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Flags of Truce—Disgraceful surrender—Captain Snelling.

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"A flag of truce was sent from the fort across the river, and presently one of General Brock's aids galloped by, toward the fort, also bearing the white flag. After a short absence he returned, and was sent a second time, when he was met outside of the gate by a deputation from the fort. Soon after, to our utter dismay, the American banner was hauled down, and a white flag, in token of surrender, run up in its place. In the mean time orders had been issued to recall the detachments, and Captain Snelling, who stood at the cannon by the gate, with a lighted match in his hand to fire the gun, the report of which had been agreed upon as a signal of attack by those in ambuscade, had the match struck from his hand by a superior officer, who, pointing to the flag of surrender, told him not to fire, at the peril of his life.

"Scarcely were the terms of capitulation signed, before the British took possession of the town and fort, and an officer rode through the lanes and orchards, assuring the trembling inhabitants of protection from the Indians, who were swarming in vast numbers in the rear of the British troops. There was one universal burst of indignation from officers, soldiers, and inhabitants, at this disgraceful surrender, this stain on our national honor. General Hull's son, more brave than his father, raved and swore most fearfully. My father saw many of the