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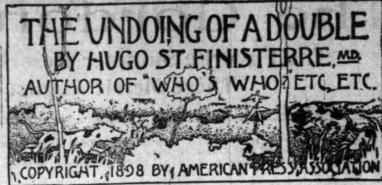
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CHAPTER XXVII.

"Colonel Mansley," said Dungan, "we want a word or two with your

slowly bowed until his head was almost

to his knees. Then, as he straightened up, he said in a clear voice: "Mr. Edward Kenmore of New York

city, on behalf of my friends and myself

I offer you a humble apology and beg your forgiveness for the d——d fools we

have made of ourselves. At our meeting

this afternoon in Black Man's swamp

we voted to have a medal struck for each

member of our crowd, which he pledged

himself to wear as evidence that he's

the biggest chump in the whole state of

Mississippi. Cy and me here are to have

the biggest medals, each 'bout the size of a flapjack, 'cause we're the cham-

"It's onnecessary to go over the live-

ly proceedings of the last day and night,

'cause I reckon your mem'ry don't need

any refreshing as to the same. We all took you for Hank Beyer, which the

same you shouldn't be 'shamed of, fur

he's the best looking as well as the

"You know the story you told as how you bought the colonel's chestnut

of him at the crossroads. None of us

didn't b'lieve it, for which the same

you are partly to blame, being as how

you humored the idee that you was Hank. But it happened that when you

bought that horse of him there was a

man who seed you do it. He was out

that day sort of prospecting like when he

obsarved you two, and he hid 'mong

the trees at the side of the road, heerd

what passed atween you and seed the money paid over. The reason why this

spectator didn't mention the affair soon-

in that quarter would throw 'spicion

on to him as regards chickens, for the

sforesaid gentleman was the darky Pete,

where you spent a part of last night, and we've promised Pete not to ask him

any troublesome questions on account

of the sarvice he's done to political

econermy and good government, so to

"Pete told his story to Cy here today,

and we had a meeting in the woods to

consider things. We was all as hotfoot-

ed as ever after you, for though Cy was

present he couldn't tell what Pete had

teld him, 'cause he'd promised he wouldn't. When Cy seed as how there

was no way of stopping us, he got Pete to tell the whole thing and throw him-self on to the mercy of the court.

"Waal, that made music. It opened

our eyes. We come nigh getting into a

fight as to our claims as to which was the biggest fool. After a long argyment

that come mighty nigh blows it was

unar mously agreed that Cy and me

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That being settled, which I hope you

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meanest man in the county.

the shadowy forms at the front of the swer came, he stepped upon the porch grounds approached. In the stillness of the night we could hear the murmur ef their voices. If Jim Dungan was the leader, he did not have his vigilantes under the best of discipline. Colonel Mansley grew impatient, for he did not understand the meaning of the delay, and Captain Warren, nearest me on the

right, muttered: "It looks as if their courage had petered out and there is none that dare show himself in front of the others." "They may open fire from where they stand or pass around to the rear, where we shall have a poorer chance at them."

"They can't effect much at long range— Ah, there they come!"

Instead of one man two advanced from the group and walked up the path beside each other. As they drew nearer it was seen that each carried a rifle. While I was peering through the gloom, trying to identify them, Captain Warren said in a low voice:

"The one on the right is Jim Dun-"And his companion is Cy Walters," added, easily recognizing the massive figure of the ex-soldier.

"You are right. It is he." They same forward at a deliberate walk, apparently puzzled by the dark-mess and silence of the mansion, but they showed no signs of timidity. At the foot of the porch the two halted, and Dungan called in a clear voice: "Hello, the house!"

Colonel Mansley instantly stepped forth and, advancing to the edge of the upper step, asked in his sharp, military

"Well, sir, what do you wish?" The two men gave a salute by touching their forefingers to the fronts of their hats, but he stood proud and erect without acknowledgment.

"You have a young man in your house that we want to see," replied Dungan, who did the talking for his

"I have a guest here, but he chooses to pick his company and declines to have anything to do with you." "Has he said so?" was the impudent

question of the leader of the vigilantes. "None of your business! I speak for "I think, colonel, you'd better let

that chap come out." "It matters nothing to me what you think; you have my answer. "Suppose we come in after him?"

Colonel Mansley held his temper beter than I expected. There was not a remor in his tones when he replied: "The first one of you who approaches my door will be shot dead! We hold you and your mob in utter contempt and invite you to attack this house as

soon as you'd-d please!" We three in the parlor were listening breathlessly. I was sure that Jim Dungan indulged in a chuckle, and fancied the ponderous shoulders of Cy Walters

lifted once or twice as if he were mughing silently. Then the young leader leaned over and said something in so guarded a voice that none of us could catch the words. Looking toward the statuelike figure of the officer facing him en the porch, Dungan repeated, with a peculiar intonation :

"I recken, colonel, you'd better bring that chap out."

"I have given you my answer. What are you waiting for?" It seemed to strike the two that they

were wasting time, for without replying they turned about and moved down the graveled walk to their companions. The conference there was brief. The



whole crowd came through the o

whole crowd came through the epen gate and moved up the path toward the frent of the house. Colonel Mansley stepped back within the hall, drew the boit of the door and joined us in the parlor. "There must be 30 of them," whis-

pered Captain Vernon.
"I wish there were 100," was the grim remark of the colonel. "Were such infernal idiots ever created before?"

Arrived at the porch, the men ar-Arrived at the porch, the men arranged themselves with some regard to military formation, standing in a double row, facing the door and parlor, where four armed men coolly awaited the opening of the fight to the death.

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Jim Dungan once more called out the
name of Colonel Mansley.

"I refuse to hold any further parley
with you," he replied, from his station
by one of the windows of the parlor.

"You have my answer."

Jim Dungan now did a daring thing.

on't dispute, we had another long talk as to what was the right thing to do. Finally we agreed that we'd come out here in a body and offer our apoler gies, and here we are. And Dungan again bowed low, Cy Walters imitating him to some extent. "Have you it in your heart, Mr. Ken-

more, to let up on us?"
"You were rather impulsive last night and made things somewhat unplessant, but you have done the honor-

able thing, and I cordially accept your Dungan turned so as to face the crowd, and, raising his hand, said in a

manding voice: "Gents, proceed!"
And then came the startling discov

ery that the only two men in the party

and walked to the window, where he who carried firearms were he and Waland Colonel Mansley stood face to face ters. The others were provided with a within six feet of each other and with bass drum and brass instruments, for, strange as it may seem, Aldine and its immediate neighborhood had after long labor evolved a brass band whose efforts were probably one of the reason guest. I give you my pledge that we'll why no stranger had settled in that part of the country for several years. do him no harm while we're talking to-

The musicians were waiting for the The proposition was so unexpected that the colonel was puzzled. He had signal, and instantly the crash came. The racket was deafening, and the failed to note a significant fact which worst of it was that while several were trying to play "Dixie" two others were splitting their cheeks with "Suwanee River," and the cornetist, probdid not escape me. During the interview Dungan never once referred to me as Hank Beyer. Before the colonel could frame his reply I stepped through the ably in compliment to me, was going might and main on "Yankee Doodle," open window and stood on the porch in view of every member of both parties. while the bass drum tried to keep time "I am here, Dungan. What do you with all. As soon as Dungan could make his shouts heard he stopped the The man took off his slouch hat and

"Gents, I'm 'stonished and grieved. It was agreed on the road that you was to play them three tunes, but not at the same time. Try ag'in, but fix on the one that you want, so that the sweet music

may befit the occasion. The mistake was quickly rectified, and the lively notes of "Dixie" rang out on the night air, followed in turn by the two that have been mentioned. Perhaps it was because of the happy ircumstances, but I am free to confe that never before or since that night have the melodies impressed me so fa-

vorably. Colonel Mansley promptly accepted the situation. He compelled all to enter his hospitable mansion, where the servants were summoned and kept busy furnishing wine and lunch, and good wishes were profuse all round. I was toasted again and again until I began to ask myself wheth r it was not worth all I had passed through for the sake of learning what good fellows those men were. And yet there were some phases of those 24 hours from which l am sure I should have shrunk.

Last Christmas Colonel Mansley came north to spend the holidays, as is his custom, with his daughter and me. After his departure my wife and I were sitting alone, when I said:

"Esther, there has been a question in my mind that I have long wished to

ask you." & you waited to do so?"

"Perhaps because I feared the answer, and yet why should I? It is this.



On that night, several years ago, when you came to the inn at Aldine and raised the window for me, were you surprised?"

"Surprised by what?" "At finding the prisoner was I instead of Henry Beyer?"

She smiled as she replied: "I had heard of the other charges against him, but he pleaded so eloquently and denied so strenuously that I almost—not quite—believed him. I thought he was abused and sympathized with him. Still there were times when doubts would come to me in spite of it all. Father never liked him. We were never engaged, though he often begged me to become so. When news reached our home of your arrest, of your danger, of the belief that you were he and of your earnest denials, I knew you spoke the truth, and I determined, if it was in my power, to save you. Perhaps I should have taken a different method, but I was terrified by the imminence of your danger. I did what I did know-ing from the moment I stole from the touse under the escort of Erastus that you were what you claimed to be—your ewn self and the best husband that ever

lived in all the wide world." "Thank God," was my fervent re-sponse as I fondly kissed her, "the fly at last is removed from the ointment!" THE END.

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