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A Story of the Golden Fleece.

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Buluwayo.

ogy for a meal taken.

the word, they were off.

extremely fortunate the night would

soon give them an opportunity to

continue making progress toward

The fire was extinguished while the

sun still shone, and a wretched apol-

Then, waiting only until Jim gav

It was a journey never to be for-

gotten-a journey to which in years

to come they would look back with

Seldom did anyone speak, and when

the strangest sensations possible

words were uttered in a whisper.

of just such a lucky windfall.

their approach.

grew brighter.

burnt krant, and with each passing

Bludsoe announced that they were

which adjoined the Zambodi terri-

prove their position, since the cous-

ing much of the day could be heard

the roll of the war drum, while sig-nal fires flashed their glowing mes-

and night brooded over the land.

into retired quarters where the day

Of course a certain risk hung above

Here they passed the second day.

Eludice had managed to arrange

mitters so that their trail appeared

wes well they did so.

e drift beyond.

o pass the elevation and ended at

burier the day the various bodies marching impis that came within

'lless me," declared Lord Bruno

he saw the tenth detachment unt blacks pass in among the foot

the hills. "the country is alive

are no limits to these black soldiers,

following them would

sages from kopic and isolated peaks

hour their chances of ultimate escape

experienced cowboys would start a old Scottish blade, with the enemy blaze with wood that gave no smoke. swarming over the roof and seeking The time passed. to overwhelm him from every quar-There was no alarm, and when the ter at once.

glorious sun awoke them, all had During the afternoon the squads of gone well. Of course now arose a serious ques Bludsoe made up his mind they tion-what could they do for food? What stock they had brought upon were upon the trail, so that it was & Co., Toronto, Ont. the expedition was with the horses, and only enough remained for a scant

Jim and the doctor went off, taking their guns, and leaving Red Eric offered, they might risk a shot at a springbok. Many guns were carried shoots of the Zulus, and a single shot, heard at a long distance, is

Rex had paved the way for Lord Bruno, and presently the latter was engaged in an earnest conversation with the fair girl whom the fierce Zambodi had worshipped as a god. Long they sat there and talked Rex glanced that way now and then, and he saw Marian had apparently accepted the other's story -she did not hesitate to rest a hand on his arm, while looking earnestly up into his face. And finally Lord

brother's kiss upon her forchead. low cry of pain, caused Rex to turn his head; but the only person near him was Little Phil, who seemed busily engaged in cleaning a gun

It was their purpose to remain hidden where they were during the day, and when night came, to push south again.

The morning passed without ad-Lord Bruno had saved his field glass, and with this they were enabled to survey a broad stretch of

Once they heard a distant shot, but no one could with authority say from whence it came. About noon Bludsoe came in carrying a fine springbok which he had

knocked over some miles from the camp, so that it was the report of his rifle they had heard after all. No damage was done, and the gazelle promised at least a temporary supply of meat. A small, smokeless blaze was already crackling among the rocks, and when mea was supplied, it did not take long to cook it, though for lack of a proper utensil this had to be accomways by thrusting a splinter of wood

into each piece and toasting the venison over red coals. All were hungry and could find no fault with the method employed, when it satisfied their craving. The afternoon was spent in resting, for tory. This, of course, did not imnight once more veiled day's splen-

dor-miles must be placed between this camp and their next stop. That Bludsoe anticipated trouble Rex could guess from the especial care with which the cowboy examined all the weapons in camp. Should after the day king had sank to rest, a desperate battle take place everything might depend upon their ability to throw lead with the utmost celthe programme that could be laid

the falling mercury in a barometer, the ordinary chance of discovery. for surely it foretold trouble.

His life training had been such that he could judge from sources that ere utterly invisible to the ordin-

At least, with this valiant little band around him, staunch fellows give a good account in the day of battle, Rex could contemplate the possibility of an encounter with the cruel impis under Hassaje, the witchdoctor with something approaching equanimity. It was entirely different from the sensation of desperation that swept over him when at bay in that lone cabin he wielded the good

A DAUGHTER'S DANGER.

A Chatham Mother Tells how Her Daughter, who was Troubled with Weak Heart Action and run Down System was Restored to Health.

ery mother who has a daughter droopfading-pale, weak and listlessaith is not what it ought to be, ead the following statement made S. Heath, 39 Richmond Street.

e ago I got a box of Milburn's rve Pills at the Central Drug daughter, who is now 13 and had been afflicted with eart for a considerable

e done her a world of E x trac t At ding

Ills are 50c.

Severe Pains in Back and Hips. Mr. James Clark, Consecon, Prince

Edward County, Ont., states:—"Eleven years ago I was taken with pains in my back, settling in my hips and ex-tending up my spine. The pain was very severe, and at times almost unendurable, and many days I was not able to do an hour's work. Though I had consulted many first-class physicians and tried several advertised medicines, I could get no relief. "At this time my father-in-law told me to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and said he knew they would cure me. I secured one box and great s my surprise when I began to feel ter. I continued their use until I had taken about four boxes, which made me a sound man. I have recom-mended them to a number of my friends and have never met with one case where they did not meet with good success. My daughter, Mrs. Chas. Philblacks were seen more frequently and at closer range, and toward evening Bludspe made up his mind they pills." One pill a dose. 25 cents a

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver

to bring water to their camp from the nearby stream. had been a series of naps and alarms, was numbered with the past. At least there was some satisfac-

it became alsolutely necessary, the The moon was a friend in one way Bludsoe's task as guide continued to since it gave them light by means of grow in responsibility. It seemed as which they could see where to walk though they had wandered into a straight line until it seemed as and thus in a great measure avoid veritable nest of hostile camps. To obstacles that in the darkness might. the right could be seen the blaze upon have served as snares to their feet: a hill that sent messages to the next but at the same time there was alstation, appearing and vanishing in a ways hovering above them the dan-mysterious way that was intelligible ger that this same mellow glow which shed itself abroad over tangle the purpose of a semaphore or a teleonly to the savage mind and serving

dering hither and thither in the hope which burned steadily, and here our over us," he said, laughing. friends knew the Matabele hosts rest-If one lone warrior discovered the ed, ready to gather when the proper and staggering steeds almost within vile a monster, as cruel an imposter rapidly and noisel that had been splashed during their little expedition. his signal cries time came, and sweep once more upon arms' reach of the cowboy, and as ever held sway among the wild cent. would be echoed from mouth to the land controlled by the aggressive startled exclamations proclaimed Karoos; and men better fitted to carmouth, until the welkin must ring with the tidings, and from every less that wonderful man Cecil Rhodes less in the heart of this exceedingquarter the surging black impis presided—the one individual able to ly hostile territory. would come sweeping to the attack. control their fierce leaders by the No wonder, then, the members of magic of his logic.

sibility resting upon them-no won- to be changed in order to avoid the creased. der their nerves were excited to a dangers that lay in wait. der their nerves were excited to a tension that became absolutely appalling ere the night march was halfpalling ere the night march was half
as discovery could be warded off they are a complaint.

These men were no other than the famous American scout Frederick and prepared for that last dash. Around them at the foot of the kep-In every suspicious sound Rex fan- The night was well on when they

Several times they saw moving bands of blacks, but they were far length were far length with the saw a light miles away, which Bludenemy. From almost each thicket soe examined through the glass when soe examined through the glass when looming up on either quarter he could a chance presented itself, declaring imagine that hostile eyes detected that it must be a Matabele kraal in their movement; and many times he flames. actually believed he heard the strange | That the spectacle aroused the varihurtling sound of an assegai speed- ous camps to fever heat they could ing through the air, when it curned tell from the louder roll of the tom out to be the humming flight of some toms, and occasionally with the

owl or night bird of another charac- night wind came a swelling chorus of ter, which had been frightened by fierce cries such as could only spring from the throats of Zulu kind. As hours passed and nothing occur-All at once Bludsoe halted them, red to disturb the silence of the indicating that there was danger in night, these fears which Rex enter- front, tained on account of Marian's pres-And while the little party stood ence more than anything else, gradu- there, in whispers deciding what was ally grew less in volume, for he reabest to be done, the plain, unmistak

ground between themselves and the the hard ground electrified them. CHAPTER XXVIII.

lized that they were putting much able thud of horses' hoofs beating on

THE GOD HUNTERS. There could be no mistake about it-horses were approaching them, horses that seemed to be going at their limit, but which in the exper is of the Zulus were at war with lenced mind of the cowboy guide had been ridden far and furiously. Various speculations flashed through the brains of the members constitute ing that little company. Hastings conceived the idea that the vanguard of the British force had reached this point, and believed he show The night was well spent, and Mar- of Bludsoe to give the signal to

Bludsoe had been on the alert, and greet them with a royal Anglo-Saxonce more took his little company With Lord Bruno, the case was little more to the point. might be passed without more than He recognized the fact that the hard ridden horses approached from exactly the wrong direction to be a relief expedition from Mangwe of ed their trail, suspicion would be en-Buluwayo-the animals came out gender d, with a possible chance of from that quarter where the flaming heavens told of a Matabele vil-As before, Jim selected an elevation

for their second camp. Its advantages were numerous, and every one. The two the The two things were not connected in his mind as with Bludsoe. On the contrary Lord Bruno fancied these horses were their own steeds, and them grop down in the grass, he im agined it was only a design on the part of the guide to waylay the robbers and recover their mounts. subtless believe they had gone down But Jim Bludsoe had uneren views, though he made no attempt

No Trifling With the Nerves.

When you can't sleep at nights and on its hands than the good people in far away England ever drawn. There are no limits to these block special are no limits to these block soldiers. This great restorative is in pill form and contains the very elements of nawhat it ought to be, when a small party came along following their trail: but Jim Bludsoe's American tactics were too much for Matabele shrewdness, and the last they saw of the warriors the whole clan was scurrying down the drift, eagerly looking out for some signs of the fugitives who were not. Night again—blessed night, since it was to take them another long step out of this country that swarmed with hostiles.

They had fared but poorly in the way of food. Marian did not know it, for Rex saw that she was well supplied. The cowboys had cooked

recommend supplied. The cowboys had cooked

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> the dim light two moving forms appeared-men mounted on weary, fcam-flecked steeds, which they urged on with occasional exclamations. The words startled Lord Bruno, since they stamped the riders as of the same race as himself, and neither avage Matabele nor Zambodi.

though they must gallop directly over the group crouching there. "The beasts are about done for. Armstrong--we must find a place to and plateau and plain, might reveal graph line as camp after camp took a low call, such as Western men use shadow of the very hill which they with which to greet each other. the vengeance seeking Zambodi, war- Other fires there were at times, "Draw up, Barnham—don't ride their work.

The horsemen pulled in their jaded that was to free South Africa of as and Burnham and their amazement at meeting civilized ry out this really humane deed could blocks of stone u Jim quickly identified himself, and their hands and accepted the trust.

the important task of making way boast.

from his hideous cave among atoppo hills, issued his orders Matabele war should be con ed, declaring that by his magical allets of the white men into v It became evident to the author ercised such an influence over

cuturescene on record Pladsce knew where they had been, nd his very first question as he the zed a hand of each was to the Well, did you fetch him?"

The block god went down-all his rts could not save him from lead after all," returned the scout. rth of a vile monster, not only nged the death of his little two old daughter Nada, who died on unt of exposure when Buluwayo esieged by the hordes of blacks ossibly and probably saved huns of precious lives that must e fallen victims to the ferocion ssions constantly aroused by the peals of the black god. Later on Rex heard their story, dd in simple language. It has sine en made known to the world-how

land, and found the dreaded M'limo's cavern home. A large kraal of hundreds of lodges stood at the foot of the hill upon which they had been informed they would find the home of the Wicked One, where he was seen by none but Nearer still, advancing in a his brother priests, who carried his commands to the war brigades of rifle fighting men.

they pierced the heart of Matabele-

There was constant danger-they had during the day been seen by women carrying water, and doubtless nds of warriors were scouring the ling here and the must mount in order to accomplish came upon a steep

The time had come to strike a blow was fortunately in than those who took their lives in that little band felt a grave respon- Again and again their course had astonishment of the two riders in ture as told to the correspondent was simple yet graphic. Both of them tightened their belts

with the high priest N'dubi, who had | According to the programme of the

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knife, as a last d Pausing to take tall grass of the

together in the she TO BE CONTINUED

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