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ahead, directs the attention of his

"Like as not we're aiming for that. I

can see rows of tombs in the rocks back

of it. Such a place would make an ad-

m rable spot for the duello. R member

the old stories I've read of steamers on

the Mississippi stopping to let a coupie-

of passengers fight on some sand-bar,

and the spectators burying one of 'em

there. This puts me in mind of it.

Where could you find a better place to

dispose of the unfortunate victim than

in one of those empty rock tombs? Capi-

tal idea! Jove! I'll improve on this

subject when I write it up, see if I

Sandy gets no further, as he feels a

grip on his arm, and, turning, sees Mr.

Grimes making expressive grimaces in-

tended to warn him that he is treading

on dangerous ground. Mynheer Joe,

however, does not seem at all affected, but treats the matter as a huge joke.

"I think for my part, I prefer being

buried in a modern cemetery; and I

authorize you, my friends, in case the

worst comes, to see that my poor re-

mains are taken care of. In my pocket

will be found a letter addressed to you.

Mr. Grimes, concerning the little matter

we were speaking about last night. You

can let the person most interested see There-I am done. I have made

my peace; but I want both of you to understand that it is not Mynheer Joe's

intention to drop before the sword of

the Russian. I hope to show him how

an American can uphold the henor o

Confident words these, but they ex-

press the feelings of the man. It is

partly this assurance concerning his own

powers that has brought Mynheer Joe

safely through numerous deadly perils

Fear will never paralyze his arm when

face to face with danger, nor can an an-

tagonist expect to reap any benefit from

By this time they see that Sandy was

not far out of the way when he marked this point as the scene of their expected

debarkation. The leading dahabeah

makes a graceful sweep and comes about at the point, landing at a rock

that seems especially adapted for such

Now it is their turn; the old reis him-

self has charge of the tiller, and gives

his orders in a loud, shrill voice that

strikes the tympanum in a painful way.

as though some boy is indulging in the

agonizing delirium of beating upon

empty pans. The Arab sailors can no

longer be termed lazy; they jump around

in the liveliest possible manner and

carry out the commands of the captain

Not an inch out of the way, they

The baron and his party can already

the Frenchman carries a long slender

package, without doubt the swords

which are destined to occupy so promin-

ent a place in the coming event. There is a third member of the party, th

man known as Colonel Taylor, and also

a short individual who carries a sur-

When our friends join them, words

are passed between. The principals bow

in a perfunctory way, but Mynheer Joe

smiles in a careless manner that must

They do not need to go far away; the

ground is right there among the rock

tombs; but it is advisable to move cu

little for several reasons. It is not

their intention to have the sailors on

board the boats witness the affair, and

just beyond the rocks they are apt to

find a spot where the sun will not

throw his fierce rays into the eyes of

either, causing a momentary blindness that may be fatal. So they walk along

two and two, Mr. Grimes bringing up

In five minutes they come to a pause

and the French officer sweeps his arm

around with a dramatic gesture, saying:

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No one can reasonably offer any objection to the selection of the ground,

since it is level enough for all practical

purposes, and certainly so isolated that

there does not seem to be any danger

of interruption. The association with

the strange tombs hewn' in solid rock

ages ago, by the Egyptians, might make

some men nervous, but it does not ap

pear to have any such effect upon either

of the two who have met here to face

Mr. Grimes, in company with the

French officer, goes over the ground step

by step and announces that he is per-

feetly satisfied with the location chosen.

It certainly cannot be maproved upon,

each other in a combat for honor.

"Behold, gentlemen!

selected for the dullo."

The ground

set the Russian duelist to thinking.

seen upon the shore.

geen's case in his fand.

the rear.

shade the wind out of the sals, and the boat: brings up gently along-side the other, to which it is at once

in the past.

such a source.

his flag, even at the sword's point."

rades to a point.

It is a strange spectacle, and one that appeals to the artistic in their natures. but all of them are very familiar with the scene, so that the desert, the pyramids, the city of the four hundred mosques, its queer people and the storied Nile itself—all these things do not appear so strange to their eyes as would be the case were they new comers to the land of Egypt.

Besides, their mission is of such nature that their thoughts are bound to stray to it from time to time-when men are bent on an errand of a deadly character they are not expected to laugh and joke as if going to a wedding.
"Come back to the cabin, Sandy.

think we would be wise to examine our firearms. Nothing like making sure that everything is in working order. These hyenas and jackals of the desert strike with amazing quickness when they do show up. Come!"

His words are significant, and his com panion has, no difficulty in understanding. Together they pass the sailors squatted about on the forward deck. after their usual manner when not at work. These fellows are Arabs, and not the best looking chaps Mr. Grimes has set eyes on. He gives Sandy a nudge, but this wide-awake newspaper man has aiready noted the fact.

"Fine collection of buzzards, eh? Must say the captain has looked far and wide to find a game set. They'd fight too, I reckon," he whispers.

They find Mynheer Joe lying upon the roof of the cabin, a pillow under his head, which the captain of the boat has brought out, and, to all appearances, enjoying his cigar. Together they enter the cabin. Upon

the table is seen a quaint flagon and a glass. Mynheer Joe moves toward it, but he finds the hand of Mr. Grimes be-"Not allowed, my friend. Heaven

knows what sort of drug there might be in this. If you must steady your nerves—" And he produces a small flask from one of his pockets. But Joe shakes his head.

"That isn't in my line, sir, though I thank you all the same. I've seldom found a time when my nerves needed strengthening by such artificial means, though I confess that my life was once saved by a small amount of liquor. The fellow drank it who was left to execute me, and got into such a maudlin condition that I easily overpowered him and made my escape. I have no use for the

"Well, my nerves need a little tonic and I know of no better. Sandy, how is

And as the little war correspondent wipes his mouth with his handkerchief he murmurs:

"Prime, my lord." A minute later, all of them are busily engaged in examining their revolvers, which are found to be in "Take charge of mine, Mr. Grimes," remarks Joe, who, of course, cannot be thus burdened when about to enter upon an engagement that will require

"With pleasure, sir, and should the occasion arise for using it, I trust you will find that I can make each snot count almost as well as yourself. By the way, Joe, you didn't forget to bring the rubber foot holds I borrowed from the

"Never fear; I have them. The baron will not get his work in through a slip on my part, if I can help it," returns Joe, touching a pocket of his blouse, where a small package of some sort is

Presently they pass outside again, to find that the sun has arisen and a new day begun. They keep a short distance from the shore in order to catch the full benefit of the breeze, but every palm stands out in bold rehef.

The scene is such as can be gazed upon any day along the lower Nile, and yet one never tires of looking upon it. Numerous sails dot the broad river, some beating down, while many fly be fore the breeze. A string of camels forming a caravan can be noticed above the bank, doubtless bound for the far off cities, between which and Cairo quite a trade is carried on in this way.

Here some travellers on donkeys can be seen, making an early start, for the pyramids. Now and then slaves are discovered at work with the poles and buckets known as a shedoof, and which primitive method of engineering in the way of lifting water from a lower to a higher level is still practiced in the land where they carry on agriculture just as their forefathers did two thousand years

An occasional windmill is seen where some house nestles on the bank, but this is generally the property of foreigners. Upon the river freight cangias are met with, heading to or from Cairo. Those boats which have the fair wind are sup ed to keep out of the way of others, but the reis in command of their craft seems to be in something of a dare-devil spirit this morning. He swings the dahabeah in so close to one of the heavier craft that he come within an ace of having the sandal trailing behin i

The sun is now almost half an hour When will the boats come to land? Surely there is no need of travelling a great distance from old Cairo iu order to discover a good dueling ground. Perhaps the baron has a particular spot in view. He may even have been a principal in some affair of honor that has culminated in a meeting up the Nile, his success at that time inspires him to select the same rendezvous ar in. Our friends show no impatience, what-ever they may feel. Sugar, looking

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Select which one you please," he says

Mr. Grimes crooks his finger, and when Joe, who is watching, sees this, comes at once to the side of his

"Try these blades," says his second, The explorer takes one up and makes

whispers his mentor just then, and Joe sweeps the air no more with the blade. He bends it double over his knee, allowing it to fly back again. Then the second sword is also put through its paces. Mynheer Joe's face is a study, for he finds it a pleasure to handle such weapons as these.

the Frenchman, eagerly. "Superb-beyond comparison!" replies

"That is a small matter. I find them equal. One has a stain upon it, you

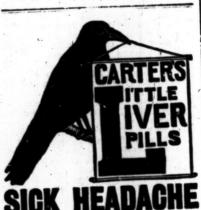
look at it more closely, and then turning to the baron, who smiles coldly, as he carelessly remarks:
"The blood of young Lord Carmorgan.

failed to wipe the blade, and it is such a good set that I hate to part with These words had not the slightest effect

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a few movements with it. "Careful, the baron's looking at you

"How does monsieur find them?" asks

Which do you choose, monsieur?"

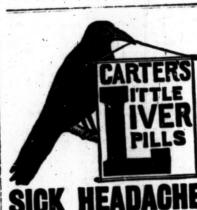
"Oui, monsieur," bending forward to

We met in Turkey. He was buried in Stamboul, I believe. A careless second

"Choose the one that is stained-that

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