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ably the the His Grande and Cape Horn. His are boundless, his talents those Napoleon. When Diaz was di only a few months hoped to gain a high p

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with some twenty other young-ctice baseball playing until dark. Vilkins' stenographers is seen to

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A BASEBALL

ROMANCE

right, 1912, by W. G. Chap

SYNOPSIS.

EAPTER III-As outcome of Brock-scipher, the ball player and Solano engaged by government for mysteri-mission. Yasimoto, mysterious Jap,

CHAPTER IV-Brockett falls into Yazi moto's trap, a fight follows, Brocket coming out on top; Messenger McKan

and reports his failt her to Baron Zollern HAPTER VI-Yazi

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CHAPTER XI-Kelly turns

CHAPTER XII-Brockett

CHAPTER XIII-On sleeper Cle ound; the Baron detected in act Baron detected in berth, jumps fi

ER XIV-At Detroit the to ball game, receive mysterious manner and

HAPTER XV-Arriving in Chicago, messengers are robbed by a "transom ef;" the baron again appears.

CHAPTER XVI-The Baron offers ssist in recovering the stolen papers.

APTER XVII-The Messengers find stolen papers in the possession of a

HAPTER XVIII-After a fierce negrets Brockett and Soland

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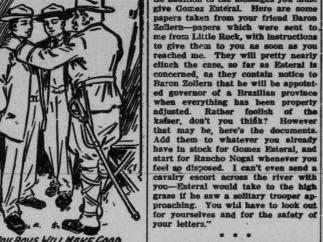
CHAPTER XXIII-The genuine sheriff rests Baron Zollerr, and the boys re-

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CHAPTER XXV-While playing ball brockett is lassoed and robbed. CHAPTER XXVI-The messengers

ausse and German treachery—proofs made out in the cipher code, but fully convincing to any man of ordinary in-telligence. Esteral, I think, is a man of rather more than ordinary brains, and the evidence that will be set be-fore him will give him a sudden shock and a complete averkaning."

fore him will give him a sudden shock and a complete awakening." "I think I can understand now," said Brockett, "why so many attempts were made to rob us on the road." "Exactly," concurred the colonel. "And now, boys, I have something else I entrust to your keeping—a lit-tle addition to the messages you must give Gomez Estéral. Here are some papers taken from your friend Baron Zollern—papers which were sent to, me from Little Rock, with instructions to give them to you as soon as you



A. 5 00. YOU BOYS WILL MAKE GOOD

Under the rich light of the Mexican moon, two young horsemen role the trail that leads to Rancho Nogal. Both SOLDIERS YET.

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the new government of Mexico-a position that would serve as a stepping-stone in his ambitions. Disappointed in this, he has been raising men for a new revolution, and the fighting which has already taken place between his men and the government forces has furnished the excuss for the cavairy's said he. "it will shorten the distance to the Kancho, and may also carry rou acquaintance. The fact is, caballeros, "ran the survey speech of the bigs brigand, smiles "ripping through this words. "There are reasons for my pleasure in making your acquaintance. The fact is, caballeros, "rank to was the case when the insurred to the fancho, and may also carry rou to danger if anybody stops you on the way." Well-provided with the distance to the Kancho show in a your messages and cipher is novel so the same. The group of friendly horse is no special activity, either on the back in time for the deciding being of hats and urgent requests to be back in time for the deciding being which you that the sectors with which you had been entrey a case of guarding a from the Mexican factions, mether foremany nor Japan would have cared a hoot in Halifax about you or the leaded with the night; dark stretche of shadowy chaparral advanced its "Ask him." Brocket cut in, "if he has any objections to telling us who the sent merely a case of guarding a from the leaded with the night; dark stretche of shadowy chaparral advanced its "Ask him." Brocket cut in, "if he bigs down in your messages and cipher on the strest of the east to can fact, as you will doubless meet them both tomory information in advance. One of them is a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german. His name is quite difference on the sa a german

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uest of the nation!"

CHAPTER XXVII.

"It does look that way, colonel," as sented the wondering Solano. "It so happens, however," resumed the colonel, "that the situation is one of far greater importance than a mere frontier campaign of idleness and scheming. Gomez Esteral has much greater ambitions than even the presi-dency of Mexico. He has for years been planning, plotting, working a net of fine wires all the way from Sonora to Chile, and his plans are nearly ripe. Some plans, too, believe me, lads." "What are the gentleman's ambi-tions?" questioned the eagerfaced Brockett. -"Does he wish to be an emperor?" 100

Breckett: - "Does he wish to be an emperor?" "Perhaps," smiled the colonel, "but that would be merely an incidental. Gomez Esteral plans a confederation of all the Latin-American nations, with a united front and a central gov-ernment—himself, of course, to be the head—and that united confederation is to offer its tremendous strength to the highest bidder, whether that bidder be Japan or Germany, for an alliance against the United States and the con-quest of the nation!" DOES NE WISH TO BE AN ENDEROR? QUESTIONED THE ? ENCER FICED BROCKETT.

gloom in contest with the bright rays of the moon—and the boys, bearing missives whose vast importance they had never known till that same day, rode onward through the dusk, mile after mile. They expected to make Rancho Nogai about daybreak, if all went smoothly—but the progress of these youngsters, somehow or other, never seemed to have much smooth-mess anywhere along its line.

The boys sat half-dazed for several ness anywhere along its line. minutes, while the colonel's fierce old eyes twinkled above them. Then So-lano spoke, slowly, measuring his words. Where the provide the second to have much anoon. Tays fell upon the seco

of the neares: rider, bit was wrapped round with powerful arms before he could strike a second blow. Then the cavalcade, escorting the prisoners turned, rode out of the little cross road, and trotted slowly up the hill Descending the farther slope, they perhaps an hour. Coming to a thicker beside the road, they wheeled into iti-dark stretches, threaded their way along a narrow track in single file and emerged upon a clearing, in which a campfire blazed hrightly, while a campfire blazed hrightly, while a scampfire blazed hrightly, while some fifty mea were lounging round the fames. A sentry's challenge was given and answered; the horseman assisted the prisoners to the ground. A big, superbly-molded fellow, wat ading some ten feet from the mance, he looked the part of the of themes, seemed to be in full authority; and the boys were led towards hin when he waved lis hand. Richig tressed, heavily armed, the firelight phying over his dark, flerce counter mance, he looked the part of the of the ceiving the boys with a smile that showed his strong white teeth in thou rough Roosevelt fashion, he motioned adding. "T spik but ver poor Englees," he anolected. "You-cone of you-soin

saddles near by, he himself remaining standing. "I spik but ver' poor Englees," he apologized. "You—one of you—spik Spanish, si?" Solano promptly took up the con-versation, interpreting sentence by sentence to Brockett, who sat calmiy by, occasionally interposing pointed comments which the Cuban rapidly translated to their captor. "I am glad to meet you two young caballeros," ran the suave speech of



THEY DROVE THEM HOUSES TO A GALLOP.

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CHAPTER XXIX.

"Ask the sentinel at the door," said Brockett, after the prisoners had been shown into a rude but comfortable hut, lighted with whole rows of can-dies, "if he can get a needle and some strong thread. Tell him I want to do scrong thread. Tell him I want to do

a violent temper. The other is a Jap-anese, and, I regret to say, his name is The puzzled Cuban executed the Joseph Bosse, fireman, River, du (Too late for last issue) Jan. 31-An enjoyable birthday The puzzled Cuban executed the commission, and the sentry, an oblig-ing, joyial fellow, soon brought in a heavy needle and some twine. Brock-ett, seating himself where the light was brightest, then produced an di-ball, bearing evidence of many a vig-orous swat upon its horsehide cover, and calluly proceeded to dissect the sphere, while Solano looked on in mystification. "Going to stuff the ball with dyna-mite, and then bat it to Captain Tor-mite, and then bat it to Captain Tordu party was held at the ho mite, and then bat it to Captain Tor-rejon?" he asked, with a forced and 5,900 in Class C. Hannon spent Saturday with Miss Edith Mitchell.

internet votation of hig league hat COUNTY NEWS ing his handiwork with justifiable pride, "contains the entire packet of letters to Gomes Esteral, and the enletters to Gomes Esteral, and the en-velopes now contain sundry wholly harmless letter-sheets I happened to have in my pockets. I think that the inside of a league ball is about the lest place they would think to look for important papers." "Pretty old ball," commented So-lano. "Had a rubber center instead of a cork core. But what good is the ball going to do us? If we never get through to Gomez Esteral what dif-ference does it make whether the dis-pictness are in a ball or in an aero-plane?" Brockett smiled serenely. "Quit worrying, Ramon, guit worrying. Now,

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Jan. 31—A great many persons are stricken with la grippe. It seems that hardly anyone has escaped. Mr. Everett Nelson spent the week end in Ludlow with his brother Mr. Scott Nelson. Mrs. William Brown, of Fairley, and Mrs. Eliza Norrad, of Bloomfield, were the guests of Mrs. Whalen on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Henry Estey and family have moved from their late residence in Bolestown, to Ludlow, and at pre worrying, Ramon, quit worrying. Now, then, come closer-still closer-where there won't be any chance of sharp Mexican ears getting wise. Ncw, then, listen to me!" sent are occupying a h Flavus Pond. Mr. Howard Richards, formerly of

this town, but now of Fredericton, was on a visit to his home this week. Miss Margaret McCarthy is spend

BOIESTOWN

(Held from Last Issue) Jan. 31-A great many persons are

ing a few days with her uncle, Daniel Lynch. Mr. D. O'Donell was calling

Captain Juan Torrejon's bandits cer-tainly loved baseball, and evidently played it to the best of their ability and as often as time and place ai-lowed. The clearing in which the camp was pitched had a rude dia-mond laid out at its northern edge, while the southern borders showed much evidence of the tramping feet of the outfielders. Sentinels guard-ed the boundaries of the camp with hawklike gaze; some twenty of the friends here Saturday. Mrs. Robert Hickey is visiting her ephew, Mr. John Clowater.

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(Held from last issue) Jan. 28-Many in this vicinity still suffering from la grippe. John Somers of this place,

of the outfielders. Sentinels guarded the boundaries of the camp with hawklike gaze; some twenty of the sward, waiting for the practice to begin, and the rest of the operative at book guards, with their leader, lounged around the catcher's position. Juan Torrejon greeted his prisoners with great courtesy, and asked if they had slept and breakfasted well. Answered in the affirmative as to both queries, a look of genuine pleas, ure seemed to cross his swarthy countenance, and he expressed his satisfaction at their words. "If the pleases you, caballeros," he went on, "will you inspect the batt roublous times it is not easy to obtain first-class material. What branch of the profession will you deign to instruct us in as a beginning?". "If agreeable to you, Captain Torrejon," said Solano, "my friend will hat up some files, to see how your fileders handle them." struck on the head by a limb from a falling tree, while working in the woods, and badly injured. Dr. Beaton

Mrs. Milton Taylor, who has

very ill, is recovering. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Foran on the arrival of a son. The little son of David Mutc's, who went through an operation last week

Mrs. Logie is visiting friends in

Mrs. Henry Holmes, who has b very ill, is getting better.

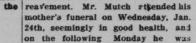
Feb. 4-John Somers, who was

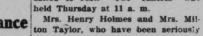
inspiration. "Yes. yes." he panted. "Tell him, Ramon, that we will be right with bin in the morning, and that we will do our best to teach him what little of the game we know." ports ten deaths in the month ended Jan. 25th, as follows: Francois Charland, fireman, Levis, aneurism of aorta, insured for \$250. Joseph Campbell, retired employee. Halifax, senile deblity, \$1,000. James Melanson, hargenere

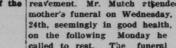
Halifax, senile debility, \$1,000. James Melanson, baggagemaster, Moncton, cancer of stomach, \$1,000. Howard McDona M. engineman, Truro, pulmonary trouble, insured for \$1,000. Nelson Main, car inspector, Monc

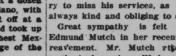
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fielders handle them." "Bueno, muy bueno," Torrejon sp proved. "I fear you will find them but feeble in pursuit of the ball!" Feeble they were. They tried hard, these bandit Mexicans, but only the earlest kind of fly balls rested secur-ly in their grip. After about a dozen balls had been dropped. Solano, with a gesture of impatience, set off at jog-trot, crossed the field and took up a position among the farthest Mex-icans, not far from the edge of the clearing. Feb. 4—John Somers, who was hurt in the woods by a falling tree, is able to be around again. Mr. E. Travis, who has driven the mail in this vicinity for the last four years, is succeeded by a new mail driver, Ward Silliker. We are sor-ry to miss his services, as he was always kind and obliging to all. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Edmund Mutch in her recent sad be-reavement. Mr. Mutch zthende his mother's funeral on Wednesday, Jan.









CHAPTER XXVII-They start with important papers for the Mexican chief and run into ambush.

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we must be on our way as quickly. as possible," Brockett negatived. "There is still some margin in our ime-limit, but we would like to round up everything as rapidly as possible. After delivering these papers to you, our orders take us to Rancho Nogal, on the other side of the Rio Grande." "Rancho Nogal, eh?" And the colonel's eyebrows were raised in sur-



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will make good sol-at essential of a good sol-ey orders without asking ad that, I see, you have that the str

with his plans?" "Yes. Wonderful progress. The

Latin-Americans in nearly every na-tion have accepted his propaganda blindly. They honestly believe that the United States, land-hungry, eager for conquest, intends sconer or later to annex and colonize the whole world of Mexico, Central and South world of Mexico, Central and South America. Once president of Mexico, Esteral would consolidate his empire of 'mutual defease and vested rights' in less than two years. Then he would sell his alliance to Japan or Germany. Both are eager to gain his friendship, and both are making him tremendous offers. He is financing his revolution 'with Japanese and German gold Jap-

offers. He is financing his revolution with Japanese and German gold. Jap-anese and German spigs swarm all over this country, bribing, scheming, working to gain the secrets of defense and military policy. Japanese and German agents also try to block every lavenue by which certain messages could be conveyed to Gomes Esteral. If those messages reach him I believe his dreams will be shocked into sud-

den awakening, and a great light will burst upon him." "How-how do you mean, colonel?" Brockett questioned. "Because"—and the old soldier's

words fairly burned their way through the very souls of his young auditors— "because both Japan and Germany "because both Japan and Germany have every plan arranged by which Esteral is to be deceived, betrayed, and made a catspaw. Germany pro-poses, if the United States is crip-pled, to seize upon Brazil and make it the home of Prussia's overflowing millions. Japan already counts upon Sonora and Lower California as part of the Pacific empire which the mikado is to rule. These schemes are all matured, and the execution of the plans would be commenced as soon as the war was over. In other words, Gomez Esteral, dreaming of a great Latin nation, is to be awakened by the shock of finding himself the tool of a great land-grabbing con-spiracy, and his new-formed nation, the prey of Germany or of Japan."

There was little chance for the fugitives, even had their lead been twice as long, for the inexperienced rider has small show against the man who has lived from childhood in the saddle. It was only a few minutes be fore the grim pursuers overhauled te prey of Germany or of Japan." "And," asked Solano, eagerly, "how o we figure in this drama of the na-

them, swept alongside, and checket their horses by strong hands upon the bridle. Solano drew his revolver, and then, quickly realising the helpless ness of his situation, calmly returned it to its resting place. Brockett drove his right flat, viciously, into the me "You have quite a part to play," "You have quite a part to play," mid the old soldier. "If I am not mistakes, the packet which you carry to Gennes Brieral contains not only the cipher code, and monages from the cipher code, and monages from

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information in advance. One of them is a German. His name is quite diffi-cuit for a Mexican to speak, but he is a very big man, with, apparently,

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a road, and walked their horses slowly up the grade. Suddenir, as the moorn rays fell upon the sum into to the impossibilities."
A upge and menacing in the shadows.
Billent, grim and somber, he sat his also among the impossibilities."
Are these two is alliance, then?" for these two is alliance, then?"
The area to patiently await their comparison of the show." whisperd Brockett as they neared the silent form.
The doesn't look specially goot to get the silent form.
The other is us and there's outly one of him—no, frm mistaken. He is distinctly plural."
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on the word of Juan Torrejon!" Solano sprang up from his saddle-chair. "You are Juan Torrejon?" he demanded.

"Wholly at your service, caballero Torrejon, humble captain of a band that is for the revolution

little band that is for the revolution today, for the government tomorrow-and always, at all times, for Juan Correjon. You have heard my name?" "Harry, give me the card that Mex-ican handed you!" And Solano guichly transferred the card written by Torre-jon's grateful brother to the clutches of the robber chief. Juan Torrejon read the words thereon written, and assemed to modifate for a few minings.



ME EXTREMELY, YOUNG GEN BUT I FERR YOU MOST DIE

"No. daily present on an average-"To going to stuff it with something valuable, though. Watch and see." Defly the boy extracted some fold ed letters from the inner pockets of his clothing. As defly he crumpled them, wound them round the rubber center of the ball and pressed them into spheroid shape. Some of the yars from the ball and pressed them into spheroid shape. Some of the yars from the ball and pressed them into spheroid shape. Some of the yars from the ball was then wound round the bundle, and then came the work of reserving the cover. This was a long and tedious task, but was com-pleted in perhaps forty minutes, when the ball, to all outward appearances, was arain nothing but a worn and the bundle but a worn and the ball, to all outward appearances."

Tabusintac School Report chuckle. Brockett smiled frankly and evidently with self-confidence and 21. full renewal of courage. No. of pupils enrolled-31.

We are glad to see oor boys in

khaki again spending a few days at HARD ON BABY their old homes.

Mrs. J. Conners and son Harold, of The stormy, blustery weather New Hampshire, are visiting relat-

which we have during February and ives here. March is extremely hard on children We are glad to hear that Mrs. Roy Conditions make it necessary for Mitchell, who has been confined to the mother to keep them in the her home with la grippe, is improv-

house. They are often confined to ing. heated, badly ventilated rooms and catch colds which rack their

whole system. To guard against this a box of Baby's Own Tablets



should be kept in the house and an Bonnycastle Dale confributes the occasional dost given the baby 10 leading article to the February issue keep his stomach and bowele work of Rod and Gun in Canada, published ing regularly. This will not fail to by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock break up colds and keep the health Ont., writing with his usual skill on of the baby in good condition till observations which he has made of the brighter days come along. The wild animals in British Columbia. Tablets are sold by medicine dealers "Roughing it de Luxe" by Judson or by mail at 25 cents a bor iren Gaylord is an account of a visit to a The Dr. Williams' Melicina Co., Quebec club for millionaires as set Brockville, Ont. down by one who was successful in

invading the millionaires' stronghold. "Wilhelm the Hawk: A Tragedy of No. of days school was in session- the Prairies," by James S. Jones is the biography of a hawk whose dom-

inant characteristics are analogous No. daily present on an average- to those of a human Wilhelm now

