

something of the same deed that has made Kate Barlass famous all over the world—the giving of an arm for another's need. Mukarrab Khan cared for nothing save holding the doors open till his comrades could come with a rush and drive them inwards. So long as his arm remained there no bolt could be rammed into its socket, and when his hand was severely wounded he withdrew it only to offer the other arm in its place.

“Of course, the men on the other side treated this other arm as they had treated the first, and the hand of the gallant fellow was all but severed from the wrist. However, the thought which prompted the act won the victory, for the doors were driven in with a rush, and through the entrance surged our British and Native troops with a shout which must have presaged terrible retribution to the mutineers. I saw the action of Mukarrab Khan myself, and never can I forget the calm courage of that devoted loyalty which, with such admirable selfishness, gave both arms to destruction.”

“Such an act deserved the Cross.”

“Mukarrab Khan received the Indian equivalent, the Order of Merit, which carries with it an increase of pay. And he was loyal to the last, and very proud of serving the Great White Queen. In 1863, six years after he had thrust his arms through those closing doors, and when he had retired from the service, he suddenly presented himself before his old colonel, and said that as the regiment was going on the Umbeyla Expedition he insisted upon accompanying his com-