

When Jephson finally returned to the roadside from gathering up his accoutrements he was met by Stanley and Wissmann trudging along on slower horses near the centre of the caravan, and on relating his adventure he became the object of a mirth that echoed along the line from one end to the other, and which brought upon him so many good-natured jibes that he could not again be induced to mount a horse even after his own was recaptured.

#### A LETTER DISPLAYING STANLEY'S MODESTY.

The next halting place after leaving Atoni, was at a small village called Msuwah, where the expedition was met by several correspondents, among the number being a representative of the New York *Herald*. As Stanley had made his first great reputation as an African explorer while in the service of that journal, at the solicitation of the correspondent he wrote the following letter, in which he gives a summary of his three years' journeyings and the wonderful discoveries made:

MSUWAH, Nov. 30th, 1889.

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK HERALD: The *Herald* correspondent, who found us during our days' halt at Msuwah, five days from the coast, has made it a point that I should write you. I beg you to believe that I should be most willing to do so did I know what subject would be particularly gratifying to you; but as the *Herald* correspondent cannot suggest a subject, you will perhaps consider that it would be scarcely fair to expect me to know matters your readers would be most interested in.

"I find then most convenient to imagine you able to tell my friends much that I should like to say to them. First of all I am in perfect health and feel like a laborer of a Saturday evening returning home with his week's work done, his week's wages in his pocket and glad that to-morrow is the Sabbath.

"Just about three years ago, while lecturing in New England, a message came from under the sea bidding me to hasten to take a commission to relieve Emin Pasha at Wadelai; but, as people generally do with faithful pack-horses, numbers of little trifles, odds and ends are piled on over and above the proper burden. Twenty various little commissions were added to the principal one, each requiring due care and thought. Well, looking back over what has been accomplished, I see no reason for any heart's discontent. We can say we shirked no task, and that good will, aided by steady effort, enabled us to complete every little job as well as circumstances permitted.

#### GEOGRAPHICAL DISCOVERIES.

"Over and above the happy ending of our appointed duties, we have not been unfortunate in geographical discoveries. The Aruwimi is now known from its source to its mouth. The great Congo forest, covering as large an area as France and the Iberian Peninsula, we can now certify to be an absolute fact. The mountains of the moon this time, beyond the least doubt,