the ralders united? That was the important question. It would be supposed that since Geronimo was seen earlier in the evening at a somewhat distant point, be was still there or in the vicinlty. but
there was no saying what his hatred of the white race and jealousy of his rival would lead him to do. In case of such action, he would first hite his women and children in the recesses of the mountains, so as to leave him and his bucks free to act as they chose When the chances of a fight with white cavalry were so good, the wily chlef did not mean to be handtcapped by the care of his helpless ones. Geronimo proved early in his career that with all his treachery and ferocity, he was not lacking in courage and was not averse to a
States troopers.

Arizona Alf again displayed his matchless wood craft in working his way around and beyond the camp of hostiles. Comfort called for no fire, but where there were only bucks and the camp was closely guarded, it was probable the scout would find one. With cattle so plentiful and the chances for cooking so good, they were likely to broll the steaks, though it was no hardship to eat them raw and withSo any preparation at all.
So carefully did the cowman flank the spot where he was confident the camp had been established for the time, that he had turned and was working his way back before he caught the glimmer of a light Which told him he was near the point he was seek. could ask in the nature of a screen, for the shadows were so plentiful that the moonlight never exposed him to discovery

Along the warm, jagged side of an immense rock he stole, then between other boulders, and when a Safe point was reached he lay flat on his face, and
with endless patience crept slorely and with fre quent halts over the broad fat surface of with ire struction which obtruded itself and did nome ob struction, which obtruded itself and did not permit blunder made by Long Micali, and he did not mean to repeat it.

Advancing in this cat-like fashion, the scout finally reached a point from which he had a view of the
camp. A disapointment awaited him. A fre of camp. A disappointment awaited him. A fire of pine boughs and cracliing sticks had been kindled less by accidental discovery, it could not be seen three or four rods away. With the sentinels on guard the vigilant Apaches were warranted in believing they were safe against detection by any of the troopers, who in all probabllity were searching for them at that very moment.
Lolling about this small fire were five bucks. The remains of a calf that could not have been a maverick showed they had been feasting. and all were now lazily smoking their short clay or brierwood pipes. One of the party sat near the blaze with his situack against the rock. Despite the warmth of the casinon. a blanket enfolded his shoulders, his mocthe knees, and he seemed to be gazing into vacancy as if lost in reverie. As the light fell upon his square, hard countenance, Arizona Alf recognized him as Geronimo, chlef of the Warm Spring band of Apaches.
The cowboy knew him well, and we remember but for his cunning and wooderaft, the white man never would have rejoined his friends.
The disapmointment of Arizona Alf lay in the fact that he had come unon Geronimo instead of Cochita who he belleved held the women in his keeping. Not only had the two bands of hostiles failed to unite, but the scout lacked the means of knowing the location of the other company. It might be within a
brief distance or it might be miles away. No doubt brief distance or ft might be miles away. No doubt
the ponles were tethered near, and in case of alarm the ponles were tethered near, and in case of a

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The thought that instantiy came to Arizona Alf as he looked upon the singular scene, was:

How easily 1 could pick off Geronimo, and what a good thing it would be for Arizona and New Mex and rid the border of the worst scourge it has ever and r
bad."

It may as well be admitted that it was no feeling of compunction over the deed that stayed the hand of the old campalgner. He and his comrades were in that dangerous section for a far different purnose and the abrupt taking off of the Apache leader would have brought their rlans to a summary end and closed every hope of the rescue of the hapless cap tives.

Suddenly the chief roused himself from his rev. erie and turned his face toward the spot where the white man was crouching. He held his pipe in the coppery countenance.
The actlon was so unexpected that Alf was star tled, thinking his presence had been detected, but the next moment told him that was impossible, since be had not stirred a muscle for some time, and no one could have heard his gentle breathing. The next act of the chief was more alarming. He rose to
his feet. knocked the ashes from his pipe, which he his feet. knocked the ashes from his pipe, which he
shoved into the oocket of his dilapldated trousers.
drew his Winchester from where it was leaning against the rock beside him, and saying something off in the
In doing so, he moved directly toward the spot where Arizona Alf lay, with his eyes centered upon him.

## "By George, old fellow:" thought the white man

 'it's you or me, and I don't think it's going to be But the thought was hardly formed, when the chlef turned to the right and passed the scout without suspecting the fact. The latter could hear no sound caused by the moccasined feet. for Geronimo was a master of wooderaft, and never forgot his caution.llicre was he going? Alf belleved he was on his way to Cochlta, who was somewhere in the neigh borhood. If such were the fact, it would seem that all the white man had to do was to dog the footsteps of the chief and learn what he had been trying for hours to learn: but the scout did not make any at tempt to do this, for the very good reason that suc cess was impossible. One man may shadow another sorts of helps communit, Where insquises and all sorts of helps are at his command, but in such cir cumstances as 1 have pointed out it is beyond the To keep the any human being.
To keep the chief in sight Alf would have had to proceed as fast as he. fie would be obliged con all the skill at his command he moonlight, and with ing a slight nolse with his heet not help mak Geronimo always was, he would have discovered his danger on the very first slip by his pursuer
Thus for very good reasons Arizona Alf allowed the terrible Apache to pass out of sight without any attempt to follow him

## CHAPTER XIX.

## ON THE BASINS EDGE

The time had come again when Arizona Alf was forced to proceed on what may be termed general principles. Without any real knowledge of where to look for Cochita and his prisoners, he was able o make a fair guess, for you will remember that he was intimately familiar with a good deal of the Geronimo had been
Geronimo had been out of sight only a few min [3ut before doing so it was necessary point to visit. but before doing so it was necessary to rejoin his was uneasy for he knew as he to make search and had his skill been less he would have been baffid and must have been less he the Apaches the presence of enemies in their neigh borhood. The worst results were to be expected if a: $y$ of them, inctuding Long Micah, attempted to do what he had done.
With vast relief he found the three when he re turned to the rendezvous in the gorge. Each had been out on a venture of his own, which it is not necessary to describe. Micah had located Geroni no's camp, but not with such certainty as the other eteran. Hiram Gootale and his nephew were sen sible enough to comprehend the difficulties and came back, wisely leaving the others to attend to he delicate duty.
When the four had exchanged experiences, Alf explained that with the wellare of the captives in mind, Cochita had most likely gone to a basin or depression in the mountains where there were both water and grass for their ponies.
"We'll make for that," said he; "it. is not fai". We have had to be mizhty careful up to this time, bu ow we ve got to be ten times carefuller than ever Il take the lead, and you will keep far enough back get a chance to scoot if I give the word.
Leaving their pontes where they had leen placed some time before, the ittle party set out in the the trail in this manner they climbed for some he trall. couts stealing into an enemy's camp Alf paused until his compantons joined him.
"Here you'll wait till I come back; wo are so close hat we must know what is in front before going farther.'
near Cochita's camp? asked the ranch
"I can only say I think we are; he may be miles
away, but I have a feeling that it's as I said; we can't strike thll I get my bearings.'
This fact was so apparent that no one could ques ion it. The gulde was assured that on his return he would find them awalting him
"Unless," said Bob, "you get Into trouble and need us."
"Waft till I call out your name, younker; if 1 make a signal, it will be for Micah; true, he doesn't know more than the law allows. but you and Hiram don't know even that much.
It sounded odd to Bob to hear an employe thus refer to his employer, but the words were not only

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warranted but their manner of utterance shut out all offense. No one was quicker than Hiram Goodale cowboy in such circumstances as the present. cowboy in such circumstances as the present.
The three were in the shadow cast by the rounding rocks and stunted vegetation. It would seem that they had nothing to fear from Apache sentinels, though there could never be warrant for any forgetfulness or carelessness when in the country of the hostiles. The ranchman and his nephew sat down on the ground, but Micah kept his feet. He walked a few paces forward, as if by doing so his opportunity for seeing and hearing was better than
if lie remained in the company of the uncle and if he remained in the company of the uncle and
nephew. The latter felt it safe to whisper to each nephew. The latter felt it safe to whisper to each
other, for the words were so guarded that even the cowboy a few feet distant could hardly hear them "It doesn't sound romantic, Uncle," said Bob, "b
isems to me I was never so hungry in my life." it seems to me I was never so hungry in my life."
"I feel the same; Alf and Micah must be as rave nus, though neither would speak of it for a day or two, so long as there's no chance to get food.
We have been without it for a long time. and
don't think it will harm us to wait till tomorrow.
We may as well make us our minds to that.
"We may as well make us our minds to that, for there isn't an earthy chance of getting a mouthful
before then, and perhajs not until long after. If
we ever do get through with this business- that is successfully-I shall double the wages of Alf and Micah

We can't do too much for them, especially for Alf. would father feel if he knew of Minnie to-nisht? She and aunty left home in the highest spirits, and had hardly set foot in Arizona when they landed right among a raiding party of Apaches. How strange that their visit was so timed that we could give
them no warning! A day sooner and they would them no warning! A day sooner and they would
have been at the ranch; a day later and the danger would have been known at Raymond, and poor Jud Staple, never would have started with his stage."
"We can only pray and do our best; wife and "We can only pray and do our best; wife and l
have been talking for years about julling up stakes and getting out of this accursed country.'
"And will keep on talking for years longer," re-
lied Hob; "you will spend your days in Arizona, Ilied hob: "you will spend your days in Arizona,
for you have become so accustomed to it you will for you he contented alsewhere. You hardly arrive at our home before you are anxions to get lack to father had she nut hocome homesick."
"I gucss you are right," said the ranchman, with
mirthless laugh; "the people who live at the foot a mirthless laugh; "the people who live at the foot
of llount Vesurins can't be hired to move, though of Mount Vesilins cant be hired to move, though them. A city might be destroyed every spring by them. A city might be destroyed every spring by between the calamities. What's become of Micah?"
Bob turned his head and looked in the direction Bob turned his head and looked in the direction minutes previous. He was not in sight.
"He may have grown anxious about Alf, and set out to learn whether his help is needed."
"If Alf runs into any trap, not even Micah can help him; our friend may have shifted his position for only a few paces. l'll see."
The ranchman walked silently to the place among the rocks where the cowman had stationed himself As Goodale did so he found his supposition was correct. At a slight turn in the narrow gorge he saw Micah, still on his feet, motionless and listening Hearing the slight noise made by the approach, he turned his head, a
"Have you seen or heard anything suspicious?" "A in't sartin; I thought I heerd a low whistle, but 'Suppose it
have meant?", had been a whistle, what would it "If it was repeated twice, it would have been a call from Alf for me to go to him; but there's the "Suppose it was only once?"
It woild have told me to look ont and stay where "It seems to me that if Alf wished you to join him, his call."
"That's what he would have done, and that's why I'm walting for something further, listen!
The two did so, but the only sounds that
The two did so, but the only sounds that reached
them through the profound stillness were the soft them through the profound stillness were the soft murnuring of the night wind among the dwarf pines, and the hollow murmur
longing to all solitudes.
onging to all solitudes. of a gun. It was all of a half mile distant, however and in no way threatened them. None the less it had fired the gun? Was it an Apache or a cowboy, or one of the troopers that had penetrated into the mountains? What effect would the incident have upon the band whom our friends were trying to lo cate, and whom they belleved they had located heard from Arizona who were anxiously awaiting his return.
It need noi be said that the veteran made the best use of his time. When beyond sight of his com panions he paused among the rocks to assure him self as to where he was. He was quick to recognize his surroundings, for though it was a long time since
be had visited this narticular locality. he recalled he had vislted this

Peering around in the patches of moonlight, he knew he had but to make his way over a sort of ridge, directly in front, to reach the edge of the cup-
like depression in which he believed Cochita had like depression in which he believed Cochita had
halted with his captives. The dull glow of a light halted with his captives. The dull glow of a light
which appeared a few minutes later, showed he had which appeared a few minutes later, showed he had by a small stream of water, there was not only ringed the ruulet It was among these that the light of a camp fire twinkied among these that the

With characteristic stealth and skill, Arizona Ale picked his way down into the hollow, taking advanand never allowing his impatience unduly to haste his lootsteps. It required time and labor to reach point which gave him a clear view of the camp.
There was the pile of branches, boughs and sticks burning dimly, as if the fire had not been disturbed place good whlle. Large stones had been rolled into place to serve as seats; there were the remains of been trampled by feet, showing that a considerable company of Apaches had halted at this place.
But not a person or pony was visible. All had anished as if they had never been
Suspecting the truth, Arizona Alf was too prudent to take anything for granted. With the same pains taking deliberation as before, he made a complete circuit of the camp, and when he came back to his tarting point all dotbo was removed. Somethin had alarmed the raiders and they had skurried deep rinto the mountains for security.
here's no need of them coing to waste" musedind zona Alf, who, rejoining his friends, guided them o the spot, where the four satisfied the pangs of hunger from the fcast that had been prepared for others. CHAPTER XX

## CAPTOR AND CAPTIVES.

We have neglected too long the fortunes of Mrs Goodale and her niece, whom we left under the es cort of Cochita and two Apache bucks, as they wended their way across the plain toward the spur had risen from barbarism to civilization, and then reverted to savarery again, was so infatuated with linnie Goodale that he was ready to become civ lized once more if thereby he could win her for himself. Young as was the sister of l3ob Goodale she was old enough to perceive this fact from the frst. Indeed, wrif be recalled hat Cochita had shown a marked preference for her when he was a had she not frmly though kindly repulsed him He ad she not frmly though kindy repulsed him. He But what because of circumstances! How surange the series of incidents that had thrown such an immeasurable arlvantage into his hands?
It was impossible that he should know of Minnie Goodale's intended visit to the ranch of her uncle. The manner in which Cochita had become involved with her was one of those coincidences which occu had fallen into his nower temporarily, and he was resolntely determined to improve the golden oppor tunity to the utmost. He could concelve of no sac not bas to secure the prize which to him was beyond value.
You
Yon have been told enough about Cochita to under stand that he was a remarkable youth. He was too his sense allow his ardent affection to run away with ady from the doom that impended over every on Who fell into the hands of the unspeakable A paches The fate of the elder was wrapped up in the young he was quite ready to do that if the reward were he was quite re
secured to him.
None knew better than he that the most formid
Non able ohstacle in the path of his success was Geron mo. He would show no mercy to any man, woman or child who belonged to the Caucasian race. He was especially eager to defeat any scheme that he hated the youth with a consuming hatred, and welcomed the chance not only of baffing him but of turning the incident itself against his rival. The brilliant Cochita was growing in popularity, and untess nipped in the bud, promised to overshados him. It looked as if the golden opportunity for but it requirell careful and skillful handling.
And there can be no question that Cochita handled it with rare skill. He offered to take Mrs. Goodale on the pony in front of him, leaving the nuece to the care of one of the other bucks. When the women declined, Cochita did not repeat the invitation, but slipping to the ground walked all the way to the coothilis. In doing this he kept a slight distance in advance so as to allow the two
They improved the opportunity.
"If deception was ever justifiable," said the elder
"I do not question that," was the quiet reply
"Then why not make the deception complete? Why feel any complunction in giving Cochita the pledge which he means to ask of you
"You and many others will think me
unty and many others will think me foolish, but should rather save yours than my own, but if make any promise to Cochita, no matter what it is I shall keen it in spirit and letter."
"Do you look upon a promise made under durance as binding?'
"I answer unhesitatingly yes."
If he asks me the question you feel so sure he
intends to ask. aft I can do is to try to put him off That is my only recourse.
"He will irsist upon an immediate answer."
"And you regard.
Ances as binding? ?" promise made in such circum "I do; my inding?
igher than word shall be sacredly kept; I value 1 Cochita
Cochita, as I bave said, walked a few paces in everything that was sharp-eared, and he overheard knew now. beyond cavil. that all he had to do was to wrest the pledge he craved from the voung woif her life were spared to do so. He instantly de-
cided upon his line of policy: he would wring the promise from Minnie, and then, at every possible ment of the pledge to the future
To do this, there was no escaping a collision with Geronimo, but Cochita did not shrink from it, though the conseguences were sure to be of the gravest nature. He hoped to outwit the grim leader by cunning, leaving open defiance as the last resort.
Familiar with the recesses of the wild region which he now entered, Cochita led the procession over an easily traveled trall into the mountains. two of his bucks dropping to the rear to watch for pursuers, including Geronimo and his band, who, it may be said, were more dreaded by the younger leader than the ranchmen or troopers. Frequent as to were made, and Cochita continually inquired as if the wines of the captives, whom he treated stealing through the mountains was halt made.
The spot selected was that which some time later was approached by Arizona Alf and his friends. where they saw not Cochita but Geronimo and sev eral of his bucks. Cochita intended to remain where Spring chief did until morning, provided the Warm to themselves in a small, pocket-like ravine where there was nelther water nor grass. The animals neerled both, but an Apache acts on the theory that his horse should become as accustomed as himself to hunger and thirst.
The surroundings were so dismal that Cochita busied himself with gathering limbs and sticks with which to start a fire. He had already sent one of his men in quest of food, for in a country where cattle are numbered by the hundred thousand no one need ever go hungry, if he is not too conscientious about branded animals, and does not confine himself to mavericks, which, as you may know, are tramp cattle, whose ownership has not been settled. Minnie was standing somewhat apart with her fire. Suddenly she gripped Mrs. Good in kindling a fire. Suddenly she gripped Mrs. Goodale s arm.
belleve we can sho back among the rocks be hind us and hide until we have a char
The elder caught the contagion.
"I'm willing to try, but I don't believe he will give us the chance.'
hey glanced at Cochita. He was more than a rod distant, and the surrounding darkness was deeppied with the incipient blaze. He was on his oceu in front of the rock against which he had placed the fuel. He had learned the convenience of the lucifer match in the East, and, drawing a small rubber safe from his pocket, he scratched the bit of wood along the corrugated bottom of the box and shaded the tiny blaze with his inclosing hands as he leaned farther over to apply it to the leaves and dry twigs. grasping the hand of the latter; "we mustn't wait another second.
They noiselessly faced the gloom of the mountains behind them and moved away like a couple of shadows. Their hearts were beating painfully with hope. but they had not taken a half dozen paces when both stopped abruptly. Something stirred in front of assumed form assumed form. He seemed not to nothce them, but in that precise spot at such an inopportune momene in that precise sp
for the captives.
"What folly for us to think Cochita would give us the slightest opportunity!" sald the disappointed the slightest opportunity." said the disappo."
Hiding their feelings as best they could, the women walked calmly to where Cochita, having set the fire going, had risen to his feet and was watch ing its progress
"It Isn't needed for warmth," he said pleasantly. "but it makes things more cheerful and will help to prepare your evening meal.
"You are very thoughtful," said Mrs. Goodale, feel. Ing that her words were true in every sense; "we are not hungry, but food and water are welcome." "Youred.'
The captives seated themselves on a boulder withspectfully the fire which his attention between them and blaze. The illumination spread into a vigorous twenty or thirty feet. The young chief was about to seat himself near the two, when he stopped. turned his head with a filting movement like a startled bird. and looked off in the gloom. His action and pose showed that he had heard something. though neither of the others had caught so much as the rutes, when from the stood thin for two or three minutes, wherrior walked He bore the forequarter of a yearling which had. been dressed and prepared for the fre Evidently the instructlons from his leader had been obeyed With his keen knife Cochita cut off several thin slices of the juicy steak, which he skewered on long. green sticks, that were held over the flame and While thus engaged a second Apache came out of the night bearing a tin vessel of coal clear water It was a puzzle to the prisoners where he had gotten the untensil, though when it is remembered that these bucks were members of one of the most fearful bands that ever raided the Southwest, the question ought not to have been difficult of answer
The meal being ready, Cochlta brought forward the steak delicately arranged on pine twigs, apologizing for the crudeness of the accommodation and Perforce their fingers aerved as substitutes and their handkerchiefs answered for napkins. So they ate and drank and were refreshed.

# The Boy and the Beast 

The Story of a Bad Dog


The Veteran Writer of Stories for Boys CHAPTER I. "DON'T BE A PAIR OF MADCAPS!

DR. HUBERT WARNER, a retired minister turned book-agent, drove out of the yard that three days' absence,-partly on business, and partly to visit a married daughter at Worcester: leaving the "children," Marion, a girl of eighteen, and Hubert, two years younger, to care for the house and "look after things generally," to quote Mrs. Warner's parting injunction.

And don't be a pair of madcaps, as soon as we are out of sight!" Mr. Warner called back over his shoulder.
"Of course not! We never are!" said Hubert, in high glee, as the old family buggy rattled a way up the street. "We'll look after things, generally and particularly,-have a house-warming, for one thing: Make out your list of fellows, Marion, and I'll name the girls:"
He pushed back his straw hat-brim from his un-
tanned forehead and reddish forelock tanned forehead and reddish forelock, while the brown face beneath shone with the anticlpated fun. to have for dinner? That's the first particular thing to have for
to look after:
Marion ..stood smiling under the porch, the last "good-bye" on her lips, and in her hand the handkerchief she had waved at her mother giving a last backward look from the buggy. The boy was behind the departing wheels.
"I knew it wouldn't be long before you would ask that question! I thought," she sald, with mock seriousness, "perhaps I shouldn"t have to get any dinner, now the folks are away.
Oh! cried out Hubert, like a boy whose tenderest feelings have been outraged. But seeing a laughtng light in her eyes. he added, "No nonsense, Fuzzi-wig!"-a nickname suggested by her light-brown hair combed up fluffily over her full, fair forehead. No joking on so solemn a subject: I heard mother say you could order anything we wished: and what is life without a dinner? If you mention-when the butcher's young man comes along-'Just a slice of your jufclest rump-steak, John Bowers:' you can bet place today!" "Very well. Hubbiboy:"-her fondest name for That good-looking, fun-loving brother, toward whom she felt especially indulgent now that they were left alone together and she was mistress of hie "Hub," hold. On ordinary occasions she called him "Hub, you. There comes John Bowers now':
A canvas-covered wagon, driven by a white-aproned, rosy-cheeked young man, stopped at the gate, and Marion brought out a platter which she held while he cut a slice of steak of medium thickness under Hubert's critical eye.

## CHAPTER II.

THE BUTCHER'S YOUNG MAN STOPS TO TALK.
The butcher's young man was jolly and talkative, and at sight of a very large, savage-looking dog in complimentary remarks about him, before remounting his wagon.
"There's Tin Kitchen Dick's cur, Gollath, watching out for me, as be about always is, this time of day: The mere sight of a meat wagon is fattening me, since he jumped finto the hind end to help himself once, and got a cut-not of pork chops! Goliath is a good name for an overgrown, yaller-streaked mongrel like that; though 1 can't guess how Tin Kitchen ever came to give a Bible name to anything."
"That's more than 1 know," sald Hubert. "And there's another thing 1 wlsh you'd tell me,-wihy you call Mr. Cripsey Tin Kitchen Dick
The butcher's young man paused again, with one
foot on the wagon-step. and a hand grasing foot on the wagon-step. and a hand grasping the upright support of the canvas cover
"Didn't you ever hear that story? It's an old joke,
J. T. TROB ${ }^{\text {By }}$ WRIDGE
but it's as sweet today as though it had been kept on ice. Better stay and hear it. Miss Marlon: he called atter the
young girl, as she was young girl, as she was
carrying the platter into the house. "It's a good moral tale, and it never moral tale, and it never
loses any of its good points when I have the telling of it!"
He tool his foot from the wagon-step, and stood facing Hubert, who waited, grinningly expectant, while Marion, having disposed of her platter, came to the gate again. he moved into this neigh-borhood.-when he lived over in the east part of brought up," began the broukht up," began the
butcher's young man. That was before either of you can remember. $\mathrm{T}_{\text {y }}$ in in my twenty-sixth tot-not much taller than a tuning-fork-when the tin kitchen business made a noise over there, -and a noise it was, by jolly
"What's a tin kitchen?" Hubert inquired. $" 1$
never heard of such a thing."
"Miss Marion has, 1 guess," replled the butcher's young man. "No? tell you. It was something to set before an oput or roast meat in. It went out of fashion long before the time 1 speak of: only Cripsey stuck to
his tin kitchen for summer use."
"And that's the way be got the name!' Hubert
 "You just wall" Don.
spile a story fore it's told: Besides, I haven't tive for interruptions." the butcher's young man added, looking at his watch. "The short on"t is my Uncle wood from his pile in ancle's folks-used to miss wood from his pile in a mysterious way, and be of pilfering considerable worked tip by that petty sort as there was to his woodpile. So what did he do but pick out an inviting stick, bore a hole into it. put in a good charge of powder, plug it tight and tasty, and leave it handy
The speaker's voice bad risen to a natural key, but he lowered it again, as he gave another glance at the Cripsey house and continued:
"Vext morning, good and early,
.ext morning, good and early, Just as we had got comftably set down to the breakfast table,-lincle Mark was asking the blessing, ever so solemn,-he came the avfulest bang and rumps perfectly digious.' Uncle Jark and rumpis, perfectly pergood words still in his mouth and says , Am- whe in thunder!' And we all rushed out to see such a sight as I never forgot, little shaver as I was:
"We lived next door to the Cripseys over there. about as you do here, only nigher. Mrs. Cripsey had been getting breakfast,-the weather was warm. and they had the door open,-when without even a flzzle of warning the volcano kicked: sent tin kitchen. breakfast, live coals, baking johnny-cake,-what not, out of the door, down the steps, and on to the walk, permiscuous: The air was full of smoke and flying ashes; and there was Cripsey plunging out in pursuit of his tin kitchen and things, and the Cripsey giris-two of em in short skirts and uncombed hair -hurrying to pick up the pleces of hot johnny-cake. Inside, we could see Mrs. Cripsey, in a wild panic. broom in hand, sweeping the cinders and brands back in the fireplace, and hear her gasping out. in what on earth! goodness save us!'
My uncle put on an air of the greatest concern and sympathy and says- - ans he
'What's the row, Dick? What's your tin kitchen doing out here? Dancing a jfg on the sidewalk!
"Cripsey was stooping over the battered thing, straightening the bent legs, pale and flustered,-his face about the complexion of the dabs of half baked Johnny-cake; too mad and astonished to speak a and every was an ugly tempered fellow, then as now: He kept urging to know what the matter was, in the friendliest sort of way, till Crinsey just turned up one flery eye at him and burst out with.-

Some scoundrel has been playing me a trick! mis'ble, Idiotic trick. But I'll get even with him.'
"So I would!' says Uncle Mark. 'Have you an "'So I would!', says Uncle Mark. 'Have you any I had to go to law! Can I do anything? he says. while other neighhors were hurrying to the spot. The Joke of it was, more than one of em had
just whose bomb-shell had cleared out his caboose: hever knew myself till long afterwards. He was than it man to want the trick any more exposed liected C'ncle Mark, he was wise enough to keep a still tongue in his head, 'cept for some deep mutterings, as he turned his back on the camp-meeting and stamped up his steps, carrying the thing that was to give him his nickname, for he was Tin Kitchen llick Trom that day on.
The butcher's young man had his foot on the stell apain. This time he mounted and took his seat in the wagon. Then. looking down. and seetng Hubert con vulsed with merriment and Marion brightly smilng. he added this comment
"He wasn't popular in the neighborhood after that. He disappeared in a couple of years or so, then next I knew he had settled down here, long slde o your you a funny story hiking along. I will, some time." "Tell It now, Mr. Bowers!" Hubert entreated. "It needn't take long.

## Chapter iII.

## THE "FLNNY STORY."

The butcher's young man laughed, still keeping an U on the dog.
"Did you see him dodge when I lifted my whip out of the socket? Ever since the day I caught him In wagon, he thinks the lash is fifty rods long. in the reached of the wagon-cover, but lowered his hand again, with a chuckle. "Come a little nearer
can't tell this story above a whisper, he sald. "for my sparking days; and I'm a bashpul man as yout are aware: My sparking nights, I should have said. It was when i was courting my Lucy Jane-I acy Jane Peters; she lived up this way, you remember.: "Oh, yes. I remember very well," sald Marion "Everybody seemed to know where you were going. so regularly. those Sunday evenings."
"Did they? That's just what I was afraid of!" laughed John Bowers. "Sometimes I went roundabout ways, but then somebody I knew was sure to see me sidling into the Peters house. Nobody ever saw me coming away; it was generally too late for that: all lights out by that time. Only Tin Kitchen Dicks dog was sure to rush into the yard and hark town I never falled how late or how caretully dark the might was, or how late. or hou careliny stepped, keeping the "I got pretty ured of it and one algheray me. hint from the boy David. when he went out to fight $h$ is Goliath. I didn't exactly he went out to fight stones for my sllng, hut I carried a falr.sized one in
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dormitory, and the next morning halr of
the boys in the bullding slipped down the btairs when they went to breakfast. creating a great commotion. All thret
of the witnesses remembered Weston to to play here, some time.
the school attorney the witnesses that summed up thelr testimony and he now that no one could doubt the gulit of the
defendante. Then, when cept those who knew. supposed he was
through, he added. "I dence aiready shown is think the enoush to convince the court, but I have one more
jtem, which is conclusive. have in my
hand a note which was written by Gam Inderman to Weston Young and taken away from Weston by Miss De Vere. It
lo writen in clpher, but it has been Hazy is onto us. I say we confess. Way Will get off easier." It the writer, Sam Whll show how we know it to be right
if not. I will not take the time to px Sam was a surprided and woeful-look-
ing fellow., He realized the uselessness of a denlai ; and the lawyer for the de-
CHAPTER IV

G the Lel's have run with Young, who ppoke up Weston
well as well as a practical joke- pro-
was not played on him. vided it was not played on him. "I tell
you what! $\begin{aligned} & \text { tre got some floor wax that } \\ & \text { Whil and I brought home from the Boat }\end{aligned}$ Club Let's break it up and drop ft on
the landing. so everybody will slip. Hazy
will never find us out in the world, if none of us squeal." It was agreed that Weston's plan was wax the next Monday morning. and dishe knew would be very careful not to ter recess that morning. there arose a
great confusion on the lower landing. A girl in the lower elghth slipped and fell
forward, pushing over the girl in front of her, and making a great nolse. Al-
most at the same Instant, a boy silpped upsetting four or five others in his fall. There milght have been more disasters, the trouble, and, cautloning the others to be careful, started the line again.
There were no further mishaps, though
a few mischievous ones trited to cause disorder by pretending to sllp.
Charlie feti a strange, helpless feeling come over him as a dil date challenge
him that thls was
for the new court. Somebody who "had for the new court. Sime him wasinning early with his tricks. But then, pshawigh him? No.
anyone have a grudge against him
it was just some of the boys who wanted some tuns, and of they thought the court
would be farce. Well. then. he would show them: and with determination in
his face, he headed tor the principal's
office for tinstructions how to proceed. see. that they are going to try you a lit flual to them. I suggest that you get
Jonald at once and see if you two canrot work out the case. If you don't sucyou must show the boys that you can
do it. Mean while, ril send the janitor
to scrape of the wax., s.
 Wlinin half a dozen now who it was.
When we find out. you'll tell us how to go ahead with the trial, Wont you? . You
oCeralnly. Donald in Room is more impo
The judge and the school attorney reuse talking." said Donald, 'i we've got to catch those fellows. They must have in their Hned on the upper landing name li Phili, I don't
know his last name. know he were in the upper elghth, all
right.: sald the judge, and you notice
the wax was all on the left side. There werent more than ten boys on that slde.
on we can tell prrtty near who the felHos were by getting a list of those.
hou dont know who would be likely to
hoor wax. do you? Balley's father has let's see-well. Tom
and of course he sells it woulin't be be in such a dells it; but tom logislature. and he's a square fellow
But say, the Boat Club boys had a dance last week. and they must have had some. here are some unper elphth kids in it Young, and those." Young are about the
olinderman and Yo mean enough to do such a trick. sald Fattind because he is in the front rank and I remember the fellows were joshing with. You know in the front rank the
boys.., The boys discussed thelr clues for
 get some pointers from some of the felthis morning that he knew some of the found that he had some information
whlch bore out his and Donald'd susplc ons, and by Tuesday morning severa. uted slight bits of Information. which but which together formed a very strong Tuesday morning at recess one of the upper elghth boys. named Phil Davis,
told Hazy that Miss De Vere had cap.
tured a note thrown by Indy to weston tured a note thrown by Lindy to Weston
Young. and that Weston was laughing and she couldn't read it. Phil suggested and she counk Mlss De Vere for the note.
that Hazy ank
and explain why he wanted it. 1 Ive goi and explan book that gives a lot of clpher
a 1 brary
codes and know Weston had the book
out last week. for I tried to get it last the prisoners. The attorney has the
Friday, and the librarlan said he had it. foor, sald the judge, using the language Friday, and the librarlan said he had it. floor, said the judge, using the language be about that wax buslness." Hazy went slon.
forthwlth to Miss De Vere. She had not Donald McClain arose and came to th
opened the note, and did not care what front. He was a splendid talker for opened the note, and did not care what
was in it; but she was whlling Hazy
should have it. if it would be of any uge should have it. if it would be of any use. They found it in the waste basket, and
Hazy took out to show to rhil. The
latter could do nothing without his book. but he came back early at noon with it,
and went with Hazy and Donald to
 The three boys studled over it for fip-
teen minutes, and could not connect it with any of the codes in the book. Fit
nally Phil sald: "Here, let's try this one: Another good system is known as the
1-2-3 code. In this the writer first goes
through every third letter, separating the letters by dashes except where two or more let-
ters are taken prom one word. He then
draws an upright bar thus draws an. upright bar thus, 1 , to Indicate
the writing the second letter and every third
one thereafter. Following this with an other bar, he goes over the messase the and writing every third one thereater very easy system to read, when one
anows how, but almost impossille for an amateur to decipher without the key.
That's it. boys! We have it! he con-
cluded. as eagerly as if he had found a gold mine.
Sure enough, they had it. They apvealed, after the boys had supplled the
punctuation: Whil says punctuation: "Will says llazy is onto 113 .
I say we confess. We will get oft eas"That fixes Sam and Weston, all right.
though of course we were sure enough Lewls: The other fellow must he, Will
Donald. "This will convince everybody. I guess
we are ready for the trlal now, aren't we are ready for the
we? answered Charlie.
"Lei's mate
ter school. You can get Mr. Kemp to
glve you a day off Wed beter glve you a day off. We'd better go and
ask Mr. Hudson how to manage the
trial. Come on! The hoys had a long talk with the
principal, to whom they revealed the evidence thicy had secured. He was de.
lighted With their success. and praised
their skill warmly. He then outlined a plan for conducting the trial arranging charge of the judge would have entire
to remain in the background. himeselt though of course he would be present at
the trial and help them over any unfore the trial and help them over any unfore-
seten dithultles. many who would want to see the trial,
but as a large crowd was net desirable.
even if it could have been accommodated. it was deemed best to admit only members of the upper elghth grade (to which
the accused boys all belonged), and the Weannesday morning Pollceman Frank Roberts dellvered written messages to
Weston Young, Sam Linderman, and Will
Lewis. The Lewis. The messages were all the same.
and read as follows: in Room 22. at 3:30 p. m., tomorrow. Thursday. to stand trlal before the school court on the charge of wiliul
mischief. tending to disturb the
school. schol.
"Approved.
Charles Bradford,
School Judge. By $3: 35$ on Thursday, Room 22 was ever assembled within four walls. This nue School. for day for the Cortland Aveplan protiably determine whether the ed. It the court falled to get at the
truth, it would lose the respect which nearly all were now willing to accord it.
and wrong-doers would be encouraged to and wrong-doers would be encouraged to
trife with it. On the other hand. if the guilt of thicse first prisoners and punish
gut ond ing them-well, everybody would hold it
in respect and good order would prevall. Nobody gaid these things in the court
room. but inink nearly every one pres
ent realized them to be true; and the youthful judge felt be true; and responsibility
keenly. His confidence did not fil keenly. His confldence did not fall him
though. and it carried him through this day. as it had through many another
hard one. When all were seated. Mr. Hudson chase and sald: "This room is now in
charge of the school Judge. Charlle Brad. ford. He has full authority to keep or
der, and you are expected to respect his commands exactly as if he were a teach.
er. The judge will please take the Charlle came forward and stood be Avenuee School versus Samuel Linderman
Veston Young, and William Lewis. h said. "They, are charged with wilful Wlachief tending to disturb the school. lerk. they will have a chance to an
swer the charge. If you want to confess
say 'Gulty' when your name is alle say 'Gulty' when your name is. called
if you don't gay Not gullty.'. The
names were called. and the three boys answered. The first thing wili be for the school
attorney to pregent the cvidence agains
front He was a splendid taker for a
boy of troubled with
stage fright, and he began his argument as it he were an experienced lawyer like
his father. Judge McClain, of the Supe "Your honor," he began, bowing pro
foundty to the judge. There was a titte oundly to the judge. There was a titte of mirth from the rear of the room, but
the judge pounded the desk fercely with
the gavel Mr. Hudson had glven hlm and order was restored. had given him "We expect to prove to you beyond a proof will consist of a chain of circum-
stantlal evidence which is conclusive when viewed together. I should like t -Thomas Bailey, come forward
take the oath, please,", sald the judge.
Tom came up to the desk. "Do youll Tom came up to the desk. "Do you give
your word of honor that you will tell
this court the truth. the whole truth and nothing but the tr
"I
do." replied Tom.
"The attorney may examine the witDonald now addressed Tom: "Will
you tell the court whatever you know that bears on this case?"
All 1 know 1 s . that last Monday morning. at recess. I heard Sam Linderman
say to Weston Young, Gee! Won't make the judge will? ? Weston saw me
passing. and, I heard him say. Don't talk so loud.' ". oys at the the? "' asked Donald.
"Yes, Fred Arnold and Oliver Hart." heard?"."
After giving the defendants' lawyer a chance to questlon the witness, a was allowed to resume his seat.
"you see very plalniy from this." sald Donald resuming. That two of the de
fendants were planning something t fendants were planning something the court: an
bother the judge of thls
since was mentioned by his tile since he was mentloned by his title. It is
fair to belleve that they intended to now like to examine the second witness

## CHAPTER V.

Jerry testified that Weston Young had
dropped a round tin box when he pulled dropped a round tin box when he pulled morning. Jerry chanced to be standing tice that the box was labeled. "Johnson's
Floor Wax." He thought nothing of it at the time, for he had no reason to
suspect the purpose for which the wax
was to be used. A few minutes later he was to be used. A few minutes later he
saw Weston, Sam Linderman, WIll Lewis
and a couple of other boys and a couple of other boys whom he did ing around thls same box.
When Jerry had finlshed, Art Heath and two others reported some remarks
that they had heard Weston Young make several weeks prevlous. It seems that
Weston was telling a group of boys was away at boarding school. had par-
ticinated in. One night this brother and

Donald now closed his argument and
sat down. He had done his part splendidly, and there was nobody in the room of the three prisoners. The only quesThe judge announced that the attor opportunity to speak. This not horney wia Oscar Higgins, who had not yet reformhe knew it quite well. At the outset he argue the judge out of convicting the
boys, but as Donald introduced one witness after another it "took all the wind out of his salls, as he admitted arter-
ward. Oscar had belleved that the boys
could not be gotten to testify against
each oiner, and that the case would fall hat for want of witnesses. But he was was the legislature honest and sincere but there were plenty of other people in
school who were: boys of Tom Balles's
stamp would not hold up their hands in fromise to support the new government onsclence was a very promber affalr. H had argued to himself that When he helc
up his hand in the school meeting. it wa only to vote for the plan of self-govern
ment, not to promise to support it. H been honest in on a fellow. If he ha satisfied his consclence by any such ar hee litile voice within didn't sometimes hat ralsing "Youre hand would be take This last " of evidence had This last bit of evidence had com
pletely overwhelmed Oscar. as it had his young cllents: and they would have given a good deal to know how Donald
had lhe meaning of the note They never found out, and Philis connec
tion with the matter was never suspect ed. Oscar arose to speak, but his defens Whs so weak that it was really laughThe judge arose. "If there is no furth he ready to announce my declsion. Have more to say?." he asked. There was reply. "The declsion of the court is charge, and ought to be whamed of "Wait a minute, please," said Fred Ar
"Wing nold, jumping to his feet. "1 Was in thls 'm willing to take my share of the blume. He had no sooner sat down than "I'm glad you fellows did the straigh hing and told on yourselves.: said tin I sentence Sam Linderman. Wes on Young, and will ewis to be depriv
od of yard privileges until they glublyate


sam was a gurpriged and woeful lookne bo

Hart for one month each. The court is
dismissed. judge and attorney recelved many con-
gratulations on the skill with which it government was now assured, and the equally to two people-Charles Bradford done "like Mary Ann. Evidently Mr Winton had read the verse which Miss
Room 18. charlie the black board in Room 18. Charlie'd popularity was in-
creased. Indeed. he had no rlval. unless it was Donald; but they did not con:
sider themselves as rivals in any sensc;
they were the best of friends. and werc together so much of the time that Mr.
Hudson called them David and Jonathan. Charlie's position escaped teasing. HC With mock solemnity and was made the could never get him angry, and he so
often outwitted the jokers that they soon There were several other trials during the year. one of them requiring a jury;
but the hoys very soon came to realive support the government. and when the upper elghth grade was graduated, in
February, the only disloyal element left
was a clique of boys in Room 20 . Before changed thatr over even these boys had so strong at Cortland Avenue that it be.
came known throughout the clty model school; and pupils all over the
East SIde envied those who lived in the
Cortand disit Corthe days passed rapidly with our
The
itend Hazy, and it scemed to him that Iriend Hazy, and
Apring came before winter had fairly be.
gun. He was now in the upper seventh. having been promoted in high standing:
with his class. In February. Fortunatewas the custom for a teachertoco continue Some of the work particularly the arlth. as the old proverb says, iperseverance conquers everything. " and Hazy never
lacked perseverance. consequently never In March, for the first arithmetite lesson.
In Me was ablic hut E's upon it. and card with nothing Many exciting things had happened during the past few months, notably the
second defeat of the Lowell School a basketball, Hazy being this time on the
regular team. But this was decluedly regular team. But this was decidedly
less Important than what was to come. for, early in May. there came a challenge to be contested at Recreation Park. Oll the first Saturday of June. The chal-
lenge was promptiy accepted, you may There had been school spirit at Cort
land Avenue before, perhaps, but now was surely at top notch. Lowell thoukli, her at baskethall. did she? Wor beat. wo would show her: Wasn't Ed Kelloge thr could Lowell hope to find anyone who Hazy? And weren't there Tom Balley and Lawrence Kemp. and a dozen other letes? It would be a sad day for Lowp when she came against us in feld sport discussed the matter. and if thelr pri-
phecies were to be belleved. Lowell's phecies were to be bellev
was. indeed. a hopeless case. A committee on arrangements was ap had ready the program of events. Ther another for hoys under twelve, and an whuld be oy three-legged race a sar race. and an obstacle race; a high jump
a broad jump. and a hop. skip and jump finally the program would end with tug-of-war and a grand relay race. Each
school might enter two boys for each event except the last two. in which there First place was to count five points. and second place three. except that the tug. elght points each to the winning side. It did not take long for the news the approachlng contest to spread
throughout the East Side and several
interested parent of pupis in Interested parents of pupils in the two
schools contributed prizes for the winners. In the Cortland Avenue district there llved an eccentric but good-natur-
ings was quite well-to-do and when his
son Ralpht who attended the Corthand
 glve a prize of one hundred offered tollars in
ash for the winning school to use in buying plctures or oratuary. He made the condition, however, that he should program. and that it should count an give no hint as to the nature of the con-
test he had in mind. except to say that and exciting. The strange nffer was glady accepted by both schonls. and you
maty well belleve there was preat specu-
laton among the nupis during the next

## prise. The


he boys of whis part have thought that very pcculiar games. You woun had some aby have seren several youths, each with
both his legs in a graln-sack. frantically
hopping a race acrosg the might hiave observed pairs of boys. with
the right leg of one strapped to the left of his mate strappcd thelr
arms around each others necks.
racing from racing from the horse-block to the
bo maple; and if that was not enough
to excite your interest, the sitht of dozen or two panting boys wildily rushcllinbing over plles of boxes. crawlling
under a tennis net. jumplng across a under a tennis net. Jumping across a
nud pudde. wrigeling through a barrel.
hurrying up a low step ledder nud puade. wriggling through a barrel.
hurring up iow step-ledder and jump-
ing of the other slde, idinning up a tree and down again, running twice agaln-that sight would have made you
wonder if perhaps this waz not an in.
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 mouth was smiling. but her eyes were
not. And senny would much father see
her eves smile

 Fred lent you?
He Benjy glaneed at the book in his lap. ReMother." he said abrupty, "Is Mr. she crile, "what oo you mean?" in his

 been making yay and now now whats a hant Bony., waid. Mrs. Carlton, with ve here, and fa'lier whll work the farm on But it won't be ours. And it's all on
my account, for father borrowed the money the send me to New York- and the money was all wasted, anyway." He was a brave little fellow, but for an active boy of thirteen ${ }^{\text {a be suddenly }}$
cut of from the life a boy loves, to hope
for months for returning health, to find hat hope rudely dissipated-all thls was biterness to senjy. and ior the irst time
he.gave way in his mother's presence. sobbed rebelliously "Every day, after
school, I can hear the boys coasting. and
it makes me think of the time I-. his
volce His mother eame, and. kneeling by his
chair. drew his head to her shoulder and let hirn sob for a few moments, ail the hading ashaned of his wenkness. ghe
sjoke, still knceling, and holding his Gou must not say the money was
wasted, Benjy. You know ywn are but. er than yon doctor says bou is sure And can be cured." She was about to say more, but a griat stamping of snowy feet in the klichen

As she spoke, the door opened, an Thomas Cariton's six feet two appeared held aloft in elther hand.
"Say. Benjy. he callid out rheerlly,
"guess how many quarts s. ur litie Jer: sey kave tonlght"," mentary pleasurithle interestin a bluff.
Nope twelve.: And hearty laugh. the bear
awayagain.
Mrs. Cariton. with a reassuring smile at Benjy went to attend to the straining Benfy could hear their low tones, derstanding their words: nevertheless, he felt sure they were talking of him.
The little fellow felt like a useless bur:
den, and longed to be able to ease his lather's and mother's care.
tions for supper, his father came in. and crutches. The parents had evidenty
agi jed not to speak of Benjy's blu,s. and Mr. Cariton became unusually talka
In an effort to divert his son's mind.
"Dow Palmer was over to the barn to
night. and"he told me quite a plece oo
news." he remarked, pouring out a sau cerful of tea to cool.
"What was it?', inquired Mrs. Carlton.
"Well you remember Hank Williams don't you, Martha? that fellow that
helped me all that summer of the big crops-the one that used to get off to chance?
an should say I did: replied Mrs. Carl.
ond emphatically. ton emphatically. :Such a time as I ut of the room where he slept!"
"Yes and I remember him, too." add-
d Benjy, warmly. "He used to kick dog every time he went near him." ni

850,000. At least, they have pretty good
 they.ve oftered a reward of $\$ 55,000$ for
him.
Sr.anjuarew a ang breath, by
 be. hiding around somewnere.
 Byt he time Beny had peaten hls fath


 It seemed to hm he had slept but a


 that Benjy was not certath he had really
heard 1 it He ilstened tor some time, bui nothing furher came to his ears, th





 litlly There was a hook on trinar
side of the door. Detween the two rooms, which, being hung bally,
would
not cot benjy's spirit was
brave and willing. thaye thad willing.
weak. His course was ac. weak. His course of ac-
tion was instantly de-
cided on. He sllpped noiselessiy out of bllped bed.
and as noiselessly IImped and as noiselessly 11 mped
In the plteh darkness
across the fion across the floor to the
door connecting the two door connecting the two
rooms. Reaching the
spot. he moved one hand spot he moved one hand
up the lintel of the door.
till he felt the hook and assured himself it was
ilrmily fastened. He had unconsclously drawn his race close the keyhole.
and could scarcely re an unmistakably whis-key-laden breath was
wafted to him. The in vader, then, was some wandered man. who hat from the cold, and hap
pened to be close to th
door to door on one slde. as
isenj
from approached it rom the other
Benjy stood for some
time perfectly still. He time perfectly still. We
could hear nuthing. With a suddenness that mad.
him gaspe came in.
thought like an inspiratlon. that on the other slde of that door was
llank Willams, the outlaw With a five thousat-
dollar pyice on his head The boy trempled head.
head to from tunity had falling tnto his
hands. hands. Now to do his lils first impulse was t.11 his father. but al-
mont hmmedately fol-
lowed the thought that Howed the thought that
the commotion which would inevitably ensuecould never do carlion
conythink intruder. who might th ily escape as he camis.
Obvously, the first thins Was to see that the lower he could think what was to be done next.
He had found
He had found no great diffeulty in he ought to be wrapped up.
walking from the bed without his cot pausing to ask quin crutches he could easlly manage a few
steps at a time but he now found himselif confronted by the necessity of going
down stalrs, across the kitchen, and into the shed. He resolved that it must be
done without his crutches, for they done without his crutches, for they
would uneringly betray hls movements. He would be sure to k
something in the dark
Cautlously he made his way into the the top step to rest. Sitting there, he
could plainly hear his fathers heavy could plainly hear his father's heav
breathing through the open door oppo
site. He felt all at dream. But the need of action neverthe-
less urged him on. Almost unconsciously, he comter, by bearing his weight on his hands, and thrusting his feet downward. Proceeding thus, he finally reached the he crossed the kitchen. found the she
door, and unlocked it. As he opened door, and unlocked it. As he opened
the hinges gave a paint '"plump:' halt Way as they settied more firmly into
the sockets. His heart futtered for an instant. but he went on The Tegt was
ensy. gin gteps he had gained the
shed gtairway door. and pushed to the

Once back in the kitchen, with the self attacked by overpowering weakness.
He groped about until he found the 11t-
tle splint rocker. Until now, he had not been conscious of the cold; but, the the early morning. The man, whoever
he was. was safe. was all Benjy could
hink, for. not only were both doors think, for, not only were both doors
locked, but the wlndows of the store-
room were nailed down, and covered room were nailed down, and covered
with heavy wooden shutters. When Benfy's exalted nervousness
had passed. he doubted whether it was
really Hank Willams upstairs or indeed. whether he had not been mistaken The clock rance of anyone there.
out five short, sharp strokes. Benjy knew that meant help.
for his father rose at five. The darkness began to be full of vague terror
hls back and limbs ached, and he wa
thoroughly chlled. Just then an aud ble and prodigious yawn heralded ibe was not more than five minutes before
he came downstalrs. carrying In his
hand a small oll lamp. hand a small ofl lamp. Thls he nearly
dropped his amazement at seeing "Well!": he ejaculated, but Benjy, stlll if warned, might escape, interrupted "pon't make a noise, father; it's only "But what?-how?-" began his fathpoor success to speak sottly. Wh. Why.
here; Benjy, boy. you're cold. Let me carry you up to bed again. . . on't want to go up there. Let me lie By this time. the unwonted talking with a blanket, shawl thrown about her.
Hiere. Wife. satd Mr. Carton. much
 he ought to be wrapped up."
Not pausing to agk questions, she ate object
direted her husband to start the fire. gloommod
and put on a kettle or water. She her. Clearly,
self hurrled back upstairs, reappearing barrels o
almostinstantly with two immense com. shelter no
ate objects. However. hiscern separ-
Clearly, no one was there. The two barrels of apples in the corner could
shelter no one-but walt-Benjy paused and looked at them reflectively. Me He re
membered that each barrel was about membered that each barrel was about day. one was rounded up at the top
Hope clutched at a straw. of cours there was the possibility that his rather
had flled it since, but he would see. He reached the barrels. His heart was
beating like a trip-hammer, and for a he himself. or someone else. was breat Ing so heavily. The alcoholic odor, which
was oppressive in the room. was sud was oppressive in the room, was sud With his blood-pulsations almost stifing
him, he peered into the barrel. Dense regular breathing was easily, heavy gulshed. At first, his excltement was so grest. that he could not think. He mere
17 stood sthl. 11stening to the bresthing of arunken stupor. Then like a flash, hle
dream recurred to his mind. The cage Here it was!

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## BENJAMIN WEST


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other cities, studying for three years,




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patron. At the kings desire. as well as
in compliance with the suggestions of his own wanius. West devoted himself to historical palnting. and executed
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annually re-elected (with the excepton of one year) until his death. West as an
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horror, West certanly failerd in titis pic.
ture. His admirers say that he painted thus In order to make himself under-
stood by the most wrinary comprehen-
sion. but we doubt whether art wachet
that a subject so awfuland vague shoult that a subject so awtul and vague should
be painted leaving no room for the im-
agtnation of the spectatol. and dicisting the theme of the shadowy horrors in
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West. according to Her painted a had in his life. In other
words. he has 1 i-rt behind him no human
countenance which is countenance which is a study in itselt.
as Raphacl, Titian, and all the greai
masters have done. There is much trutli In this criticism. But it was not wholly
the fault of West that he paint.d no
of originality such faces. An artist of originality
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suggestion of pupils. wasting thelr
time. studying physiog know how to spell was fatal to one's
chances of success in life. One of the ong winter evenings was the spellingThe boy or the girl who could "spel mitted to be "mighty smart." Some other to a shelling contest. and then the once while the vaaquished would a Were of frequent occurrence and not Mr. Bassiord. teacher of Number Six as about to dismiss school one evening
January when there came a knock
the door. and before the teacher black eyes, came man, with plercing who sald
Was about to close the school, but I am
sure the boys and girls would be glad
to remain later than usual if you will
make a few remarks. wo to say all I have to say. replled
the judge. hear that Number Five
thes challenged Number Slx to a spelling Of course have sent ins a challenge."
Cake th up?.'
Certainly, judge. We're not of them," replied the teacher, with a
laugh. gh'd be ashamed of you if you
were." sald the judge, tartly, and then
he added he i. Idded. been thinking that $I$ rd do something to kind ${ }^{\text {a }}$ stimulate our young
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comes to education. Nothing makes
worse impresion comes to education. Nothing makes a
worse impression than bad spelling when
one has a letter to wrlte. Neat plation one has a letter to write. Neat, plain
handwriting and correct spelling can carry a boy a good ways toward suc-
cess in llfe and a boy who cantwrite or
spell well is sort o handicapped. I Just come over to say that 1 plan to glve a
prize to the best speller when you have
your contest with the Number Fivers next week. I hope some one in our
school wili win it, but the best speller
shall have it. no matter which district he or she llives in. The prize will be
two hundred dollars in gold, and the
one that wins it must use the money for
two years of schoolinget inger and 1 hope some of you youngsters wili
keep it from going into Number Five eccentric old man departed as suddenly as he had arman
Intense interest
spelling contert was created fy the of the of
fer of old Judge Butler. and the blue-covered spelifng-books in both dis-
tricts were brought into immediate use tricts were brought into immediate ulse
They were taken home at the close of
school and pored over por hours long. 'jaw preakting. word hours. The tho
lo which there were so many senseless
in sllent. in which there were so many senseless
sllent letters were studled and spelled
over and over again. Interest in al
other lessons waned. and the pupils
spent mogi or when spent mossons of waned. and the pupill
termissions in pronouncing recess in
otherds in each other.
It was generally conceded that if the
golden prize remalned in Number Six golden prize remalned in Number Six
It woudd be won by Lucy Marks, Harry
Venner or benner or Tom Pryde. for they were the
best spellers in the schoal and were al
ways depended upon to sust tation of Number Six in any speliling Mary Warder and Paul Denly were the champlon spellers in Number Five., but
the prize orlered by Judge Butler had
acted as such a stlmulus that it had set all of the puplis to studying and soom thelr spelling that it was doubtrul as
to who would win the prize, and it was probably appear to defeat those who who
were usually successful in the spelline The Number Fivers were as much clted over the forthcoming contest as
were the pupis of Number Slx. and It goes without saying that the little schoolhouse at Number six was packed
to the doors on the night of the con.
test. it was a clear. cold night in january and the sleighing was never
better The full moon rode high in
the cloudlesg nky and countleas tars Were shining. The volces of young peo. he woids in sleds or pungs could b
heard singing smatches of merry songs. A party of Number Fivers would seek
to pasa a party of Number sixers, and
there would be some mad racing and
for those who had to sit very neartable
Of course Judge Butler was the. He wasarse Jery prosperous man who there. alone in hls big house on his fine farm.
True, he had one or two hired men and
a woman for a housekeeper, but he had
none of his "own folks" around him. none of his "own folks" around him.
A sorrowful thing in the life of
the judge was that he had
heen estranged from his "own folks. been estranged from his "own folks."
His wife had been dead for a good many years, and his only child, a daughter,
had so offended her father by marrylng
against his wishes that he had disagainst his wishes that he had dis-
owned her. although she had married a
young man of excellent character and
industrious habits. But the judge was a man who could not bear to be crossed
in anything, and he was bitter in his
resentments. People did him no injug-
of those who had been compelled to sit
down had "lost thelr heads" through ex-
 heathy and futrdy grancentidreni of fond. Sometimese he beame excestyely


## CAPTURING AN OUTLAW

 (Continued from pape ste.)wha discussing with a group or men in
the postofice the fallure to capture Hank
When Wiliame. There
atht the the teast doubr." the
shernen was sayng that Hank was
 haystacks, and Carlollo,", sald one of the men. "Herc's The farmer drove hot newe corbstone
They. Thomas. called out john Cree.
 "f ait have of crated so tught.
 behnd the bars, before he bets to yaml
Ho was anleep when you called this morning, sherirr. but he's awake now. him loose in a cell.. "Where'd you get him?" nsked the
sheriff, In astonishment.
Carlo Hooray related the capture ng his hat into the air. "So Benjy fel the reward, after all. Hees, earned it
now. sherifi. and no mistake."

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arm or the U．St Army rile the sandard Navy，wa

 marksmanship displasyd by the boyy
many of them hanbing，up scores that
would have done justice to some crack marksman of the National Guard．
The winner proved to be Ambrose
Scharfenberg．of the Manual Trainiuk Schargenberg．of the Manual Trainilik
Schoo of Brooklyn．This young brook
lyn boy handily defeated his competitor at the different ranges and was the llon
of the hour．The das after his tin
showing the President．true to his word
mailed him the following prize．which i is safe to suy will be amung ine young
champion＇s greatest treasures．
In sending his letter to young Schitr fenberg the President shows how hear tily he is in sympathy with all such con
tests for American woys．Following is
Scharfenbergis great prize． My Dear young firiend：I heartily
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which you shot during the year，allke in
the Whitney Trophy Competition the in－ dividual match sho
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School which you attend．and il congrit－
ulate them all．Practice in rifie－shooting cles．but nerves．steadiness．and juds－ of value to every man throughout his

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Scotland and Ireland today，they have no
such thing as an tron shot．the boys pnd
ter such thing as an ironghorheod testing
champlong of the neighborhood tor of
their prowess by using a stone．of course，one should get a stone as round
as possible in order that a good grip may
be secured on the stone before it is pat． be secured on the shot－putting．the first
in training for shot
ssential that the young athiete wants essential that the young athiete wants
to accuatom himself to is to puting the
shot stralght from the shoulder．and not Many boys will plek up the stone qni


Wy a movement somewhat simllar to the
throwing of a ball they will orce it
nway from them．Thls should not be
done under any circumstances．as it con－
stitutes a foul．There is a decided dif－ stitutes a foul．There is a decided dif－
frence betwepn putting the shot and In learning to put the shot，of course．
he first stone．Then the practice should begin palm of the thand，the fingers being will stone should be held firmly against the too long．for in doing so the muscles of comes to put it forth there is lacking it presenginger that otherwise minght be
mmentone was hurled almost ters put the shot from a seven－foot cir－ seren－feet diameter from the take off or the right fool on the curve line that is farthest away from the take－otr．and on the same foot，then by means of the the
other leg．which is in the air he swinks the body around with as great a mins．
mentum as possible．combining as mur strength as he can in the putting of the
shot well up and as far forward as pos－
sithe．This is a diffcult point for a boy at tirst to master．Indeed． 1 would not
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piring athlete an all－around idea of what comer an expert with the shot．The best
come po wergh on their bones is have plenty
of whetce
this exercise from a standing start．That is．stand up to a line and try to put the
shot straight from the shoulder as tar as possible．
Whe other weighitg about shot－puttlis： the other weight events，namely throw－
ing the discus or throwint the hammm．．
must also be mentioned．These events are grouped together similar to the other events 1 have spoken of in preceding is－
sues of THE AMERICAN BOY．And all
shot putters are generally found to be


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slores．In 1896．at the Oymple games
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Americans were suecnssful in wInning
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bottle until it was too late,
threw it after the hull and

christen thee Spray Charlle. belng really. at once cleared
away the cord. which held the pennan in place. when. which held the pennant upnn it. in instant all was silence. The wo gentirmen were astonished at Rob's thrir joy in shouts of glee. with a will. and
"You shall suffer for that!" roared Mr glover, shak!ng with rage.
 Mr. Willis. Then not waiting to hear this gentleman's reply, he ran with the
athers down to the little wharf, at the nd of the shon.
he shop? asked Willis. didn't you kfint'" replled Glover. "Why "Why sir. Whod a-thonght that a bny
like that would a-dared opposc the
law?"

When Bills the sail-maker, hall been tew out. which misfortune a few months hefore the occurrence of are events, he had gone to Mr. Glover replied.Joe

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nearcst to the whater, and held them in
nearcst to the water. and held them
readiness to lower into the skifr. "Salls ready Mr. Bills?" shouted Rob.


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Halt, sald Rob. laughingly.
 ance." renplied Harry, Hou could have done ot all, said Taylor, decide upon a next meeting.". boat's head toward the old shop
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## The boys were dumbfounded at thls

 "She couldn't have gone adrift" said in-shore all night. It is too badshould have watched her.
oshe has been stolen. said gazed blankiy at each other. "What are whe must search for her along the the head. The rest of and out around
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Point." we will go over toward Swan fite boys separatcu and the gearch for
the boat was begun. But after the en-
tire day had been spent in this manner. it was given up as unsuccessfui. tense when the news was cove was abroad. seen since the disappearance. But Harry settled that question by informing alt
who mentioned it that the old man had
gune tishing and had been away days. Burton was firm in his bellef that trated the theft. his rather had perpefor Glover even to countenance, , sald
Mr. Burton. Besides, I am creditably
informed that Percy and Joe have gon to the White mountains."
.How do you know they have gone?" "Because, my son, Willis told me to-
day when was talking to him about
the boat." Eo the third day of July passed, and
at dark it was a foreyone conclusion
that the Watf would have no competitor in the morrow's race. She would have
but to sail over the course to clalm the
prize. were members of the Long Cove club
Harry and the hearther The great of
Heyond expression Harry had some hope that the Spray
would be returned that night. And having expressed mether he informed her to remain in the old stoo until the tido The ulde mooring. leave the bar about one o'clock in the morning. And Harry
was in hopes to see the boat before "Has Mr. Taylor returned yet?" ask-
ed Mrs. Ransom. island tontght he should camp on outer island tonght, and start ror home at
dayllight. I Ish he was here. He
might suggest some way of finding the "He couldn't possibly have taken it,
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boys, "The whte silk fag is fying A cheer now went up from the
peoppe one hand ind has got a dead beat of nearly tuo miles. and only about ten miry
utes in which to do dt," sald Mr.
Bet

 lom rolled alarmingly high out of In spite of this, however, the gatThat's Hary at the helm." gald





 The $r$. would be seen mim withly as
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 By this time the Wale had nearly run
down the first slake-boat. and those who had grasscs were watening to soe hher
jibe around it. It was blowing too hard or lisht salis,

 was materially giling
take the leadng boat.
 Warke the captain or the wait who notinf the
ly
gaining.
Outside of the point which protected

 the wind and tacked, thus losing valuable
time.
 "Yes. I see fit." replled Harry, who.
 much exctied.

halyards, and be ready to drop the which was rounded by both boats in re "Yes. We cannot a arford to follow his tion of the Walf. "At the very worst are: Down with the peak, Charlie! up his helm. The frlends of the contestling boats.
eagerly watching, had seen the manner This being the only dangerous point to mosi boat follow the example of the right thal jibes, he will galn something does jibe"-a moment later-"'he's liable
to capsize, or lose his mast. I say. boys.
I'd rather he'd lose the mast than the race, hadn't you ?"
"Yes!" cried the boys addressed by pitch of excltement." shouted George, moment later, as the topsail was lower ed and the peak dropped, and the boat
though rolling frightully. shot around the mark and sped onward without inThe peak was again holsted, and soon tance had materially lessened between The Spray gainca steadily unon the
leader in the stretcli to the second buoy,

Which was rounded by both boats. in re-
markably quick time. Now both were rimmed down for the beat home. As soon as the sheets were flatted not
a soul-beslde Harry at the helm-was
be seen on board the Spray. to be seen on board the Spray.
All was hushed expectaluon on the
shore, as the boats neared home. They were hoth on the last leg. which would take them to the whindward of the judges
boat. And though the had gained
all the way. It was doubtrul if she would all the way. it was doubtiul if she would
yet have time to win.
To the surprise of all the Wair tacked To the surprise of all the Waif tacked
gecessity for so dore was apparently no Hal's got him'". shouted George. "He's
got the rlight of way, and the Waif must
kerp off!" And so it was. But to the disgust of George and his riends Harry permitted
the waif to ross hls bow, keepingaway
so much that he was almost obliged to so much that he was almost obllged to
"What could Hal have been thinking of?" crited George .He could have, put
he Walf in a pocket, right there-" "Harry is too generous to do anything
like that." said Nellie Burton. "Besldes, enough-"." ther boys stufted thelr handicerchiefs ine with laughter. at Nellies from bursting sion of George's words.
The boats were now very near the fin-


 lant a racei:, cried bills. "And atter
 Soray has sile to to the jugges boat.
and Harry hanson has recelved the beat ifful sill fang. fatine. The Spray
being the smaller bait has won on But now the walt has salled
Bionsside the judges boat and her ${ }^{2}$



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hir
the fand to Harry he congratulated The aytir had seen the spray beyond
Outer island and nad discovered
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 Robsined his father were closeted that
ternoon, when the young man intormed
 Burton, sternly. Take the papers back. at Look at them frst., sald Rob. "How
do jou knw but ther may be something of importance to Harry in them? ?'
It haveno rlght to look into any man's prate papers up the tha case in a huff
R he did so the cover or the box fell off And he did so the cover ort the box fell off
and the papers feli out and spread out
und Mr. . Butron.
gave one glance, then
 hym. that one or the documents was an
He no longer hesitated, but eakerly
 Rob inn away, you young rascal," laugh-
ed Mr. Burton. Thr Burton. great excitement in Long
 made in favor of Mrs. Ransom- and givby her the splendid estate now occupled
legacy besides. as well as a handsome John Glover.
and soon gurrendered hlad to mase terms.
Thus was Harry portion. and soon surrendered his sister's portion.
Thus was Harry placed in affuent cir:
cumstances, which we are glad to say he cumstances, wh

## HAZY

nnd toot to their heart's
haps our turn will come.
Next comes the broad jump; and. sure
peush, Tom Bailey goes a clean nineteen feet. While his nearest competitor
falls short of this oy nearly a foot. Now
who makes the nolse? The events follow each other in rapid
suceession, for it is a long program and suceession, for 1 t 15 a dong program and
there must be no delays. Lowell is strong In running. Cortland in jumping
hut arter Hay had won the hlg $1 u m p$
for his school. the score siand for his school. the score stands twenty-
seven to thirty-seven, in Lowell's favor. Fd Kellogg had not artived and Cap-
taln Tom Bailey was ranticall ryyil
in locate hlm. The open race. which Ed was sure to win. had been planned as the offticials to postpone it. in hopes that the runner would arrive. There
was stila chance that he might urn up
before it was too late, for the offilals had agreed to put the race next to the
hast thing on the program. Mr. Billings mysterious event coming last. of course agreeably about it and insisted that the
race he runat the time it was scheduled for. He was going to run in the race
himself and he knew Ed could beat him. The relay race waz announced and
hope mounted high in all loyal Cortland
hearts. Elght good runners had been saved hearts. Elght good runners had been saved
for this race, and they had practiced
falthrully. The course was twice around the half-mite track and the flrst runne
?or each school was to go a quarter of
the way and hand a stick bearing the
ono colors to the second boy, who school colors to the second boy, who
would in turn pass it on: each runner
would thus pass the colors along and
the last one would bring them to the the last one would bring them to the
finishing tape. Tom had wisely arranged the course, and Hazy came the very last
loweells captain put his best runners frst
thinking to discourage his opponents by the distance which his past sprinters
the dialn at the outset. He didn't
would galn at "Bang!" They are oft. In a few seconds is apparent that Lowells run-
ner is gaining. and he finlahes his course
ten yards ahead of his competitor. The second boy takes the colors and finishes ner; but the third one makes a fumble opponent is up with him hefore he gets
started. Lowell stll has two fast runbons are soon in the lead again. At the
end of the fifth course the red and white are gaining: at the finish of the sixth seventh is done. Hazy grabs the colors
prom Donald McClann and sarta out falrsoon dastances him and brings up at the
finish fully fiteen yards in the lead, amid
the whll checers of the Cortland Avenue
sympathizers. We are now only two points behind
and very hoperul. but it takes onty
three minutes to lose what we huve galned: for the ten husky lowellites are
too much for our boys too much for our boys in the tug-ot-war,
and after every nerve is stralned our
brave lads are gradually pulled over


There was one more event, and unless
frst place was won in that. the day suspense would soon be over. As the an. his lips to proclaim the last event. one
of Mr. Filling's stablemen topared in
ronnt of he grandstands. leading a slepey-looking, buckskin-colored horse. "The last event," called the announcer,
"will be the riding of a bucking horse. seven minutes will saddle and mount in
he contest and eared out of see contest and each contestant may
mount but once. The winner will be the one who is on the horse longest,
lie time which he takes in sadding and
mounting being deducted. If there are mounting belng deducted. If there are
iny hoys in the grandstands who wish
in try, they nay go to the dressing There was a great hum of excitement
this announcement and the six or at that boys Rho declded to try were
elght ant applauded as they left thelr
warmly seats. Such a sober-looking horse would
surely be too easy to ride, and some of the contestants thought there was a
soke and that some rearing. prancing
steed was being concealed, to be brought out later.
Thefrst boy to make the attempt was
Bert Harmer of the Cortland Avenue Bert Harmer of the Cortland Avenue
School. Who considered himself quite a
horseman and had often boasted among the boys that he had hever seen the
horse he couldn't ride. The stableman horse he couldn tide. The stableman began to look interested. pricking uphis
ears and Eiving a litie snort. Bert
threw the saddle upon the bucksin's back and immedlately the latter began
to dance around as if he were being to dance around as if he were being
stuck with needles. The young horseman
reached under for the girth: but he had so much concrern to keep out of the
way of the horses reet. that it was a
hard matter to catch it, and in a hard matter to catch it. and in a ma-
ment the saddle was on the ground. The
animal now quieted down and looked as animal now quieted down and looked as
innocent as a lamb. But he kept one proached him wadte and when Bert ap-
pronait. he renewed his antics with fresh vigor. Finally.
after six minutes work, the boy got the
sadde fastened and in a few seconds more he had mounted and was flying on back, the horse stopped as if he had
met a stone wall. and his rider promptly
went ouer his head. as the beast had went over his head. as the beast had
ptanned. Bert pleked himself up in great
chagrin at having been vanaulshed so chagrin at having been vanquished so
easily. Hie had been on the horse exact-
ly thirty seconds, by the judge's watch. Several others now tried and finally
one youth from the Lowell school managed to stay on a minute before he was bucked off. It looked dublous for Cort-
land Avenue. but there was one more When Charlle Bradiford took hold of
the saddle, hope brightened. He had come from the country and quite likely
he had seen buckins horses before he had seen bucking horses before. as
none of the others apparently had. A
any rate he had never yet heen known

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The circulation of The American Boy is now 125.000 copies a month. We wish to double this by March 1st next, and can do so only through the help of the 125,000 boys who are now subscribers to The American Boy. It ought to be easy to double our subscription list, for it means only that every boy obtain at least one subscriber. We believe in our boy friends and, more than that, we are sure we have the sympathy and co-operation of their parents in our work. Our hope for the doubling of our subscription list by March 1st is based largely upon the belief that every subscriber to The American Boy is a friend of the publication and will do all that he can to advance its interests.

Increased circulation means a better magazine, better stories, better illustrations, better special articles, etc. It also means for the publishers an increased advertising patronage. In other words, an increase of circulation means an advantage both to the publisher and the reader.

What we want is that every boy who is now a subscriber to The American Boy shall act as our agent for securing new subscriptions between now and March 1st next. As an mentive to good work we are offering the most liberal commissions and the biggest cash prizes ever offered to the boys of this country.

In order that the boys in the small towns may have chances equal to those in the large cities, we have divided the cities and towns of the United States into classes occording to population and have offered prizes in each class.

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Any subscriber to THE AMERICAN BOY may take yearly subscriptions to THE AMERICAN BOY at one dollar each and retain out of the dollar a commission of thirty-five cents, sending us sixty-five cents with each subscription. This commission itself is a large return for the effort and will well repay any boy for the work done. But in addition to this liberal commission we propose to divide $\$ 4000$ on March 1st next among the 400 boys who have sent us the largest number of new subscriptions between September Ist. 1907, and March 1st, 1908.

Our subscribers will understand that it costs money to introduce a publication to new subscribers. We might spend it for advertising or we might hire professional canvassers to whom we would have to pay a cash commission on each subscription sent us, but we prefer to give it to our loyal supporters-to you our friends and subscribers-rather than to outsiders. The work must be done and you are the ones we want to do it and the ones we want to pay for doing it, so we make these liberal commission and prize offers to you. We will depend for our profit on the renewals of these subscriptions at $\$ 1.00$ each.

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tion for himself.
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No. 9-COL. WM. F. CODY "BUFFALO BILL")

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 hostile Indlans. ine lad saw a clicle of
nainted redskins draw nearer and nearet




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 mbs and aching eyes, searens

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## The sleppins hoy was aroused from hts

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eyes. on his knees. his rifle tallen to the And here, not hoir a dozen reet away
 been sealed.

 The creeping redskin bounded Into the ts mark.

## At the same moment, the scouts sprang to the boy's alde. and none too soon. The

 circle of Indlanr had approached so neathat had the party been slow in reapond

ubject justice:" was the laugh
Ing answer. ng answer. "Thase were days.
that the boy of 1907 can hard ly understand. Let me mard
When I made my frst ride on
the 'pony express, I was abouffilo Bill paused thought
Bully. Hold your breath, boys
full I guess 1 was about four
tecon, was the astonishing stiaterm
tinued
Four Fourteen! How would you
lads of fourteen care to yun-
dertake a trip of that kind
through a country that had
not yet been gettled. where not yet been settled. where
you might meet a prowlling
Indan or an outhaw. with a
levelde ruvolver, atany turn? leveled ruvolver at any turn?
.Just. What was the pony express? ". continued colone tuti for the telegraph, th
rallroad, and the mialland ex
press selvice of tolat press selvice of today On On
rnd was at St. Joseph. in Mis.
suri. and the other at Sacra
 lic completedr in ten days
lime. On, Ont man dinnt have
to dio it alt! There wer
 moments lime he little chance
mor fationdly chat, I can tell ."The matit pouches changed

 "To begin with, the letter were written on tissue paper.
and a hundred of them were not much laryer than that
note-houk over there. Would a two-cent stamp carry a let-
ter? Well, hardy:
bustness in the bustness on the dollar scale
in those days.
"The postage rates on the "The posiage rates on the
old "pony pxpress were $\$ 5.00$
for a halfounce. Do for a half-ounce. Do tob
think they were reasonable?
 you jump at the ehanct of talking wit
the great scout in his own tint and hat
ing him spin for you some or the storic
if those sitring days on the old fron uf those atirring days on the old fro
ther?
What would you say to taking dinn In the big Wild West." mess tent. wit
the Indians and cowboys and Mexican
and Turks and Arabs and Japanus and Turks and Arabs and Japanesc in
the natlye costumes they had worn in
the show five lundred the native costumes they had worn in
the five hundred of them. men, 2sonile rince akalnst thme, especlally
on those days, when you carried a few
thousand doliars in your pouch. with nothing but your revolver to protect it. in Koung Will Cody was horn and raise know. In the days when the slavery agit a strong cliampion of irecdom and he save his life for his principles, but hot
before his twelve-year-old son had saved
it on one memorable occasion

## No flerce did the threats againgt Mr.

 Cody become in the neighborhood thathe was fored to leave home. and for
weeks 1 ved in an adjoining town, paying his wife and children stealthy visits
under the cover of nlght. The report of these trips was taken to
his enemles, and they made plans for
an ambuscade on the road he was acan ambuscade on the road he was ac-
customed to take-halt a dozen deadly
rifes ready to pour their contents into rifies ready to pour their contents into
the unsuspecting man's body, as he passed.
The conspiracy leaked out. however to the Cody home with the gitartling
news. Mr. Cody was at Grashopper
Falls, fully 35 miles away, and less then he had planned to begin his journey
homeward.

Wil, the only messenger that could be
sent with the warning. lay on a slek
bed, gtricken with ague. what could "Here. mother, help me!"' came a weak
olce from the oher end of the room The boy had staggered to of the room.
holding on to the wall, had managed to holding on to the wall, had managed to
dress. As he spoke. he was trying th1
knot a bandage about his throbiling "What on earth, Will!" burst out his
mother, in alarm, running to his slde. The boy held up his hand. "I am going to warn father," was his
quiet statement. "Will you get the horsi
for me? Men minutes later, with the world reetnit the gatherins dusk on his malission
hif Mife and death. The rush of the night air at flrst had
u hracing effect. but the wild gallop
woon brought back the deady dizziness
of the ague, and the plucky rider clung
ou his saddie in a hif uncon U his saddie in a halp unconstious cong each moment brought him nearer to the
father who was going to his death if he
failed to check lim. midegroup of ment erouching behind the
lie road in suddenly sprang out into the road in an effort to stop him. He
had been recognized and his mission
suspected.位, despairing eftort, swung low under hat sung viciously after hime the bullets
There was nothing now between him There was nothing now between him ghastly stupor which was smotherms He had lost all eonsciousness of the
road and was keeping his hold of the his strength. Every moment the dizziness was growing stronger. and his hold
less secure. It was the noble horse un-
der him that must bring hime his now of jts own accord. He was past A last burst of speed, and pony and boy
dashed up to the elder Cody, Just as he steed for the fatal journey. leave ambush, father! You must not
fainted sheer gasped will huskily. and he recovered but his brave ride had saved "What was the extent of Colonel Cody's course, to the rough itontier confried. of ies, and it is to be feared that he did The most beneficial study to which Bufinder croks back today was gathered you What would you say to being sonowed
up in a rickety hut. without a companhundreds of miles frum the nearest and at lement? Add the disagreeable fact of ess, and you with rendered him helphad never realized to before, the importnee of his schod
He and a boy companion, Dave Phit-
tps, had pushed into the frontler hills on trapping expedition which had ended rlpped over the anderbrush and fallen broken, and after carrying himg back
to their hut and dividing their slender on the pong journey for help-a trip of snow whirled and drifted about the the weep it from its foundations.
The lonely occupant faced
The tonely occupant faced more than
course, of selayed Phe for the blizzard, of
cour far beyond his calculations. It was during this perior
that the well-worn sehool books, which
lis thoughtful mother had tucked into Carelessly he pleked one of them up.
nd glanced through the old lessons and glanced through the old lessons
which had always seemed to him sin
meaningless. And then as the loneli-
ness of his position forced him to any ness of his position rorced him to any time. he read the text before him with
more and more attention until almost be. fore he knew it. he was actually inter
ested in the very bowk he had been ac The long weekn that followed gave
him ample opportunlyy to reflect on this fact and delye deeper into the pleasures he was just beginning to appreclate. The
seed that was sown!n that lonely montlit you can be certain, bore substantial ruitit.
for Colunel Cody today places education cess of any kind. would I' give you for he American boys? Anis then suddenly his face lighted. Here is a pledge that 1 signed when 1 on the old Kansas wagon traln. My em-
ployers were pecular men. and they had in their service was forced to agree to As nearly as I can remember it was something like this. and I can give no
better counsel to the boys of this coun. try-I, Whllam F. Cody, do hereby sol ing God that during iny engagement use no profane language. will not quarfathrul to my dutles. and will so direct my acts as to win the confldence of my
Boyers. So help me God!
Boys. do you subscibe to this sentl-
ment-with Buffalo Bill?

Biggest Boy is Located in Ohio
The home of the biggest boy is a
Summerfeld. Ohio he is fifteen years of welght of four hundred and elghty-etsht seventy-rour inches and his waist mea six fnches about my thigh." said the lad and $a$ geven and seven-elghth hat." The young man has never attended schon).
having a teacher hear hts lessons at
home.-Fulton (tIl.) Journal.

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"W en stove, apprehensively at his father,
who had just entered the kitchen, bang:
ing the door behind him, his face flush. ing angrily and his eyes glinting sav-
agely. en into the cowshed, and killed Brow.
Bess and her calf,' Mr. Hickman an"Brown Bess and her calf; $O$, father and dack Dill was to give you one hunand now mother can't go back to her old now since she saw grandma. and grand-
ma's health has been so poorly this win-
ter that 1 know mother is afrald that slie money any other way to send
mother? T will almost break
her heart to her heart to have to give up
going home now volce broke. now." and his "Yes, 'twill be right hard
on mother. She has set such on mother. She has set such
store on golng home thls
winter." and Mr Hige winter." and Mr. Hickman's
face softened.
havent haven't anything else to sell
now thatil bring in cash
cnough to take her, and she 11 juse
$u_{n} l_{\text {e }}$ savagelvi.unhless we cankill
old Eph himself. The reward
offered by the stockmend in the valley for the death of
the old sinner, and the worth will just about come to an even hundred.
Son, and Mir. Hekmansface
hardened with determination, "we'll get the guns ready and start after Old Eph just
us soon as we eat brcakfast.
l've kept the old villain in becisteak just as long as I
am going to. Ths last
slaughter of his is more than
the patience of Job could stand-the best cow and culf
I ever rased-Molly! At At
that mornent a door opened, that moment a door opened
and Mrs. Hick man. followed
by her youngest child, Aryears old, entered the kitchen.
Molly old Eph made us an:
other visit last night, and R GRIREMY

Tam man

## "d back. cheerlly. MWe're too tough, even for Old Eph. Take good care of

 ven for Old Eph. Take good care ofmother. Art, and keep your eyes peeled
for Old Eph.' and. with farewell waves for ther Eph." and. with farewell wayes
of thands. the two hunters vanshed
over the brow of a litle hill, and Arthur
and his mother were alone. and his mother were alone.
"Mother, I am going to be ready, it Od
Eph should come back, Arthur sald
with decision, as he and his mother turnEph should come back," Arthur sald
with decision, as he and his mother turn-
ed back into the house: "and the first
thing I am going to do is to load my thing I am going to do is to load my
musket for bear, and he went to the
corner where the gun stood, carefully cleaned and oiled it, and, measuring out
a double charge of powder, poured it
into the barrel, and rammed it home.
Then he dropped a dozen buckshot into
the barel, rammed a wad of paper on
top of them, placed a cap on the gun
nipple-and the musket was ready ifor commentmight coume th handy at the hour musket ed, as he measured the foad on the ram-
Mr. Hickman laughed. as he pulled his rod with his fngers. "Thats the big-
 sldes. who would any of your help. Be- suard mother if all see old Eph:" and his eyes rested long
we men folks went after bear? No, you ingly the as he stood it up, back stay at home and protect mother. You in its corner.
know Ohd Eph might take a notion to from hour later, when Arthur came in
come back after more beef while we are farn, where he had been doing if she did not have you and your musket wlth the last letter she had had from "Your ideas. like your gun, are too blg desperately hard, for her to give up the
for your body. little hrother, Tom join thought of going back to her old home; er's exasperating airs of an ewn-up supe- back to the old folks now that Brown a litte shaver like you at one gulp.
Wondchucks and gophers are about your
size. Better stlek to them, llttle brother size. Better stick to them, little brother, what made the waiting so hard. was
and leave the bears for us men, and feared that she would wait too long.

"Brown Bess and the cale:",
interrupted Mrs. Hickman,
her race. growing suddenly
white. her race growing suddenly
white. "poor critters! And What to take them, nex
night! And-and now, her
to tremble, othere won't be $\stackrel{\text { n }}{3}$ Jake D
Satarday It does seem as if everythin chalr near the kitchen tabl her face in her arms. "I did so want to
see mother. It Just seems as if I ter. Mother is geting old and pooriy. band laid one of his hands softly on her to get the money for you. Tom and 1 ; jus cheer up. and fly arned grizzily; so
just
breakfast quick. for we are anxlous to get on the old rascal trathighere was
a light fall of snow last night. and it
won he no trick at all to follow the old
vollatis villain's tr
elephants-

## Aun melts on that the guns

## The guns the chor tor



Mr. Hidkman snoke cheerfully and de.
terminediy. as if the donm of Old Enh
was alrady gatisfactorily setted. his wife, cheered hy his words. soon
dried her tears and "hustled" the hreakfast on the table. She knew that the not llved for ten years in the wilds of
Siskiyou county, Callfornia without learning how men, aye, and women, too,
in that region, must face dangers undauntedly if they would protect thelr effort to dissuade her husband and son from going after the feroclous old griz-
zly. Whose cunning and savagery had made him the scourge of the county. only
rautioned them not to be too rash and

Hickman and Tom shoulderad their. Miffes determined to avenge the deaths ot
Brown Bess and her calp and to rld the cuntry of the rapaclous beast
$\qquad$

Il made hy Tom's hadinage. placed an arm

 bother, would you, son?" and she kiased ket. wo he would kill me with my mus. mother,"
and the boys blue eyes flashed with and courage up into his mother's face.
'But, do you really think there is any danger of Old $\begin{aligned} & \text { Epally think there is any } \\ & \text { father and Tom are away back while }\end{aligned}$
fing dind think of that, and of your belng alone
mother. I winl stay with you and h
drew himself up proudiy and looked a Tom. "Mother thinks I am blg enough
toprotect her, even rom old Eph, and go
idon't care what youthink but a could
kill a bear with my kill a bear what my musket as gutck as
you could with your rille, and 1 shot a
wolf last week, and Iul don put no faith in their killing too cunning. and the snow was all gone
long before noon. which would make tracking him hard. Stit right dow
and. nlacing the venison n a plat
started with it toward the table.
"I do wish I could get a shot at old boy glanced longingly toward the loaded gun in the corner. as he took his seat at
the table. know I could-.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { The startted boy turncd toward the } \\
& \text { open door, and saw a great shaggy, } \\
& \text { brownish-gray. head and a huge body }
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { that nearly flled the narrow doorway, } \\
& \text { and knew, instinctively. that he was } \\
& \text { lookinginto the wicked eyes or Old Eph. }
\end{aligned}
$$

the most dreaded grizzly in the Slsktyou
mountalns. On the instant every atom of
blood seemed to give a mad jump through his velns, and then to stand sth1, and.
with a gas of horror, he partiy sild

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$d$ th ying sniffed at the meat and the woman of him: and then, with a feet in front
out of gis cunning wicked gince out of bls cunning, wicked eyes around
the room, he crept, with neck out-
stretched and mouth partly opened ward the insensible woman and the nothing to fear in the bidently he saw man lying on the floor, and the whitePaced hoy. crouched tremblingly under
the tahie. Arthurs hlood turned cold with harror
when he saw the grizzly start toward his
of the bear. She had trusted in his pro-
tection! His father had left hlm to
guard her! He must not, he must not
fall her! guard her! He must not, he must not
fall her!
And then, at that supreme moment, he And then, at that supreme moment, he
forgot self. He thought only of hls
mother and of saving her. He gaw only
the grizzly bear. His brain cleared. He the grizzly bear. His brain cleared. He
had no fear. He did not tremble. He
knew exactly what he must do. He must
get the musket and shoot the bear. knew exactly what he must do. He must
get the musket and shoot the bear.
Swiftly he crept out fromunder the ta-
ble and leaped to the corner where his musket stood. As he whirled around,
the heavy weapon in his hands, the bear reared himself up on his hind legs, and
his furlous growis filed the little room,
and his lang and his lang. white teeth showed plainly toward the boy.
But Arthur pelt poar. His one thought was to kili the grazily, and save
his mother. and to do that he must keep
conl Quickiy he threw hls shoulder, and his eye flashed swet tio
along the barrel. His aim must besure
The The great head was now with3n six feet
of the muzzle of the gun. His finger pressed the trigger-and. with a roar
that sounded llke the report of a cannon
in the narrow confines of the kitchen in the narrow confines of the kitthen,
the heavy charge exploded, hurling hlm
tiolently to the foor from the force of
the recoll. the recoll. As he fell his head struck
the kitchenstove, and he lay insenslble
in the smoke-flled room. A few minutes tater, when Mr. Hick-
man and Tom rushed frantically into the kitchen-they had been so near that they
had heard the growls of the bear and the roar of the musket-they saw an of the insensible form of Arthur and his heavy body lying partily across the legs
of the still unconsclus Miss. Hickman.
"Mother! is mother safe." were thur's first words on recovering con-
sciousness: and his answer was hls mother's. own arms around him, and his
mother's own kisses and tears on his cheeks. "The bear! Old Eph. did I kill
Old Eph?" and he struggled to get on
his feet. "Well, I reckon you did! Look." and
his father proudly helped him to his feet and pointed to the floor. where the monbody by, the charge of buckshot. Arthur sald, exultantly, glancing, at Tom.
Now. you can go to grandma's, and he

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BOYS! GIRLS!
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penting rita $\mathrm{c}_{2}^{2} 2 \mathrm{zz}$
 had been several fay-
orable reasons for this, the chief one belng that its branches did the brook the boys had get many draps neached the tops of the oink had almost and snares. becrethy solomon visited made the home tree a sate spot, because whatever he found. One morning, after
it would be difficult to cill The very top of the hemlock had been ing. he was about to leave inding noth
broken a way by fierce gales, and the stale chlcken's head which lay carelessly broken stump furnished a platformi just upon one of the traps. when, from over
the right sort of a foundation for a the hills, wafted by the light breezes. he crows nest. From its lofty helght the
whole surrounding country lay spread
out like a map. out like a map. er in a colony; crows had lived togeth-
of returning banded. and capring from their. they dis-
the dense plne forests out into the They settled about in the open flelds. the perils of the winter, and making plans for the approaching summer. the recognnzed leader of the colony, and
so, after choosing the most popular young crow in the flock as his mate, he West Woods for his nest bullding. but no one had the courage to approach propriated it for his own use, because he
never permitted any of the other crows to
 and so he made him an imperand desperate,
the chicken's head. which he grab at damed his dismay and surprise his leg was
Toddenly clutched by some territic suddenly clutched by some territic. un-
seen force, and, in spite of his mighty ef-
foris to escape, he was held firmily. He rors to escape, he was held firmly. He
was a prisoner. He thrashed and beat
his great wings in vain He utered an his great wings in vain. He uttered an-
gry craaks until he was hoarse. At last
the toy came and was great gry croaks until he was hoarse. At last
the boy came, and was greaty disgusted
when he found his trap bad been sprung by a crow. But the olher boy per
suade him to cary solomon home. and if you split his tongue. he will tratk.:
Out in the barnyard the boy drove. a stake in the ground, and then, attach
ing a small metal band to Solomons
right leg, to which was fastened a long right leg, to which was rastened a long
chain which he tied to the stake, solo-
dictate in him. or to interfere with his A fine, handsome fellow was solomon Out of the entire colony one would have
selected him as king of the flock. His great glossy wings when spread. were
wider far than any of the fock, and hls feathers glistened and shone in the sun-
shine with a burnished bronze effect which rade the othe
dull by comparison.
His round, sparklling, brown eyes were had certainly won his position as leader
of the flock by his fine appearance. But of the flock by his ine appearance. But
in addition to this, Solomon was a great
bully and tyrant. He had never been bully and tyrant. He had never been
whipped or subdued in battle. And go
the whole flock gave way to his whims the whole fiock gave way to his whin
and moods as best they might becaus
secretly, they feared to oppose him. secretiy, they deared to oppose him. forth
When the dogood trees put
their creamy white blossoming pennants upon the sides of the blue mountains,
and the young willows and catins down
and the brook burst forth into pale green ny the young willows and catkins down
burst forth into pale green
follage. then from the nest in the hem follage. then from the nest in the hem
lock there arose such a commotlon and But he thrashed about so violently
that he succeded in snapping the chain, that he succeeded in snapping the chain,
and would have escaped. tout the boy
was watching him. And so his wings
were cltpped that he misht not liy mon still wore the bright metal ring
about his leg. for he had beaten the that he had not been able to remo wings
And so poor solomon. in spite of his wild, untamable nature vecame, in a Was split, and, to the delight of the boy,
one day he uttered an unusual croak, Which sounded like a discordant "Hello."
Eut Solomon was not happy. Far from terness. He hated the companionship of
the tame, barnyard fowls. At feeding
time he came among them for his porto gobble more than his share from un-
der the very noses of the hens, the proud red rooster, whom he despised, had pallen the effects of his thrashing for days. He was now a very humble crow indeed.
Not at all the gallant leader he had been plunilisg and arranging tisk once glossy feathers. consequentily his once glossy
draggled and dull. He was of became draggled and dull. He was, of course,
unable to thy. and so, most of the time unable to thy. and so, most of the time. corner of the farmyard, where he
watched everything with bitter, broodwatched everything with bitter, brood-
ing thoughts, occasionally uttering a ing thoughts, occasionally uttering a
peevish, unliappy Caw, and that
strange new call which he had acuulred. strange new call which he had acuulred.
And so, because he had become so very And so, because he had become so very
ugly and dull, and did not choose to
learn new words, est in solomon, and left him entirely to himself. He even forgot to chip his wings
again. and thus through the summer again. and thus through the summer unthl at last, one day, just as the first hurry of snow fell. Solomon unexpectedly
spreat his great wings. circled about the barnyard above the heads of the astonshed hens. and, cawing trlumphancly. flew with exultant heart stralght for the
West Woods. very first peep of dawn, long
before any oo the nelghbors
were a wake the young began to feel young crows began to feel restless, and
Solomon's troublesome family
began the day. began the day ric clamored the four young
crows every morning. sudden-
ly opening their weak flmy ly opening their weak filmy
eyelids and waking up everyeyelids and wakig such a dis-
body. And then sur four home-
turbance did those foks that ly little crows make that
thelr distracted parents. with
loud, strident, pacifying caws Did the best they could to nac
fy them. But the young crow ify them. But the young crows
always a woke hungry. And
so, far and wide, flew ine old crows in frantic search for ood to complaining mouths enous. complaining them in the nes It was a new experience for
Solomon. Before the family came, he had always foraged for himself. and whenever he discovered a dainty morsel of
rood, it had been his custom to seek at once some quilet
sot. away from his compansot. away from his compan-
lons. where. unseen. he might gobble greedily the cholce
bit alone. Now thlngs were changed, for no matter how hungry he might feel in the ide to eat his breadid he decar away in the direction
che hemlock, the hemlock, borne upon the plaining. fretiul caws of his so. in spite of hlmself, he would return with whatever he had found to the nest.
Sometimes it seemed well-nigh
impossible to satisfy the daily increasing appetites of his
 socks.
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birds.


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and with a long swerve of his wings ne
ought the home nest. Alas! Nothing remained but the coarse
foundation sticks. now white with the falling snow. Not even a feather or bit
of down was there. His famlly had gone, and the spot was deserted. young crows, now rull grown, with their mother, had probably goined the colony. and sought for the winter some thick warmth and shelter. Poor fellow! He
hopped disconsolately about the old. fanillar spot for a while, and then a great hat he determined to join the colony spreading his wings he began his search hock, for they had been gone all day last the longer straggling, cawing processhelter of the pline forest. for the night. and sllently foppily traveled the flock,
followed Solomon. In the brooding rark, ness they did not notice his presence: so
he slept in peace among them that night. changed. Interd of welcoming him was
appy caws, as their old utterly sorned him as an unknown in-
truder. He was forgotten. They were
susploter suspiclous, perhaps, of the metal band
which glltitered strangely upon his right leg. And they marveled at his queer crows. So. immediatelv, the whole fock poor Solomon and drove him forth from
Unhappy Solomon! He sat far away dred. No doubt hls own children had hat
been among those who had driven him been a mong those who had driven himort.
The weeks and months which followed his banishment were bitter and full of lonellness for Solomon. The winter we
very cold, and instead of enjoying th
compantonship of the compantonship of the flock, he was
desolate and alone. At daybreak would set out tor food. Which he often tired. dispirited wings. to the welcome shelter of the pliness. Where alone he nested in the swaying shelter of some a wild symphony, while the findserce crooned swirled and howled about his solltary re-
treat.
Many times during the long Winter
night did he almost lose his life. It is hard for a crow to llve alone. With the colony. Where sometlimes hundreds of the sheltering boughs of the pines, they manage at least to keep prom rreezing.
Fresh courage and spirit came to the heart of Solomon, however, upon the ver caught slsht of the the meadows, and
heads of the skunke and purple
cabbages. poking heir points above the cabbages, poking

The - brat black colony of the blue
 to disband for the season: that
nest bullding would soon
begin. With eager wings Solomon
few after the receding foock.
They settled at last upon the ferces setted at last upon the
fence and open filds, and
Solomon alighted fear and Cawing. they began to form
into more. which flew or in many Suddeniy Solomon was alert Out of the flock, headed for
the glant hemlock, flew two crows. Solomon's sharp eyes
had singled them out, and inhe followed swifty. wing an gry, protesting caws. The pal
settled upon the site of the old
nest and Solomon one of them as his old mate
Ifer companion was a youns ance. $\begin{gathered}\text { With } \\ \text { gtrident. commandins }\end{gathered}$ cawi. Solomon flew swiftly the mighty swoon of hls grea
wings, drove the stranger for ever away
ink-place.
Fortunately for Solomon, hts
mate recognized him once mate recognized him once
more, and so again they rebullt the old nest in the top o
the giant hemlock. Soloma hat returned to his. kindred. But the old, selfigh apirito
tyranny which had made Solo mon unpopular before had
nearly all left him, and onc more he took his place as
leader. The metal ring about
hls right leg served now ga a mark of distinction to Solo
mon. undisputed King of th
Weat Woods Crow Colony.


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EARN THIS


OTHAD BAINBRIDGE, my guide ing and fishing trips among the nesota, had paddled those waters when
the Sioux, the original possessors of the neautiful section, were numerous. Not
the least pleasure of these trips was list-
ning to the old man's tales of those ening to the old man's tales of those skins." sald old Thad, speaking in a slov-
enly dialect that I will not transcribe
"but the neatest scheme I ever worked on them was one I played oner a couple
of sioux in the early forties. ore had was not well able to winter be on the pralrie, so i made up my mind to lake a good long rest and get ready for rigged up a brush camp on the creek
that joins these two big lakes and took "I had been having a nice quiet time I knew there was an Indian within fifty hale a mile of camp, so i hunted fus
enough to keep meat on hand. Mogt of
my time I spent fishing and paddiln my time I spent fishing and padding about and specut trapping that fall.
to .fnd the ber
Thinking about Indians didn't trouble me a bit. $I$ had had so many brushe
with the sloux. and had always made them suffer somuch and then got out of sized me up as a preat medicine-man
with a speclai manitou to look out for
m. They meant to keep out of my
 about Indians to expect them to stay in
one mind. ranoe and started for the upper lake. around that lake, and I needed abou
a canoe load of them to stop the leaks in
ny rabln roof "After Y had rut a lot of the bulrushes
and tied them into bundles about as big and tied them my body I laid them lin the
arnund as me canoe and paddled farther
botom of the can up the lake for a littie fishing. You rec.
aliect that place bet ixt the island and the point of timber where we struck the
school of hig black bass last summer? orty years ago.
In cut me a good pole among the will.
in on the island and tied a big rock Past to the rope at the bow of my canoe
Then I padded close to the island. holst began fishing.
hot sun made me sleepy. There I sat nodding, and starting awake to puli in a
nsh whenever I felt a jerk. But caution nrevented me trom falling completely me that I did orcasionally open my eyes
wide and take a good look around. For one of those times 1 canght sight of a
cange crossing the upper end of the lake. they were ahout half a mile away. Ruessed at once how they happened to
be there. They had come from above raught alght of me, and hurried up to
get ashoreand under cover before id sea them. knew they had thelr eyes on me.
and I knew it wouldn't do to let them
know that i had sighted them tor know that I had sighted them. So i pre.
tended to kefp on fishing while 1 watched them out of the corner of my eye.
knew well what their game would be The ohores of the lake were all pralite
excepting the island and the blg wooded point. It was anchored between these
two bits of woodand. The Indians and shoot me from that polnt. their pad. dies fy till they reached the shore. Then rushes out of slight. Next they cut across the nraithing, of them in the tall grasm then.
shey were hurrying to get behind the
would the wonds. Once there, they nop me over. Por I was close to the shore. out of slaht behind the trees. By that have padded behind the readay I mind and got away easily, but it wasn't in my styl
of those days to run away from two Indians. Bealdes. I knew that I would soon
have a whole tribe of sloux after me if I let thase two carry away the newa that
they had seen me. ored frlende for golng behind the bushes whtle I make my tollet. said I to myself.
If you will just walt till I sick up a blit I'll surprise you. pulfed up my anchor-gtone and put that
on the rock, but just thed the bulrushes anext I took off my buckskin coat and
buttoned it around the bundie. Then I buttoned it around the bundle. Then I
propped it up solidjy in the middie of the
canoe, just where I had been sitting, and I clapped my old hat on top of it. fishing pole among the other bundles or bullwashes and set it slanting out over the
water in front of the dummy I had dressed up.
In my pocket I had a heavy two-hun-
 the dummy and took the other end in
my teeth. My intention was to swim ashore, but just as I was about to do so
I reflected that the boat was not now anchored, and I might as well paddle the
distance. because the Indians certainly could not see me from where they must have reached by that time.
iook i paddled to the island. Then I powder horn and gave the canoe a shove outward. The troling line pald out in it, had gone out to where it had bern
with me, I stopped it by holding the line. islandiy which acept the canoe pretty steadily th place in the Iittle channel
between the lsland the point the Indlans -When I saw that the dummy and fishing pole looked all right I dodged hack among the willows, out or sight. Then
I looked again at my dummy
i. roll and laugh when I squinted at the mage. It sat up-racing me-as stralght iI lay in the bushes a long time, looking at the opposite shore, berore, I saw
another sign of the two Indlans. The another sign of the two indians. The
breath of wind kept the canoe well out
at the end of that trolling line. The and about was about fifty yards from me and about the same from the opposite
bushes, to which I expected the Indians "By and by I saw one of them put out
is head from behind a tree a good way back from the lake. They knew who
they were after, and that made them so cautious they were a good halp-hour in
working thelr way to the point war then lheiree them dodging from tree
to tree. At last they reached the edge. a tree. At last they reached the edge. "I was too far off to see thelr looks
clearly, but 1 Imagined I saw them grinning when they got sight of that srarequietly with its back toward them. I coud, hut I didntt for I knew ind have
some gerious business on hand in a few minutes. "Pretty sonn is saw hoth of thrm poke ot their rifles and take steady aim. Sus steady pull with my line that the canoe
nearly capsized, and out tumbled the dummy head first on the side of the ne. As the bowline was tied to the anchored. It sort of hid the tumble
from the two shooters. rom the two shooters. the, but I never wanted to laugh more
than when inaw that old hat go diving for the bottom. But I kept as stlll as
a mouse, and so did those sioux for a The welght of that rock kept the dummy at the bottom. but my old hat came of and rose to the top. Where
foated with the fishing
"Still the two Sioude no move.
You see the rascals weremade no You see the rascals weren't sure they had
killed me. They didn't know but I'd Iumped overboard, and was hiding be-
hind the canoe. But when they had walted long enough for me to be
drowned if 1 hadn't come up. the wind turned the canoe round so that they could see both sides of it. came jumping out of the bushes to the and yeling with delight you never heard. the dea that they had succeeded in kill
ing, the man that all thelr old braves half-belleved was protected by some
magic. just tickled them half to death.
A white man's scalp and gun and that scalp my scalp. and my old double-barwhy they thought they felt the blggest
kind of feathers in thelr caps already!
"When they got tired of yelling and dancing they took of thelr powder horns and on except thelr paint and
they had on
breech-clouts-and latd them on the heach with their riffes Then the
jumped in and swam for the cande -em climbed as they reached it both of
it and began to look rushes. I did not take the anchor clear an rrystal. but just at that place
two feet deep: that's why ft's such a "The welght of that rock sunk the Indians could see no sign of it. They
looked and looked, and at the same time Inspected and jabbered about my hatchet I landed.
for a long perimg down into the water Sioun, one of them took hold of the rope
and began to pull up the anchor. I kept and began to pull up the anchor. I kept
my gun on them all the time. and hild
the best kind of a chance at them while they were ineeping into the water. but 1
knew ind have as good a pop knew td have as good a pop at them
when they pulled up that dummy. Id
rather have let both of them get away than missed spelng their surprise when saw wasn't sorry I waited. for I never and superstition on their paces when That hundle of hulrushes came to the
ton with my olis sioirt buttoned round it. of the boat their jaws fell so wide apart
I could see almost every tooth in thelr
heads. .UUgh: Vgh: they both grunted, and
their knees knocked together so that they came nigh falling out of the canoe.
if guless they begun to think that the ing about when they warned them that i was an exil spirit that they'd hetter
let alone. At any rate f never saw Inllans much worse scared. them. 1 knew it wouldn't do to glve
them much time. as they'd be sure hem murh time as they be sure to
fump out and swim for shore as soon as they conild collect thelr wits.
II didn't mean to $k i l$
either one of them. but to save myself from the rest
of the trihe it was necessary to wound and capture them. So I drew a bead as ..At the crack of my gun both of 'em
fell. The one I had hit came slap down In the canoe, the other fellow jumped head-frst into the water before I could
geta hean on hlm with the other barrel.
il ran down to the beach and watched Por the swimmer to come up. My notion
was that he would dive and swim for was that he would dive and swim for
the other shore. I meant to let him
have it in the hip whenever he tried to go up the hank. The distance across
was ahoit riphty yards or water. and
I knew It could hit him when I pleased. groaning with the paln of the hutlet in
his shollder. Sometimes he lifted his head and looked at me. But what had . While I was waiting I jammed a
charge into the harrel I had nred. we had no hreerh-loaders In those days. but calculate it had a knack of pouring in
nowder and ramming patch and bullet
own fas fast as any living man down as fast as any livink man
"Did 1 keep my eye peeled $m$.
My boy a hunter in the Indian country never keeps his eye unpeeled. ${ }^{\text {Don }}$ like that. J ust I opened my cap box 1 saw black head come up close to the canoe The unwounded one meant to hide be
hind the canoe till he could make up his hind the canoe till he could make up his
mind what to do. But he came up on "Next moment he was down again. but In that instant I had fired. 1 reck.
II missed him on purpose for 1 oned he would think my double-barrel
unloaded by the two shots.
"Next moment I had the cap ralpts.
on the newly-loaded barrel. and up
came wlth a yell. He laid his two hands came wlth a yell. He laid his two hands
on the canoe from behind, and lifted
himself in. Next moment he untied the anchor rope. and threw the end over.
afrald 1 he picked up a paddie, I was to shoot him. but maited to see what he meant to do.
Mind, I didn't want to shoot him less'n spent much time cryin over it. ind in't a that young fellow was one. Instead of
makingoor. he came straight ashore at
me! You sec he was sure I had not I"He had my hatchet and knife. and ashore to have it out against me whith "When he was within five yards I
lifted my gun and put the butt to my
shoulder shoulder, faughed in ridtcule. and shoved the canoe ashore, At that instant
dldnt see what to do except shoot him
but the other Indlan gave a cry from the canoe. He had seen me loading: and "Well, sir, that word and my merciful him was nearly the end of me. for the
reckless young rascal flung my hatchet so suddenly at my head that my only fust
managed to dodge it. Next instant he "But he jumped stralght at the muz zle of my gun: and the force of the
blow that he got took the breath out of
him. He grabbed himself with both hands and fell forward. Betore he could with the butt of the gun. Why. I hauler at my trolling-line. and pretty soon it tame theose trom the dummy. Then
tied the hands of the one 1 had struck-
tied them behind his back-and tied his "When I went to the other fellow in
the canoe. I foundl he had fainted irol the canoe. 1 found he had fainted from
loss of blood. 1 lifted him out and tied him. too so that he could not move lit
case he should revive while I was off or their the lime I came back they had
both returned to their senses. 1 carried the one that $I$ had hit on the head over to where the other one was. and ex-
plasned to them both. as well as 1 could with my limited command of their
language, what I intended to do. Then
I put them both into made for my both into my canoe, and wounded sir. I fotskin, the bullet out of the ham for more than two weeks itore he other one bound firmly withe thongs and chafng from my traps. I wished I had there was no trusting him. one was strong enough to stand the trip. which I had both in their own canoe enough to eat for a week. and placen
beside them their rifles. unloaded. I
pave them no ammunltion. gave the could trust them. Then 1 cut
think thongs that bound the unwounded one. 'Young braves,' sald I, 'go hack to your people and tell them the white
man is thelr frtend. If Indian does not try to kill white man, white mann will you tried to murder me, and how I over me. If Indian hunts me. Indlan
heap die. Now. go. for a week to see the look of joy and hope in the face of those two young
savages. Did I ever see them again?
Yes, and their tribe, too, all good friends of "Mine after that. if we're going troll.
Ing eariy in the motime morning: and I.ll tell Ing early in the morninge going illilli tell
you the rest another time.:

## A Few Guide-Posts <br> By WILLIAM J. BURTCAER

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 ne obedient in time may save a boy ou kust the wisdom you already have One hour in the home with your books The best way out of a difficulty is to The best way to accomplish a job of energy and zeal as you would spend energy and zeal as you
in playing a game of ball.
You may thlnk it is fu is fun to do the thing your teacher or parents tell you
not to do. but whille you are being re.
proved for it the other boys will think
it is fun. it is fun.



The children of George Gould are all brouglit up in the country and kept out of doors to make them strong and healthy
Fach one has some task to perform every day. They each have to learn to manage horses and automobiles, and to be strong
and brave.

The Wizard of the Upper Air Most famous of all the sclentists bent the hardest guestion of its sort before the world today-is Alberto Santos-Du-
mont. y young Brazilian. One of his
clever victorles over the unper air clever victories over the upper alr
brought him (1901) the $\$ 50,000$ which goes with the Deutsch prite and the
present day bellicies him when he declares that complete success is only a
matter of time. He began life on a San Paulo cofree
plantation in 18i3. and displayed his fondness tor maclinery before he could read To this native bent was added an
absolutely fearless disposition, and, at
the death of his father came large Wealth. With these aids (and conslstent
studiousness) he may well be looked

to as the future victor in the struggle to
which he has set himself
Even now pads all competitors in hts chos how hio not in the distances which he has flown
but in his skill at combining in his cars He looks a mere boy-as silght as a youth of nineteen, rather under a verage thereabouts. He has the sallow complex eyes are plercingly ken, and ditermination speaks plainly in the resnlute chin.
Talking in his shon. on the Champs Elysees, Paris,., the other day-just arter his. "Bagatelle" had covered 235
in
22 seconds,
agatinst a strong head
 hut before sa08 is here whas plity ny hundred miles or more. The practical aero-
plane is Inevitable. Ftve year will gee
hem as common and they will be so much cheaper that an oar means of of transportation for the
midale classes.:

## "My Old Kentucky Home'

 Karl Meyer, one of our boy friends at Wowd not be without THE AMERICAN clipping rom a newspaper. selling how tucky Home." was composed"My Old Kentucky Home," says the clipping. "was written by stephens Col-
Iina Foster, a Pennaylvanian, while he and his sister were on a visit to the home of Judge Rowan. a ahort distance The acount is iomewhat fanciful, we Imagine, but it will interest the boys. or or if not the boys. their fathers and mothers. beautiful morning. while the
One
darkies were at work in the cornfilds.
and the sun was shining with a mighty splendor upon the waving grass-first
siving it a color of lirht red then hanging it to a golden hue-there was Rowan homestead two young people-a rother a and a sister. High up in the ling its sweet notes. OVer in the hidden recesses of a small bush the thrush's mellow song coulc be heard. A number not far away. When Foster had inished the first verse of the song. his sister took
it from his hand and sang in a sweet The sun shines bright on my old KenThe corn top; the darkies are gay;
White the birds make music all the The young folks roll on the little cabin All merry. all happy, all bright.

Then my old Kentucky home, goodOn her finishing the first verso the
mocking blrd desceniled to a lower bough. The feathery songster drew his completely en raptured at the wondertul
voice of the young singer. When the last sweet note hatd died away upon the
air her fond brother sang in a deep bass

Weep no more, my lady; oh weep no We'll ming one song for the old KenFor our old Kentucky home far away. The darkles had laid down their hoo themselves behind the targe. sheltiaring trees. While the old black women were
 his eyes on the young singers. Every
thins was still. not cyn the stirring of ful silence. Agin the hrother and sister took hold of the remaining notes and
sang in sweet arcents:

They hunt no more for the possum and On the madow, the hin and the shore
They sing no more l,y the glimmer of the On the bench by de old cabln door.
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The time has come mihen the darkles have Then mart.
night. The head must bow, and the back will Wherever the darkles may go:
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CAMPFIREOFMADANTHONY of Greenwich. Yes, there was hls own inctly house. Noah could see it dismade him turn way his face so in eys companions might not see his weakness. of Anthony No longer in the campfre hunger. no cold to be endured. no swamps more traversed. To see his father once Oh, it was good to be back in Greenwich "Never mind us:" called Elias, as Noah. without walting for the catboat to land. leaped out upon the dock. "We
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## Be Patient With the Boy

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"Within a year, sir: It will take about
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THE BOY ON HIS MUSCLE

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there of that "farthest north." Sevelal famuas scientilic otranizations have
deen sending out expediuns in this direction tur a number of yars. sweden,
Gremany. and scotland have taken a prominent part in these projects, and
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connection. Ureat Brijain and France have not been
backward, cilher. The United states,
however, has contined most of her exhowever has contimed most of her ex-
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land rppearing unthan extreme datitude
is reached. Who will we the tirst to cross is peached. Whu will be the tirst to cross
thist mysterious wuly of water and give
to the public the stury of the stil more mysterious fand beyond, in which is lo-
cated the south pole? NOTED WOHLD EXPOSITIONS.
Of course, you boys know all about the
lig expusition at Jamestown, or think sou do. but how many of you know that
this is ony. one of a long hist of great
onositions that will take place in dif. expositions that will take place in dir-
ierent parts of the world elther this year
or in the very ncar guture? No, they won't all be as large as the tilkings so much allout, wat they are
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to kecp the interest of the world arousid. To begin with, Japan-the country of
the litile brown men-is doing some-
thing in the exposition line, whith the thing in the exposition line, whide the
dnerican consul says will break ome
records. Thls will be confined largely records. Thls will be confined largely
to marine products. Doo you realize what
a great big teld ls opencd up by such a a kreat big thed is opened up by such a
display? Of course. there will be the
fishoris exhit. and this in liself gives
a thousund and more details to devilop. Thousand and more detalls to develop.
Then. there are the latest marine in-
entions, boats of all kinds. diving apventions, boats of all kinds. diving ap-
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has come into use for loading and unJapan has been making some surprising strides in these directions, and
its exposition this fall should give the
rest of the world several things to think Circling over to Australla, we find
preparations in that country for an expreparations In that country for an ex-
hibition out of the ordinary. You will
agree that there is certainly chance for agree that there is ecrtainly chance for
a wonderful display in thy great island
continent. It will not condine itself to Austalian limits, ellher. The neighbors
will be in ited to come over and help. It
will bermed oftctally the Uctanic Fxposition. $\begin{aligned} & \text { and will embrace every va- } \\ & \text { rietyof industry and picture every phase } \\ & \text { of life in the country. it will be an }\end{aligned}$ event of next year.
To make a long jump northward, we
find that Norway has also folned the find that Norway has also joined the
exposition ranks and wlil give a tour-
ist display two years from now- they ist display two years from now they
don't do things over there. you know,
with Yankee energy. Norway is attractIng thousands of
travelers each year. Just how many whll
surpries you. Last year more than 30,000 surpries you. Last year more than 30,000
visitors pald a trip to thls country of
the north. and they were rich enough to spend over $\ddagger 3,000.000$ during their stay.
innder these conditions. dont you think
that the Norwegian exposition ought to that the Norwegian exposition ought to
be a tremendous success?
Ansiria, until only a short time ago, had also planned a no nable exposition to
celebrate the sixtleth annlversary or the emperor's relgn. Instead of devoting the
money to this purpose, however, it whlt
he used for erecting a mammoth was. So you see that pretty much the whole
world has caught the exposition fever world has caught the exposttion fever,
but it remained for Uncle Sam to set the
nace. eh. boya?

## C. H. Watt Smith, of Los Angeles, Cal. one of our subscribers. says that in the May issue of The Amertcan Boy there 1s a statement to the effect that scientlists are trylng to discover a plant that will grow in the desert. He says that a thornless cactus. which is edible, has heen discovered by Mr. Burbank, and that it is being extensively introdured Into the Californla deserts: it is only a matter of tme. it 18 thought. until it su- persedes other vegetation.

help these ple plates have been. of
course, llke shot-putting and the other
welght events, it is necessary to have a good physique. In parircular arms. Many
meginners, a good par irying to master the art of discus throwing, have worked considerat-
wie harm to their bodies, and it is to this point that the beginner wants to care-
fully watch. It is a very simple thint
to throw the arm out and many their endeavor to throw as far asys iney
can do too much, and consequently th arm becomes strained.
Greek athletes loday generally liwh
the discus well wer the head and start
from of a pedestal. Tite accotely irom of a pedestal. Tje accompanyilit
photo is one of Georgantas. the Gret-k
Champlon. American throwers do nol


## Greek Champion Discus Thro

a seven-feet clrcie just as the shot-put-
ters do in puiting the shot. It is this
little run and help whish litte run and help which the At is ithis favor with the Greeks. They consider nationa game. their form of throwing
should be foring a Greek way: But to this the Amertcans abso ly a new style practically is used by Martin Sheridan is the present chamclan styles of throwing the discus us he excels. Aecently he was invited by the schools and give the boys a talk on
how to throw the discus. The boys wer yery much interested in the champion's
talk, and it was evident that his words were having considerable weight. Dis-
cus throwing has now been adopted by the schoolboys. and it only remains
to be seen who will be the frst school-
boy phenom in this branch of sport.

## Cutting Steel by Electricity

The work of demolishing the grim
and gigantic sifeleton of the old Palace
Hotel, in San Franclsco, is now in active progress. It is proving an immense task mented by tcams, and powerful mapple
cry appllances. it is estimated that cry appllances. it is estimated that at
least threc months wilh be required in
which to tear down the massive walls and remove the wilderness of debrts.
An extremely novel and unlque elec-
trical process is being employed in the work of cutting is up the structural steel
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The method now used is what is
known as the eelectrisal are process.:
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melted out and the girder cut into sec-
tlons easy to handle wlth small crants. it requires about twenty minutes to cut. glare from the tip of electrical "needle"
uned is so very intense. that it can not
be looked at with the naked eye. und
the men operating are compelled to wear a queer looking cap and thick colored
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Chapter 1.

FOR MANY YEARS my dear wife and loving children have begged me to write down my
adventures upon the sea. They have urged yea even pleaded with me, to tell unto the world the great number of strange and exciting things that 1 , in my many yearst salling under the red flag of a flibuster, saw and did. Now, as an old sea dog I tell thee 'tis not always well to confess too much unto the whe of thy bosom, thy dear children nor tos wey asked, of me yet did 1 hem and haw to do as they asked of me, yet did 1 hem and haw. and
make objection, and though much importuned 1 never make objection, and though much importuned 1 never gave my real reason, and like unto a spanis great number of signal fires, so that my family were unable to steer straight course.
But a few weeks agone my eldest daughter, Jennie, came home from a very fine school in London, where she had gone to inish her education, and the other
night, as she sat upon my knee (not the one cut ofr by our shipis carpenter, but the well one), she told me that if 1 would anchor me by easy cable every day by her side, and relate my story unto her, that she would write it all out, in fair logbook hand, wipon good white paper. To tell truth this did suit me well enough, and I agreed to do it, only asking her to walt
a day or two until I could overhaul my memory and a day or two until I could overhaul my memory and
prick out my course in my head, and so get my adprick out my course in my head, a,
ventures charted in shipshape way.
As I have never been to school, but learned my hornbook at my mother's knce, I can make but poor headway with a pen, and when I used to write down my course in the logbook on shipboard, why there were times when the page was so full of little ink iwas a new chart of the west India or phillivevine twas a new chart of the tiest nda or philippine have a likely fellow with me in my cabin whom kept there just to keep the ship's books, and I have often likened myself to a merchant on shore who hath his bookkepper, and private secretary. Now that thave grown old, 'tis no shame for me to confess all this, but, as thou may'st guess, I cared not, as I
have said, to tell my wife and children of my help. have said, to tell my wife and children of my help. less condition too early in the cruise.
There is another thing that I ought to tell thee bethat I wing anchor and trim salis. Thoumsm, and my good wife, Mistress Ursula Jones, telleth me that were one to chart down all the sea terms that come from me, why one would soon bave all parts of a ship from main wheel to standing keel, and from stem to stern post before them. To clear away this Biscay fog. my daughter hath promised to put landlubber words upon her paper whenever 1 list too far, and so bring the good ship Story upon an even keel, but in the about a vessel than any Spanlsh captain I ever ran athuart and sometimes I am afraid she will, with out thinking, set a sea term down that hath more smell of the sait brine than of the green grass in it She telleth me, however, that there is no need to She telleth me, however. hat there is no need chart in which he hath by much pain and labor charted out the meaning of all words in the English language, and she sayeth further that anyone who can read may turn to this book, and by following directions pick out with very littie trouble the compass and words and what they mean, and. therefore (as we are to make long voyage together, if thou under stand not what is writ here, I ask of thee to overhaul this book chart and get thy course again, so that
thou may'st have full knowledge of why, where, and how we sall.
Whenever a vessel leaveth a friendly harbor on peaceful crulse, she hoisteth her ensign at the fore, sutern, and salutes the fort. As I am in no contraband trade, such as smuggling or buccaneering, nor am running into enemies' port in time of war, why I will hoist my signal numbers on the main mast and tell

## JIMMY JONES-PIRATE

BEING AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CAPTAIN JAMES JONES, AS SET DOWN BY HIS DAUGHTER, MISTRESS JENNIE JONES, AND EDITED
thee my name, who I am, from whence I hail, from What port 1 sailed, and how came to be a fillbuster. ing for the flass, I wish to ask thee a question or two, which thou may'st answer or not, as it pleaseth thee.
First then: Didst ever know a familly of Jones that hailed from Wales? If thou did'st, had they not one son that was called "Jinmy"? If thou knowest of any Welsh Jones that have not such boy, I would that thou would'st send post unto Captain
James Jones, Jamaica, West India Islands, for I James Jones, Jamaica, West India Islands, for I would now, old hull as 1 am, up anchor and visit
them, for i should dearly love to talk with such them, for i sh
strange people.
If thou wilt overhaul the ship's book, thou wilt find many a William Williams, John Owen, David Morris, and the like, but I will lay thee a Spanish jiece of eight against an English rose-shilling that except upon a piece of parchment, or oer shop door, hou hast not heard of James Jones, and many times core-topmast yard I have pondered oer the power In a name wy daughter telleth me that one writing fellow who writ way hooks some sixty years ayone was fool enough to write "What's in a nane? ". liad I known him I should have told him there is nuch in it. Look thou! Dost think Oliver Cromwell could have won the respect of his army and so seated himself in the royal palace as Lord Prolector, one-half so easy as he did if he had been christened "Jimmy Cromwell"? I wot not, and I know that Reginald DeBracey is much more apt to be elected captain than is Bill Smith, though William may be a far better seaman and fighter than is Master Reginald.
All this bringeth me mnto mine own name. I have yawed somewhat, and have not steered a straight course in my narrative, but thou knowest many an old sea dog smelleth his way around the world, and backs and fllls like a Durch galliot in a head sea, and set cometh into port with the best of them; and hou must give me leave to sheer off my course now and then, though promise thee that it the end of tow salls, and lie snug with the ensien flying from the main truck, and not a butt started nor a single leak.
My father, Master Jimmy Jones, was a small shopman in a little hamlet that lay close unto an armor shire, as thou may'st see by looking in thy chart lyeth in Wales. I was the eldest child, and when I left home I had, I bellieve, four brothers and one sister. I was born in the year sixteen hundred and forty-seven, on the tenth day of March, and am now sixty years of age. I loved not the shop, nor the selling of dried herring. salt flsh, and the llke, but loved better the sea; and I do verily believe I could swim almost as early as I conld walk, and I haunted the beach whenever could run away, or get permission. - Think i have always smelled of the ocean. Sometimes it smelled of kelp and seaweeds; sometimes like urto crabs, clams, or dead fish. adage hath it "All was fish that cane unto my net" whether dead or allve My father loved not the odor that always signaled my home-coming, and as he was a plous, Godly man, he belleved in the teaching of Solomon, "Spare the rod and spoll the child." So I was well strapped six days in the week, with a small taste of the rod on the Sabbath thrown in as a good and pious beginning of the week. Perhaps the reason I have never been much of a churchman is the recollection of Solomon's teact..1g, as 1 had no love for his proverb, and tell truth, I never yet have found boy who hath.
I do not remember when I was christened, but I have been told that under convoy of my parents, certaln uncles and aunts, and a few friends, that I was taken unto the parson and launched as James Jones. I have been told further that when the holy water was sprinkled on my face that I roared and kicked, as if old Davy Jones had broken forth from his locker and entered of such unchristan behavion Now it have aruays looked upon it in a different way, for I never have had any love for fresh water except it be a small gill of hot water to mix with my Holland, when I was sick; and I believe I kicked and roared solely because of the parson's using it on my face. whereas had he sprinkled me with good
and my whole life might have been changed know not when James was turned into Jimmy, but, this day, and i have small doubt but that in lim 'twill be "Sacred to the tomory bo \&c." And though I rose by hard knocks unto the command of mine own ship, yet 1 have had no knighthood conferred upon me like unto others with whom I sailed, and ny wife feeleth the slight most mightily, and hath no good will toward those that christened me: for we both think that had I been named Panl, Luke, or Matthew, I might have had more honor and less knocks.
But here I am, way of my course again, like a bumboat in the channel. I will haul aft my main sheet and try and run on a taut bowline, if so be lihen
When I was about fifteen my parents one day left me in charge of the shop and, taking the younger children with them, set out to spend the
day with one of my uncles, who lived a rew miles in the country. Now 1 wished not to te left miles and begged and pleaded to be taken along, but to this my parents would not consent and I was made by dint of threats, to stay and take care of the fer: things we had for sale.
After my parents had been gone some two or more hours I made up my mind to put into execation a plan that had for long time been working in my brain. 1 would run away and go to sea. No sooner did I think of it than 1 began preparations for my journey. I put what clothes I thought I could carry into a small bag. filled my pockets witl bread, cheese, and cold meat, took the few halfpence remaining in the till, shut up the shop and walked of the sea unto plymouth my way around the arm ing with soring mon where 1 knew, fom talk would have but little diffeulty in finding a captain who would take me as an apprentice.

As soon as I was free of the town 1 burst through the hedge and took to the fields, as I feared pursuit: but I need not have taken so muen palns to throw ofi stern chase, for, as 1 found out long after, when my good father came home and discovered I was soue he heaved a sigh, said "Twas God's will." and prayed for my success, but took no further trouble about me-which proves he was a wise man in his day and generation.
I shall not take un thy time with account of my trip to Plymouth. I met with no more serious things than sore feet, a hard cold-caught by sleening out in the open in a severe storm of rain-and a bat gnawing within my stomach a few times when I entered plymouth a loai or a piece of cheese. unto the docks to look for a of an apurentice. I had saved all the money wan taken from home and as I was very hungry I went into a little inn, intending to call for a mug of ale and some bread and cheese. The tapster was an old seaman who had lost one eye had a wooden leg and a red face all covered oer with bubukles, whelks and knobs. His nose was blue-red and when he spoke he roared like unto a half-furled sall in a gale of wind. As I came in he stopped cleaning mugs and with his head on one side like an ugly parrot. watched me with his one evil eye. I limped u; unto the bar and in a low voice asked for a pot of ale.
Ale!" he roared out, "ale! ye young rascal, ale! Dost think I have nought to do but give ale unto Imps and stumping round the bar. and he came banging my nouch and holding it out said: penny from "Dut, and hold it
"But, sir, I can pay for it."
Pay for it, thou little limb; pay for it can'st thou? Show me thy penny," and he grasped it roughly from me and put it in his pocket. "Now," sald he,
"away: away! or Inl beat thee. I'll-" Here a man who was sitting at a table in the room called out: "Avast there. Barney, thou old pirate, give the "Avast there, Harney, thou old pirate, give the
child either ale or penny." At this Barney turned and cried out, "What did'st say, sir?"
tot thy didst hear well enough. Come, sir, try penny or hls ale."
"If thou wilt not, why I will cudgel thee into bits, sald the stranger
The tapster drew the penny from his pocket, and ave it me.
Clear out," said he; "make sall, away."
"Nay," sald my friend. "He shall do no such 1 most gladly did.
Now, continued my friend, "bring this lad food and drink, or, by Saint David, I'll pluck thee from leg." And over my new-found protector's face came the worst look that I had ever seen. His large black eyes sank inward, the lids came down and the llds rose up until a narrow silit was all that one could see, but through it flashed the look of a flend. The ips closed tight, and his nose jaws and even eeth came together like unto a vise; his red and weatherbeaten face turned yellow white, and his
large hairy hands clenched so tlght that the velns large hairy hands clenche
stood up like whip cords.
as I looked up at him a great fear ran through me, and I shrunk back ulon my bench, the sweat started out uion my trembling limbs, I cl
hardly dared to draw my breath.
Barney, the tapster, was, if possible, even more frighted than was I, for without a word he drew me nine ale, and placing some shlp's bread, cheese, and into our table, and mumbling and choking placed the food before me. When it came I opened my eyes, sat upl, and with shaking hand began to eat glanced at my companion. HIs face had returned unto its wonted hue, and he was watching me with
an amused smile. I took courage at this, and as as very hungry, as boys of fifteen generally are bolted my food at a great rate. When I had cleared he platter and finished my drink, I looked up with great interest at my friend
He was about five and twenty years of age, though he looked older, and one could see at a glance that he was a follower of the ocean
His long black hair was neatly curled, and he wore a wide hat that was covered with gold braid He was dressed in a blue coat of the very fines cloth, a white waistcoat of silk, and his breeches
were of the same color and material. His black were of the same color and material. His black
stockings and neat shoes with jeweled buckles of silver set off a pair of sturdy legs. His hands, as have said, were large and covered when from hair unto his finger tips. His voice, when free from sea had gotten into it, and made it somewhat hoarse He was born to command, as even a child might see ted he had no softness in him wnen roused but for all that he inspired love and confidence in those who obeyed his will.
In after years I knew him well, and was by his side in many a tight place, and $T$ never saw ho nor flinch in time of danger. Hut here 1 am scud ding under bare poles and 'way off my cours
When I hau made an end of my meal he called for the reckoning and, having paid it, rose to depart At this I made ul my mind to ask him to take me as his servant, so touching my forchead I said
"Sir. I am a poor loy, and I am looking for a cap-
ain that doth need a boy to wait on him on shipboard. Dost thou not need one?
He stopped as I began to speak, and when I wa through he put his hand under my chin and lifting up my head looked into mine eyes. Then in a quiet voice he asked, "What is thy name? Where did'st
thou come from, and how old art tnou?" I had, I must confess, made up a tale to tell about myselt soul could not lie with When I made a finh soon, silent for a time
"Had'st thou not better return unto thy father?"
"No, sir," said I, "what can I do at home but be "Come, then," said he, "thou young Welsh sprimp follow at my heels." and he turned away. I kep close up unto his side as thou may'st be sure. We went not were sold. Here my guide turned in, an calling unto one of the many shopmen, told him to fit me out with a full suit and all that $I$ needed. When I was fitted he paid the charge, and once more we went on our way. carrying my clothes in
my hands. Presently we came unto an inn. We entered, and he told the host to give me a room; then turning unto me he said,
"Go to thy room, take a bath, comb and curl thy hair, put on thy new clothe3, and wait here for me or for some one that will call for thee. Go not forth if for a week. Thou can'st eat here. Thy heavy
coat and other things I have bought for thee will be coat and other things 1 have bought for thee will be
sent unto my ship. Now, remember, stay here until I come or send for thee, which may be in an hour or may not be for
me he went away
me he went away. The host took me unto my room, and I set to work and made myself shipshape. I curled my halr, after my bath, and made poor work of it . 1 assure thee ing eyes at my changed appearance, as reflected in the glass, strutted 'round like one of Mother Carey's chickens in a storm, until, tired of my vanity, I bedown and purthe out chest, and looked as import ant as a Spanish apprentice on his first cruise.
After a time I began wondering why I was not by an old Dutch clock in the corner of the room, my impatience increased. At last the barmaid sent me my supper, which I ate, and then once more I sat
and swing my heels. The sun went out of sight, and the candles were lighted. Many men and a few women came and went, the room slowly filled up with sallors and longshoremen, and still no one called for me. By nine of the clock the air was
filled with tobacco smoke, and foul with the odor of frink. Here and there some half-drunken man leaned his head upon the table and slept, and grunted, and snored, white now and the a
half-seas over would break out into a song, and pipe away in a hoarse voice about "sweethearts," "home." or "War on the Spanish Main". At last was
tred of waiting that I put my head down on the not, but of a sudden I heard a man's volce say,
"Is that lad asleep?
At this some one bent over me. Now I know not to this day why I lay still and kept my eyes fast closed, but so I did. After a moment some one whis men sat down ai the next table and began to talk in low tones.

Barney sayeth there is no doubt twas Morgan himself in his room today. He picked up a lad there who clafmed his name to be-but let me see, I set it down," and the speaker paused. I could not open my eyes to see what he was doing, but 1 heard
rattle of paper. Presently the man began again.
"He called himself Jimmy Jones from Wales. Now Barney dared not follow them, but as soon as he ould he ran unto the Governor and told him the first made sport of the tapster but he stuck to his fale so well, and described Morgan we stheck to his that the covernor was at last convinced the daring pirate really was in the town. So he hath sent out pilies to find out if possible where the fellow's ship lies. By my fey, I wonder if this boy can be the one we have orders to watch out for? Yet he is not dressed like the boy Barney told us of."
Never mind that, sir, tis casy to put on new clothes; thou had'st better let me wake him."
the innkeeper. When he came one of the men said,
"What boy?" said mine lost in surprise
"The one asleep there.
Well, I trow, said the innkeeper, as if he saw shook me roughly by the shoulders.

Wake un, thou young limb, wake
Now I took my time, and at last I raised my head and mumbled out, "Leave me alone
mine host "l'll leave thee alone thou sc. shouted mine host, In lave thee alone, thou scamp," and he shook me to and fro. At his 1 made as if sick whispered "Kick me out the door" Then I started as if to rid my stomach, the innkeeper grasped me tlghtly round the waist and in an instant 1 was outside. Here mine host made a great kick at me and said,
"Morgan's ship, Defiance, lyeth half mile down under the flrst island; get to him at once," and then rumbling and mumbling, he went back unto the bar Now 1 knew not the way unto the sea, but I knew enough to use my legs, and I fled down the street made way, then did slow down unto a wat show up my mind to ask the first person 1 met either hire or steal a boat, and so get unto Captain Morgan, as I now knew my friend of the afternoon to le.

Now luck was on my side, for of a sudilen I came upon the edge of the sound, and began at once to hunt for a boat. After a time i spied a small wherry in sight, I quietly crowded into the little craft, untied the rope that held it to the ring, pushed off, and dropped down the sound with the outgoing tide. As soon as I was a safe distance from the dock, so hat could not be seen, I shipped my oars, turne night.
must confess I can hardly understand why I did so foolish a thing. I knew no more where the slands lay than did the ship's cook the way unto China port, but just because I was such a fool I made way on the right course. I have often noticed that a fool will come better out of a serape than will a reasoning man, and the Red Indians of America

now this so well that they will do no harm to a Manltou." And i have always been somewhat of a fool, and let $m y$ impulse run athwart my reason, hich hath placed me more than once in dire peril both of life and limb.
As I have writ, I rowed on like a drogher running dead reckoning in mid-ocean, and had no more er when he is twy course than the drogli a pair of oars fairly well, and helped with the tide 1 made good speed, and in a few moments I ran up hard and ast upon the jutting beach of a small island. Now had no thought I was near unto land, and when my boat ran her stem on the sands I tumbled over backward into the bottom of the boat, and as flect the oars made noise enougn to alarm flect. The swiftly rumning tide whirled the after part of my boat around, and as I picked myself up dyantare and instantly urned turtle avantabe, on wher land eft the water very deep close up unto the shore and eft the water very deep close up unto the shore, and Then I came spluttering and blowing like a prappus into the surface, I found muself going out to sea a most rapid rate. The night was so dark that could not see anything and I gave myself up fo ost and to tell truth I wished most heartily that had remained at home and been a good lad, instead of running off as I had done.
My clothes were soon so heavy wet that i could o no more than keep $m y$ head above water and went racing on with the outgoing tide. Suddenly great black mass loomed up in front of me, and was swept down upon the stem of a ship that, held by her anchor, lay swinging in the race. I made a wild clutch and by good fortune caught the fore
chain in my hand. The tide was so strong that it diphed me beneath the water as 1 caught the chain but I hung on with a grip of death. I soon got hold with my other hand and pulled my head and shou lend fimi unt for help like andiuber mulhoal bowsurit in a head sea. As I yelled some one looked over the prow and roared forth:

Where away
"Help! Help!". I shouted. At this the sailor came nimbly down the fore-chains, and grasping me by the collar hoisted me out of the water, and then tif holding me with one hand, ran up the prow a where as a monkey up a palm tree, and ere 1 Th ship showed no lights, and 1 could not have see very well anyway because of the salt water in min eyes, but I made out after a time three or fou shadowy forms about me.
As soon as I could speak I said: "Canst tell me where the Defiance lyeth?
"What vessel did'st say?" said a hoarse voice
The Deflance, sir
"And what dost want with her, my hearty?" said he same voice.
"I wish to speak unto her captain, sir; I have a message unto him."

What message?" said another than the firs my head that it was Morsan himself my head that it was Morgan himself.

From the innkeeper where 1 was staying, sir," said I

Come aft with me," said the speaker. I followed as well as I could in my wet clothes. and we entere the dark cabin. My conductor struck a light, and mistake. 1 was face to face with Captain Morgan himself. Jiefore he could speak I sald:

I am Jimmy Jones, sIr. Barney, the tapster, knew hee for Captain Morgan, the buccaneer. He hath cold the governor, who lyeth now in walt for thee 3y help of the innkeeper 1 got away, found a boat and came out to thee
voice. At this I told him my adventures. When deck. In a few moments I heard a boat push off and then for two hours there was a deadly silence that was only broken hy the gentle lapning of the water on the ship's sides. When I was tired of lis tening I heard he soft bump of a boat against th vessel, and presently Captain Morgan spoke up.

The lad told me the ruth; they are hunting for us. Hoist the boat on board, call all hands, and ge the anchor apeak. We can drop down a daybreak make a slant. We will have a fair and at daybreak m

Then the captain came down into the cabln. was shing with cold and excitement, and whe and led the way unto a little room that had a berth in it.
in. lad," said he, "and go to sleep. Thou whort have to undress with
I pulled off my wet clothes, tumbled into bed, and was asleep in a moment, and slept soundly until late on next day. When 1 awoke 1 got out of bed, put out my damp clothes, and leaving my room wen over unto one side and I had hard work standing upright. Finding no one in the cabln, I climbed the stairs, and so out upon the deck.
As I stepped out. a great hairy sallor, who was colling away some of the main halliards, saw me and gave me a smile and a nod. Just as he dew out from under me and 1 went sliding down toward the lee by the arm and stood me up on my feet.

Well, thou young sea dog." said he, in an undertone, "if it had not been for thee we would have been In a hot fight this day. There wonld have been
more blows than pieces of eight 1 am thinking, but we gave them the sllp, and there are few King's
cruisers can catch the old bucket with such a start
as we have got; but thou had'st better lle close, for Captain Morgan is in a pretty rage because of this chase. Make sail unto the cabin, and lie there till he see'st thee."
At this I turned and got me back into the cabin, where I sat down on a great gun, one of two that pointed astern, and looked out of one three miles a way I saw four ships under full sail heading after us, and boy as I was i knew they were King's ships that the governor had sent out to catch us. They seemed not to be gaining upon our vessel, but 1 could not be sure of this as I had so little knowledge. Of a sudden, I saw a white puff of smoke roll up from the prow of the nearest cruiser. Then saw a black ball come bounding towards our ship. It leaped from sea to sea, but sank at last in a great burst of foam about a half-mile from us
Our ship answered not, but kept on her course without taking notice of the challenge. Again and again the vessel fired her bow gun, but none of the balls came any nearcr unto us.
"Sail dead ahead, sir," and a moment after: "Sall on the starboard bow, sir."
At this there was a great tramping over my head, and 1 could see that we were slowly turning away from the oncoming ships. As we shifted our course they did the same, and in a few moments I could see their whole length, with the great banner of England flying from their peaks.

No sooner did the leading vessel get her broadside to bear than she let fly all her guns. The balls came bounding and plunging over the heaving sea, but none of them came up unto us. I went into my little room, and peeping through the open port soon made out the shadowy sails of a ship far away on our starboard side. Then I came back and once more scated myself on the great cannon. It was drawing towards midday, and while I was looking out the stern port the cook came running in and began to lay the cloth. Any oid sallor when on mipoord the cook is the disagreeable men on and ours was the very by all wicke that I have in my long life unon the seas ever that ness see me, than he roared out:
"Thou skulking dog, come from that gun and help me to lay this cloth. Who art thou?"
I told him. "Oh, thou art the young gentleman whom the captain hath taken as lobsconse, art thou? Well, blast thy landlubber eyes, thou can'st not put on airs here. Come, stir thy stumps, and he hit me a blow in the face. the staggered back. At this he hit me again, all the reviling me and calling me nameed his fist, then I sprang at him and bunted my head into his stomach; so sharp and unexpected was my attack that he lost his feet and came down heavily. When he scrambled unto his feet he started for the door. My blood was up, and, giving a great shout, 1 chased flm alose. the deck unto the caboose and I followed fled along the deck we went running down the deck the witd crew gave a loud cheer and as I chased him the witd crew gave a loud cheer, and as l chased him cheered me on. When he dashed into the galley he slammed the door in my face and shot the bolt. Then did my anger disappear, and I sat me down on a coil of rope, while the boyish tears began to flow. Four or flve of the crew gathered near and one of them asked me what was the matter. As well as I could, with my swollen face and between sobs, I related the whole affair.
"Well done," said the fellow, "but look out for cooky'; he will do thee an ill turn if he can. Ile ts a bad man, but he can cook well and for that reason he hath been allowed to live. I like him not myself. Let me tell thee though, my lad, say nothing to the captain unless he asks thee. If he thought thou had'st no right to fight cooky, thou would'st find thy back would soon ache worse doth now," and the sallors turned away I crept back to the cabin, and after washing my face I laid the cloth the cook came he said nothing unto me, and I belped him the best that I could. Soon me, and meal was set forth, Cajtain Morgan came in and sat down. He took no notice of my swollen face, and I waited upon him as well as I was able. He ate in silence, and stayed not long, but got up, and putting on a sea call went out. In a few moments an old, weatherbeaten sailor came in and sat down. The cook brought food, and 1 served him as I had the captain. As he rose to leave he sald:
"I see thou art a willing lad, and thou hast done well," which pleased me much; then as he turned to go, he once more spoke unto me: sit down and eat thy dinner; make short work of it, and then clear away, for we may have to use those playthings there before many minutes," and he polnted to the cannon; then nodding to me he went up on deck.

As I was as usual, hungry, I made a hearty meal; then I cleared of the table and carried the dishes into the cuddy. I wanted hot water deck house them with so went bidin wid wash the dishes. asked for some, full bucket of hot water and I carried it into the cabin and soon had everything ship shape. it found a besom and swept up the floor, and did my best to make things clean. While at work the capbest to make things came in. He looked at me grimly, but sald noth. ing, and went on unto his cabin. He soon came out with a boarding-cap on his head, pistol stuck in his belt, and a short sword strapped round his waist.
"Dost know where the magazine is?" said he. "No, sir," I answered.
"Come with me," he commanded.
laid away my besom and followed him on deck. He called a sallor, and when the fellow walked up said:

at this the sallou came nimbly down the fore chans. and, orasping me by the colina, hoisted me out of the water
"Show thls lad the magazine, and how to pass round from the cant or list of the vessel. We fired ammunition." The man touched his hat, and mohonng to me to where, ploted me down into the and gave me in care of the man who had cazine of it.

I was told to strip myself unto the waist and to take off my shoes and stockings. Then I was given a leathcra bucket with handles of rope and told to men and boys, who were to were half a score of men and boys, who were to pass powler and shot
when needed. I was to carry my load unto the cabin battery as I knew the way thither, but had no knowledge of any other jart of the ship.
I grew cold as I sat half naked in the gloom of the dark hold, and so wripped my coat around me and walted for the battle to begin. My mates knew one another, and from their talk I gathered that they had been in more than one fight, and that they had absolute confidence in Captain Morgan. They grumbled a little at the absence of our two consorts,
but helieved, or pretended to belleve, that they would but believed, or pirctended to belleve, that they would vet aplicar and help our ship, but in the main they
talled of the bravery and luck of Captain Morgan talked of the bra
and the Defiance.

While they were buslly in converse the boatswain's whistle was heard piping to quarters, at which they all jumped to their feet anil made ready. A moment later a hoarse voice crled out:
"Scrve the ammunition
At this the captain of the magazine and his attendants filled the buckets with powder or ball, and we began carrying our loads to the dinerent guns. of fifecn and by the time I had palned the deck slid along, it and come into the cabin my back and arms were well tircd. Eunner and ran back for more. Thls time I took but two In my bucket and so made better work of it.
We had not as yet fred a sloot, but the whole crew The bulw ther stations ready to beghn at see over them, and so I knew nothing of what was going on outside the vessel. When I brought my third load of balls unto the cabln, I found the gunners busy loading the calnon. The men were stripped to the waist, and went about their work in grim silence. I had but small time to watch them, however, but sned away for another load. As 1 was hurrying along the deck, I heard over on the port slde the hoarse hoom and roar of a broadside. and before 1 could get under the companionway the balls came hilts over he ship. By chan or good 1 to our side. not our masts, but one or two crashed into our
Hardly had the sound of the tearing wood died away, ere our ship fired her guns. As I have said, I was not tall enoukh lo look over he ing sur of our ship, so collor ran below heard our sallors give a great shout
When I got upon the deck again. I found the sallors
pulling at the ropes and I knew we were swinging
round from the cant or list of the ressel. We fired
no more guns and $I$ soon had a great pite of balls in the cabin. As I came up, the gunner said
Avast, my lad, thou hast ball enough, and so sit ye down and rest.'
At this I sat down on the step of the cabin stalr and listened to the talk of the men. From them 1 learned that we had shot away the foremast of one
of the shlps that had been in chase of us, and that of the ships that had been in chase of us, and that
we had shifted our course and were now standing we had shited our course and were now standing
straight out to sea. Two of the King's vessels were still trying to overhaul us but the men thought they had small chance of dolng so, as we were now free of the land and could make what weather we would. Soon after the orders came to secure the guns, and then the ship settled down once more into everyday quiet. The sailors took, or seemed to take, snuall interest in the fight and looked upon the Whole incident as an everyday matter. I soon found out that they were puzzled over the disappearance of their two consorts and many were the opintons as to their whereabouts. At four bells in the afternoon or six of the clock, supper was served, and I waited on the table as at dimner. Captain Morgan When, tat
When my work was over, I went out upon the deck and sat down upon the edge of the cabin near unto the helmsman
The night was clear, and the stars twinkled like lamps in the heavens. The sea was as still as a mill pond and there was just brceze enough to belly out the salls. We crept along at a snalls pace, and 1 noticed that Mr. Peaks, the second to Captain Morwhat I thought to be a shooting star and I called Mr. Peaks's attention to it He gazed steadily in the direction I pointel aut and while we were watchiug we saw a rocket go shooting up into the sky.
"I wish I knew whether that rocket came from our ships or a King's cruiser," said Mr. Peaks, "Run down and call Captaln Morgan."

I ran down, and knocked unon his door, and told him Mr. Peaks wished him on deck. He came out in his bare feet, and went up on deck. 1 followed him. a red and white light hoisted unto the masthead Then with his glass he watched in the direction of the ship from whence the rocket came.

Tis the Alarm and the Terror," he said after a with a white and then a red, we will lay-to for them."
As soon as the rocket could be singled out. It was let off. It lighted up the whole sky for an instant; then died out. A white ball, followed by a red one, was immediately sent up from the distant shins. Hardly had their glare disappeared before our salls were taken in. and with the two lights swinging at our masthead we lay-to waiting for our consorts. I was very hed and so son last asleep. unto my bed, and was zoon fast asleep.
(To be continued.)

## THE FIGHT FOR PEACE

By J. L. HARBOUR

THAT SOUNDS rather queer, but that is just what it is. but it is a fight that is being carried tongue and the no deadlier weapons than the way that does not bring suffering and sorrow and a great monetary cost to any one. It is a righteous war that the promoters of the peace idea are waging. But then, after all, those who are engaged in this warfare are not the real promoters of the universal peace movement in motion have long been in their raves. as it is now nearly one hundred years since he first peace society was organized in our country. Of course the movement has had no end of cold water hrown on it, and no end of ridicule directed toward it. But what great movement has not suffered that fate? People once said that the abolition of slavery was simply impossible in our country, and now we are wondering how such an ins
conld ever have been possible in
"The land of the free and the home of the brave
The final triumph of the universal peace idea and the ending of all war is not impossible of achieve. ment, although the most ardent supporters of the idea do not pretend to say that they expect to see it in the immediate future. They are conflident, however, that it is nossible and that there are mat.
sons for thinking that it is entirely probable.
sons for thinking that it is entirely probable.
The greatest peace conerchee ever held in our York Carnegie Hall one of the largest auditoriums York. Carnegie Hall, one of the largest auditoriums in the city, could not hold all who came to hear the three evenings speaking in the cause of peace. There were two great banquets attended by sixteen hundred people, and then tickets had to be refused to dred people, and then tickets had to be refused oo many who wished oil purchase them. The second this appears as it opened in June and will be in session for some weeks.
What is the Hasue Conference? you may ask. It is simply a coming together of representatives from all nations to discuss ways and means of bringing war to an end, and some form of agreement that will induce nations to submit matters of dispute to what will be called a "loard of arbitration" instead of going to war over the vexed question. The first Hague Conference was held in the year 1899, alud
was attended by representatives of but twenty-four was attended by representatives of but twenty-four nations. This year forty-four nations, or ane con-
rivilized nations of the world, are attending the Concivilized nations of the world, are attending the Coens
ference; which is in itself an indication of progress. ference; which is in itself an intiration of progress.
Did you ever stop to think about the fearful cost of war, not only in money but in life and suffering of war, not only in money but in life and suffering and sorrow? And do molnting the great armles and nations of the world? And do you know that one of nur mon-
ern battleships costs more than the property of anv

Patriotism in Our Public Schools

NthoNg ago sir Howard vincent, aidede canip to King Edward VII. of England, visited New York City, and while there was shown
through several of the public schools. His visit to Public School 165, 108th street and Amsterdam avenue, impressed him so greatly that when he redurneng his visit. during his visit.
"Patriotism," said he, in his report, "Is systematically tanght in the Amperican elementary schools. By rederal law the national flag must, during school
hours, float over or in front of every school house hours, float over or in front of every school house
receiving any puhlic grant Like provision has been receiving any public grant Like provision has been
made by the French Republic as regards the trimade by the French Repmblic as regards the triolor. In the British Empire the
ment of Manttoba leads the way.
"Fint in the Unitell States the teaching of patriotism by ear as well as hy eye is looked upon as a first minutes are given up to it in each elementary school in the forty-five states. It onens the day. It takes precedence of every other subject. No matter how many creeds. or bow many nationalitles are repre-
sented all must be present at these exercises in sented all
patriotism
"In School No. 165, of which Mr. Gaddis is principal, at the first stroke of nine the boys begin marching with milltary step, in milltary formation, with head erect and shoulders square, to the tune, brightly played, of 'The Gallant Knights.' All seats in the have been turned into one large assembly room are flled.
'Change,' says the princinal. All stand and tenors, hassos, altos and contraltos marth and co
for the part-singing of a natriotic song.
for 'Change.' again and they return to their places with like order.
'Retire.' orders the principal. All rise. take two places to the right. face forwaril. fold up their seats to the back of the hall.
"Now up the center comes the school band, four rums and as many ffes, playing 'Hatl Columbla. Precening them are two national standards, the bear ers of which are selected for spectal merlt. The hags are placed opposite the principal. Then to the naional march the school flles past, two deep, each scholar suluting as he passes the Stars and Strines. "And so, with milliary bearing, to the class rooms
they march, the blond warmer, the heart the better for the lesson in patriotism.
Then adds Sir Howard, and in this every Ameri. can hoy may take his share of pride;
university in the land? Russia had, according to the latest statistics, the most expensive army and navy in the world, the yearly cost of maintaintng them being In round numbers $\$ 356,000,000$. Then comes Great Britain with an army and navy costing annually $\$ 3+1$, 00,000 . Germany stands third in the list with an army nd navy costing the German empire annually $\$ 218$, 00,000 . Our own American army and navy is fourth in cost as we are now paying $\$ 200,000,000$ a year for their support. Indeed, we are no doubt paying mote now, for the figures given were those of three years ago, and we have built several very costly battle. ships since then and are building more, while Great Britain is adding some of the costliest battleships in the world to her naval equipment. When it comes to the actual cost of war the sum goes a way up into the millions and tens of millions of dollars. And, as the late President Garfield once said. "Battles are
never the end of war: for the dead nust be buried never the end of war: for the de
and the cost of the conflict paid."
It is estimated that the cost of human life in all It is estimated that the cost of human life in all
the wars which have taken place since the beginning of authentic history has not been less than the almost incredible sum of $\$ 15,000,000,000$. It is also true that the number of lives lost in the various wars of the world during the century so recently closed was not less than $14,000,000$. The greatest loss of lire in War, when it is estimated that the total loss of life including those who diel of disease contracted in the war, could not have been much less than $1,000,000$. England alone lost 100.000 men in the war with the Boers in 1899 and 1901. and the cost in money to England was fully $\$ 1,250,000,000$.
There is today a fearful famine in Russia and people are starving by the thousands, while it is said that a single dollar will buy grain enough to sustain a man a month. And yet Russia is going right on building her great battleships and putting enough
into each one of them to save tens of thousands of lives
If universal peace is ever to be secured the boys of today will have to help secure it, for they will be the men of tomorrow and must finish the work begun by the men of today. The workers in the movement for universal peace are looking to you boys to bring this hoped-for peace to pass. Get from your public libraries such boks as "Lay Down Your Arms," "The Fure of ion, and Dath the Nordan's the Blood movenent , and water he phogrs of the peare movenient. Note the work of the Hague Conference and yon wace and arbitration is a cood deal more versal peace and arbitration is a good deal more in. very ant to find that now cause of And you will be means a hopeless cause and that universal peace is possitile.
"Can British school managers not adopt a like "It insures witvantage?
"It insures punctuality. It promotes tidiness and order. It makes men and women-prout of themselves: proud of their country.
It is some satisfaction to extract (Britishers are not fond of praising those of obicr nationalities) this kind of praise from outsiders. Every American
should be prond of the compliment.

## Some of the Large Things

The largest theater in the world is the opera house in Paris. It covers three acres of ground; its cuble ans is four milion two hundred eighty-seven thouand feet: and it cost one hundred million francs. The highest active volcano is Popocatepetl, near pueblo. Mexico. It is seventeen thousand five hundred fifty feet above
Glbraltar, from a strategical point of view, is the greatest fortress in the world. It occupies a rocky peninsula three miles long and threc-quarters of a highest point is fourteen hundred thirty-nine feet above sea level, and its northern face is almost per pendicular, while its east side is full of steep, impassable prectpices. It is consldered impregnable
The Chinese wall is the greatest on earth. It was completed $204 \mathrm{~B} . \mathrm{C}$. as a protection against the Tarars. This wall traverses a rough stretch of country, passing over mountains and valleys and across rivhirh trentr fuen hundred miles long, twen feet irg. eet at its top.
The deepest
The deenest mine is the Lambert coal mine in Bel glum, which extends thirty-four hundred ninety feet nto the earth.
The biggest cave in the world is the Mammoth Cave in Enmonson County, Kentucky. It consists of
a succession of irregular chambers, some of which are traversed hy the Echo River.
The longest rallway tunnel in the world aside from the New York subway. is that of the Salnt Gotthard on the line of the road between Lucerne and Mllan It is twenty-six and a half feet wide, nineteen feet from the foor to roof and nine and a quarter miles long.
The largest llbrary is the Bibliotheque Nationale, in Paris.
The largest desert is the Sahara in Africa. This barren waste has a length of three thousand miles
and an average width of nine hundred miles. Raln
falls in torrents at intervals of five, ten, and twenty years. It is hot in summer, but in winter the temperature often goes as low as zero.
Cheops, of the Glzeh group. It contains eighty-nine million cublc feet of masonry, is four hundred and hfty-one feet high, and the total weight of the stone in this mammoth monument has been estimated as over six million tons.
The largest bell is the great bell at Moscow, which is eighty-six feet in circumference at the bottom, over wenty-one feet high, and twenty-three inches thick at the top. Its weight has been computed as two hundred and seventeen tons. It has never been hung.

The highest lighthouses are the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, which is one hundred and fifty-one feet, besides a pedestal of one hundred and fifty-flve feet: one at Genoa. Italy, two hundred and eighteen feet in height, and Cape Hatteras light. wich is one hundred and elghty-nine feet.
The largest trees in the world are the giant redlare County is one hundred and einh a grove in Tu ferenceunty is one hundred and eight feet in circum. twelve feet from the twelve feet from the ground.-Ex

## In Grandma's Kitchen <br> By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

In Grandmamma's kitchen things got in a rlot: The cream in a pot on the shelf,
Where everything always seemed peaceful and quiet, Got whipped-for I heard it myself.
And Grandmamma said-such a queer thing to saythat way.

Some bold naughty eggs, that refused to be eaten On toast with their brothers maybe,
ere stripped of their clothing and cruelly beaten
Right where all the dishes could see,
And Grandmamma said, though the noor things might ache,
The harder the beating, the lighter the cake:
The bright golden butter was petted and patted And coaxed to be shapely and good;
But it finally had to be taken and spatted Right hard with a paddle of wood;
When Grandmamma carrled the round balls away. The butermik sulked and looked sour all day.

The water declared that the coffee was muddy,
But an egg settled that little fuss;
Then the steak and the gridiron got in a bloody And terrible broll! such a muss:
And a flatiron spat at Grand'ma in the face-
And I ran away from the quarrelsome place,
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## Room for All

My boy, do not imagine there is no place in the world for you. If you are the right kind of a boy, there are a thousand places. The world wants the enthuslasm, the earnestness, the ready faith of youth. These are the qualities that do the world's work, and for that reason the boy who displays them is sure to find footing in the pathway of business and a chance to try for the things worth winning. "If I were or ganizing a company," said an old soldier recently, in conversation with the writer, "I'd take all young men. I was in dozens of battles in the last war, and I never saw a charge yet, when there was a boy in
the ranks, but that that boy would be among the first to reach the entrenchments of the enemy." At the doorway leading into every department of the world's work, whether in the profession, in mechan ical pursults or mercantile calling, one tmagines they can see the sign, "Wanted-Boys. Boys are needed rom whom art pur country if the right boys apply. they shall find the places. There ts room for all such and they need only to be trled and proved true to be asked to E $\delta$ higher.-Clem V. Wagner.

## The Great Seal of the Confederacy By E. R. GAlLLARD

In the office of the Secretary of State there is kept the great seal which was prepared for the use of the Confederate States. It was made in England, but did not reach Richmond until about the time it was was never used.
The cost of the seal with press, wafers, seal papers, wax, silk cords, and other needful things, was Carolina, about 1887 .
The die is about three inches in diameter, bearing an equestrian portrait of Washington surrounded by a wreath composed of cotton, sugar cane, corn, whea and rice, with the motto Deo Vendice"-(God Main tains), the whole being of fine sllver

## He Got the Job

The manager of an office had advertised for an office boy. In consequence he was annoyed for an varlous accomplishments. "Well"" he said to a late apnlicant, "I suppose you can read anything and write anything, and figure a liftle, and use the type writer a little, and"- "Naw!" interrupted the boy "If I could do all of them things I'd strike yer fer yer own job. I ain't nothin' but an office boy." He got the position.


## WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TOGET YOUR SHARE?



## VERY BOY A WORKER FOR THE AMERICAN BOY! This

 must be our battle cry from now till March lst next, if we are to double the circulation of our magazine by that time. We told you in our September number that we wanted the help of every boy who reads this paper. We repeat that statement now with emphasis on the word "every". This means that we want the help of the little boys, the big boys, and all the ins and betweens.The editor wants a bigger circulation in order to do his work better. The publishers want it in order to furnish a bigger and better paper and double the influence it now exerts.

We are not asking the boys to work for nothing. We ask
copy the wording of the coupon in a letter, sign the letter and send it to us.

This matter is very important to us, as the time between now and the first of March will soon pass, and much work is to them to go out and get subscriptions, and we offer them a $\mid$ be done if we are to double our circulation. If every boy liberal cash commission and big cash prizes -the biggest ever offered to boys for getting subscriptions to a boys' paper.

Our plan gives to the boys in the small towns and in the country as good an opportunity to earn big money prizes as it does to the boys in cities. The towns and cities throughout the country have been placed in four groups: $\$ 1000$ is to be divided among 100 boys who live in cities of 100,000 population and upwards; $\$ 1000$ to 100 boys who live in cities of 40,000 population and over, but less than 100,$000 ; \$ 1000$ to 100 boys who live in cities of 5000 and over, but less than 40,$000 ; \$ 1000$ to 100 boys who live in towns or villages of less than 5000 population.

We have not the space here to describe the plan in full, but in order to make it so clear that boys can $g o$ to work intelligently we have printed a neat little booklet giving all the directions necessary, all the rules to be observed, suggestions as to how to work, and a detailed statement of just what each boy can make by way of commissions and prizes. This we will send free of charge to any boy who signs and sends us the coupon in the right hand bottom corner of this page. If the boy does not want to mutilate his paper, he may

our mutual friend. the postman should secure just one new subscriber the result would be accomplished, but there will be hundreds of boys who will do nothing to assist us--boys who lack ambition or have not the money-making instinct, or do not care to do the work-so that some boys, if we are to get the result aimed at, must do better than obtain one subscription. We are sure from past experience that there will be hundreds of hustlers, little and big, working for us and for themselves with all their boy energy between now and March Ist. There is every reason why every boy should help. It will do him good to get experience in soliciting. The American Boy is easily sold; indeed, it sells itself. The solicitor can feel that he is doing the buyer good when he sells him The American Boy. And last, but not least, he is making money out of it.

Boys, can we depend upon your co-operation? If so, send us the coupon and let us put into your hands instructions and material for the work. It costs you nothing. Make it your business during the coming autumn and winter
free to talk up The American Boy. Go into COUPON partnership with us in making money out $\begin{gathered}\text { The Sprague }\end{gathered}$ of it. Publishing Company,
Detrott, Mek
 Yours truly,

## becun in march Chapter XXI

an aboriginal wooing.

DESPITE Cochita's remarkable self-command, the aunt and hiece saw he was nervous over something. He wated until they were through
with their meal, when he forced himself to partake of a small portion, for which it was plain he did not care. Mrs. Goodale belleved the fellow was disturbed on account of his personal relations to She would have urged her niece to deceive him to the limit had she not known that it was useless to argue limit had she not known that it was useless to argue
or plead with the girl. Nothing could dissuade the or plead with the girl. Nothing could dissuade the tion of life and death. Had the aunt known that Cochita had overheard the conversation between the two, she would have suspected the truth: Geronimo had become a factor in the delicate business, and there could be no certainty as to how it all would end.
When a half hour had passed without any alarm from the outlying scouts, the uneasiness of the young leader subsided. He began to hope he would have no visitors until the morrow, and before that time he meant to clinch matters with the young Such being his decision, he sauntared to hhere Min. Such being his decision, he sauntered to where ing placed himself nearer the younger. The two in. stinctively felt that the crisis had come.
"I hope," he said in a voice which he knew how to modulate, "that before this time tomorrow you will be safe with your friends.
"That is my prayer, Cochita," replled the younger; "and how shall we ever repay you for your kindness? But for you we should have lost our lives long ago." "I claim no credit, but I belleve what you say is
true; more than that, the greatest danger of all is still before us
"Can any danger be too great for you to overcome?" asked Minnie, with engaging frankness The aunt could hardly restrain her impatience, but she resolutely held her lips sealed, leaving her niece to speak for both.
The words of the latter seemed to fire the heart of the dusky wooer, who half rose from his reclining posture and, fixing his black eyes upon her, sald in "It depends
It depends not upon me, but upon you.
Dreading what was coming. the young woman could think of naught to say
"You invite me to make my meaning clear; I shall do so. Geronimo is the head of the Warm Spring band, of which I am an humble member; his anthority is above mine, as has been proved by his could do to dissuade them; some look upon me as his rtval; 1 may be so some day, but not yet; I cannot painsay him.
Minnie knew the falsity of most of these words, hut she could not contradict the man who held her life in the palm of his hand
"I know his hatred of my race, but I am sure he will find Cochita a lion in his path."
"I need not assure you that 1 shall do all in my power for you and your aunt, but if Geronimo comes you both shall die, what shali I say in reply?"
".Do you expect me to give you instructio
know of nothing that you can say, but there are many things you can do."

## "Name them."

"Again you are asking for instructions; I shall suggest one thing: take myself and aunt from this place and part of the way to our home; we shall be glad to go the remainder of the way unattended." "Happy indeed should I be to do as you ask, but within a hundred yards of this spot we should all be made prisoners either by Geronlmo and his men, or hy another party who would take us to him.
"How can you know that?
"My scouts have kent me informed; I am expecting the chief every minute.'
And he looke around as if to verify his words by "Is there $n$
There there no way of saving us from his vengeance?" "Thell me."
"If I say to him that you are my promised wife, we will not dare lay his finger on elther of you." MInnle was prepared for this declaration, but prehands, as if overcome by emotion. Had the two been alone, the aboriginal wooer doubtless would have tried to imprison one of those dainty hands but in the near background sat the aunt. sllent, grim, and alert. The young chlep would have been glad to put her beyond the power of interferng, had it been prudent to do so.
Having spoken the momentous words, no criticism could have been made upon the action of Cochita
for the next few minutes. He remained sitent, walting for the young woman to regaln control of her feelings. It seemed to take some time for her to do so, but finally she removed her hands from her face. The reflection from the glare of the camp fir showed that her cheeks were wet with tears, but he the two heard what was said:
"Cochita, you have lived among my people long enough to know that when a young my people lon such a question she is given a little time in which to think it over."

The cunning fellow was prepared for this objec "True, and such should be your privilege did the circumstances permit, but I am sorry to say they do not. The avowal of my love cannot take you wholly by surprise, for it is not the first time you have heard it."
"No, and you received my answer months ago," "It was given so kindly that all hope was not killed within me, though I made pretense that it was."
"Why is there so much haste at this time?" "Have I not mate it clear that the life of yourself
and Mrs. Goodale-for I include both in the condt and Mrs. Goodale-for 1 include both in the cond tions-depends upon the answer I give Geronimo? If I say to him that you are my promised wife, he will not dare harm elther.

And you wish me to make such a promise?" The Apache looked wonderingly at her. He did not comprehend the significance of the question. She hastened to explain

## your promised wlfe?

Cochita seemed to
That will not satisfy Geronimo, whose heart is more and cruel. He will say to me: You must have though expectation; you must have her promise of any he will laugh to see that I believe the word you to become my wife now, for that is do not as if you wecome my whe now, for that is impossibie: I shall fo back to the reservation, taking all the Apaches I can with me, and pledge you never to lif my hand against any one of your race. I will mak you a good husband and be devoted to you f'
You have but to speak the single word, 'Yes.'

It was Impossible for the elder woman to conceal her feelings. She fldgeted and asked in an impa.

## tient undertone: <br> You know you not give him the promise, Minnie?

 You know you think a great deal of Cochita; you him."The girl pretended not to hear these words. She knew thelr real neaning; so did Cochita, who knew also that if the pledge once passed the lips of the girl it would be held sacred. The only refuge she saw was to strive for time.

It is as cruel as Geronimo, for you to force me thus, Cochita; you would not have done so a few "Sus ago; I know you would not, for you did not." "Surely you cannot lose sight of the changed course open. In other circumstances, i should be course open. In other clrcumstanth, in should be requested it, but Geronimo, as I told you is Hikly to come at any moment, and I must tell him the truth."

Do you shrink from deceiving him?" asked the girl, quite willing in her sore predicament to shift the task of falsifying to the shoulders of the youth whom she

The question seemed to grieve Cochita, who "wayed his head.
One of the virtues I learned from your neople is that a falsehood, no matter what the conditions, is never justifiable. I would die rather than utter that which has even the seeming of not being true.
As a specimen of monumental lying, this declara. tion was entitled to the palm. It was unique in its way and deceived neither of the hearers, though it was not prudent to enlighten the Apache in that espect. Minnie Goodale persisted
"You can give me a little time; you will not re-
"If you will name the hour
rrive I will glady wait until a few Ginonimo will that time, but you need not be reminded that he is now due. It he declares that neither of you shall be spared, will you then blame me?"
"We surely will not do that."
As if fate was playing into the hands of the treach. erous Cochita. an Apache at that moment strode out of the gloom into the glare of the camp fire, and paused a few paces away. His shoulders were arapped about with a blanket, and he held a Winchester in his hand. His gaze was centered upon the three seated ones and he stood for some moments as motionless as a statue, as if doubting the
truth of what he saw. The reflection of firelight
gave a peculiar glitter to his black eyes, which re mincled the women of a wild animal.
Alrs. Goodale recognized him on the instant, and gasped:
tis Geronimo!"
"It is he," whispered Cochita; "I must give him my answer: what shall it be?" he asked, looking at Minnie Goodale.
"
o his chiep. cannot save you," said Cochita, turning CHAPTER XXII. THE QUARREL.
Cochita was treacherous to the bone. Minnie Goodale was in no more personal danger from the dreaded Geronimo as a simple captive than she would have been as the betrothed wife of the younger chief. It was a trick by which he hoped to extort a pledge dearer to him than anything and everything else in the wide world. Since the leader spoke English very imperfectly, the conversation of the two was in Apache. Although their words were plainly heard by the women, they did not understand one of them. The manner of the two, however, told more than either wished to know.
It hapnened that Geronimo was in a particularly ugly mood. Thus far his raid had not been so suc cessinl as he expected. A band of his warriors had attacked a ranch a rew miles distant and received third badly wounded. Little disposed to show mercy at any time, he now felt revengeful and malicnant to the last de now felt revengerul and malignan to the last degree. Woe to the white man, woman or child who
was on him.
Before the chief walked from the gloom into the frelight he saw the pisoners seated on the boulder, with Cuchita talking to them in their own language. The sight added to his furs. It was known that the leader of the Warm Spring Indians hated the more brilliant Cochita. He was angered when he and sev eral of the tribe went East to learn civilization and to be trained in the ways of the white man. He had threatened to kill him if he ever returned to his people and tried to instruct them in his new-fangled ideas.
Beyond all question, Geronimo would have been quick to carry out his threat had not Cochita flung aside his civilization like a worn garment and be come one of the fiercest of the hostiles. He ha which rehabilitated him with his tribe and took which ful leader.

None the less, the elder distrusted the younger Probably a feeling of jealousy was at the bottom of this hatred, for he saw the growing influence of his youthful rival, whom he would have been glad to quench forever. And none knew this better than Cochita himself, as he strode forward to meet the chleftain when he came out of the gloom into the glow of the camp fire.
Cochita made his military salute, to which Geron imo gave no resionse except to scowl. He glanced meaningly at the captives seated a few paces away and abruptly asked the question:

The pointedness of the demand angered Cochita but he held himself well in hand.
"I have done as much as Geronlmo; I and my men burned a ranch house near the Gila, killed all the mennbers of two families, and destroyed the stage and its driver when on its way from Dead Man's Crossing to Corlita.
"There there no passengers?"
"What became of them?"
"There they are," rcp:lied the younger, with a wave of his hand toward Mrs. Goodale and her nlece.
Gercnimo turned and fixed his piercing black eyes upon them as if that was the first that he had become aware of their presence. Minnie shuddered When she met the fierce gaze of the terrible leader hir sampan has more haver interpreter Fyen she did not suspect the atrocitles of which the chieftain was capable. Her relative could not be deceived.

## killed?"

"The young woman is an old friend of mine; knew her in the East among her own people; we met and learned to love each other; before I came back to my neople to be as true an Apache as Geron imo, she promised to become my wifc.

Yes. I promised to meet her at Raymond, but my duties in this raid prevented; but we met the stage on the road, and though she begged that would spare the life of the driver, it was not done. I said I conld not restrain my men, and she does not doubt the truth of my words.
It will be nerceived from the
It will be perceived from the foregoing that Co-

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chita knew how to draw the "long bow" when con versing with a past master of the same art. It is amazing words, but if he did not be belleved the amazing words, but if he did not he saw that the
moment had not come for summary measures. In. moment had not come for summary measures. Inopening for satisfying his vengeance.
Without immediately replying to the younger, he again turned and looked fixedly at the women, giv ing his chief attention to the younger. Strange thoughts must have seethed through his brain. Min nie returned his gaze and was held by a strange fascination which she could not resist.
"What
"Whatever it means, it is sure to be the worst; there is nothing to be expected from Geronimo in the way of mercy, and Cochita is as bad, though he ha given you a hope

The end must soon come," was the despairing of what her aunt had said.

Geronimo turned to Cochita and in a volce of suppressed wrath said:
"If what you say is true, take them both from my sight! I suppose that you will make wives of the two:
Take them away, and come back that we may anree upon what shall be done; we have wasted too much time already.
And to show his flaming disgust, the chief turned his back upon the younger and scowled the other
way. His action sent a thrill of delight through the way. His action sent a thrill of delight through the
heart of Cochita. Hits triumph bad been more brifheart of Cochita. His triumph had been more brilliant, more complete, more unexpected than he had
dared to hope. He had carried his point, but was dared to hope. He had carried his point, to press his victory. It was the moment, too for promptness of action.
Making no reply to Geronimo, Cochita walked softly to where the two women sat looking earnes
Into his face, and said in a quiet, hurried voice: Into his face, and said in a quiet, hurried voice:
"He is in one of his most savage moods; it
"He is in one of his most savage moods; it will
not do for us to stay in his presence, for he is deternot do for us to stay in his presence, for he is deter-
mined that both of you shall be slain; if we wait a few minutes longer it will be too late; he has ordered few minutes longer it will be too late; he has order
me to leave with you; we must go while we can." me to leave with you; we must go while we can.
Mrs. Goodale only half believed; Minnie was bewildered; but what could they do? It would have been the height of folly to refuse, and no choice was left but to obey. As the two rose to their fect the
younger slipped her hand down beside her dress. younger slipped her hand
Thus it came about that when Arizona Alf stole near enough to gain a view of the camp where thls quarrel had taken place, he saw only Geronimo and four of his bucks near the blaze, smoking their plpes, and the leader sunk in gloomy thought. His scouts were out, but, as we remember, all had not gone well with them, though the chieftain knew nothing of it. We can understand that the meditations of the erocious Geronimo gnawed his heart to the core. He had been deffed to his face, and when his rival of the other bucks went with him.
of the other bucks went with him.
It was the latter fact which sent the iron into the
heart of the old chieftain. It told more clearly than words of the rising of Cochita's sun and the setting might as well resign his hereditary honor as the head and front of the Warm Spring branch of the Apache tribe.
The galling memory that rankled in the heart of Geronimo untl! it became unbearable was the quick yielding he had made to his rival. Instead of insisting upon the death of the captives, he had accepted the avowal of Cochita-and he now knew it was false
The mating of this full-blooded Apache with one of the hated race was of itself an intolerable insult to which Geromimo never should have assented.
It was not too late to repair the unpardonable
weakness he had shown. He rose to his fect weakness he had shown. He rose to his fect
and strode savagely toward the camp of Cochita. and strode savagely toward the camp of Cochita.
Arlzona Alf saw him go, and, as we remember, hurried oft to join his own friends, with tidings of what he had learned. Although it was impossible to know he whole truth, his shrewdness suggested that Geron imo was in all probability on his way to mect Co-
chita, and that the crisis which the cowboy dreaded chita, and tha
was at hand.

## chapter xxili.

the pledge.
The situation of Cochita had berome critical. While his triumph for the time had been as complete as it was unexpected, he knew he was on the edge
of the greatest peril that he had yet faced. The American troopers who were warm on the trail of the raiding Apaches were not disposed to show him more consideration than they would show Geronimo, himself, if they could get within striking distance of the two. Some of the cavalry felt a hotter resentment toward the younger than toward the elder. The former had received unusual advantages in
training among the white men; he had been shpwn training among the white men; he had been shpwn
favors equal to any glven to his race; he knew right favors equal to any given to his race; he knew right
and wrong, and there was no palliation for his lapse and wrong, and
into barbarism.
Cochita was aware of this peculiar resentment. His only path to the favor of the authorltles was through some act of friendship to those whom the
fates of war had placed in his hands. If he restored fates of war had placed $u$ his haned to their frlends the aunt and her niece unharmed for what he had he need have no

But powerful as might be this motive, the young Apache resolved with flashing eyes and compressed lips that the prisoners should be saved only through
the single condition that has been named: Minnie Goodale must first give the pledge she had stead fastly refused thus far to give. If she persisted in refusal and the moment came when he must abandon all hope, he would turn his back upon her and
relative, and not raise a inger to save them.
allowed none of the bucks to accompany him when he left Geronimo's camp, for their presence must dared not withdraw from the party with the women in his charge, for some of them would be stre to fol low and strike all down. Although most of the part had gone with him to this place, they were led to do so through the simplest of reasons. They knew that his camp was much better than the one where it had been agreed the scattered hostiles should come together, for it contalned an abundance of both grass and water. Their ponies were turned loose where they could help themselves, while a new fire was started and another of the bucks, who had shot a young cow, partly broiled the
and his companions feasted.

Minnie and her aunt having already eaten, did not partake of the crude meal. They dreaded the pres ence of so many Apaches, the number. including Cochita, being nine: and seating themselves as far removed from them as they dared, the complanions
in misery and wretchedness furtively watched, fearin misery and wretchedness furtively watched, fearing that an outbreal: might come at any moment.
Cochita hovered near, but was forced to give most Cochita hovered near, but was forced to give most
of his attention to the bucks, who were feasting, smoking, and talking with one another.

The elder captive clasped the hand of the younger, who was groping with her fingers for the grasp which who was groping with her fingers and fortitude.
"I have no faith at all in him!" was the sturdy reply.

What we saw agreed with what he told us; Geronimo ordered him to take us out of his sight: that
could not have been done without the old chief's permission.
"You may be sure Cochita never tells the truth except when it is to his interest to do so. If Geronimo ordered him to leave with us, why did so many of the Apaches also come? Our party is larger than of the Apaches also com
the one we left behind.
"I don't understand many things that we have seen tonight. God has been so good to us that I am sure He will not desert us in our extremity.
"You haven't lost your revolver ${ }^{\circ}$ " asked the elder abruptly.
No danger; i shall take care of that. Remember when I must
"And there's no saying how soon that will be: it seemed to me more than once that the moment was at hand. But if you do shoot anyone, Minnie, the frst should be Cochita.
"I pray the time may never come, but I am ready or almost anything."
At this juncture something took place the signiflcance of which netther of the women understood. Cochita was talking with one of the bucks, the two being some paces from the captives. when another Indian came out of the gloom and intruded into the conversation. Red men rarely show excitement, but it was apparent from the manner of the new arrival
that he bore important tidings and that Cochita so that he bore important hurried questions and then regarded it. He asiced A minute later they disappeared in company with the messenger
peared in company with the messenger.
The explanation, as was afterward learned, was this:
The messenger brought news that one of the Apache sentinels, stationed not far off, had been killed. Not only had he been slain, but one of the avenues of approach was thus left unguarded. The buck who brought the news had made a hurried search through could throw light on the tragedy.
The conclusion was almost inevitable: the inited States troopers were in that part of the Santa Catalina range, or at least their scouts had penetrated thus far, and an attack was imminent. Such. I say. was the manifest conclusion, hut a shadow of doubt remained. There were feuds among the Apaches, and more than once a warrior took advantage of the chance offered by a rald to wipe out old scores. We know that the same thing has occurred among our
own neonle in battle. I may add. by way of paren own people in battle. I may add. by way of paren upon credible testimony is that General Wolfe was shot by one of his own men before the walls of Que bec in the moment of victory.
Cochita knew that the sentinel that had fallen had been a bitter enemy of the buck who brought the tidings of his death. What more likely than that the dead Apache was the victim of treachery? The probabilfty, however. was the other way, and the risk. He hurried the sentinel back, and with him went two of the best scouts in the band, who needed no orders to do thelr utmost to guard against sur
Crise. sible benefit to himself. The confusion would give him a chance to hurry his captives into a place of of their frients could turn them over to the cistody of their iriends and reap the reward
at least would admit he was entitled.
But the real step had not yet been taken; the allimportant pledge remained unspoken. Time was becoming so precious that even the minutes could not be wasted. He resolve
without further delay.

With this determination, he went over to where the women sat and placed himself on the ground in fron of them. They were so far removed from the blaze that the reflection showed their figures dimity
"Are we done with Geronimo?" asked Minnie, be
cause she could think of nothing better to say cause she could think of nothing better to say.
"I wish I could belleve so, but I"m sure we are
"Why not?" had a quarrel; he can see no reason why any of you should be shown mercy: he say that Hiram Goodale is one of his bitterest enemies
and he would be a fool to act the part of a squas
when the Great Spirit has given the ranchman's wife to him
This remark roused the anger of Mrs. Goodale, and a
Cochita.
"If Geronimo said that, he lies, and he knows it. Nelther he nor any of your people has ever stopped
at our house without receiving our hospltality You at our house without receiving our hospltally. You
have been there, and so has Geronimo, and both were used better than you and he deserved.

Minnie gave her relative's hand a warning squeeze It would have been better had not the last remark been made. Cochita knew that the elder woman
disliked him, while he detested her. He tolerated her because it was prudent to do so in the circum stances.
"Cochita is always used better than he deserves," replied that youth in a doleful tone which was meant as an appeal to the sympathy of the younger, "but
other persons have been kind to him. I know Geronimo is bad, but am I not the frlend of the white man?
these bucts in youres are very much against you; tion, and you ought to be there with them

I have explained that I came along with the hone of restraining and persuading them to go back."

You don't seem to have much success.
"I am not yet through, but I have saved two or three ranches."
"You are taking a long time to save us."
"When have I had the opportunity?"
"You have had several as good, if not better, than the present; when you came to us on the plain..
asked you to escort us home, but you would not."

I gave you excellent reasons for declining."
I do not see that they were excellcut.'
There are a great many things which you cannot see; but Miss Goodale will agree with me, I am sure." Minnte preferred to remain mute. Her aunt seemed fecl. Cochita paused as if he expiected somelting in feel. Cochita liaused as if he expected something in the way of confirmation from the younger, but before he conld speak again his name was called. Excusing three of the bucks were holding an animated conthree of t
versation.
"The wretch!" exclaimed the ranchman's wife in contemptuous disgust: "does he think he can deceive me? He could have taken us home this afternoon; any time. Oh, if the cavalry would come or if Hiram and the rest of the men were near enough to strike

I am afraid they will not get the chance; and, aunty, I don't believe that if I should say yes to Co chita, he can save us.
"He is sure to try to do so, and it is certain he won't try if you say no. But you are the most foolish child I ever knew; I am through trying to persuade ou to show any common sense.

Please don't scold; I am so tired!"
The wearied girl laid her head on the lap of her aunt, whose heart went out in sympathy to the stricken one. She smoothed the abundant hair and nie were her own daughter. ne were her own daughter.
he young chlet. He talked fast kept her gaze upon the young chief. He talked fast with the two bucks, were friends of Cochita, and they had come to warn were friends of Cochita, and they had come to warn
him of his danger. Geronimo had allowed his rival to leave his camp with the females, but he already regretted his weakness, and there could be no doubt that he was determined to repair his blunder.
The aunt was still soothingly stroking the young girl's halr and fondling the velvety cheek, when the scene once witnessed that evening was repeated. The chief of the Warm Spring band strode into the circle of firelight. If he had been in a furious mood before, his rage had become a flame in its intensity Cochita, knowing what was coming, acted as if he
did not see Geromino. He walked quickly to where did not see Geromino. He walked quickly to
the two captives were seated in the shadows.
Miss Goodale, I must have your answer at once cannot be put off another minute; your life is hang ing in the balance, what is
"Ycs." was the faint reply. aright.
I have your promise that you will become my wife if I dellver you out of your peril and restore you to "Yes," was the low but perfectly distinct reply.
(To be continuct.)

## Self-Control

A recent writer tells the story of a famous horse. trainer who had a particularly bad-tempered beast
brought to him for subjugation. At the first act of ugly temper on the part of the brute, the trainer paused, put up his whip, and said, with a deep draw ing of his breath. "Now, first of all. let me get good grip on myself!" After that his mastery of the horse came, not as an accident, but as sequel. The man who can master himself can master a horse if he gives his mind to it. A great many young people are put in positions where it is of the utmost im direct those who are in their charge. or in contac with them. Mastery is what they must learn. and the horse-trainer's words show the way. "First of all, let me get a gond grip on myself." Power inev aggra for from self-control. The person who can We can or anger us is our master just that far. control lever master the aggravator untll our self tlon to overturn it than the power of any aggrava must practice to put the blt and bridle on ourselves. and so learn the Inner secrets of mastery and suc
cess.-Cbristian Age.

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## Chapter iv.

gollaths bad name.

HES A FUNNY fellow!" remarked Marion, wiping her tearful eyes. "I don't know Hubbiboy! You won't ever repeat that tinkitchen story, will you!"
"liny not? I'd like to know!" her brother retorted, escaping from the arm she laid coaxingly on his shoulder. ho!'
Why, don't you see? It happened a long time ago: on charitably, "and had no money to buy it. went sure he wouldn't do such a thing now
"But his dog would! "just such things!" Hubert declared vehemently: "Gollath is the worst fourlegged thief in town, and Cripsey-Tin Kitchen Dick
-oh, what a name-Tin Kitchen Dick knows it. He lets him steal: not only lets him, he makes him steal! Starves him to it.
And the boy eagerly recounted some of the discreditable things in Goliath's history, which the butcher's young man had had no time to hear.
"There isn't a neighlor on the street that he hasn't made trouble with! There isn't a swill-tub that he doesn't tip over, if it isn't kept out of sight, or made fast. He has robbed more than one kitchen, besides ours. Do you remember the time when he carried off 2 whole loiled ham that mother had left cooking
in the woodshed? He ate what he wanted of it for one meal, and buried the rest-where do you sup one meal, and buried the
"Oh, yes, I remember," said Marlon. "You wanted father to shoot him, when you cauglit him at it." "But he would.' Hubert went on hotly. "No no, boy: he said. Id rather lose a dozen hams than have trouble with a neighbor. 1 d rather suffer him.' And what did the talk amount to? Cripsey couldn't see anything but a huge joke in Goliath's couldnt see anything but a huge joke in Goliath' premises! The most he said was:
. 'I'm sorry for your folks. Mr. Warner; sorry they left the meat exposed. Goliar it take what's left in his.
". 'In his way!' says father. 'Do you call at leaving things in his way when we set 'em out to cool in our own woodshed?
"'Not without he makes It in his way,' says Cripsey, with a big grin, that almost provoked father to having a row with him. 'But, honest and true,' he
said, I don't go for to have my dawg do such a thing, said, 'I don't go for to have my dawg do such a thing,
and if you ketch him at it I wish you'd give him a good box on the ears.'

Catch him at it!' says father. 'I can't catch him; he keeps shy of me. Hut he'll stand his ground with the women folk, and suarl if they attempt to drive him away. Then the idea of anybody giving Golliath
a cuff on the ears!
..You remember his telling the story, how Crinsey You remember his telling the story. how Cripsey
 is a sassy dawe. that's a
the is in the hull town!
'. 'It's no laughing matter to our side,' father sald.
.. Wal, I s'pose not; and I'll try to keep him to hum in future, Cripsey promised.
end says father, or else open your pocket-hook and pay for the damage he does. That ..
sey; 'and I houe you won't let Gollar snap cripother.' And that was all the satisfaction we ever got ont of him.
Hubert was a good mimic, and Marion was amused o hear him tell over again, as he was fond of dolng he Cripsey episodes.
"Hut he did keell Goliath chained for a while after hat," she reminded him.
"So he did, more than once, when neighbors commained and threatened." sald Hubert. "But that was worse than leaving him loose.
Indeed, the chaining of Gollath had been made anything but a source of gratification to his enemies The tribulations of that direful beast, when conthe incessant running of the shrill canine gamul of he incessant rumning of the shrit canine gamut of howis and yelp,- Were the canse of melancholy day neighborhood, excent perhaps Mr Cripsey
neighborhood, except, perhaps, Mr. Cripsey.
"He rather enjoyed it," sald Hubert. "H
"He rather enjoyed it," sald Hubert. "He would ticularly noisy over night and pat and carcs nat and say, 'Wal, ye made it lively for 'em last night didn't ye, old feller! Don't blame ye! I'd let 'em didn't ye, old feller! Don't blame ye! I'd let em their own business and let an honest man's dawg 'tend to his'n!'
"Oh, I don't believe he ever said just that?" anghed Marlon.
"If he didn't just say it, he acted It!" affirmed Hubert. "I've seen him! But now let's come to a pleasanter subject.

## CHAPTER $v$

## MY DINNER! O, MY DINNER!

## That "pleasant subject" was dinner

"We'll have it early to-day," he said, as he fol owed his sister to the kitchen, and saw with satis faction the slice of steak on the platter. "It seems as if I couldn't walt till noon, somehow: What do you say to half-past eleven?


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"Anything to please you, Hubbiboy," Marion re plied indulgently, as she conveyed the viand to the ice-chest.
Or eleven," he added, after a little hungry reflec tion. "That won't be too soon!
"Or half-past ten-or now!" she suggested with quiet sisterly sarcasm. "Then you will be ready for another dinner at the usual hour
"That would suit me," langhed Hubert. "There's only one arrangement is should like befter-and tha is, three dinners in one day. Hut a fellow must draw line somewhere. Wherever 1 go, Im sure to find I cant have all things to my mind." he sang gaily, So say half-past eleven, and then an early supper.
"With a pie before going to bed," smiled his sister Of course, Fuzzin! in mom folrly bursting with it ! And Goliath's cobble-stone airly bursting with And as a 'rensible sort dawg 'till he tackled that conundrum!'
daws "Th heut girls!" exclaimed his
can keep secrets better than boys canster. "They the week. What are you going to do with that basket?". "I dessert, you know
"Oh, yes! a watermelon, for instance!"
Marion was fond of watermelons. But she knew he detested them, and she would have thought the happy millenial down about to break if she had seen any sign of his deliberately and voluntarily sacrific ing his own taste to hers.
Not that Hubert Warner was more selfish than most brothers. Rut he was the youngest of the fan ily, and the pet. And is it not usually the sister who, in such cases, is trained to make small sact fices, while the brother grows up exacting and self indulgent, especially in matters of such vast impor tance as food and drink?
Hubert langhed good-humoredly as he went of with the basket. He knew very well that her sul gestion of a watermelon was oullarly penerous moa antry. And the fornina hewards her that morning. Narky, pe haps. becans her during their foint sovereignty of the household So he resolved to surprise her To this end he selocted for
melon: after first however picking ondsome wate cantaloupe for himself.
"Won't she clap her hands and call me a lovely Hubblboy, though!" thought he, enjoring in anticin tion quite as much, I suspect, her satisfaction in him as her foy over the watermelon. Hubert liked pa ticularly to give pleasure to poople who would reflect back a large part of it upon himself. Not a very uncommon youngster, in that respect, it is safe to zay
it elf the purchases in his basket, and called for it after seeing the boys he was in search of, and telling them his "tin kitchen" and "cobble-stone" storics; then hurried home, in good time for the early dinner.
He expected to snifit the fragrance of broiling steak as he approached the kitchen; and he had in rotund vegetable with which he was golng to sur rotand vegetable wion her Hubblboy! But he was the one for whom a furprise was in walting.
The door was open; and there in the stove were the uncovered ready coals. The empty gridiron was on the table, and a broken plate lay on the floor. But no
Marion.
Alarmed at the aspect of things, particularly at slaht of the shattered crockery, Hubert put down his basket and ran out, in time to meet his slster hur:vIng around the corner of the house from the garden beyond. She was pale and breathless, with constemation on her countenance, and a broom in her hand.
de matter. crled Hubert.
She could only articulate, "Gollath
"What has he done now?" he demanded, with kindling fury.

The steak!" gasped Marion.
"Oh'h'h!" was the boy's long-drawn, amazed, and angry exclamation-something between a groan of anguish and a roar of rage. "My dinner! $O$, my dinner!'

## CHAPTER VI.

"My brave hubbibor:"
Marion no
planation
He came in just as I was placing it on the broiler tried to scare him away-he growled and snapped at me-made a dash-knocked the plate out of my with the broom. But he turned on me again-snarl-ing-with the meat in hls mouth, and drove me back!"
lie won't drive me back!" said the boy, desperWhere's the axe?"
"Oh, don't, Hubert!" she pleaded.
"I will!" he cried impetuously. "I'll follow him If I have to walk right into the Cripsey kitchen, and take vengeance on him there.
Oh: you know what sort of a man Cripsey is, and what father has always said about having trouble with him!" she expostulated, while he was searching for the deadly weapon.
"I know all about it. But father is away from home. I'm man of the house; and I'll take the responsibility. I only wish 1 hed a cobble-stone, and could throw like John Bowers!"

He found the axe in the shed, and as he grasped he handle with both hands, there was a flerceness in his looks that excited his sister's admiration and alarm.

Now! he won't drive me back!" he repeated.
"Oh, he'll bite you, surely, Hubbiboy!" she warned him.
Goliath he? he laughed excitedly, knowing that Goliath, after capturing such a prize, couldn't be far "No," said Marlon. "I wish he had. He's sarden there now, eating the meat."
"A box on the ear!" jeered Hubert, as he marched A box attack. "That's what Crinsey said we might give him! "'ll let him have it, just behind both ears, bite or no bite!
And, brandishing his weapon, he walked valiantly around the end of the house.
Under a dwarf pear-tree, hardly a dozen paces away, the marauder was crouched. with his paws on the viand, which he growlingly tore with his nowerful jaws, scarcely desisting even when the boy approached with the uplifted axe; merely turning up at him a wolfish look, accomplanted by a savage snarl and a formidable show of fangs
Hubert paused within fair striking distance of the enemy.
"Oh, do come away?" pleaded Marion. "He has spoilt the steak, and what's the use? He looks as if he would tear you to pleces next!"
"I'm not afraid of that," her brother replied in a voice that faltered noticeably. "But I don't know but you are rinht. The braches are the way of my getine a under the tree I'd have fixed him

Oh, yes, I know you would,' said Marlon, only "Of course if I shouldn't finish him at the first blow and he should run home in a mangled shapewell, I don't want to frighten you.! he added trying to convince even himself that he had spared Goliath in compllance with her entreaties. "I'd like to get hold of just a llttle bit of that steak, and see what Id do!"

Oh! I ought to have told you!" said Marlon. "I cut off a plece

Fuzziwig!" he cried eagerly, "you are the dearest girl that ever saved a brother from doing a desperate deed. Bring me the steak, and ill show you something better than the axe for this little job." on her, what?" Marion asked wonderingly, pausing he reached to take down something from a pantry shelf. "That's for rats!"
"Don't I know it?" he replied. "Slice me a thin slice of that steak, and bring a needle and thread for stitching it. after I've wrapped it around a good dose of this medicine," he added with menacing emphasis., "And don't you ask a single question,

"Oh! gracious me!" she exclaimed, horrifled. 'You wouldn't poison a neighbor's dog!
"Who is saying anything about nelghbors' dogs?" he retorted, twisting of the cover from a small
round box and grimly viewing the contents. "I'm talking about rats. Haven't we a right to dose them on our own premises? And if a thief of a dog comes in and snaps up what's laid out for them whose blame is it. I'd like to ask?
"I never will consent to that!" she cried, flushed and resolute. "You shan't have the meat for any frigerator. "There's only a little plece for your breakfast. anyway
"Revenge is better than breakfast!" he exclaimed. Get that meat. or let me
Rut she still fared him with sparkiling eyes.
"I am surprised at you!" she said. "Why, Hub;
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That's a cowardly thing you think of doing. When I saw you golng out to fight Goliath with the axe, respected you; I was frightened, but 1 sald, 'That's my brave hubbiboy! Now, because you were arrala pected to scare him, he scared you,- to turn around and say, 'Poison him then!'
"Marion Warner:" he interrupted, finging the box back violently upon the shelf,-you are th ing piece of pertness:- I'll let you know, whether I'm a coward or not: rill go at him with the axe this time, no matter if he kills me!

And he rushed madly out of the house.

## CHAPTER VII.

a thirsty dog may have too much water.
The axe was leaning against the side of the shed Where he had left it; but as he sprang towards it,
his eye encountered an object that diverted him from his purpose.
At the end of a spout into which water could be pumped from within, a tub was set by the corner of the shed, for use in watering the horse, or in irrigat ng the garden. The tub was likewise a favorite
fount of refreshment for Goliath, who had so often tipped it over in his efforts to drink when it was nearly empty, that it had been made fast to the shed by a hook and staple.
There was the dog now, quietly quenching his bent over the edge of the on the steak; his bod shoulders thrust well the tub, and his head and lapping; soothing the rural stillness with a sound as of "a hidden brook in the leafy month of June; blissfully oblivious of the axe and the enraged boy running, coatless and hatless, to grasp it.
Hubert took in the interesting situation at glance; and, inspired by a sudden impulse, passin
the axe, he seized the animal's hind legs instead. Catching them up from the ground with a firm grip, and putting forth all his strength, as if his life depended upon it, as perhaps it did, he lifted Goliath and forced his head and shoulders farther over and splashing ensued, and a pair of hairy hind and kicked out furlously, while a pair of shirt-sleeves made corresponding movements, almost too swif for sight. Once a leg got free, or nearly so; but the boy secured a fresh grip on it. before Goliath could free the other or turn on him. One shirt sleeve was cut to flying ribbons, and something
besides water wet the wrist. Still the boy held on "I've got him! I've got him!" he gasped, "if he don't-kick-my-arms-on. -his voice breaking with every jerk of the powerful limbs.
Marion ran out in wild excitement and viewed the "ray.
"You mustn't let go!" she said. "Hold on for dear life! Can I help? Can I do anything
Pump-more water. he managed to articulate his fear being that Goliath might get hreath,
throwing out much of the contents of the tub.
throwing out much of the contents of the tub.
Marion ran into the shed, and presently the nump handle was heard plying, while a fresh stream handle was heard ply
gushed from the spout.
gushed from the spout. "That will do! hold on!" Hubert called out presently. The dog's struggles had grown feeble and fiful, showing that there was water sufficient fo practical results. "He's done for!"-In a towered voice, as Marion ran out again to see what was happening.
"Are you
"What is dreadful?" he said, palpitating but exulant, having hardly yet recovered his breath. "Mak ing an end of a brute like that?
"But your arm! he did hurt you awfully!" she ex claimed.

Do you think I mind a little scratch? 1 never notlced it! He's done for, sure!" he repeated, let ling one of Goliath's legs drop, and gradually limp over the edge of the tub. "That's all right, Fuzziwlg!"-as she hastened to bind her handker chlef on his bleeding arm.
"Wasn't it a battle, though!" she said. "I never will call you coward again, Hubbiboy! never, as ong as I live!
I'm glad you did," he replied, "for that maddened hadn't been mad. He nearly kicked my shoulders out of joint. Rut he never'll kick again.
though I didn't think io the time, I was so fright ned!" said Marion. "I could hardly tell which were egs and which were arms, they seemed so mixed p; or whether the legs were working the arms, or he arms the legs.

I knew, all the time!" said Hubert. with grimly gleeful countenance, his hand on the bandaged wrist em on." "Iave any more Goliath's to conquer, bring I'm afraid of him still!" she exclaimed; for it seemed to her that the monster might at any moment
revive and turn upon them. "How big he is!"
"He "He isn't playing 'possum," sald the boy. "But I'll watch him. While watching us. This is a private circus. No crawling called after her, as she bastened to take an obser ation.
She returned presently and reported "nobody in
"So far so good!" But he was less jubllant now as he stood contemplating the hairy mass hanging "I If out of the tub.
"I wonder how long before Cripsey will be coming home to dinner!" sald Marion anxiously. "He'll miss him.

He'll miss him the first thing." said Hubert. We ve a problem to clpher out, Fuzziwig! We've what to do with It?'

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"Do you belleve he is quite"-she hesitated.
"Looks like it! Though I wouldn't much mind it he should come to life now." Hubert eyed his limp onemy relentingly. "I don't believe he would steal our meat his lesson.
"Oh. 1 wish he might go home now and behave himself!" she exclaimed

Too late. I'll give him a chance, though. Stand Hubert tino
tumbled tub waited for the water to drain away the path. He and tauny shape, then pulled it by the legs to a dry spot,-the legs that had lately struggled so violently but would never struggle more.
He pressed the body with the toe of his shoe There was no breath in it. It was a lifeless carcas that ylelded to his foot
He looked down at it, scowling ruefully.
I wish he had stayed at home!" he murmured "We don't want a dog. Anyhow, we've no use for a dead dog. What business had he here on our prem-
ises? I don't know what to do with him." "Leave him where he is " said Marion
and tell the ownere he is, said Marion, "and go "That would be the thing to do. if the owner was anybody but Tin Kitchen Cripsey: It he didn't
drown me in his watering trongh he would make drown me in his watering trough, he would make trouble for father-no end of tronble!
"Oh, yes!" she sighed. "Father has done every thing a man could to keel peace with him-and now to have this happen!
"It would be a
reasoned, giving the suit, to say the least," Huber reasoned. giving the carcass another poke with his foot, then gazing all about for possible witnesses
"I've heard Cripsey say lots of times, take fifty dollars for Gollath. If that was his value take fifty dollars for Goliath. If that was his value
alive hed surely want a hundred and fifty for him dead. That's all I think of-getting father into such an awful scrape!'
"Isn't it terrible!" said Marion.
"Isnt it terrible!" said Marion.
"I know just what a lawyer would say." her brother went on, walking quickly towards the street and then back. looking up, and down. and then again at the dog. "He would say the owner should pay
for the stolen meat, and that ue must pay for the dog. I remember father's telling me that when I've said Goliath ought to le killed and we had a righ to kill him."
"Im afraid it would be a lawsuit, unless father paid a great dea! of money to avoid it," Marion
agreed, pale and troubled. "Can't yon wait till night, agreed, pale and troubled. "Can"t you wait till night,
then drag him over into Mr. Cripsey's yard and leave then drag him over into Mr. Cripsey.s
him? Get one of the boys 4o help?"
pounce on us?

## CHAPTER VIII.

## "A LARGE CONTRACT."

Can't you bury him?
would if 1 had a chance-and knew just where garden. I tell you, Fuzfiwig, it's a large contract something to be studied over:

T'm afraid that's so!" she assented with dee] concern and sympathy. "But come in and change your clothes; you mustn't be seen in that plight! I'll
wash and dress your hurt and put on a fresh bandage; and that will give you time to think."
age: and that will give you time to think.
He looked down at his sulashed
shirt-sleeve and the bloody handkerchief and torn shirt-sleeve, and the bloody handkerchief on his "I'll clear up here first ant
He set the tub arain in. and get him out of sight." He set the tub again in place, then stepped quickly
to open the large door of the harn only a few yards away. "Catch hold and give me a lift."
"Oh, I don't want to touch the beast!" Marion protested, perceiving his intention.
"Just like a giri!" he jeered. "I can do it alone, as I knew I should have to!"-resolutely stooping to
"I suppose I must!" she said, overcoming her repugnance.
She lald hold of another leg, then together they dragged Gollath up the sloping carriage way to the littered floor of the barn. and stretched him out by the partition that enclosed the stalls. Conspicuous among the objects in the barn were a cutt
carryall, some barrels, and a pile of boxes.
arryall, some barrels, and a pile of boxes.
Marion instinctively wiped on her apron the hand that had held the animal's leg. and looked around, exclaiming:
"It is just the place to hide him."
"He wouldn't stay hidden, here or anywhere, many days," Hubert chuckled. "Something about him But I can cover him out of sight, and take time to But can cover him out of sight. and
think. One of those boxes, Fuzziwig!
Since leaving the ministry on account of broken health Mr Warner had acted as agent for broken of varlous articles, beginning with a patent egs. beater and ending with a cyclopedia; the boxes were some in which his wares had come nacked, and which had been put aside for occasional use in resbipping them to points of distribution.
In a moment Hubert was at the pile pulling out one of a size he judged suitable for his purpose. hammer and had been lightly tacked on, bemoved. His first thought had been to turn the empty box over Goliath as he lay on the floor; but though of ample depth, he found it short for the head and legs unless they were thrust up under the ends.
"I'll put him into It! Why not? Box him up! Then if Tin Kitchen comes to inquire for him. I'll sit on the cover and say, 'Yes. he has been about
here a good part of the day, and I don't belleve he is here a good part of the day, and now. Have you called him?' I'll say, Maybe you haven't called him loud enough. Mr. Cripsey! 'lll kick my heels against the box and say.
'guess you'll have to call him middling loud!' Which
will be true enough: he rittled on with reckless hilarity, as he ran to the stalls for straw
"Oh, Hubbiboy: you make me laugh!" sald Marion almost as excited as he.
"Well! what's the
"Hell! what's the matter with that idea?" he replied. spreading a heavy layer of borse-bedding on the ottom of the box. "Ill make Goliath comfortable; give him a good dry bed to lie on. He's a trifle damp. whouldnt wonder if he got too far down into the thirsty dog!." He filled the corners, and chuckled thirsty dog! He filled the corners, an
"Or embalm him!" Marion suggested, looking on with fearfin joy.
"Or cremate him!" said Hubert. "But this will have to do. Now, lend a hand! Catch hold-don't be afraid-he won't bite you! He never'll snap at "I'm not afrald, but I do hate to touch the creaAgain, however, she overcame her repugnance, and together they half lifted, half tumbled the great, heavs, hairy, flabby bulk into the box. Hubert pressed, then added more straw which she handed him haven't helped father pack his egg-beaters and chings without learning how to do a. little job like this," he said, thrusting the twisted wisps well down in the sides and corners, and covering the beast. "And I'll tell you what, Fuzziwig?

Tell me quick," she said; "for I must hurry into the house and see to the fire and the baking potatoes: had forgotten all about them! What is it?"
ve got his the sald, reaching for the cover. "Now ve got him packed, I'll put on an address, just as if Then who will suspect what sort of sending away. got in it?" "ot in it?" miringly.
"You'll say that when I tell you another idea," he right, Fuzziwig! But cover. "It's great! we are alt see to your potatoes, and bring the ink and marking brush. And, Fuzziwig!" he called after her "Don't hurry up the dinner. I'll tell you why:
She hastened to the house. and returning prompt ly, found the cover on the box, and Hubert pulling "Yout, or cliping off with his knife, protruding straws. "You do the marking!" he said. She had often expert at it. "Any name will do. J've thought of one How is this. for a good plain business address? N. J. "Shitlips, Boston. Mass. To be ralled for
"Say it again," said Marion. dipping the marking brush. "Don't make me laugh so; my hand is all a "Phillips I said. But
himself might hande that anything! Tin Kitchen bimself might handle that box now, and never sus"It's awfully funny!" she
ng the finlshed inscription. exclaimed, contemplat. ng the finished inscription. "It's well we are havbesides laughing before long! What was the other idea you spoke of?"
" I m golng to rush down town now," replled Hubert. "and catch John Bowers, if I can, before he goes to dinner,-tell him what a scrape we are in, and get him to come with his wagon this evening, help me load up the thing, and take it over and tumble it into the river.

Well, you are a genins, Hubbiboy:"
"Isn't it great?" he said. "We'll start Goliath on his long voyage, down stream, in search of $N$. J. Phillips. Wherever that imaginary individual may be:
I know Bowers will llke the fun. Now help me get ready, and I am off in a jiffy!
Back into the house, his clothes were changed. and hands and face washed, with a celerity of which onlv an eager boy is capable: Marion put a clean bandare on his hurt. which proved to be not sertous; and he started on his errand.

(To be rontinued.)

## The American Boy

An interesting group of opinions in regard to the Boston boy is printed in a recent tssue of the American boy growing better or worse?" There were four answers-one from the president of an industrial home: a second from the secretary of a federated charities organization: a third from a judge of the juvenile court, and a fourth from the secretary of progressive club. Not one of the writers thought there was any real decline in the character of the American boy. All of them gave recognition to the act that the times bave changed and that the manfind the boy of today more indenendent and at times less respectfill than the boy of half a century ago, and they attribute that condition to the wider spread of personal liberty. a spirit which has invaded the home and relaxed the discipline which often required boys to seem to be better than they really werc. For Instance, one of the writers says that proportionately fewer boys of sixteen and under go to Sunday school now than went fifty years ago. But, he concause they are not so often required to go. The greater attendance in the past was due to compulsion. not to superior goodness. and he seems to doubt the gool results to the boy who went becallse he was forced. in short, these men, all of whom have made a study of the boy problem, recognize a difference between the bov of today and the boy of half a century ago-a difference that is not on its face always pleasing-but they do not despait because of that They find that beneath the surface the boy has the sterling qualitles that make the man and that a but few, are operating to develop them.-Columbus but few, are ope
(Ohio) Dispatch.

## General Grant's Love For Horses

GENERAL GRANT'S LOVE for horses may be said to have been his ruling passion. From manger, silp a bridle over the climb into a and scramble on lts back, he loved a horse. When only ten years of age be drove the four-horse team that hauled all the wood to the house and tannery. At that age he could ride a horse bareback, sitting standing, or lying down. He was frequently seen on he streets riding a young wild horse and performing eats of horsemanship.
One day a circus came to town with a trick mule. Five dollars was offered to any one who would ride he mule three times around the ring. After many had tried and failed, young Grant asked permission o try for the prize. The boy was laughed at for his andacity. However, he was permitted to try his hand. He jumped on the mule, clasped his arms around its neck, dug his heels into its sides, and hung on. The mule used all its known tricks to hrow the boy off but the boy stuck to the longhe walked out of the ring with the five dollars.
walked out of the ring with the five dollars. him to trade horses. The boy took a fancy to a colt owned by one of the nelphbors, a Mr Roylston Twenty-five dollars was asked for the colt; but Ulysses's father said the colt was worth only twenty dollars. He told the boy to offer twenty dollars for he colt. If Roylston wouldn't take that, to offer twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, and if that didn't get the colt, he could pay twenty-five dollars, Ulysses went after the colt. "Well, Mr. Roylston," said the boy. "I've come after the colt. asked Mr. Roylston.
"Well, father told me to offer you twenty dollars If you wouldn't take that I am to offer you twenty wo dollars and fifty cents, and if you won't take that $I$ am to give you twenty-five dollars." It is safe to say that twenty-five dollars was the price paid for the colt. The boys got hold of the incident and they never let up on young Grant. the affair gave him many a heartthe afnat

The Record High Jump
Young Grant had been at West Point but a short time when his art of managing and controlling horses was strongly manifested. He could ride any horse that the other cadets failed to manage. A horse was sent to the riding school for sate. It proved to be a vicious, ugly brute that none of the cadets could ride. After all the others had tried and falled, young Grant asked permission to try his hand at the game. In three days he had the horse was turned over to him for his was turned over to him for his party of spectators attended the iding school. The cadets were put through their regular course of horsemanshtp in the riding ring. Each rider exercised at the jumping pole. After all had made their jumps the pole was ratsed twelve inches, and the riding master called for Cadet Grant A slim, sandy-haired, freckled-faced youth made his appearance mounted on the horse York that had but a few days before been condemned as useless. He jumping the head of the stretch and made for the umpe a leap and cleared it with perfect ease horse morse and rider seemed to be glued together The jump was eight inches higher than had ever been made at the riding school. It had the record as the highest jump for six years.

## Grant Runs the Gauntlet of Death

At the battle of Monterey, September 21-22-23, 1846, Grant was acting assistant quartermaster. His dutie as such of course excused him from going into battle privilege. On the third and last day of the battle here was hard fighting from morning until night fand to hand and face to face the Mexicans defended their homes with great obstinacy. Our artillerlsts sent grape and canister plowing through the town and in return musket balls rattled about them like hickory nuts.
Suddenly towards night, as very hard fighting was golng on, it was discovered that the detachment engaged was almost out of ammunition. The men were under hot fire, and
General Taylor's headquarters were a mile back outside of the town Grant who had been with his egiment from the firing of the first musket, volun eered to go and find him or Twiggs, and order up the ammunition. He prepared tor his ride behind a house, and then dashed out. The moment he merged from cover he was under a sweeping art! ery and musketry fire from forts and houses. He was probably the best horseman in the army, and his skill did him great service. Refore running the hot gauntlet he had adopted the posture of the Comanche Indians in similar perll, lying against the side of his horse, with one foot thrown over the saddle and his hand clutched in the horse's mane Reing on the opposite side from the enemy, any shot to harm him must pass through the horse. His horse was well trained, and with Grant cling up and down with his motion, he started with a

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quick run. On the way he had to jump an parth wall four feet high. He made the lcap splendidly and though balls whistled and shells exploded al around him, he had the good fortune to reach the he order to forward the ammunition, but before it could start our troops came pouring back. W'ith great but fruitless gallantry they had got into a pace in which they could not stay. As Grant after ward described it, they were like the man who caught a wild boar. When friends came up with congratulations, he replied: "Yes, I did pretty wel in catching him, but now I wish somebody would

come and help me to let him go." Grant's skill in riding for the ammunition was the theme of general admiration through the army.

My First Meeting With General Grant.
I first met General Grant at Long Branch, July 1869. He was spending the summer months in his End the the At that time 1 was running the iles road for a drive from the Branch to Eaton the driving the old stager Sorrel Dan 2.21 Hearing a team coming up behind at a lively clip. I gathered my horse for a brush. A team of chestnut mares hitched to a light wagon, came un and tackled me Seated in the wagon was a sedate-looking man, very plainly dressed. He was smoking a cigar. We had it "nip and tuck" for nearly a mile. I gave old Dan the best in the shop, but we were unable to head the team. They led me about a ength at the outcome. As we walked our horses along after the spin looked the team over as well as the driver.

That's a rattling good team you are driving," said I to the driver; "they look like the Gold Dust breed of horses."

That's just what they are, and think they go very nicely," rejoined he driver. you are
'Well, yes; he has been to the races and he has always earned his oats You handle a double team to perfec tion. You must have had a great deal of experience in the business.
"Yes, I have had quite a little expert army," he said

Then you were mixed up in the le family quarrel we have been hav ing, between the North and the South I hope you were on the right slde of the fence."
"Well, yes; I think I was. My name is Grant."
"What? Not our president!" 1 re pled.

Yes," he answered, laughing.


Well, general, this is a good one on me Il ut it in my diary:
We came to a little grove where a large party were assembled having a church festival.
I am going to turn in here and help these churcheople out in their festival, remarked the general The next day 1 was sitting alone in my stable ffice when Gencral Grant made his appearance.
"I've found you out," said he; "and I thought 1 would drop in and have a Iftle chat with you on horses, as I see you are posted.
He remained quite a while, talking horse, a subject on which, to my surprise, 1 found him well posted His innate love for horses was clearly shown during his talk.
In conversation, General Grant usually spoke rather quichly and in short sentences, devoid of ornament but always to the point. He was taciturn and very eserved in his bearing, yet kindly, courteous, ant hospitable, with an absolute simplicity of manne ll great men he knew the secret of the simple life Yet despite the habitual gravity of his manner, he had a strong sense of humor, which would frequently crop out when in the company of a party of horse men. Then his tongue would loosen. The subject always seemed to arouse him; the whole man would change as if transported by the exciting scenes of an ctual horse race, and at these times his powers of conversation were almost brilliant

## A Tale on the President

During General Grant's presidential terms he Dways had some of the best and fastest horses and these he drove on the road. Nothing pleased road with his fasc toutcr and sive them his dust The President was frequently finel for fast diving within the city limits of washington ing his fast trotter Elector $2: 18$, sired by Hamble tonian $X$, on the Georctorn road one Hamble when he overtook an old rattle-trap of a wagon in which were seated an old negro man and woman "in wo chairs." The old darliy wore a long linen duster a straw hat, a big bandana handkerchief around his neck, and a pair of green goggles. The old woma wore a large poke bount, her dress was made of gunny saclis, aud she was smoking a clay pipe. Th horse was a raw-boned "critter" with his man roached and with a spike tail. A currycomb and brush were evidently strangers to him. The harness was tied up with rope and strings. A chicken coop ull of chiciens was in the rear end of the wagon. The President turnt d out to pass the queer-looking outfit, but the old darky disputed the right to the toad. He shook ay old lo ar ond tongs with his fast trotter hitched light was utterly unable oo head the chicken outtit at the end of the spin the darkies led about a length. A rooster in the coop set up his shrill cry of victory.
The President was nettled. He didn't know what o make of the affair. He walked his horse along behind the outfit and was in a brown study. A last he accosted the old darky.

Thats a good horse you have got there. ind of, boss, 1 tinks myse'f he am a putty per spry:" den
dent. "Well, boss, de hoss belongs to a man down de river road erbout ten miles.
"Where did the man get him, and what does the man do?
' Him, gibs er mule an er yoke ob steers fer de horse sah."
"What is the man's name?"
"Him's name an Zeb Cruckshanks."
The President jotted down the name of the owne of the horse and then headed for the White House The next day the President sent a man down the river road to find Zeb Cruckshanks and buy the horse that had given him such a drubbing. But Zeb Cruck shanks could not be found
Had the President followed the chicken outfit he

lieutenant grant going for ammunition at monterey.
headed, winning the
heat by a good margin in fast time, as he also did the next heat and the race.

Fast Mile.
General Grant arrived in San Franclsco, September 20 , 1879, on his return from his tour around
the world. Thirty years previous he ar rived in that city Without money and no place to get a bed or the cits lavished their honors upon him on his return from his long trip. Knowing
 him to be a great lover
would have seen it return to the city by a back of the old wagon washed the burnt cork off their faces and emerged from the stable in the persons of one of the prominent hotelkeepers and one of the leading members of Congress, both personal friends of the President. They had sent to New York and obtained a horse for the purpose of giving the President a surprise. That night they visited the President at the White House and listened to him relate the incidents of his race with the chicken outfit.
The President never knew the true facts connected with the queer race until after he left the presidential chair.

Though keeping twelve or fourteen horses in the stables in Washington, the President did not lose his native susceptibility to equine attractions. One day while walking along the street he noticed a homely little white horse hitched to a cart, pacing so fast that it was quickiy out of sight. All he boy in his shirt sleeves. The diminutive animal so captivated him that he talked about it continually and seemed anxious to get hold of the little horse. and seemed anxious to get hold of the little horse who had paid fifty dollars for him. The President sent a party to purchase the little "side-wheeler." The "man of blood," learning who wanted the horse resisted all pecuniary offers until they reached three hundred dollars. The President purchased the little white pacer and named it Butcher Boy. He found that the horse had phenomenal speed. A purse of two hundred dollars was offered for road pacers owned in Washington, the race to come ofl over the Brightwood race track. One of the President's friends owned a pacer
that had cleaned out all the pacers on the that had cleaned out all the pacers on the
road in Washington, and it was supposed that he had a cinch on the pacing purse. The President turned the little white pacer over to one of his friends to enter in the race for the purse of two hundred dollars in his name. Elght horses were en tered for the purse, with Butcher Boy among the by the crowd of bettors on the race. When he came on the track for the race he was hooted at
The first heat was won by the pacer belonging to the President's friend, with Butcher Boy taccing along behind the whole gang. But when the horses along behind the whole gang. But when the horses
were called for the second heat. the little white were called for the second heat, the little white
pacer seemed to wake up from his lethargy. With his ears pricked up and bis tall switching over his back, he took the lead from the start and was never
of the horse, they thought they would show the ex cordingly an exhibition was arranged for his benefit at Oakland Park. A purse of one thousand dollars was offered for any horse that would beat the trot ting record of $2: 13 \%$ then held by the bay gelding Rarus and made at Buffalo, August, 18i8. The bay gelding St. Julien was entered for the prize. During the years 1875-6-7, St. Julien's career had been an exceedingly briniant one. He had passed into the hands of the skillful driver Orrin Hickok, and he was taken to California. His career on the Pacific coast had been a disappoint ment. The spring of 1879 he began to come back to his former lime, which was $2: 17 \%$. Yet the public could not realize that his star was to shine with a brighter light than that of any of his predewas entered to beat the record of that $S .134$. Julien was entered to beat the record of $2: 131 / 4$ the horse the morning of the day of the trial. Wien Hickok the morning of the day of the trial. When Hickok Rarus's record of $2: 131 / 4$. I took the fnformation with quite a bit of salt
Fifty thousand people were in attendance to witess the trial. Of course many of them were ther to see General Grant.
Bets were freely offered that St. Julten would rail o win the prize. At the second attempt the horse came down to the score at a grand sweeping stride and Hickok nodded for the word. Hundreds of watches were set clicking to catch the time. Genera Grant stood in the corner of the grandstand in a good position to catch the time. With his timing watch in hand. with an intense gaze he followed the fleeing animal as he passed around the first turn. He reached the first quarter $\ln 33$ seconds, a $2: 12$ wait. He reached the half in $1: 041 / 2$, at the rate
of $2: 09$. There was a subdued murmur. The of $2: 09$. There was a subdued murmur. The specta fastest mile ever trotied when well intosing the turn and semingly troting within himself we could see from the stand that the horse began to would and ras about to make a break but with consum mate skill Hickok set the horse back and saved him from making a full break. The sethack lost the borse at least two seconds. The third quarter was made at the rate of $2: 19$. It was "a marble front to a hen coon" that the horse would fall to make the trip on time, but when he got stralghtened out on the home stretch he increased his speed. coming down the stretch like a ball from a cannon, and to the surprise of everyone he passed under the wire in
:1234 beating the record by half a second. He rotted the last quarter in $311 / 2$ seconds. Before the horse reached his coolingout stall General Gran to see the horse, after such a supreme effort". re marked the general. He examined the animal closely and expressed himself in a very pronounced manner and congratulated Hickok on his success.
That night the general invited a party of about twenty-five rriends to a little spread in his rooms writer hotel. All the party were horsemen, the leading subject of conversation, with General Gran the foremost speaker.
The general and party left San Francisco Septem ber 26 for San Jose, where a grand recention was given him. A trotting matinee was held at the falr grounds. A purse of five hundred dollars was offered for all troters, in which was entered Governor Le land Stanford's gelding, Occident, and J. Cook's geld ing Graves. Occident won the race in 2:15 2-16. Gen eral Grant acted as timekeeper.
September 30 the party left San Francisco for the Yosemite Valley. On the mornlng of October 3 the party entered the valley from Clark's Station in stage coaches, the general occupying a front seat of a coach and six with the driver, Monroe, who was one of the ploneer stage coach drivers of "forty hart Point and Rernard's 10 miles be be allownd to mountainous road the driver was rather loath mountaln comply whances and handed the general the ribbons the to his surprise he found the ex-President was an ex pert reinsman, an adent in handling a six-in-hand He rattled the team over the winding and hilly road at a lively clip, and rounded up to the hotel at Ber nard's in old-fashloned stage coach style.
Mrs. Grant occupled a seat back of the general. and was even more pleased with the ride than any of the party. Monroe the driver, stated to a by stander, "I never hauled a lady over these roads who was so enthusiastic.
The evening before his departure for home a grand banquet was given the general at the Palace hotel. The party left San Franclsco, September 25 reaching Galena, his old home, October 20. During General Grant's last days at Mt. McGregor the visits of his old horse friends seemed to rally him. It acted as a tonic. His ruling passion was strong in death

AFTER EIGHT YEARS

## To the Readers of THE AMERICAN BOY

WH this issue. THE AMERICAN BOY rounds out its elghth year. I can scarcely
first asked the boys of America to support me in the effort to publish a real, live magagine that should be "all boy"; yet facts and fgures are stubborn things.
Elght years ago thousands of our present readers were wee tots not yet able to say their a b c's. So, too, thousands of our boy readers of eight years ago are now men, and I am glad to say that many of them are still loyal to THE AMERICAN BOY, reading it with just as much interest as they did eight years ago.
Eight years at the beginning of a publication's life almost invariably decides whether it is to succeed or to fall. Thanks to the boys of America THE AMERICAN BOY has come safely through its years of trial and is today a pronounced success occupying a recognized position in the maga zine world. But let no one think that this result has come by chance or by a comblaa. tion of fortunate conditions. The fact is THE AMERICAN BOY has succeeded in the face of a thousand obstacles. Success If you will permit me to say so, has come because the editors and publishers have put a big share of their money and their life into the project. Indeed, it was not until it seemed that every sacrifice had been made that the day of success began to dawn. Now we rejoice, and we are gure our friends do with us. that the name and fame of THE

MMERICAN BOY, the greatest of boys' papers the where the English language is spoken.
The fact that we print 125,000 copies a month does not begin to tell the story of the influence of our magazine. It is fair to say that every single copy

of THE AMERICAN BOY is read by at least two persons. We are not far from right, therefore, in laiming that at least 250.000 boys, and in addition thousands of boys' sisters. fathers, and mothers, read its columns every month with interest.
it is a great privilcge I enjoy-that of talking with $s 0$ many neople every month. the greater part of whom are boys of the impressionable age. I do not know that I am fully awake. even after these eight years, to the full re spons!bility of my position. I can say this, however, that I have tried to present a In every way worthy of the boys of Amerlca -the best boys on earth. I know my efforts have met with the pronounced approval of thousancis of good prople, for my dally mail is filled with good cheer from every part of the globe.
But past achievements do not satisfy. To stand stlll means to go back; this must not be. We must have a larger circulation, more friends, a better publication. We must reach out for greater things, and you boys who belleve in us must help. I can do hetter work with a bleger circulation, for a blgger circulation means more money, and more money means more pages, more stories, more illusirations, more everything. Our publishers have made a liberal propositlon to boys who will work for Tue AuprrCas Boy. I hope they will appreclate it and that every boy will put his shoulder to the wheel.
I am sure all our boy readers will hope that another eight years will find us, editor and reader, as young and hopeful in spirit as we are now, and that all will join in the wish that if we must grow old we may grow old together. sincery

THE EDITOR.


THE MASHED FINGER
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## Keeping Engagements

 In the "Chistian Endeavor. Worla."
 ter of much impriance, when the pri-
 Wut Archie thero? He 'is not here:
 Cichck and hr has not fome, and I am,
 as muth interist and ditermination as

 the toys, yut it forkot all about it it. of .a. Gop io im at ince and apolozize:







## Boys Should Learn a Trade

 wefiliarican boys ot the prosent. as ments made hy geveral very prominent
husinesa men mid eduators durink the tast few wen k . Mr. Fite Vandroplip, one of New York
 on it wonderrul natural resourcos, that Americanhare nilmost wholitymering ind



 must be given a methanical trainn nett well known pricator ot Mas sachu-


 is true of the ther forty-tour trates.

 with ability to do head work while thefr
hanas lack skill, or to put it properis, is
 It 1 I pertectily plain that thene young
people mut me thauced to equip them serves with both mental and manuai training.

## School Opens

Across the village shonorom hoor White check creat shadows, mitaor benches, stained and These dignitarices stt.
A Pragidne is in the rear

The Generals are geattered thlck,

Thon comes a curly headed chap.
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biess the ittle ad


Dant tet the grat men weat the chap
McLandourkh vilison. In Now York Sun,

## The Disputed Origin of Baseball

Real basebal1 Is over sixty-one years
 nhationat game" io more to difpute than The etymolagy of the term "tan! The Popularly known a, the frather or base: bill who Eng inh-hmer, contends that its origin in the game nayed by tha English schoiboy calledy sounders.
 hall. and bages." Rut ht is a ahort hat timg the nall, endeavors pon make a cir cuit-a round-of all the bases-In our Mr. Chadwick home run. As a clincher. the question with Albert $G$ Spalding sport. Antere the room n devotee of
serk. whose name coupled with that of his partner. Snyder
wanown to mont American boys of twenty years ago in connection with a popular style of ice skaten When blay base. ball?" Inquired Mr. Sralding
"In the later. part or the forties.". re If Mr . Peck. "about 1847 or 1848 .
"What was the arme called then? Why. rounders. .' Rald Mr. Perk.
Rut to thin day Mr spatink Rut to thin day. Mr. Spalding. proud
Fankee to the core. Is unconvinced. Un. douhtedly the foreign taint in basebald bothered him not a little for A time. but
he disponen of it to his patisfaction in he diaponed of it to his patisfaction in
the spring of 1889. when he visited Livthe spring or 1889. When he visited Liv-
erpool, after a tour of the Britinh col.
onles. with the Chicamo and All-Amerionles. Whth the Chicago and All-AmeriEng baseball teamp. Throughout the trin
which was rounder club or Great Britain, terms of the agreement, the Byithe champlons were to play a one-Innling rounder match riwo Innlngs make a full from the Amerlcan "baseballers." as the was to he a flee-inning and then there batl. As "ferder" (nttcher) for his
eleven. Mr. Spalding was yiven a leath eleven. Mr spalding was given a leatl.
erecorered sphere about tho size of a
golf ball and rather soft. The rounder hataman facl rather soft. The rounder
cricket bat-"a cross weth a minlature cricket bat-"a cross between a potato-
makhrr and a penholder." A himh ball was ernuled"-as the Yankers called it -but the referce derlared at a fair hit. and houndary ports before the hall was
frur hevered, he geored four runs. The recovered, he scored four runs. The
nrxt bateman repated the trick. and
ther was a total of dight runs to the ther was a totni of cight runs to the Sphlding resnrted to low halls close to runs wrire made hefore the eleven Brit-
ish champlnas were put out. and the ish champlngs were put out. and the inning was over. These last runs re-
sultell fram the fallure of an American
to hit one of the champlons to hit one of the champions with the In thrif hale of the inning, the Yenkros wre inclined at firat to try to "line
out" the ball. gnd the results were disastruse. Rut soon the results were dis-
batting with one hand gnt the hank of runs hepore the eleven men were retired. This left them three runs hehind. entirely The haschall game Was an entirely
diferent story. Three Englishmen struck
out. and then the Amerlcans went to Thi find then the Americans went to bat. still the side had not been retired. Because of physiral exhaustion both tcams
were cnntent that the match be declared ofr. Thus the first inning in the basescore gatnod was never in in favor of the Americans.

## Putting Robert to Bed

## "Papa!" "Well "Tell

## "Trell me a story."

"T'll trll you just one. if you will
"My pajaman don't feel sood
"Don't think about them. J'll tell you
ar. Todd sat beside the bed and be-
gan:
"What's hif
"Ifrn't he have any name?".
"Yes. to be gure he had: Don't Inter-
runt me. Robert." "Then what was it?"
"Why, his name was-his name. was "Julia's a kirl'a name."
"Thls boy'a name wan Jullus, not Ju"i He was named for Jullua Caesar." par.: know something about Jullus Caedenly and quoting:

Was a wise old geezer,
But he froze of his fe But he froze orf his feet "Where did you ever hear such a thing "Alired Potts told it to me."
use that, don't you ever let me hear you
to gerzer agaln. Now, go
"But you didn't tell me the story,"
oy named Jullus-
No. no. this linn't about Jutlus Cae-
ar at ali. Jullus Cacsar was a king, and he died a long time ago." "When he froze his foct off, papa?" He of sllliners Aifred potts told you."
"What is a perem "What is a plece of sillincss, papa?" "Ton't ask me such foolish questions. back downstalrs and to sleep, or 1 lit, go
and you alone." "Papa, my pajamas don't feel good." Now. Ilsten and 1 'll tell you about thls attle boy. He went out one day and "Was his name Jullus?"
names. yes". Mr. Todd answered. "HIs "Did he die a long time ago?"
No. Jultus Carsar died a long time "Where does he live now?" "I don't know. Be still."
then?"
"Wen? he lives-he llives in a town
somewhere. And one day he went out and saw a tree that, was aimply full of
birds. The birds., What did the blrds do?"
"The birds sang, of course."
"What did they sing?"
"They sang songs. Now, If you want to be qulet. southis boy you will have
the birds, and took up at "My pajamas don't feel good."
Mhey never will feel good if you don't
They never will feel good if you don't
stop thinking about them. So this boy
looke up at the blrds. and he was a
bad boy and he birds. and-he was and hought it would be
smart to throw a stoneat them." "Dla he?".
"Yes. he threw a stone at the poor lit-
And what did the stone do?.". "Papa!".
"What did the fly do?"
"The fly it made the birds into?
"Robert Gallanue Todd, I am golng ownstairs. and it you are not aspeep in
wo minutes I shall punish you! Mr . Todd strode from the room, and at he stairs he halted at the sight of a
woman sitting on the top sitep with her woman sitting on the top step with her face in her hands and her shoulders and
sldes haking. It was his wife.-Wilbur
Nesbitt in Success.

If at frrt you lose your grip
Just keep R Jigld upper IIp,
An you'll ket thar by an by.
_J. W. Crawford. the Poet Scout

## The Slop Brigade Saves a Washing

ALL THE Ishkooda plgs were squeal-
ing lustily for their morning's sup-
ply of slop. ply of slop:
You jes shet up! We's gwine for it." sald Tommy Tyree to his hungry
razor-back as he grabbed up a bucket
and stlek and ran out to join the siop brigade' that had already started for the day was damp and chilly, a real winter coat or an umbrella among them, were their daily trip over the mountain. each over his shoulder. and dangled the beauing to save the Van Dorn baby from fre. be a reached the summit. And it would themselves on "beating the seven prided long. gravelly road that sloped down to Had he not been carrying slop over this
road ever since he could
upon his ate a bucket upon his woolly head?
big rack that crowned the hill, they the and sticksped themselves, their buckets buckling on the skatez. All at once
Popsy Milsap exclaimed: Looky yondah! Who's dat?" pointing to the figure pecultar rashion. a tattered the rock in a tor thrown over her bowed head. Gris-
"Dat's Aunty Grlsom-Mistis Massey.
com. I means." answered Lige Mas. "Spose she's dald?" her's not daid. or she'd tumble gest boy of the brigade. Suttles, the bigsick. Let's go see!.
He and Popsy started bravely toward lowing cautously, full of awe and curi-
osity. Something was wrong. osity. Something was wrong. anything?" The old negress ralsed her head and glanced at the boys. none," she moand. "Ir ge got me'p me trou-:
bles dan I can stan', dat's alt your she continued, glan, of a shance tou see."
out her tale of woe, dis yere wo pour Mis Bridges is all we uns got to lin on,
de reg am all been tooken away frum me cause I doan wash ez good ez irume
ter. An now Mis' Bridges she say 1 bettah nex time mo less'n deys done
me!.'. ghe groaned. wiping hass. he'p
bit of the pink wool. in a tone that expressed both surprise in a tone that expressed both surpise
and contempt. Poor washing was considered halif a crime in Ighkouda soclety. oap but de crick watah am so drited up
an dutty, an I ain got no money fo to buy soap. We'alls so hongry dat we jes'
eats up. de wash money ez soon ez it
 ain' got no soay fó to
asked the wlse Sammy.
her! Laney, I daresent: I'se.skerred uv her Lawsy massy, hép me:. And the
wailing began agaln in a hipher key.
The slop brigade could they do? Aunty Griscom was not
the only washerwoman in 1 hhkooda who had a hard time to keep goap money.: In order to save for it the slop boys had thme, every one of them. Living was a ittle negro settlement: yet there were soon as they were out of earshot. Lige
Massey whispered: Mase "Shes awful po she ls! She libs in
de shanty daown de crick by de ble eland
lum tree. an it aln ght no winder blg el-
dey's all jes daylights. Naow. dey's all jes'-daylights. Naow, le's race:
Frum de pine tree daown to de ellum tump. Git in lil
Down the lonk hlll they sped at two. signal $\begin{gathered}\text { ref. } \\ \text { the }\end{gathered}$ shrieking with laughing
laty
imModerately when Jornsie Evans
areened into the The elm atump happened to be
at the mateway
the house highest unouse on he hill, a large.
colonai resiame
absir.
beside he massive
front doors. As he shaters-
save rounded u at this moalthe gentleman o his house, beck oning to them With his cane. was on in a the first on
here was to an errand and nd chances for

lock still on; and there isn't a soul inside
to let me in. Maybe some of the upstairs windows are Mnyabe some of the upstairs
could climb up to the if one of you could cllmb up to the porch roof or you had been unbuckling their skates as he spoke. and already, four of them were
trying to "shin up., the four big pllars so the roof. Sammy and Tommy Tyree in reach was securely locked. Then the
cellar windows were trled and found to " What am tight. to do?" murmured the woctor, half to himseif. ithis drizzle dreadfull I hate golng to the neighbor's." doahs dat one uv us could slide through?
suggested Sammy. doar." was a the answer. over the laundry - Around the house they trooped. As Antles was the smallest or the seven he was selected and boosted
up by the thallest boys. The transom was
loose. and in went head first. and pushed with such vigor that he fell inside with a dull thud. Shriek arter shriek rent the air. Those
on the outside could only look at each
other and Ilsten helplessl Bet he's Jy m . h? wilispered 'Lias Hitt "O, no." answered the doctor, smilling
n spite of himself. "He cries too loud n spite of himself. "He cries too loud At this Sammy summoned up courage "I can't: is se killed! I sho' is!"' came "Open de do' an' we'll see if you's kill yelilng only grew louder. "We got yo' skates, an we ll hide. 'em. Instantly the screaning ceased. They heard him shutfe to his feet. and pres old gentleman, followed ly the anxious six. A bad bruise was found on Gustus's ho bones were broken, and the gift of a
ten-cent plece drled up hid
Then Then. in order to reward all seven for heir strenuous enorts to help. the doc
tor turned to a basket full of apples
upon the table and told them two aplece. They did without the laki tant
teluctance reluctance, pleking out the blggest, and
never saying "thank you;"
were were broad grins of delight on the shiny
black faces. While tucking his apples safely into
the lining of his coat. Popsy was rolling his eyes back and forth from the doc
tor's face to some bars of soap upon the tor sace to some bars of soap upon the
shelf. Finally he blurted out:
"Wush youd give me a plece uv soap! "Soap"." echoed the old gentleman
What do you want with soap? To clean yourself yp?"'." cried Ponsy in alarm. .I wants it fo Aunty Griscom. She bay she
gwine loge her las washin. cause she She washin in de ol dried up crick wa.
tat, an she's skeered to ax Mis" Bridgets fo'.. soap. Bridgets? Do you mean Mrs. Bridges? Wridgets? Do you mean Mrs,
that stucco house downiece! Lives in block. Are youse talking about old Nancy.
that wasties for her? Tell me about it? So the story was reprated and sol"Well. well. Daugherd the doctor. "You
take Aunty Griscom two bars of soap for ake Aunty Griscom two bars of soap for
this weeks washing. and tell her that Dr. Crews is 't skepred uv Mis' Brld arent white. Sr. Screws?" asked Popsy somewhat puzzled. Now run along
int. Crews, yes. Now Thank you every. one.. Now run along Chood-bye? chorused the brigade as they gathered
up the empty slop buckets and started on into town.
orny th
caused
only
caused
amon
ddresent all of
hem: Boys. I am
wn house. I
came out here ly shut the door


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THE ONLY FAULT to be found with
Dr．Hertiors＇s school was．that it
was too comfortate It was Har－ low．more than any other fellow
he ohool．who trought home to Dr．
ford the indequacy of his disci－ pline，
But when sandy McBean presented himself．the doctory heart sank a litule．
When Sandy annoureed one day that any by receiving a certain number of
demertit．was on get anglng the
whole school wint in a body to lay the
 When harlow had stated the case，ol
hava entaged Mr．Misein as vice－prin－
chat and his system be glven a fair trial．He has
not logned any of you yet．and it les
entirely with you whether he ever docs． will bid you goodecerening．＂
Within two wceks a crisls came．One
day upon dismissing his classes， day upon dismissing ＂Mr．Harlow，you have this day．by merits to sir．I shali be picased to see
quently．the empty coal cellar at four
youl Harlows face turned a deep red，but
he bow coolly As the boys marched
out of the class－room．Sandy saw rebel－ lion in every reye He suspected that At four oclock preciselv．Sandy Mc－ something concealed under his cont
and within half aminutellarlow showed
up in old tentis suit Up．Giad to see you sur．Marlow．＂began
sandy．Hut by the time the words were Dut of his mouth，Harlow rushed at him
like battering ram，and before he knew
what had happened，he was sonawling on the lloor．He was taken completely
hy surprise，and Harlow，having knocked him down undidad．thourht it no dis－
arace to accept the sirvices of a dozen krace to accept the services of a dozen
buys，who came dithing into the cellar．
The scuthe．though terrible，was short and within two minutes the schoolinas－
ter was hound and garged．and the boys
wire yelling like Comanche lndlans，and hiting $a$ war dance around him．
At se on oclock that evening the boys when the door llew open and sandy
bounced into the room．He was the most appalling looking oliject that could
be imagincd．lis red head was frimed
with coal dust，and his irick halftorn as of of trican＇s．ind one coat was
hwelled to twice its ＂Ir．Hertford＂he lawled．＂I hae carh thim ror a litumy place．I wadna
The doctor stared in amazement but Whinclng about ln his rake．waving han
datis
arms around like a Dutel windmill he said：＂Mr．Mclsean．you shall be sus－
tainid，if ivery young gentleman in this ＂I＇ye think me a fule？Angwer me ＂You shall have my full authority in lowted Nandy．
In wal the dortor implored and pro－
tested． The doctor turned to Harlow for an
exnanation amar．ilarlow as the ringleader in this
 lirst tal abnut llopging．and that they
were all as much responslhe as Harlow．
The doctor hioukt a moment and then shoke with quite derision：
＂1 shall deprive the whole school o
the sat turday holidaydurine this month and meanwhile 1 shall make every eftor
（nosuphly Mr．Mifan＇s place with as
horougha sinotar and as strict a dis Miplina
missed
Aboin
he school was about to the disme day，a
ieriford sald in his hand．Dr ＂$⿳ ㇒ ⿻ ⿱ 一 ⿱ 日 一 丨 一 力$ Arthur prench，an accomplished seholar
and a perfect disctinitharlan．as vice－
princlpal of the schuol．am assured rules．ind he sliall be supported by miy
inturnee to the watht of expeling any
seholar who is insubordinate． seholar who is insubordlnate．
The lioys exchanged plances－and in
the gymnastum afterward Harlow spoke iLct Mr．French try it．We mate the
school too hot to hold Sandy Mcisean French．．
On the Sunday，at dinner．Mr．French appearcd He was a slight，delleate－
looking young man．it was a week or
wo brore Mr．Firench made known his nuw code of rulis．There was to be no
flokging－but when the limit of demerits In his classes Harlow went his way winning demerits with all the careless－
ness in the world．Mr．French could not have had a more dangurous rebel among
the boys than Harlow． Every week the demerits were read
init－and every wrek show，a startling
increase in Harlow＇s number He was increase in Harlows number．He was
not actively insolnt．insolence．he de－
clarth was only tit for cads．Ife would make the issue with Mr．French without As it was merely a question of mathe－
matical mrosresson when he would re－
celve the maxtmum of demerits．Harlow figured out that the second week in
April would bring the crlsis－and so it One afternoon．therffore．early in
Anril．Harlow was summoned to
 not move until he lad finished the chap－ keteers．＂Then．wilh n conscious swag－
ger．he went to Mr．French＇s study and tap，Come in．：the doid Mr．French．The vice－
prlncipal was seated at a large table．and
wore a perfectly calm and businessiki air．Harlow expected an appeal to $11 /$
fearings．and had prepared a speech of
dellance and an derines，and had prepared a speech of
diflance and an tmpassoned appeal to
Dr．Hertiord．Rut apparently there was no room for elther，as Mr．French mertl
handed him a slip of paper．upon whle
was his record－one hundred demerits． was his record－one hundred demerits．
＂One hundred demerits．＂sat llarlow
calmly． 1 belleve that means expul－

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as possinle．prom now until the end of the sesston．＂
The boys lnoked at one another enr
a moment．and then walked solemnly Wo by two and then walked solemnil
was next room．Ther was a subdued sound of volces for a
fow moments，and then the done oneneid
and the hoys ficd in pravely with 131 n and the hoys filed in gravely．with 13 in
ord spokesman at thelr head． Binfords answer simplry was：
＂We agree．sir，to the conditions you ishen gentlemen．＂sald Mr．French，
rising． ising．＂all we want is Mr．Harlow
consent．and we will have him here in Harlow walked in，lonking very pale
hut unfinching．As Mr．French tol him of the effort of his schoolmates h ture came into it．and in spite of hi
usuat self－control lie was so nearl the promise that Mr Frinch．With
muir tact．nroposci that they should
ratify the agreement before Dr The fortor was alting in his lihrary
trying to read．but in hts heart trouble and distressed ahout Mrarlow．Mr
lirnch statrd the case．When he had
finished．Harlow ＂I don＇t know hnw to express my eratitude por what my elassmates
done sir．but it can never forket it．＂．
＂You never should forset it．Mr．Ha low．＂nnawered Dr．Hertford gravely．
 hta nromise and would obserdersto dividually．Each one answered prompt And thelr promise was kept．


ESCAPE
Ey L. M. MONTGOMERY

 and I soon becrative aitmicted with a tortur
ing thirst Besides, it was by now phech dark. At times my pain and fright
overcome me and I sirughled frantically
and called hoarsily ros The memory of that night is stlll a a
vivid horror to me. it seemed as long
 Wrath and spent my hroat and mout
were parched io burning. red sumt passed before ny burning. red spot
cramper, and every bone any masher nuy body anded with pain. 1 frat lao
stupor crepping over me and feared that st wor crepping over me and feared
I would beenme unconsclous. All at once I heard a harn door open
overlicad anl the next moment a fonthall
sounded sounded just over
Joe Ilolmess whistle
 a startled exclamation, then called out, Fred Russeln, Joe right heneath you
under the barr. Ifin me. Jone. Ny voice gave out and i could say nn
more Joe tore out of the barn and knering down to peer under $1 t$, soo
located me. "You scared the wits out of me. Frel
Your volce seemed to come from thin bowels of the earth. What's the mat
ter? Can't you get out? In a few broken words I explained
my stuation and Joe sald. "I can't help you alone. Fred, that's
cortain. The harn foor th have to hi whill i run Just wait fiteen minute and get father a pifece of pure lurk that 1 hatherened to
come hire this mornink. 1 lost my jackknif. last hitho and rame as soon as
'twas daylight to louk for ft. Joe did not realize how kenly I was
suffertng elsc he would not have wasted time in taking. But at last he started
on and 1 am bound to say he lost no purther thac. soon he was back with
hits father and Jack Eyrd. who beter apprectated my plight. The floor boardy

 motherly Mrs. Holmes fussing over me
Mother and father soon arrived and dronping in all day to hear mors kior
dith droppint in all day to hear my story
it was thee days berore i could go home and my back wave me trouble for work atterward. The doctor sata 1 had wren
ched ile muscles of it terribly in my struggles.
I played "Bar On" often after tha
but never. 1 can assure sou. did I but never. I can assure you, did I craw
under a birn or into nny other ambush under a barn or into any other
that did not offer a safe exit.

THE BURIAL OF "P. I."


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The Ittle mongrel dog "P.-I" wh rept in from some place, no one knows where, and established himself in tho who took him in and called. him theirs. died recently and was buried with ceremony A tiny, al as ever mourned a human friend. earth in the old university campus and maiden hair ferns was placed on marks the grave. It isn't much of a "l'-1.'s" grave by the newsboys. A slgn grave, and might even occasion a smile was erected above the prave bearing the pot where fully 200 newsboys assem. newsboys. died March 8. 190-. Cyrus bled to yleld up homage to an unclaimed Grcen. Ed Brown. "Humny" Hynes and derelict that had been rescued from the A. Tate. a Third street merchant. acted and had been made much of. Daily he followed the boys about the a small boy, as the ton was placed on ity from the newspaper offees to thetr the box. The little fellow tnok the but
ireet corners, and soon the little crea- ton from his coat and dropped it in the ure was the protege of a dozen lads. box.
who occupied spare moments in teaching "That's January button." he sald


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games. won the same dashes ln $94-5$ seconds and 22 seconds. When the
Penn athlete signitied his intention of British championshlps comperyboily predicted a most suecesspul win for hilu.
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in Britain the climate has so aftertid him that he has bech unable to show crery occasiun, but now that the season
is ahout to close the Yankiee champint is hrginning to ret areustomed to th. heary climate ot Enntind and has Beals C. Wright is another athlete
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the celebrated Dwisht Davis trophy
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With the former countries this sport has been princlpally contined to the gym-
naslum, but with the Americans it has always been in favor ambing the other
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it is atways a good idea to go slowly
and accustom the muscles hy degrees


British champion sprinter
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intle to the gide as in high jumpling.
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than enrol himself in the American post

## Cavalry Man Plus "Copper"

 Pennsylvania now owns a inique mill-tary organization. so capable that its commander-personally responsible for
It marked success-has become a figure once Troop who laid aslide that grady uniform to lead his state's mounted pollce. $t y$ rloting miners at Mount Carmel. had heen shot by the constabulary. and that men destined to play no smatl wart in state has long been troubled to maindurlng strikes, but also in times of nomInal quiet, is there neca for a strong
hand to keep the turbulent ${ }^{\text {Pollacks: }}$ and Huns under control. The Natlonal
Guard is expensive and not always efthcient, and can be called only in moments ulary" is the solution offered,--and promising splendidiy.
Groome chose his men primarily for absolute fearlessness. They must be
reary to goanywherein the state and do
ansting necessary to enforce clvil jaw.


Secondarily. the requisites are prerect hooting stralght, riding hard. and chinking quickly. Me has round four While there is a long "waiting list" of who have seen actual service in China
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Ohelind's constabulary and Canalias monnted po-
lice are like enoukh to make a parallet
obvinus, but. really. my only idea was orget together a lot of fellows whe were too chock jam full of good Amerl.

This Will Bear Reading There has latwy passed away hy a poor boy. we allude to Sir Sidney Sir Stancy Waterlow made his way in manner whirh would have rejolef a hior heart of the late or. Samuel Smiles. the
well-known writer on ${ }^{\text {Self-Help. }} \mathrm{H}$ Hs phllosonhy of life was summed up in in Yonng "You young men must not think that ate. and that all the great deeds have nour time there ro not dream that in and martyrs or that the wo more saints
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We wonder at the boy who plays
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His Homer throurh and throush.

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then get up and teel the lump on bis bead. then mecthe ity rery popular when there is a
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THE OBVIOLS newsity of needle
work applitation to Miek ys one one nighed at himt in hats own bed for "Magele!"
"Rine down darlin', to the samestress on the flure below an ask has she a hit
 ernts so as héll lonk dacent to take the
new place hee got in the marnin!.
-I didn't know Mickey had a place
:Well, he ain't rightly got it yit, but
he will have whin lake him down in the marnin' to see the gintleman."
"What doin'. mit". In a gintleman's office, and he's to git
three dollars the wake. i seen it in the know? that grand! Does Mickey "Sure he do not. I'll tell him when I Rin. Maggie. and fetch me the thread and the nidle, now,"
Prenently Maggie returned from a suc"She wants to know, ma, can she come
up and hoif a kitlle of water on our stove
cause her fires nut." "The narve of some penple, always a-
borryin: it's :i wonder to me she don't


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"Sure it's too had ye'r slek wid Maggio Cying pancakes fer yer breakfast:-
Mickey scanned the vista through the
 anck Now git into yer clothes quick this marnin': his apparel. creating diversions to delay
the process as long as possible the
starch in his clean shirt hurt, and he refused to put it on till it had been
smoothed and softened by the patient
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tied her red hair ribbon arolnd his neck
as a crowning adornment his spirit was hioken and he was led crushed and hum-
itowever. the pancifeckes reviued him somewhat. and aroused enough interest quire: 'Anere are we goln' at?', strate car, and if yér a gond by On the
ye. nay the fare and take the transfares. "But where are we goin'
"Yell know whin we get

ELind his mother's broad back be took his stan





 "No thruble at arl. 1 don't herrudge it
 and thread workin satlefactory, did ye best yes had
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the spalpern was got a place: It's time that wild runn' the strates from marn me eye on him constant, I doant know Within the adjacent rom. if one had
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threanold. where litay concealed hy the
partition. wilth one alert eye and ear
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tits only what's comin to him annyway. An besides thot, the three follars a wake stylish rinthes fer Maggin shme re
after ginc into gassinty arter goin into gassiety his winter. Well. don't spake of it. $\mathrm{r}^{2} \mathrm{ve}$ no dinuht ynuil Tt requitred no little envouragement O'Shea herself was up rarly and ha washed and ironed a small shirt hefor
ang now widout anny more thrubhle. ha hand all the way mown, and it was buly at the entrance to the big office golng into hondage, that the end of his and slavery perpetual, eternal. was his portion henceporth. and as the whole hor-
ible truth hurst unon him he stood stock still. closed his eyes. opence his It was the threatened approach of the
polireman on the corner that caused him inally to deslst, and tear-stained and nerrely rehellious he was taken to the
nfmer door, which to Mickey was but another kind of prison bar.
iscment for a by: here he is. Mickey "Yewant a by fer gineral offlce work?
Yis, sor. Mickey tell the gintleman how "I yo wanter
A surrertitious pinch did not tend to "Axperience? Sure hres had axperl-
 hisiness. muttered Mickey.
An hers sueh a pood b'y. sor." patting
her offsping's head. cinpring's head
It was tarely audible, but she gave him ain glane that threatened to star
again therfow ne angulsh.
. Rather smatl "Rather smatl. dtd ye say, sor? Oh, lonks, by far. Stand un sitritght. Mickey. Mirke say ye wan't an older h'y? Sure
hinty old, he's goin' on four "Ain't. I'm only nine."
Thinks jonked dubious for Mickey, for he gentirman was gis as arnaly. mrs nugury. hramed complacentiy in return
and into Mickey's eyes came the resolve Rehind hls mother's hroad hack he took his stand. and when the atnused con

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dered to his face it met a countenance The unto a gargolic of the furies. with
the additional idinment of five contemptuously wigeling lingers. "What, sor? Ye don't think Mlekey'l
do? Well. sor. let me tell ye. sor. ye won'
find an o'Shea very day in the wake find an S'Shea wery day in the wake.
but its yer own arfar intirly. sor. and
if ye liceto regret it dont fergit ye had if ye liwe to regret it dont fergit ye had
yer chance. Come, Mikcs, darlin?
Outside a firm hand closed over Mickey's arm and quite a differcnt ther natlon penetrated his innermost conscinusness.
ye little spilpucn! wait till $I$ get y David Warfield's Spanking David Warfleld the aring tells the
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 hiding and see the church destroyed
without making any cffort to pre
cent it? What else could he do
Could a boy lle him hope to cope with
atscore or armed soldiers? Even if he
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making correc over fires made of ralls
taken from nearby fentes.
The members oo the party whose cap, horses, and joined the other soldiers by
the crackling fire wheli was a luxury
after their cold ride. Lieutenant Chayafter their cold ride. Lieutenant Chap
man addressed one of the men by tho
Are. mre:
table and, watching her chance, she
clipped tion hie tail of the lientenants
coat a triangular plece of cloth. Then
she hurried back to the Hopkinson house she hurrled back to the Hopkinson house
across the sireet.
The officers were just arising from
the table when she entered the room.
Dropithe
"Surgeon Lemly." sald he, "you are
the man 1 am looking for, I have some
work ror you to do. These fingers are attending What. exclatmed the surgeon, "been In an engagement?"
Uust a stray slint is all." replled the
lieutenant evastiely. An accident. or the enemy" persisted
the surgeon is he got his case and pre"Accildent." snit the lieutenant shorthy.
ofterlug no "urther explanation. and the
surgeon. concluding that the tople wing an unpleasant one. askrd no more ques-
tions but dressed and bound un the hanid.
After drinking a cup or hot coffee given hiln by one of cup of hot men, the lieu-
tenant sought Morgan, who had Mat in
his keeping. and taking the boy. went to the officer In command of the party.
who proved to be the captain whom Mat
had first seen in the church the day I have brought you a young rebel
Captain Kenyon he sadd. saluting that
officer. "The fellow harl the impudence to make a target of me and I capturod The captain turned a severe look upon
Mat. who dd not finch. but met his gazo
squarely and steadtly. squarely and steadily. What were the circumstances?" asked Melton and myself dismounted near and took a shot at us. As a result I am wearing this bandage." sald he. extend
ing the wounded hand.
The captaln looked as thnugh he doubted the correctness of Chapman's
version of the aftalr. Ne mistrusted hal not been berought out. Turning to
Mat he sald:
"What induced you to attempt to tak replied did not attempt to take his life.
pride in hits tonf. Wif 1 hat touch or wished shot at his fingers and hite theme. So.
-Why did you showt at him at allo "He was trying to set fire to the
hurch, and slot the tinder out or his
lingers." replied Mat, and he laughed as he thought how mulickty the laughed as
dropped. "Alt:" cjaculated the captain: "1
understand the natter now. Wilo gave
yontorders or hicense. Lieutenant Chap
man, to commit an ait of that kind? No one, captain... sheepishaty rejoined
the tieutenant, "but inought i would
 You richly deserved what you got-n
more. Furthermore. lleutenant Chap
man, if you had acroniplished what boy, prevented you from dolns. what thits
havereduced you to the ranks. Remem My boy. tarning to Mat in wish you
were at home. You are here. howerer.
and for the present will have to share glve you some coffee and bread and wien you must be irciared to ride on whll
for we must be in Trenton tonight. of this interview. Captaln kenson reprimand to Lieutenant Chapman and
his kind words to hinaself ird him to be
lleve that no harmi would come to him and that he might expect to be restored
to his friends at no far flstant day.
Lientenant Chapmans words were not
so reasuring howerer when he hissed in his ear. a little later: my young cub,
and I will pay annther, mon with interest, and that. too. ere ionk Trenton, the soldiers,
whon arrying at Tere but a s.outing party. werc
weno sent to quarters with the larger army
stationed there. Captatn Kenynn. M1Mn
arrtimg at hls destination, called Mat. "I must etther place you under guari me the promise you whll share my quinr
ters and will. y assure yout fare mur
better than if guartered with the men. Mat thnught a bit before replying. and
then sald:
"I want to get hark home. sir. very
muen hut would rather stay with you than with the mon. T wouldn't like to
nromise forcer. lint for the present
whil make no attempt to escape. and if
i chanke my mind will tell you i can
 word. Now come with me.
Captain Keryon and some nther off-
cers. mostly Hessinas, were temporarily
 one of the slgners of lie Declaration of
Independence, that document which
meant so murh to the struggling pa trlots. Hopkingson and his family paya-
not at home. hut the seriants. in charge Mary Comply. Were there and served the While the onicers and Mat were at the
dinner taile and Mary was in the were serving the dinner, her younger Nister came from their home. Just arross
the way. and reported that a numler of priating everything of house and approtake away with thrm. home to flid all that her sister had sald
was only ton true. There wreat least a fozen privateg and a lientenant with
inatend of checkink the men, encournged
them and cyen toined in their depredt. them and ruen joiner in their depredit


Droping a curtesy, she sald:
"May ask a queston, please?"
carrainly, my young lady;" repled
Captain kenyon. "What is tit?" Do you allow your men to rob de-
fenseless women and children, especial-
ly after they have clared. thelr larder
to furnish them with pood?." "Most assuredly not", was the ener-
getic," response. "ho has been doing
this?"
 Captain kenyon stepped to the door
and then sent a soldist after the men Who soon returned with the entire party
memain here.. said the captain to th
meney Lifutenant. step inside.
Thentered the room where th other officers and Mat still were. ani
Mat saw that the tieutenant was his old
enemy Chapman "Is this the man ?." asked Captain Ken
yon of Mary, who had also remained in "It is. sir." was her reply,
"Lieutenant Chapman."psing the cap
tain. II am vainca to minormy you that
 me that you and the men with you have
been robhing the home of her mother.
What have you to say?
She is mistaken." replied the Heuten.


 "Tt dhes. perfectly; but I do not under-
stand the meaning of all this," replied
the Tlentenant.
.That will explatn." sald the captaln. That piece was cut rrom the coat of
the thief when in the act of robbing this
wounc woman's mother. CHAPTER III.
WHAT CIIRISTMAS BROCGHT TO
TRENTON.

 A considerable distance from the village
When at last a score of men had burn
sunnmen and were ready to ride in pur suit of the soldters the troops had rull
three hours the start. The first act o
tie pursuing party was to examine th the pursuing party was to examine the
tracks about the ohurch Here they
fonnd the bundle of fagots. a plece of
martially hurned tinder with drops of

own detachment distributed themselves
at meal time among the illagers, who
were compelind to divide their stores o were compelind to divide their stores of
provisions with the enemies of theit serve the same. The soldiers mrt with
scant rivilty, but nowhere did they en-
counter so outspoken an opponent as at
the withers hame. where Ruyt made no


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## mich to merest him in his new sur. rningings. yet he fry murh preferred his nome to his Trenton quarers. and there were times whrn he hecame



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The Florida Alligator

AMONG the exclusive products of
the United Stat,s is the allga-
tor tor. The crocodile is found in
many warm contries. and so many warm countries, and so
closely are these huge reptiles anicd in
size, hahit, and form, that some naturalists have classed them as one and the
same animal. But while thry are eact semi-aquatic and carnivornus. attaining in amprica a size of sixtern or cightgreat age. three are a few minor differ-
ences by whteh they may be distinculshed. The heat of the erocodile is that of the allis aitur. Rhe theth of each
full-grown one number about twentycal on ceach jaw and stronsese siththare cont site jaw enter the intrspaces when the mouth is closed. Numbering thward powerful. which enters a socket in the the mouth is closed. With the erocodite oprn groste continuing in platin view the tail and the pusterior limbis of the
crovadile are fringed. somewhat in the form of coarsc-pointed sace but with
the allgatir this is not so. In Fiorida the ah watrrs, and the crocodiles the salt
waters. Structurally they aremuch allke waters. Structurally they are much alike
great mammoth lizirds with mouths and treth so frightful as to make the brav. a.st man shindidr as he heltids one of
these beasts in a fierce attitude. With thick square bony seales. tough as
sole leather, so that he literally wears a cont of mall, nearly Impervious to han four limhis that operate like the five claws and the posiertor in a webbed foot with four claws.
His lone. tapering
is a powerful weanon of offens in mail fense, and operates as both paddle and rudder when swimming. in the water
the alligator rushes wlith such marvelescape hlm.
His throa That clossoat is protected by a valve
thters his stomact so that no water flerce the submiryed tussle.
His nostris. eys. and cars are also He cannot eat under wither when hungry and he selzes a large fish. with a
swing of his nose he thruws it high in the air and then ellonting his head
catches and swallows it above the watur The tongue of the alligator is so comall points that some have insistid that he has no tongue. The large bones of
che neck are of such a nature that the
unimal has very hitle side motion to his head. hence if one runs in a circle His nostrils at the extremity of the Jaw are silghtly ratised so that he is of boats and fishermen, his face ontehng an
inch above the. surface. so that he can see and breath. With all the remainder rs. In this attitude he exposes himsel to many a bullet from passing steamers
Like all the reptile famlly thr allika
tor loves the heat of the suhtropleal reglon. though he can survive for a time under frozen waters. Ile appears to
hinernate without tornidity or the loss of consciousness. lie possess the powe trely quift. Without breathing for weeks
and months. When frightened by a rille shot he instantly sinks to the bottom of the lake or river. and the hunte can sit down and watch all diay wilth
out ohserving any return of the alliga When the winter in Florida is at tenden hy a long nerindiof very coo seen for twn or three months. Through auch perinds he lifs at the holtom o heen discovered hy digaing niong the benks of ricers. he som as warm along the stream in the warm sunllight
The female alligator nast usually in a thick bunch of grow
 she rathers sticks near the water. where
bosits in the warm and de-
nands fifty or sixt gegs, covering them in layers with
Hreat care. The eggs are round ant not with a britie shell but with a
tough white cartilaginous film. This nest she watches for weeks. day and
nirnt. lint the young are hathed by
sulir herat. She then irads the little sulitr heat. She thrn leads the little
the edre of the watert inches long to insects for a few days. and then catan-
dons them to their fate. The yount dons them to their fate. The younk hirds of prey. and the wld male allga-
inr is alsn sitid to divur them. The al-

 The hart action and circulation in the reptile fannilv are such that the
hilood or these animals does not recelve The same measure of oxygen common
in thither trines. Thiys also chonse for the most part warm, wet. swampy
regions. thelr number increasing rapla. ly as wr procerd towird the elluator. most part dull and sluggish In their are stony and cold, thirir movements de-
 In lifiorida the alligator is found at times on the ground slowly crawling support his kriat imelv so he hatif drags
it along. Thils caught on the hand mat it along. Thus caught on the land men
attack and kill him with long heary
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tenth, but a few ilong his tall criprie terth, but a few along his tall criprie The alligator is an adroit. sagacious.
fnrager. H. crawls up the bank of the. frager ills for hours the thank of thill grass
ripr.
without a movement. his black skin prosonting the anpearanco of a deray-
ing log. if a hog. a calf, a dog or a hoy coges a hng. a calf, a dog. or a
his great tall swecpetingly to his side. those capaclous jaws and the brute in. stantly leaps into the wathe thirnwn
his prey and all is soon ovar. ile is fond of swine. and attacks cows and men at on the bank of the Uckliwaha rlurr
with her bahe lying near by on a blanket. She ran to her house ouite near for revarn har bababy an hally disapheared hatheld
fors face just above the water for hours
watching the orporiunity to scize his
prey. Around the lakes of the interlor wher Around the lakes of the interlor
is bold. pursuing the sren the alligator
moats across the lakes, but around the settlements he is A gentleman on horschack following a road around a lake came unon a larre ly a well direeted shnt placerd a ballin luaned high in the air. swent down sapthe man to escapre put spurs to his horse. gish antmal was still capalife of crea. of puw allimator is a priffect magazing inf his great body thrills with life. so artor his hody has horninh riddled with burs lots. and lacerated with harboons. Some
druaful ducls are recorded to have oc curred between the tardigator and oc-
erocodile, the risult of a life-long feud. Like the buffalo, the poor alligator is being slatn for his skin and is a raptd.


This squirred differs from our squirrels in that he ears, giving of hair ftanding erect from hi ance. He is a soft red in color, phadinpea to little lighter on the belly. His tail is
beautifully bushy, even more so beautifully bushy, even more so
than that of ourkray squirrel.


Solomon Wise on Success

DEAR ME: what a lot of people there
are in this old word of ours who
want something for nothing! They and the get-rich-quick peopl would make a good-aized army. Anc boys th that army, for it has come to ny knowledge-in fact, I have "had it
straight that there are some boys who
are possensed age when one can really get something for nothing and that there is "no sense in plodding along on the good old slow
and sure plan when it comes to amassing wealth. Better get rid of that idea as soon as you can, boys. There are a good
many get-tich-quick men in our falls and state prisons at the present tim and the cud of disappointment the some thing-rorThe older I grow boys, the more ap-
parent it is to me that he who would be real success costs. res, he must. you listen to this: A clear-headed man across thid any boy of twelve years can grasy its meaning: The path of success in mon-sense. Notwithstanding all that success on erery mans life is which comes by aceldent. The only good lime coming we are justited in hoping ing for ourselves." truth in that. Bette cut it out and read it as an intidote it rich-quick fever. And you might add to
it the truly excellent advice of another it the truly excellent advice of another Wish success in ilife, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise
counselor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian elder brothe This is miles away from the teaching of the man who proposcs to make one
rich almost within the twinkling of an that kind of a man wit on our partibu be reparded withear watelhing and mus who proposes to give you success in life Without any effort on your part. Tha cery ancient saying about the rapidity prrted probalby had tis origin in some Now. boys. you start out along the hiflway to success on the slow and sur yollat hreak-neck sperd, bo driving b joll at hreak-neck sperd, but, tell to one
you will overtake them prostrate by the Waysilde because of a terrific smash-up on the road. Some of these young
sinfpes" do make a lot of bluster and blow at the outset. and they are out spoken in thelr contempt of the plodders
who are content to adrance slow Who are contert to a curelyce slowly, care of the hare and the tortoise in the end. Thesen there is a great deal of truth in
-"That which shone afar so grand On again: the virtue lies
In the struggle, not the prize.
There you are. The virtue does lie in
the strugkle. and it is that which develops strength and force of character does not often happen, get-rich-quilek throngh some unusual combination of circumstances. Miss that which is Inval.
nable to the development of their powers. the struggle for the prize. of large weat roud like to know why? Well, to be perfecty frank, so few of them liate sense enough or judgment of large sums of money. It requires the fult and mature judgment that comes and the world in general to make a wist use of a great fortune. After all. povdon't think so? No: I don't suppose you
do. But you may come to think so in latrr life. This is cortain: You lack a age if you allow poverty to true cour from making a determined effort to suc ceed in life. fay the price boys: pay
the fair and just price, and success will

The Life of the Harvest Fly
by L. W. brownell


W the air during wely char dity of
late summer, and which seems to be al-
most a part of those days, lut who of us most a part of those days, but who of us
is familiar wh the singer hinself and
his earty histors? I am golng to tell you
 the greater part of his life as a subte
rancan crealure, it is all interesting. First. I want to say that this insect is
not a jocust at and, and how that name
 not know The true locusts are those
insects which we commonly call grasshoppers, and our little fricnd. of whom
Iam to toll you, is namal cicidit. let is also sometimes called harvest liy. for no Insect can produce vorat noters. but ha-
strumental. and any one can tind the int strument ipon which he performs by ex-
amining one of the insects. siluated on the under side of the bas. of the abdo-
men are two parchnornt-lik, leaves conering a cavity phose are the drum
heads and by
creasing ratidity creasing rapidity. the insect produces The eggs of the cleada are ladd in
twigs and smatl brallics of the. irees. The female is possessed of what is called ture the twigs to a consiblerable dopth
and through which the ckts are depos In about two or three wecks larvae or
worms. Whint js the first stake in the life of the rifada, hateh vut. At first
they ofte sman creatures very much re they are smath creatures very muth re
senibling an ant. These the minuth they
toave the pges. fall to the mround ant
 the sarth to be below the frost line in
 row ferding upon the tint roothets and
other reketalhe tibrr white is in the soil. until the following summer. ur
dhout twe months.
Just when the change to the second or pupal stage is madn. or how lonk the in sect remalns in that stage js not kuwn.. but it is probably somiwhere toward the
end of the twely monthe. That the. Insect is undoubtody quici. having lise.
hig life of
f.eding and digstne tunnels, and is now takile at merind or slofin
which is ahout all the rest he whil take during lits life.
rendyen the image or perfect insect is upward to the surface of the eiarth usually in the early morning. serks out stake and climbin trunk. fonce post, or from ane. to thitty font Ance tharying affes himself ioy driving his sharb claws into the wood and now is the the
would he watching him After a short periol, probahly of rest
a most wondrful iransformation takes place It akesp pace slowly. however.
so that each detail of it can be pasily With some twisting and contortions of the body the pupa nimally, after serious the base of the abdinn+ it across the
length of the thorax und up to und be ween the escs. willy pushes jtstif. back lirst. until thi unlly pushes istif back hirst. umtht the
split is foreed wide open and then the head is withdrawn from the shell and the insect takes world as a full-grown cleada. It seems now to be necessary for our
intie friend to take a rest and somewhat ecuperate from his hard latiors. For he remains perfecty quitet for three or four
minutes herore operations are resumud. The transforming insert now leans out
ward and backward. and with his for ward and backward, and with his for of which he is trying to rid himgs.if. Le Itterally pushes himself out -until he is
nearly free. when bending again forward he reaches un and. grasping the bark of ne tree above the case. pulis himself
entirely free from the despised covering hat once served him so well, hut whose usefulness is now past and which he empty "locust cases" are fambliar to ail those hoys who live in the colantry. for they rematn attached to the tree trunk has left them and purhaps even long has left them his death.

The insect as goon as he has rid himor several feet and there rests the trunk his wings to spread and toughen, and to



At first he luoks as though he werede. formed. for his wings ary mere wrinkled anyone would ber ecused fur constiderualls how wor. they expand and the wrinkies stritightery out until with the a
half-hour thety are hanging straight and halfhour the se are hanging straight and
smooth. but stinl atogether too sort to tw of any use. lhe entire ins.ect, at this
time, is of a light, grass krech: this color gradually wrows darker as the
shell of the insect harduns until. When he is fully matured. the looly has changed
to a wry dark freen with black marknass. White the wings havo berome trans-
parent, grass green at the base and for a short distanne along ihase and for
a ave prominent black felnings and ave prominent black reinings.
Our litte frifnil is now reads to go forth into the worlit. Lut hiss life as a
perfect inscet is all too short, naturatiy perfect insect is all too short, naturatly
lastink but if $\%$ woek and often cut mueh shorter hatan this by his archen-
Thy the dirgur wasp or sand hornet. Thase larg. wasps. oiten an inch ind a
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 tion indefinitely What a wisu provishon

 inchis hinfowthon sumpe ten or twelve and wheres after hating hald an ege on
his bots. she whi leave him, filing up the passagy. with the lowse dirt she has her young larye. which will hateh in a
week or so, will tha enourh living food


Greetings From the Yukon Bruce Watson Writes from White
Horse
Whon Terrtory:
Wrectint from the North to the editor of the hist boys paper publishifd. I ket my papirn
resularly, and I must say I get more enjoyment and good out of th than from anything else I read. Long mas sou and
your paper thrive.
A BOY OF THE REVOLUTION counts of travel in other lands. Then
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[^0]:    ## Answers to December Tangles

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    Path. part of Luke
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[^1]:    
    
    

[^2]:    A man. While walking near a river. ar who were in the vicinity. immediately procured a rope and rescued him from a perilious position.
    Thetr prompt action was deservedly praiged.
    Belng spoken to on the subject. the
    rescued man objected to so much praise
    belng atwen to one side "Don't keep tellink me aboult those
    voungsters." he sald. .If $i$ hatn't fallen Youngsters," he sald "If i hantit fallen
    in they woutd never have been heard of."

[^3]:    Bobhy-Sar ma are you reading "U
    Bobty-Say, ma,
    Mips?
    Ma-Yem, my boy.
    Ma-Tem my boy.
    nonhy-Then turn

[^4]:    2. The New Year blithe and bold. my friend,
    Comen up to take his own. TTennysn's The Death of the Old Year.)
     4. Commence with $N$ at the left side. skip
    four letterf. Ening around to the FIght: New
[^5]:    Auswers to Fibicury Taugles

[^6]:    -Not far above the noot where the city hall now stanis.

[^7]:    BINGHAM

[^8]:    Few could ask for higher praise.

[^9]:    The photograph irom which this pleturn is made was tiken at a Shetiand
    pony farm in Shetland, and shows a sheep and pony full grown.

