

By W. R. ROSE.

"Good."  
A rapid stomp sounded on the pavement.  
Matt. A stout form loomed up in the darkness.  
"Hullo, sergeant. Hullo, Holcomb."  
"You beat me here."  
"Wait just round the corner, you know."  
"That's so. Pity you couldn't put these affairs off at more reasonable hours, sergeant. I'm afraid we can give our early morning readers another thing very satisfactory. Eh, Holcomb?"  
The older reporter shook his head.  
"Have to fill out with surmises," he said.  
The cub had crowded a little closer. The newcomer was Cameron, the stout all-round man of the rival sheet. How the cub's gorge rose against him. How he longed to scoop him. And here was Holcomb holding converse with him as if they were dear friends instead of bitter enemies.  
"Well, well, well, I'll be right with you."

"No," replied the man with a little sadness in his voice. "You were asleep when I wanted to get you some more Guinness. I must have panicked. But don't worry about that. I'll pay you well for your trouble. Haven't any brandy, have you?"

"No," said the cub, "But I can get some here." And he indicated the saloon.

"No, no," muttered the man hastily. "Not in there. Drive me to some doctors, or some drug store. I must get this leg bandaged."

"All right," said the cub.

He looked at the man over. There was something about his suffering. His face was pale and drawn, his teeth were tightly clenched. The boy closed the

view of a number of pairs of dark eyes, strode up to the cub's desk and held out his hand.

"Good boy," he said. "You're doing all right."

And that sounded sweeter in the boy's ears than even the commendation of the great managing editor himself.

**MALAY SUPERSTITIONS.**

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### How Public Contracts Are Obtained in the States

INTERNATIONAL SKATING

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