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WAS HEAA COWARD? BY BA. Bobinso CHAPTER I.

CHAPTER 1 Two naval officers, Steve Reyburn and the writer, were standing, one morning, in 1864, on the deck of the United States steamer Wilderness, off Wilmington, N.C., riewing a blockade-runner which had been captured the night before, and opeculating as to what portion of this prize would finally puss to their account. After a brief discussion of the matter, Reyburn suddenly changed the subject by exclaiming:

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left the deak, we were headed seaward, and we're now, no donkt, in deeper water." Quick as the change could be effected, the doctor moved his position so as to bring the heavy timbers between him and the stern of the vessel, which pod-tion, he naturally reasoned, was then to-ward the fort. I looked at the doctor, but, though I said orthing. I could not help thinking of the agony of mind which must be for-menting him. To be thus haunted by the phantom of possible danger; to live in constant dread of impending evil; to sit and listen and magnify every sound, trying to understand and to explain it; to shiver and shudder and groan and sweat with terror, night after light, would certainly drive the man mad, un-less something happened to break the influence which seemed to control him. "Doc," I said, determined to suggest something to kelp him out of his trouble, "take an opinte, and--" "Hark!" integrapted the doctor. "What was that!" "I listened, and this time I heard a its pathened and this time I heard a "Because he is. If you had seen him last night, you'd have been disgusted with him." ""It is'll you what he did. When the head from the fort burst in the water-tank Doc Higgins stood beside it, and, of course, got a drenching from the water out of the man-hole. Instead of stopping to see what the damage was, he ran into the engine-room, trembling like a great calf and mopping his face with a handherchief. When I asked him what the matter was, he gauged out something about the shell, that some of our men had been killed, and that he was dripping with blood. For a minute, I thought he had spoken the truth; but as soon as I could get a good look at him, nould see that his handkerchief was as white as if it had just been washed at hadn't been diagusted with him. I whole as the way with tank water" "Of course-acon as I could firms my-for beak. You should have seen him when he held his handkerchief up to esten way any hing." "Did he say anything." "Did he say anything in "Did he say anything is the wind he held his handkerchief up to the steam gauge lamp. He turned it have an blood on it, he was the mout the steam say but ne to the state and the held his handkerchief ap to the steam of your set any shore hole held his handkerchief up to the steam says hing." "Did he say anything." "Did he say anything a surgeon the held the engine yoon. It was the whore hole held his handkerchief ap to blood on it, he was the mout the set in held his handkerchief ap to blood on it, he was the mout the steam says have the found there to blood on it. He was the mout the held held his handkerchief ap to blood on it. He was the mout the blood has held his handkerchief ap to blood on it. He was the mout the blood has held held held held held to blood on it. He was the mout to blood on the stat being a surgeon to blood on the stat being a surgeon to blood on held held held held held held to blood on held "Listen! There it is again! What is it?" I listened, and this time I heard a dramming noise on the bottom of the vessel. "That's a fish, doc; that's all. What they call dram-head. Plenty of them in these waters. We must be pretty well of shore by this time. By the way, the moon rises at six bells, and the captain's running out so as not to be caught nap-ping. Turn in, doc, turn in! We're all right for to night anyhow." "The doctor, at this cheering bit of in formation, gathered courage enough to leave his post of shelter and go to the deck to satisfy himself if we were indeed in deeper water; after which he roturned and went to his bunk; where he was soon salee.

and went to his bunk, where he was soon seleo. After breakfast on the following morn-ing, Reyburn again opened the subject of the doctor's peculiarity. "Have you changed your mind about Doc Higgins" he asked. "No, not as to his being a coward. It's a remarkable fidentick! There is nothing remarkable about it! It's as plain as the nose on your face!" "Well, since you're determined to have it so," I replied, resolved not to argue the matter. "I cannot help it. It's and ruly sorry for the man, though. I don't know when my sympathy went out more fully to another than it dil last night to the doctor. It was truly pitable to see him, a strong, large-heated fellow like that, so utterly nn-like himself."

of teshing children. Fine man that for, an emergency." "Yon're too hard on him, Steve." "No, I'm not; and depend upon it, be-fore we've been on this blockade a week, you'll find I'm right. What such a man ever came into the navy for is beyond me. Here he comes now." Reyburn had hardly finished speaking, when I heard the cheery voice of the doctor"

Bearted tellow like that, so utterly inflike himself."
 "He'd botter resign," said Reyburn.
 "He certainly was never cut out for the navy."
 Later in the day, having an opportunity to argage the doctor in conversation.
 I asked him if he was always timid in the dark.
 "Yee," he said, with a shudder, as if some horrible memory had been suddenly awakened. "Darkness always upsets me completely: makes me sad and gloomy. Here, on this blockade, it conurse up the most fantastic and distressing experiences, from which there seems to be no scorpe. Time drags heavily; minutes expand into hours, sometimes, and I suffer the torments of the damed.
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How much water are we in?" "Two fathoms," I answered. "But" -soing his countenance fall—"when I left the deck, we were headed seaward, if the deck, we were headed seaward.

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WESTPORT. SATURDAY, May, 6 .--- Mr. Wm. Ga

obe House yard by put Bro. Johnson has a large assor at of dry-goods in hand. He hing business out here. ther shed. fisses Donley and Dermady have ted to build their shop on church

SHEATOWN,

street. Mr. Dennis Carty, express agent on the B. & W., who got his hand hurt, is able to attend to his duties. Mr. J. B. Deacon is repairing Foley's wharf, which was broken up by ice. Mr. A. M. Craig has opened a wholesale saddlery hardware business here. MONDAY, May, 8.—Mr. Bennett Kavanagh has the neatest farm in this place. Mr. P. Hickey, having recorporated his debilitated constitution thr the medium of his perambulatic quest of deacon skins, is now al resume his farm business. We regret to learn of Mr. Ro

We regret to learn of Mr. Roman's iliness. Henry Golden was a guest at Mr. Ed. Keyes last Sunday. Jas. Keyes purposes opening a coe-fectionery. Such a convenience is necessary on this street. A large number of students attend the university of this place. A coad-jutor teacher will soon be required. Jas. Anderson lost his boots in John's office Led.

WEXFO Maxwell, Monday, May, 8. — Ed. Bulgar was a guest M. Orchard Villa tast Tuesday. Mr. P. Flood was in Lanadowne bast week visiting his son Ed. W. Flood appril last Sunday and Monday at the residence of his best girl. Bill scon joins the Benedicus. The Misses Kelly guve a very onjoy-able "at home" last Tuesday.p. m. Mr. Geo Leeder, st., laven for Max-chester Springs by the and Max.

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plowing hee. Eighteen teams were in attendance. R. J. is a first class man to attend to the calls of his neighbors MONDAY, May 8 .- Roads almost imvill be better next Sunday. to attend to the calls of his neighbors. Chas. Flood is roosting at Mr. J. Palmer's. Jas. Bulgar has greatly improved Orchard Villa. There are no lazy bones in Jim. Mr. Thorp states that he knows and understands the Bible from cover to cover. Well done, Thorp. You're in it. Mr. D. Rogers was the guest at Mr. W. Bulgar's last Sunday. W. J. Moran lost a fine colt last

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"stock". A short time etapsed and all was moving as merry as a mar-riage bell, whon silently over the hill came another party on a like purpose bent. The flashing torch-lights, the hurrying to and fro, sometimes in the water and sometimes on land, of the marty in possassion of the fishing party in possession of the fishing grounds were all taken in at a glauce. A hurried consultation was hold and

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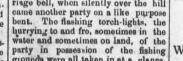
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"That's quite a prize we captured last might," asid the doctor. "Yes," responded Reyburn, "and"--pointing to a hole in our hurricane-deck —"that quite an opening that shall made. Did you notice it?" I was anianned of my companion for harsemark, but the doctor appeared not to notice; for he replied: "Yee, I looked at that first when I ame on deck. Eve also been looking at the water-tank. After a pause the doctor continued: "You may be sure Fil never forget that water-tank. I be-hive I was as thoroughly scared last night as it is ever possible for a man to be. When I runked into the angine-room, I thought I was soaked to the shin with blood. The water was ware: that served to heighten the delinsion, and as-isfed me it was blood. If the water had been cold, I should have known better." "It was only nerrounness, doo," I said. "The situation was new, the strain great, and the incidents leading to it crowded so fast upon one another that word. One

every one of m did not lose his head." "Possibly it-was only nervonmens. I had not thought of that word. One thing I know for certain i lost all con-trol of myself; and if I should over see anyone else in that condition, I should say—well, to put it mildly, I should say he is scared." Reyburg langhed, and said: "I confess, doo, that's the way it look-d to me."

"I must have been a spectacle," said the doctor."

ine doctor: "You were," responded Reyburn. "Well, I could not help it. If all I have ever hoped for had been offered me at that moment, for some sign of self-control, I could not have shown it."

you'll get over that after we've week or so on this blockade." I

id "I am atraid not," replied the doctor, comily. "It's not one of my family aits to be courageous after dark." "Now what do you think?" asked cyburn, when the doctor had left us. tell you boc Higgins is a coward, an a granny, a biz booly, and what's more, e'll prove it to you."

Franny, a big boolty, and what's more, if prove it to you." "Not so fast, Steve, not so fast, my and," I replied. "Circumstances cer-inly appear against him now, but gives in a chance. He's not a coward, and an'l find it out some time." "Nomeense. When the time comes, intend of a brave man, you'll find Due ingrins in hysterics, or utterly collageed with fright," answered my companion, "any of the source of the source

larisively. There was no question. The doctor was constitutionally timid in the dark de confessed to that, but to be a coward, man must be deficient in moral sta-nina, and I was satisfied that the doctor was remarkably well provided for in this expect, and that when the time did some he would show his grit. Of course, could only say: "Wait! Wait!" And to the subject dropped for that day. Next morning, however, Reyburn came o me, saying: Well my

boy, now what do you

k!" About what?" I asked, forgetting our ersation of the day before. Why, about Doc Higgins's bravery, of

"I can't understand it," I said. "The only explanation I can give is that light regulates and calms my mental activity: while darkness perverts and excites it."

excites it,"
"Your not affected on moonlight nights, are you?"
"No, Til go anywhere or do anything on a moonlight night. But in the dark, that's another thing. It's a most con-tempible trait in any one's make-up; but what's a man to do with a weakness that's born in him?"

but what's a man to do with a weakness that's born in him" "Ever get nervous in the day-time?" "No; I have absolutely no nerves or fear whatever by daylight." Toruit not help but believe him, and I nould not help but believe him, and I had to help but believe him, and I had to help but believe him, and I had to make to Beanfort for aupplies of coal and fresh provisions. On one of these occasions, while we were steaming swiftly out of Beanfort for the Beander to Beanfort for the Beander to Beanfort or one or these occasions, while we were steaming swiftly out of Beanfort of Winnigton, Bab Saunders, ordinary harbor on our way to again join the fleet of Winnigton, Bab Saunders, ordinary thrown into the water. "Man overboard! Skop her! Stop the medically, as he grasped the anchor davit and regoed out over the rail, to see if Beanders had uleared the amender davit at passed over him. "Lower a boat! Quick"

and reached hat over the part, wheel, as it passed over thim. "Lower a boat Quick" "The engine at once stopped, and a dosen more havried aft to lower a boat which, when forced from her fastenings, went down by the run. "An officer and hat a dosen men jump-ed in, the cars were quickly in place, and, simultaneous with the order, "(five way, men." the boat lesped away on her mission of duty: "When the water in our wake had quicked sufficiently to enable us to look for the unfortunate sailor, the quarter-master, who had been closely watching for him to come to the surface, shouted; "There he is, on our starboard quarter, mariy half a mile sway!" "Back the ongine!" said the captain. The signal was given to the engineer, and the Wildernees soon began to move

stern. "Where is he, quartermaster?" asked the officer of the deck. "About three points off our starboard

"Port!" said the offi-the wheel

"How does he bear now, quarter-naster" asked the officer, after the Wilderness had responded to her helm. "Dead aft sir." "Steady, at the wheel." "Can you still see him?" asked the

"Can you still see him?" asked the captain. "Aye, aye, sir! And there's some one with him," replied the quartermaster. "What's that?" said the captain, jumping up the companion-way to the hurricane deck, and taking the glass from the hands of the quartermaster. "Some one with him? Who is it?" "Don't know, sir. Both heads are pretty low in the water, and I can't make him out."

"Who's the other man, captain," asked Rerburn, a moment later

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"Having finished my inspection I drew e bolt of the door, placed the candle the table, and pulling my coat collar about my throat—for the bed was out

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fles, Spran aroat, Coughs, etc. J. P. Lamb. Business is not very brisk at pres-boring correspondent boring corr coveted location decided upon. Driv-ing hastily down into the value of the party untied the horse of the fishermen and led him behind a clump of bushes a few rods distant, while

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