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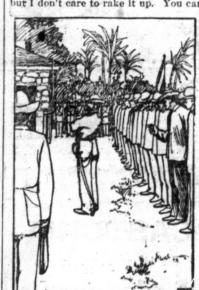
Among the Cubans who were ready to receive the munitions of war as the steamer was backed in a little cove at midnight after successfully dodging the Spanish gunboats was the outcast. He was an American and, though in ragged uniform and having a disreputable look, was evidently much respected by the rebels. He was in charge of the party unloading the arms and had the energy of six ordinary men. When the boxes were safely ashore, he said to the five of us who had volunteered for the Cuban service: "Now, boys, come ahead. If you had

known what you were going into, you wouldn't be here. As it is, you'll have to make the best of it. The Cubans want help, but they won't give an outsider a fair show, and if any of you happens to be taken prisoner I'll guarantee that you won't live ten minutes. There's some little patriotism about it, enough to make you want to shoot straight, but the whole thing is a famly row, and one can't say enough bad things about either side. My name's Chips, just Chips, and I came over here simply to get shot."

Chips was a scout, a spy and a sharpshooter and had little to do with the rank and file. He could have given any Cuban general spades and cards on how to conduct a campaign. He was thoroughly disgusted with the style of fighting and the cruelty practiced on prisoners, but he offered no criticisms.

It was a month before I got his story. We had had two or three skirmishes with the Spanish and had been amazed at the reckless manner in which he exposed his life. He was a dead shot and perfectly indifferent to the enemy's bullets, and I honestly believe that in the year he was with the Cubans he inflicted at least half the loss suffered by the Spanish. I had heard him coughing at night in a way to make me wonder if consumption had not taken a firm hold on him, and I couldn't help but notice how thin he was and how little appetite he had. It was one day while we were scouting within a mile of the Spanish lines and were lying in a thicket, with the land erabs nipping at our clothing and the nosquitoes hovering about us in clouds, that he said:

"Yes, there's a story behind all this, ut I don't care to rake it up. You car



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take it that I come from a good family, have had all the advantages of wealth and education, and that it's my fault that I am today a family outcast. I'm not blaming mother-God bless her-and I'm not blaming poor old dad. It's all my fault. They can't know whether I'm living or dead, but I hope they have done grieving for me. I was a fool and worse. Now it's too late to talk of reconciliation. Camp life has brought on consumption, and my days are numbered. It would only be going home to die, and I'd sooner do that here. I came over here for reckless adventure, and I'm going to play it to the end. All I'm afraid of is that I shall be laid up the last three or four weeks of my life and die like a dog in his kennel instead of putting up a decent finish."

I asked Chips no impertment questions, but I thought it out for myself-Chains, Etc., and I a rich man's son, Yale or Harvard, debts, reproofs, dishonorable affairs, disgrace and expulsion. That was probably the worst and only what has befallen many a young man. Chips might have done foolish things, mad things, dishonorable things, but he was not a criminal. He was above that, I didn't even try to deceive him as to his state of health. He was a doomed man and fully realized it. Words of cheer or sympathy would have been useless. Had he told me nothing I could have known from his reckless scouting that day that he wanted to die the death of a soldier instead of an

> Another week passed, and twenty-five of us were sent to break through the Spanish fines and bring up more ammunition. Chips was looking gaunt and feeble, but he responded with alacrity. He realized the danger and perhaps intended to make it his last fight. It was entirely the fault of the Cuban colonel who commanded the detachment that we were led into a trap and the entire command made prisoners without having a chance to fire a gun. It was a neat stroke of business on the part of the Spanish, and they re-joiced over it for half an hour and then prepared to reap the fruits—that is, we were brought before a general who had

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no more feeling of mercy toward a rebel than for a rat in the gutter, and be proceeded to try us by court martial. He called in no other officer There was a standing order on both sides to take no prisoners, and it was disobeyed only by accident. A court martial was merely the preface to being shot and was so understood by both sides.

It was a beautiful morning as we were drawn up in line before an old sugar house which had been turned into a headquarters, and the Spanish general began business. We were disarmed, but not bound. The enemy were ten to one and hemmed us in on three sides. The first man on the right of our line was the first one called before the "court." Inside of thirty seconds he had been charged, tried, convicted, sentenced and led away to be shot. He was hardly out of our sight before he was a dead man. The general was no man to dally. He went through with it as he would a drill, and it was not long before our line had shortened up to ten men. The five Americans of us were on the left, elbows touching, and not a man of us had the slightest hope in his breast when Chips uttered his first word.

"Boys," said he in a low voice, but plainly audible to every one of us, "the general is sending souls to kingdom come by express, but I am going to interrupt his little game. Now, pay strict attention to what I say and make no comments or suggestions. As the last Cuban is called in I am going to make a dash for the captain directly in front of me. I'll reach him in three jumps, and before he can straighten up I'll have his sword and drive it through him. Then I'll put my back against that tree and die as I have been hoping to. I won't last long, of

One of the two remaining Cubans was taken; and as he entered the house with a prayer on his lips Chips con-

"Steady, now, and don't miss a word. Nobody is to follow me. There on the right flank their line is the thinnest and the jungle thickest. As I make my rush for the captain you rush for the flank, break through and take to cover in the jungle. You'll all get away. Get ready!"

"But we"- I began, when he interrupted me with:

"Silence, fool! Haven't I told you l want to die? There is no use throwing other lives away. If one of you dares to follow me, I'll turn the sword on him instead of the captain. They are coming for the last Cuban now. Fetch a long breath and when you move make a regular football rush of it. Now, then, hurrah!"

Chips sprang forward, and we wheeled to the right and made our rush. It was a complete success. Before the soldiers at "parade rest" could bring up their muskets we were upon and over them, and, though a shower of bullets followed us into the jungle, no one was hit.

Even as we rushed we knew that Chips had won his first stroke, for the officer screamed out as the steel was wrenched from his hand and found his

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an, perore it was told us that our com-rade stood with his back to the tree and laid about him till he had killed two others and wounded four. He was fairly riddled with bullets before he went down and the cheer on his lips turned to a death rattle in his throat. Could his weeping mother and stern hearted father but know they would say that the outcast son had re-

Father of Modern Jurisprudence. Louis IX. was practically the founder of modern jurisprudence. About the year 1241 he noticed the abuses which were caused in France by men taking into their own hands the work of redressing their own wrongs and published a proclamation establishing the quarantine du roi. This forbade private redress for wrongs for the space of forty days after the injury was committed. During that time the injured person must seek redress and satisfac-tion in the king's court, and if his wrong were not righted at the end of forty days he might then take its rectification into his own hands.

This proclamation made justice speedy and tolerably sure, although, of course, its administration was in a rough and ready way, and unless the records are at fault some law of this kind prevailed in Louisiana at the time when Missouri was a part of the French king's possessions.

A Bad Drink. "The foreigners up in the coal regions," says a writer in the Philadelphia Record, "drink polinsky, and that's why so many stories of horrible crimes come from there. Polinsky is at the bottom of every riot and much murder. It is simply a mixture of beer and bad whisky, usually blended in a washtub and seasoned with spices. At every wedding, christening, wake or other gathering of a social nature there is always a tub of polinsky. In one hour all hands will be drunk, in two hours there will be a free fight, and, unless the police interfere, in three hours there will be a murder. In the more thickly populated communities the police try to break up these polinsky parties in their incipient stages, but they don't always succeed."

Forcible. Some of the late Lord Randolph Churchill's friends once tried to have Lord Salisbury reinstate his erratic lieutenant. Salisbury listened to them patiently and then asked, "Have any of you ever had a carbuncle on the back of your neck?"

"No," was the reply. "Well, I have," retorted his lordship, "and I don't want another."

Boasted Too Soon. The rear end of a Fordham car was congested the other afternoon. There wasn't even "standing room only." A jocular commuter said, "Beware of pickpockets!"

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The crowd thinned out. At Wendover avenue the "patentee" said startingly:

"My watch is gone!" Somebody had clipped the chain. drawn it through the other way and

A Story of Two Neckinces. When General Weyler was sent by Spain as governor general to Manila. Don Carlos Palanca, the wealthy Spanlardized Chinaman, determined to send Mrs. Weyler a gift, the customary way of obtaining the good will of the Spanish officials. He found at a jeweler's two necklaces, each costing \$20,000 and both being so beautiful that he could not choose between them. So he sent them both to Mrs. Weyler with the message that she should make her choice. He received a warm letter of thanks from her, stating that the necklaces were so beautiful that she could not decide between them and hence would keep both, which she did.

Theories About Drowned Bodies. It was a popular theory in days gone by that the body of a drowned man would float the ninth day. Sir Thomas Browne alludes to it as believed in his time, and in his "Pseudo-doxia Epidemics" there is, a discussion on this fanciful notion. It was also believed that the spirits of those drowned at sea were doomed to wander for a hundred years owing to the rites of burial havng never been properly bestowed upon their bodies.

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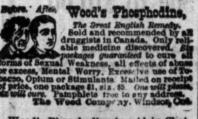
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