

behind to finish off what had at first CHAPTER V.-(Continued.) been imagined to be but a few men. "Because I want to charge the enemy and run a Dervish through the body to- had found that they had far more to morrow-and then perhaps the Bey reckon with than they expected. Each time they advanced in the open towards will mention me to the Sirdar." the houses, they had men shot down

inflict no damage in return.

CHAPTER VI. Brave Men Fighting.

They had been compelled to retire An hour or two before dawn the again behind a ridge of rocks a few troops were afoot, for it was intended hundred yards away from the houses, to take the Dervish army by surprise whence they kept up a steady but inif possible. They were in large force effective fire upon the loopholes. This in a long straggling village, called Gin- fire had, however, the effect of prehed out along the right venting the Dervishes from leaving the bank of the Nile among date palms, and hamlet, even supposing they had a held a strong advanced post in a ham- mind to do so.

let, fortified with several guns, about At this time De Clintone was ordered six hundred yards from the fort which the Cameron Highlanders had con-this village, if possible, while telling structed at Kosneh. Opposite to this the Highlanders to march on and re-

fort, on the other side of the Nile, about | join the rest of their corps. twelve hundred yards away, half of the | From that time forward, during the Black Battalion were entrenched in a next two hours, Lord Rothiemay learnwork which went by the name of Bor-row's Zariba. In front of Fort Kosheh, officers and men of the Egyptians were and covering the Dervish advanced soon lying dead before the lopholes, post, was the celebrated "black rock," and others wounded. With sections of from behind whose crest the enemy men kneeling down behind low walls or had for weeks past been carrying on taking shelter behind palm trees, the a daily rifle duel with the Camerons. Egyptians were now engaged at a dis-Between this rock and the fortified tance of but a few yards with the convillage was a ravine, which enabled cealed enemy. De Clintone gave the the Dervishes to move about freely, order for a careful fire to be kept up perfectly covered from the fire of the on the loopholes, and, taking a rifle earthwork fort, which they had been from a wounded man, himself set an practically besieging. example of accurate shooting. An of-

There was a large body of the enemy ficer, named Lieutenant Mahomed on the other bank of the river also; but Effendi Hamdi, trying to find an enof any of these details Lord Rothiemay trance to a block of houses, was sud-knew nothing when he found himself denly shot. He could be seen feebly on horseback long before the dawn. stirring just below a couple of the Nor did he know aught concerning the loopholes. De Clintone called for two or distribution of the rest of the troops, three men to bring a stretcher, but saw where the 1st Brigade of the Anglo- that it would be impossible to carry Egyptian force was, or even of what off the officer unless the fire from these various units it was composed. It was two loopholes was effectually controlnot for him to know things but to led. Rothiemay was close at hand; he blindly obey such orders as might be called him. given to him, like every other officer "I can rely upon none but you, my-

and man in the force.

He found this starting off of the Sergeant, to do this job effectually; but troops in the dark before proceeding we want one more, so as to run up into a battle a very weird and solemn | close and fire alternately into those loopholes, while the stretcher men pick sight. De Clintone had impressed upon him the necessity of seeing that the Hamdi up. Whom can I rely on?" strictest silence was maintained among "Me, sir," piped the shrill voice of the youthful Fehmy. "Please take me, sir; the officers and men.

Despite, however, all attempts at I should like to go and fire into the silence, a sort of confused murmur loopholes with you." "Very well, Fehmy; take that man's seemed to rise into the cold night air: rifle. Now do you take Warburton vague forms were seen moving along, which proved perhaps to be the camels; and make a rush for the right loophole. a dull tramping was heard-it was a One keep clear of the line of fire, close regiment moving off; a rattling and to the wall, while the other pushes in

clanging of chains next attracted his the muzzle of his rifle and fires. Then attention-the guns were passing. No step to one side and load, while the one said an unnecessary word, no other fires in through the wall. The matches were struck, no pipes lighted; Bimbashi and I will do the same at orders were given in a low tone and the left loophole. passed on quietly from company to

"Mortadda Effendi! when we run company. A dust rose and heavily fill- forward across the open space, follow ed the air, while, through that dust, us with Corporal Daoud and these two of the Nile. Rothiemay realized, there was moving men. Pick up the Mulazim (lieutenant) a grim, resistless force of men, going at once and run back with his body to on to death or glory, controlled by the the shelter of the palm trees: then get love of honor and the iron hand of below the crest of the bank of the discipline. He felt that the sensation river and send for the doctor."

sist, the Viscount drove the point of the sword he held through between the shoulders of the spearman, who fell, while, as De Clintone, only slightly mained with some three hundred of his between the should be the solution of the spearman. When the solution is the spearman who fell, while as De Clintone, only slightly the term is some three hundred of his between the solution of the spearman. wounded in the thigh, tore himself free, Warburton brained the Bey's other as-sailant with the butt end of a rife Agasheh to his rear. which one of them had dropped. Meanwhile Corporal Daoud, or David, Lord Rethiemay he retained with don't it will be the Dervishes who transport myself and the devil himself collowed by a brawny sergeant, Ma- him, making of the Banffshire militia- take, Egypt next. But it will be a shan't stop me. I'll take the desert homed ed Deeb, and a dozen soldiers, men his practical second-in-command bloodier job than ever next time, and, short cut back to make sure." came dashing forward from the palm at the frontier post. It was a horrible as the chances are that the British "Round behind the house!" gasped walls a quantity of unroofed mud huts at all events while Gladstone is at its De Clintone, half strangled; "the door! full of numberless flies. These huts head, you will very likely have were roofed in with old tents and palm Abdullah's men coming down here to The order being in Arabic, neither branches, but in spite of the discom- look you up and do the forcing. There

Warburton nor Rothiemay took it in at once. Moreover, both were slightly fort the Bey and the Viscount soon re-covered of their respective wounds. over the walls, "do you see those huts confused. The plucky young interpre- Both had been offered by the Sirdar and those date palm trees, between ter was, however, unharmed, and, quick the opportunity of returning to Cairo, you and that dry ravine, which will be and cleaning up of the fort at other as lightning repeating the order clearly to recruit, but neither of the plucky full of water when the Nile next rises? in Arabic, headed the relieving party fellows would consent to remain ab- You should have everyone of them owing to his office work, De Clintone and rushed round to the door, which sent from duty for so much as a day. down-flat. They afford splendid cover was kept in the orderly room hut very had indeed been left open when the It was not, perhaps, without a certain to an enemy, and although it seems an often when Rothiemay was unemploysix Dervishes had come out. the corporal, the sergeant and their march past their encampment on their molished, everyone of them."

following. Mortadda Effendi was now bringing Beaumont did not go back; alas! with wretched owners of those trees have from the loopholes, while being able to up a company at a smart run. De a bullet in his head he had been burled been impressed into the Mahdl's army, Clintone, who had receovered his wind, in the desert! took command of these and led them

quickly round behind the buildings, all most daily since the battle, rode back the military necessity of what you say. of which he had already discovered to after the regiment which he had com- I will level the houses and cut down the be connected with each other. Rothie- manded had passed the old fort, say- palms, although they are absolutely may and the English sergeant followed, just in time to see a body of Dervishes intercepted. They were escapthe evening to Sarkametto. ing from a side door opposite to that by which Fehmy and his party had en-

tered. A number of them were shot down by men who had been posted to watch the ravine, but there was more hand-to-hand fighting, and the bodies of the Dervishes, with a few of the Egyptians, soon dotted the plain in all directions. As there were already bodies of some of the Soudanese negroes of the Black Battalion lying here and there, and a few of the Dervishes whom they had killed at the dawn of day, the scene round the hamlet now

resembled a bloody shambles. It was now nearly mid-day, and all the rest of the army had moved several miles away in pursuit of the retreating foe. This animated scene was closing by the issue of Ibrahim Effendi Fehmy, followed by his men. with dripping bayonets from the houses, in pursuit of Dervishes, who met De Clintone and his following as they came out, when an officer came riding up at a gallop. It was the Brigade-Major of the 2nd Brigade, who had been sent back to see what was going on, and he arrived just in time to come in for the lively finish. De Clintone and Rothiemay, with their white uniforms dripping with blood, had remounted their horses, and, like the sergeant who had lost the top half of his ear, presented self, and Warburton, the English drill a somewhat sorry spectacle. They soon assured the Brigade-Major, however, that they looked far worse than they felt, for in the joy of victory they did not indeed know that they were hurt. The Bridage-Major rode round to see where the six men had been killed in the hand-to-hand tussle, and, after congratulating De Clintone upon his escape and the good behaviour of his men, he communicated the Brigadier's instructions. These were that the Commanding Officer was to march his men on to join the rest of the army as soon as he could. At the same time, he communicated the joyful information that the victory of the Anglo-Egyptian force had been complete, that Abdel el Majid el Saghair, the Dervish leader, had been killed and his camp had been taken. Four guns had been

captured, and the cavalry were pursuing the flying foe up along the banks

Sergeant

Warbur

never mention a duffer like me in dis- know the red tape about our Commispatches—a mere militiaman too, con-sariat and Transport Johnnies only too book but only recite. Before the Brigade-Major left, De Clintone said that he wished to make three presentations to him; and he called out the names of Major Viscount

cient and reliable officer the Visco

A few months had passed when, morning, De Clintone sent for Rothie may to the orderly room.

He found him examining a prison a wild-looking Takroori who, arme whole job to do over again, or if we Camel Corps, I will bring back the with a bow and a horrible sickle-shap ed sword, had been brought in by the usual morning patrol.

And so it was arranged-and the old fort, containing within its high government won't move until forced to, Commissariat Johnnies were done.

CHAPTER VIII. Pretty Teeth and Fine Eyes Be D-D

There was plenty to do to pass the time. Drill early every morning, and the improvements in the fortifications seasons, gave plenty of occupation. As,

was kept in the orderly room hut very amount of heart-burning that they awful pity to sacrifice the date palms, ed, he deputed the latter as shikari or Shouting "Hujum! Hujum—Charge! witnessed all their friends, including which belong, I suppose, to some poor huntsman to the fort. A capital shot, devils of Nubians, they must be de- he proved very successful in keeping he proved very successful in keeping the larder provided with the meat of track formerly followed by Ste returning journey to civilization. Poor "Yes," retorted De Clintone, "the the beautiful Soudanese gazelles, which came down at dawn from the ravines

> and will probably try to desert now to ed in the fertile strip of alluvial soil Sir Herbert, whom they had seen al- come back to their homes; but I see near the river. Lord Rothiemay proved also an adept in stalking the splendid wild Egyptian ing that he would stop an hour or two useless as fuel, and that is what we geese, to do which he found himself Agous, or Old Dongola, and El with them and ride after his corps in shall want a lot of. There are some splendid fowl, although wary to a demimosas here and there, you notice-"Johnny," he said, "I have come back they will burn. We shall have to cut gree of an European or a soldier in uniform, seemed to have no fear of the six miles wide, consisting of alluvi to tell you something both on behalf down all there are left of them, but we ordinary natives of the country, by soil between the river and the Gr of myself and Evelyn, for I got a long shall have to depend chiefly for fuel whom, eternally employed in the occu- Sahara. In this country, which nonsensical telegram from her, which upon what we can get up on camels pation of raising water for irrigation been the birthplace was yet full of sense, before the Sap- and mules from Akasheh. But, do you pers rolled up the wire of the field know, Merkland, they have left me from the river bed, they had never Ahmed, the Mahdi, the Emir A been molested.

telegraph line this morning. The gist of her message, which was hiefly about leaving 'wraps and things,' for you fel-With blackened face, clad in a filthy was treating the Nubian inhabit lows, was Greek to the men who work- lay in a supply of wood enough to proiemay, with Mahomed Omar, his ordered the instrument, especially as she vide against a possible siege. Fodder ly, similarly attired, would pretend to most trivial offences against the o had worded in a ward or two in French I have in abundance, which your troops work one of the water-raising ma- dox religion, such as smoking, here and there. I, however, read very have left behind; supplies of biscuits, chines, called a shadouf, until the unclearly between the lines, and what beans and lentils, too, which my men suspecting geese approached. Then, made from the palm sap. Ahmed she wanted me to say was this: that can, if necessary, live on without while Omar went on with the mono- of the war-like Shaggia Arab she was proud of being your friend, meat; also loads of tinned 'bully-beef' my boy, as I am myself, and thanked for us few Englishmen-the Egyptians himself let go of the long wooden habitants of Dongola from the know you from her heart for the opportun- won't eat it-but nothing else: hardly beam of the shadouf, seize his gun and edge of the fact that their ances any fresh meat in the way of cattle or let fly. When a wounded goose made who came from Yemen in Arabia. sheep, although I could feed a lot of off down the river, Omar, who could been Christians for a thousand ye "Yes, I know, Johnny, and now I De Clintone up here, no matter how am coming to the point of what I wanted to say. I have thought out a way in which I can comply with my allow yourself to get bored now you wife's hint about supplying you with

have a chance of real soldiering under 'wraps, and things.' Moreover, I have Effendi to the study of Arabic; and as ing further to the north along the squarred it with the General, who has he had a nautral aptitude for lan- banks. Ahmed ed Deeb, how ous and there are no more battles, you kindly agreed, but only verbally, as he guages, and from the first had been said the Takroori, had given can do good work here, and you have was in a hurry, to letting me do as I able to master the gutturals, he made he intended shortly to send an an opportunity which will never occur propose. Could you spare a fatigue the most marvellous progress colloqui- tion to these villages and bring again. She is more than pleased with party of your men to march down to ally, and, moreover, learned how to all such as he did not find to what she has heard of you, for the wire Sarkametto to-night, and another lot, write the Arabic characters. What usual inhabitants. Some w told them in Cairo all details of the a pretty strong party, whom you could was harder even than learning to write punished by hanging, others for fight as generally known, and I have send right through to Akasheh by the himself, he acquired the art of deciphsent a few on my own account of day after to-morrow, when the first ering what others had written, study- added that Ahmed the Wolf things only known to the General, who half of my regiment go down by train ing the reports and letters of the that when the next high Nile of is reserving them for his dispatches; to Halfa? If so, I can help you out- Egyptian officers, written in a flowing intended to wipe out all the hand.

The only Arabic book which he had banks south of Wady Halfa, "Why, yes, I can, of course; but you Commanding Officer, are to have the are awfully kind. What do you into read was a copy of the Koran, but moreover, to advance, both by the ri tend to do to help us? While you are telling me, Rothiemay will no doubt be kind enough to go and fetch the "Oh, Herbert! both you and Evelyn Adjutant-Major, so that I can give him inflexion to all the vowel sounds in a to Akasheh. manner quite beyond the art of Fehmy,

who only pronounced the Oriental lan- engine) was in the opinion of Ahm guage after the manner of modern Egypt. Under the Imam's tuition, tle-some are at Sarkametto and more Lord Rothiemay soon learned to repeat devil, and inimical to Allah, who As he spoke he suited the action to being driven up for my corps. We by heart, while swaying the body to transport of men and goods the dozen flies with a horsehair whisk pose to hand them all over to you, or religious readers. The so-called fore thrown into the Nile! The Commissariat Departments of the the lucus a non lucendo principle, brought him so far north from Ber since, when engaged to amuse the Soudan, the Takroori repiled that taken about one thing, they could about payment afterwards. But, I company at marriages and other several years now he had not enj ceremonies, they never read from a a smoke, and that, even at the

rehman nirr rahim used to be a great of some awful punishment. As 1

amusement to De Clintone, who urged spoke, he fixed his eyes greedily upo

him to persevere, vowing that before the cigarettes which both the Bey and

long he would be able to pass for a the Bimbashi were smoking. When

true believer, a real son of Islam, and the poor wretch was given a handful

that perhaps his labor might not be of Gourdoulis, and informed that he

thrown away, but come in useful some might light one, the tears actually ran

day. He himself was fond of Arabic down his black and rugged features.

humorous Arabic catch words. He had well treated, while all the informati

great store of these, which he had that had been obtained from him w

picked up from Ali Bey Haidar, the flashed by the heliograph to Sarkame

Brigade-Major of the 1st Egyptian Bri- to, to be repeated thence to Akashe

gade, a very-well read and amusing whence it was telegraphed to Cairo.

These catches were some of them sen- were received, in the same manner

ences after the fashion of "Around the De Clintone to send a strong patrol i

rugged rocks, the ragged rascals ran ther than he had yet done up

peck of pepper," etc. Others were truth or the reverse of the Takro

a rural race," or "Peter Piper picked river Nile, to ascertain if possil

sidered by soldiers as a rule as quite without the pale. Besides which, I have done absolutely nothing whatever the pale document it so how with a state transfer of the beasts has never been put in Army Orders, if have done absolutely nothing whatever the pale document it so how with a state transfer of the beasts has never been put in Army Orders, if have done absolutely nothing whatever the pale document it so how with a state transfer of the beasts has never been put in Army Orders, if have done absolutely nothing whatever the pale document it so how and the base document is a solution of t

poetry, and knew by heart many of the

fellow.

This man's speech was difficult understand, as he came from the south. Rothlemay, however, from old practice among the Somalis, adde to his recently acquired knowledge understood his pronunciation, in wh he turned every hard k into a g, b ter than did Fehmy or any of the off cers.

After a long examination of Takroori Arab, it was understood he had been one of a new force of I vishes, formed under one of the Kha Abdullah's lieutenants, named Ahr ed Deeb, or Ahmed the Wolf. body of men had, he said, des the Nile from Khartoum to S and Metemmeh, then taken the force, across the great loop of the which encloses the Bayuda d of the granite mountains to feed on Passing the battle grounds of the crops which the natives had plant- Klea, Gubat, and travelling by Jakdul Wells, they had halted ; at Korti, in the district known to

bo and the ancients at Merot, and ceeded thence to the towns of D compelled to resort to strategy. These or New Dongola. The whole district of Upper Nubia lies along the Nile ban and is merely a country, from two of Maho the Wolf had established himself

turban and Nubian cotton dress, Roth- with great severity. He was hang and chopping off heads or feet for tonous occupation, Reginald would and was all the more cruel to the swim and dive like a duck, plunged in until his own Shaggia ancestors after it. Utterly fearless of crocodiles, subdued them in the fourteenth of which there were a few about, he tury. From his severities as many never left the water without his prey. the townspeople as could escape In his spare hours the Bimbashi de- on one pretext or another, descen voted himself closely with Fehmy the Nile in nuggars to the villages

enrolled into his army. The Takr and infidels" still occupying the

this he studied assiduously, sith the and the land, to the attack of Wady assistance of the regimental Imam or Halfa, in order to destroy the rolling Mahomedan Arabic, giving the proper stock kept there of the desert railroad The baboor (Italian vapore or ste

ed Deeb an accursed invention of 1 the desert wastes; it should be th

This man was kept a prisoner,

On the following day instructi

All arrangements were made for

Since the battle the Sergeant

hamed ed Deeb and the Con

Daoud, or David, whose bravery

then been assured, had been tra

red by De Clintone to the Camel (

and they were specially selected

of the party; not that any fighting to be expected, but both were

(To be continued.)

MRS. CANNIFF DEAD.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.-There pa

away yesterday at Wavy Bank, Ma

of that place. Mrs. Canniff was

ter of Sir Mackenzie Bowell,

ago, her husband dying a c

prime minister of Canada. She

west with her husband about 12

and reliable men.

week. It was decided that it

ting his whole being was a "Aiwa, Effendim," replied the Adjugrim and peculiar thrill of subdued ex- tant-Major, saluting. citement, a sensation worth having lived to have experienced, because it into action, and splendidly carried out. Fehmy. was like nothing else in existence. While the defenders of the fortified Half an hour later, after the guns had house were entirely non-plused and been brought up the sl . from a several of them killed, the stretcher gader ravine with a rush, the 2nd Brigade party carried off the lieutenant, who was in position upon some rocky was mortally wounded, in safety. heights. Daylight was faintly begin- The three officers and English serning to dawn when suddenly a heavy geant were just about to retire at a fire was opened upon this 2nd Brigade run, when the interpreter, who had of the Anglo-Egyptian force, which just fired, felt the muzzle of his rifle was entirely separted from the 1st Bri- seized from within. It was violently gade, who were a mile away, turning dragged from his hand. At the same the flank of the main Dervish camp. instant, six of the Dervishes, all cov-Rothiemay was now under fire in earn- ered with smoke and dust, came runthe air seemed full of bullets, ning round the corner of the house while the red flashes from the enemy's Three were armed with keen-bladed, rifles and howitzers lightened up the cross-handled swords; two had spears; gloom in the palm trees below in a one a Remington rifle with fixed sword continuous but irregular line. bayonet.

As the guns on the heights flashed "Close up against the wall between forth their reply, and the various regi- | the loopholes!" ordered De Clintone; ments, deployed into line, opened fire "use your revolvers!" with company volleys, the din became With their backs to the wall, the terrific. Presently an exciting scene four men now fought for their lives. was witnessed as the light increased; Fehmy, who had drawn his sword, the rest of the 2nd Brigade, consisting scored the first point. Pretending to of the Cameron Highlanders, with fall forward dead when the man with half of the Black 9th Battalion, led by the rifle fired at him, but missed, he Borrow and Gregorie, on their right, seized the Dervish by the feet, threw now swept forward from the fort at him down and ran him through the Kosheh, crossed the ravine, and storm- body. Jumping upon the prostrate ed the hamlet at the point of the bay- | man, he next drove his sword point

through his throat. De Clintone shot The advanced force of the Dervishes one of the swordsmen, but not dead, now slowly gave way, the troops on although he fell as if dead, and then the heights advancing and attacking he fired a shot which broke the arm them in flank. In the distance also the of a man in the act of striking at Rothroar of battle waxed louder and louder, iemay with a speer; while Rothiemay as the 1st Brigade under General But- himself fired at another swordsman, ler became hotly engaged with the fer- who fell, but rose again and struck at ocious Dervishes, who charged up at him, making a gash on his left arm. It them along the ravines and got among was not deep enough to injure the Egyptian Camel Corps, command- bone, and in the excitement the Vis-

ed by Marriott. count never felt it. Warburton seized After the first five minutes of the hold of the spear of a Dervish who, battle, the young Viscount had entire- striking his head, tore half of his left it was the ardent hope of the army that Soudan well, has been rubbing it in to party down at Akasheh for?" ly forgotten that he was under fire ear off. While holding the spear with they might be allowed to proceed still Lord Dufferin, Sir Henry Drummond "Simply that I intend to hand you preliminary to being up again at the himself. Even the stretchers moving his left hand, he blew the Dervish's further and recapture the fertile pro- Wolff, and anyone else whom he can over all my regimental transport, both first streak of dawn. about to pick up the wounded men did brains out. Rothiemay threw himself vince of Dongola. Mr. Gladstone, how- get at, for long past, that the way to camels and mules, as soon as ever I From all reports the Dervishes had not affect him, as, with the coolness upon the wounded man who had struck ever, who then ruled the destinies of put fear of God into these followers of get the first half of my men on board entirely dispersed in Lower Nubia, and of a veteran, he sought to carefully him, seized him by the throat, fell to Great Britain, decided otherwise. As the Mahdi is not to keep on giving the train that runs to Halfa. We were even said to have been so disthe halts after each succeeding ad- sharp two-edged sword, and then, forces were recalled after many brave ment to funk and call it running away. we can manage to prevent the tran- Dongola to the direction of Khartoum.

across the fire-swept plain, the re- the skin just above the ribs. While he camped near the now ruined Nubian my part, I call it a lamentable policy. souan, putting them all on more boats desert from the cataract of Amara, mainder of the brigade pushed also was wrestling with this man, Fehmy village of Ginness. steadily down from the heights, and a ran up and blew off the top of the This spot, some hundred and twenty ramparts."

before their onslaught. They did so, however, while resisting desperately. Suddenly however, it was after Tamai, where, as you re-Suddenly, however, it was realized he had at first shot, as he thought which had belonged to Egypt until the member, we killed at least two thou- be too late; they will grab them for the wound in the leg broke out afresh. that, owing to the eager advance of dead, had him by the throat with both uprising of that false Messiah, the sand of the Dervishes, and lost our-sure." the Soudanese, a large party of the hands, while the Dervish whose right Mahdi.

the source of the camerons left band. Shouting to the camerons left band should be and the camerons left band. Shouting to the camerons left band should be and the camerons left band. Shouting to the camerons left band should be and the camerons left band. Shouting to the camerons left band should be and the camerons left band. Shouting to the camerons left band should be and the camerons left band. Shouting to the camerons left band should be and the camerons left band. Shouting to the camerons left band should be and the cameron Two companies of the Camerons, left hand. Shouting to Warburton to as- his own regiment, a detachment of the Osman Digna up to Tamanieb than we I cannot possibly leave the fort."

Lieutenant-Interpreter Ibrahim Effendi could the Sirdar mention me to the all. They would rather have every General in the first instance?" beast and sheep driven all the way

ity which you gave Rothiemay of earn-

"And to you, Reginald, old fellow,

her advice, and mine, is this. Stick to

irksome life may seem in the desert,

for so long as he will have you. Don't

a real soldier. Even if it is monoton-

in which I may tell you that he in- a lot."

formed me that you, as well as your

Rothiemay sprang to his feet and

have been far too good and indulgent

have to keep on brushing these accurs-

"But you must be absolutely mis-

ed flies off my face until doomsday."

to me. But, of course, I will stick to

nonor of being mentioned."

riding. He then continued-

grasped his friend's hand.

ing distinction in your company.

"Major Dickson," he said, "I wish to "I fancy," replied Sir Herbert, smil- back down to Akasheh, and then present to you three brave men, who ing and nodding towards Colonel De march the wretched animals eightyhave fought like heroes, as I wish you Clintone, "that there stands the man seven miles over the rocks back to to be kind enough to inform the Bri-

Dickson shook hands with each in turn, and when he grasped the hand of the Battalion Freethinker, he noticed that, from sheer joy and modesty, the lad had tears in his eyes. "But what," asked Dickson, "am I to tell the Brigadier about the Commanding Officer of these three brave men, whose hands I feel it an honor to have shaken?'

"Nothing, if you please," replied De Clintone, smiling. This was too much for young Fehmy. With a convuslive sob, the Intehprego? ter burst out-

"Oh, sir! please tell the General that the Bey has fought like-fought like God! sir."

"I thought you did not believe in a God, Fehmy," said Rothiemay-"that you were the Battalion Freethinker!" "I have resigned that post, sir, for retorted the boy, smiling now. "I do believe in a God, now, sir, for He

has saved all our lives to-day!" Dickson rode off to make his report. and, after De Clintone had buried all his dead officers and men in an Arab

cemetery in the desert close by, he marched his weary battalion after the Brigade-Major, and joined the victoriplace." our army at their encampment beyond the village of Ginness.

CHAPTER VII. Doing the Commissariat Johnnies.

who has decided in the first instance | Wady Halfa, than hand one of them what you deserve and what you do not over to the Egyptian forces if they deserve. You have yet a good deal to could help it; especially as all the staff learn about soldiering, if you are un- will be off and out of the way and they aware of the fact that the Command- will be able to claim 'no instructions.' ing Officer of each corps is called upon | But I could see that they got off myto send in his report after a battle of self if I were there, and, if the Com-

such things as he thinks fit. As a missariat fellows do see a lot of Egypt-Commanding Officer myself, however, ians driving sheep and cattle, row on and moreover one so much older than earth are they to know that they are yours, I should be the last man to not Egyptian sheep and cattle that think of wishing to pry into his secrets; they are driving off? Twig! Johnny?"

my C. O. if he will only let me, if I Well, I have got a lot of sheep and cat-

the word, and slaughtered about a shall not want them now, and I pro-

besides, I want to talk of something "You are a good fellow, indeed, Merkelse. Johnny, will you show me round land! Yes-well do I know them! they this rattletrap old fort of yours before have been fighting me for ever so long Of course the Dervishes have about a certain kharkee coat I man-

them too, if I had them."

my orders about the men."

"All right, the sooner the better.

llustrative of the extreme wealth of statements, and the probable been utterly smashed up for the pres- aged to extract out of the British the Arabac language, and consisted of ments of the enemy. The Tak ent, but there is no knowing how soon Commissariat Department when I was the rendering of one sentence by an- himself he was ordered to send they may get their pluck up again, at Suakin. I have had a dozen regisnother of the same number of words, escort on to Assouan and Cairo f when they hear about our deserting the tered letters about it already, from the every word in which had the exact sig- amination by the Sirdar and Soudan in the rotten way which Glad- War Office in Pall Mall, and passed on nification of a corresponding word in Kadir Pasha, the minister of wa stone, the Grand Old Man, has insist- through half a dozen different official the first sentence.

The educated Easterns are very fond dispatch of a patrol under Rothi ed on. That gallant young fellow, channels. It seems I paid ninepence Besant of the 9th, now like yourself in too little in the first instance, in conof these tricky phrases. It is especial- which would probably be away the Egyptian army, who at Ginness sequence of which, after about nine ly after a dinner served in the Turkish charged with sixty Egptians, at the shillings has been spent in stamps, I style, when the wines and spirits for- consist of some twenty men same time as Wodehouse performed am ordered to return the coat—which bidden by the Koran have begun to Camel Corps, with a native of

his wonderful feat of charging with is worn out completely! A good joke, circulate, that the convives endeavor that corps named Ismail Effe the Egyptian guns, had a gerat fight isn't it? But I will send an officer, my to outdo one another with these often dar. Half a dozen extra cam here not long ago. The Dervishes may interpreter, with the sheep drivers." difficult catches, as well as in the repe- be taken, with a soldier a come back again, and I would like to "The joke is A1; first class, of the tition of the poems of the old Arab poet drivers, to carry fodder and prosee if I can put you up to any tips very best," replied Sir Herbert. "Your Antar or the Persian Halfiz. Rothie- for the little force. Fehmy was about the best means of defending the smart young interpreter is a good man may soon added all of the Commanding company the bimbashi as his to send too. Dickson told me about Officer's repertoire to his own religious officer.

"Thanks awfully, Merkland. I shall him; not only can he fight well, but, accomplishments, and when, of an be delighted to have your advice; but, being an Egyptian, if met by a too inevening, one of the better educated do you know, I shall not be at all sur- quisitive Army Service Corps man and Egyptian officers would be occasionalprised if you yourself and the rest of questioned, he won't be likely to stick ly invited to share the Bey's frugal the British come back to the Soudan at a good thumping lie, will he?" After the battle of Ginness, when the before long. The Sirdar told me only dinner, both the Bey and the Bimbashi After the battle of Ginness, when the before long. The Sirdar told me only troops had followed the retreating yesterday that Abdul Kadir Pasha, sounds an anomaly. But now, you With these instructive amusements With these instructive amusements Dervishes as far as Abri on the Nile, our minister of war, who knows the good Samaritan, what do you want the the evening were passed, until the

camp bed was sought at an early hour,

control the regularity of the fire of the the ground with him, contrived, after at Suakin, after the battles of Tamai them a drubbing and then going away. shan't want them any more, and, if heartened by their defeat as to have left half battalion of his corps during a struggle, to obtain the Dervish's and El Teb a year or two earlier, the They put down each successive retire- you sent a smart officer with your men, retired from the fertile province of toba, Mrs! Canniff, one of the

jumping clear, split the man's head in men had shed their blood absolutely No matter how much they may have sport fellows from marching them off De Clineone did not, however, trust to as well as the most respected res Presently, as the Blacks emerged from the hamlet and pressed onward clong through the date pressed onward seized the remaining unwounded Deralong through the date palms, as the vish, armed with a sword, after being successor; only one British corps and tish troops always retire instead of and, after making them march the the Nile banks as well as part of a Highlanders too advanced gallantly himself run through the clothing and some Egyptian troops being left en-

But come along, this is the way to the and shipping them off to Cairo. But, close at hand, to Absarat, a long way large force of the fanatical followers of the Mahdi was forced to give way No sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before their events the sooner had Rothiemay killed his before the sooner had Rothiema you see, you won't starve if you get up the Nile. He usually accompanied

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