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heeded at all. Forcing her whole body through, her powerful haunches caught the window frame and carried it with them to the floor. Writhing herself free of this encumbrance, she darted to the box of rags, snatched up one of her cubs by the loose skin of its neck, sprang through the window with it, and bore it off into a growth of tall, rank grass behind the barn. Returning at once to the cabin, she rescued the other cub in the same way, and brought it triumphantly to its brother.

ABOUT this time she heard the man and the woman coming back. Instead of trying to get away, she coiled herself flat in the grass and began to suckle her cubs to keep them quiet. Her hiding place was the most secure that she could have found within miles of the cabin, the man having never any occasion to go behind the barn (as she had seen by the absence of tracks), and the rank growth furnishing complete concealment. Crafty woodsman though the man was held to be, it never entered his mind that so shy a beast as a panther would take covert thus within the foe's stronghold.

At sight of the shattered window he fell into a rage, and when he found the cubs gone he exhausted ingenuity in consigning to every torment the man who had tempted him into speculating in panther cubs. Storming noisily, he hunted everywhere—except behind the barn. For a time his wife sat composedly on the woodpile and cheered him with pointed backwoods sarcasm. At last, however, the two went over the ridge, to recover the skin of the other panther before it should be spoiled by foxes, and during their absence the mother got both cubs safely carried off to a hollow tree some five miles farther along the ridge.

That night, while the man and the woman slept with boards nailed over their window, the panther bore her little ones far away from the perilous neighbourhood. She had no more thought of vengeance now. By difficult paths, and across two turbulent streams, she bore them into the deep hill forests of the neighbouring country, a barren and difficult region, where the farthest wanderings of the man were little likely to penetrate.

Public Opinion

Editor CANADIAN COURIER:

Sir,—As you seem to have offered space to any one who might have a thought to suggest on the reasons for the visit of the Queen's Own to England, I hope you will not take this letter amiss whether you print it or not. It happens that I gave one of the lieutenants a letter of introduction to some relatives in the Old Country, and in doing so casually explained that the regiment was being taken to Aldershot by Colonel Pellatt at his own expense in the interests of Imperial defence. Now I do not know Sir Henry, but he is a soldier, and I believe he is a patriot, and surely there can be no question as to his prime motive in this matter and I honour him for it.

I believe you rightly hold that our best, if not only defence at present, is in Imperial unity of purpose; and as the strongest bond of union is the attachment of the son to the institutions and traditions of the father, it is the part of wisdom to strengthen that attachment by all possible means. This, I believe, to be the best as well as the true solution of your question as to the trip of the Queen's Own.

Yours sincerely,
A READER.
Hanover, Ont., Aug. 22nd.



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