

scalped. As Carter's farm lay only about 15 miles off, this gave them a scare, and they were as ready now to believe in the Injuns as I had tried to make them the night before. Then they asked us old hands to take the lead, and promised to do what we told them; but when it came to it their promises were not worth the breath they had spent upon them. There were eight or ten houses outside the stockade, and in course we wanted these pulled down; but they would not hear of it. However, we got them to work to strengthen the stockades to make loopholes in the houses near them, to put up barricades from house to house, and to prepare generally for a fight. We divided into three watches.

"Well, just as I expected, about eleven o'clock at night the Injuns attacked. Our watch might just as well have been asleep for any good they did, for it was not till the Red-skins had crept up to the stockade all round, and opened fire between the timbers on them, that they knew that they were near. I do them justice to say that they fought stiff enough then, and for four hours they held the line of houses; every Red-skin who climbed the stockade fell dead inside it. Four fires had been lighted directly they attacked to enable us to keep them from scaling the stockade; but they showed us too to the enemy, of course.

"The Red-skins took possession of the houses which we had wanted to pull down, and precious hot they made it for us. Then they shot such showers of burning arrows into the village that half of the houses were soon alight. We tried to get our men to sally out and to hold the line of stockade, when we might have beaten them off if all the village had been burned down; but it were no manner of good; each man wanted to stick to his wife and