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hoofs in another direction. Two riders were coming this way. The Duke and his companion turned too, and Wellington plucked the sleeve of his aide. "Tell me," he said, "who is that approaching?"

The other looked for a moment, then gasped. 'Shades of a hundred years

ago, it is the Emperor, Sir," he said. Wellington started. 'Bonaparte?" He did not say "the Emperor," as his aide had done. As he exclaimed the two approaching riders came up and the watcher beheld the stocky figure on the white horse. It leaned forward jerkily in the saddle and Napoleon spoke.

'M. le Duc?" he said.

"It is I, General Bonaparte," Wellington returned. "What do you here? The same as I?"

'If that be to watch over the destinies of the brave descendants of the soldiers of my day, M. le Duc, then we share the

The little humped-up man that had played for an Empire and had lost-but gamely—paused a moment. "Then, your hand, M. le Duc," he said.
"Gladly." The tall man leaned over

his horse and he and Bonaparte grasped hands. "So perish for ever our fued, M. le General. A hundred years ago, egad, sir, it seems but a day. Know you that we stand but the distance of a modern gun shot from that famous field of ours?

Napoleon smiled grimly. "Aye. And to-morrow is the 18th, M. le Duc!" "And the same three nations engage in battle where you and I and old Blucher fought."
"But Blucher was a different German," replied Napoleon."

replied Napoleon. The two aides, Napoleon's and Welling-

ton's, stood behind conversing.

'I never thought to see them take each other's hand," said one.

'Nor I." The other pulled at his side whiskers. 'But it bodes good to

the Allies-

"And ill to the other side of the triangle," finished the other.

The four voices ceased and the watcher beheld with the watched black lines here and there across the rolling plain as troops moved out and guns with them. Artillery and infantry were in motion for to-morrow's great battle. The watcher saw with all his eyes and heard with all his ears.

"They still fight as I told 'em," said Wellington, "in line." And he grasped the arm of his one-time antagonist and pointed to the moving black spots that lengthened into dashes and into long

"'Aye, M. le Duc," replied Bonaparte,
"and I taught 'em to mass their guns.
See!" he cried excitedly, "they are doing

Again there was silence. The watcher held his breath. Then spake Napoleonthe Emperor—for so half the world acclaimed him. 'M. le Duc, I must acclaimed him. be off."

"Where do you go?" "To see Joffre and help him make his We fight together, he and I, for plans. the little General's face enthused with a light that never was on sea or land. 'Adieu," he went on, ''adieu, M. le Duc. Convey my regards to your brave English. Doubtless you go to hearten General French?"

Wellington nodded. "Ah, you have to come to us for a said Napoleon, and his eyes name, twinkled.

"How so?" "The name of your Commander-in-Chief is French." And Napoleon's laugh rang out. "Adieu again. I salue our brave English through you. You were a great leader M. le Duc. You came of a great family. Two of your family were among the three great Englishmen of action—yourself and Wesley\*. No wonder I cried 'Ah, those English, those English'."†

Wellington and Bonaparte raised their

hands to the salute. 'Tell Joffre, as I shall tell French,' cried Wellington, "that we are with them to-morrow. We fight for freedom for ourselves, for our peoples ever, where and for the world. We could not be joined in any cause half so worthy. Goodbye, sire."

It spoke volumes that Wellington

added the last word. The four horsemen dispersed, two going this way and two that.

"And now to headquarters," said Wellington to his aide. He paused a moment, reined in his horse. He turned about him and seemed to look full upon the watching, dreaming Canadian. only our brave boys, our boys of England, Scotland and Ireland, of Canada and Australia, and of India could know just how proud I am of them." His voice grew husky. He faced his aide. "God bless 'em, I say, sir!" "'Amen to that."

The morning came again. That same sun, whose light had lain in ashes, rose to a new, clean, unspotted day. The grass grew brighter and still brighter. The still morning suddenly seemed to awake as the sounds of the men moving broke in upon it in multitudinous concert. The Allies' forces foregathered, ready for

whatever should happen.

The curly-headed lad stood talking. There was a look of profound determina-

"Do you know," he said, "I feel as if to-day will be a big day. I had such a curious dream." tion in his eye.

'Was your salute part of it?" teased

"Why, did I salute?"
The other nodded. "You saluted and shouted: 'Up guards and at 'em'," he said.

The order came sharply and the line fell in. Shoulder to shoulder they stood there, British of Britain and Greater Britain, and French of France, and France Oversea, to fight and to conquer because they fought for the right, the unconquerable, eternal right.

And the blessing of their God and Wellington's was upon them

\* Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, came of another branch of the same family as that to which John Wesley belonged. † For so it has been recently proven.

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I had walked several steps before I had any notion of what had happened, and then the fun began. First a slight tickle on an arm, then another at the back of the neck, then all over. spreading torture left me quite bewildered. I did not know where I should

From seven o'clock till evening the intense irritation continued, and although I tried everything I could think of to alleviate it, nothing had more than the slightest temporary effect.

In despair, I asked one of my natives what they used, and he recommended hot ashes. Even blisters seemed preferable to my present suffering, and I ordered him to rob the nearest fire without delay. Fortunately, consideration for his own fingers prevented the boy from applying the ashes too hot, but by the time he had finished I was about as much like a dustman as I ever shall be.

The counter-irritant had a slightly distracting effect, but even that was not permanent, and I realized that the only thing to do was to sit as still as possible and let the irritation wear off, which it finally did between four and five o'clock, leaving me an exhausted and considerably wiser man.

Even then I had not heard the last of it. Why or how the tiny hairs that cause the trouble to disappear at all, or whether they merely lose their poisonous powers, I do not know; but I had an unpleasant reminder of them a few days later, when I put on the same garments again, after a thorough washing and beating. I found that the fine hairs were still present, and the clothes were not fit to wear.

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