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An Old Man's Surrender.

Boy, take my hoe, my axe, my scythe,
For I shall wield the same no more;
I may be earnest, hearty, blithe,
But my manhood's prime I feel is o'er.

I once, as you, was proud to show
What more than others I could do,
What in a half day I could hoe,
How lightning like my axe, and true

But grayer hairs, and dimmer eyes
Too well, in turn, time's tramp reveal;
I hence must look to lowlier skies,
Though pride would fain the same conceal.

Yes, take my hoe, my axe, my scythe,
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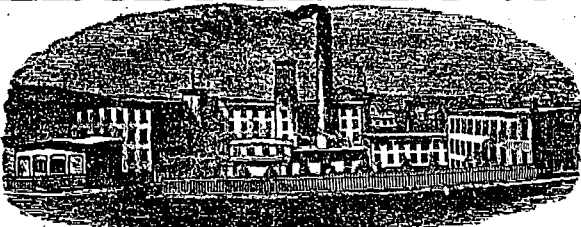
CHAPTER IV.—CONTINUED.

That keen sportsman and pleasing writer, *Adirondack* Murray, has given such a graphic description of those lovely hills and dales, forests and streams, as well as of the denizens of their dark recesses, that I will merely say that Ralph and his friend, a lieutenant in his own corps, enjoyed themselves to the utmost, yet not to satiety; for every day brought new pleasures, in the shape of a larger and gamier trout, a fiercer bear, or a stag of bigger head; nor were our sportsmen insensible to the grand and sublime beauties of the wild mountain scenery, or to the exhilarating influence of the champaign air, which to this day attracts invalids and sybarites to that enchanting region.

Our young gentlemen had been in camp ten days, and were discussing over their evening meal their plans for the morrow, which was to be their last day of hunting and fishing, when the sharp report of a rifle was heard a short distance down the river on the bank of which they were encamped.

Thinking that Anes, who had gone to the canoe to fetch some article that had been forgotten, had fired at a deer or some other animal, they took no heed and went on with their conversation. Judge of their consternation when their guide came bounding up to the camp, his face, neck and shoulder bathed in blood, 'Jouskeha!' he exclaimed, 'Jouskeha! the Huron Sorcerer—*La longue carabine!*' at the same time handing the paddle on the blade of which was cut a narrow groove by a small bullet such as was used with the deadly Kentucky rifle.

Having calmed the excitement of the terrified Indian, and ascertained that the wound which was in the muscular part of the neck and had narrowly grazed the jugular vein was not a dangerous one, Edwards' friend, Mr.



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Sharp, seized his rifle and hastened to the canoe landing to reconnoitre, while Ralph set himself to work with lint and bandages, torn from his own shirts, to staunch the blood from Anes' wound, which was clean cut, the bullet having struck the paddle on its onward course. Much blood had flowed from the wound and poor Anes looked ghastly enough, still it was but a flesh wound and Ralph soon quieted his guide by assuring him that by using much cold water outwardly and very little or no firewater inwardly, he would, bar a little stiffness, be quite well in three days. He also comforted him by the assurance that Mr. Sharp and himself would keep him constantly in view while they remained in the wilderness. However, no argument or asseveration of the white men could eradicate his belief in the supernatural status and attributes of the enemy of his race.

In the course of an hour Mr. Sharp returned without having discovered any trace of Anes' enemy. Ralph related to his friend the Megantic episode and both gentlemen came to the conclusion that the same fiend, Jouskeha, had been on their track and that it was he who had fired the shot which came so near being fatal to Anes. Both also agreed that it would not do to allow the guide out of their sight and that on his account they would return to the settlements as soon as possible; but they were loth to forego the pleasure of exploring a small lake about four miles distant which they were anxious to fish, their guide having informed them that the trout were of unus-

ual size and strength.

The following morning Anes was so far recovered that only a stiffness of the neck and a little soreness resulted from his wound and as there were no signs of fever the three taking their rods and rifles and a sufficiency of food for the day started for the lake, which they reached ere the rising sun had shed its rays o'er its glassy waters.

A small raft was constructed of cedar poles lashed together with birch withes upon which, with poles cut for the purpose, Mr. Sharp and Anes shoved off for a bed of rushes which were seen bending to the morning breeze on the opposite side of a point of land on which they had pitched their temporary camp.

Edwards remained at the camp, saying that before he prepared the noonday snack he would explore the neighboring swamp for game.

The raft had disappeared around the point and its occupants were fully engaged with their rods on the farthest or inner border of the rushes. Ralph had extemporized a fire place, lighted a fire and hung the tiny camp kettle, when he was startled by a rustling in the brush. Thinking it was a deer he seized his rifle and made ready for a shot, but he lowered the muzzle when he saw, panting, almost gasping for breath, a young Indian girl whose every action betokened the utmost eagerness and excitement. 'Oh! Ononthe! (chief) *Monsieur, parlez vous francais? Mon Dieu! Mon Dieu!*' and she dropped on a fallen tree, exhausted.

Ralph, who was at first startled, was

not very long in divining the reason for the maiden's excitement and sudden appearance. Advancing towards her he took her hand and addressing her in the French language in kind and soothing accents, soon calmed her excitement and drew from her trembling, sobbing lips the fact already proclaimed and written in blood, that her father, the terrible Jouskeha, was on their trail with the stern determination of killing the last scion of his hereditary Abenakis onomies.

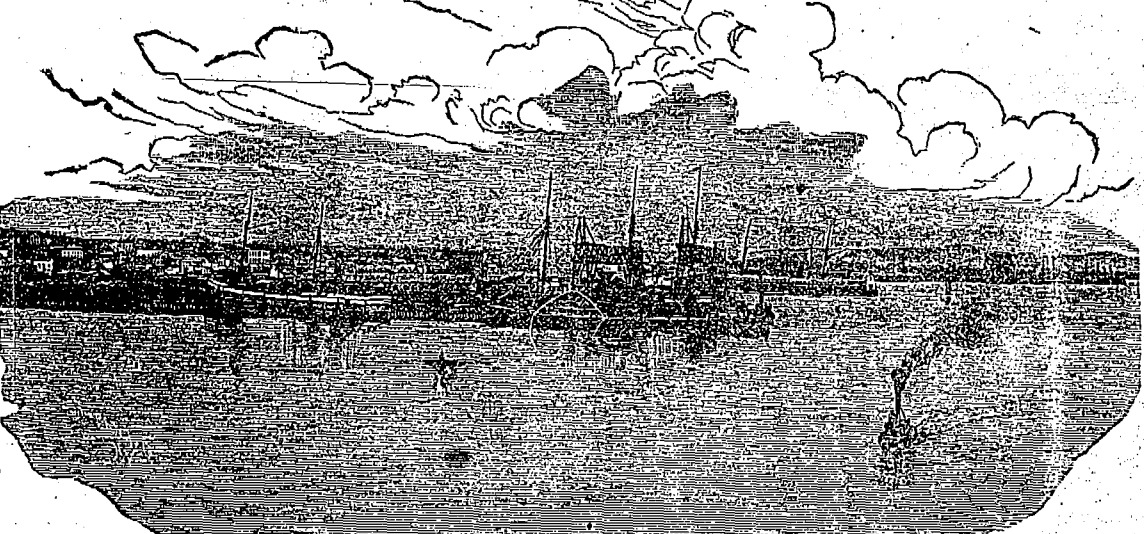
'Oh! sir,' she said, 'flee at once with your Indian brother, for my father is a great chief and has vowed never to return to his wigwam nor to speak at the council until he has exterminated the Anes family. The great sachem of the Hurons must never break his word.'

'But where is your father?' asked Edwards, 'and how came you to find means to warn us without his knowing?'

'He is camped over there,' replied the girl pointing to a mountain at the farther end of the lake. 'I crossed the water early this morning to fetch a fawn he had killed, and seeing the smoke of your camp I knew that your party had come to the lake. When my father returned to camp last night I knew that he had not accomplished his vengeance, for I heard him muttering curses on his rifle, with which he had never missed his aim before. Oh! white man, go! take your Indian brother with you—at once—he is fishing yonder with a white man; keep the Abenakis close to you, my father will never kill a white man.'

The girl then turned towards the fire, upset the kettle over it and taking handfuls of damp moss and soil threw them on the embers on which she stamped with her daintily brodered moccasins until the fire was quite extinguished. 'There!' said she, 'no toll-tale smoke shall betray you.'

Having accomplished her self-imposed task of truly christian charity, the forest maiden seemed to be suddenly struck with a consciousness of her peculiar position there in those leafy solitudes—alone with the handsomest man she had ever beheld. As suddenly as the lightning illumines



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the dark thunder cloud, did the blush of virgin modesty overspread the face and neck of the Indian girl, her dark orbs, true luminaries of the soul, which shone and emitted sparks of fiery light whilst she was uttering her warning notes of danger, were now cast to the ground, veiled by long pencils of jettty silk. Her bosom rose and fell as that of her native lakes after an angry storm, the coral tinted lips were pressed together convulsively, and her interlaced fingers clutched each other with quivering tenacity. Surely, that slight, almost childlike little body was being overpowered, even unto anguish, by some unknown, unaccountable turmoil of the soul.

Was it love? she knew not, poor child. She only felt that she was ill; perhaps losing her reason—she would go, and acting on the impulse sprang into the bushes and would have disappeared had not Ralph in a few bounds overtaken her, seized her gently but firmly by the wrist and in a calm gentle tone of voice entreated her to grant him a few moments to express his thanks for her timely warning and advice.

Trembling like an aspen, the forest girl leaned against a tree and yielding to the pressure of the now feelings which were agitating her bosom, she broke forth into a torrent of tears and heart-rending sobs, piteous to behold and painful in the extreme to the young officer. Did Ralph guess at the cause of this mysterious distress? If he did he was not the man to show his knowledge, far less to avail himself of the discovery.

'Thank you very much for your kind warning,' said he, taking her hand, at the same time drawing from his finger a beautiful diamond hoop which he placed upon one of her fingers. 'Keep this, maiden, in remembrance of this day. Sometime I may redeem it at your own price, for it was once my dear mother's. May it ever prove to you a talisman of innocence and holy thoughts. Adieu! but stop! what is your name? Mine is Ralph Edwardes.'

'Ralph,' she said, 'Ralph Edwardes!' (giving it the French pronunciation) 'I will remember. *Oui, toujours!* yes, ever! I am called Marie LaMontagne. My father's name at Quebec is Pierre LaMontagne. Adieu!' The next instant she was out of sight and before Ralph had recalled his companions was half way across the lake, the quick strokes of her paddle stroving the wake of her bark canoe with showers of liquid diamonds.

Ralph listened to recall Sharp and Anes, and after he had communicated to them his interview with Jouskeha's daughter, the three left for the main camp with the intention of starting for home the following morning.

Sharp, closely followed by Anes, took the lead along the bank of the river, Edwardes being some five hundred yards in the rear. They had proceeded thus about two miles, and were crossing a point of land sparsely covered with butternut trees and mountain ash, at a point where the river ran very swiftly before it tumbled, on the lower side of the point, into a foamy rapid. Sharp and Anes had crossed the point and had reached the shingle below the first chute or fall. Ralph had kept his distance in the rear and was pausing, in the act of lighting his pipe when he saw on the outer margin of a little basin or eddy at the extreme end of the point, a small birch-bark canoe into which was stepping the tall form of an Indian fully equipped in a picturesque costume made of dressed and elegantly ornamented deer-skin. His head was bare with the exception of a broad leather band also embroidered with glistening beads which bound his low broad forehead; in this band were stuck two feathers which had once adorned a raven's wing and in front he wore an aigrette made of the fan-like tail of a ruffed grouse. The man was well and strongly made and of dignified aspect. He had evidently detected the presence of Edwardes and was eying him keenly as he leisurely paddled his canoe out of the eddy and round the point.

Edwardes knew at once that he beheld

Jouskeha. Shouting his name he called upon him in French to stop. At the same time he ran across the point of land to intercept him as the canoe came round. Again he called as Jouskeha's light bark glided round to the other side, but the Indian continued his course, merely waving his paddle as if warning Edwardes to keep back. Ralph then finding that he could not arrest the savage, discharged his rifle low into the bow of the canoe with the intention of warning Sharp and Anes by the report, and also with the hope of tearing a hole in the canoe which might disable it or at least retard its progress.

He then hastened towards his friends as fast as the roughness of the ground would permit, leaping over fallen logs and boulders and other impediments.

In the mean time the canoe was increasing its speed as it glided over the swift water of the current, and was nearing the foaming rapid below, when Ralph fired another shot into its bow. The young officer was loath to fire at Jouskeha himself until the latter had shown some overt act of hostility but the canoe was every instant gaining in velocity, and Ralph's bullet shaved off one of the sable feathers of the Indian's head dress.

That last shot, although an unintentional one, brought retaliation, and before the smoke had well cleared from the muzzle of his rifle, our young officer lay stretched on his back, his blood staining the front of his shirt and trickling slowly down his side into the ground.

Jouskeha quietly laid his long rifle on the bottom of the canoe, quickly resumed his paddle and the next instant shot over an immense wave into the boiling rapid below. Then was enacted that wonderful feat of aquatic skill and dexterity which has seldom been attempted by a white man; that of steering a frail bark canoe through the foaming intricacies of a mountain torrent.

Gallantly did Jouskeha's little bark accomplish her lightning like course through the first chute or rapid, and guided by the unerring hand of the Huron was rounded-to in a narrow eddy, between the rapid just run and that below it. Jouskeha stooped forward and drew his long gun towards him with the intention of reloading it, when the crack of a rifle was heard, a piercing yell mingled with the roar of the turbulent waters, and Jouskeha, the vindictive Huron chief lay still and silent at the bottom of his canoe, which being no longer under control, drifted towards the rapid, plunged wildly into the vortex, reappeared on the crest of a huge wave—empty—filled, sank and reappeared once more a broken, tattered bundle of birch bark floating on the eddy at the foot or tail of the rapid. Jouskeha's body did not come to the surface. Whether his blood-thirsty soul ever reached the Indian's happy hunting ground is not for us to say. We may only whisper with awe 'Vengeance is the Lord's.' We can proclaim with a shout of joy—'Mercy is his also.'

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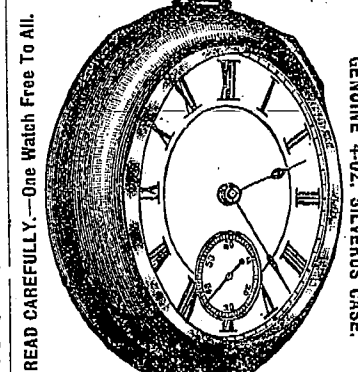
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On the Passumpsic River, Vt.

The pleasant recollections of living in the midst of the natural scenery about the Passumpsic river, remains with the writer, but of this he has not time or space to speak in the column or two of a newspaper, if he says anything about what the region affords to the sportsman.

One object of the natural scenery must be mentioned, however, it lies so prominent before the dweller or visitor thereabout. That is, Burke mountain, up the side of which is a trail, and from its top you see the course the Passumpsic takes and the beautiful villages that rest on its banks.

We are told that this mountain formerly had been so much of a resort that a pony was kept at the village hotel at its base, which would take up a party one by one, coming back each time alone, and so doing till all were safely there.

Though now one finds there no help except to help himself, many do this, even ladies undertaking and accomplishing the task without harm coming from the exertion. We saw there besides objects distant in country and villages, a mountain sable which shied into the ledges, and a bird different from any species familiar to us, which the physician with us called the *butcher bird*. Butcher-like, it is said to impale its prey upon thorns and objects like them in growth. Why it should frequent such heights and not be known in the lowland is still a mystery.

In the Passumpsic were trout only, which made the fishing of it a double charm. An hour's ride would bring one to the upper streams of the river—an hour's ride from the mountain with a good horse. Here many small trout were taken.

There were places in the river where the water spread out over sandy and pebbly soils where it run in ripples over shoals glistening in the sun. Again, it would narrow up and be deeper. The favorite places for trout we found to be where high water had washed in a sod bank of such size that you could see the grass upon it beneath the running water.

There were your half or three-fourths pound trout. Not infrequently a much larger one would dart out from a green tree that had been partially uprooted and hung over the water, or from the roots of trees beneath through which the water ran. Still larger ones were those where logs lay in such a position that they could go from under them at night into coves to feed. These three or four pound fellows would take a fly if you sheltered yourself behind a bush and made your cast.

Any one desiring primeval forest, lakes and streams therein, abounding in trout, might turn into a mountain carriage road long before reaching the streams of the river spoken of above, and soon come thus to a guide's house, from which the team could not go any further. Here you must prepare to tramp and camp.

Four or five miles you must tramp into dense woods. We will say that four miles brought us to the stream sought—to "Paul stream"—and "Paul stream" was known in all that vicinity about us as "the place to find brook trout abundant." But on we went to camp on the shore of "the So-America." The camp had been built well of bark and it seemed a good place to tarry. It pleased the Prof. with us from Brooklyn, N. Y., whose purse had paid our guide already for its previous erection. But when the morning came the Prof. went back to the stream, as he did not care for lake fishing.

That morning the writer took the raft upon the So-America, as he did not care to tramp to day by the side of any stream. Good catches rewarded our exertion that day and we felt well satisfied when we met at night, but in justice to truth, we must say that some of the stream trout were equal in size to those of the lake.—The average in the lake though was larger. Before recrossing the stream to re-

turn, we crossed with the guide to find and see *Unknown Pond*, which we found to be much smaller, much less interesting to view and to have no trout that we could in anyway catch.

The sight and experience there generally, did not pay us for seeking it, and we wished it had forever remained unknown before we got back to camp.

Here we relate a little experience as a warning to campers. One night, just at nightfall, in leaving the raft, it lurched forward and our arms were wet to the elbows as the result. The shirt we wore thus was hung up to dry on the corner of the camp, knowing the heat from the camp fire would reach and dry it. The next morning we found a few buttons underneath that corner of the camp, but no restige of the shirt. It had burned, and the camp and we might have been from that act of carelessness. Campers must be careful where they put their dry goods at night. The hunter as well as fisherman could thrive in this forest. Both deer and bear are sufficient for his sustenance as long as he may wish to hunt them.

Presuming we have broken camp and returned home, we will pass over to the other side of the river with our team. As we drive on we come to the Willoughby and Crystal lakes. In the tanks about Willoughby house are some fine specimens of mountain trout, the best collections we have ever seen. But they were not taken in this lake. Here the "Lunge" is plentiful and the troll makes handsome catches in the early season.

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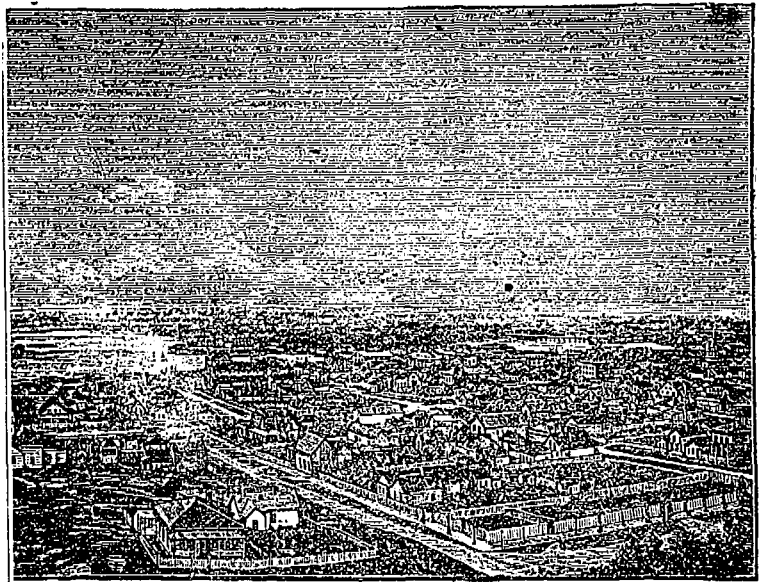


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They just rung off a second before you called. I'll try them again. No, I can't get them. 'Hello! Is that Molly McGinnis?' 'Faith it is.' 'Well then, its Johanna that's talkin'. The munter and mistress is gone to Montreal, and if ye'll come over it's a five o'clock tay we'll have, an' we'll ax some of the b'ys in for a bit of supper an' a game of forty-fives.' 'Och, masha, then! I'll be wid ye in sayson. I'll hurry and finish up mo wurruk, an' its on time I'll be sure.' 'Hello!' 'Compton wants you.' 'Go ahead Compton.' 'Mr. Saultrey wants to talk to you.' 'All right.' 'Can't I have a release drawn up for my wife to sign that'll be good?' 'Yes, if she signs before two witnesses, and has it sworn to before a magistrate.' 'What's that again?' 'Let her sign and have it sworn to.' 'I'm going down to-morrow, and I'll get you to make it out.' 'All right. Bring all the papers.' 'Bring what?' 'Papers! deeds!' 'Yes, I see, all the titles. All right. I can understand you better now. I couldn't make you out very well at first.' 'Hello!' 'Will you come out to Key Pond to-day? The signs are right for fishing, and I've got the provisions. It's Gordon that's talking.' 'What time do you want to leave?' 'Three o'clock will do, so we can get to Isidore's before dark.' 'Very well, I'll be on hand.' 'Say, I want you to get what supplies we want. Just have them packed at Fuller's, and I'll call there and get them. You needn't get any snake-bite remedy, because at this time of the year we'll be more likely to see snakes with it than if we don't take it. Take plenty of line and hooks.' 'Hello!' 'Is that Parker's store?' 'Yes.' 'What sort of oysters do you call those you sent up?' 'First rate. Didn't you find them so?' 'No, I didn't find them so.' 'We got them in this morning.' 'What's the use of talking like that; they were nearly rotten.' 'Perhaps they hung up on the road to make them tender.' 'I'll make you tender if you play me such a trick again.' 'Keep



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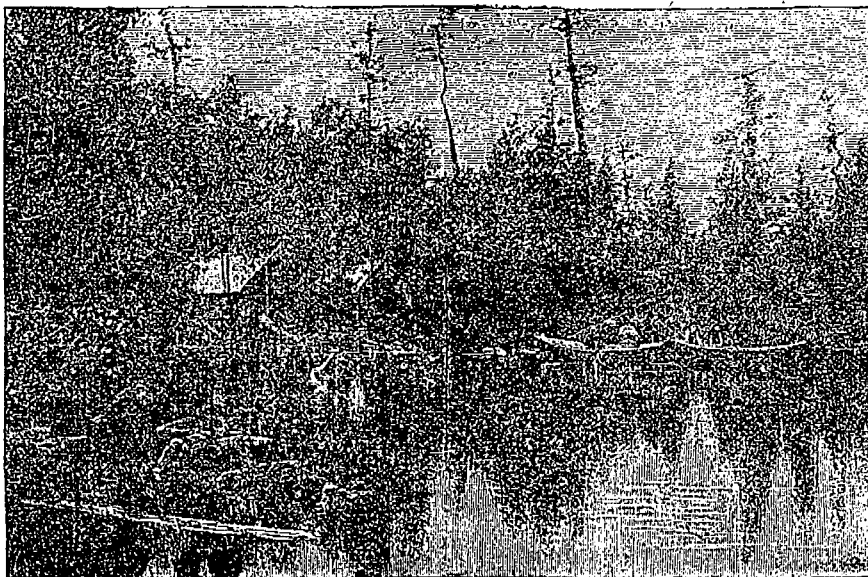
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Market Sketches



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BEAR UP TREE.

and we had another drink, but as for offerin' anything to see him so as to arrest him, that's all a pack of lies.' 'Oh! I didn't take much stock in it, for I hadn't heard the report confirmed by any one else.'— 'Whose team's this?' 'That's Joneses.' 'Who's looking after it?' 'Wall, he told me to. He said he got to go down to Martin's hotel to see a man, and he'd be back in a minit. Here he is now.' 'Just in time to pay your ten cents, and save being pulled for having your team standing here. When you want to see a man you ought to put up your horses first.'— 'Peter's gettin' gol darned peckler, ain't he?' 'Taint any his business when I go, s'long as my team's looked after.' 'You see there's a law agin leavin' a team standin' in the market 'thout some-un to look after it, but I guess I'd been able to take care of it of the horses had got rumpious. Now, I wish somebody 'ud take this butter, an' I'd start for hum.' 'How many pun is it? I'll tak

twa rec pun masel' if ye'll no be askin' too much.' 'Take it all, marn. There isn't over five or six pound, an' I'll give it to you for twenty cents a pound.' 'Weel, weel! that's no so bad, but I canna be fashed w' sa much o't. I'll jest speer roon a bit an' get a body to tak' part. Ay, indeed! Mistress Tamson, we'll just be 'deveedin' it atween us.' Ma word, Mistress McLean, but ye got a good bairgin'. I was thinkin' I'd have to pay four or five bawboos the pun mair for 't. Hoo's a' w' yo? Hoo's the wee bairn? I was just feexing masel' las' nicht ta rin doon and ha' a crack w' ye, when Nancy Bell dropped in on me, an' we ga'ed ben an' chatted awn' till the clock strikit ten, an' she tell't me about that misfortnit lassie o' hers, and hoo she's detairmin'd to wed that ne'er-do-weel Tummas Gray. Ma hairt's sair for the pair misguided lass.' Here's yer butter, marn. There's just six pound, an' it's in half pound prints, so you won't have any bother dividin' it.'

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No. 4.

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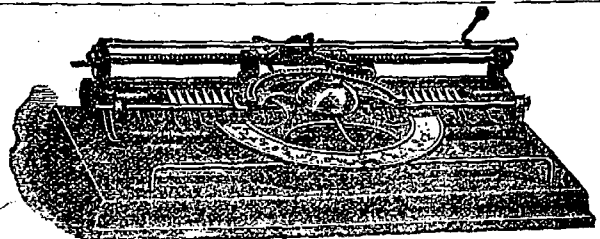
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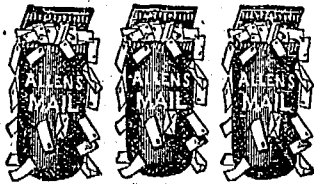
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For The Land We Live. Youthful Recollections.

By RUFUS REDDY.

Once before, I had occasion to refer to my father's peculiar temperament and so verity in the management of his boys, and also the awe with which he was beheld by the boys in question. His maxim of "thrash first and investigate after" were thoroughly understood throughout the household, and indifferently appreciated. We were several brothers and unlike the birds in their little nests, did not at all times agree in questions frequently arising in a family of many brothers, and should one at any time feel himself wronged by the actions of the others, his onerousness was to place him in some position before our paternal parent, as to insure his swift and summary punishment. Thus, many were the painful incidents so brought about, a few of which I am now about to relate.

During the shad season, the old gentleman might be seen every afternoon, wending his way towards the Bay, above the town, fishing rod in hand, accompanied by one or more of his boys, for a few hours shad fishing. The boys always wore on these occasions, a solemn expression of countenance, indicative of a deep sense of responsibility, for should anything occur to ruffle the serenity of the old man's temper, said would be the termination of that day's fishing trip, and to watch the sad visaged youths as they walked behind the old gentleman, suggested the idea of a funeral procession with the corpse a doing its own walking.

On this particular occasion my elder brother accompanied us on our excursion. At the first point of the bay, our boat was taken, a flat bottom skiff, made for the purpose, and we rowed to deep water where the shad were generally found in great numbers. I sat at the oars that evening, and as we neared a favourable looking spot, the old gentleman stood upon the seat at the extreme front end of the boat, anchor in hand all ready to cast. The boat was gliding noiselessly along, when that fiendish brother, leaned over and gave a sudden back water jerk with the oars which I had dropped a moment before. A plunging splash immediately followed. We rushed to the front to see our parent slowly sink out of sight. Being a very large man, there was great displacement, and he went but slowly under, though the anchor which he clutched in his decent helped him somewhat, and as his boots were disappearing from view, the breezes played idly with the dust upon their soles, and it struck me then, with a philosophy worthy of a higher aim, how very wet one end of a man could be, and how dry the other.

We sat at the end of the boat and awaited his return. The old gentleman was a powerful swimmer, and we had no fear of the result. With a hippopotamus snort he soon reappeared, and clutching the edge of the boat, we towed him ashore. As the boat touched land one of its occupants suddenly disappeared through the under brush, and to the old man's anxious enquiries, "where is Rufus?" made no answer. It is needless to state that he was discovered however, later on, and the interview was lively and lasting, explanations were offered, with no takers, I was at the oar, and that was sufficient, and I wept.

To force that elder brother into a like situation was now the one idea in my mind. The opportunity soon arrived. The old gentleman was the proud possessor of a very fast horse, and the best of care was taken of the animal, and one of the hired boy's chief duties was to give the horse an extra feed the last thing at night.

A few days after the painful interview above alluded to, I suggested to the brother in question, that we'd give the boy, a timid lad, a paralyzing scare that night, and explained that I would lock him in the stable, and as the boy on his nightly visit, would open the door, he was to leap upon him; the result surely repay-

ing all the trouble we might be put to.

The unsuspected brother entered eagerly into the scheme. And that evening he was safely locked within the stable. My bird was securely caged and revenge would soon be mine.

To inform the old gentleman, who was in a particularly bad humor that night, there was something wrong with the horse, was but the work of a moment, and I soon had the satisfaction of seeing him heading for the stable, lantern in hand closely followed by myself, two younger brothers, and the hired boy, who had been informed of the deep laid plot, and to whom the attractions of a three ringed circus, paled into insignificance in the face of such an event.

The victim in the stable, had in the meantime, with the object of bringing the matter to a doubly successful issue, moved a large oat box conveniently near the door, on the top of which a milking stool was placed, a bushel measure crowning the whole construction, and on the summit of this rickety elevation, he stood, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the hired boy.

The rapid approach of hurried steps were soon heard, the door quickly opened. At the first glimpse of an advancing figure the deluded youth, with a fairly imitated roar of an African lion, hurled himself down with out stretched arms, from his lofty eminence, and landed to his horror, square upon the broad back of his terror stricken father. By the flickering light of the lantern, the juvenile audience immediately to the rear, were witness of an encounter of a most desperate nature.

The old man imagining himself attacked by a mountain lion, struggled violently, calling loudly for help. The brother recognising the gentleman into whose hands he had fallen, strained all his energies to escape, and so the battle waged. The animals in the stable becoming agitated, their startled notions added to the exciting scene. The two rolled over, and over on the straw strewn floor, scattering everything before them. They presently rolled into the oat box, and the noises became muffled, the lantern fell into the bushel measure and cast a lurid light over the scene. Arms, legs, clutching fingers, and fragments of coat tails now filled the air in convulsive confusion. The juvenile audience crowded the door, and with abated breath closely followed the course of the struggle, speculating upon its result.

"See the old man chew" whispered Jim.

"Aye and Billy's clothes is a ginning," replied the hired boy. The brother at last, with a herculean effort wrenched himself loose, and with a bound cleared the door, and went out sadly but swiftly into the darkness leaving enough of his clothing however, in the old mans weakening grasp, to fully establish his identity, and I was avenged.

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The collapse of the *Times'* Parnell charge by the flight and suicide of Pigott, its chief witness, has left that powerful organ in no enviable position. The English press while seemingly deploring the sad position in which that paper has been placed by the last event, are likely heartily pleased at the complete discomfiture of their powerful rival. All are now anxiously awaiting the action of the jubilant Parnellites in the matter.

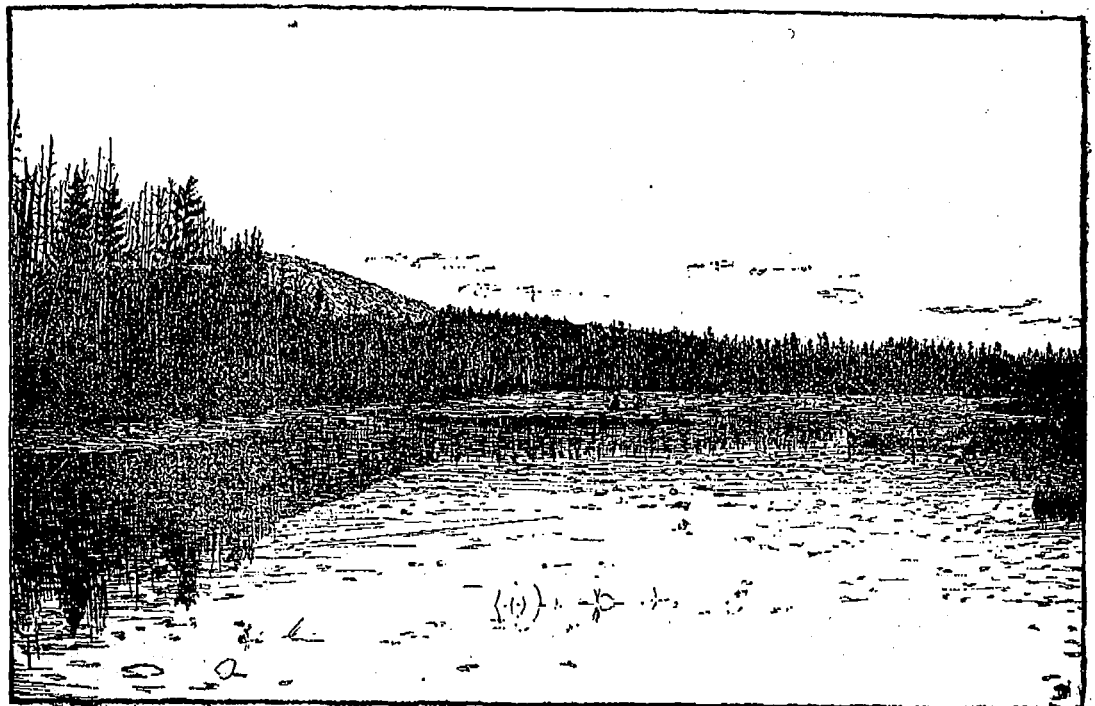
The *Mail*, of Toronto, has had more than its share of libel suits during the last year. It has lately been mulcted in the sum of twelve thousand dollars in the famous Leflammo suit. And now the Order of Jesuits have instituted an action of fifty thousand dollars, based upon the so-called Jesuit oath. The effect of such a publication must have been considered by the *Mail* people, and it is surprising that the authenticity of the article was not verified beyond question, before assuming such risks in the matter. If the oath as described is really spurious, a few thousand more will have to be paid before the matter is ended.

The celebrated faster is again to the fore. He has lately been endeavoring to convince the world that it costs too much, but as considerable amusement is derived from this particular pastime, it turns a deaf ear to the Dr.'s entreaties, and he finds his theories more or less unpopular with the masses. Our faster now goes on a better, and declares that man can live without air, as well as food, and to prove his theory offers to allow himself to be buried for a period of three weeks. This is an opportunity that should not be lost; by all means let the Dr. be entombed, a more effectual means of riddance could not have been proposed. Thanks Doctor.

Mr. Langolier's little bill against the Province for professional duties, has at last been brought down in detail. It foots up the handsome sum of three thousand dollars. The Province has reason to be thankful that it was not double that amount. It includes but five items, and is a very modest looking affair for a lawyer's bill. The first item shows an amount of fifty dollars for a conference. This conference must have been trapped in the fall, when the hair was long, to have brought such a price. The following day another hairy conference was sold at same figure, which indicates the general market value of that article, so there is no cause for complaint in that respect. We are next treated to an item in parenthesis of two thousand dollars for preparation of the case, and then follows an amount of six hundred dollars for pleading same. In these two items, Honore's friend seem to have reversed the ordinary course of things; for usually with them, five cent's worth of preparations is made to do duty for some few million's worth of talk. The Province is next charged one hundred dollars per day for six day's sojourn at Ottawa. Had this visit been tendered for by the lawyers of the province, some would doubtless have been found as low as fifteen dollars for the whole trip, including board. But likely, if such had been the case, the lowest tender would not necessarily have been accepted. The

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At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association in Ottawa, Gen. Middleton, it seems, departed from the usual course at such meetings, of agreeing with anything that might be brought up for discussion, and came out boldly on the question of target shooting under the present system. He considers that rifle matches as now held, are patronized by comparatively a few only who are to be found at all the matches, held throughout the Dominion. The nucleus, as it were, is perfected to such an extent as to preclude all possibility of success on the part of the average outside volunteer, the whole resulting in the creation of a few crack shots, while the bulk of our volunteers are left without even the first principles of rifle shooting. The General no doubt scored a bull's-eye in this respect. The average volunteer has but to attend one of these matches to satisfy himself on this. For a new comer to witness these habits in uniform, pegging out their bull's eyes by the score, while the result of his own shooting is strongly suggestive of blank cartridge, is not at all encouraging. The General deplores the fact that eight men out of twenty five in the provincial battalions are unable to properly handle a rifle, and that the other seventeen could barely hit a haystack, and he wants to see more money spent among these men. Had Sir Frederick accompanied us to the butts a few years ago, at one of the camps held in the vicinity of Sherbrooke, he would have been still further convin-



HATHAN BOG, (UPPER PORTION.)

ced in the matter. A company from some rural district occupied the shooting stands; though armed with the Snider, one half of them attempted to ram their cartridges down the muzzle. A goodly proportion shot their ramrods away during the day. The markers, however, enjoyed a day's holiday, but not so the cattle within a radius of five miles. One stalwart grenadier refused point blank to discharge his piece, giving as a reason that he was afraid to. As for hitting a baystack, we question if there was one in that company who could have hit Gibraltar Rock at fifteen paces. The General can rightly call for more funds to improve his Provincial battalions.

A fair sample of journalistic enterprise is shown in the petition presented to the Minister of Justice by the Judges of Montreal, asking that a law be passed preventing the publication by the press, of warrants before their execution. Another muzzle for the irrepressible reporter.—What an individual is this dreaded reporter. To be found in all the nooks and corners of our large cities; nothing escapes his eye, excepting perhaps his salary, which is usually invisible to the naked eye. A worse paid, hard worked lot of mortals do not exist. Kicked from pillar to post, denied admittance in all quarters, the reporter turns up serenely, however, tablets and pencil in hand ready to chronicle even the sensation of that last bounce. His cheek is unlimited, and so is his good nature. His conscience is elastic and he troubles himself little as to facts, which to him particularly are stubborn things. He gets there from time to time, all the same, and the community in general is benefitted. He is often the detective's jackal; many a detective has reaped praises and profit, in cases in which the reporter was instrumental in tracing up. His powers of description are well known. He will describe the progress of a dog fight, and a marriage ceremony in the same breath, as it were, with equal accuracy

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We are in receipt of Juneau, Alaska, papers up to 9th February last. We notice by the *Alaska Free Press* that the citizens of Juneau are justly indignant at the malicious reports circulated by Mrs. Voorhees of New York, and Mr. Coler about the immorality of the residents of that portion of Alaska, and the relations existing between them and the native Indians. A mass meeting was held at Juneau 19th January, at which a series of resolutions were passed refuting the accusations made, and protesting against the publication of such scandalous and libellous statements, which it is intimated have been circulated by grasping, perverting office seekers. If Mrs. Voorhees made her Alaskan trip of 2,200 miles in eleven days, she could not have had much opportunity to ferret out the immorality of the people from personal observation, and hear-say evidence is a poor weapon with which to attack an entire population. Lax ideas of morality prevail in most native tribes and it is not likely that the Alaska Indians are an exception to the general rule.

According to the *Alaska Free Press* the Yukon River and some of its tributaries, promise to turn out the richest gold fields yet discovered on this Continent. David

Hart who has spent three years prospecting on the Yukon, brought out \$10,000 worth of nuggets which he washed out of a claim on Forty Mile River in 38 days, when he was stopped by high water. This river is a northern tributary to the Yukon, 400 miles below Stewart River, and derives its name from the fact of its being 40 miles above Fort Reliance. The stream is shallow and crooked, full of boulders, and has a gravel bottom. The diggings were discovered in 1886, and thus far the working period has been limited to 3 months in the year, from 1st June to 1st September, when the exposed portions of the banks are partially thawed out, causing the earth to slide into the stream, which changes the current and forms bars, in which the gold is found. Before the coming of high water last spring, two Norwegians uncovered a portion of the nearly dry bed of the stream where the ice was three feet thick and succeeded in scraping out the gravel from a space about 11x14 feet from which they washed out over \$2100 worth of nuggets. About 120 miners were last season scattered along the river for a distance of 60 or 70 miles.

The reply of Hon. Mr. Robertson to the Premier in the budget debate, shows how delusive are figures, and how much reliability is to be placed in the statement that the treasury contains a surplus, when the several items of receipts and expenditure are placed where they properly belong. A Government that can wantonly give away \$400,000 of the peoples money cannot be expected to have a surplus, and no other country under the sun has a government that dare do it. It will require a good many more J. P. appointments to quell the indignation that must sooner or later culminate from such overt acts.

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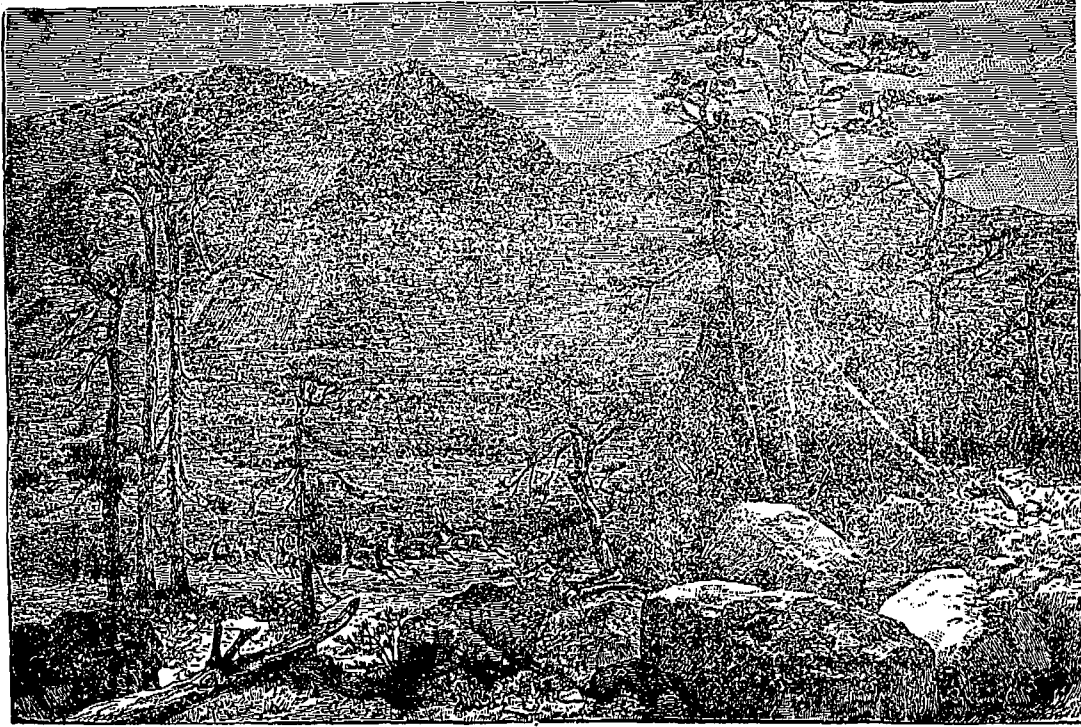
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I was invited to go with a party of gentlemen, to pass a "dia de campo" at the lovely little "Hacienda de Cuevas," situated on the "Bucio," at a distance of some ten or twelve miles from the city of Guanajuato where I was then residing.

I had heard many wonderful accounts from various parties, especially from Mexicans, of the exquisite loveliness of this favored spot; favored in having an abundance of running water during the whole of the year, besides natural living springs of the pure element, always deliciously cool, no one who has not been for months deprived of such a blessing as an abundance of pure spring water, can possibly enter into the spirit of intense enjoyment with which one who has been contemplating the life giving element, as it gushes forth in all its purity, to diffuse its blessings over the thirsty land.

We were a party of four or five, I, the only youngster of the lot, who were going to make a friendly call on a married couple, who were spending a "temporada" at that lovely spot, for a change of air and scene; well mounted, and in high spirits, we scampored over the beautifully level hard road, that commenced at the foot of the hills; so different from the narrow steep mountain paths we had been confined to for such a length of time. Our horses even appeared to enjoy being able to freely stretch their limbs once more, and required no touch of whip or spur to quicken their movements, but spontaneously burst forth into such an exuberance of spirits, as almost to astonish their owners, who could scarcely recognize, in the bounding steeds beneath them, the sober going, well conducted, respectable beasts that carried them with cautious steps in all security, on their daily round through the mountainous region in which they had their habitations.

The morning was one of the loveliest even in that land of delightful climate, with a cool and bracing breeze, just sufficient to ruffle the leaves of the pepper trees, that laden with their long racemes of scarlet berries hanging from their gracefully drooping boughs, lined the stream on either bank; while the little birds hopped from branch to branch, so silent yet so happy; doves innumerable of three or four different species, flew up in flocks all around us, enlivening the scene; every living thing appeared to my delighted vision to be entering into the spirit of universal enjoyment.

I know my horse and myself enjoyed the jaunt immensely, as well as each other's company; having little in common with the seniors of the party, I would gallop on for a mile or so at full stretch then I would dismount, throw myself under a tree, await their arrival and repeat the operation; or as the fit seized me would make a straight dash across the country, searing the hares out of their wits, and return to the road, to find myself perhaps a good way in the rear: a ride, a day never to be forgotten or repeated in this world.

There are a few houses and a *Meson* at the little village of Cuevas, which on our arrival, looked rather dreary, and certainly tempered the exuberance of our spirits down to a state of greater sobriety; I for one could see nothing of the rural beauty that I had been led to expect; and had our experience of the "Hacienda de Cuevas" been limited to what we saw in this part of it, we should, I fear, unanimously, have pronounced it a fraud;

but fortunately this was not the case; our friends had taken up their domicile in the house of the Hacienda itself, and at the "Sahuan" of that house, we, in due time, dismounted just before the sun began to be too hot for us to enjoy a longer ride exposed to his burning rays.

We were of course most hospitably received, and well entertained; after partaking of a substantial "almuerzo" or "dejeuner a la fourchette," (pity we have not in English a name for this substantial second breakfast; luncheon does not appear to me to meet the requirement at all), I, all alone proceeded to explore and enjoy the beauties of the enclosed garden and grounds of several acres in extent to me at that time a scene of enchantment; long trellised walks intersecting each other in every direction, the trellis-work covered with grapevines in full bearing, loaded with clusters of delicious ripe grapes, hanging within reach of one's hand, with no restriction as to the quantity one might eat; peach trees, pomegranates, apples, pears and quinces in such quantities, I was all but bewildered and lost in a feeling of perfect happiness; at the intersections of the trellised walks fountains played, and around them were ranged solid mason work seats on which to rest when fatigued.

Soon lost sight and all thought of the rest of the party, but after wandering about for I believe some hours in this terrestrial paradise, I came at last to a portion of the grounds that had been left in a state of nature, comparatively speaking; here I found them all congregated under the shade of an immense spreading tree of the ash family, ("freixo"), that was growing beside a bubbling spring of water so deliciously cool; the lady sitting in a swing, and the gentleman stretched on the ground, conversing over their wine; one of these had a gun with him, and asked me to accompany him for a walk out on the hills beyond in the hope of shooting some game; we went, but the gentleman was short sighted, although he did not think so himself, and although we saw several hares, pigeons and doves, we did not secure any, to the manifest discomposure of the ardent sportsman, who could not conceive it possible he could fire so many shots at game, without killing something; while I was highly amused at seeing a man attempt to shoot game with spectacles on his nose; this to me was comical in the extreme.

Returning to the garden with an empty game bag, we found the remainder of the party enjoying themselves in their own way, most uproariously, and only waiting our return to proceed with a very important and exceedingly pleasant piece of business, i.e., to discuss a good dinner that was prepared for us, during which, our hunter came in for a good roasting on his want of success; while I as his companion, came in for my share of the chaffing as they said, I ought first to have caught the game, that our friend might have had the pleasure of shooting it afterwards; all was taken in good part, and like a parcel of school boys on a frolic, or like Jack ashore, fun was extracted from every incident; but all good things must have an end, and certainly every good dinner has. The sun was fast declining towards the horizon, the evening was getting deliciously cool, it was time to think of returning to our homes; so bidding farewell to our hospitable entertainers, we mounted for the home stretch. On our trip in the morning, I had been the one to race my horse against time all alone; on our return in the evening, every one appeared to enter into the spirit of racing, each one had the best horse, and neither one would for a moment allow that his was or could be beaten, although trial succeeded trial, and which the horses appeared to enjoy just as much as did the riders. In one of these wild scampers, one of us started up a "coyote." Tally ho! was the word, and away we all dashed after the cunning brute; we ran him well, and several times got tolerably near to him, but he would in a moment change his course and

throw us all out; as the daylight was fading, and by the light of the moon it was not easy to keep him well in sight. At last I ranged up along side of him, when he suddenly disappeared as if by magic from our view, and was seen no more.

We were now nearing "Marfil," quite a large village, substantially built, situated on the banks of the stream that flowed through the city of Guanajuato, and not far from it; on reaching it a sudden change fell on the spirits and behaviour of the whole party, every one of whom appeared to change like "Harlequin;" not a joke, not a laugh was heard from the lips of any one, every one became as sober as if he had never known what a laugh was and to my utter astonishment, even the horses appeared to understand that the fun was over for the time, as they one and all settled down into their every day sober pace, and like well conducted, respectable horses, once more plodded on in the even tenor of their way, and so continued until each one reached his home, after what had been to me one of the happiest of the few happy days that fell to my lot during my solitary youth; it was one of those to which one can look back in after years with only one regret, and that merely that there had not been more of them.

I have made several subsequent visits to this Hacienda, and generally with pleasant companions, but neither of them was so enjoyable as the first.

This lovely property, which from its proximity to the populous city of Guanajuato is of exceptional value, was many years ago owned by a rich Mexican, Don Pedro Otero a very eccentric individual, who was even more addicted to the vice of gambling than the majority of his countrymen; he had met with losses at play, this being the last piece of real estate remaining to him; one evening he sat down with his cronies to the national game of "Monte;" he played the whole night through, and by sunrise the next day, this terrestrial paradise also had passed into the hands of his fellow gamblers; at the time this was related to me I had seen the place only once, and I then thought if it had happened to me to lose such a property, I should wish myself dead, and I fancy I still think the same.

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After sinking our shaft some 30 or 40 feet, we concluded that it wasn't advisable to keep up the night shift so, Carr one of my partners and myself took the job of getting out some slabs for Simpson, who had opened a broker's office at Simmon's Reef. These slabs we split from the stringy bark tree, using a froe and wedges for the purpose, first sawing the trees into seven foot lengths. Frequently after cutting down a tree we would find it wasn't straight grained, and so had the labor of cutting down for nothing. A tree of two or three feet in thickness was first quartered with wedges, and afterwards with the froe split into slabs of about two or three inches in thickness. These slabs were set on end, nailed to poles, top and bottom, and served as walls for stores and other buildings which were afterwards covered with bark or canvas.

The stringy bark tree bark, as its name implies is very fibrous, resembling cocoa matting, and makes an excellent roof, the only objection to it being a strong tendency to take fire. Where water is convenient it can be readily drenched the outside fiber soaking up water enough to keep it damp for some time.

For splitting seven feet slabs we had £5 or \$25 per hundred, and while there was a demand for them we made good wages as the two of us could get out from 75 to 100 per day.

The quartz crushing mills which were all run by steam, and of which there were seven at Simmon's Reef, consumed a large quantity of wood, for which they paid \$2.50 to \$3 per cord at the stump. All the land being Crown land the wood in its natural state cost nothing. Canadian axemen were able to earn fair wages in cutting cordwood.

The mills in operation were principally stamps with Chilian Rollers or Berdan pans, and as they were kept going day and night, the noise was very annoying and at night almost deafening. The Chilian Rollers, consisted of 5 or 6 pairs of stone wheels with iron tires, running from 3 feet down to about a foot in diameter, and these were kept revolving in metal pans, in which quick-silver was placed, and with which the gold formed an amalgam which was afterwards passed through a retort, the quick-silver passing off in vapor which was condensed to be again used, and the gold remaining in a round cake as if cast in a small kettle.

The weight of these cakes would be from 5 to 20 pounds according to the richness of the ore and the quantity crushed. It was considered ore yielding less than £5 to the ton, would not pay for crushing, but at that time crushing mills hadn't attained their present perfection, a good deal of quick-silver escaped and gold with it.

I have since seen that one of the best paying quartz mines in Australia, the Clunes Reef, yields only 8 dwts. or less than \$8 to the ton, but it has a very large ore bed.

The mills were placed on the banks of Blackwood Creek, and this was one of the few places in Australia where we had good water the year round. As no paying alluvial working had been discovered higher up the creek than where it was crossed by the Simmon's Reef, the water above this point was beautifully clear and we frequently caught a nice string of black fish, about the size of ordinary brook trout which were a welcome addition to our ordinary fare of bread and meat. In some of the clear pools we could see scores of these fish amongst which mingled numerous eels of about 18 inches to 2 feet in length. When we wanted blackfish only, it took a good deal of skillful manipulation to keep the bait out of the way of the eels.

Every water hole or chain of water holes in this part of Australia contains eels and crawfish, the latter very good eating although in the vicinity of Loddon and Murray Rivers we caught them only as bait for the river cod.

Along the banks of the Blackwood

Creek were beautiful tree ferns growing 8 to 10 feet high and a foot or more in diameter. These when cross cut into sections exposed numerous indented concentric rings, beautiful as those formed by a kaleidoscope, and were generally used for camp seats or stools.

Our expenses in working our quartz claim were heavy. When working night and day shifts, the cost of powder fuso drills, picks gads and hammers averaged \$24 per day, and as we were getting no return whatever our funds were daily becoming beautifully less.

Still we determined to stick to it as long as we had a shot in the locker, and two of us by working occasionally for some of the richer claims owners managed to keep the pot boiling for the party. At last after sinking 96 feet, and losing ten months time we found ourselves "dead broke," and abandoned our claim.

Probably some party has made a pile out of it, as I have always thought that where ever the leaders united forming what is known as the quartz reef, there must be gold in paying quantities. In every claim which had struck the reef between ours and the Crown claims, the yield of gold had been abundant, and who knows how near we may have been to a fortune.

In a shallow gully on the Mayborough diggings, where the sinking was on y three to four feet deep, and a wall of about a foot in width was left to define claims, an individual who spent his time in working these walls after the gully had been waked out, found an 84 lb nugget in one of them, which actually had a pick mark on it when found, so that somebody came mighty near scooping in over \$20,000, and missed it after all.

My hut had cost me some £20 and I sold it for \$1 to take me off the diggings, and with a couple of companions we humped our stags to Forest Creek, near Castlemaine, one of the first discovered Victorian gold fields, where for one week we lived on Chinaman's fare, rice alone, not a mouthful of anything else except water passing our lips. This I found rather tough living so I finally made up my mind to try for a situation in Castlemaine, anything that would provide food that a white man could do a day's work on.

Fortunately I ran across an acquaintance a Mr. Warren, formerly of Toronto, who kept a restaurant and auction room at Gisborne, during my stay there. To him I explained my position and was immediately engaged as clerk in a store kept by him near the junction of Forest and Campbell's Creek, at the moderate salary, of \$7.50 per week and board, but as Mrs. Warren was an excellent cook, I do not think anything was made out of my board expenses.

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"PICKACKLEFAX."—Wants to know what an *Octogenarian* is, saying that he saw the term made use of in connection with the report of a marriage between Richard Freeman Esq., and a Mrs. Smith, to the effect that they were both octogenarians.

Ans. Our correspondent could have obtained the information by reference to Webster's Unabridged. However it means both parties were both eighty years of age, or to be more explicit, that the bride was eighty and the bride-groom eighty-two. This latter information we obtained from an unpublished appendix to Webster. In connection with this we may state that Mr. Freeman was some 25 years ago a resident of Sherbrooke, and editor of the "*Freeman*," in which position he infused an amount of *vim* into the composition of the paper, that in some of our Western territories would have necessitated his assuming the position of fighting editor. Perhaps his physical capacity for the latter position relieved him from any obligation to maintain such an office in connection with the "*Freeman*."

"BACKWOODSMAN."—Wants to know what "*Rez Magnus*" is

Ans. Literally it means "great King," but the title is applied to a preparation made by the Humiston Preservative Co., of New Haven, Conn., noted for its preserving properties, and in general use amongst sportsmen in preserving fish and game. There is also a *Rez Magnus* in this city which has a local reputation for preserving properties.

"CADASTRE."—Says he knows of four Wards in this city, viz: North, South and Centre Wards, but that he has heard of *Mill Ward*, and wants to know the position of it.

Ans. It is evident that some body has been working a *double entendre* on our correspondent, and in that sense, we may state that there are at least six wards in this city, namely, North Ward, South Ward, East Ward and Centre Ward, Millward and W. R. Ward. The position of *Millward* is between the southerly end of the Magog Bridge and the "*Hyndman Block*," and has a reputation for 9 Cent Store commodities, only eclipsed by that of the *Minories*, London, for Jews and *old clo'* men.

"NOT-POSTED."—Writes us enquiring who William Sticker is, saying he understood he was well known in Sherbrooke.

Ans. It is quite evident that our correspondent is *not posted*, as he would know that William Sticker, usually called "*Bill Sticker*," for short, is a very impor-

tant advertising agent, who heralds the coming of Theatricals and concert companies, keeps the citizens posted as to the whereabouts of Griffith's and Odell's Auction Sales, papers the sides of barns and other unsightly objects with a record of current events. Messrs George McAndrew and Carl Jewel have each assumed the familiar cognomen of "*Bill Stickers*," and although they do not advertise themselves as *Diamond Merchants* like them they deal largely in *paste*. We have not space for *floury* remarks, but we may say that they do all in their power to break a *corner* in wheat.

The Paton Mills, Sherbrooke.

Our illustration a faithful one as far as it goes, gives a very imperfect idea of the magnitude of these mills, having been taken some years since, and extensive additions having been made to them since that time. Nearly all the vacant space shown in the engraving has been covered with ware houses and wool sorting rooms &c. These mills are situated at the head of the falls upon the Magog River and the power is supplied from what is known as the Upper Dam, which flows back over a mile at the ordinary summer level. The power is further augmented by a dam at Little Magog Lake some eight miles above the Mills, so that a never failing supply of water power is always obtainable. The Paton Manufacturing Company, the owners of these Mills is an incorporated Company, and the business is under the control and management of Mr. Andrew Paton, the original founder, with Mr. Hargrave as secretary. The Paton Mills are what is known as a twenty two set mill, and employ on an average some 550 hands. The materials manufactured consist of Tweeds, Cassimeres, Military Cloths, Shoe Cloths, &c. Shoe cloths are a specialty with the Company, and it supplies the entire stock manufactured and used by the Canadian Rubber Company. These mills are one of the principal industries of Sherbrooke, and are the largest woollen mills in Canada, its annual manufactures amounting to one million yards, which are disposed of within the Dominion. The wools manufactured are principally Australian and South African in addition to a large quantity of Canadian grown wool.

A CORN CORNER.

We hereby certify that we have been entirely relieved from Corns, by the use of the "*Infallible Corn Cure*," obtained from D. Thomas & Co., Sherbrooke.

James Addie, P. L. S., Milby, Que.

Charles E. Griffith, Sherbrooke.

John McCaw,

Our Illustrations.

Port Arthur, Lake Superior, Victoria, Vancouver, Minnedosa, Manitoba; and a Rocky Mountain View, in Alberta; are from cuts loaned by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. *Camping at Baker Lake* is from one of Capt. Farrar's interesting books entitled, "*Up the North Branch*," and is one of the stopping places in a trip from Moosehead Lake to New Brunswick via the Penobscot and St. John's Rivers. Another illustration from Capt. Farrar's books reprints *Bear and Forbear, or Hunter and Hunted. Hathorn or Hathorn Boy*, even as a picture presents few attractions, except, that about this Bog, and *Arnold Pond*, of which we give a good illustration, are to be found some of the best hunting grounds for large game existing in Northern Maine. *Arnold Pond* is also well stocked with "*Junco*," and speckled trout, and is the only one of the lakes and ponds in the immediate vicinity which contains the first named fish. Our April issue will contain several views of Canadian Cities and Towns.

OXIEN Cures Nervousness and Insomnia, restores Exhausted Vitality; is an effectual Invigorator, and removes the Nervous Depression sometimes caused by 'going out to see a man.'

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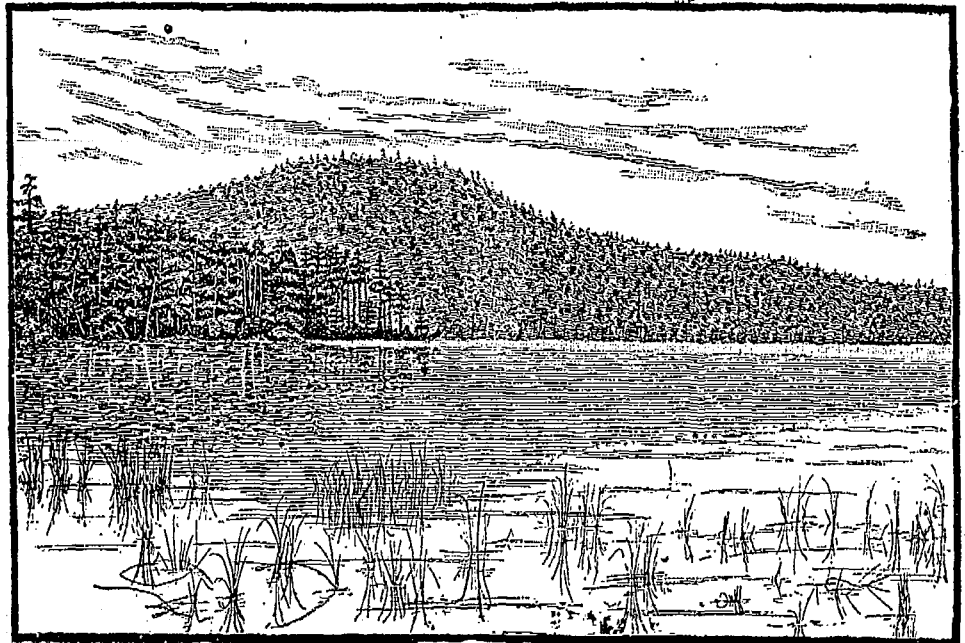
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ARNOLD POND, ME.

Our Mining Industries.

The mining interests of this part of the province shows signs of renewed activity for the ensuing summer, particularly asbestos mining, which is, to a large extent, limited to the summer months. Some new discoveries at Thotford and Coleraine will be developed and an outcropping of asbestos at Garthby, near lake Aylmer, partially developed by John McCaw Esq., of this city, is to be vigorously worked. The same serpentine formation extends westerly in the direction of Brompton lake and the country north of the lake, and a fair show of asbestos has been found in different localities where this formation extends. Canada produces the finest asbestos in the world, and there is every indication that it will eventually prove a very valuable addition to the mineral wealth of this province. The many uses to which this mineral can be applied, are rapidly increasing, and it is not improbable that the discovery of increased quantities of it, may yet lead to its use in the construction of fire proof houses. The construction of the proposed Mount Orford railway will probably assist in the development of mineral resources existing in the township of Orford, as well as slate and flagstone quarries. A friend writes us that he has discovered in Compton county a large extent of the very best marble, and a large deposit of iron ore, within easy railway communication. It is well known that on the property of Eleazar Clark, Esq., contiguous to this city, and on other property within the city limits, valuable iron mines exist, which only await the investment of capital in suitable smelting works to become a leading industry here. The Eustis copper mines, near Capelton, now employ about 250 men, and the smelting works established in connection with these mines will doubtless largely increase the number. The Nichols company adjoining, work their mines principally for the sulphuric acid manufactured from the ore, although we understand that the copper alone at the present advanced rate pays well for the working of the mine. Sulphuric acid enters largely into the composition of artificial manures, and there are several partially developed copper mines in this vicinity which carry a large percentage of sulphur. Until the Nichols company established their works, no attempt was made to utilize this large quantity of sulphur. Whether gold will be found in paying quantities in this immediate vicinity is doubtful, but the writer knows a locality within seven miles of Sherbrooke, where the "color" and sometimes considerably more, can be washed from every panful of gravel taken from the bed of the stream.

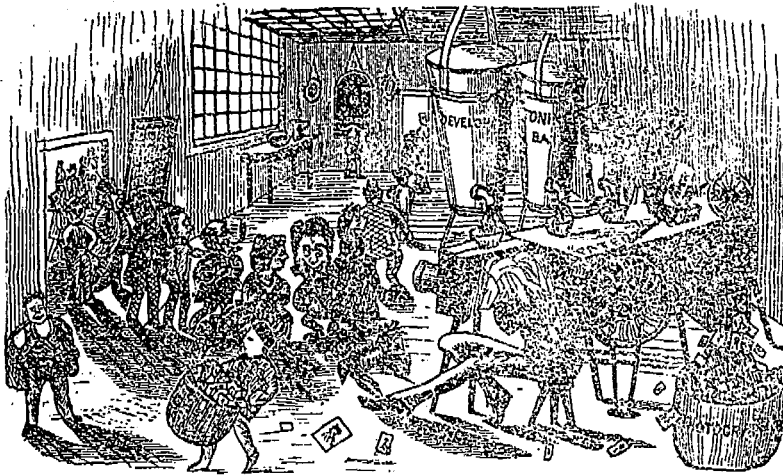
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To any one suffering from any of the Diseases or Complaints for which these Plasters are recommended, we will send one of Dr. Ordway's Improved Plasters on receipt of 2 cents in stamps, to pay postage, and on condition that after using the same we shall be notified of the result. This offer is open for a limited time and for a limited number of the Plasters, so send at once. They have proved wonderfully efficacious in relieving Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Lumbago, Kidney and Heart Diseases, Cramps, Lamé Back and Side, Lung and Bronchial Troubles, Female Weakness, Pneumonia, and all other kindred diseases. Address,

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WRIGHT'S PATENT INDESTRUCTIBLE FIRE-KINDLER.

Composed of light material capable of absorbing 1.4 oz. of kerosene to every cubic inch, and retaining it for any length of time or until burned out. It is made in 5 sizes and will ignite wood, charcoal or coke. No. 1 size 1x4 inches will burn 10 minutes; No. 2 is 1 1/2x4 inches and will burn 15 to 20 minutes; No. 3 is 2x6 inches and burns 20 to 25 minutes; No. 4 is 2 1/2x8 inches and will burn 30 to 40 minutes; No. 5 is 3x10 inches and burns from 40 to 50 minutes. They make excellent torches and can be filled any number of times without the slightest injury to the material. A No. 4 or 5 kindler, if filled with oil and used in an ordinary cooking stove will burn from 30 to 50 minutes and produce sufficient heat to cook a dinner without the aid of any other fuel.

BEST, SAFEST AND CHEAPEST Kindlers in the world. Just the thing to take the chill off a cold room. Sold in tin boxes, 3 in a box, in the order of the numbers given, at 50 cents, 70 cents, \$1, \$1.75 and \$2.50 per box, or in wrappers at 15, 20, 30, 50 and 75 cents each. Call and see samples or send for descriptive circulars.

D. THOMAS & CO., Sherbrooke, Que.

SUMMER RESORTS.

In conversation with a gentleman some time since, he informed us that if some of the better class of farmers and others, in the vicinity of our most beautiful lakes, such as Memphremagog, Massawippi, Megantic, William and Aylmer, were to take a few summer boarders at reasonable rates, many Americans, particularly in the vicinity of Baltimore, would spend a good portion of their summer months amongst the beautiful and picturesque scenery of the Townships. Many of these object to the bustle and formality connected with the better class of hotels, and want a place with more home like surroundings, where they can get good plain, wholesome food, and clean, comfortable lodgings. With this object in view, we shall be pleased to publish the name and post office address of any subscriber to this journal, particularly in the vicinity of the lakes named, who will receive summer boarders, and with whom intending boarders may communicate. Such an arrangement might lead to many advantages apart from those of a pecuniary nature. Send your name and address at once before the summer resort has been decided upon.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY.

As we have frequent enquiries relative to the sale and purchase of Real Estate, we have concluded to open a REAL ESTATE AGENCY, and will advertise briefly in this Journal all properties placed with us for sale. Our circulation extends all over the continent, and we are satisfied, that as an advertising medium our paper is a head of most of our local journals.

All property placed in our hands, verbally or otherwise, is understood to be subject to the following rules and rates from which there will be no deviation, unless put in writing at the time of placing the property on our list.

We look to the Vendor for our commission in every case.

Owners must fix the prices at which they will sell, upon which or any lesser sum which they may conclude to accept our commission will be based. Information obtained from or through our office directly or indirectly, entitles us to our commission. Commission is payable upon the contract, sale or exchange of property.

Our rate of commission including advertising is five per cent. upon the consideration price. For exchanging property by full commission will be charged based upon the value given us for purposes of sale. Having had over thirty years practical experience in conveyancing in accordance with the laws existing in the Province of Quebec, intending purchasers of property in this province, can rest assured that their interests will be fully protected, as all conveyances will be made by us or under our personal supervision.

D. THOMAS & Co., Sherbrooke, Que.

N. B. All letters of enquiry must enclose a three cent stamp for return postage.

We can supply Edwards' Desiccated Soup in one pound tins at 40 cents. Each tin represents 7 lbs. of beef and 5 lbs of vegetables and is prepared ready for the table in 15 minutes.

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BEARDS FORCED. Do you want to grow a beard on balding heads, in 30 to 60 days, by "FOLICULAR INDUCTION" latest and greatest achievement of modern science? Most wonderful discovery of the age. Like no other preparation! Scientifically, surely, almost instantaneous in action! Boys will "take it!" Bald heads "balded!" Curious spectators, but positive! \$2.00 Size Free for 30 days to all sending 25 cents to pay charges. Only genuine article in market, and certain to give absolute satisfaction. Address: A von Supply Co., Box 55220, Boston, Mass.

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Try Oxien for Sleeplessness, Nervousness and Loss of Vigor. A powerful tonic and nerve food, restoring exhausted vitality arising from any cause whatever. The trade supplied. Single boxes sent by mail prepaid, on receipt of 40 cents. D. Thomas & Co., General Agents for the Province of Quebec.

Why, whats the matter? Your teeth do chatter, Your feet are wet, I say. Just put them, Pat, On that door mat, And chat, and Chat-away. Use Chattaway's combined door mat and scraper, \$1.25 each.

For The Land We Live In.

Tales Around the Camp Fire. No. 2.

By CAPTAIN CHAS. A. J. FARRAR.

Sitting around the camp-fire on the shore of Sturdivant Cove, at the head of Umbagog Lake, one evening a number of years ago, the Colonel proposed that we should shorten the time that would intervene before retiring, by story telling, and that each member should relate some episode in his life. 'That's a good idea, Colonel,' replied the Judge, and as the Captain very kindly gave us a lead from his experience the other evening, we shall be pleased to hear you spin a yarn to-night.' 'Yes, Colonel,' added the Schoolmaster in the party, your proposition is a good one. Don't be afraid to back it up. Therefore we look to you to entertain us to-night, and you may as well begin at once.' And the paragon, having delivered himself of his opinion in the decided way in which he was in the habit of addressing his scholars, settled back on the pile of cedar boughs on which he reclined, into an easier position, and prepared to listen, again puffing away at his pipe, and sending large wreaths of smoke circling upward into illimitable space.

'When I made the proposition I did not expect to take the initiative,' answered the Colonel, looking at his friends with a quiet smile, 'but if you say so I suppose I must.'

'You are in for it, Colonel, go ahead,' added the Doctor, as he threw several sticks on the fire to increase the fading light.

The Colonel sat quiet and thought for a few minutes, running over in his mind the events of his past life, and then began.

'I suppose that at some period in his life every man has a narrow escape from death, and my life has not been an exception, for at one time I came very near slipping off this mortal coil, without having a voice in the matter.'

'Ah,' said the Doctor, 'we are to have a war reminiscence.'

'You are wrong, Doctor,' corrected the Colonel, laughing, 'my war stories have all been worn thread bare; and the events I am about to relate happened several years before the rebellion, when I was a young man in my twenties.'

'When you was young and foolish,' suggested the Judge, poking his friend in the ribs.

'I will plead guilty to being young at the time, but whether foolish or not my story shall decide.'

'At the time of which I speak, I was traveling in the Western States as an Insurance Agent for the C— Fire Insurance Company of New York.'

'And they fired you out on a trip once in a while, broke on the pedagogue.'

'No interruptions,' exclaimed the one merchant in the party, who had sat quietly listening all the while.

'On this particular day,' resumed the Colonel, 'I was in the Western part of the State of M—. About seven o'clock that evening, after riding hard all day, I pulled up before a large log cabin that stood a short distance from the road. Leaping from my horse, and fastening him to a post hard by, I went up to the house and knocked at the door. My signal was answered by a dark, coarse-featured, repulsive looking man, apparently about forty years of age. I respectfully inquired my whereabouts, and how far it was to the next village, for, to tell the truth, I had lost my way, and was in a state of bewildering uncertainty as to where I then was.'

'Guess it's about ten miles, stranger,' was the reply, 'but I think 'twill rain before you get thar. Just look at the clouds yonder!'

I glanced at the heavens, and there, sure enough, was a mass of murky, ominous looking clouds scudding through the sky.

'My business had occupied my thoughts so much during my ride, that I had not

taken particular notice of the weather, and I was greatly surprised to notice the sudden atmospherical change that had taken place.

'You had better stop with me to-night, stranger,' resumed my would-be host, 'for it will be a bad night to be out, a tremendous tough storm 'cordin' to my way o' thinkin'. My accommodations ain't quite so good as you'll find at the village, but you're welcome to such as they are.'

I hardly knew whether it was best for me to remain or not, for up in my person I had some five thousand dollars, which I was somewhat distrustful of the man's honesty—his appearance being by no means attractive—might prove so in case of a crime. It was a wild, dreary looking place where the cabin was located, far away from any other settlement, and seeming, to my eyes, a fitting place for deeds of darkness.

I was suspicious—I always am of strangers—and I had half resolved to mount my steed and brave the tempest, when a sharp flash of lightning, and the reverberation of distant thunder, assured me the storm was close at hand, and I decided to stay.

'Saying that he would care for my horse, the man desired me to enter the house, where I would find his wife, who would render me such services as I might wish.

'Valise in hand I entered.

'Ye imps of purgatory! of all the vile, hideous looking bags on which my eyes ever rested, that man's wife was the culmination, but it would have required the pencil of a Dore to have delineated her features in all their classic ugliness.

'This specimen of humanity had an expression that denoted even to the most casual observer, an amount of latent evil, but seldom found in a human being. Perhaps her appearance prejudiced me against her; at any rate I resolved to be wary, and trust not implicitly to her tokens of friendship, should she proffer any.'

'Didn't feel inclined to mash her, did you, Colonel?' laughed the Doctor.

'No, he felt inclined to smash her,' put in the Judge, quickly.

Without noticing the interruption the Colonel continued.

'Previous to my entering the cabin, the man, upon whose hospitality I was thus, as it were, thrust, had remarked that as his wife was somewhat deaf, I should have to exert myself to make her hear.

'The furniture of the apartment was in keeping with its occupants. A table standing uncasily upon three legs, two or three dilapidated chairs, a trunk or chest in one corner, and fragment of a looking glass, completed the visible portion of the furniture of the establishment.

'As I did not feel much like talking, especially to a deaf person, I sat still and watched the old woman get supper.

'Just as it was ready in came my host with my saddle-bags. I told him to put them on the floor, and asked him if he had taken care of my horse properly.

'He replied in the affirmative, and after he had doffed his jacket and hat asked me to sit down to supper.

'By this time it had begun to rain, and it poured down as if the fountains of heaven were opened. While we were eating supper the man asked me my name, where I was from last, and many other questions.

'When we had finished the repast, I looked at my watch and found it was almost nine o'clock, and as I was greatly fatigued, I asked my host to show me to my room.

'Lighting a candle, he led the way into a wash room, where I followed him, having first taken my saddle-bags and valise.

'After entering the room, he said 'you'll have to sleep in the loft overhead, as myself and the old woman uses this place.'

'A ladder led to the loft overhead. We ascended this primitive stairway, opened the trap-door, and stepped into the loft. My host set down the candle, and with a short 'good night,' immediately retired, closing the trap-door as he descended the ladder.

'For a moment after he had departed I stood irresolute, the aspect of things looked dubious. I could not understand why the blood rushed through my system with such velocity, or why a feeling so near akin to fear disturbed my whole being. It was very much such a feeling as I experienced on the eve of my first battle while in the army.

'I glanced around the gloomy apartment. The accommodations for sleeping were not of the best. Such as they were, however, I was forced to content myself with, and wearied and tired I endeavored to compose myself to sleep. Notwithstanding my resolve to maintain a strict vigilance over the movements of those below me, I soon lost consciousness, my head resting upon the valise containing my money. I may have slept for hours—the exact time I had no means of determining—I only know that after a restless, broken slumber, in which visions of evil constantly haunted me, I awoke from my rest. My candle had expired, all was darkness within the attic. The rain still pattered upon the roof with a dull, dismal murmur, while great drops would find their way in upon me. All seemed dreary; the dreariness of death; nothing to relieve the monotony of the hour.

'Suddenly beneath me I heard a movement, then voices, and then I could distinguish my host and her he called his wife, in conversation. I listened intently, not with the idea of eaves dropping, but with an intense conviction that I was the subject of their conversation. Every respiration of my lungs was made carefully. I dared not breathe. Doubt, uncertainty, apprehension, all crowded at once upon my mind. I am not a nervous or excitable man; but the equivocal situation in which I was placed made the great, beaded drops of perspiration start to my forehead.

'He's got money, Nan, and we can just split his weazen same as the others,' uttered the man in a cold, reckless, blood-thirsty manner.

'Same as the others,' I mentally soliloquized, ah, then I am not the first one.

'Spouse ye'll knife him then,' responded the deaf woman, in an indifferent manner, while it occurred to me that her hearing had grown wonderfully acute in a few hours.

'I alters does my jobs up right,' was the business like answer.

'There's no doubt but that he's the Insurance Agent?'

'None at all; I tracked him from C—, and should have drawn his claret afore, but sumthin' seemed alters to prevent.'

'A cold shiver ran over me, as I realized that the shadow of death had hung over me for many hours.

'Five thousand dollars, you said?' musingly queried the woman, as it calculating the magnitude of the sum.

'Yes, I'm sure of it.'

'Then,' and her words were fearfully emphatic, 'I wyl knife him!'

'A mist appeared to enshroud my brain, a haze came over my faculties, as I heard the man answer as decidedly:

'I shall do it!'

'While I was startled at the summary manner in which they had determined to dispose of me, I could not help congratulating myself on my ability to defeat their plans. As quietly as possible I rose from my couch and examined my pistols. They were loaded, capped, and ready for use.

'Then I anxiously awaited farther demonstrations.

'A moment or two later I heard steps ascending the ladder, and then the trap door was gently raised, cautiously it was opened wide. Then I heard a body creeping stealthily along toward my bed. I nerved myself up and awaited the result. The storm had suddenly ceased, and the silence was painful. At that moment a ray of moon light shone in through a crack in the roof, while simultaneously the villain raised his knife, and then with the muscular force of a brawny arm it descended into—the bed clothes, at that instant I discharged my pistol at

my would be murderer. A groan, a brief struggle, and all was over. Descending into the lower apartment I found it unoccupied. The croon, hearing the report of my pistol, had fled, whither I knew not; and from that day to this I have never heard what became of her.

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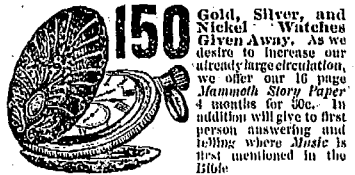
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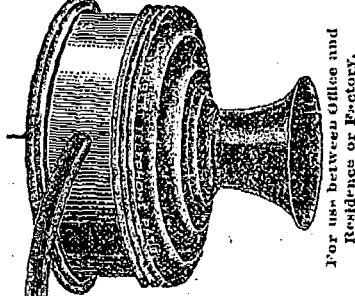
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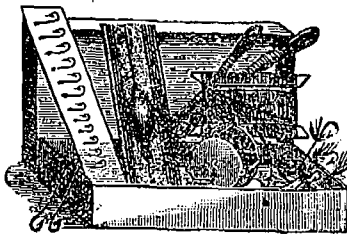
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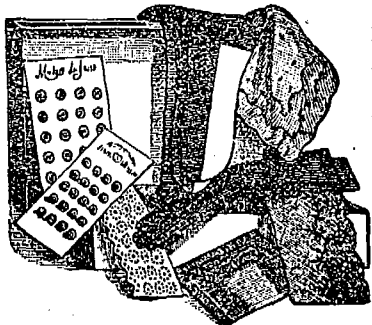


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