

A Successful Expedition.

BY SYLVANUS COBB, JR. During the spring of 1867 the English merchant ship Gazelle, hailing from Liverpool, and commanded by Capt. William Babson, crossed the China Sea, on her way from the Philippines to Singapore.

Lying at Manila, with the Gazelle, had been the Yankee ship Minerva, commanded by Capt. Charles P. Hestis, and it had been planned that the two would sail together, as a measure of safety; for it was known that the China Sea, at that particular time, was infested by the most desperate and dangerous piratical gangs that had ever been known in those waters.

With the dawn of another day Babson found cause of thankfulness for his precaution. During the night a strong current had been setting the ship to the southward and westward, with the wind in the same direction; and now, with the breaking of day, he discovered land not more than five miles distant.

Upon going aloft, with his telescope, Capt. Babson gained a good view of the island, which he judged to be ten miles long, and well wooded, with the tops of some of the highest peaks visible from the deck.

This done, the captain turned to his chief mate—Tom Delaney—and told him what he had discovered. The situation was not a pleasant one. With the first break of day the light breeze that had held through the night had entirely died away, so that the ship now lay in a dead calm, under the influence of a current that was setting her nearer and nearer to the shore—a shore then not more than four miles distant, where a horde of blood-thirsty pirates were making ready to come down upon them.

William Babson was a brave man, but his heart sank within him in view of the prospect before him. His pistols were the old-fashioned flint-lock weapons; his cutlasses heavy enough, but little better than so many clubs; the four muskets being the only modern affair at hand. He was brave, his men were brave; but what could they do against such a horde as were now coming upon them?

Only a few days before, he had accidentally encountered a company of pirates, which had stood upon its head upon the deck, its sharp point upward. His howling on that occasion had frightened the whole crew, and it had required a stout pair of pincers, with a strong pair of hands, to get it out from the toughest place where it was fastened.

The darkest plan was quickly understood, and as quickly resolved upon. On board were several boxes—with a hundred packages in a box—of large-leaded copper canvas tacks, very much like the common carpenter's tacks, with sharp points, with broad, flat heads, full half an inch in diameter.

The work had been accomplished before the proa had come within pistol-shot, and the crew were ready for the result. The question arose:—Suppose the pirates should come up over the port rail? But Babson had no fear of that. They were steering for the side nearest to them, and would not pull further without cause.

As soon as the tacks had been set upon several thousand of them—the men were at leisure to take a look at the enemy, and consider what next should be done. The proa was one of the largest Babson had ever seen—larger than he had at first thought, and capable of holding several hundred men.

It was while Delaney had the glass in hand that one of the men near the hatch uttered a cry of satisfaction; and when Capt. Babson looked for the cause he was pointed to a distant ripple on the surface of the sea. A breeze was coming!—too late to enable them to avoid the proa; but it might help them nevertheless.

As the proa came up to the quarter, and began to round-to with half the paddles taken in, Capt. Babson hailed. With a loud "Halloo!" he demanded to know who they were, and what they wanted. "Terrible fine savages," was the answer; and in a moment more the proa's bow touched the ship's side under the mizen chains, gliding quickly alongside; when grappling were thrown a hundred of them were upon the rail, their long knives held between their hands.

Instinctively the crew of the ship crouched back and brought up their pistols, but there was no need of striking yet. Each man of that pirate crew, as his feet struck the deck, trod upon at least a dozen of those sharp-pointed tacks. Into the leather-like soles of those Malay feet the horrible tacks were

driven to their heads; and, under the first stroke of terrific pain down they went—the whole lot of them—upon their hands and knees, and filled the air with howls of anguish. Worse, and more of it! Into their knees and into the broad palms of their hands went the terrific tacks, until the allow-crews were literally insane with the exquisite pain.

Babson could not find it in his heart to fire a pistol, nor to use a cutlass; but he called upon his men to seize the handspikes and strike, and did so. The story of the next ten minutes can be imagined much better than it can be told. Of course, not one of those Malay could hold a knife; for every hand was pierced with the tacks; they could not defend themselves in any way, other than by getting back into their proa as quickly as possible. And this they did, until the allow-crews were unceremoniously helped back into their proa, the yards were braced, and the Gazelle, with a thrill of pulsating joy, moved safely away from the scene of grotesque horror.

He was inclined to blame himself for having suffered a hundred blood-thirsty pirates to live whose lives had been once so completely within his power, either to take, or to spare; but two sources of consolation were his—First,—"He had not the courage to attack me; giving ground upon his hands; and, Second,—He had caused those hundred wretches to suffer an agony of torture to which death might have been far preferable.

Thousands have been relieved of indigestion and loss of appetite by a single bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The use of the medicine, by giving strength to the assimilative organs, has made innumerable cures of chronic dyspepsia. Price \$1. Worth \$5 a bottle.

When some months ago the Turkish authorities asserted the extinction or non-existence of cholera in Syria, while Russian consular agents maintained that it was still hovering about on the borders of the Persian and Ottoman empires, we expressed our conviction that the subsidence of the epidemic was merely what might be expected at that season, and that it would reappear with the return of spring.

There are three things which all should strive to avoid—bad thoughts, bad words and bad deeds. A bad thought is the worst thing that can get into a boy's heart, and the longer it remains there the more mischievous it becomes.

Mr Jesse Johnston, of Rockwood, Ont., writes:—"Last fall I had boils very bad and a friend advised Burdock Blood Bitters. I got a bottle and the effect was wonderful, half the bottle totally cured me. A more rapid and effectual cure does not exist."

Inflammatory rheumatism through wrong treatment left me with stiff joints and ugly running sores on my limbs, and for seven years I could not walk. When I commenced taking Burdock Blood Bitters I had sixteen sores, but they are all healed save one and I can now walk with crutches.

A Boston paper opposes woman suffrage in this strain:—"Women," it remarks, "have all the necessary qualities to make good men; but they least give their time and attention to it while the men are boys." This is true; every wise mother can do a good deal towards making good men out of her boys.

A SERMON IN FIVE LINES.

Now Little It Takes to Make a Child Happy. "It takes so little to make a child that it is a pity, in a world full of sunshine and pleasant things, that there should be any wretched, empty heads or lonely young hearts."

"It takes so little to make a child happy." How many times I had seen the most trivial incident lift my own little boy into the very ecstasy of happiness. The writer in the *Free Press* writes: How often would some simple gift, or a song or a string chase the tears from his eyes and bring the bright smiles to his face. And yet, I thought, with a pang of regret, how many times I had chided my "helplessly" brooding as I had refused to crotch myself at all for his sake.

"It is a pity that there should be any wretched, empty heads or lonely hearts," I thought, as I dropped asleep. I remember that later in the night I was dreaming of visiting a great factory and inspecting the machinery. "Be careful!" I heard some one say and then to my horror I had approached too near to some belting. My beard had been caught and I was frantically trying to extricate myself when I awoke.

"Let go of papa's whiskers," I cried. "What on earth are you doing in here anyway, Dick?" I continued, sitting up. "Dick wants Dick's animals," was the answer. "Dick wants papa's to bed," said I. "and quick too," and I carried him into his little room and placed him on the bed. "Dick wants Dick's—a animals," said I. "and quick too," and I carried him into his little room and placed him on the bed.

Deep intense, personal love for Christ, springing out of an apprehension of his boundless love to us, is what we should ardently long for; for what will not love accomplish? Wilson's Fly Poison Paste. Have an enormous sale throughout Canada, and are kept by all druggists. Nothing kills house flies, ants or cockroaches like Wilson's Paste. One pack kills a long time and kills flies by the quart.

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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

100 doses for 100 cents, Burdock Blood Bitters. Does your Head ache? Take Burdock Blood Bitters. Is your Blood impure? Take Burdock Blood Bitters. Are you Overtired? Take Burdock Blood Bitters. Are you Bilious? Take Burdock Blood Bitters. Are you Dyspeptic? Take Burdock Blood Bitters. I cent a dose, 1 cent a dose, Burdock Blood Bitters.

We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy.—Sir Isaac Newton. Vigilance is necessary against unexpected attacks of summer complaints. No remedy is so well-known or so successful in this class of diseases as Dr Fowler's Kidney and Bladder Pills. Keep it in the house as a safe guard.

Malarial fever and chills are best broken up and prevented by using Milburn's Aromatic Quinine Wine. A minister of Christ might with great propriety, begin every sermon with, "I have a message from God to thee."

A sheet of sticky fly paper will do more damage to carpet and furniture than anything ever invented. No careful housewife would have one about. Wilson's Fly Poison Paste will clear the house of flies more quickly and surely than any other means. If placed near the light where the flies are thickest, Wilson's Paste will kill them every day, and clear the house in short order. Sold by all druggists.

The blood of the cross is in ground-work of the intercession for us, the spirit's work in us, and the glory prepared for us. C. C. RICHARDS & Co. Genls.—I sprained my leg so badly that I had to be driven home in a carriage. I immediately applied Minard's Liniment freely and in 48 hours could use my leg again as well as ever. Bridgewater, N.S. JOSHUA WYNAUGHT.

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THE U.S. DEPENDENT PENSION BILL.

A Measure in Which Many Canadians are Peculiarly Interested. WASHINGTON, July 16.—Thousands of Canadians who served in the Union ranks in the civil war, or who had near relatives in that conflict, will be interested in the Dependent Pension Bill which became law by the President affixing his signature to it the other day. As it was finally passed the bill reads:

An Act granting pensions to soldiers and sailors who are incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, and providing for pensions to widows, minor children and dependent parents. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in considering the pension claims of dependent parents, the fact of the soldier's death by reason of any wound, injury, casualty or disease which, under the conditions and limitations of existing laws, would have entitled him to an invalid pension, and the fact that the soldier left no widow or minor children having been shown as required by law, shall be conclusive evidence only to show by competent and sufficient evidence that such parent or parents are without other present means of support than their own manual labor or the contributions of others not legally bound for their support. Provided, That all pensions allowed to dependent parents under this act shall commence from the date of the filing of the application hereunder and shall continue no longer than the existence of the dependence.

Sec. 3. That all persons who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late War of the Rebellion, and who have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are now or who may hereafter be suffering from a mental or physical disability of a permanent character, not the result of their own vicious habits, which incapacitates them from the performance of manual labor in such a degree as to render them unable to earn a support, shall, upon making due proof of the fact according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, and be entitled to receive a pension not exceeding \$12 per month, and not less than \$6 per month, proportioned to the degree of disability to earn support; and such pension shall commence from the date of filing of the application in the Pension Office, after the passage of this act, upon proof that the disability then existed, and shall continue during the existence of the same, provided that persons who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Pension Office, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, showing themselves entitled thereto, receive the benefits of this act, and nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any pensioner thereafter from prosecuting his claim and receiving his pension under any other general or special act; provided, however, that no person shall receive more than one pension for the same period, and provided, further, that rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed under this act.

Sec. 3. That if any officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the army or navy of the United States during the late War of the Rebellion, and who was honorably discharged, has died, or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow without other means of support than her daily labor, or minor children under the age of 16 years, such widow shall, upon due proof of the fact according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the pension-roll, from the date of the application thereunder this act, at the rate of \$8 per month, during her widowhood, and shall also be paid \$2 per month for each child of such officer or enlisted man under 16 years of age, and in case of a death or remarriage of the widow, leaving a child or children of such officer or enlisted man under the age of 16 years, such pension shall be paid such child or children under the age of 16 years, and in case a minor child is insane, idiotic or otherwise permanently helpless, the pension shall continue during the life of said child or during the period of such disability, and this grant or provision shall apply to all pensions heretofore granted or hereafter to be granted under this or any former statute, and such pensions shall commence from the date of application therefor after the passage of this act. And provided further, that said widow shall have married said soldier prior to the passage of this act.

Sec. 4. That no agent, attorney or other person engaged in preparing, presenting or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of this act shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive or retain for such services in preparing, presenting or prosecuting such claim a greater sum than \$10, and which sum shall be payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions by the Pension Agent making payment of the pension allowed, and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for each and every such offence be fined not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Dr. Fetter's Claim. HAMILTON, July 16.—Dr. Potts of Queens-Street south, formerly of Parkdale, is an applicant for a pension from the American Government, which, if it is secured, will be a handsome sum. The doctor was an army surgeon during the late rebellion and received injuries while on duty in Texas which have since seriously affected his hearing. The back pension money claimed amounts to \$10,000 and a further pension of \$1500 a year.

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COUNTY CURE.

Items of Interest from County.

A Weekly Digest of the County news to visit Readers of "The Fifth and Tenth, Clipped as desired from Every Issue.

Mrs Salem Armstrong worth, Kansas, is visiting Brussels. On Monday afternoon Geo. Brunsell, fell and damaged and bruised his face. George Skaltitzky, Brussels, received a promotion on the W. N. position takes him to G. It is reported that C. B. his son Benjamin, formerly Brussels, are prospecting in Ontario. Howitt has purchased an adjourned him for him of \$1,500. Mr Howitt now owns a first-class land. Mr David Doig, who has had his school in Algoma for 10 months, is home in Kippewash. Mrs John Henderson Kippewash on Wednesday for Sault Ste. Marie to join her husband, who has been some time.

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