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or death faced that which it had never of the seen before, but by savage instinct bal, and ler came hated.

It was Hannibal that started the combat. He was mad; he had been mad for days, brooding over that scent from the mountains. Now it was in front of him, and he proposed to get it out of his nostrils once for all. He trumpeted again, and went straight for the cat, which, lightly leaping to a brace beam, crouched, drew up, and suddenly shot straight through the air for the right shoulder-point of the elephant.

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But Hannibal was wary. He had fought relatives of the jaguar in his free youth, and he had measured their cunning. He slipped from under the leap as a wrestler might evade an opponent, getting a slight scratch, but tumbling the jaguar in a sprawling heap on the bridge flooring.

Without thinking that the cat might turn on him, Tom shouted:

"Go it, Hannibal! Get him!"

In running from the pool to the camp to get a weapon, Waite had fallen and wrenched his ankle, and his native servants having fled, he lay helpless on the hillside while the combat went on. Every time he tried to rise a wave of faintness swept over him.

Mahama was down in the water-pool, immersed to his neck, silently praying that the cat, after it finished Hannibal and Tom, might not reach him.

As the jaguar gathered itself for another spring, this time having no elevation to work from, Hannibal charged. His eyes were bloodshot now and a thin line of foam swept his under lip. The elephant knew that he must get the brass-pointed tusk tips into the cat and hurl his weight upon it or he was lost.

All the Mexican landscape was purple and gold, flowers of every hue, the towering cane there. The cat leaped straight this time for the blazing eyes of the elephant, ready to cling to anything in which its claws could work while the fangs did the rest. Hannibal's trunk moved with almost incredible swiftness, and his head came very low. The cat got a smashing blow on the ribs and slid over his back, ripping here and cutting there, but getting no grip. Again, much short of wind, it went to the bridge floor.

Before it could fully recover and crouch for a new leap, Hannibal whirled, and came on it furiously.

Tom's voice rang out, "Bully boy, get

The tusks did their work, the weight of Hannibal did the rest. A whirlwind of dust arose, screams and growls filled the air, then one great trumpet from Hannibal, a lifting of his head, a high spiral of his trunk. The fierce thing that had troubled his peaceful life of work on the bridge was dead under his

He was bleeding from half a dozen ugly wounds, but alive and triumphant. Tom ran in on him and gave the order to leave the bridge. He did not look at the defeated enemy, but moved slowly out to where timber-work still awaited him.

Mahama came out of the pool and tenderly nursed Hannibal's wounds. None were extremely serious. He would be fit for work in the morning, although a little sore. Tom found Waite where he lay, helpless and half-fainting, on the hillside and had him taken into camp.

The builder was two days on his back before he could move about again. As he lay in his open tent, Tom brought Hannihal to him, scarred but victorious. 'Hannibal's work will be done to-

morrow, Mr. Waite," he said. "All the timber'll be in."

"Come to-morrow and take me down to see," answered Waite. "I've got to leave much of it to you until then." The next afternoon Tom came back

with Hannibal. Now, Mr. Waite," he said, "if the ankle doesn't bother too much, let Han-

nibal take you down." Waite nodded. Tom spoke to Hannibal, and slowly the long trunk went out. Slowly, gently, it gathered up the crippled engineer, easily swept him through

the air, and set him on the battlemarked back. So boy and man and Hannibal went down to the finished bridge, where the flood-waters of the Rio del Norte were beginning to rush about piers that held.

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cane carts had started for their first journey over the new right of way. Hannibal sniffed at the winds sweeping the turbulent waters. They were sweet and kindly. He turned toward the water-pool, first placing Waite on the

"He has earned it," said Waite, and he let the peons carry him back to camp.

#### To a Little Deaf Dog.

By Ethellyn Brewer DeFoe. What do you think, dear little friend, Of the silence that has come? Why do you think-poor little friend-The voices loved are dumb?

Does the simple creed of perfect love, That held you firm all through, Still fill your faithful little life And make it right for you?

From your deep eyes the same old trust Beams up into my own, And from the joy that in them lies, You do not feel alone.

But when with head upon my knee You gaze so wistfully, I hope, old man, you understand

The fault lies not in me I trust that you who know so much,

And yet so little, too, Through your sweet dog philosophy Know that my love holds true.

#### The Good Shepherd.

The Lord my pasture shall prepare, And feed me with a shepherd's care; His presence shall my wants supply, And guard me with a watchful eye My noon-day walks He shall attend, And all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint, Or on the thirsty mountain pant; To fertile vales and dewy meads My weary wandering steps He leads, Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow, Amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in the paths of death I tread, With gloomy horrors overspread, My steadfast heart shall fear no ill, For Thou, O Lord, art with me still; Thy friendly crook shall give me aid, And guide me through the dreadful shade.

Though in a bare and rugged way, Through devious lonely wilds I stray, Thy bounty shall my wants beguile, The barren wilderness shall smile, With sudden greens and herbage crown'd, And streams shall murmur all around. -Joseph Addison.

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