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THE TREASURE OF THE CACIQUE.

A Story of Old Mexico.

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By Gilbert Campbell.

Synopsis of preceding portions:—James Sheldon and his two sous, Bob and Arthur, are injuged in gold mining in the Sierra Mountains of northern Mexico. A gang of half breeds and Indians attack their cabin. They are repulsed by the help of Lopez, the Mexican, but not until they have killed the father with a chance bullet and set the cabin on fire with blazing arrows.

Chapter IV.

The Last of the Hut.

After the boys had, with some difficulty, removed their father from the burning cabin, they knelt beside the body and freely gave yent to the anguish they felt at their heavy loss. Suddenly Bob was aroused by hearing a voice behind him exclaim.

"Hulloa, here's a pretty business been a going on here! Who's been in the muss? Injuns, or half-breeds, or white robbers? Here's poor Jim Sheldon lying plugged full plum-center; and there's Spanish Jack, with half his duds burnt off his back and a hole in his side. Say, there, lads, who in the name of mischief has been up to this pretty little game?"

The speaker was a tall, gaunt man, considerably over six feet in height, with a weatherbeaten face seamed with many a scar, reminiscences of flood and field; he was clad in what had once been a gally-fringed hunting-shirt made of dressed deerskin, but with which the thorny bushes and the sharp rocks of the Sierras had played sad havoe; his legs were defended by strips of raw hide wound round and round them, and he was armed with the usual long rifle and knife of the dweller in the mountains.

Bob turned briskly round; whilst Arthur, with a faint tinge of joy in his voice, ex-

"Indian Joe! Ah, why did not you and the rest come to our assistance, and we might have been spared this!" and, half reproachfully, he pointed to the body of his father.

"Hang me If I knew that anything was going on," answered the hunter, earnestly; "the boys all went yesterday to Billy Ducker's, and I spects I rayther overslept myself, but di rectly I did hear the firing, I skooted down here pretty smart, you bet. Let us see if there is any hope," he added, as he gently raised the body of James Sheldon in his arms and exam-Ined his wound. "No, not the ghost of a chance there. He was a man with lots of the real grit, and has nobly stood against odds, but he'll never stand first again."

And as he once more placed the body of the dead man carefully upon the ground, he, with a rude kind of reverence, removed his ofterskin cap, and displayed a grisly wound which, though now healed, was evidently the result of an Indian scalping-knife.

"But, come, lads," he continued with an effort at cheerfulness, "let's try and clear out what we can from the cabin. Come, Spanish Jack," as Lopes came limping up, "lend a hand." And the two, aided by the boys, managed to save nearly everything from the but, which was now burning flercely.

"I reckon," said Indian Joe, "that I'll just bring down my old mule, and take away your traps to my diggin's, if you and Bob 'ull keep a good watch here. Cheer up, boys." And the rough but kindhearted hunter strode away promising to return as soon as he could.

For a few moments the two boys sat motionless by the body of their father, then Bob arose to his feet, and taking a pickaxe from a heap of tools that lay near, motioned to his brother to do the same. "Oh, not yet, Bob, not yet," cried Arthur, as the tears

sprang to his eyes, "we must not put him out of sight so soon." But Bob silently led the way to a tree, beneath which his father had often sat when work was over, and soon the strokes of his pick began to ring upon the frozen ground. After a brief pause Arthur followed his example, and in a short time they had made a sufficient hollow to contain their murdered father; then they heaped rocks over it to protect the body from the beasts of prey, and Arthur repeated over the grave the prayers learnt at his mother's knee. As he was turning away, his brother caught him by the arm. "We have something more to do, something yet to live for," muttered he, hearsely.

"What is that, brother?" asked Arthur.

"To pursue and track the murderers of our father, nor cease from the pursuit until justice has been done."

Very shortly after this, Indian Joe returned with the mule, and a rough mountain pony upon which the wounded Lopes was safely bestowed, and with many a fingering backward look the boys left the grave of their father upon which the flames from the burning hut were easting a lurid glare.

Far up into the mountains they pursued their way along the winding road that led to Deadhorse Gully, where the greater part of the mining community had located themselves: but the boys' thought were far away. One parent was lost to them for ever in this world, and the other thousands of miles away; they were now cast entirely on their own hesources; and, though Indian Joe strove in his rough way to cheer them up, and they knew that, for their father's sake, they were sure of finding many friends amongst the miners in the gully, yet they could not help remembering that they had no claim upon anyone in this distant land, and that for the future they must depend upon their own stout hearts and strong arms for even the morsel of food which was necessary to keep body and soul together.

Very painful, therefore, were their reflections as every step took them farther and farther from the spot where they had for some years dwelt so happily together. The day had now broken, and the wide expanse of snow looked more cheerless than ever; frees and rocks were allke coated with it, and no sign of sun showed itself through the dull, leaden clouds.

Suddenly, as they came to an abrupt turn in the path, Indian Joe touched Bob's shoulder

"Look!" he said, and pointed backwards.

The burning but was in full view; and, as the boys gazed upon it, the roof fell in with a crash that could be faintly heard even at the distance at which they were; then the walls swayed and tottered, falling inwards. and a cloud of ashes and smoke alone marked the place where the cabin had stood.

Both Bob and Arthur felt that the old life had indeed passed away and a new one had

CHAPTER V.

The Treasure of the Cacique.

For more than three days the brothers had partaken of the hospitality of Indian Joe; nor was it the old hunter alone who had shown his sympathy for their loss; the whole of the mining community had displayed the deepest indignation at the treacherous attack upon James Sheldon's cabin.

For two whole days they had scoured the country round in the hopes of securing Cifuentes and Halfhung Simon, but no traces of them could be found.

Guzman, who had bee wounded by a riflebullet, was found by the miners among the dead terribly scorched, but still living, and had at once been hung by them, with their rough sense of justice, upon the very tree beneath which reposed the remains of James Sheldon. But they could spare no further time, and had to return to their work; and so the chief actors in the sanguinary drama remained for the time unpunished.

It was a bright, clear morning as the two boys sat on a rough bench at the outside of the hut, conversing upon their future plans. Indian Joe was away looking after some traps.

"Bob," said Arthur, "where were you this morning? Just as it was light I woke up and your place was vacant."

"I went down to the cache," answered Bob. Do you know, Arthur, that father must have made some mistake; there are not more than sixty ounces, so that we can only count upon about one hundred and eighty pounds at the price gold sells for here. I thought he had much more."

"Stay. I have it. Do you recollect some four months ago he borrowed Sandy's mare and went to Orivada? I've a notion that he sent away the greater part of the gold to mother; you know he often said that it was not safe

"Likely enough," replied Bob. "If mother has got the gold it is all right, but-" and his young face darkened as he spoke-"if we are to track those who caused our poor father's death, we shall want money, for be sure that Cifuentes and Simon will soon be at the head





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of another hand, and it will require money as well as skill and courage to circumvent them. I am half afraid we shall have to take to gold washing again for a time, though the season Is so much against it."

"No," said Arthur, "if you will be guided by me, I think I can show you a way to get more treasure than you ever dreamt of, and we can then join our dear mother and sister once again."

"You?" cried Bob, in astonishment, "what are you thinking of, Arthur?"

"Do you recollect last year?" answer his brother, "The old Indian that I used to be always talking with, and about whom you used to chaff me so much?"

"Certainly I do." replied Bob, "but the poor old fellow had bardly a blanket to cover him. and if your hope of getting treasure rest upon him-

"It does; poor as he then appeared, he was descended from the nobility of the Indians. the Caciques of the Aztees, and many and many a tale has he told me of their ancient power and prosperity, and the wealth they had amassed. He asserted that hidden far the hills in the interior of the country a remnant of the tribe still exists, and he told me with the most solemn asseverations that he had vast treasures amongst them, and that if I gave them a certain sign, which he would place in my hands, fierce and warlike as the tribe is, it would hand the gold-for which they cared comparatively little-over to me without a murmur."

"To you-but why to you?" asked Bob, in amazement.

"Don't you recollect his death?" replied

"Certainly I do," answered Bob. "You found the poor old fellow dying, close to our fence. one evening, and father and I came out when you called, and brought him into the hut, but he didn't last long "

"Not but before you came he gave me this," replied Arthur, producing from his bosom a small piece of deerskin exquisitely dressed, and covered with strange signs and symbols in various colored lines.

"Well. I am not much the wiser now," said his brother, turning the kin over and over in his hands. "Pray what might this mean?"

You are clever enough, Bob, at reading Indian signs," said Arthur, with a faint smile, that you are not good at Indian language This shows me pretty clearly the route I must take to get to the Indian city, and will further assure me a safe return with the treasure of the Carique"

"I say, then, Arthur, we are in for a good thing at last. With this money we can easily organize a band to follow up and secure our fathers murderers, and then perhaps have chough to rejoin mother and Lily. How much do you think it may amount to-perhaps some few thousand dollars?"

"It is always difficult to get correct figures from Indians," answered Arthur, quietly; "but as far as I could, from repeated conversations. make out, it was five million dollars."

Rob started from his seat in amazement. "And you have kept all this to yourself, old chap?" exclaimed he. "Well, you are as close as wax. I should have blabbed it out direc:

ly." "It was no good," replied his brother, "Father mistrusted Indians, and would never have let us start on the search; so I determined to bide my time. Will you come with no, and search for the treasure? The quest may be long and dangerous, but something tells me that we shall be successful in the end."

"Will I come? aye, with heart and soul; but had we not better take Indian Joe Into our confidence? He is stannel, and true, and we shall be the better for an unerring rifle like his, and surely there is enough for all "

"Yes, yes, take Joe, and let Lopes come too. Remember how he stood by us that night at the hut. As he cook part in our adversity, let him have a share in our good fortune. We will tell them all to-night, and if they agree, let us lose no time in starting."

The next morning a little party of four might have been seen descending the mountain road. Bob and Arthur led the way, well armed; Indian Joe followed, leading a mule, upon which the modest baggage of the party was securely packed; whilst Lopes, whose wound still gave him some trouble, brought up the rear, supporting himself on a long stick; then the gaunt hounds, which had aided their master in many a tough struggle with panther and Mexican tion, followed at his heels in a dignified manner; and in this guise they set our to find the treasure of the Cacique.

CHAPTER VI.

Between Two Fires.

In three days time the little party had got clear of the mountains, and had entered upon the magnificent plains which stretched for hundreds of miles to all points of the compass Some of these plains were entirely without trees, while others had large clumps of timher, generally known as "Islands."

tour travelers had encamped in one of these Islands, having determined to take a couple of days rest and at the same time secure a supply of venison, which, when dried in the sun, af fords a light, casily-carried supply of nutritious food.

The next morning Bob and Indian Joe started out at an early hour in search of ventson, leaving Arthur and Lopes to care for the camp

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After assisting in cutting a sufficient supply of wood, and bringing several buckets of water from the near-by stream. Arthur began to find time hanging heavy on his hands. Wandering aimlessly to the end of the island, he swept the horizon with a keen glance. About a quarter of a mile off was another small group of trees. and hovering about their tops he saw a cloud of small birds circling swiftly through the air, evidently in a state of great excitement.

Calling to Lopes, he asked him what the reason of the commotion was.

"Ab," he answered, shading his eyes with his hand, "the birds you see are orioles, and I expect a snake is plundering their nests, and that is what all the fuss is about."

"You think so, do you," cried Arthur; "then I'm in it." And hurrying back to the camp, he selzed a light shotgun and sped away across the plain.

Very soon he reached the clump of trees. and then he saw that Lopes' suggestion was correct. High up in the branches of one of the trees was a common black snake, some five feet long, making a raid amongst the nests of the birds, utterly regardless of the shrill cries of the afflicted parents, who even occasionally mustered up sufficient conrage to dart at the robber and strike him with their beaks.

Raising his gun, he waited until he could get a clear view of the reptile, and then down came Mr. Snake, half cut in two with a charge of number six shot. It lay writhing on the ground, and Arthur, drawing his hunting kulfe, prepared to findish it, when he heard behind him a sound, something between a cough and a grunt, which caused him to whirl rapidly in the new direction.

An appalling sight met his gaze. Not twenty yards from him stood a huge grizzly bear, looking at him with an expressive twinkle in his little, wicked-looking eyes, which certainly boded mischief.

For a moment Arthur's heart stood still. He knew sufficient of the savage character of the beast to know that, though totally unprovoked, It would not hesitate a moment to attack him. He was also aware that, notwithstanding his great speed as a runner, he stood no show in a race with the bear.

Only a single chance remained for him, and that was to take refuge in one of the trees that stood about him. The grizzly is no treeclimber; and though he might be kept a prisoner there until his friends found him, he would yet be safe from the bear's teeth and still more deadly embrace,

To plan and execute was but the work of a moment. Throwing his gun on the ground, he made a spring for the lower branches of the nearest tree, and in a few seconds was perched in the fork, eighteen feet above the ground As the bear saw his prey escaping from him, he darted forward with a loud roar, and rising on his hind feet, fore with his claws large chunks of bark from the tree trunk.

"Better that than my skin," laughed Ar hur. as he saw that the bear's efforts to reach him were fruitless.

The voice of the boy seemed to incite the beast to increased fury. Again and again he attacked the tree, as though he would tear it down; then, finding his efforts all in vain, he trotted to where the gun was lying on the ground and began to wreak his vengeance upon it. As he was tossing it about, the remaining loaded barrel exploded, without, however, doing him any injury. This seemed rather to as tonish him, and leaving the gun where it had dropped, he returned to the tree.

Finding that he could not take the fortress by assault, he seemed to decide upon changing the assault into a slege, and, lying calmly down at the foot of the tree, kept one savage eyfixed upon his prisoner, as though determined that he should not escape,

"Ha, hall" eried Arthur; "that is your game. is it? I'll just see if I can't make you move out of that!" And, crayling carefully a one the branch upon which he had taken refuge. he cut off a stout staff some eight feet long. to which he fastened his lainting knife by the aid of his leather belt. Then, descending a branch or two, he, with his improvised lance, made a jab at the bear's back with such good effect that the blade came back crimsoned with blood. Up jumped the bear, and made such a leap at his adversary that had he not sprang upwards with the agility of a cat those crue' claws would have torn him to the ground. As it was, his newly-formed weapon dropped from his grasp, and he remained totally unarmed. 🗻

"Nasty brute!" said Arthur: "who would have thought that he could have been so quick? Well, if I am to stay here I may as well look out for a comfortable spot where I can rest my back and have a snooze in safety. At any rate, it is lucky that I've had a good breakfast,"

With this determination he began his search through the leafy bower by which he was surrounded, when suddenly his eyes caught sight of something which froze his blood with terror. Not ten feet above him, erouched as if in the act of springling, with its green, glassy eyes glaring into his, and its sharp white teeth all displayed in a malicious grin, was a cougar, the flercest of the panther tribe in Mexico.

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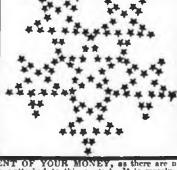
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Since that now famous May 1, 1898, when Commodore Dewey shattered the Spanish empire in the east, the reporter has been busy looking up his " Salad days," and the little anecdotes related below are the result:

Of characteristic stories of Dewey many are preserved in the mental archives of those who were his companions in the boxish escapades of which he was the instigator, and in which he always played a prominent part. An incident in his earliest boyhood, graphically portrayed by one of these, brings vividly be fore us a delightful tragicomedy, with the drameitis personae and strange setting of front yard and vine-clad cottage.

As George and his chum were at play one morning a lady, with the indubitable tooth ache symptoms of swollen face and hand pressed to cheek, alighted from a vehicle before the gate and asked to see the doctor, George's father. Deciding to apply the only Infallible remedy and wishing to get the best light upon his patient, that gentleman asked that she should take her seat in the front door way, resting her feet on the upper step. But here a new difficulty arose. The improvised dental chair provided no support for the head. and seminoning the little visitor, the operator directed him to stand behind her, put his hands on either side of her face, and let her brace herself against his shoulder.

"I did as I was told," continued the narrafor, "but at the first twist of the old-fashioned turnkey the patient attered a yell winch, never having heard an Indian war-hoop, thrilled me with horror, and deserting my post I fled in dismay. In an instant George was in my place, and I can see now the set look of determination upon his face and the resolute pose of his sturdy little figure as with the lady's head pillowed upon his breast he grasped an ear firmly with either small hand.

"When the tooth was out and we were again alone he endeavored to convince me that a 'woman's screams couldn't hurt,' but I had my own opinion on the subject, which logic falled to alter."

On another occasion, when the two boys had come into possission of a bottle of maple sirup. they agreed to go to the schoolhouse, where a fire still burned in the stove, and "sugar it."

Upon their arrival they happened to try the door leading to an upper room, and finding it fast, although there was no lock upon it, they concluded that it was being held by some in truder, who, intent upon mischief, had concealed himself within. They called several times, and receiving no answer retired to a convenient distance and held a council of war.

when George, as tacitly acknowledged organizer, decided that they would get into the upper window by climbing upon a shed roof and dislodge the enemy.

"You get a club from the woodpile," he said, "and I"-unclasping it and slipping it into the breast pocket of his little spencer-"will take my knife. Let me go first, and if there are two of them you can club one while I finish the other."

"All this was as real to us then," said my informant, "as was the battle of Manila afterward to him. We made our way stealthily to the upper window, opening it with the utmost caution, lest our prey, apprised of our approach, should escape us, but entering the room there was not a creature to be seen. On examining the door we found that the fire shovel had fallen against it in such a way as to prevent its being opened from the outside. and the mystery being thus solved, we descended the stairway and set about our sirup

Another adventure in which the danger was by no means imaginary threatened a more serlous termination, and might have reversed the victory at Manila.

There was a pile of logs in the back yard at the Deweys, and the doctor having a professional call likely to detain him all day. George procured a half-filled powder-horn and calling his young companions together, invited them to unite with him in a self-appointed celchration. Having bored a hole in one of the logs and filled it with powder, they arranged a fuse, inserted a plug, and retired to a safe distance to await results.

The plug was not driven in with sufficient force, however, and was blown out without making the desired report. Running forward with one impulse the boys would have recharged, but George, waving them back, exclaimed: "One man's life is enough at a time,"and going to the log was proceeding to pour in more powder, when it exploded directly in his face.

With eyes fast shut he made straight for the rain tub and plunging his 'ead in shook it violently about.

When he raised it, with hair all singed and cyclicows and lashes all gone, be presented a strangely altered appearance, bu, there was not a quiver in the small, powder burned face as, turning to his companions, he asked:

"Does It show much?" The least candid of them was obliged to admit that it did, but George, still sanguine of escaping detection, hoped that "after it stopped smarting it would look better."

When the doctor returned from his distant call that evening, however, he found a patient awaiting him at home, and in the quiet seelusion of the two or three days following the adventure, the future admiral had leisure in which to concoet new plans for the entertainment of himself and his young friends.

During the Mexican war he was an ardent worshiper at the shrine of Gen. Taylor, who "licked the enemy every time."

He never tired of looking at a picture of him which hung in his own home, and when the boys, eatehing the military spirit which pervailed the air, fought sham battles he always insisted upon impersonating "Old Zack." assigning the part of Santa Ana to some one else, an appointment of characters sometimes resulting in mutiny

One of the younger set, then a "6-year-old," and not allowed to go with the big boys, recails the fascination which his society had for him, and the hair-erecting stories of the yellow-back variety with which he sometimes regaled him. On a certain memorable evening the smaller boy, stealing away from home at dusk, joined young Dewey and two of his associates and accompanied them up a deep ravit to an old-fashioned sawmill, which they set in motion, the double object thus accomplished being the seeing of "the old thing shake itself to pieces" and the securing of a day's holiday for their friend, the miller's son, by the suspension of operations consequent upon draining the pond.

The immense amount of snow which falls in the mountains and valleys of New England and the large deposits of ice which form in its rivers make the breaking up of winter in that far northern climate a period to which every boy endowed with a spirit of adventure looks eagerly forward.

Two small rivers, the Winoski and the Onion, come together in Montpeller in such a way as to form the letter T., and around this letter the town is built. In the spring, when these streams are swollen by the melting snows and pieces of ice are hurried along by the current, the boy who gets upon the smallest "cake" which will bear his weight-standing often in water four or five inches deep-and succeeds in effecting a landing upon the mass of pulverized ice, interspersed with huge endwise and criss-cross blocks, which lodges six miles below, becomes the hero of the hour.

On such occasions young Dewey was in his element, leading the way in every daring enterprise and acquiring that hardihood and utter disregard of danger of which the victory of Manila was the glorious outcome. It was while guiding his ice raft past bridges and piers, over cross-currents formed by the influx of lesser tributaries and around quick bends in the river that he learned his first lessons in the science of navigation.

"What man has done man can do," was the motto which formed the propelling power of his young life, carrying him through every boyish undertaking. Who knows but that it may have inspired his later achievements as well?

Of his experience at the Washington county grammar school in Montpeller, the first educational institution which he attended, much has already been written. Its pupils, taught by first one teacher and then another, had acquired the reputation of being rather difficult subjects, and Dewey is said to have taken an active part in the initiatory bazing to which each new privcipal was subjected, and to have been the ringleader in the revolts which marked the remainder of his connection with

When the Hon, Zebina K. Panghorn, exmayor of Jersey City, and now the editor and proprietor of the Jersey City Evening Journal, consented to take charge of these refractory young people at a salary f \$6.25 a week, it was with the determination to establish a system of discipline among them to which they were strangers. Dewey, being the first to rebel, was made an example of.

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CHAPTER L

"Well, I wonder what they'd say to all this in New York? It would make some of the boys stare a blt. I guess!"

So spoke Fred Lawrence, as he strolled around his father's coffee plantation in the Island of Luzon, at sunrise on a glorious summer morning, having finished his "first breakfast" of tea, bread and butter, and bananas at racing speed, in order to leave plenty of time for his early walk.

And well might be say so. Although three years had passed since he and his father came to live in the Philippine Islands, everything in the great tropical island was so perfectly new, and so utcerly unlike anything he had ever seen in America that it seemed impossible that he should ever grow tired of them. The long, low, one storied house in which he lived, with its overhanging white roof and shady piazza, just like a picture in one of those books of travel which he used to read so eagerly in the long winter evenings at home: the splendid flowers that filled the garden, and the magnificent palm-trees of the surrounding forest; the rivers with real live crocodiles in them, and the jungles with their black panthers and glittering green snakes; the tail, gaunt, fierce-eyed natives, with their hare, brown limbs, scanty white dresses, and euriously curved daggers-all these were a source of never ending delight to our hero, or in his own expressive phrase, "better than being at a circus all day long."

Having reached the border of the plantation, Fred found himself just at the entrance of one of those narrow, winding paths, barely wide enough for two men abreast, which the nat ves had backed with axe and full-hook through the bristling mass of dark pungle that stood up like a wall on every side of the cleared ground.

Here he paused, not from fatigue-for he could have gone tramplag on for another hour without feeling it in the least, but because he was not quite sure whether to turn down the path or not. At that early hour, the vast be wildike leaves of the tropical plants would be brim-full of dew, and would drench him at every step like a shower bath, not to mention the risk of being mortally bitten by one of the deadly snakes with which these gloomy thick-, ers were literally creeping.

He was still hestitating, when he suddenly caught sight of an old man in eastern dress (with a bamboo yoke over his right shoulder, to either end of which was hung a small basket) coming slowly along the jung comin to

At first sight there was nothing remarkable about the newcomer, except that by his dress and features he seemed to be a Hindu. But as he came nearer even the unimpressionable Fred was struck with the dignity of his look and bearing, which contrasted very strongly with his soiled and tattered clothes. Through the heart of that perilous jungle he strode onward with firm step and haughty mien, seeming to feel confident that neither snake nor panther would ever dare to harm him.

All at once the stranger was seen to stop short with a sudden start, to stagger for a moment, and then to fall full length upon the

Bitten by a snake," thought our here, as he darted toward the fallen man; but he soon saw that he was mistaken, for the stream of blood that was flowing from the Hindoo's bare feet could never have Issued from the pin-like prick of a serpent's fang.

"Luka-kah angkow?" (are you wounded) asked Fred in Malay, which he already spoke as thuently as English.

"Turi" (a thorn), answered the stranger in the same language.

Fred steeped down and saw that a huge thorn had pierced the fleshy part of the foot through and through, burying itself up to the

"I can get it out with my knife," said he, "but it will hart you pretty badly. Can you stand the pain?"

The old man replied only by a distainful smile; and, In fact, though the cutting of the skin and drawing out of the thorn must have caused him acute pain in spite of Fred's careful bandling, the sufferer never uttered a sound, or moved a muscle of his dark, stern

"What a tough old Turk he must be," thought the boy, looking admiringly at his patient; "if ir had been me, Ud have yelled like an in-

And then, seeing that the wounded foot was still bleeding freely. Fred pulled out his own pocket handkerellef and began to the up the hart with it, while the Hindu watched him wonderingly

"Who are thou?" he asked, "why carest thou for a wandering beggar? Truly thou art the first Feringhee (white man) who has shown me kindness since I came hither. How do men call thee?"

Our hero told his name and that of his father, and (the bandaging being now completed) stretched out his hand to help the man up. But the latter drew back quickly, as if to avoid his touch

"Beware!" he cried, "for she knows thee not yet; but she shall know thee henceforth. Samp-ka-Rance" (Queen of Serpents) "come forth, and greet thy master's frieud!"

And instantly, to the boy's amazement and horror, there came wriggling out from under the old man's white tunic-coil after coil, as If it would never end-a black and white snake at least six feet long, which he recognized at once at the "Hooded Naga," or cobradi-capello, the deadliest serpent in all India.

"Queen of Serpents," said the Hindu, "thou seest this youth. He is my friend, and my friends are thine." $\buildrel \sim$

The cobra (which seemed to understand him perfectly) answered with a low, rippling hiss. and laid its broad flat head on the arm of the startled boy, who submitted to this strange caress with a very bad grace-for, brave as he was, he had a mortal horror of snakes.

"I shall not forget thee," said the Hindu. "and if ever thou hast need of a friend, remember Lal Singh, the Serpent Charmer."

With these words-which he uttered as grandly as any king offering protection to a peasantthe old man vanished into the gloomy thickets, leaving Fred Lawrence staring after him as if he had seen a ghost.

CHAPTER II.

"Fred," said our hero's father, one morning about three months after the adventure with the serpent-charmer, as he and his son sat at breakfast in the piazza. "I'm going to ask you not to go beyond the bounds of the plantation after this, when you start for a walk by yourself, for that rascal Datch Noongal, the brigand chief, not content with robbing the natives, has taken to kidnapping white people

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But he was suddenly and terribly undeceived. Just as he reached the prostrate man the latter sprang up like a tiger and clutched him in an iron grasp, shouting as he did so:

"Caught at last! Come forth, comrades, and bind the prisoner of Datoh Noongal!"

At that terrible name poor Fred saw at once. though too late, the treachery practiced against him, and guessed that his captor was the renowned brigand himself. But before the three ruffians who broke from the thicket at their leader's call could reach the spot, a stern voice from behind cried, "Forbear!"

All started and turned around, and there. looking sternly at them, was Lal Singh, the serpent charmer.

The robbers evidently knew him, and for a moment these four strong and well armed rufflans stood trembling before a defenceless old man, scared at the thought of having offended one who could let loose upon them a host of poisonous serpents whenever he pleased. But at length Datoh Noongal himself, perceiving that the two baskets in which the Hindu usually earried his snakes were nowhere to be seen, and that the latter was thus left without his only weapon, plucked up courage and cried

"Art thou a king, that thou bidst us for bear? Begone, fool, and dare not to disturb the lords of the jungle; but rather be thankful that thou art too old and too useless to be worth making prisoner. Begone, I say, and trouble us not!"

"This youth is my friend, and none shall harm him," said the old man, as calmly as ever, but with an omnious gleam in his keen black eyes. "Let him go free this instant, as I bid thee, or, if not-

"Or if not," echoed the brigand, defiantly, "what then?"

"The fate which thou hast so long deserved shall overtake thee in a moment."

"COME FORTH AND GREET THY MASTER'S FRIEND."

and holding them to ransom, and I hear that he has been seen in this very jungle only a day or two ago."

Fred Lawrence's eyes sparkled. He had already seen almost every wonder of the tropics. -wild beasts, sharks, cyclones, floods, junglefires, snakes, and what not-and now the only one that he had not seen (viz., a band of real live robbers) seemed to be coming of its own accord to his very door. What luck!

But his father's next words made him look grave enough.

"I know you're not afraid of any ordinary danger, my boy, and I'm very glad of it, but when it's a question of being tortured, or havlug your ears and nose cut off (as these fellows have done again and again, to squeeze money out of their prisoners), why, then, there's no sense in running unnecessary risks."

Fred thought so, too, and for the next three days he took care to keep well within the cleared ground, at a safe distance from the encircling jungle. And it was well for him that he did so, for, though he knew it not, all his movements were closely watched by a tall, III looking Malay who was hidden in the thickets. and this Malay was no other than a brigand belonging to Datch Noongal's band,

Early on the fourth morning our hero, while strolling around the plantation without par ticularly noticing which way he was going. suddenly found himself just at the entrance of the jungle path on which he had met the mysterious serpent charmer three months before.

"Wouldn't it be queer now," he thought, "if I were to meet the old fellow again just here." At that very moment a shrill, strained ery

(as if uttered by one in mortal pain or terror) was heard from the nearest thicket. "Help! Help!"

"It is Lai Singh again, with another thorn in his foot, I wonder?" cried Fred, as darring at full speed in the direction of the sound, he caught sight of a figure in native dress lying on the ground and writhing as if in great

"And thinkst thou," said the robber, laughing scornfully, "that the babble of a crazy old man can scare me? This boy is my prisoner, and if I give him up to any man without a rich ransom, may this moment be my last!"

"Receive thy doom, then," said Lal Singh.

He uttered a strange, shrill cry, and instantly the terrible cobra-di-capello-the Queen of Serpents-issued, as before, from the folds of his white robe, and, darring like lightening upon the bullying ruffian, struck its deadly fangs into his throat. For one moment the doomed man steed as if turned to stone, without sound or movement, and then he flung up his arms convulsively and fell dead on the ground. while his three companions flew as if for their lives, making the silent jungle echo with yells

"Thou art free, young chief," said Lai Singh, turning to the boy. "Go back to thy father in peace, and remember that he who shows mercy shall receive it."

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Some Pointers for Beginners.

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Most people have some particular hobby. It may be the formation of a gallery of pictures or a collection of old china or old coins to which they devote their spare time and money; but pictures and pottery take up a good deal of room, and are more or less expensive, so that large collections can only be made by the wealthy. Within the last fifty years, however, postage stamps have come into use, and as a not unnatural consequence there has arisen a fancy for making collections of them. This new hobby has certainly many advantages which ought to recommend it to popular favor. In the first place, stamps occupy but very little space compared even with coins, so that a large and valuable collection might be con tained in a moderate sized album. Moreover, many stamps may be obtained at a price which places them within the reach of those who cannot afford to spend more than a few cents at a time.

Perhaps questions of portability and cheapness are those which cause the majority of schoolboys to become more or less ardent philatelists during some period of their schooldays, and we often have seen very interesting and fairly representative collections of stamps which have been made by them at a trifling outlay.

Philately, as stamp collecting is called, must not, however, be looked upon as a mere schoolboy's amusement, nor must it be thought that the value of all old stamps is small. On the contrary, many philatelists value their collections at amounts which to the uninitiated would appear almost incredible. A few years ago a collection was sold for \$40,000, and some are said to be worth much more than that amount.

Most of the older stamps, which are no longer used, having been superseded by new kinds. are every year becoming rarer, so that some which can now be obtained for 50 to 75 cents may in a few years be worth as many dollars.

It has been urged by some of its advocates that stamp-collecting greatly assists one in acquiring a knowledge of geography, and that for this reason, if for none other, it deserves support.

The necessity of closely examining each stamp to detect any difference in water-mark, paper, perforation, or method of printing, and any slight variations in design or shade of colour, is excellent training for the eye, and causes one to acquire the habit of searching for and observing small details which might escape the notice of ordinary persons.

The beginner invariably takes anything which may come to hand, but the advanced collector more often devotes his attention to one particular branch of philately. Stamps may be primarily divided into two kinds, postage and revenue, and these, again, are capable of subdivision. Thus we have adhesive stamps, envelopes and postal cards. But of course it is for the collector himself to decide what he shall gather together.

In the first place, the philatelist requires an album in which to keep his specimens, and books made especially for this purpose may be obtained; but we should not advise the purchase of an expensive one to commence with,

Most of the cheaper kinds have their pages ruled into squares of equal size, but such books, although they answer very well for beginners, are of little use for holding large collections.

Many of the larger albums contain catalogues of stamps, and have their pages divided into numbered spaces, the numbers corresponding with those of the catalogue, and each space being the size and shape of the stamp which is to be inserted in it. These albums are very convenient, saving, as they do, much time and trouble in the arrangement of stamps; but, on the other hand, they have one great drawback. for they leave the philatelist no option as to what he must or must not collect. Besides, It frequently happens that there is no room for the insertion of newly-issued stamps, although this is of less consequence, as several of the better-class albums of this description have supplements to them published from time to time as occasion may require.

Advanced collectors, and those who do not wish to be restricted in any way, either in what they choose to collect or in the arrangement of their specimens, will be doubt find albums with blank pages most suitable for their

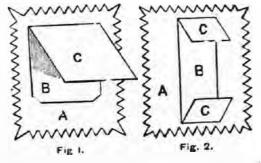
In order to know what stamps have been issued by each country, a catalogue is indispensable.

The young collector with a small album will probably flud it of little use attempting any complicated arrangement of his stamps beyond classifying them according to the countries by which they were issued; and, before buying a large album for the permanent reception of his collection, he had better wait until the latter has attained goodly proportions and he has ac-

quired a sound knowledge of philately.

We will assume, however, that be has already a moderately large collection, which he is abount to mount in a systematic manner.

The stamps comprising each set should be arranged, according to their facial value, from the lowest to the highest; and the sets should be inserted in the chronological order in which they were issued. Moreover, it is advisable to keep the various issues quite distinct, and not place two different sets in the same row. Of course, a large set may occupy several rows across the page; otherwise, even if one con-



tains but two or three stamps, it is as well perhaps, to give it a line to itself.

Many collectors content themselves by inserting in their albums only one stamp of each distinct kind, but some collect also any specimens which may show a variation from the usual color, or which may possess a different watermark. When the latter course is pursued it will, perhaps, be found most convenient to arrange the sets sufficiently wide apart to allow an additional row to be inserted between them. Each variety can then be placed imme diately beneath the stamp from which it differs.

Postal cards and envelopes, if inserted in an album with adhesive stamps, should be placed after the latter and not mixed with them indiscriminately. Where possible, however, it is a better plan to keep them in a separate book. as they occupy a good deal of space if inserted entire, and cutting them detracts considerably from their value. When entire postal cards or envelopes are kept in an album devoted exclusively to their reception, much space may be saved by mounting them on paper hinges in such a way that one partially overlaps another, Further on we will fully describe this method of mounting by paper binges when dealing with that subject.

Having decided what to collect, and become possessed of an album, the next step is to stick the stamps into the latter, and this operation simple as it may appear, is one in which the young collector stands in much need of advice.

To begin with, any pieces of paper adhering to the backs of the stamps must not be forn off, but should be carefully removed, and this Is best effected by floating them, face upwards. in water, until the paper can be easily peeled away from them. Care should always be taken that the face of the stamp does not get wet, for, although many kinds may be plunged into water without injury, some, such as those of Hussia, are printed in 'nk that will readily wash off.

When all pieces of paper have been removed and the stamps are quite day, they are ready to be mounted in the album, and the best method of doing this is by what is known as the hinge system (Fig. 1). A strip of thin paper. B Cabout an luch long, and rather narrower than the stamp, A, has half its length gummed to the latter, and the other half. C. folded back and gummed to the album, thus forming a hinge. The great advantage of this method is that the stamps can be easily removed from the album without the slightest injury to the latter or to themselves; moreover, those collectors who are interested in watermarks can easily examine them without detaching the stamps. Thin pieces of paper for mounting in this way, ready gummed and cut to the proper size, may be obtained from most of the large stamp dealers.

In Fig. 2 is shown another method of mounting stamps, which, if preferred, may be adopted by those collectors who do not take notice of watermarks, and therefore have no necessity for examining the backs of their stamps. The strip of paper in this case may be narrower than when used as a hinge, but it should be rather longer. The centre, B. Is gummed to the stamp, and the two ends, C C, to the al-

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If he remained in the tree he would certainly fall a victim to the congar; whilst if he made an effort to escape by descending there was Master Bruin, eager and willing to make a

The position was a difficult one, and little time was given him to think what was best to be done. The tail of the congar was slowly lashing its dark red flanks, the eyes were glar ing with a deeper and more baleful fire, and at last, as though it was worked up to a pitch of frenzy, it gave a savage snart, and made a spring straight for the shrinking body of the

(To be continued.)

A Flourishing Lodge.

The Coming Men of America, a society or organization of young Chardon boys, has been meetings for several months in rooms in the Court House. Occasionally a new member is initiated into the secret mysteries of the order and given a ride on the "goat." On several. occasions of this kind it has been evident to those who perchance were strolling on the walk in the vicinity of the lodge headquarters that the long-whiskered animal was apparently having things his own way, a quick reception being given this opinion from the noise. The bleat of the goat, as he took a header at some unfortunate victim, followed by the sound of a heavy fall, and then an ominous pause, has caused outsiders to speculate upon the mode of receiving new candidates into the order for some time past. But all lodges have their

Not long since the executive committee of the C. M. A. made a rule to suspend all memhers who were known to use tobacco or intoxicating beverages. This speaks well for the or der, and we hope that it will not be necessary to expel any of its members for indulging in either of the pernicious habits. The coming men of America are the young men of today who avoid all bad habits and make the fullest use of their time and its many opportunities .-From The Record, Chardon, O.

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Correspondence Column.

The following members of the C. M. A. are desirous of opening correspondence with members in other localities. They also stand ready and willing to answer all letters of inquiry addressed to them by anyone not a member of the order, provided a two-cent stamp is enclosed for postage on reply. The letters from which these names and addresses are taken all of them tell the old, old story, "Glad I joined the C. M. A. Sorry I did not join sooner." "The Star is the best paper in the world for boys," etc.

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It is Reported That.

Seneca Lodge, of Woodside, L. L. has been thoroughly reorganized and, under the able direction of President Fred B. Wood, is working hard for one of the prize banners.

Oak Grove Lodge, of Rosewood, Ill., meets on Tuesday night of each week, and is progressing nicely with a membership of 12, and three applications on the waiting file. Brother Harry Nooner, the secretary, would be pleased to hear from other lodges with suggestions that will help to interest the lodge.

Pan American Lodge, of Springville, N. Y .. have recently equipped a gymnasium as an adjunct to their lodge. Secretary W. E. Waite would like to hear from members throughout the country.

The American Banner is the name of a new publication which came into existence on September 1, and is the property of Brothers John W. Carpenter and E. R. Kyger, of Kansas City, both hustling members of our order. It will prove a valuabe addition to amateur journal-

Eaton Lodge, C. M. A., was organized at Lake City, Fla., on September 20, with C. F. Eaton as president. The local papers give the lodge flattering attention in the way of notices, and we predict a successful future for them.

Olympia Lodge, of Sunset, Texas, has doubled its membership during the last three monthsa sure indication that its new officers are attending strictly to business.

Byford Lodge, of McGee, Ind. Ter., through their secretary, Gus Robinson, would like to hear from other lodges with suggestions for

ledge entertainment and amusement.

Brother Floyd Finch, of Stonypoint, Mich., would like to hear from a member of the C. M. A, with whom he exchanged greetings at the County Fair at Hilsdale, Mich., on Oct. 5.

Keystone Lodge, of Warren, Pa., hold their weekly meetings in the Court House, and pub-Ilsh a lodge paper called the "Keystone Weekly Star." Secretary R. E. Knapp would like to hear from the secretaries of other lodges.

Admiral Dewey Lodge, of Neenah, Ark., has an enrolled membership at the present writing of 22. This speaks well for the energy of the charter members,

Artesian City Lodge, of Cook, Neb., organized in January, now has a membership of 17. This is very good for a town with a population of only three hundred.

The C. M. A. department of "Sparkling Genes," the amateur journal of Klondike, Ga., which is edited by Brother Wm. A. Ford, of Lithonia, Ga., will, from present indications, soon absorb the entire paper. This is merely another indication of the interest which the bright young men of the South are taking in the C. M. A.

C. M. A. Portrait Gallery.

The Grand Secretary of the Coming Men of America is pleased to present in this issue the pictures of a number of bright C. M. A. members, gathered together from all parts of the country. In addition to being thoroughly enthusiastic and hustling members, ready and willing at all times to say a good word for the order to outsiders, they would also be pleased to start correspondence with members of the C. M. A. in other localities.

Numbered to correspond with the number on each picture, we find here the pictures of:

- 1 John McPhail, Jr., Adrian, Mich.
- 2. W. H. Lewis, Tazewell, Tenn.
- 3. Oliver Beardslee, Berkeley, Cal. 4. Edmund P. Kramer, Carson City, Nevada.

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Albion, Wis., Oct. 17, 1899.

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Lewis T. Lein, O. T. N.

In Memoriam.

The Grand Secretary of the C. M. A. is pained to have to announce the death of five of its brightest and best members:

Oscar Vick, Grafton, N. D., Sept. -, 1899 Fred. Peterson, Lake Creek, Ill., Oct. 12. 1899.

Cliff Hayden, Wickilffe, Ky., May -, 1899 Webster H. Sargent, Minturn, Colo., Sept. 23,

Harry Neely, Wickliffe, Ky., Sept. 8, 1899, On behalf of the Grand Lodge, as well as the entire order at large, the Grand Secretary extends sincerest sympathy to the parents, relatives and immediate friends of the departed brothers.

Probably True.

In his book, "Figures of the Past," Josiah Quincy tells of a journey that he made in stage-coach days-away back in 1826 from Boston to Washington, with Justice Story of the Federal supreme court. The justice was telling of the routine of the court's Washing ton social life. "We dine," he said, "once a year with the president and that is all On other days we take our dinner together and discuss at table the questions which are argued before us. We are great ascetics and even deny ourselves wine except in wet weather." Here the judge paused as if think ing the act of mortification he had mentioned placed too severe a tax upon human credulity and presently added: "What I say about the wine, sir, gives you our rule, but it does sometimes happen that the chief justice will say to

me, when the cloth is removed: 'Brother Story, step to the window and see if it does not look like rain.' And if I tell him the sun is shining brightly Judge Marshall will sometimes reply: 'All the better; for our jurisdiction extends over so large a territory that the doctrine of chances makes it certain that it must be raining somewhere."



The Grand Secretary of the C. M. A. will present ten prize banners to the ten lodges showing greatest gain in membership during the year 1899, subject to the following condi-

- 1. It takes at least six members to form a lodge, therefore each lodge is credited with gain only over and above this number.
- 2. Each new member received must be in good standing from the day he joins up to Dec. 31, 1890, in order to give the lodge credit for his membership.
- 3. Five banners will go to the five lodges showing greatest gain over all other lodges in the order, regardless as to size of town.
- 5. Five banners will be awarded to the five lodges making greatest gain in member ship in proportion to population of the towns in which they are located. The classification renders the award impartial, and a lodge to Podunk has as good a show as one in New York City.

One of our lodges is located in a small town In a southern state. It is a very small town, but a very large lodge; in fact, one of the largest in the entire order. This lodge has secured a banner for several years in succession, in this contest, and yet they say they are going in for another this year.

If they can, with the limited population in their vicinity, find sufficient young men to work among each year to produce this result. there is nothing to prevent any lodge in any locality from doing equally well. Our south ern friends are everlastingly on the bustle. They get their reward. The reward awaits you if you hustle.

The following new lodges of the C. M. A. have been organized since the October issue of the Star went to press:

Center Hill Lodge, No. 1248, at Bellton, Pa., Sept. 21, 1899.-Germanis Lodge, No. 1249, at Malcolm, Neb., Sept. 21.—Star Lodge, No. 1250. at Elk River, Minn., Sept. 21.-Prairie Rose Lodge, No. 1251, at Johnstown, N. Dak., Sept. 21.-Keystone Lodge, No. 1252, at Warren, Pa. Sept. 25 .- Cyclone Lodge, No. 1253, at New Maysville, Ind., Sept. 25,-Rock River Lodge, No. 1254, at Woodstock, Minn., Sept. 25 -Eaton Lodge, No. 1255, at Lake City, Fla., Sept. 27.—R. E. Lee Lodge, No. 1256, at McRae, Ga., Sept. 27.-Spring Valley Lodge, No. 1257, at Spring Valley, Wis., Sept. 27 - Violet Lodge. No. 1258, at Charleston, S. C., Sept. 29 -Spread Eagle Lodge, No. 1250, at Elvins, Mo., Oct. 2,--Mountain Home Lodge, No. 1200, at Sewell, W. Va., Oct. 7. Dewey Lodge, No. 1261, at Rookwalter, Ohio, Oct. 7.—Missouri Star Lodge, No. 1262, at Watson, Mo., Oct. 7.—Scandinavian Lodge, No. 1263, at Gowen, Mich., Oct. 7 -Bland Star Lodge, No. 1264, at Bland, N. Mex., Oct. 11.-Plat Creek Lodge, No. 1265, at Nash, La., Oct. 11. True Blue Lodge, No. 1266. at South Bend, Ind. Oct. 11 -McBee Lodge. No. 1267, at M. Bee, As Oct. 11 -Hustler Lodge, at Advance, Ind., Oct. 11 -Alpha Omega-Lodge, No. 1268 at Advance, Ind., Oct. 11-Alpha Omega Lodge, No. 1269, at San Franejsco, Cal., Oct. 17 - Sjony Lodge, No. 1270, at Valley Springs, S. D., Oct. 17 - Crystal Lodge, No. 1271, at Smyrna, MI h Oct 129 (1) k Grove Lodge, No. 1272, at Rolvai, Toxas, Oct. 19 - Claryville Lodge No. 1273, at Claryville, Mo., Oct. 19.

Every bright American youth should be a member of the C. M. A. Particulars on last page of The Star.

The Puzzle Column

Three valuable prizes will be given for the first three most correct and neatest solutions of the puzzles contained in this column.

In order to compete, you must be a paid in-advance subscriber to " The Star."

The correct answers to fuzzles in this issue will be printed next month. The prize winners' names well be printed the month following

All competing answers must be in the hands of the Puzzle Editor not later than the first of next month.

Our friends are invited to submit new and unique puzzles. Obsolete words should be avoided if possible. Address all communications in repard to tuzzles to Puzzle Editor, THE STAR, Star Block, Oak Park, Illinois.

Ancient History of Puzzles.

The ancients believed that the monster Sphynx was the inventor of riddles. The one she proposed for solution is this: "What animal is that which goes upon four legs in the morning, upon two at noon and upon three at night?" Many persons strove to explain it, but failed and were corn to pieces by her. At length OEdipus solved it by saying that the animal was a man, who, in infancy, or in the morning of his life, creeps upon his hands and feet, and so goes upon all fours; in the noon of his life walks on two feet, and in the night of old age requires a stick and so totters upon three legs.

In this issue the Puzzle Editor presents a number of puzzles which he feels sure Starreaders will have no difficulty in working out if they will only persevere.

If you are not a subscriber, and want to compete, take advantage of any one of our numerous premium offers, and thereby secure a year's subscription to The Star and a handsome premium for less than the wholesale cost of the premium alone. A premium list free upon request, if you are interested.

1.-A CHARADE.

Bright seed in first, will often last: Whole, often causes trouble vast.

2.=A WORD SQUARE,

A town in which a great battle was fought. An earth with very many values fraught. What people do whene'er reason has fled; Two of the features placed within man's head.

3.-A LOGOGRIPH.

Whole, I am transparent; behead me. I am a gri; behead me again, and I am an animal

4.-DOUBLE CENTRAL DELETION. On many steamers, whole, you'll view; Delete, and it is in them, too.

-5.-

I am a word of twelve letters. My 7, 8, 9, is an animal. My 9, 8, 2, is a license. My 9, 7. 3 5. is a snare. My 12. 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1s a kingdom, and my whole means aggravation.

6.-DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A consonant. Not cold. A pointed weapon To go before. A county in England. To disagree. The language of Ameient Rome. To supplicate. A consonant. The centers when read down and across give the name of a famous sauce for meats.

Answers to October Puzzles.

-1.-Tobacca CARP AGEE RUDE PEER _2 __ Coulsin Coin Cotusiin. Settlier. -6-Tri-Umph-Ant. Triumphant.

The alligies in the Suptember Issue were evidurily too hard for our readers, so we are getting some that are a little easier, and the six

above should be readily solved. In consequence of no complete correct lists of September puzzles having been received, the Puzzle Editor cannot award the three prizes, but hopes that our readers will meet with better success with this new lot.

A good way to master "Puzzledom" is to take, for instance, the October issue of The Star and study the puzzles there; then compare them with the correct answers printed in this issue. This will give you an idea of "how

Young, Titled and Rich.

There are about a dozen young boys in England to-day who are destined to be infilionaires when they grow up. Most of them have titles.

The most youthful millionaire-in-prospect is a youngster who has lately reached the ripe age of 6 years. He has four baptismal names and a pet name, but his official title is the marquis of Titelsfield. He is the eldest son of the dake of Portland, and, If he lives long enough and successfully defends his title against Mrs. Druce's nominee, he will one day own properly worth certainly not less than \$20,000,000

None of the tising millionaires are quite so youthful as the marquis of Titchfield. In fact, he is the only mirionaire who can truthfully be described as a baby, though many of the others are of very tender years. The nearest in point of ago to the duke of Portland's heir is the auke of Sutherland's class boy, the 10year-old marquis of Stafford. As regards mere acreage, his inheritance is infinitely more extensive than that of the marquis of Titchfield; but, unluckily for him, these acres are not in London. They lie for the most part in Suther-Jand. Shoopsair), and the agricultural districts of Staffordshire

A few months ago the duke of Westminster indignantly denied in the columns of a Lancashire daily paper the truth of a paragraph to the effect that his income was \$4,000,000 a year and that at Eton he was known as "Jack Shepard," owing to his closely cropped hair. The duke threw a little light in his letter on his wealth. He rebelled at being assessed at \$4,000,000 a year, but he gave it to be understood that if any one put his income down at \$2,000,000 he would be well within the truth. To the man in the street his grace's disclaimer seems a distinction without a difference. For the purpose of purchasing the good things of ordinary existence \$2,000,000 is as effective as \$4,000,000 and either income is sufficent to make the duke's heir one of the luckiest men in the world. This personage is only 20 years of age. Hugh Richard Arthur Grosvenor, commonly known as Viscount Belgrace, was a boy at I ton till the other day. He is the eldest son of the duke's eldest son, Earl Grosvenor, who died seven or eight years ago

No article on "Boy Millionaires" would be complete without some reference to the infant marquis of Blandford. This young gentleman is the son of the duke of Marlborough. In the strictest sense he may not be destined to be a millionaire en his father's side, but in addition to what he will succeed to on his father's death he will inherit most of his mother's fortune.

Peary's Next Dash for the Pole.

Lieutenant Peary, who, as recently reported, is now encamped on North Greenland, has always had a theory that if proper precautions are taken and proper clothing is worn there is othing to be feared from the extreme cold of the far north. His own recent experience, however, shows that he was mistaken. After exerting himself to the point of exhaustion he was caught on an ice flor, far from his camp. and was obliged to spend the idebt under a temperary shelter. As a result, his feet werso severely frest bitten that seven toes were In spire of this accident he bus amputated determined to stay in the arctic and will start carly in Vebruary on a dash to the pile by dog sledge. In the effort he will be assisted by an entire tribe of arctic highlanders. Many explacers believe that he has better chances of reaching his goal than any of his producessors.

Transvaal Mining Stocks.

Out of thirty of the more prominent gold mining companies in the Transvaal, not one pays less than 15 per cent on its capital stock, and only two less than 20 per cent. Eight of the companies actually pay from 100 to 300 per cent in dividends animally, while one, the Johannesburg Pioneur, pays 675 per cent. In 1896 the total paid in dividends by Transvaal gold mines was \$7,450,000, while in 1898 it reached the enormous figure of \$24,450,400.

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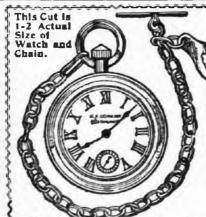
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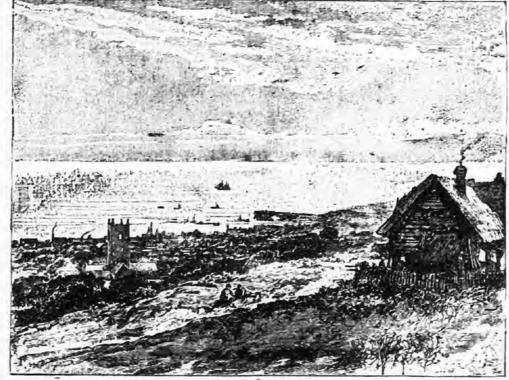
On my arrival at Paris in the autumn of 1799, with dispatches from Admiral Sercey, 1 was instructed by M. Barras, of the Directory. with a mission to proceed to Leghorn, for the purpose of purchasing provisions and ammunition for the army then operating under General Bonaparte in Egypt. For this mission I had the qualifications of familiarity with the Italian language derived from my mother who was a Neapolltan by birth, and resided in that city. My mission was one of considerable difficulty, as, though Leghorn was a free port an i the resort of ships from the Levant and the chief ports of Europe and Africa, owing to the British fleet blockading the ports of the Mediterranean, the captains and owners of neutral merchant ships could only be induced by the offer of large premiums to undertake the transportation of military supplies to Egypt.

One evening when returning in a carriage from the house of one of the wealthlest merchauts in Leghorn, who resided in the suburbs of the city, I was attracted by the sight of a mobat the side of a deep ditch. I directed the coachn an to stop, and then found that the populace was stoning a wretched Turk or Arab. who lay at the bottom of the ditch. Seizing my pistols, I ordered the cowardly crew to desist at the peril of instant death. They fell back, one or two in the crowd, who were better inclined, assisting me to raise the poer victim of such cruelty, and in two or three min

pression of thanks with a warmth and cloquence that showed it was heart-feit, ending promise by paying his passage on board a vessel going to Algiers, and provided him with with a prayer that Allah would place it in his power to require me for playing the part of the Good Samaritan who had rescued the wayfarer who had fellen among thieves.

As time passed I shought no more of the in cident. In 1814, on the restoration of the Rour bous to the throne of France, I retired to Naples, where my nother resided, my immediate connection with the Directory, and well-known devotion to the cause of the Emperor, then a prisoner at Elba, rendering me a suspected per son in Paris. I remained quiet during the memorable "hundred days" when the great Napoleon, like a lion struggling in the meshes. strove to barst the bonds with which allied Eu rope had bound him. But I was of an radent temperament, and in 1816, when Ferdinand, the sovereign restored to the kingdom of the two Sicilies by the Holy Alliance, had roused his subjects to covert sedition by his tyranity. I joined a band of political conspirators with the view of freeing my country. The plot wadiscovered; I was arrested, tried, condemned and sentenced to death. I had influential friends and relatives in Naples, and my poor mother used every effort to procure a remission of capital sentence, but all in vain, and I was warned that there was no hope. But a woman's wit, when quickened by the love of a wifor mother, will achieve almost impossibilities: and on the eve of the day appointed for my execution, when, dressed in deep black, she vis ited me in the Castle Nuovo, ostensibly to bid me farewell, she divulged a plan she had concerted, which, with caution, she declared was easy of fulfillment.

Through the influence of Prince Canosa, the minister of police, she had obtained permis to a for the renowned Franciscan, Father Autonio. to visit me under the pretext of offering m the last consolations of religion; but she had induced an actor to assume the part, and I was



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utes I had placed him in my carriage and was driving toward the town in hot haste. He was just breathing, and when on arrival at my house I placed him under the care of a medical man, I learned that his injuries consisted of the fracture of a collar bone and three ribs. and severe wounds on his head which induce ! insensibility for some days.

When be had recovered his senses I interrogated him, and bearned that he was the mate of an Algerine brig; that he had been sent by his captain on business to the country house of a merchant as his ship sailed on the following morning, and that on his way back he had been set upon, or account of his nationality and religion, by some viliagers returning home from Leghorn. Irritated by their abuse, he retorted; when they knocked him into the ditch, and being island by other wayfarers, set to pelting him with stones, as boys do an unfortunate cat or frog. He certainly would have been killed, he added, had I not opportunely arrived; and this I can well believe, for he was so covered with mud and blood that he scargely looked like a human being when I recued blin.

The poor fellow concluded his story by be walling the sad fate which cast him without friends or money on a foreign shore, where h was subject to a repet tion of the outrage he had endured. I reassured him, promised him protection and means to return to his native land, upon which he professed his gratifulwith earnest protestations, and expressed a hope that he might be able hereafter to repay in some measure the obligation under which I had placed him.

At the end of a few weeks he had entirely recevered from his wounds, and I fulfilled my clothes and a little ready money to meet his inquediate wants. My protoge, before salling threw himself at my feet and repeated his exto do all that the pretended Father directed me, she, on her part, having made all arrangements for my safety after I had quitted the walls of the prison. Soon after she left me I heard steps along the silent corridor; the door of my cell opened, and my jailer ushered in two Franciscan monks, dressed in the carb of the Order, with long beards and sandalled feet As the door was closing, the most venerable of the pair, in a sonorous and solemn voice, desired me to kneel and make confession of all my crimes, which I immediately proceeded to

Presently, however, when he had ascertained that all chance of detection had ceased, and that there were no prying eyes to see through the imposture, my reverend father changed hivoice and hurriedly directed me to change clothes with his companion, in whom I now recognized my valet. At first I refused to permit the faithful fellow to take my place, as the government might, in their anger, condemu him to the fate from which he sough: to emancipate met but the whilem Pather Antonio reassured me by the statement that they had consulted counsel, who had given their opinion that the law only permitted a short imprisonment for the offence of impersonation Thereupon I hastily put on the dress and bear l of my valet, who got into my bed; and Father Antonio, having bidden me farewell in his as sumed voice, and promised to visit me again ? the morning, we took our departure and palse. unchallenged through the prison.

CHAPTER 5

Not many minutes elapsed before I was with my mother, who was waiting in an agony of anxiety and hope for my arrival. Hastily embracing me, she conducted me to a carriage waiting at the door, which instantly drove to a retired part of the shore, off which lay a

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large fishing boat. My mother had laid her plans admirably. As I approached the boat a man joined me, and saying that all was ready to take me to Capri, I jumped into a small dingy, and soon the fishing boat was standing off the shore, with me on board.

At 5 o'clock that morning we reached Capri. where I proceeded into an Algerine merchant vessel, which had the previous day sailed from Naples, with orders to wait for a gentleman who would join her there; a liberal sum having been paid as passage money. Soon she hoisted her sails, and I saw the last of the beautiful bay of Naples from the deck.

On my arrival at Algiers I went ashore with my luggage, including two heavy boxes, which for safety's sake were addressed to the British Consul-General; but this well-meant device brought much trouble to me, as will presently be seen, owing to the circumstance that the British Government were about to take coercive measures against Omar Pasha, the Dey, and the people whose lawless course of piracy and slave dealing could no longer be permitted to continue in the Mediterranean.

After a residence of a few days, during which I remained very quiet and did nothing to excite suspicion or to draw attention, only venturing out in the evening with some member of the family of my landlord, to my astonishment I found myself arrested as an English spy. I protested, was carried before Omar Pasha, to whom I energetically renewed my protest, but was met by the rejoinder that the circumstances of the boxes bearing the name of the British Consul-General and my retired habits were enough to condemn me, and that my denouncer was my landlord, who considered my movements most suspicious. To exculpate myself. I gave a full account of the events connected with my departure from Naples, and accounted for the inscription on my boxes as a stratagem to divert suspicion, but all was in vain.

The British fleet under Lord Exmouth was known to be advancing on Algiers; and everybody connected with the hated race was the object of detestation. I was dragged away from the presence of the Dev. who gave orders that I should be laden with chains and thrown into a dungeon; and the moment the British fleet opened fire on the town, I should be brought out and impaled alive. Such was the borrible doom that awaited rac, and in my bitterness of spirit I cursed the fortune that had released me from the power of one tyrant to fall into the more sanguinary hands of another.

CHAPTER 6.

I walked away from the presence of this monster in a sort of daze, with my eyes bent to the ground; but as my brutal guards pushed me along I looked up to remonstrate. It was near the entrance to my dungeon where I observed, by the side of a gate, a Mameluke chief staring at me with an earnest expression, different from those of the hystanders. Turning round to one of the custodians, he put a question to him concerning me; but I did not hear what was said, and the next minute I was hustled down some steps, and along several subwhat was said, and the next minute I was husteled down some steps, and along several subterranean corridors, whose damp and dismal solitude struck a chill to my heart, until I was ushered into a small cell, chained to a staple in the wall, and left to my meditations.

My life had been a scene of excitement and danger, though these had elevated rather than depressed my spirits; but I must confess when the door closed monemer and I reflected more

depressed my spirits; but I must confess when the door closed upon me, and I reflected upon the horrible fate so soon in store for me, and that for no crime or offense committed, my strength of mind gave way and I yielded to a transport of grief and despair. Was it for this that what I had regarded as a mereiful Providence had guarded me through the dangers of battle, fire and wreck? Was it to die an ignominious and agonizing death, that I had been rescued from the Castle Nuovo, where at least I suffered for my country in the holiest of causes? Again I reflected upon my mother, and what her feelings would be, did it ever come to her knowledge that her son had perished at the bidding of the malignant tyrant into whose hands she, as it were, had placed me.

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Soon I called up to my belief the resolution that had seldom failed me, and gradually I became calmer as I nerved myself to hear the trial that could be inflicted upon me by the Ingenuity of the tyrant who held me in his clutches. Suddenly I heard the lock outside my door tried by a key, and rose to receive the message of death; but to my astonishment, I recognized the face of the Mameluke chief whom I had marked inquiring about me at the gate. Approaching me be spoke, and the voice seemed familiar, though I could not recall the form and features.

"Tell me," he asked, "have you ever been to

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"Tell me," he asked, "have you ever been to Leghorn?" "Yes," I answered, "I was there in the autumn of 1799," "Then," replied my interlocutor, "I have come to save you. I am the poor Turk you saved from the mob who had east me into the ditch. Thank God that your deliverance is assured, as I thank Him that he has placed it in my power to be the medium." I could hardly credit my senses, and was too overcome with thankfulness to reply. "But my friend and oreserver," he quickly added, "we must lose no time, or we shall both be lost."

So saying, he unlocked my chains, and we quitted the dangeon for his apartments in the castle, whence at night I proceeded with him, disgnised as a Mussulman, to his private residence.

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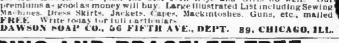
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"Oom" Paul Means Chief Paul.

According to J. W. Young, an American, who acted as a scout with the English army during the Zulu war of 1879, there is a general misunderstanding in this country as to the meaning of the title "Oom," which is given to Paul Kruger, President of the Transvaal. It has teer, translated "Uncle" and "Our," but Mr. Young says It means simply "Chief," and is borrowed from a similar word in the Zubi language, which he speaks fluently. Every chief of the savage tribes in South Africa is an "Oom" in his own right, so that "Oom" Paul has no peculiar claim to the title. Mr. Young believes that the Boers, in case of war, will follow their old tactics and fight mostly on horseback. Their plan is to ride within 1.000 vards of the enemy, dismount rapidly, fire a few shots and ride away, the horses being trained to circle to the rear when shots are fired, and to advance again as soon as the firing ceases.

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Busy Animals.

The fox is a dealer in poultry, but he is nothing more nor less than a thief. Fat ducks and chickens are his delight, and a plump rabbit comes next best.

The otter and the heron are fishermen. The otter is not often seen, for he earries on his work mostly under the water, but the heron stands with his long, thin legs in the water waiting till a fish comes up. Then a sudden plunge with his long, sharp bill and the poor fish is brought up and swallowed.

The ants are the busiest of all. Catch an ant asleep in the daytime if you can. They are always in earnest at their work, building their underground horses and laying up stores of food for the long winter.

The swallow is a fly catcher, and skims low over the surface of the little streams. It takes a great many flies to feed him for just one day, and he is forever at work.

The beaver is a wood cutter, a builder and a mason. It ents down the small trees with its teeth, and, after it has built its house, it plasters it with its tail.

The snail, too, is a builder, but it takes the material for its house from its own body. It is so anxious to begin work that it commences to build its house before it is even batched.

The bees do not all live in hives or tree trunks. The mason bee digs a hole in a brick wall and lines it with clay. In this nest it lays two eggs and closes it up. The miner bee hores long holes in the sand-banks and the carpenter bees bore their tunnels in wood. The upholsterer bee lines his nest with poppy leaves. The rose leaf cutter takes a leaf between its jaws, begins near the stalk and cuts out a circle of just the right size and as perfeet as could be marked with a compass. With these circles of fragrant tose leaf it divides its round hole in the wall into little cells.

Guns Made of Paper.

Krupp, the great German manufacturer of cannons, has completed recently a number of paper field-pieces for the German infantry. Their caliber is five centimeters-a little less than two inches-and the pieces are so light that a soldier can easily carry one. Yet they are stronger than steel cannon of the same size. Cannons made of paper are a novelty. but It is not long since paper car whoels were regarded as a startling innovation. Paper buckets to hold water were also thought extraordinary when first introduced, although nowadays nearly everything can be made of paper.

Chinese Jews.

Jews bave lived in China for several thousand years and efforts are now being made to learn more of their history. The prevalent idea is that the immigration took place from Persia to China about 300 B. C. The existence of Jews in the empire first became known in 1617. when the report was brought to Europe by the missionace Conzalo. The Jews differ but little in appearance from the Chinese, who call them Hoel-Hore. But they preserve most of their old religion, having a synagogue at Kai-Fong Fu, which was built in 1183 after the style of the temple at Jerusalem. On its wall are inscriptions in Hebrew

Book of Morman in Missouri.

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CHAPTER L

The Meeting by St. Stephen's Cross.



sun was some little past its meridian, the landscape, which in midsummer was usually the greenest of the green, wore a chill and wintry aspect. and the long, straight stretching Roman blgbway was absolutely deserted save for the two figures

on horseback that camesweeping down the road.

Their air, the clothes they were, not to mention the long, roughly made, but serviceable looking raplers that jangled at the horses' withers, proclaimed them, as in fact—they were, accustomed to bearing arms.

"Whew! How the wind whistles," cried Joyce Kaston, the younger of the two, as he settled himself more comfortably in his saddle and draw his heavy scarlet riding habit more closely around him.

"Pshaw, lad," retorted Ralph, his companion, an older man, with grizzled grey hair. "thy young blood should keep thee warm."

"Let us on then," and, striking in spurs, the two horsemen broke into a gallop.

They were on their way to meet their young master, Markham Powell, son of Sir Julian Powell, of Annandale Castle, and heir to its broad domains. Markham, or "Mark," as we propose to designate blue had left home three years previous to the opening of our story and during this period had been traveling on the continent with a suitable retinue of servants and men at arms, made necessary by reason of the fact that these are "the days of old when knights were bold, and barons held their sway."

By four o'clock in the afternoon the two horsemen sat, quiet and motionless, by Stephen's Cross, a monument dating back to Norman times.

Presently a party of horsemen became vislble, moving along at a rapid trot.

They were soon up to the Cross, when the foremost rider, a strapping, handsome youth, mounted on a magnificent grey, drew rein, signing with his hand for the rest to pull up, while Ralph and Joyce rode forward.

"Why, Ralph, Is it indeed thee," cried the young man, holding out his hand, "Gadzooks! you are as hale and hearty as when I left home.

"And who is this with you?"

"Young Joyce Kaston, your honor. You remember old Kaston, the major-domo ?"

"Why, to be sure, and Joyce, too. Many a scamper we had together, ch, Joyce? Aye, and fight, too, for I remember once you gave me a good thrashing for something. But I should not have recognized thee with that moustache.'

"Asking your honor's pardon," grinned Joyce, "It was you thrashed me. I mind it well, though I was a head taller than you then; but methinks you are bigger than me

"Aye, Master Markham," struck in Ralph, admiringly, "you went away a mere stripling, but you've returned a man in size, though but a lad in years. Five feet ten, if he's an inch." be muttered, "and three more years to grow."

"If I remember rightly," said Mark, "the

"Golden Lion lies not more than a mile ahead. There we can hait our horses, and perhaps put up for the night, for, though I long to see my father, I have small wish to continue my journey in such weather."

"Your honor is right," said Ralph, "though I doubt me if we can put up there, for as Joyce and I came along, I noticed a whole troop of horses pull up in the courtyard,"

"Well, we can but see, and as we go along you can tell me the news. How is Sir Roland Ash?"

the Lord, our other neighbor; and is he still

"Aye, well enough," growled Ralph, "and more sanctimonious and snuffly than ever. As big a scoundrel as ever drew sword against king and crown."

"You never liked him, I know," smiled Mark.

"Nor did your father either, and he has less cause to now than ever, for the captain has been howling about Sir Julian harboring papists on account of poor old Father Ambrose."

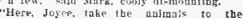
"As harmless and innocent a soul as ever lived," cried Mark.

"Yes, but he incurred the old erop-ear's dislike by saying something about the forwardness of Miss Esther, who is forever at the castle making inquiries about you."

It was now quite dark, and as they approached the inn Ralph dismounted and called for the host.

The landlord appeared, but said be was afraid our friends would have to go farther on, as his house was full of gentlemen.

"Well, you'll have to augment your party by a few," said Mark, cooly dismounting.



long black feathers which adorned it.

Mark, glancing over these two groups, passed by them to the great fireplace, and, taking off his cloak, shook the snow from it, then stood with his back to the fire. While he stood thus the eyes of the whole party were from time to time directed at him.

The sterner-looking Puritans made remarks among themselves, though so low that Mark heard them not, but the four who sat at the smaller table were less particular.
"A jay-looking ruffler," exclaimed one.

"Cock sparrow rather," growled his nearest companion, a big man, whose thick lips, purple face, and beady, rolling eyes betokened vicious indulgence, especially in the bottle. "Sdeath! when I have finished my wine, I will trounce this butterfly carcass from before the fire, where he keeps the heat from his betters."

"Be careful, Dick," said the man in black, quietly. "Thou'rt ever more ready with thy tongue than with thy weapon."

"And most ready with a knife in the dark," said one who had not yet spoken, at which there was a general laugh.

At this moment, Ralph, Joyce and the three troopers entered.

Crossing the room to Mark, they loosened their cloaks and spread their bands to the

As Ralph and Joyce dld so, Mark noticed that they both wore leather jerkins and body

armor, and, in surprise, said-"What, buff and steel on so peaceful an er-

rand! What means this?" "Your honor," said Ralph, "no man is safe in these times. What with the Popish plot. and I know not what besides, one must go

abroad always armed." "The plot, the plot," said Mark, "I hear of nothing but the plot. I incline to my uncle's opinion, that the plot is a myth, and only believed in by those who invented it for their own wicked ends."

"Oh, ho! young popinjay," cried one of the men called Dick, starting up from the table-"Oh, ho! you dare utter treason in the presence of his majesty's officers! Did you

the existence of the Popish plot." With that he pushed through the *roopers, and caught hold of Mark's arm, but the latter, with a haughty gesture, shook him off.

hear that. Master Garnett? He doth doubt

"How now, fellow!" he cried, "What is it

to thee what I say or think!" "S'blood! you may find ere long it is much to me. Then look'st to me most remarkably like a papist, and I will carry thee before the council, and see whether good Doctor Oates knows thee."

He advanced again to selze Mark, but his men closed round their master, and there was like to have been a scuffle had not the man in black addressed as Garnett interfered.

"Not so fast, Dick," he cried, "Leave this affair to me. I have other work for thee."

And he took him aside, conversing with him in a low tone.

"Master Mark," said Ralph, guletly, "methinks 'tis best to continue our journey without further delay. I like not the looks of these fellows. They seem to me like a party of crop-eared, roundhead knaves on the scent for suspected persons, and Sir Julian biniself is in ill favor. I think he should know of

their presence here." "Let us away, in heaven's name, then," assented Mark, and giving each of the troopers a crown, he hade them return, and convey his love and duty to his uncle. Lord Pencester.

Garnett pricked up his ears on hearing this, and threw a meaning look at the eldest and richest dressed of his three companions. He had just before given the man Dick

some orders, which the latter seemed hardly to relish, for he growled-"I tell thee, Master Garnett, my mare is dog'tired. She could hardly lift a hoof for the

last mile coming here." "Nay, man, think not to balk met it is of the utmost importance that my message be delivered before the old fox bath notice of our



"You are defying the king's warrant."

"We see but little of him now. The relations between your honored father and he are very strained."

"How?" cried Mark, with a start. "They were fast friends when I left." "Aye, but things have altered. Sir Roland

is now but a court butterfly, fluttering round the rim of his majesty's, or, rather, my Lord of Buckingham's favor."

"But there is nothing in that to make bad feeling between them." "Nay, but then came a law suit, about all

the fallow-land that lay between your father's and Sir Roland's estate. Your father had all the papers, and was to have won the day, but Sir Roland laid the affair before the Duke of Buckingham, and the case went in his favor."

"This is, indeed, sad news to me," Mark said. "What of Miss Lucy Ash?" he added with a slight tremor in his voice.
"She has grown into a lovely girl, though

somewhat thin," answered the old soldler, "To inv mind, old Salter's daughter le far more buxem wench, saving your honor's presence."

"Ob. yes; Captain Salter-'Ezeklel Smite-for-

stables, and do you. Ralph, attend me." So saying, he pushed past mine host and into the inn, closely followed by Ralph.

CHAPTER IL

An Encounter at the Sign of the "Golden

Lion."

As Markham and Ralph entered the room, they could not fall being struck by the appearance of the inmates thereof-a score of soberly clad, stern faced Puritans, all wearing steel headpleces, with back and breastplates. and carrying the long, straight broadsword.

A little distance from them, at a smaller table, sat four more persons in velvet and ruffles, two of them wearing gilt spurs on their high riding boots, and all being armed with lighter and more costly weapons than the Puritans carried.

The fourth person was a curious inixture of courtier and Puritan. His clothes, though of black, were elegantly made, and ornamented with lace, the points being of gold lace.

A large diamond sparkled in his ruff, and his hat, which hung on the back of his chair, also had a diamond brooch to hold in the two presence; therefore, in the king's name, lay hands upon the best horse in the stable, and wee to him who dares to stop thee."

With these words Dick left the room, and Mark, calling to the landlord, asked for the reckoning, which, when brought, he acquitted in so bandsome a manner as to turn mine host into a most obsenuious servitor.

Our party now made their way to the stables, but, as they arrived, what was Mark's surprise to see, in the moonlight, the man "Dick" just riding off on his own grey

Springing forward, he seized the bridle.

"Fellow," he said, "thou hast made a mistake; the horse between your legs is mine,"

"Ha! coxeomb," cried the man, "dost want me to break thy pate! If not, unhand the bridle."

In reply, Mark seized him suddenly by the right leg, and, giving him a quick, powerful lift, sent him rolling off the other side.

"'Sblood and fury, you shall pay for this," the ruffian howled, "You are defying the king's warrant. In the name of the law, I demand that horse,"

"And in the name of Justice I refuse to give him up," said Mars.

"Then take the consequences," roared the man, and lugging out his sword he make at Mark

But the latter, seeing the swaggerer was intoxicated, nimbly sprang aside, and, outting out his foot, tripped him up, giving him, as be fell, a tremondous blow on the neck with his fist.

Dick, hampered by his heavy cloak, fell with a crash to the ground, where he lay quite

"Now to horse and away, before the alarm is raised, or our necks may pay for the night's work," cried Ralph, and, swinging into their saddles, they clattered out of the courtyard, Lord Pencester's men Doverwards. and the rest in the direction of Annanda e Cas-

Three hours later the square keep, which had been built by Sir William Powell, in the Conqueror's reign, bonned in sight.

They rode up past the lodge to the main entrance, and Ralph, dismounting, gave the bell such a pull that made the echoes ring in the vaulted arch and in the court within.

With a swing the great doors opened, and a moment later old Kaston was kissing Mark's hand, and bidding him welcome back to Annandale.

Crossing this, the inner court, they entered a lov-arched door, which, leading down a long passage, opened into the banqueting hall.

Crossing this, a door at the other and opened into a passage on the opposite side of which a room, brilliantly lit. appeared.

The door was open and in the space stood the figure of a grey-headed, majestic-looking ald gertlemar.

Stepping across the passage, he seized, with both hands, the young man's right one, while with his left the latter removed his hat and, dropping on his knee, cried-

"Father, I return home, never again, I hope,

"It is indeed my boy, my own Mark!" exclaimed the old cavalier, raising his son by the "What a fine fellow thou hast grown, and the image of thy poor mother. Heaven grant thy prayer, lad. I trust we shall part no more till I go forever, for in my obl age I wax dull "

"Amen to that prayer," said a small, silver. haired old man, with a gentle face, sitting beside the great fire that blazed on the open

He rose from his seat as he spoke, and advanced towards Mark

While he advanced, however, as if in answer to his prayer, a hollow, marking laugh rang

through the room. "What was that?" eried Mark, in surprise. "Methought I heard a laugh."

"And I, too," cried Sir Julian, **Gadzooks! this is no time for any of the household to

play pranks. "I heard nothing," cried Father Ambrose, "True, I am a little deaf, but I doubt not it

was but the wind, for 'tis a wild night,' The three seated themselves before the blazing fire, on which Sir Julian had ordered more fuel to be heaped, and a substantial repast being brought in, supplemented with some magnificent canary and hot spiced ale, the three fell to, doing all justice to the meal, af-

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close, familiar conversation.

It was getting well into the small hours of the morning ere the party broke up to seek their respective rooms.

CHAPTER III.

A Night in "Sir Bryan's" Tower,

The room to which Mark was conducted was not the one he had occupied during his boybood, but a much larger, loftier room, situated in what was known as Sir Bryan's tower.

The way to it led through the picture gallery, and Mark, taking the candle from Joyce Kaston, looked around at the portraits of his knightly aucestors.

In particular he gazed at the full-length portrait of Sir Bryan, a valiant Crusader, and builder of the tower.

As he looked, a sensation he could not account for came over him, and in haste he turned away to seek his chamber, when again he thought he heard that low laugh.

He stirred up the logs and made them flare. seating himself in a large arm-chair before them.

He soon grew sleepy, however, and, undressing, got into bed, and to sleep, but soon to awake with a start, and to find himself bathed in perspiration.

The candle which he had left alight had burnt out, and the fire had gone down to a dull red glow.

How long he had slept he could not telt, but it was still quite dark.

He sat up in bed and pulled the clothes about him, but as he did so he saw a sight which froze his blood and made his tongue cleave to roof of his mouth in horror. straight in front of him, in the faint red glare of the fire, stood a figure, tall and broad. but transparent.

At first it was like an indistinct mass of nebulous matter, but gradually it assumed the shape of a man, until at length the figure of Sir Bryan stood before him.

There was the chain mail, bright as the day it came from the armorer's hand, the pot helmet, white sureoat, with the great red cross on it, and in his hands the Crusader bore a naked sword, which seemed to drip with blood.

Mark tried to cry out, but his voice failed him. The figure looked full at him, and the face, not brown, as the painting, but deadly white, had an angry, threatening look, while the eyes glared flereely at the youth.

Thrice he waved his blood-stained sword around his head, then, gliding, rather than walking, towards the fire, seemed to vanish into thin air.

No sooner had the apparition disappeared than Mark, recovering his self-possession, leapt

He threw more logs on the fire, and soon a blaze illumined the room. Hastily putting on his clothes, he made a careful survey of the room, tapping all the wainscoting to see if he could find a secret door, but to no effect.

Everything, too, was exactly as he had left it the night before. The door and windows were fort and all the furniture was in the same position as on the previous evening

Mark looked on the fire to see if any drops of blood had fallen from the Crusader's sword, but no, there were no signs. Pulling his arm-chair close up to the fire, he fell asleep again, and remained undisturbed until Joyce, knocking at the door, said Sir Julian was already up and awaiting his son in the small hall.

(To be continued.)

Parents Endorse C. M. A.

Enclosed find samples of lodge envelopes and paper which the "Elmer Columbian Lodge" has just had printed. The work was done by myself on my own printing press. All of the members of the Elmer Lodge have calling cards as per sample enclosed. Our lodge is in a flourishing condition, and is getting more popular. The fathers of the members are taking a greater interest in it, which helps us. At first they were more apt to criticise us. We had a visit from one of our brothers in Bridgeton, William Sharp, a few days ago. He remarked that there were members everywhere in Elmer. If I was a writer I would very much like to express my feelings in praise towards this grand order. I think it is the greatest and best thing a boy could join in the society line, and I shall always remain a member. Elmer is a small town of about one thousand inhabitants, and our lodge has taken in about all the desirable boys. We meet the first and last Thursday night of each month. We have a code of bylaws, of which one imposes a fine upon any member who is absent from a meeting without a reasonable cause, Let us make this year the most prosperous one the life of the order has ever known in securing good members. This can be done by working among your friends and mates. If working among your friends and mates. If they are not members already you ought to be able to secure them. Let's try with each lodge meeting to make it more of a benefit and a help to each and all of us. Prepare ourselves. Think of what is ahead of us in the rough road of life. Try to uphold all the principles of this grand order and be ready, for as you well know our motto is "Our Turn Next." Stand up to this as a member of the Coming Men of America. I would like to hear from members in my own state and also others.—Hubert S. Foster, O. T. N., President Elmer Columbian Lodge No. 1280. Elmer, N. J.

Napoleon's Old Guard.

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HE most remarkable and striking scene in the life of the poleon was witnessed at Fontainebleau on the 28th of April, 1814. On the evening of the previous day, after the famous interview with the marshals, most of whom urged his submission, the Emperor, seeing all hope at end, signed the deed of abdication. Caulaincourt, Duke of Vicenza, one of the few who continued faithful to the last, remained with his master. When they were alone. Caulaincourt pleaded that he might share the Emperor's exile at Elba, but was persuaded that he could be more useful by remaining in Paris. Grasping his hand. the Emperor said: "My friend, we must separate. To-morrow I shall need my fortitude in bidding adieu to my soldiers. My brave guard! Faithful and devoted in my good and

On the next day Napoleon remained alone in his cabinet during the forenoon. He had appointed midday as the time of his departure. As the hour approached, the troops of the Imperial Guard were drawn up in the courtyard of the palace. An immense concourse from the surrounding country had collected to witness an event which to this day is remembered with more interest than any of the older historical associations of the palace.

in my bad fortune! To morrow I take my last

farewell. This is the final struggle that re-

mains for me to make."

On arriving at the landing of the great staircase he stood for a few mements. Every eye was fixed on him. At any other time shouts would have rent the air. But there was silence, almost like the solemnity of religious awe. Many of the veterans bowed their heads. and tears rolled down their furrowed cheeks. Suppressing his own emotion, the Emperor descended into the courtyard; and as he approached the soldiers the drums beat the accustomed salute. By a gesture the Emperor arrested the martial sound, and amidst breathless silence he spoke with voice clear and firm: "Generals, officers and soldiers of my old Guard. I bid you farewell. For five-andtwenty years I have ever found you in the path of honor and glory. In these last days, as in the days of my prosperity, you have never ceased to be models of fidelity and of courage. Europe has armed against us. Still, with men such as you our cause could never have been lost. We could have maintained a civil war for years. But it would have brought misery on our country. I have, therefore, sacrificed our interests to those of France. I leave you. But do you, my friends, be faithful to the new sovereign whom France has accepted. The happiness of France was my only thought. It shall ever be the object of my most fervent prayers. Grieve not for my lot. I shall be happy as long as I know you are so. If I have consented to outlive myself, it is with the hope that I may still promote your glory. I trust to write the deeds we have achieved together. Adieu, my children; I would that I could press each one of you to my heart. Let me at least embrace your general and your eagle!"

At a signal from the Emperor, General Petit, who then commanded the old Guard, advanced, and stood between the troops and their adored chief. Napoleon, with tears dimming his eyes, embraced the veteran general, who, entirely unmanned, sobbed aloud. There were few dry eyes at that moment. Then the Emperor, nerving himself, said: "Bring me the eagle!" A grenadier advanced, bearing one of the eagles of the Guard. Napoleon kissed it and pressed it to his heart, saying, with a tremulous voice: "Dear cagle! May this last embrace vibrate in the hearts of all my faithful soldiers! Farewell, again, my old comrades, farewell!

This was not, however, the last appearance of the Imperial Guard in history. When all Europe was in commotion on the return of the Emperor from Elba, the veterans of the old Guard, the men who had fought at Jena and Austerlitz, were amongst the first to welcome their old chief. In the campaign of the hundred days the Guard was organized anew, and in the decisive battle of Waterloo it formed two battallons-the old Guard and the young Guard-in all about ten thousand strong.

The Imperial Guard did not take part in the long day's conflict on the 18th of June; they were held in reserve on a height near La Haye Sainte. Towards evening, when the near approach of the Pruslans under Blucher was no longer doubtful, the Emperor felt that the time had come for a supreme effort to force the British position, and to overwhelm the troops wearied with the Incessant artillery and cavalry attacks of the day.

About six o'clock Napoleon rode to the posttion of the Guards, when he was welcomed with the utmost enthusiasm. He intended, or gave out that he intended, to lead them to the attack. He was dissuaded from risking his life, and Nev-"the bravest of the brave"took the command.

They moved in two mighty columns, sep-

arated by only a few paces, and preceded by a cloud of skirmlshes. They advanced steadily down the slope, the drums beating the pas de charge, and with repeatedly renewed cries of 'Vive l'Emperor!" The English Guards-Maitland's brigade-were in reserve on the onposite height, laying down, just over the crest, to be as long sheltered as possible. The French artillery kept up a fierce fire from the height during the advance till the head of the columns had reached the ascent on the opposite slope. The English Guards, who then had little spare ammunition, drove the skirmishers down the slove, to the top of which they had nearly advanced, and returned to their position awaiting the nearer approach of the Imperial troops. On they steadily came, led by the gallant Nev. on foot, his horse having been shot under him. There was now a full in the conflict on most parts of the battlefield, and the movement of the dense cloumns of the French held every eye. Every British gun that could reach the place was brought into play. and fearful gaps were made by the cannon balls which plowed through the crowded mass.

Sir John Colborne, who was then in command of the 52d Regiment (English), having watched his opportunity, ordered his men to wheel round, and charge the advancing first column of the Guard on its flank. As many as possible of the left of each company of the Guard faced outwards to meet this unexpected attack. But the dense column had no advantage from its numbers against this flank confusion, and its onward progress was arrested.

It was when the French column was staggering under this sudden attack that the Brit-Ish Guards rushed forward and completed the defeat.

By the flank attack of the 52d and the bayonet charge of the Guards the French Imperial Guard received its final defeat and overthrow. The reserve of the Guard checked the advance of the British troops and gave time for Napoleon and his staff to get a start on their retreat, before the way was blocked by the rush of fugitives thying from the pursuing Prussians,

And so the French army and people are proud of the history and traditions of Napoleon's Imperial Guard. And well they may be, for it took a leading part in most of the great campaigns and victories of the Consulate and the Empire.

First Owners of Cuba.

One of the men employed in taking the census in Cuba reported to General Sanger, in Santa Clara, that he had found, in Pinar del Rio, a settlement of nearly 900 persons "engroved in the mountains," as he expressed it, entirely out of touch with the outside world, living on pantains and sweet potatoes, and coverning themselves in a sort of mimiand governing themselves in a sort of primitive republic.

An almost unbeard-of settlement among the

mountains of Santiago puzzied the enumera-tors far more than anything else. The people were not Cubans, nor Spaniards, nor negroes, but Indians, the only remaint left of the once powerful tribes which inhabited the island when Columbus discovered America. They are few in number, and shy, and they live in the most primitive manner.

Fried Onions

Indirectly Caused the Death of the World's Greatest General.

It is a matter of history that Napoleon was a this a matter of history that Aspoteou was a gourmand, an inordinate lover of the good things of the table, and history further records that his favorite dish was fried onlons; his death from cancer of the stomach it is claimed also was probably caused from his excessive indulgence of this fondness for the odorous executable. vegetable.

The onion is undoubtedly a wholesome arti-ele of food, in fact has many medicinal qualicle of food, in fact has many medicinal quanties of value, but it would be difficult to find a more indigestible article than fried onions, and to many people they are simply polson, but the onion does not stand alone in this respect. Any article of food that is not thoroughly digested becomes a source of disease and discomfort, whether it be fried onlons or book stock. beef steak.

The reason why any wholesome food is not promptly digested is because the stomach lacks some important element of digestion, some stomachs lack peptone, others are deficient in gastric juice, still others lack Hydro chloric

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THE BOY AND THE JUGGLERS.

Mysterious Adventures of an Anglo-Indian Boy.

BY P. Y. BLACK.

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N the morning the shooting party with their guns and their gunboys and their dogs and their dogboys disappeared over the hill, Papa kissed his hand as he vanished, and Uncle

Fred halloaed. Pooh! As if these tokens of consideration for him atoned for their unkindness to the little boy! He wanted to go so badly, and they said he was too little. Very absurd of them it was, to be sure, and therefore Freddle got his bow and arrow, and, with the righteously offended dignity of an eightyear - old very - nearly - though-not-yet-quitegrown-up man, set out a hunting all by him-6elf.

It was just about sunrise, the coolest, nicest time o' day in India, and mama was not yet up and the servants were busy elsewhere, so nobody said him "nay." In a little while Freddle found himself a good distance from the bungalow, on the boundary of the tea plantation, where the wilderness began and all was strange and new to him. Of course, with his bow and arrows, he was now on the lookout for tigers and elephants and mammoths, and things, but perhaps he was not very, very, unduly anxious to see them. At any rate, he was gratified to observe, of a sudden, a quite un-



"A prodigious number of knives."

expected and amazing sight.

Two brown men, one quite old and the other quite young, were in the shadow of the trees. They were stripped to the waist, and the old man wore a cummerbund and saudals, while the young, wiry man's legs and feet were bare. The old man was evidently instructing the youngest and supervising a lesson far more Interesting to Freddie than the worrying Intricacles of the reading book and the multiplication table Flish, flash! Flickery, flick! Up In the air, glancing in the morning's slanting sunbeams, quivered a prodigious number of knives. They must sometimes have touched the juggler's hands, but so deftly did the young man finger them, that the knives darted about his head and body like a swarm of great dragonfles, grazing his ears, souring above his turban, swooping to his knees, but never by any accident touching the ground until. with a swift clatter and clash, they all came together in the juggler's grasp, and he laid them down.

Now, the little boy's eyes and mouth were soon very wide open, Indeed, and when the feat was over, his unconscious legs had borne him, step by step, right up to the jugglers. where his brown hair and pale face and pretty sult of snow white duck contrasted strangely with their dusky skins and bright black eyes and cloths of glowing colors. He was immensely interested, and rather awed, but by no means afraid, for he had been born in India, and was accustomed to commune in a lordly manner with all sorts of natives. Even traveling jugglers were not unknown to him as a speeles of Indian, which, if one had to be a native, would decidedly be preferable to any other. So, when the swarthy men salaamed humbly, to the little sahib, the boy acknowledged their salute, and sald, with the simple directness of one used to being obeyed:

"Do it again."

The older man turned to the boy at once with an air of having expected him, and

smiled and salaamed very low in quite a gratifled way. They obeyed him at once, and the young native began to perform even more amusing tricks. It was almost terrifying, but the curious, and rather unnerving thing was that the old juggler never seemed to take his eyes off the boy. Whenever Freddie looked at him, he found him looking at Freddie, so closely and solemnly, yet so kindly, that the little sahib was quite awed, and felt a sensation of respect which he had never experienced before in his life long dealings with natives. The old man gave him a mat to sit on, and smiled into his face with great, deep piercing eyes, and told him to be good and he would see what be would see.

The old man then took a mango stone from a basket, and carefully planted it. Then he covered the spot for an instant with the basket, and cried out something, and removed the basket, and there was the young plant already sprouting from the earth! Freddle gasped, and the plant grew and grew right before his eyes. It grew and it grew, until in a very short time it was a tree. Then it spread and it spread and it spread, and bad many branches and leaves, and at last little mangos began to appear, and they grew and ripened in a marvelous way, until the fakir plucked a big juley one and gave it to the boy, who are it and found it delicious. Then the juggler waved his hands and-the tree was gone.

"Goodness me!" cried Freddie. "I don't see how that was done."

The old juggler smiled again, and took a coil of rope from the wonderful basket. It was a very ordinary rope, just, in fact, a wash line. But the fakir cried out into the air and threw one end of the coil far up, and the marveling boy saw that the rope spun slowly out, up and up towards the sky, quite straight as if someone were hauling at the upper end. It went up and up until the end vanished altogether.

"Gracious goody!" cried Freddie. "I don't see how that was done!"

The old man clapped his hands and the young man leaped at the rope at once and seized it and began to climb up, hand over hand at a tremendous rate, and he went up and up until he also was out of sight.

"I never, never did!" cried Freddie, who was now limp with amazement. "Where did he go to?"

"Wherever he wished to go," the juggler said. "Does the sahib wish to go anywhere?" "Yes," cried Freddie with a sudden happy thought, "Where my papa and uncle are hunt-

In a moment the juggler placed the rope in his hands.

"Climb," said he, and without taking time to thing, Freddie climbed.

Just how and when it happened that he let go of the rope he could not tell, but, without any trouble to himself he suddenly found that the rope had disappeared, and he was standing in a great compound beside a river. By the river banks were great stacks of lumber. and a small army of elephants, each in charge of a mahout who perched on the brute's neck, was picking up huge logs and carrying them. according to their length and thickness to others stacks, where the elephants piled them with almost human intelligence and exactness. Freddie remembered this government dockyard, for he had been taken to watch the elephants once before by his father. He was greatly interested and wandered about freely. He chattered to the mahouts and others, but it seemed they were all very, very busy, for they did not anshwer, nor, indeed, seem to see the little boy at all. Freddie did not mind that; there was so much to watch.

At last he came to a corner of the gard where a big elephant was standing all by itself, swaying from side to side, chained by one leg. Freddle recognized it by its size, as one which his father had allowed him to ride on in care of the mahout, when he was here before. Naturally the boy wished to enjoy a ride again. There was no attendant near to help him up, but somehow he found that the swarthy, turbaned old juggler was looking into his eyes again, and the next instant he was triumphantly seated atop of the elephant. He was tremulously pleased at first, but all of a moment, the beast raised its trunk and trumpoted with an awful, savage rosz. At the same time it gave its leg a mighty jerk, and the Iron chain burst, and the elephant was free. It roared again and tossed its trunk high, and then-charged straight through the compound. The black men and the white men scattered in all directions, yelling in fear:

"Run! run! Look out! Look out! The Rajah's loose! He's mad! Run for your Hife!"

They all ran so quickly that a clear path was left for the mad elephant, who dashed straight through the yard, shattered the great gates as if they were orange boxes and, trumpeting furlously, galloped wildly into the far spreading open country. Easily and incomprehensibly as Freddy had got up he found he could not now get down, and he was dreadfully afraid. but he seemed fastened to the huge beast's neck just behind the great ears. He would have liked to jump off but he could not; he just stuck and stuck and stuck. He had had no idea before that elephants could run so fast.

The Rajah ran like a race borse. The trees and houses flushed past. They came to a native village, and the lubabitants-fathers and mothers grabbing babies and howling with fear-dashed and darted and climbed and crawled to all imaginable hiding places.

Crish! crash! through the branches of trees; splish! splash! through a muddy river; swish! swash! through meadows of high, thick grass, in which tame buffaloes were entirely hadden from sight! Through wood and river and grass Freddie held on in a most marvelous manner. At last they came to a spot somewhat familiar to the little boy, a strip of jungle with a belt of open, rolling grassland in front. Through an opening in the jungle, Freddy saw the dark green brushes of a plantation, and beyond that the roof and upper veranda of a high bungalow. Freddie recognized his own home. He was given no time to look twice, however, for suddenly right before the elephant, directly in its path, there stepped out from the jungle two big men with guns, and Freddie saw that they were his father and uncle. For the first time the boy found breath to yell.

"Papa! Ugcle Fred! Let me down!" he screamed. "The elephant has run away! He's mad! Stop him! Take me down!"

It was impossible to believe, it was absurd to credit it. Those two big cowards, at sight of the mad elephant and the little boy charging upon them, turned and fied! True, they had only light, small calibre rifles, but-was that an excuse for deserting an adored son and nephew in his extremity? They did not get away, however! Freddle's father tripped and fell right in the road of the Rajah! Uncle Fred stopped, white as death, but steady. astride of the stunned figure of his brother. Seventy yards away the elephant trumpeted and bore down triumphantly. Uncle Fred took careful aim. There was but one little spot in the great beast's forehead to hit successfully and stop the Rajah. To miss it meant death for both men. The hunter gazed steadily through his sights at that spot, and paid not the slightest attention to Master Freddie, who, in an agony of apprehension, screeched at the top of his voice: "Don't miss, uncle, or you'll bit me!"

Seventy yards, fifty yards, thirty yards: Uncle Fred fired. Flame and smoke and roar and crash and Freddie found himself sitting on the grass alone, and the wonderful Indian jugglers had both disappeared.

"How do you know about the elephant? Where were you?" his father gasped.

"Didn't you see me?" Freddle asked, reproachfully. "I was on top of the elephant, where the mahout rides, you know. The old juggler let me climb the rope, and I went to the dockyard and got on the Rajah's back. and he went mad and ran away, and I thought you were killed and--"

"Freddie!" cried bis mother, "you have got sunstroke!"

She picked the little boy up in her arms, and carried him into a cool room, where he was put to bed with ice on his head, while the doctor was sent for, in spite of his protests, but on the veranda papa and uncle stared at each other.

"Jugglers! Climbing up the rope" cried papa. "The child must have met a troupe of these traveling conjurors."

"But-but," said Uncle Fred feebly, " of course all Anglo-Indians know the strange tricks these fellows can perform, which no man-no white man at any rate-has ever explained, but-but-oh, bless my soul-there was an elephant and you did fall, and there was no boy on the elephant's back, and therefore Freddie couldn't be there, but-oh, confound it all, how did he know what happened, before anybody but our two selves and your wife knew any elephant had been shot at all?"

Papa jumped up augrily in spite of his sore

"I've seen that rope trick done often and the man climb into the clouds. Everybody has seen it, and no one ever explained it, save by hypnotism of the audience. That's it! But the idea of practicing their arts upon a little boy! It's too bad! I'll send out, and if they are caught, they will have to hyppotize themselves out of jail!"

"Of course," said uncle, still with weak bewilderment, "but-but-was Freddie on the elephant or was be not, don't you know? Oh, bless my soul?"

So riders were sent out in all directions to catch the wonderful jugglers, but it was no use-these had juggled themselves far away But mama was very indignant at papa and Uncle Fred for such suggestions as hypnotism and jugglery.

"You two big sillies!" said mama. "The boy went to sleep in the sun and dreamed and the rest is all coincidence. So, there!"

Still, however, men came from the dockyard to trace the dead elephant, and they told



"Uncle Fred fired--Freddie found himself sitting in the grass."

He picked himself up at once and ran as fast as he could back to the bungatow. It was past breakfast time and everybody was on the veranda. Freddie's mother was tying up her husband's arm in a sling. Uncle Fred was standing up and talking excitedly. Freddie heard him as he ran up.
"The closest shave!" Uncle Fred cried. "By

Jove, Dick, though I say It myself, it was a great shot, too! Right on the vital spot, and he went to his knees with a crash! Halloa!"

"Freddle!" cried his mother "Where have you been? Without a hat! oh! dear, oh! dear! You'll have sunstroke!"

But Freddie leaped to his father's breast. sobbling.

"I'm so glad!" he sobbed. "I dldn't know whether you killed the elephant or the elephant killed you, and I was afraid uncle missed and killed me, but I'm not killed, am

Papa and mama and Uncle Fred raised their hands, and their faces were pictures of bewilderment.

of its escape just as Freddie did. So, there!

Where They Originated.

Years ago the word "idiot" meant simply a private person as distinguished from a publie official. A "clown" was only a farmer.

It was the custom to call an industrious peasant a "villain" and a "knave" was simply a boy. "Silly" meant blessed in old German and the old Saxons meant nothing out of the way when they called a man a "churl,"

"Mac," the Scotch prefix, means son, so Macdonald is the same as Donaldson - Pairfax means "fair of face."

fax means "feir of face."

We get "bogus" from the nober Italian family, the Borghese, whose swindling operations were extensive. Prince's son Hector was always teasing his enomes—hence "bestoring" "Orange" means gold apple, and the "date" means a finger, from its resemblance to one. From the Latin word "Politicus" we get politics, and Capt Fudge, commander of an Engglish steamship, was in the habit of relating such outrageous stories that his men grew to designate a falsehood by exclaiming his name. designate a falsehood by exclaiming his name,

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The honling instinct develops in young antmals almost as early as the desire for food. In the wild state it is a necessity, since without it the young could never keep in touch with herd or pack. Even after centuries of domestication, it is still acute. Witness this tale of little pigs. They were under a mouth old when their owner decided to move. He wanted to fat and kill their mothers, so of fered the lot of forty at a bargain price. A neighbor five miles away bought the pigs, put them in a big box, hoisted the box on a wagon. and haufed it home. There the pigs were put in a close pen, fed with milk and mush for two weeks, then given the range of a small lot adjacent to the pen. Three mornings later every one was missing. A small hole carefully rooted under the gate was the sole explanation of their disappearance. Their buyer searched high and low for them, sending even to adjacent farms, but could not find them. That afternoon the original owner sent word he had found thirty-nine of the forty standing squealing at his gate when he awoke. The buyer going to reclaim the strays, four I the missing fortieth big lying exhausted by roadside, but still struggling to writhe along on the trail of its mates

I pon the same middle Team-see plantation a four year old mare was bought from an Ohiodrove. The drove had been brought down on stick cars to the county town, seven miles away. The mare seemed perfectly content in her new surroundings, so after a week or two she was allowed to pasture with other stock. For a day she was happy, grazing and frolick ing with the rest. Toward moon of the second. day a watcher saw her suddenly fling up her head, cock one ear forward, one back, as though distening intently to a far off call. then start in a swinging gallop for the pasture fence, clear it with one flying leap, crossa field of young corn, take the boundary fence, a much stiffer one, and go away due north Nothing more was seen or heard of her for three months. Then by a singular chance she was discovered, impounded as an estray, more than half way across the state of Kentucky S She had swam a considerable river to get so far, and had been taken up, through breaking into a pasture to graze. She was going home straight as the crow flies, making he accountwhatever of the bends and turns in the route by which she had been fetched

Among fowls domestic turkeys are the most persistent honors. This same about

once odd and provoking. She raised a brood of fourteen, which turned out to contain thirteen gobblers. They were fine lusty bronzebrown fellows, although this was in the year when bronze turkeys, so-called, were unknown. She gave away seven out of the thirteen to as many neighbors, to put at the headof their breeding flocks. As a consequence almost every day for six weeks she had to go our and help to separate her own turkeys from some other flock. Each of the gift-gobblers came back home, not once but many times. with his harem at his hools

Cats are proverbial honors. Southern regrees. have many entertaining superstitions connects ed with their transfer. In moving they say it is the worst luck in the world to take along the cat. It is also very bad luck to give away. a cat, unless its feet are greased, and allowed to make marks on the threshold it goes over. They say, further, the homing propensity can be destroyed by putting butter on pussy's feet before they touch anything in her new home, Black walnuts, which it is nearly as bad luck to move as eats, may be made to serve as ill-Took antidotes by eracking them carefully, and *ither tving a necklace of shells on the eat, or putting them upon her feet for boots. It is lucky to have the gift of a cat, and buckier still to have one come to you of its own motion. A gift-ear ought to be taket home in a bag securely tied, so none of the luck will

Notwithstanding this was done in the case of a tortolse shell tabby, she came home over a distance of fifteen miles. She took all summer to do it in. The road home led through pleasant woods and was never very far from a clear creek. At various times between June, when she vanished from her new home. and November, when she reappeared at her old one, tabby was seen skittering through the words with a bird in her mouth, or sunning herself bixuriously high it some safe tree The first nipping frost brought her to the familiar door, meawing, and looking up at her old master quite as though she had never left it.

Told of Ostriches.

Ostriches are curious and remarkable birds. with their enormous bodies, long legs, and small heads. The experiences of the ostrich farmers, both in Africa and America, are most interesting, and there are tales without numher of the strange anties of the enrious birds. Naturally, the first thought on seeing an ostrich is. How fast can it run?

When feeding the Stride is only 20 to 22 inches; when walking, but not feeding, the tion's mistress found that out in a way at a stride is 26 inches, but when terrified the bird

possesses wonderful sprinting qualities and takes steps varying from 11½ to 14 feet, says the Scientific American. Taking 12 feet is the average, they would cover about 25 miles an hour, but the stories of birds traveling a mile a minute are open to question. Other traits of which we are always hearing is their tack of both suspicion and Intelligence. Bushmen ciothe themselves in one of their skins, and under cover of this go near enough to kill them. with polsoned arrows

When the bird considers that he has allstanced his pursuer be often puts his head in the sand, thinking he has thereby made himself invisible. Sometimes when hotly pursued he turns upon his enemies and gives severe wounds with his feet. The hables of ostriches are not particularly attractive. They eat fruits, game, vegetables, Jeaves, tender shoots, insects, snalls and any other food that can be picked up, including all kinds of indigestible substances, which they swallow from stupid voracity

They are equally foolish about laving their ggs; they often begin before the spot been fixed upon for the nest, and the soiltary eggs are often found lying forsaken all over the district frequented by the ostrich. The nests are simply holes in the sand and vary from three to six feet in diameter. In these are laid by a single bird, or many in a com pany, from twelve to fifty or sixty eggs. They are incubated by night and left to the heat of the sun during the day. The males assist in the incubation and also in taking care of the young until they can provide for themselves. When the ostrich chicks are as big as a common fowl they run with great rapidity.

Europeans do not care for the taste of the ostrich eggs, but bushmen are fond of them-They weigh from two to three pounds and are equal to twenty-four hens' eggs. The flesh somewhat resembles turkey, but is very buigh It will be remembered that the ostrich has been known from remote times, and ostrich brains were served up as food on the tables of the Romans and are referred to oven in the book of Joh

Why must a fisherman be very wealthy? Because his is all net brofit

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Gentlement-1 received the mandolin as a premium for renewing my subscription, and will say that I am very much obliged to you for it.- I can say that I was more than pleased with it, and everybody that I have shown it to thought it was very nice. Thanking you again for it, and wishing you success. Noble Tarbell.

Lake Geneva, Wis

"When Pa Got 'Nishyated."

Of all the orful things I've seen the worstest wuz the sight

When my pa joined the Mason lodge on 'nishy-

ation night. I never laffed in all my life since laffin' wuz

begun. Ez while I set there in the room a watchin' of

the fun; Fer pa had swore upfill an' down he wa'n't

afeared a bit. But 'fore they finished up the job he durn

near had a fit. Twuz jist the biggest hot of time that ever

wuz created-

That hight the Masons got my pa ter be 'nishy atest.

It keeps me doubled in a fit Of laffin', an' 131 not fergit The filght my pa made sich a hit. When he got 'nishvated,

An' when the job at last waz done, if my pa wa'n't a sight!

I but he won't forgit right off that 'nishyation nlight.

His eyes wuz black an' blue an' blood wuz

runnin' from his nose; They wa'n't enough for earpet rags left of his

An' when ma met him at the door she gave

a orful shrick. An' stood a-sizin' of him up, too paralyzed to

Sheark: But when she axed pa if he'd bin waylaid an'

'sassinated,

He only grouned an' sed "Oh, ho. I've fist bin 'hishvated."

Pa looked jist like some orful freak, An' had to stay in hed a week, Too silff and sore to move or speak, When he got 'nishyated.

E A BRININSTOOL

Why are there no eggs in St. Domingo? Because they banished the whites and east off the voke (volk).

Bright red spectacles, accompanied by internal doses of calomel, form a new German specific against seasickness. It is deduced from Epstein's investigations on the influence of enter on the blood vessels in the brain. Sea sickness is due to lack of blood in the brain. while red sends blood to the brain with a rush. By looking at one point for some time through the red glasses the patient is cured rudically

THE TREASURE OF THE GAGIQUE.

A Story of Old Mexico.

By Gilbert Campbell.

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

James Sheldon and his two sons, Bob and Arthur, are engaged in gold mining in the Sierra Mountains of northern Mexico. A gang of half breed and Indians attack their cabin. They are repulsed by the help of Lopes, the Mexican, but not until they have killed the father and set the cubin on fire. A week later, in company with Lopez and Indian Joe, they set out in search of the treasure of the Cacique, guided by a chart which was given to Arthur by a dying Indian he befriended. They encounter "Judge Lynch" at a ranch and are astounded to discover in the prisoner who is to be bung for horse stealing Cifuentes, the murderer of their father. They start on the next day, but are astonished to discover that the thief has been cut down by, as it later develops, his partner, Half Hung Simon, who meets them at the ferry of the San Jacinto and by treachery, sends the boat containing Joe and Lopes to destruction in the rapids below. As their friends disappear down the rapid river, waving a last farewell. Bob and Arthur are surrounded by a troop of Mexfean Cavalry and taken to the nearest town accused of murdering the ferryman. The timely arrival of a witness proves their innocence and the guilt of Cifuentes and his vil-Jainous partner. Released, they start for the rapids of the river in hopes of recovering the bodies of their comrades, but are unable to discover any traces of them. Proceeding on their way alone they penetrate far into the Interior of the mountains in search of the treasure city. A series of misfortunes follow them. Bob is pursued by Sin.on and his partner, seeks refuge in a cave, and disappears. Arthur sprains his ankle and is attacked by an enermous rock snake, who colls himself around his unconscious victim.

CHAPTER XVI.

A Buried City.

HEN the smoke began to penetrate into the cave Bob felt that his hour had indeed come. He crept farther and farther back, but the suffocating vapor followed him closely, and

soon he began to experience a difficulty in breathing.

"All is over with me, I fear," he cried; and as the smoke poured in more densely, he turned his face to the wall and prepared in prayer for death. Suddenly to his extreme surprise, his hand slipped into a fissure in the rock, and feeling eagerly, he discovered that

The Doctor Said

"Stop Coffee and Use Postum Cereal Coffee".

"It seemed a hard matter to get through breakfast without a cup of hot coffee, so I stuck to it for several years, although 1 was a great sufferer from sick headaches, which sometimes attacked me as often as three times a week. I used to take medicine for my head troubles, not knowing the cause of them, and kept on drinking coffee, until I finally came down with a serious stomach trouble and had to go to the doctor. He said I had dyspepsia in a bad form and some other complications; that I must stop drinking coffee and tea for a year or more. I got hold of the Postum Food Coffee, and since using it, have been entirely free from the headaches and stomach trouble.

"It has evidently been a great benefit for me, for my health has been revived and I have grown fleshy since beginning its use. My husband and daughter also drink Postum and like it very much. Daughter does not think she can have a breakfast without her Postum, I find people occasionally who have tried Postum but complain that it is not strong enough. I find in such cases that they are either belterskelter housekeepers or have been very careless in the preparation of the Postum Food Coffee. It requires full fifteen minutes of actual boiling after the bubbling begins, and two heaping teaspoonfuls to the person. This gives an elegant cup of coffee. Any one who is troubled with coffee drinking can well afford to abandon it and take up the Postum Food Coffee." Mrs. L. W. Bell, 2532 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

Some good housekeepers mix the Postum, four benping tenspoons to the pint of water, in a very little water, and place it in a tall coffee pot so it will not boil over, then after it has begun to boil and been stirred down, they add enough water to make up the requisite amount of liquid.

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it was about five feet in height, and almost wide enough to admit his body. With his hunting-knife he endeavored to enlarge the aperture, and after a few moment's work a large piece of rock, which appeared to have been artificially placed in its position, slipped from its resting-place, and with a squeeze Bob managed to get his body into the fissure. Utterly regardless of the tears and scratches which the sharp edges and points of the rocks inflicted upon his face and hands, the boy pushed onwards, for was not the deadly smoke still pursuing him closely?

By and by, however, as he proceeded farther, the suffocating vapor seemed to find another outlet, for it troubled him no longer, and a stream of cool air bathed his aching temples.

Occasionally the roadway was wet and slimy and water dripped freely upon him from the roof; but now far away, at a great distance, as it appeared, he saw a light which gleamed brightly through the darkness. A moment's reflection told him that this must be an opening at the other end, and that he was once again approaching the outer world. The welcome sight renewed his flagging energies, and with fresh vigor he pursued his way. Once or twice he thought he heard the dread sound which heralds the presence of the deadly rattlesnake, and occasionaly his forchead was fanned by the wings of the loathesome vamplre bats, which had apparently made a habitation of the cavern. Still, he pressed onwards, until, bleeding and exhausted, he reached a large opening in the rock and, blinded by the sudden transition from the darkness into light, he sank half insensible upon the rock threshold of the cavern.

him into a boat. With much outery, in a language which he did not understand, and with many a gleaming weapon brandished flercely in his face, Bob was hurriedly rowed to the shore, where his eyes were bandaged and his arms bound behind him.

He could tell from the sounds that he was passing through an excited crowd; then he felt himself propelled up a flight of steps and at last on the bandage being removed from his eyes, he found himself in a vaulted room, the walls of which were glistening white, while a rude bed with skin coverings stood in the corner, and composed the entire furniture of the room. Then his captors unbound his arms and one of them, bringing a few rude blacksmith's tools made of stone, riveted a set of light fetters on the boy's arms. A pitcher of water and some Indian corn bread was next placed in a corner of the room and without a word Bob was left alone.

As he recovered himself he glanced round the room, and then at the fetters upon his wrists. They appeared to be of solid gold:

CHAPTER XVII.

The White Prince.

Whilst Arthur was still enlaced in the coils of the gigantic reptile, a strange looking party of men, to the number of perhaps a dozen, cautiously approached the little camp. At a glance it could be seen that they were Indians, but both in form and appearance they differed widely from the Apaches, Sioux and Yaquis.

The new-comers were light in complexion, and dressed more fantastically than even Indians generally are: large lumps of what looked like gold, roughly pierced and strung

"He lost his balance and fell headlong."

But Bob's hardy nerves speedily recovered themselves, and in a few minutes he rose to his feet and surveyed with wonder the extraordinary scene that presented itself to his gaze. In front of him a steep bank, composed entirely of smooth lava, stretched down to a lake of wide expanse, in whose blue waters were reflected the gilded minarets and domes of a city which was built round its margin. The buildings of the city were composed of some white substance, which shone like marble, and rose, one above the other, in a succession of terraces, whilst their roofs were adorned with gay flags and banners of all colors. It seemed as if some fete or gala was going on, for Bob could see crowds of the inhabitants, in brilliant-colored dresses, moving about, whilst strains of music struck faintly on his ears Elaborately-painted boats, gorgeous with gilding and ornate with purple salis, glided over the smooth surface of the

Eagerly watching the strange scene, he unconsciously approached the edge of the ledge on which he stood. Bending forward, he lost his balance and fell headlong down the sloping bank of lava. All his efforts to arrest his descent were fruitless. Faster and faster he slid down, and at last losing his equilibrium altogether, he rolled over and over until he plunged with a splash into the blue waters of the lake.

But more than one watchful eye had noticed the form sliding down the lava bank, and hardly had he touched the water than a score of boats shot out from all directions to the spot, and as he rose to the surface, twenty pairs of eager hands clutched him and threw upon wire, ornamented their necks and wrists, the long feathers of the mountain eagle were twisted in their scalp-locks and hung far down their backs.

Slowly and cautiously they advanced to the tent, and there the leader, a grey-haired wag-rior, with a plate of gold rudely representing the rising sun suspended from his neck, raised his hand to enjoin silence, and pointed to the insensible boy in the folds of the snake.

"The Great Father of Serpents," said he, in low gutteral tones, "is on our side; he has tracked the pale face stranger and held him until we could come up. And see, he delivers him into our hand," he added, as the snake, alarmed at the near vicinity of the Indians, relaxed, leaving Arthur still insensible upon the ground.

"The extinction of the sacred fire warned

us that intruders were near," continued the chief, "and the Great Father of the Serpents watched over the children of the Cacique. Stand forth. Otan Hari, Priest of the Sun, and say what shall be done to the pale-face who has come so near to the boundaries of the Sacred City."

As he spoke a chort, thick-set Indian, whose temples were bound with a saffron-colored fillet, moved forward, and, striking a heavy mace armed with sharp blades of obsidian upon the ground, cried, in a harsh, strident volce, "Were the pale-face stouter and more fit to do battle with the braves of the City of the Sun, I would say, let him be taken to the Stone of Horror, there to try the chances of battle, but he is weak and puny, and his senses fled at the grip of the screent. Let him be sacrificed here, and let me read

the signs of his heart, so as to guard against the enemies of our race."

The grey-halred chief glances sorrowfully upon the form of the senseless boy.

"Otan Hari has spoken!" said he. "Do you, my brethren, agree that the sacrifice shall be made?"

All of the warriors bowed their heads in signal of assent, and directed the points of their weapons towards Arthur's breast.

"Stay!" cried the priest, striking back the points of the lances with a sweep of his heavy mace. "Let the sacrifice be consummated in due form, and let the magic inventions of the pale-face perish with him. Collect stones and wood for the altar!"

"Priest of the Sun," cried the old chief, "your bidding is accomplished! Say what next you require."

"Place the victim upon the altar and lay bare his bosom; but first throw water upon his face, so that the spirit may return to him, else the omen will be of no avail."

Water was thrown upon Arthur's face, and he began slowly to recover, but such was the shock his system had sustained that he was only dimly conscious of the figures surrounding him, and could neither rosist nor utter a sound.

Meanwhile, in accordance with the cruel mandate of Otan Harl, the grey-headed chief was occupied in baring the boy's chest.

"What is this?" exclaimed he, as he drew out the deerskin scroll which Arthur always carried about him.

"Cast it into the beap with the rest of the pale-face's sorceries, that they may perish together," cried the priest, examining the edge of the obsidian knife which he held in his hand, and then advancing to strike his victim. Meanwhile the old chieftain was intently examining his scroll.

The knife gleamed above the boy's bosom, and in another instant it would have descended, when it was torn violently from the priest's hands, and flung to some distance.

"We have been near to committing a great sin," said the chieftain. "Do you recollect when the last of the Caciques left us to perform his weary penance, he told us that a White Prince should come to us, bearing the mystic scroll that our rulers always carried, and that to him, and him only, we were to surrender the treasures that we have kept such a careful watch over, and that then, our guard being over, we might leave the Sacred City and mix again with our fellow-men?"

"We remember," uttered the assembled warriors.

"There," continued the chief, "s the scroll of the Cacique, and here is the White Prince. On your faces, warriors! Do homage to your king, and hall him as Miko,"

All the warriors, including the priest, at once prostrated themselves before Arthur; and, as he half rose from the stones upon which he was reclining, he saw the dusky forms stretched on the ground around him.

"What is the meaning of this?" cried he, unconsciously using the dialect in which he had been in the habit of conversing with the Caclque.

"The White Prince speaks our language," said the old chief, rising from the ground, "Prince, deign to receive back the mystic beroll, and come with us."

"But my brother will return, and will not know whither I have gone," urged Arthur.

"Two of the young men shall wait his return and conduct him after us," returned the chief.

In a very few moments a litter was constructed and Arthur placed upon it. Then for a few hundred yards they pursued a rough mountain track, and then a halt was made at an opening in the hill half masked by rocks, and brushwood. When these were cleared away, a broad tunnel was discovered, into which the party of Indians with their burden immediately passed; and they proceeded along a roadway which, from the inclination at which it ran, seemed to lead into the bowels of the earth.

THAPTER XVIII.

The Stone of Horror

For a long time the novelty of his position kept Bob awake. At last, however, his wearied limbs were luked to repose, and he sept peacefully until the clash of arms aroused him from his slumbers. He started from his

"What do you want with me?" exclaimed he, addressing a gaily-accentred Indian who, at the head of an armed escort, stood by his couch.

"Is the pale-face able and ready to reply to the questions which the council has ordered me to ask!" was the reply.

"Able I certainly am," answered Bob, using the Spanish in which he had been addressed. "But whether I am ready is another matter. By what right am I detained here."

"The pale-face is here to answer questions, not to ask them," was the caim reply. "He was caught like a thief and rebber within the precincts of the Sacred City, and he must die!"

"Die!" cried Bob, half springing from his couch. "And why?"

"The pale-face has yet a chance of life," said the Indian. "In an hour he will be placed upon the Stone of Horror, and if he can drive from it in succession three of the antagonists allotted to him, his life will be spared; but if be cannot, he will be sacrificed as an offering to the White Prince."

The Indian nade a sign, and immediately two of the guard removed Bob's fetters, whilst another, leaving the room, returned with a dish of savory meat and a basketful of tortillas.

"In an hour the pale face will be conducted to the Stone of Horror, and then let him do his best!" and his guard withdrew.

Hunger acted as good sauce, and after a time Bob finished what had been placed before blm.

By and by the guard again entered his prison, accompanied by two venerable men, whom Bob took for priests. In spite of his resistance, they stripped him to the walst, covered his body with perfumed oil, and then, placing him in the center of the guard, led him away by a narrow, winding passage from the cell that he had occupied.

After a long trimp a door was suddenly thrown open, and Bob found himself in what appeared to be a large amphitheater.

Upon the seats, which rose tier upon tier, was a gaily-dressed throng, who saluted his appearance with loud plaudits, and as they raised their hands Bob could see their rings and armilets glisten in the sun. In the center of the arena was a huge slab of lava, about twelve feet in length, raised upon blocks of the same material, some three feet from the ground. At about three feet from one end a ring of gold was firmly set into the surface. The guard hurried Rob towards this slab, placed him upon it, and immediately fastened his aukle by a leather rope some two feet in length to the ring. They then withdrew, and fresh plandits burst from the audience.

The two priests then approached and delirered a long harangue, of which Bob could not comprehend one syllable; and then, placing in his hands a heavy war club, the head of which was studded with sharp blades of obsidian, withdrew right and left with many strange gestleulations.

The Indian who had visited Bob in the dungeon now approached, and briefly informed him of the terms of the coming combat.

"You will be attacked by one adversary at a time," said he, "armed like yourself. If you succeed in driving him off the stone, the victory is yours, and you will have to cope with a fresh antagonist; but should be prostrate you, he is the victor, and you will at once be taken and sacrificed to the White Prince."

"But I have never done any one here any harm," urged Bob.

"Such is your weapon, and such are the rules," said the Indian sententiously, "Behold your first adversary."

And almost as he spoke an Indian made for the stone, brandishing in his hand a similar weapon to that with which Bob had been sup-

The boy sprang forward, and, forgetful of the thong which confined his ankle, fell at once, upon his face, thereby escaping a righttodeft blow from his antagonist's club.

Before the Indian could recover his balance, Bob was once more upon his feet, and a fierce struggle ensued. Accustomed as the Indian was to the use of the weapon. Bob's agility almost counterbalanced that advantage; and, bag it not been for the rope that hampered his movements, the Indian would not have stood upon the platform long.

After a little cautious play, Bob's adversary made a forward rush; the boy avoided it, and in another moment had brought his own club down. For a moment the Indian strove to recover his balance, but failed; and with a heavy thud, rolled off the platform.

A wild shout of applause arose from the assembled multipude.

Hardly giving Bob time to take breath, another Indian leapt upon the platform. He was shorter, but perhaps more muscular than the last, and made the club play round his head like a reed. The conflict was too unequal to last. A blow upon the side of his head prostrated Bob, and as he essayed to rise the heavy foot of his adversary crushed him down until the war club, with its sharp blades of obsidian, was brandlshed above his head.

(To be continued)

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A Tale of the Sea and Shore.

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CONCLUDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER VIII. GARRY'S DANGEROUS CURIOSITY.

THE remarks of Crimmins and the Captain when they found that the supposed wreck of the Kittiwake had disappeared were not of the kind one would like to hear in a mixed company. Certain it was that the smart schooner had departed for parts un-

known, "Why, she couldn't have sunk," said Uncle Billy as they passed the familiar scene of their recent trouble. "Ef that was so we should at most see her masts stickin' out of the water. Moreover the fact that the storm let up so soon is proof enough that she didn't slide off inter deeper water and go to pieces here." He shook his head gravely and added: "There's somethin' more than mortal about the way we been turned down from the start. I guess that feller Hawkins has been callin' on his master the old one, who has thrown us inter all this muddle."

"And where is all my pumps and things," said Crimmins who, when he found that the wreck had disappeared, was inconsolable

"Oh, you'll get paid for them things, don't you worry," replied Uncle Billy testily. "There's more important business on hand than gettin' holt of your old junk."

"Well, I don't see that we can do any good by remaining here," said Garry, "for without the diving apparatus we can do nothing. Better start for home and get a new outfit."

"Not ontil I satisfies myself what has become of that there ship," said Uncle Billy firmly. "She should orter be seen somewhere's in these parts for the water is reel shallow!" And again be turned his attention to studying the water which at this point was very

But no sign of the Kittlwake did they see, and at last the Captain, in sheer disgust, ordered his companions to drop anchor while they went below and considered the situation.

"Well, what air we goin' to do?" said Uncle Billy, when they had gathered around the table in the little cabin. "It's my opinion that them fellers has patched up the ship while we were aslepin' and is now makin' fur the ground. where the cash is lvin'.'

Crimmins, who had sunk back on one of the benches that the cabin afforded in a dejected state of mind, suggested an idea to Garry.

"These people must have come prepared to dive for the treasure just like us," be urged, "and therefore it is more than likely that they have a diving apparatus and the pump machinery on board."

Crimmins, as he said this darted up.

"Blest if the lad hain't got sense," he exclaimed. "Let's have a look fur the machinery," and with this he set to work with the aid of the others. Every closet and cupboard was searched until finally they came on a diving pump and beliets and pipes that drew from Crimmins many an exclamation of de-

"Why this is better than the set I lost!" he escialings, and forthwith began to put the pump in order.

Uncle Billy was glad that this encouragement had been vouchsafed their cruse friend, and when after a thorough examination the famous log book came to view their joy knew no bounds.

Well, we shall shorely leave them fellers high and dry," was Uncle Billy's remark as he ran through the pages of the lost log-book.

"Here we has it," he remarked, pausing at one of the pages and he read aloud: "July the 21-She went down off the point of the blasted pine tree. Tried to find her but couldn't!"

The old trader was evidently a man of few words.

"I know that there blasted pine of she is still a standin'," sald Uncle Billy, "and I moves that we up stakes and heads that away. It's on the other side of the island."

With that they went up on deck and as the matter of lifting the sloop's anchor was a smallthing, were soon under way with Uncle Billy at the tiller. Succeeding he called to them to get out of sight at the same time ramming the tiller down hard, which drove the sloop into a natural cove.

"What do you mean by that?" asked Crimmins, who had not recovered his good humor.

"Mean?" said Captain Flinders, "I see the point of a vessel jest beyont them rocks an' at a time like this I want to circumnavigate for I mean to come on 'em unbeknownst," at the same time he gave Garry the order to let go the anchor.

When the sloop had finally been brought to a standstill Garry asked him the reason for his actions.

"It was this way, my son. I see above them cliffs what I made out to be the foremast of the Kittiwake, so I thought it was safe fur us to hunt cover. Them Pelleans, unless I'm mistook, has got her in charge."

"Suppose we go on shore and find out," said Carry, "I'm ready;" and before Captain Flinders could offer any objection they had dropped into the yawl and loosing the painter headed for the shore.

"Heh, ye better come back now," called out Captain Flinders, as he leaned over the gunwate and shook his fist in Garry's direction "What's this mean, muting?"

Garry only laughed, and began to row the harder. He had made up his mind that he was going to find out if it was Indeed the mast of the "Kittiwake" that the Captain had seen.

He did not attempt to pay any attention to the anathemas that were burled after him nor dld the possibility of his being treated as a mutineer worry him any,

When he reached the shore he builted the boat up where it could be secreted behind some bushes and then clambered up the rocks. Turning in a westerly direction he reached one of the highest points on the island. Peering out from behind the sheltering undergrowth he saw below him a hoat which he had no trouble in making out as the "Kittiwake." It was even as the Captain had sald. They had succeeded in patching her up and there she stood at anchor looking little worse for the battle with the storm.

Certainly they had to deal with shrewd opponents, who were so quick to grasp an op-

What interested Garry particularly was the work that seemed to be going on on the deck of the schooner,

Hawkins was rushing here and there in a great state of excitement. Presently from below came the boy they had nicknamed Bilgewater, and with him the man they had found on the sloop and allowed to escape. They carried some heavy object between them which Garry saw was the diving apparatus whose loss Crimmins had greatly bewalled.

"They must be intending to make a descent," sald the young man to himself. "I wonder if it would not be the best thing for me to hurry back and tell the Captain what they are up to." But his interest in the operations about to begin still held him to his place.

Presently the bearded sailor came up from below and in his hands he carried a diver's helmet while he was dressed from head to foot in a rubber suit such as divers wear.

The others now gathered around him and adjusted the helmet. Then they assisted him to the hanging ladder which bung from the side of the schooner, and taking their stand on each side of the pump began to work.

Garry was so much interested in these proceedings, which he had never seen before, that he forgot that he should have been on his way back with the information.

The diver remained below a long time, but presently he appeared and climbing the ladler seemed to be eagerly questioned by the others. He seemed to have something in his hand. A small object that they examined carefully. Then Hawkins and the boy shook their heads, and he seemed to grow angry. The result of this talk was that they pulled up anchor and the schooner, under shortened sail. and they moved on, letting the anchor fall at a distance of some fifty yards, where the operations were again resumed. Again the diver disappeared below the surface. Garry, who had followed the course of the boat by clainbering along the cilffs had now reached an overhanging rock where he could look down almost on the deck of the "Kittlwake"

The rocks seemed to act like a sounding board and be could even hear what was said by those below,

"I tell ye that she can't be far off now," the diver was saying as he came up and showed a piece of metal which seemed to him very important. "Here's a door plate with the word 'Captain' on it," he said. "Now, that could only have come off a wreck, though of course there hain't no tellin' whether it was the identical ship what we are lookin' fur."

"It certainly is promisin'," was Hawkins' remark as he examined the bit of tarnished brass. "Jest have a look down below again and see what we can make up."

The diver resumed his believt and the others took their places by the pump. Then the former disappeared below the surface of the

Garry, laying out on the rocks at full length. watched the scene as if fascinated. He seemed to forget the fact that it was his own fortune that might be at stake and that perhaps be was wasting time that might be more profitably spent than in lingering there,

The diver this time stayed down longer than usual and then Garry saw a twitch at the signal line to announce that he was coming up.

Presently the great metal head with its staring goggle eyes appeared on the surface of the water, and the diver clambered heavily up the



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ladder, for the reason that he carried what seemed to be a tin case in his arms.

The other men who had been working at the pump dropped their work and came forward.

"This time I guess we have fetched up something," said the diver when he had freed himself of his helmet.

Hawkins was already down on his knees over the tin box which he was attacking with a hatchet. Garry could see that he was very much excited and the others were hardly less so. The box was hard to open, but at last the cover was smashed off, and they all bent eagerly over the contents.

The young man stretched out on the overhanging rock felt excited, too, and it was aggravating that the three men shut out all view of the contents of the box from him. Their heads were so close together that nothing could be seen. Garry crawled out further, even at the risk of being observed by those on the deck of the Kittiwake, though they were too much occupied to pay attention to anything but the work before them.

"Ah, we have it!" he heard Hawkins exclaim.

What was It? Part of the treasure? Garry crawled out further; then, suddenly, he felt the tufts of grass he had been holding on to give way, and with a cry be rolled off the cliff and fell into the void below, his hands impotently beating the air!

CHAPTER IX.

IN THE HANDS OF THE ENEMY.

What was the astonishment of Hawkins and his men when they heard that sudden cry, as it seemed, from the clouds, and then saw a whirling body fall into the sea within a few yards of the Kittiwake.

He seemd to understand the situation at once, and made a dash for the heat fied to the stern. A moment later, just as Garry rose to the surface, he suddenly felt a strong hand grasp the collar of his cont, and then he was lifted ignominiously into the boat. The sudden tumble into the sea for a moment deprived him of his presence of mind, and he did not feel reassured when he found himself facing the man who from the start he had felt was an enemy.

He looked around him as If seeking for a way to escape.

"Sit down there, Cousin," cried Hawkins, lifting his oar threateningly. "I don't want trouble if ye behave yourself," and he grinned mallelously. "Jest wait until we get to the ship, and then you and me can have a nice, neighborly talk."

Garry sank back on the scat and said no more, for the shock of the fall had somewhat stupefied him. Now he bitterly blamed himself for his foolish curlosity. How they would laugh at him when he returned. And it was not at all sure when he would be able to return.

He was in no very pleasant frame of mind when they reached the Kittiwake, and he saw "Bilgekeel" smiling at him over the bulwarks.

"Up ye go, and no funny business," growled out Hawkins, at the same time lifting one of his ears, as if he only wanted an opportunity to use it on his companion's head.

Garry, still confused in mind, mounted the ladder and found himself again on the deck of the Kittiwake. What he saw was the open box on the deck, and scattered around it vartous discolored coins of gold and silver.

"Ye may look, but ye mustn't touch," said Hawkins in his ear. "Now, of ye hadn't ben so hoggish and wanted it all for yerself, you and the old salt might have had sheer in this here find, but, as it is, ye shan't have a penny plece," And he laughed hoarsely at his attenipt at a loke.

"Ye have to get up very early in the morning to beat out yer friend Hawkins," continned the other, who seemed to enjoy formenting his cousin. "The divin' gent says that there Is several more cases down below the mates to this'n, so we shall make a good thing out of yer Uncle Nick, after all. But I won't aggervate ye by keeplu' ye here to see 'em brung up, and 'tween you and me I think ye would be safer down below anyway. There is no knowln' what such an availabous party as you might do, at the sight of so much eash."

Then, as Garry was about to make a dash for the water, he caught him by the arm, while Bilgekeel took the other, and he was dragged ignominiously down the companionway,

He was pushed into the main cabin, and the door slammed and locked behind him,

"Rehave yerself, and no harm will come to ye," called our his cousin through the keyhele. "We hain't goln' to cat ye. Soon as we get up the gold we shall let ye free," and then the footsteps died away, and Garry was left to mourn his wayward fate, and to wonder what Captain Flinders would think of his defection.

Through one of the portholes he was able to watch the operations made to recover the treasure. Several times the diver made descents to the wreck, and each time he came up bearing a tin box similar to the one Garry had observed spread open on the deck. It was not pleasant for aim to consider how he and his party had been overreacted, and just after the capture of the sloop, when they thought they had check-mated their cremies.

· "Serves me right for acting in such a headstrong way." said Garry to himself. "If I had taken the Captain's advice I should not be in this corner now;" and he lay back on the cushions and thought over the situation. It did not seem to him that he ought to feel grateful that his fall from the cliff had produced no serious result, and that he should feel thankful for not losing his life. He was only angry to think that the others had succeeded in getting hold of the treasure.

In the midst of these disagreeable thoughts he suddenly became aware that the sound of the pump which supplied the diver with air had ceased, and at the same time heard the creaking of the windlass that lifted the anchor. They were evidently making ready to leave the neighborhood.

Presently he heard a key grate in the cabin door lock and Hawkins entered. He seemed to be in a very amiable state of mind.

"Well," he said, flinging himself down on one of the cushioned chairs before the table. "I thought you'd be glad to know that we succeeded in gettin' up most of the cash. There may be more there, but if there is you are welcome to it. I want to get out of this corner while there is time, for after the damage done to this here ship, I don't want to risk her through another storm."

As Garry maintained a sullen sllence Hawkins laughed insolently.

"Why, I thought ye would be pleased to hear that the money is back agin in the family, and not at the bottom of the gulf. D've know I have half a mind to give ye a few hundred out of it jest to keep ye in a good humor;" and he laughed.

"You needn't trouble yourself," said the young man hotly. "In the first place, the money is nine-by right of law."

"Law be dinged. What do you suppose I care for the law in this case! Findin's is keepin's, I say!"

Garry felt that his fingers were Itching to selze Hawkins by the throat for his taunts and sarcasm had begun to be unbearable. At this juncture the diver appeared in the doorway, and he semed to be considerably excited.

"Well, what is the matter now?" asked Hawkins, carelessly.

"Matter enough, Cap. If I know anything there's another storm on the way, and this here boat won't never stand It. Ye know that patch I managed to put on where she rapped open won't bear any rough weather. Why not put inter a cove of the Island and wait until it blows over?"

"No, I'll be hanged if I do," said Hawkins. "I know if we don't get away from this place now, we never will. It ain't much of a run for the shore and we can head for the nearest point. There must be time enough for that before the storm breaks."

"There might be," said the other, doubtfully.

"There's got to be," said Hawkins, decid-

"We're mighty short-handed for to manage

a ship of this size in rough weather.' You forget that we have a new recruit," grinned Hawkins, jerking his thumb in Garry's direction. "I am sure my esteemed cousin

here will help us out," "I'm sure that I will do nothing of the kind," said Garry, hotly,

"Now don't be a fool, my young friend. You will help us for the reason that you can't help yourself," and he began to finger the silvermounted revolver which he wore in his belt. "If the boat sinks, why, you go down with her; so it's self-preservation that you will be working for. Just consider yourself a member of the crew, and you know how a sailor is treated who refuses to obey the captain's orders."

Garry saw by the determined expression of his relative's face that he was not the kind of a man to be trifled with, and that it was best for him to consent to help work the ship no matter how litter the task would be.

"Very well, you can count on my help," he

"Ah! I thought ye would, and if ye act right I'll see that ye don't leave us empty-handed. for I can be generous as well as the next feller when I'm treated right. Well, now, I hear the wind whistlin', so boys up on deck with ye and we'll run this old boat for the shore and win out ahead of the storm."

So saying, he motioned Garry to the companion way and then followed with the

When Garry reached the deck he found the sky was overcast and the waves, capped with white, were beating heavily against the rocks that fringed the island. He looked around hoping to eatch sight of the sloop, but there was not a sall in sight.

"Go up and shake out that reef!" called out Hawkins, peremptorily, and Garry thought it

Over his work he glanced up and down the troubled waters in the vain hope of seeing the sloop where he had last left it. But though from his lofty position he had a good view of the Island on three sides there was no sign

Having performed his work and descended to the deck be helped the others get ready an extra sail and hoist it in place.

"The only way to bear out that storm is to carry every stitch or canvas," was Hawkins' remark. "We'll be either blown into a port or to the bottom," and he walked aft to belp the diver who was at the wheel,

At that moment the great black cloud from the west seemed to spread out over all the sky and the same time a vivid flash of lightning divided it with a streak of fire.

Garry saw that the storm had distracted their attention from him. He had caught sight, too, over the top of the rocks of the island, they were leaving, what he took to be the pennon of the sloop. He dashed back to the stern and even before the others could take In what he was about to do had flung himself into the yawl that was towing on behind and loosening the painter, drifted away.

The Kittiwake, under its heavy spread of canvas, was soon wrapped in a vell of fog and passed from his sight. It was all he could do now to manage the boat, for the waves were running dangerously high and it would be hard work for him to reach the island.

It was no easy task either to keep the waves from swamping the boat. To make matters worse the fog had grown so dense that the island had entirely disappeared from view and he could only guess its location. The waves grew to momentarily higher and higher, and tossed the boat about as if it had been a walnut shell. One of his cars drifted away and he tried to scull with the other, but made little progress. Where was the island now? Had he passed it in the storm?

It was not a pleasant prospect to be alone in that wild weather with only one oar to steer by. Still be toiled on, his eyes turned in the direction where he supposed the island to lay.

Suddenly he heard the sound of dashing waves. His hopes grew brighter. It must be the sound of the surf beating on the rocks. Then a shadow loomed up in the midst and out of the gray the bow of a big boat appeared. Before Garry could get out of the way it bore down upon him, and just in time he made a leap for the forward chains while the yawl was swept away from under him.

CHAPTER X.

Conclusion.

A long time after Garry left the sloop did Uncle Billy Filnders wait for him to return, and it was only when the storm came up that he thought it best to get up the anchor and stand out to sea.

"It'll do that headstrong chap good to find we have gone away without bim. grumbled. "Sich a feller needs to get teached a good lesson. Anyway, we shall do better outside, for I hain't got no desire to have another boat hammered to bits on them rocks." So they got up the anchor just as the storm broke in all its fury. "I'm gettin' a good dose of storms," said

the old salt as he looked at the sky and shook his head. His object was not to go far away from the island, but with such a sea running and the wind apparently blowing from all quarters at once, it was hard to from all quarters at o know where they were.

Crimmins he had stationed in the bow to warn him if they were approaching any breakers, and so they tossed about at the mercy of the waves, hoping to outride the

Suddenly, out of the fog, which almost hid Crimmins from view, he saw another shadow appear.
"What, Garry Carson, is that you," he cried

out as the young man came running towards him, "And where might ye have blowed The noise of the storm made conversation

The noise of the storm made conversation a difficult matter, nor did Garry attempt then to explain everything, but he gave the old man a hint of the leading events that happened since they parted.

"Well, you shorely do have the luck," was Captain Filnders exclanation, when he heard a synopsis of his young friend's adventures, "But to think of them chaps lavin hands on The Kittiwake and what is wuss—for us, gettin' up the treasure as slick as ef it had ben a waltin' fur 'em there all these years, Here! take the wheel a while until I get a chaw of tobacco," giving up his place to chaw of tobacco," giving up his place to Garry, "I needs somethin to strengthen me after sich a dispensation of Providence," and he proceeded to cut off a buge piece of plug

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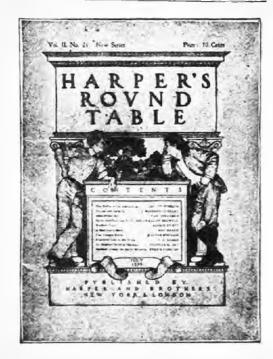
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THE GRUISE OF THE KITTIWAKE

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"I wonder how they managed to patch up the Kittiwake," mused the captain, "for I'm right sure she had a hole stove in her bows, ef not in other places. She'll never ride this storm unless them fellers has the devli's own luck which I begin to think they has," and he began moodily pacing up and down the deck, stopping how and then before Garry to let fall a remark.

"Wal," he acknowledged, "I don't see that there is any use of as standin' round here on-

there is any use of us standin' round here on-less we want to try for them fellers leavin's."
"The storm is lifting. Uncle Billy," said Garry, wislong to get the old man off a sub-

ject that seemed to stir him up unpleasantly.

The fog was now breaking away and more of the water about the boat could be seen. The waves, too, had decreased in violence. Uncle Billy, however, was not to be consoled by anything and seemed to get great satisfaction from calling the present crew of the Kittiwake every injurious name that he could

think of. As for Garry, he was surprised himself that he took the loss of the treasure so philosophically. Still he was sorry on the old man's account since he had been put to such expense

count since he had been put to such expense for the trip.
"I don't wish to make a un-Christian remark." said Mr. Flinders, stopping for a moment in his pacing the deck, "but if them fellers on the Kattiwake was to git wrecked fur good, it would seem as if it was only justice," and with this he went off stamping up and down the deck again. Uncle Billy in a fury was such a budicrous object that Garry could not help laughing at him.

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"As you say, Captain," he remarked, when the old salt came in hearing again, "we may as well head for home. Fortune has been against us from the start. It may be for the

"Bosh," exclaimed the old man, "no one is

ever the worse for a little money to make 'em-comfortable."
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"Sail ho!" called out Crimmins from his outlook in the bow.

"Where away, mate?" demanded the captain.
"On the lee bow," came the answer and presently they could see through the thin veil of mist that still hovered in the air, a ship half submerged with tattered sails and a broken mast, tossing in the waves.

Uncle Billy let off a yell that must have reached the sinking boat. "Thunder and cats feathers! but if that ain't what's left of the Kittiwake, ye may call me a mushrat," he exclaimed, "Head her up that way, Garry, and let us have a clus look at the old scow and its crew if so be as there is any on 'em aboard."

Crimmins had come aft in a high state of excitement.

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"I see one feller clingin' to the riggin'," he said. "What are ye goin' to do about it Cap?"
"To? Why try and get 'em off of course. They air a wuthless lot, but I suppose they have souls to save so we'll give 'em a chance to live and mebbe mend their ways. Bring her air as close as we kin Garry but not too her up as close as ye kin, Garry, but not too

Garry did as he was directed, and they were soon in halling distance of all that remained of what had been the handsome schooner.

She seemed to be in a sinking condition, and the waves were breaking over the bow. The ragged creature on the stump of the main mast proved to be the boy they had dubbed "Bilgekeel," and he was making frantic efforts to signal to them.

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"I wonder where the others kin be," said the captain, as he viewed the wreck through his glass. "The lad seems to be the only one I can see."

Then he thrust the telescope back in his packet and called out. "Bring her about Garry Now then Crimmins, stand by to let the sail down when we come about."

As these orders were executed be made ready a line and as the sloop rolled in the trough of the waves he let it fly within reach of the boy

ellinging to the mast, "Bilgekeel" made a grab for it, but missed. and the effort hearly threw him into the water, Again and again was the line thrown with the same result, and all the time the Kittiwake was sinking deeper and deeper.

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"He never can make it," said Garry, "one of us must go and take him off. Can't you see the lad is too weak to help himself. I think a boat could get there. You see the sea has gone down." And indeed a sudden calm had spread over the surface of the waters.

They could see that the boy was now elinging weak y to the mast as if his courage as well as his strength had gone and he had about resigned himself to his fate.

"A boat could get there no doubt," said Flinders dryly. "On'y you ran off with the one we had and there haint no other. I tell ye what we can do. I think I can bring this seew up along side of her without knockin' a hole in our ribs, then you jump over with a line and we'll hauf that hoy aboard. The others must have gone under."

"Very well," said Garry, and he made his line fast to his waist and climbed up on the gunwhale prepared to jump as soon as they came within leaping distance of the wreck.

came within leaping distance of the wreck. Captain Flinders' hands had not lost their cunning and with skill he brought the sloop safe along side of the dreary booking remains of what had been the Kirtiwake.

"Off ye go," he called to Garry, and the young man leaped. He had miscalenlated the distance and almost fell into the sea, but succeeded in scrambling up to the one place that was not awash.

was not awash.
"Where are the others," he asked the shivering little wretch, who still clung to his only

"Bilgekeel" pointed to the waves and nodded. "They were swept over at the fust blow that nigh upset us." said he, and then looked around blim afrightedly.

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"Well, we have no time to lose for this schooner may go down at any moment," said Garry, and as he spoke he took the line off from around his waist and making a running mose slipped it over the lad's shoulders.

"Now, over ye go," he said, at the same time making a signal to the sloop and as the boy jumped overboard they hauled him in-a slow process that tried the strength of Elle-

slow process that tried the strength of Fila-ders and his companion.

ders and his companion.

Garry thought he might now safely trust himself to the sea and save his companions a great deal of trouble, moreover there was no telling when the Kittiwake might go under.

He had just made up his mind to this when he saw that the tin boxes which had been recovered from the wreck were piled up near the main mast. They had gotten them ready to take away probably when a sudden waye to take away probably when a sudden wave had swept them luto eternity.

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He looked at the boxes longingly and then at the sloop that was tossing about in the distance. They had hauled the boy on board and were now getting up the sail preparatory to making a return tack. It was hard luck to have to leave that little fortune there and yet what was to be done?

He resolutely turned his face away from the temptation. It might be dangerous to attempt to save the treasure. His thoughts were interrupted by seeing the sloop come about and bear down toward him.

"Stand ready," called out Flinders, when the boat was within bailing distance, and a moment later a line came flying over his head. He caught it, made a noose that slipped over his shoulders, then leaped overboard and swam to the sloop on whose deck he stood a moment later. There he poured out the story of his discovery.

Captain Flinders saw that he was weak and could hardly stand up and at once ordered him to go down in the cabin and rest.

Garry fell asleep as soon as his head touched the pillow. He was awakened by feeling a dripping hand on his face and looking up saw the captain's smilling face before him.

"Look there," called out that worthy as he pointed down to the floor of the cabin. "I didn't tell ye what I meant to do, for fear ye should want to take a hand in the game—but I done it." and he showed with pride the

should want to take a hand in the game—but I done it." and he showed with pride the rusty treasure boxes which he had rescued

from the sinking ship.
"So the cruise of the K'ttiwake was not such a fallure after all," said Garry with a smile and again sank into deep slumber, this

time filled with pleasant dreams.

Little remains now to be told. The little fortune that came into Garry's possession has not been misused, and he lives much the same way as of old though he is now able to give his mother the comforts that she long needed. Garry is in command of a new Kli-liwake, bigger and better than the schooner that went down in the storm. It is the opin-ion of those that know him well, that he deserves all the good fortune that has come to him, and is reaping the reward of a brave and upright life.

THE END.

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The Grand Secretary is forced to send back dozens of pictures of the members each month. tozens of pictures of the meniners each month. They can not be used in making a cut for printing in the Star because they are too small. Do not send your picture unless it is at least cabinet size or larger than three inches wide by six inches long. Anything smaller cannot be used. The face on the picture should in all cases be at least as large as a silver dollar.

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Our Portrait Gallery.

The group picture published in this issue, composed of two representative and hustling lodges, will be recognized with pleasure by the required oscillation of the recognized with pleasure by the required oscillation. The grand sceretary noted, too late for correction, that the artist upon whom devolved the work of arranging the pictures, had made a mistake in arranging the letters O. T. N., by making them read O. N. T. This is not intended to advertise any brand of thread and the grand secretary hastens to apologize in advance of any "kicks."

The upper group is composed of sixteen members of Worthville lodge, Worthville, N. C. Numbered to correspond with the numbers on the picture, we find here brothers: The group picture published in this issue,

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1. J. W. Prevo.
2. Fred Allred.
3. Isaac Hursey.
4. Wm. Leonard.
5. A. T. Stewart.
6. Alan Browning.
7. G. W. Pugh.
8. Wiley Spivey.
9. Robert Snivey.

Robert Spivey,
J. L. Wrenn,
A. R. Groce,
J. W. Jenkins,
Romeo Myrick.

Current Events.

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One of the brothers at Toccoa, Ga., writes that the lodge there is so enthused over their success in winning a prize banner that the members are devoting all of their time to it. On Xmas day they all went out for a ride, and the same evening gave an oyster supper.

The lodge at Coalgate, Ohio, has secured the use of the second story of the school house for lodge meetings, and in conjunction therewith have started a gymnasium.

Luther Lodge, of Rabbit Hash, Ky., meets every Wednesday night in their new lodge hall. They announce that they are in the race for a prize banner this year.

From a glance at the stationery that Scouts League Lodge of Worthington, Ind., is using, it looks as if the officers in charge thoroughly understood their business and were running the lodge on strictly husiness principles.

Alpha Oniega Lodge of San Francisco, Cal., finds that the new side degree they are using is a great help in increasing the mombership of the lodge. They also have a unique plan of extending the benefits to lodges in other cities. Any secretary interested can obtain full particulars by writing to A. Mac Kenzie, 1527 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

Schley Lodge, of Oxford, Miss., would like to correspond with lodges in Mississippi, Alabanna, Lonisiana and Tennessee. Address W. S. Vance, the secretary.

On Jan. 20th Rocky Mountain Lodge was organized at Anaconda, Mont. Since then they have added fifteen new members. The lodge became popular from the very start and received the encouragement of the parents and teachers, by whose influence they were enabled to secure the use of one of the high school rooms for lodge meetings.

The lodge at New Smyrna, Fla., intends to organize a base ball team for the summer. They have also started a cabinet for curiosities and would like to hear from brothers all over the world for the purposes of exchange. Address all letters to Jack Sams, New Smyrna, Fla.

The town of Havanna, N. Dak., has a population of 150. Red. White and Blue Lodge of the C. M. A., located there, has a membership of 18. They hold their regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each mouth in



The Grand Secretary of the C. M. A. will present ten prize banners to the ten lodges showing greatest gain in membership during the year 1900, subject to the following con

ditions:

1. It takes at least six members to form a lodge, therefore each lodge is credited with gain only over and above this number.

2. Each new member received must be in good standing from the day he jobs up to lee, 31, 1900, in order to give the lodge credit for his membership.

3. Five banners will go to the five lodges showing greatest gain over all other lodges in the order, regardless as to size of town.

5. Five banners will be awarded to the five lodges making greatest gain in membership in proportion to population of the towns in which they are located. The classification renders the award impartial, and a lodge in Polunk has as good a show as one in New York City.

New Lodges Organized.

Prairie Queen Lodge, No. 1376, Jan. 17th, at Smilits, Mass. Black Hawk Lodge, No. 1377, at Hoopeston, Ill., Jan. 17th. Effective Lodge, No. 1378, Jan. 17th, at Vanderbit, Pa. Agreris Lodge, No. 1379, at Morperis Lodge, No. 1380, at Toledo, Obio, Jan. 17th. Buckeye Lodge, No. 1380, at Toledo, Obio, Jan. 17th. Brockeye Lodge, No. 1383, at Toledo, Obio, Jan. 17th. Interfee Lodge, No. 1382, Jan. 17th. Effective Lodge, No. 1382, Jan. 17th. Effective Lodge, No. 1382, Jan. 17th. Effective Lodge, No. 1383, Jan. 17th. Effective Lodge, No. 1383, Jan. 17th. Effective Lodge, No. 1385, Jan. 17th. Annual Lodge, No. 1385, Jan. 18th. Adams. Ill. Nodaway Lodge, No. 1380, Jan. 20th. at Banddyville, Ia. Hocky Mountain Lodge, No. 1380, Jan. 20th. Annual Lodge, No. 1383, Jan. 24th. Annual Lodge, No. 1384, Jan. 24th. Antewnship Lodge, No. 1384, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1383, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1383, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1383, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1383, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1385, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Attentional Ind. Sunny South Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Att. High Point, N. C. Bryan Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Att. High Point, N. C. Bryan Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Att. High Point, N. C. Bryan Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Att. High Point, N. C. Bryan Lodge, No. 1386, Jan. 24th. Att. High Point, N. C. Bryan Lodge, No. 1486, Jan. 25th. Att. High Jan. 25th. Att. Lodge, No. 1486, Jan. 25th. Att. Lodge, No. 1486, Jan. 25th. Lodge, No. 1442, Feb. 14th, at Rosek Camp, Ohio Olympia Lodge, No. 1442, Feb. 14th, at Eagle River, Wis. Fifty seven ledges in less than thirty days is a good start for the new year

Record of Deaths.

14. N. R. McDonald.
15. Herbert Groce.
16. Ivy Myrick
The lower picture, containing 24 members of Vashti lodge, Vashti, Tevas, shows what can be accomplished even in a small town, when there are histlers at work for members. Numbered in rotation we find here brothers:

1. Arlow McClintock.
2. Francis Kelley.
3. Jesse Estlack.
4. Oscar McClintock.
5. Edgar Harber, sentinel.
6. Lawrence Callaway, director.

John Denn, vice-president, Paul Childress, secretary and treasurer, Ed. Cornelius,

Lawrence Callaway, director.

James Harber, president

Tom King.

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Clyde Argerbright.
Cleon Dean.
Will Roberts.

Ben Gill. L. J. Estlack. L. J. Estlack Arthur Allen

Elmer E. Young, Glen Gardner, N. J., Dec. 19, 1809. Wm. D. Murphy, Bell Buckle, Tenn., Jan. 30, 1900.

Hershel Outhouse, Peace Valley, Mo., Jan. 28, 1900.

Robert M. Brewer, Mountain View, Ark., Jan. 11, 1900. Charles Fuller, Springfield, Neb., Jan. 4.

Win, L. Bost, Salisbury, N. C., Jan. —, 1900, On behalf of the entire order, the Grand Secretary extends sincerest sympathy to the relatives and immediate friends of the departed brothers, whose active participation in lodge will be sorely missed by their brother members.

the A. O. U. W. lodge hall

the A. O. U. W. lodge hall. They would like to hear from secretaries of lodges in North Dakota and other near by states. Address all letters to the secretary, Earl W. Milton.

On Jan. 23rd Artesion City Lodge, of Cook. Neb., gave an anniversary reception to its members and friends. During the year of its existence, the membership has grown stead-lly. The lodge hall has been handsomely furnished, and their weekly meetings, owing to the interest the members take, are interesting and profitable.

The work of preparing the messages in

The work of preparing the bestography during the last few months has bestography during the last few months has been delegated to an assistant somewhat unfamiliar with it. We have recently had our attention called to several errors and the mention each month will, in the future, have the careful attention of the Grand Secretary.

Raymond Lodge, of Raymond, S. Dak, is starting off in a presperous condition, Organized on Jan. 23rd, they now have a member ship of 15 with eight applications under consideration. This is very good for a town of sixty inhabitants.

The C. M. A. lodge at Estherville, In., are under obligations to Mrs. It. H. Adams for a handsome banner that was recently presented to them by her.

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Brother F. Ralph Starke, of Penn Grove,
Cal., who is studying law and expects to be
admitted to the bar in the near future, will
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he pleased to hear from brothers who are law-yers or law students.

Brother G. P. Smith, of Purvis, Miss., who is interested in the collection of rare coins, in search of a place to dispose of them and secure more, writes to the Grand Secretary for information. The Numismatic Bank, Bos-ton, Mass., and the St. Leuis Stamp & Coin Co., are both reliable concerns.

Brother E. Q. Vestal has already assumed the duties of manhood and is ably fulfilling the position as editor and rubbisher of the "Palmer News," at Palmer, Texas.

Progress Lodge, of Shawnee, Ohio, who re-cently visited Buckeye Lodge, at Coalgate, Ohio, report an enjoyable time and a royal welcome.

welcome. Fancher Lodge, at Sheldon, N. Dak. At though it has only been organized one month, yet boasts of an active membership of 14. They gave an opera on the evening of Jan. 31.

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Late information leads us to believe that the new German stamps will not be on sale much before April 1st. The new stamps for the German colonies are expected at the same time. Those who have seen the designs all unite in declaring them exquisite specimens of the engraver's art, besides being in many respects, a departure from older styles in respect to design. The 1, 2, 3 and 5 mark stamps will bear designs emblematic of modern German history.

Engraving companies have sometimes made contracts with small countries to furnish them with a certain amount of stamps free of cost provided new designs are ordered in a few months or a year. The engravers repay themselves by selling a small quantity to dealers at high prices. This explains why some countries have changed their stamps so often.

Any one of any age remembers how people used to evade and wriggle out of the old postal charges. There were the franks, which merchants used to buy by the bundred; there was the favorite cheme of sending an ad-Cressed envelope, which meant, "I am well and flourishing." The recipient refused to pay for the letter, but got the message by the simple demand for payment. Once, however,

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The latest catalogue for 1900, containing a complete list of all stamps ever issued, may be had from any dealer for 58c post free. The prices quoted therein are list figures and nearly all stamps may be had at some discount from them, but the value of a stamp depends largely on its condition and the discounts vary from 10 to 50 per cent.

the inside stuffed with papers, she threw them

all into the fire. And so a most Ingenious

method was brought to nothing.

The decision of the postmaster general to authorize a special issue of postage stamps commemorative of the Pan-American Exposition, is not received with favor by philatelists. Stamp collectors in Buffalo are just as much opposed as their brother philatelists in other cities, and will unite in protesting against the Issue.

Wrappers and new envelopes have been issued for Cuba. In the center of the stamp the head of Columbus appears.

So many new Confederate locals have been discovered the last year or two that several extra pages in new catalogues are devoted to these stamps.

The prospect for the next few years is that the number of new issues will be considerably less, and let us look at some of the reasons: Within a short time all the Australian colonies are to be united, and this will mean one set of stamps for all seven of the colonies, which includes Tasmania and New Zealand. The present trouble in the Transvaal will undoubtedly bring about some consolidation, and we are told that Uganda and British East Africa are no longer to have separate issues. The Philippine islands, Porto Rico and Cuba, which have had so many issues within the past few years, will undoubtedly, under our government, have comparatively few.

Guam, the new United States naval starion In the Ladrones, has ordered of the postoffice department stamps to the face value of \$11.-000, to supply the demand which comes largely from stamp collectors and dealers. The requisition asks for 15,000 1-cent; 75,000 2-cent; 5,000 3-cent; 5,000 6-cent; 5,600 8-cent; 10,000 10-cent: 5,000 15-cent: 4,000 50-cent; 3,000 \$1, and 5,000 special delivery.

In the report of the second assistant postmaster general for 1899 It is stated that Great Britain has 235 postal cars, France 468, Germany 5.831, and the United States 7.281. A comparison of the systems in vogue is very flattering to the United States, the efficiency of the clerks in this country being of a very high order. General Shallenberger, speaking of his visit in 1899 to Great Britain, France and Germany, makes the following statement: "I could not find any method of work or any mechanical device which could be recommended for adoption in our own railway postal service."

It is always somewhat of a surprise to realize how cheaply a letter can be sent from the United States to England. Still, when the letter rate is compared with the charges for carrying a passenger over the same distance there is nothing so surprising after all. The man can be taken the whole 2,500 miles across the Atlantic for 5 cents a mile. He is lodged and boarded luxuriously; he has the service of the stewards, cooks and sailors. Consider I m only as occupying so much cubic space and weighing so much. He has haif a cabin to himself, which means 800 cubic feet, and he weighs, say, 163 pounds. The same cubic

space would receive about 27,000 letters, weighing a little more. Now, deducting a third part of the man's fare for food and service, we find that each letter on the same scale would cost for the voyage alone, less than half a cent.

Friendship.

Erlendship is an attachment between perr riemasmip is an attachment netween persons of congenial dispositions, habits and pursuits. It has its origin in the nature and condition of man. He is a social creature, and naturally loves to frequent the society, and cappy the affections of those who are like himnaturally loves to frequent the society, and enjoy the affections of those who are like himself. He is also individually, a feeble creature, and a sense of weakness renders friendship indispensible to him. When he has all other enjoyments within his reach, he still finds his happiness incomplete, unless participated in by one whom he considers his friend. When in difficulty and distress, he looks around for advice, assistance, and consolation. No wonder, therefore, that a sentiment of such importance to man should have been so frequently and so largely considered. We can scarcely open any volume of antiquity without being reminded how excellent a thing is friendship. The examples of David and Jonathan, Archilles and Patroclus, Priades and Orestes, Damon and Pythias, all show to what a degree of enthusiasm it was some times carried. But it is to be feared that, in nodern times, friendship is seldom remarkable for similar devotedness. With some it is nominal rather than real, and with others it is regulated entirely by self interest. Yet it would, no doubt, be possible to produce, from every rank in life, and from every state of society, instances of sincere and disinterested friendship, creditable to human nature, and to the age in which we sive. After these remarks, to enlarge on the benefits of possessing a real friend appears unnecessary. What would be more intolerable than the consciousness that, in all the wide world, not one heart beat in mission with our own, or cared for our welfare? more intolerable than the corsciousness that, in all the wide world, not one heart beat in mission with our own, or cared for our welfare? What indescribable happiness it be, on the other hand, to possess a real friend; a friend who will counsel, instruct, assist; who will bear a willing part in our calamity and cordially rejoice when the hour of happiness returns. Let us remember, however, that all who assume the name of friends are not entitled to our confidence. History records many instances of the fatal consequences of fidelity instances of the fatal consequences of idelity In friendship: and it can not be dealed that the world contains men, who are happy to find a heart they can pervert, or a head they can mislead, if thus their unworthy ends can be more surely attained

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Great drops of prespiration stood on Middleton's forehead as he slowly straightened his angular form and looked the miser full in the face.

"Yes, I know I owe you a thousand dollars,

she missed the apples, the little sweetmeats we gives her. The goese and the hens are her playmates in the field. Any part of the farm where she can hear my call, she'll answer an' come like a streak er dark lightnin'."

At that moment John drove into the yard with the mare bitched to a rickety old wagon. Her nostrils were well open and the thin pointed ears, narrow muzzle, wide forehead, long barrel, thin, flat, bony legs, and long sweeping tail bespoke the inheritance of some pure well bred strain in her blood,

"Been racin' agin, John?" asked Middleton, as he fondly eyed his pet and stroked her nose softly.

"Yes, dad. Ye see I was comin' down the turnpike when Mr. Dexter, that rich man from out west, pulled out on us with bis trotter thet Bill Jenkins says he paid a thousau' dollars for. As it was a good stretch I let Molly go'n' we beat blm all holler, didn't we, Molly?"

"Well, Middleton, I'll give you until the 25th day of July to pay me in full, and not a day longer. I mean interest and principal. Don't forget it."

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I didn't. But the place never'll be sold with my consent. Why, man, it would break mother's heart. Don't you know all of our boys an' gals wuz born here, an' we've only got John left out of seven? No! Gerard Braman, the good Lord will pervide some way for me to save our old home if ye'll only give me little more time."

"Tut, man!" replied Braman, "Your crops have falled this year on account of the drouth. and where under heavens can you look for a dollar to come from, I would like to know."

This was a staggerer for Middleton, as he knew that his relentless creditor was only telling the truth.

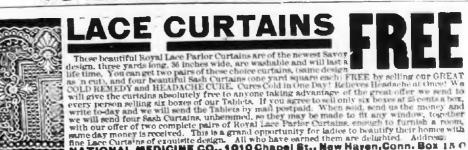
"You might possibly sell the mare, Molly, for a couple of hundred dollars," went on Braman, "I don't know but I would give it

This touched Middleton in a sensitive part, for the mare was the idol of the family. Some few years ago he had purchased a fine thoroughbred mare of some wealthy family who had brought her from Kentucky, and the mare. Molly, was the offspring. She was possessed of a great burst of speed, but had never been trained except an occasional trial on the road for short distances, when she invariably left her competitors far in the rear.

"Much obleeged, Mr. Braman. But Molly'll never leave the farm until we all go together. I raised her from a baby, an' she's got a warm place in old Josh Middleton's heart. Why she'd die from homesickness if she went where

"That's my name, as some calls me, but I like Josh better. What can I do for you?" said the farmer whose heart weighed heavy







as he remembered Braman's parting words.

"I have a horse here with a record of 2:15, for which I paid a considerable sum of money.

for which I paid a considerable sum of money. Now as your mare can beat him so easily I want to buy her. Name your price and make it enough, as I mean to have her."

"Mr. Dexter, when you drove in here, the man who left at the same time I owe a thousand dollars to, besides some interest, and if I can't pay him on the 25th day of July, interest and principal, away goes our home and everything with it—and he—wanted to buy Molly, but I can't sell her. I can't sell her—it's no use,"

"I'll pay your mortgage in full to-morrow, Mr. Middleton, if you'll give a bill of sale of the mare to me when I hand you the papers." said the farmer's visitor, watching Molly with an admiring eye.

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This offer made Middleton hold his breath. Here was a chance to get out of his old enemy's clutches and save his home. Back and forth the old farmer paced, while John was crying like a baby at the thought of parting with his old companion.

Just as the farmer had about made us his mind to say yes, the mare whimied and rubbed her nose against his already moistened cheek. That settled it. Throwing his brawny, bared brown arm around her neck, and patting it fondly he replied:

"You've offered more'n she's with. Mr. Dexter, but I can't part with her, an' I must frust to some other way of getting out of my trouble with Braman."

The affection exhibited for the ictelligent animal touched the wealthy Chicagoan. When he saw that Middleton would sooner face the mortgage than sell his pet, he knew that she

he saw that Middleton would sooner face the mortgage than sell his pet, he knew that she was not for sale.

Mr. Dexter, after a few moments of deep thought, made a proposition to the farmer, the result of which found the three men and the mare at a half-mile track in a town near by on the afternoon of the following day. A sulky was procured by Mr. Dexter, and the mare was given three full miles under the watch in time that caused a smile to settle over the westerner's face, but he kept whatever pleased him to himself.

In a few days a nice bievele sulky and handsome pair of featherweight quarter boots with a splendid racing harness arrived from Boston, and under Mr. Dexter's experienced eye the mare was daily trained during the next week.

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The lockeys and rubbers as well as the owners were asking themselves who Josh Middleton was and his mare Molly. I was found that a nomination had been purchased from a party whose entry was unfit to start, but there the information ended.

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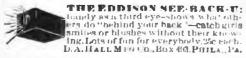
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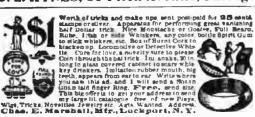
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HE boys in Oakville had hen fever. I once heard a little boy say "hen fever is something like chicken pox and something like sacriet fever, but it lasts longer than either," and I

guess he was right. But if you who are reading this are so unfortunate as to be a city boy and only know hens as the featherless things they hang up by their legs in the poultry stores I can tell you that hen fever is very delightful while it lasts, for it means the enthusiastic care of hens-which are the blrds who lay the eggs of commerce. It means feeding them the right food and rejoicing in



"But Bryant turned a handspring."

their cackling, which is their way of saying "Watch me lay an egg," and it means hunts for hidden nests with maybe a dozen eggs in them and it may be a dozen fluffy little chickens. It means the right food and plenty of water for them and tucking them into bed at hight so they won't eateh cold and it come times means enough pocket money from the sale of eggs and chickens to buy a handsome double ripper with a picture of Dewey winning out, at Manila, on it.

So you see that hen fever doesn't require the services of a physician and you can catch it at any time of the year, although Mouch and April are the casiest months in which to get it, for then any old ben at all will lay eggs and you think she's going to do it all the year round and you get your father to buy forty of them and the first thing you know your hens are all on strike and you're buying your eggs at a grocery store. And that sometimes cures hen fever. But it also shows you that you didn't have the right brand of fever or they would have kept on laying.

The annual Bangtown fair was billed to come off the first Tuesday in October and tea of the Cakville boys had entered their heas in the hope of winning prizes. Abbett i vman was going to send ten Black Leghorns and Philip Wendell was going to ship a crate of White Plymonth Rocks and Beecher Ward was going to exhibit three Black Spanish hens.

But poor little Bryant Wildams felt quite left out because he had nothing to send. He was a little orphan who would have had ben fever in a minute if he could have bought or borrowed any hens, but it was all be could do to get enough clothes to cover him and sufficient food to keep his internal machinery going and to have bought even one scrub hen would have overtaxed his resources.

I'm rather afraid that Abbott Lyman crowed a little over Bryant-maybe be had caught it from his hens-and maybe not. But wherever lehad caught it he should have dropped it instanter. He said in that taunting way of his that made him so unpopular with smaller boys and got him into so many scrapes with bigger ones, "If I was so poor that I couldn't enter any fowls at the fair I'd go jump into Naugatuck."

But little Bryant, instead of making an ugly reply, simply turned a handspring and went down the road to help Reecher Ward knock a crate together for his Pekin ducks.

On the way to Beecher's house he came upon an old woman who had slipped on a "slide" and had fallen. She had dancing black eyes and a sugar loaf hat and long straight hair and her nose was within halling distance of her chin and she looked a good deal like old Mother Hubbard or Mother Goose or one of the other mothers of nursery tales.

Bryant was a helpful chap and instead of laughing at the old woman as Abbott would

have done he stopped and said: "Have you hurt yourself? Can I help you?"

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"Indeed you can, sonny. I think I've cracked my hip. I didn't see the ice and the first thing I dld see was stars."

Bryant laughed. Here was an old woman who could make a joke of her trouble and he was the better pleased to help her for he was always joking himself.

He put his arm around her and finding her a bag of bones he lifted her with no ignitile at all.

"Indeed but you're a good lad. Once I'm on my feet I'm good for all day, but when I tumble-which I den't often do-I'm as badly off as a turtle on its back."

"Are you going far?" said Bryant. "Cau't I carry your basket "

"Thank you kindly if you will," said the old woman. "My hip pains me a good deal, I suppose you'll be going to the Bangtown fair and exhibiting some chickens like the other

boys."
"No. Indeed." said Bryant, ruefully. "I have just money enough to get in myself and I made that helping Beecher Ward take care of his ducks. I wish I could enter some heus, for I love them and would like to win a prize."

"Well, it's a lucky thing that you met me and that I fell, for I have the ben that laid the golden egg in my basket and I will let you have her all day to-morrow if you will promise to return her to me next day. I live on Plack Mountain."

And then Bryant knew who it was that he had befriended; none other than the witch woman of Watertown who in winter fived in Watertown but in summer fived in an abandoned charcoal burner's but on the mountain.

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Did ever a boy find fortune knocking so many times on his door at once? His eyes filled with tears and he grasped the old woman's hand and thanked her with all the fervor of a warm nature.

"I must go and see about getting a tent at once," said Bryant.

"Now I like that," said the old witch. "Some boys would have expected me to furnish tent and all myself, but I see that you are willing to help yourself. Go to Lowell Russell and tell him I sent you and he will fix you out. Here, tak the hen along, but be sure that no one steals her or she and the thief will disappear entirely."

Bryant promised and ran off with the basket. While he was waiting for Mrs. Russell to open



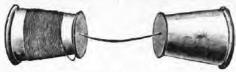
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the door he lifted the cover of the basket and looked in. There sat a quiet looking hen of a bright golden color. Her comb was as red as brood and she looked exactly as if laying golden eggs was a good thing for her health, which it undoubtedly was, for think how nany years it is since she was first discovered.

Bryant told his errand to Mrs. Russell and she told him that her husband-who was vice president of the Bangtown Fair Associationhad a tent that was to have been used by a man with a five-headed calf, but the calf had lost four of his heads in a railroad accident and was now no better than any calf so the man didn't need the tent. And then Mr. Russell came in and proved to be kindness itself-

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The poultry show was a fine one; not only all the boys but the farmers for miles around had entered birds. But Bryant took first prize as a matter of course. A hen that lays golden eggs is worth any number of hens with silver



"He siezed the enchanted fowl."

Byrant was kept busy taking in the nickels that the people paid to go in and see the hen in a parrot cage-loaned by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Russell had painted a beautiful picture of a hen at least two feet high and with two high feet and the tent was naturally a magnet of attraction.

Of course the biggest crowd was in the tent at 10 o'clock when the hen was advertised to lay the golden egg. The tent had been full before that, but there's always room for more people in a crowd. Those people who happened to be In the tent when the egg was laid had something to talk about for the rest of their lives, and I dare say if you go up to Oakville you'll find persons who saw the whole proceeding.

At ten sharp the egg appeared and the ben began to cackle a silvery lay. Mr. Russell, who stood by Bryant to see fair play, held the egg up and told the crowd that it was probably worth three hundred dollars and any farmer could have it for that price, spot cash, While the crowd was laughing at this, for people up Cakville way don't carry many three hundred dollar bills around loose in their clothes, a queer thing happened.

One of the men who ran a wheel of fortune -the kind where you pay ten cents and are sure to get an article worth a tenth of a cent -no blanks-thought that a hen who laid golden eggs laid over any fortune wheel in the country, so he told his pal that he was going to steal it.

He was standing on the other side of the hen and while the crowd was intent on the glistening egg he seized the enchanted fowl and burst through the crowd and out of the tent as quick as winking. The farmers followed him, crying "stop thief," but they had not run ten feet when a remarkable thing happened.

That man and the ben disappeared as if they had been swallowed up. There was no place where the man could have hidden. He had simply vanished because he stole the hen,

And neither the hen nor the man has been seen from that day to this, although it was way back in October. The old witch's prediction had come true. I dare say that she has the ben, but who has the man redon't know. And I don't care much.

As for Bryant, he sold the egg to a banker in Waterbury for four hundred dollars and put the money in the savings bank and he bought some blooded Wyandotte hens with the gate money he took in, and now he has one of the best poultry farms in the whole state of Connecticut.

He Was Not Whisper Deaf.

Baron Alderson, father of the late Lady Sal-Isbury, was a very merciful judge, but he was not easily imposed upon. Among the famous trials at which he presided was that of the chartist prisoners, who at the close thanked blin from the dock for the fairness he had displayed toward them. Several stories are related of the baron's ready wit on the beach. On one occasion at the Liverpool assizes, as the clerk was administering the oaths to the jury, one of them interrupted with the exclamation: "Speak up, sir; I can't hear what you say!" "Stop!" exclaimed Baron Alderson, "are you deaf?" "Yes, my lord-of one ear," repiled the juror. "Then you had better leave the box," said the learned judge, "for it is

necessary that jurymen should hear both sides." At the Hertford assizes, however, the same judge showed that the plea of deafness might be offered once too often. A tradesman who had been summoned on the

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jury claimed exemption from serving on the ground that he was deaf. "He says that he is deaf, my lord," said the clerk of arraigns. "Are you totally deaf?" asked Baron Alderson, in a whisper, looking intently at the juror. "Yes," was the unguarded reply, "So I per-ceive," rejoined the judge. "Deaf, but not whisper deaf. You had better go into the box. The witnesses shall speak low."

The Contract Filled.

To Jan Steen, the Dutch painter, a brilliant practical joke is ascribed. Having accepted a econmission from a notable burger of Leyden to paint a mural picture representing "The Children of Israel Crossing the Red Sea," Steen, as usual, requested a considerable advance and then disappeared to have a joyous time, his patron having also gone on a pleasme trip. Steen's return took place a day before the patron's and the wall of the staircase had not so much as been touched. Steen simply painted it a dark red all over, "What is this?" asked the astonished and irate merchant. "That," replied Steen, "is the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea." "Where are the Israelites?" was the next question. "They are over," was the duswer. "Where are the Egyptians?" "They are under."

Tongue is Curious.

The curiosity of the tongue does not cause the human being so much trouble as the curloslty of the eye. But the tongue within its limits is the most curious of all.

Let the dentist make a change in the mouth; let him remove a tooth or replace with his admirable artifice one that has long been absent: let him change the form of a tooth by rounding off a corner or bullding up a cavity, and see what the tongue will do! It will search out that place, taking careful and minute account of the change. Then it will linger near the place. If it is called to other duties it will come back as soon as they are discharged and feel the changed place all over again, as if it had not explored and rummaged there already.

It makes no difference that these repeated Investigations presently cause annoyance to its supposed master, the man; the tongue in nothing more than in this affair proves that it is an unruly member and will not be controlled. It seems to have an original will and consciousness of its own, and nothing will serve except the fullest satisfaction of its curiosity. It will wear itself out, perhaps, but It will find out all about the strange change.

Where the First Flag Was Made.

Philadelphia, which is rich in historic buildings, has just completed raising money by popular subscription for the purchase of the old house at 239 Arch street, which was the



birthplace of the national flag. In this house fived old Betty Ross, who with her own hands sewed the stars on the original Star-Snangled banner. The subscriptions were limited to ten cents each.

The Best He Had.

Eddy of Minnesota is said to be one of the homeliest men in congress. He rather glories in the distinction, especially as all his other characteristics are enviable. During his last campaign the enemies of Mr. Eddy charged him with being doubled-faced. He met the charge in a manner that disarmed all criticism, "Great heavens," sald Mr. Eddy to his audlence, "do you think that if I had two faces I would wear the one I am showing



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Puzzle Editor not later than the first of next month, Our friends are invited to submit new and unique

puzzles. Obsolete words should be avoided if possible. Address all communications in regard to putiles to Puzzle Editor, THE STAR, Star Block, Oak Park, Illinois.

No. 1-A WORD SQUARE,

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To Gather: A Nobleman; Surface; Area.

No. 2-A LOGOGRIPH.

Whole, I am an article of food; transpose, and I am worn by man; behead and transpose, and I am to peruse; transpose again, and I am a loved one: transpose again, and I am to defy; behead, and I am a conjunction; transpose, and I am part of man or beast; behead and curtail, and I am a vowel.

Answers to February Puzzles.

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The names of the three prize winners will be printed in the next (April) issue of the Star.

No. 1-SINGLE CENTRAL DELETION, Gold. Go(l)d. Dog.

No. 2-CHARADE. Car-a-van. Caravan.

No. 3-NUMERICAL. William McKinley,

No. 4-CHARADE. Sau-(saw) -sage, Sausage,

No. 5-WORD SQUARE.

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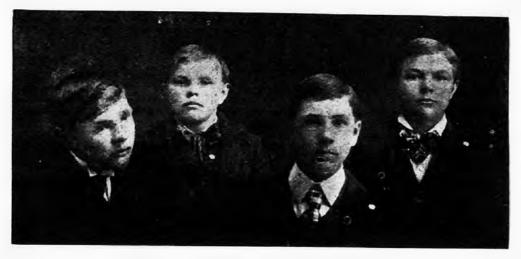
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No. 6-LOGOGRIPH. Steak; Teak; Kate; Tea; E.

Prize Winners January Puzzles.

(1.) John Bullied, Milbrook, Ontario.

(2.) Herbert T. Tower, West Rutland, Vt.



Magnus, Andrew, Carl and Oscar Ostrum.

No. 3-TRANSPOSITION.

My one you will find in the ocean.

And the larger lakes and seas Tis of the water a peculiar motion

Not caused by any breeze. My two is the different classes

Of food that we do eat, The vegetable for some; but the masses

Of workmen would choose the meat

My three's what the editor does To his paper every day

In order to make things busy.

And make his paper pay.

My four you'll find is to fasten,

Or perhaps to be plainer, to bind,

But to end my rhyme I'll now hasten To see if my answer you'll find.

Each one of my proteges are formed of the

same letters four

Only arranged in different ways according to our puzzle lore.

No. 4-CENTRAL AND DIAGONAL WORD SQUARE.

1-X 0 0 0 0 0 X 2-0 X O O O X O

3-0 0 X 0 X 0 0

4-X X X X X X X X

5-0 0 X 0 X 0 0

B-0 X 0 0 0 X 0 0.007 - X = 0

1-To get well. 2-Temples, 3-Dwellers. 4-Robbers, 5-A Gift, 6-To make ready, 7-Kinds.

In view of the fact that this is a new kind of puzzle for Star readers, we have prepared a diagram. By consulting it you will note that each word in the square is composed of seven letters. The object is to find seven words of seven letters each, synonin.ous with the word or words given and so arrange them that the central or fourth word (line) will spell the same word as the two diagonals reading from corners as marked with the letter X in diagram. Any more of an explanation would make it too easy. It is evident that line number four is the key to the situation.

No. 5-A CHARADE.

I am a word of four syllables; my first is a covering; my third a letter of the alphabet; my fourth is the fate of lazy people; my second a pronoun; and my whole is to do an action repugnant to every American.

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(3.) R. C. Collins, 97 Dexter St., Malden, Mass.

It is evident that the January puzzles were pretty hard, as no lists were received with all answers correct, so that the three prizes were awarded to the three solvers who sent in the most correct answers. Date of sending is determined by consulting the postmark on the envelope.

Several answers to number one which was:

My first is wet; my next's a boy. Each total brings some different joy

were elever if not correct.

Many of our puzzlers had it (Rain) (Beau) Rainbow: instead of Sea, Son, Season,

No. 3 in January was also a stumbling block.

The charade as given was: Who is my first must total be,

Though final to live happly,

The correct answer is of course, Miser; Able. Miserable. No correct answers were received to this one from any of our puzzlers, although several who made it Man-Kind; Mankind, showed considerable ingenuity in the solution.

As we go to press on this, the March issue, the puzzle editor notes with pleasure that solutions to the February puzzles are pouring in on every mail. It is evident that our puzzlers, baffled by their failures in January. are going to work with a will and this is condition of things that, persevered in, always brings success. We do not know of any persuit or justime that so serves to develope the "stick-at-iveness" in a boy as this one of solying puzzles, and this trait, through early development, not to mention the active use of "grey matter" necessary, will prove of great value to our puzzlers when they shall reach manhood's estate and have to tackle the problems and puzzles of the work a day world

The grand secretary of the C. M. A. recently received a group photo containing the pictures of Magnus, Andrew, Carl and Oscar Ostrum, of Bunker Hill, Kansas. The puzzle editor of the Star Immediately claimed it for publication on the puzzle page. Four brighter young Americans it would be hard to find, They are active workers in the Coming Men of America and the puzzle editor can always rely on a list of answers to the puzzles in each issue of The Star from all of them, not to mention a steady contribution of original puzzles for publication. First and second honors and honorable mention for persevering effort in solution has frequently made necessary the use of their names in this column, and so we say "look out for the Kansas Ostrums."

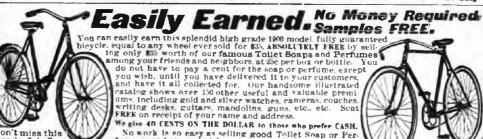




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General Wood and the Boys of Cuba.

F there is one popular man in Cuba that man Is General Leonard Wood, who has just been appointed governor of the Island. There are not many boys and girls in the city of Santiago who do not know General Wood when they see him on his big gray horse as he rides about the town. I remember seeing three little half clad olive skinned boys stop in the middle of the street on seeing the general, pull off their tattered caps and salute him with military precision, all three showing their white teeth as they smiled. And the general saluted in return as if they had been soldiers.

The 10th of last October was a famous anniversary day for the Cubans-a sort of Cutem Fourth of July-but curiously enough the inhabitants of Santiago had decided to celebrate it in silence, to have no merry-making, no music, no processions. Of course this disappointed thousands of Cuban children quite as keenly as the boys of an American city would have been disappointed if they had been deprived of fire crackers on the Fourth of July. General Wood heard of the trouble and having a boy of his own, he knew just what to do. He sent an invitation to all the children of the city to take a ride on the harbor in the government vessels. Bright and early on the great day all the tugs and other harbor craft belonging to the Americans appeared at the wharf side tooting their whistles, and hundreds of children who had gath ered all in their best attire, tumbled abourd. Boat after boat was loaded and set out down the bay, with a hand playing "The Star Spangled Banner" and the Cuban national air. In each of the boats there was a barrel filled with lemonade, and the voyage which followed was such as only a crowd of children who had never before made such an excursion, could enjoy. The Spanjards had been in command at Santiago for hearly four hundred years, but there was never a governor who took any interest in the boys until the Americans came.

Since then General Wood is known in San-

tiago as "Our Friend" by the boys. Not many weeks after the picule on the harbor a great delegation of children appeared at the palace and asked to see the governor. General Wood is a tall, powerfully built man and he wears a brown khaki suit and spurs. The average Cuban man reaches hardly above his shoulder and so when he appeared among the boys and girls he looked like a very giant. The spokesman presented the petition. He said that the boys and girls of Santiago had heard that the boys and girls of America were only required to go to school five days a week, whereas every Cuban school holds a session on Saturday the same as any other day. Now, were not the Cubans free? And shouldn't they be entitled to the same privileges as their friends. the American boys and girls? And thus they made a strong plea for a Saturday holiday-a plea with which every American boy and girl will sympathize. The governor heard them through and then he explained to them that the time had not yet come for making such changes in the school system of Cuba, but that some time they might expect to enjoy the same privileges as the American boys and girls. And they left him with a cheer.

There are, indeed, no stronger friends of the Americans in Cuba than the boys and girls. They want to know just what Is done in American schools, how the American children act, what they play and everything else about them. And then they want to do exactly the same things. What is more, they are anxious to learn English and they are learning it much faster than the grown people. Frequently when you go into a store in Cuba the clerks cannot understand what you say, but they will bring some boy who is able to talk with you.

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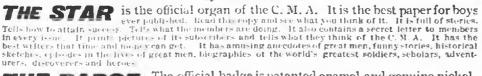
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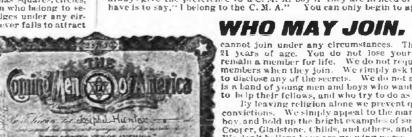
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We only accept white boys of good character as members; girls cannot join under any circumstances. The C. M. A. is intended for boys under 21 years of age. You do not lose your membership after you become 21 but remain a member for life. We do not require an awful onth or obligation from members when they join. We simply ask them to pledge their word of honor not to disclose any of the secrets. We do not ask your religion or polities. The C.M.A is a band of young men and boys who want to improve themselves, and who want to help their fellows, and who try to do as they would be done by.

By leaving religion alone we prevent quarrels, and allow each member his own convictions. We simply appeal to the manly, upright qualities that exist in every boy, and hold up the bright examples of such memas Lincoln. Washington. Psabody, Cooper, Gladstone. Childs, and others, and advise our boys to copy after such men.

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ABOUT LODGES. Perhaps there are no members in your town and you may wonder what to join. As soon as you are a member and the boys see your beautiful badge and certificate, they will all want to join, and as soon as you have six or more boys in your town we send you a charter free and instructions how to start a lodge and how to initiate new members. Remember, as soon as you join the other boys will come in without trouble. Read the testimonal

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Our Reliability.

If you wish to knew more about the C. M. A., its reliability, etc., we cheerfully refer to any member of the order. We print pictures of C. M. A. boys each is uc, also a column "Correspondence Wanted," the names and addresses are given, and we cheerfully refer you to any one of them, also to any business firm, lawyer, banker or manufacturer in Oak Park. The C. M. A. is chartered and authorized to do business by the State of Illinois. There are members in over 10 000 towns and citles in the United States and Canada; also in nearly every civilized country in the world. The C. M. A. is a brotherhood any boy will be proud to be a member of, after he joins and understands everything.

What it Costs.

The only charge to join the C.M.A. is 50c. This includes all the articles mentioned below. The price is very low. Don't but the matter off. Send in the coupon at once. The following is what we send every member: the outfit is well worth \$10, and you will say so when you see it:

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