

A Story of the Golden Fleece.

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He nerved himse, f for the crisis, swinging blade, the blacks began to reason together, for they appeared to and took up his station near the door. At least he would block the have a little common-sense. At least they ceased to invite the passage with bodies for a time.

fighting go down under the weight of A splinter struck him, as one of the spears cut through the wood. This warned him to step to one side where he waited with feverish cagerness the opening of what he had every reason to believe would be his

When the revolver failed him he

might use it as a cudgel, and thus

last mortal encounter. the cabin in the direction of the con-Of course it was pitch dark, and he had not the remotest idea what the girl had been doing this while. He was just on the point of calling out to warn her of the danger when roofs with a most disastrous result. he felt her tugging at his arm, and as he put out his hand his fingers closed upon something that felt wonplish the ruins of the young man derfully like the hilt of a sword. "What's this?" he cried out in sheer amazement, half believing he fied them. There were others.

must be dreaming. "It is an old Scottish claymore he brought here with him, and which was hidden behind a log in this place itself. for an emergency which never came while he lived. Use it, Rex Hast- it, and when two score of athletic er, so you may bring credit to that unknown ancestor of mine who wieldd that same weapon long, long ago of the latter withstanding the asan the bloody fields of Hastings and sault any length of time.

He heard no more, for the furious in the remnant of a door, using a ssault of the Zambodi had shattered the oaken door, leaving a hole large ram. mough to admit a man; and Rex and only time to swing the bulky weapon above his head, using both hands to give force to his blow, when a dark form filled the opening, and

the terrible conflict was on. BOOK IV.

as well as feudal castle.

through the doorway.

and say good-bye.

to have called her name.

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She understood what it meant.

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This was only a beginning.

the roof where they worked like

beavers, intent upon tearing the

IN THE DAY OF BATTLE.

CHAPTER XXV. THE BURNING OF THE KRAAL.

A desperate man engaged in a hopeless enterprise may be capable of displaying a bravery far beyond the ordinary standard. Rex saw no gleam of light, ahead.

The situation was appalling, and his structures to pieces, just as a pack only resolution seemed to be a fight of infuriated wolves might rend the to the last gasp, and inflict as much quarry that had fallen into their injury upon the enemy as he could power. before giving up the ghost.

History has many shinning ex-

emples of the prodigies of valor per- Rex imagine how the inevitable formed by men whose only expecta- might be warded off much longer. tion was to die in harness.

Possibly the most illustrious on re-

Bowie and Travis, who with their roof, they would at a signal come comrades died at the Alamo in Texas | tumbling down upon him like a doomed during the war for independance, bodies of their Mexican foes almost thirsty would come pouring in stroy them in his wrath.

to perform such feats of valor than verb. a keen-edged claymore, such as won renown upon fields like Bannockburn

Rex had Scottish ancestors, and through his frame as he seized upon the historic weapon.

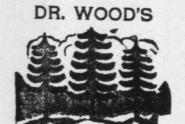
The daring warrior who had led the charge upon the door managed to push his wretched body half way | through the opening, but there he remained, for with a mighty rush the claymore swept down upon its fatal

A significent thud, a groan, and the bole was temporarily blocked. Then those outside dragged the unfortunate back and a second form filled the gap. The same terrible scene was repeat-

ed, for Rex was prompt to accept the gage of battle thrown down by the impis. So long as his arms were able to

rise that good old steel, he would hold to the task, or until he had by such hacking and hewing reduced the warrior band to a minimum. The task was intensely disagree

able, and only a positive necessity for such action could reconcile him its repulsive features. y the time three of their members been prostrated beneath the



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Luckily it did not occur to them to use that besom of destruction, a and I hope this testimonial will be of fire-brand, perhaps because of exces-

sive caution with regard to the Dr. Chase's A high wind had sprung up and chanced to be blowing directly from Nerve Food.

ical lodges, so that in case the hut went up in a blaze, a myriad of drop upon such an inviting nest and seath of the fugitives, forgot all elsa sparks must be carried across the stockade and on to the thatched the consequences might be readily disin the fear that overwhelmed them in roofs with a most disastrous result. This was not the only means that ings could hardly have a more speedy helpless ones now endangered. might be employed in order to accom-

plish the ruins of the young man who stood so bravely at bay and de-blustering wind that blew from ocean fearful dread. to ocean would look out for the Others, urged on to more speedy Presently when the cunning Hassaje rest. had been given a chance to think, an

kraal, the effect was quite pictures-Willing hands were ready to assail Singly or by doubles the colored ings, and may Heaven give you pow- fanatics are turned loose upon one balls mounted the stockade and descended within. It would have been a high barrier indeed that could have ere taking the plunge beyond. refused them entrance. Some of the blacks began to smash

audience-it meant life and death, time for flight!" he exclaimed. everything on earth to him and to log for the purpose of a batteringthe fair being at his side. Others his heart, for there now appeared a might serve as magicians and en-thrall the fierce impis by lofty flights so lately had seemed to be their just such things were quite the go in of fire balls that vanished mysteriously ere they had half completed There the early days about the time of Richard the Lion Hearted; and the

their descent. history of the American border presents numerous instances where a ed with a mission, and making but a claymere that the hand of a Bruce tree-trunk has opened a passage for slight curve, just clearing the top of or a Wallace may once have touched the stockade, they flew some to the had done its work well. those seeking ingress to block house right, others to the left, causing the Maid Marion was not slow to re-Time has not reduced its effective most painful sensation among the cognize the truth of what he said. women and children of the lodges.

It would be strange indeed if nearan opportunity would never come qualities, and it serves the purpose of those who wield it in the wilds of South Africa to-day just as well as in ly everyone of them did not find again. lodgment upon a thatched roof, She f the time of chivalry, when bolts from cross-bows, and shafts from lodgment upon a thatched roof, starting incipient blazes that the hustling breeze would fan into a roaring seething conflugation.

She followed him across the shattered fragments of the door. Outside it was as light as midday, such was good yew bows, instead of leaden bullets met the charging assailants. ing, seething conflagration. Perhaps it was a fearful means of Others of the blacks swarmed upon

distracting attention from themselves, but at the moment some such dernier ressort seemed their only Nor was it in vain. The outcries from the interior of the stockade grew louder It was plain to be seen that the A ruddy glow began to appear that end was very near, nor could poor increased with every passing second, and Rex Hastings knew, even before

their reservoirs of sputtering sparks When the artisans working so in- and colored balls had become exdustriously above had succeeded in hausted, that their work was on a cord is that of the heroes Crockett, tearing off the main portion of the fair road to be accomplished. The kraal of the Zambodi was swarm of bees, while at the same They had worshipped the god of

after making a barrier of the dead time others just as eager and blood- fire, and now he had come to de-Such an impending disaster simply He might make a few passes with paralyzed the blacks. White men would ordinary amount of strength in his the venerable Scottish claymore, and have at least exerted themselves to arms could not easily discover a then—well, they sleep sound who tear down the lodges that were on more serviceable weapon with which fall in battle, says an old Arab profort to stop the spread of the Before that fearful end came he flames.

would like to touch her hand again Not a hand was raised for such a

purpose. The calmer was deafening, so that No one got out the patent fire the fire of battle swept strongly it would have been useless for him grenades or played upon the flames with a chemical hand engine - no He had just started to grope his clanging bells' brought valiant fire ay toward the spot where he be- laddies bustling up, to turn a hose eved she must be, when suddenly a upon the red demon, and rescue imiash of fire illuminated the interior periled human beings.
Once the blaze took hold in such Then Hastings saw the girl in the a confused mass of inflammable huts,

t of applying a match to what he and all hope was gone. Half a astantly discovered to be another dozen of the best engines in London or New York could hardly have held the avalanche of tire in check when even as he looked he saw the it reached its greatest force. parks began to fly, and held his Billows leaped high into the air, with in suspense. Could she save myriads of sparks swept toward the em by such a manifestation of her heavens, and the roaring of the seethwer? It might cause the super- ing mass actually dwarfed the chors of shrieks and cries from those but when the show was over who fled in terror before its mad adald they not recover their cour-

it was a fearful sight, one that , inspired by the passion of the ould not easily be forgotten-those h-doctor who had determined to in his olden supremacy or die in rows of lodges going down like cardenough, when the first colorall flaw through the open doorand landed among the bole sleers of the battering-ram, they almost paralyzed with sudden

cod by superstition, whether sown by a poor Kaffir, a Hottentot, r the ignorant man who meets a Gold Settles offineses. On the Kidneys Hing down of the way an immediate

alling down of the warriors, a hugging of the earth in absolute fright, when a second gay ball floated through the darkness, looking like blood-red, angry eye, those on the roof scrambled down to terra firms with an alacrity that might have with an alacrity that might have been extremely ludicrous at another Rex was by this time at the side of the girl as she stood by the door-"If you have another give it to me," he whispered hoarsely, and she put the last remaining firework in his hand.

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When both of the ten-ball tubes set- action by the actual necessity of the attack was made upon the structure | tled down to work bombarding the | which could be accomplished by agile men when not harassed by defenders within; and their dark figures soon stood out in silhouette against the glowing background, as, reaching the top, they clung there a few seconds

Rex looked around eagerly. Rex was not there to entertain an | "The coast is clear-now is our Hope had dethroned despair within

There were some forms upon the These fire-messengers were entrust- ment, for the edge of the historic

the iluminating power of the great torch that licked up the lodges as though they were grains of powder.

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les completely cured me. That was three years ago and ere has never been a spot or inple of me . nee.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Something that glittered caught the evo of Hastings. He knew it was the hammered and polished point of an assegai, and mechanically stooping possessed himself of it, though had he

been asked he could not have told why, The confusion was at its highest point, but presently it would begin to ebb, when the fire-fiend no longer found fuel upon which to feed. And while the clamor arose like the wail of lost souls in torment,

they turned away from the thrilling Although through a freak of fortune the smile of prosperity seemed to once more hover above their heads, the future was uncertain, and might

ed to do them one service at least, since by it's aid they could make better time, avoiding such obstacles

as tripped Rex more than once durng their recent race. There was something fascinating about the burning village, and Hastings several times sent a quick glance over his shoulder as he ran. So Lot's wife, consumed by curiosity, had in days of yore been unable to resist the temptation to gaze back upon the city given over to destruction, and suffered in consequence-and when Rex landed in a

cap among some vines and bushes he concluded it would be good policy to look ahead. In so doing he learned that their flight was not destined to be accom-

plished without new dangers: for just in front of them he discovered the figure of a tall Zambodi warrior, where attitude was exceedingly warlike.
Hastings was in a fighting humor -he experienced the thrill of a veteran in the midst of battle-the shouts and clamor attending the burning kraal, together with his flight and the furious encounter at

the cabin all seemed to stir him to a fever heat. Accordingly, when he discovered him, feeling that, the encor or being inevitable, the sooner it was over the

better. It chanced that the spot where they came together was open and free from trees, a little glade as it were, just suited to a desperate duel.

Rex handled his assegai with considerable adroitness, but the other parried each thrust and it began to look as though the delay might prove fatal to their chances of escape.

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put the last remaining firework in his hand.

"Turn it toward the kraal—shoot every ball of fire over the stockade with the wind!" was what he exclaimed.

A sudden thought had flashed into his mind—no, it was more than an idea, it could only be called an indicator in the sum of the sum

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