

He did not know much about the Yankees or the United States; and, besides, he did not wish to get into a discussion with two strangers.

The first speaker turned the subject by asking Cunningham some simple question, which was quickly followed by others, until he gradually drew from him the story of the cause of his leaving home, and his coming to Boston in search of work, and also his being unable to find any. This was just what they desired to know, as by its means they thought they might the more easily secure their victim.

"How would you like to join the army, young man? Men are very scarce just now, and if you care to go, I'd guarantee you'd get a good bounty."

"No, thank you," replied Cunningham; "I had enough of the army already, and don't want any more."

The two strangers here gave a knowing look at each other, on discovering that their game was above the common run, and would be a valuable prize if secured. Deserters from the British army, and men from the militia corps of Canada, were highly prized during the war, and received the highest bounties. Being well drilled, they were prepared at once to take their place in the ranks at the front; while the raw recruit would take some weeks to make him understand a few simple manœuvres.

It was now late in the afternoon, and Edward Cunningham stood up, remarking, "It is time to be moving," and was about to say "good day" to his companions, when the latter rose up too, saying they might be going the same road, and the three left the Common together.

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GOOD CAPITAL.

THE best capital that a young man can start with in life is industry, with good sense, courage, and the fear of God. They are better than cash, credit, or friends.