

eyes and groaned. Teddy slipped his arm under his friend's neck and attempted to raise him, but with another groan of anguish George fainted away. What was to be done? With a face nearly as white as the one on the ground, Teddy laid his friend gently down, and felt along his limbs. One leg was lying under the other and this he found was broken. Very carefully he grasped it below and above the break and with a gentleness and skill born of love and common sense, rather than knowledge, he straightened it out. Then he felt tentatively about the body and discovered that several ribs were broken. "Here's a pretty kettle of fish" ejaculated poor Teddy as he realized the terrible condition of his situation, and his inability to help his friend. George was a much heavier and larger man, and even if it had been in his power to carry him, might he not do irreparable, perhaps fatal harm by attempting to do so in his condition?

Wiping the sweat from his brow and something very like tears from his eyes Teddy rose and began walking aimlessly towards the shack which fortunately was not more than 20 yards distant. And as he walked he thought, and the prayer rose to his lips "Oh God what shall I do?" In the corner of the kitchen stood a little tent pole and canvas which they had used that summer as a "guest chamber" for their numerous visitors. The sight of it brought an idea into his head, and with his hands thrust deep into his pockets Teddy revolved a plan which seemed the best under the circumstances. "Yes that might do," Teddy seized the tent and carrying it under one arm and a half empty medicine bottle of whisky in his hand, he returned to where George lay.

Unlike many of their country men, George and Teddy had steadily refused to join the drinking habits of some of their neighbors and the half bottle of whiskey had been left on the shelf untouched since it had been brought there by a too convivial friend. After several attempts Teddy managed to force some of the whiskey into George's mouth and as he did so signs of consciousness began to return. Then he galloped back to the shack and gathered up all the rugs and blankets available, returning with them to find George with his eyes open but apparently insensible of what was going on. With infinite tenderness he moved him on to a thick layer of blankets but even this seemed to cause intense agony

and George again lapsed into unconsciousness. Then Teddy with all possible speed erected the tent over his friend, securing it with feverish energy, covered him with rugs, set water and whiskey beside him and mounting his horse again set off at full gallop in the direction of the nearest ranch. "Hello Teddy, what's up now?" shouted Captain Hunt as the former bore down upon him, as he stood surveying the rushing creek at the foot of his grounds. It did not take Teddy long to tell his tale or the kind hearted Captain to sketch out the best line of action.

Leading Teddy back to the house he forced him to take some light food while he put together a few things which he deemed necessary, and sent a boy off to get further help.

"You will put on this coat, Teddy, and take my horse 'Black Beauty'; she will carry you into Calgary inside of 3 hours. Bring back the doctor and a nurse, if such an article is to be found, meanwhile trust us my lad to our best. We will make a field ambulance and long before you are back George will be safe in bed and as comfortable as we can make him.

The hotel was, the rendezvous of all the country side for miles round and the several inmates on the particular afternoon when Teddy Browne rode furiously up the main street, gathered quickly round the door and waited to hear the news.

"Here's 'young Lochinvar' sure enough," said one "but where's the lady?"

"John Gilpin isn't in this show," quoth another, but the jokes ceased as Teddy, breathless and oblivious of everything, made direct for the telephone and rang up the best surgeon in the town.

"I'll be ready to start in half an hour" came the reply over the phone, "but it's no use asking me for a nurse, there isn't one disengaged."

The sympathetic onlookers groaned as this reply was uttered by Teddy.

"Say Browne, we're awfully sorry and isn't there anything we fellows can do?" said the tallest of the crowd.

"I think" said the manager "that the fair young lady who arrived here last week must be something of the sort; the maid told the cook that she had a bag full of bottles of medicine and things!"

"I'll go and see," said the tall young man, and without more ado he strode upstairs, followed by Teddy



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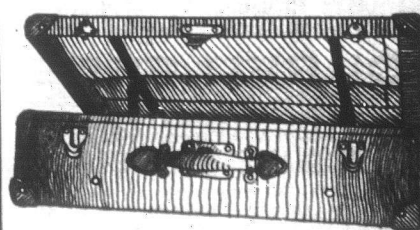
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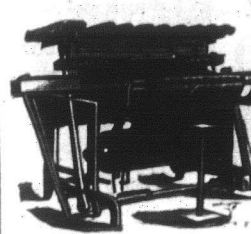


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