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HOW SERGEANT RICHARDSON WON THE VICTORIA CROSS-

meanor and Retiring Habits Recog-

The following extracts from a let ter received from Captain Agar Adamson of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, now an officer with Strathcona's Horse, may be of interest to many, giving his own personal account of the action for which Sergeant Richardson was awarded the Victoria Cross:

Spitzkop, Sept. 21, 1900.-Dear : I have just been pleased to see a telegram from the War Office awarding Richardson the Victoria

Richardson came out with the main body of Strathcona's, but fell down the hold of the ship at Durban and was left in hospital with a sprained back. Coming through with my draft I picked him up. We worked our way to Standerton, where we were attached to the S.A.I..H., and took our regular turn of duty, as a troop, 52 strong, our horses in fairly good condition. On July 5 the S.A.L.H. were ordered out by General Buller to round up a supposed small and scattered lot of Boers. About 18 miles northwest of Standerton we found the enemy on small hill, behind which was a some what larger one, with fairly good cover. I was ordered to take men and attack in front, and if not able to hold them to return in a southeasterly direction, where we would find two squadrons of the S. A. L. H. hidden waiting to receive them, and the remainder having gone round with the intention of making left flank movement. They, how ever, found their hands full flushing the enemy on the left. I extended my men, and divided them into an advance line and supports. The Boers, contrary to their usual mode of war fare, attacked us in the open. advance held them for a while, and bringing up my supports to their right flank we drove them off the hill, and up the next one, while a reinforcing party galloped up, mounted and opened a heavy cross-fire on our right flank, the enemy increasing in number on the hill. By that time three of our men were down, and several horses hit. & The fire was very heavy and explosive bullets were being used very freely Seeing it was impossible to hold them, I ordered a retirement in the direction ordered. It was at this point that Richardson, who saw McArthur wounded and his horse shot, galloped up in face of a heavy cross-fire, picked him up, and putting him on his horse behind him carried him out of the range of fire His horse, a small one, could only go slowly. Sergeant Buchanan and six men covered his retreat, among them George Sparks, who, though shot through the neck at the time, dismounted and covered the retreat. Unfortunately Sergt. Stringer and Colin Isbester, had been shot, were captured. was impossible to help them, as the enemy were about 300 strong, and

to assist the others, or we might have caught them in a well-laid trap. After getting out of range and under cover, holding them off, we discovered, besides Sparks, that Gladwyn McDougall was shot through the knee and McArthur through arm and thigh. We came up with the S.A.L.H., who had a hot engagement and driven their enemy off. We sent into Standerton, 18 miles off, for the ambulance, leaving the wounded men in a cottage in charge of Corporal Blakemore and Corporal T. Campbell. The ambulance arrived about 11 and at 4 a.m. Dr. Keenan, of the S.A.L.H., Blakemore and Campbell went over the ground to look for Stringer and Is-bester. Meeting the Boer outposts, they advanced unarmed with a white flag, and were informed that neither of the prisoners were wounded. I reported Richardson's action to General Buller, who forwarded it to the War Office, with the most satisfactory of results. He is an excellent chap, quiet and very modest, and I have seen him on many occasions since under fire, and in tightest places, always quiet and cool. Finding the enemy drawing their fire, and drawing them on to hidder bodies of our infantry, is a part of mounted infantry work, and we have seen a fair amount of it, although the Dutchman is a pretty wily bird, and won't always be drawn. We joined the regiment a week later at Greylingstad. We had two more little goes on our own account near Standerton. Under General Clery and Lord Dundonald wa worked our way to Heidelburg and back to Paardekop, where, on Aug. 7, we joined Buller's general advance north from the Netherlands Railway to Belfast, driving the enemy out of Amersford, Ermilo and Machadodorp. The biggest stand they made against us was at Dalumantha and Lydenburg, the Boers generally fighting a rear guard action, for which they are noted. We followed them on here into the mountains, holding the passes. For seven days we were in sight of their transport, but could not get up to them, as they had the advantage of knowing the country. They are wonderfully clever at moving their heavy artillery, and can all

swarming over the hill, and

The two squadrons of S. A. L. H. had been called out of their hiding

were only 40 strong.

In the Crocodile Valley they jolly nearly had us surrounded, although we were 5,000 strong. General Hamilton came up on our left and cleared our way. Since leaving Peardekop the S.A.L.H., the Composites and ourselves have done all the scouting, advance and flank work, and have not been a day without being under

and time. Our poor old gees have had a hard time. We have 90 men now on foot. Buller is always well up in front, and most cheerful, with a complexion that any fair maiden might envy. Our men are a fine lot, in spite of having no tents, of ten very little food, clothes distinctly the worse for wear, blankets often not arriving till early in the morning, but they never complain and are always keen. The climate is a bit trying, and we are enjoying the rainy season. Eight of our officers are in hospitals, two are oners and one gone home. Of all the death-dealing toys we have to encounter, I think the pom-pom is the most to be avoided. Shell fire is not often dangerous. Shrapnel generally bursts too high, although I saw one which burst about 40 feet above the Gordons, and put 15 poor chaps out. The Mauser bullet is a small one, and makes a clean wound. The Maxim, as a rule, is an excellent machine for expending ammunition. The brutes use ex-plosive and soft-nosed bullets, which make a nasty wound, and are trary to civilized warfare. The Martini-Henry also makes a dangerous wound, but the range is short. The Mauser rifle is a beautiful rifle, and although only sighted to 2,000 yards will do excellent shooting at 3,000. I am bringing back a couple. The Boers are good shots at long range, and cannot resist temptation of shooting at you at absurd ranges, thus giving away their position, which is generally well behind good cover. We are go-ing into the big game country. Hope to be able to get a day off. last four months have been, in spite of many little inconveniences, not to say hardships, most interesting, and a grand tonic for the nerves. not have missed it for anything. Our losses have been comparatively small a list of which you no doubt have. Agar Adamson

The Kaiser and Old Rome.

The German Emperor, in his en of ancient Rome, recently despatched Professor Kekute Von Hradonitz, director of the Berlin Archaeological Museum, to Naples with a mission to buy some magnificent mosaics recently discovered at Boscoreale, near

The mosaics are much better pre served than those found at Pompeii, and are characterized by greater or-iginality of design. The Kaiser iginality of design. offered Signor de Prisco, the lucky finder, £100,000 for his treasures, but as the Italian law forbids the exportation of valuable works of art. his Majesty asked that a facsimile might be made, and this work is about to be done.

One of the finest and best preserve ed of the mosaics represents a vec-tal virgin in the posture of listening to the story of the exploits of gladiator who stands close to her..

The eccentric John Randolph was very fond of dogs, and would pardon to one of them a transgression that he would not have overlooked in a

Randolph was fonder of his books than of anything else save his dogs, and it was a very unlucky thing for a human creature to damage one however, an especially promising pup got into the library, and, pup fash-ion, destroyed a choice copy of Vir-

Randolph was very indignant until he learned the t it was a dog and not a person who was guilty. Then he devoted half a day to gathering up the fragments of the classic, after which he tied them up in a neat bundle, which le la elled: "Remains of Virgil, destroyed by Fido when he was a pup."—Youth's Companion.

Rich Antiquarian Find.

At the village of Anhar, near Erclose to the ancient town of Iconium, a sarcophagus has been un-covered, entirely composed of marble, on which flowers, animals and figures of warriors are sculptured. The period to which the relic be longs is not yet known, but the workmanship is exquisite, and is said to be superior to anything of the kind in the Stamboul Museum, which contains the sarcophagus of Alexander the Great.

The newly-discovered monument which weighs thirty tons, will be taken to London as soon as suitable transport can be found.

There are many stories of the Princess Louise, and one in The Young Woman tells how a boy on the Balmoral estate, when asked which member of the Royal Family he liked best said. he liked best, said: "I think I like the Princess Louise best, because she's jolly to talk to." Even Carlyle, we are told, found her fascinating, for, after meeting her when she was about 21, the sage of Chelsea wrote of her to her sister, "Decidedly a very pretty young lady, and clever, too, as I found out in talking to her afterward."—West-minster Gazette.

Swearing Witnesses in England. The perfunctory manner in which witnesses are sworn in English Courts was illustrated recently during a trial in London after some 20 witnesses had given their evidence. It was then discovered that all had sworn on and kissed a copy of "The Guide to the Law of Landlord and Tenant." The mistake came to light only when a Court official noticed that the supposed Bible was much cleaner than usual, and, as a consequence, looked at the book.

Snakes as Domestic Animals There are perhaps in no other cou try of the world so many rats as in Japan. The wooden buildings with Japan. The wooder buildings with their straw roots offer the best lurking places for them. Whilst we use dogs and cats to get rid of the rats, the Japanese employ for the same purpose a certain kind of snake, the "dodaishos," a blue green viper. They are sometimes as long as 7 feet, and are said to be the best rat-catchers in the world.

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I ersons who live in top flats and vio have to climb what seem to them endless staircases to reach their cmes should not take the matter to heart, for a well-known physician that stair-climbing very best thing for health, when performed in the proper manner, says the Boston Journal.

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Doctors who are in the habit ing for their patients who are suffering from dyspepsia or lung trouble, say that many a case of incipient consumption has been cured by the patient having to climb stairs.

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