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## Who Comes There?

Business connected with the firm of which I was junior partner compelled me to visit San Francisco. On the train was a tall, soldierly

appearing man, whose acquaintance I made. He told me of an adven. ture he had.

It was a personal adventure, and the gentleman, an officer of the army, would not care to see his name in print.

"It was during the Mexican war, when I was a sub in a cavalry regiment, that I found myself on duty at Vera Cruz. Tempted by the high mountains in the vicinity, the Leautiful scenery, and above all the superb hunting, I sallied forth early one morning accompanied by no one save my Newfoundland dog.

"I was an ardent sportsman, my double-barrelled gun worked to a charm, and not until the deepening shades of evening, accompanied by an unmistakable growl of thunder, did I give a thougat to the flight of time or the importance of retracing my steps to the city.

"It was about the time that the bloodthirsty and cowardly Canales had ordered every Mexican to join the army and commanded that no quarter should be granted to the hated Americans.

"I had not anticipated danger from the enemy, unless it might be in the shape of some small bands of guerrillas lurking amid the mountain gorges, actuated more by the hope of plunder than by patriotic motives.

"I will not attempt to say how aid not come, and, watching my chance in the lulls of the tempest, I many thousand feet I was above the level of the sea, but I found the elecontinued my perilous course. vation sufficient even for the tried and practiced nerves of a seamen, eaven had been opened, and the had he been placed in my position." scourging wind sweeping with ter-

me.

The water was already up to my

maddening whirl.

the bank.

torrent.

ning meal, and a dozen men-tall, abating. strapping fellows, were radiating

from the main body in different directions to perform the duty of sentinels. One in particular was making for that tumble dowed ranch which the friendly clump of wide-spread-

ing limbs, in hopes possible to partially escape the first gusts of wind and rain which had begun to sweep knocked resolutely at the door. about the mountain.

Dropping my fowling-piece, and bidding my noble dog to shift for weapon. himself. I swung myself over the precipice, clinging to the network

tain."

of vines, which shook and complained beneath my feet. The darkness had increased with astonishing rapidity, and as I swung over that rayless void I found it impossible to pierce the gloom. I

heard the short, sharp howl of my dog as he darted off in search of me; then, amid the rush of the squall,

came the confused shouts of men, manded : rolling in the vast expanse above

Depending principally upon the strength and endurance of my arms, carefully and cautiously felt my way along the verge of the precipice, working in the direction of the gully, which, once gained, promised to afford me the means of escape from the dangers which encompass-

ed me. Broad sheets of lightning lit up with dazzling distinctness the fearful scene, bringing out every undu. lation of the rocks, every crevice emergency. and blade of grass, and once, when I had found a slight support for my feet, and was giving my aching arms

a rest, I glanced above amid the yellow glare of the lightning and be\_ ter held the fierce, dark-whiskered face of a Mexican peering over the brink his eyes apparently fastened upon me as I hung suspended and flattened against the cliff but a few feet below him, while the electricity twisted and writh c, like tongues The gleam of fire-arms, as they lay of infernal serpents, around the muzzle of his carbine.

It was a trying moment, my friend, a situation well calculated to inspire a feeling of terror in the boldest. But whether it was rain

which was falling fn torrents, and driving futiously before the gale, or the glare of the lightning, which prevented the lancer from discover. ing me. I am unable to say. At all events 1 escaped his notice, the shot

sleepers had aroused themselves, and were in deep earnest consultation with the gentleman whom I had first accosted. It seemed as if the floodgates of Straining my cars to the utmost I could manage to catch occasional

was in possession of the coveted corper, with a rifle to my shoulder. I was unarmed ; the only weapon I had sallied forth with had been looking them grimly in the face. abandoned on the edge of the preci- while my dog, his hair bristling pice, previous to my attempting the with rage, stood bravely beside me, perilous passage. I felt my heart displaying his fangs to the engaged beat faster as I neared the door of gaze of the greasy four.

"Knife them, lads, before they loomed up, a huge, shapeless mass, are atop of us. Put him out of sight, or we'll all swing, but not one amid the gloom and solitude of that of them sti red. "That dark, death-dealing rifle wild spot. A moment's hesitation and barrel had a wonderfully tranguil-"Queiro vive!" (who comes izing effect.

"Curses on ye !" shouted the there) and I heard the click of a leader, foaming with rage, as he "I am an American," I replied, bitterly, in English. "A United dashed forward, knife in hand. "Are you all afraid of the Yankee ? States officer, who has lost his way I let him in here, and this knife in the side of this cursed mounshall give him permission to leave."

"Perhaps the villian expected to "With a jerk the door was thrown shake my nerves and cause me to back on its rosty hinges, revealing throw away my shot, but I never the figure of a man of brawny pro- felt firmer, more determined, in my felt firmer, more determined, in my portions, armed to the teeth, and of life.

I covered his left breast with the most villainous aspect." "He held a flaring torch on high, sight of the weapon, and with the the uncertain light of which fell report the scoundrel fell headlong across his scarred and scowling vis- to the floor.

age. Keenly and deliberately he scanned the torn and tattered re- remaining three rushed upon me, a staggling shot or two mingled mains of my uniform ; then, in a but were met by the dog, who burwith the crash of the heavy artillery voice harsh and growling, he de- ied his teeth in the flesh of one of

them. "What do you want here; and "I remember striking out with how many of you are there " my clubbed rifle, of parrying with "I replied in the best Spanish rapid thrusts, and cheering on the could master that I was alone and dog, when, by some means, in the

repeated my doleful story of being melee, a horn or canister of powder lost in the storm must have fallen amid the red-hot At that moment, to my surprise embers of the fire.

and astonishment, my faithful New-"It exploded with tremendous foundland, who, by some keen inviolence, blowing off the roof of the stinct of his nature, had succeeded house, sending the walls asunder, in scenting me, burst from the sur- and hurling me to one side, halfrounding obscurity, testifying his suffocated and nearly insensible.

oy by leaping upon me and baying "When I fully realized what was in his deep, powerful tones. passing about me my own troops It was a welcome purprise to me. were removing the debris from my I felt that I had one friend upon limbs, and the Newfoundland was whom I could rely in case of an licking my face.

"It was as I supposed, a party The man's appearance was indicasent out in search of my unfortutive of a mixtured ferocity and cun- nate self, and they were returning ning, while his eye, wild and unset- from a bootless search, when the tled, lit up with an expression I report of a rifle, followed by an could not fathom, as he bade me en- explosion and the glare of flames, attracted their attention.

"Of course, my friends, we made Strange forebodings filled my short work of the three miscreants heart as I gazed about the recesses who were dragged forth from the of the hovel. It was almost bare of burning wreck. They howled vigfurniture, save a table and two broken chairs. A fire blazed cherily in orously for mercy, but that was not to be thought of in their case. A the fire place, before which were swing from the nearest bough stretched three dark forms, wrapped terminated their career, and I rode back to Vera Cruz with my mind firmly made up that, during the piled in a corner, did not escape my remainder of the campaign, nothing attention ; and you may depend I should ever attempt me to wander did not feel the easiest in my mind alone among the hills of Mexico in as I drew up before the fire, with quest of game."

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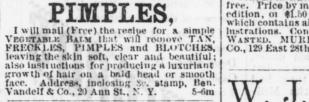
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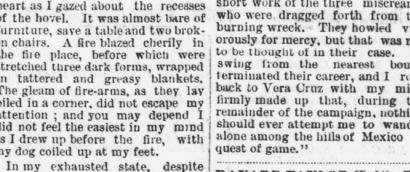


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"I did not fancy a wet jacket, and whistling for my dog, an animal to which I was warmly attached. I was on the point of retracing my steps down the rough mountain road, when the jingling of spurs and accountrements, the trampling of horses. and the hoarse word of command was sufficient for me to draw back into a tall tuft of grass and Spanish bayonet growing beside me.

The dog crouched at my feet, growling ominously, as if conscious of the danger his master was in, and faith, I did not much like the situation I found myself compelled to face.

that made me grip desperately to A number of Mexican lancers whatever projection I could find were before me preparing to bivouac along the side of the ravine. for the night, and my retreat down the road was out of question.

"High, precipitous rocks hemmed me in on three sides, through which the road I had traveled had been originally cut. The outlet was now in possession of the lancers, while in front of me the steep side of the mountain, verging almost on to a precipice, sloped toward the city.

"To remain where I was would be only to court death, a nameless fate, an unknown grave for discovery was certain to follow when the sentinels should be posted.

"Cautiously I examined the smooth sides of the precipice, covered here and there by a network of vines, clinging to the crevices and wreck of a tree, with the roots still rifts in the rock for its uncertain life. Further on I beheld a dark, irregular line disappearing in the murky depths below. I strained my eyes to the utmost, for the gloom of night and the mists of the storm, which threatened every moment to burst above my head enveloped all objects in darkness and uncertainty.

But for once fortune favored me, and I never laid claim to being a favorite to the fickle jade. The dark line proved to be a deep, dry gully, the channel of some mountain stream long since dried up.

Bathow to reach the friendly cover ? That was the question which til a faint glimmer of a light streampuzzled me.

was a welcome sight, and, prisoner A sudden com notion among the guyly-trappel gentry behind me or no prisoner, I made up my mind s on decide 1 my course of action. to risk life and liberty. and demand They turned for an instant toward They had kindled a small camp- shelter from the terrible strom, tire, were about to cook their eye- which still raged, but gave signs of [

fragments of sentences as they dropped from the lips of the four comrific violence around the mountain, rades, who were as promising candidates for the gallows as I ever which I gained with the utmost difcare to meet again under like cirficulty, oftentimes threatening to cumstances. The howl and gush of the gale -

my dog coiled up at my feet.

fell upon my ear, and cautiously re

connoitring from beneath the visor

had ceased, but the occasional patter of rain drops falling from the I had but little strength to spare leaves and root of the ranch proved that the rain had but recently pass-

Do you notice the glitter of those buttons? remarked one of the The earth yielded beneath my feet, four.

and and pebbles swirled by, and "Curse the buttons !" broke in rising above the crash of the ele. another, fiercely; "of what value ments, I heard the increasing roar are they ? It's the glitter of gold I like to see ; and we have already of some unknown torrent, as it wasted to much valuable time. swelled and gathered force for above for one say kill him. If the Yan-

kee dog had a dozen lives they Nerved on by the strength of deshould all be forfeited. He has come here masked ; he shall not spair, I rushed down the steep dedepart so easily." clivity, reckless as to where my feet

"Hush, Juan ; you are too hasty. might wander. Completely blinded The question is will it pay better to between the mingled glare of the dispose of him ourselves and share lightning and the intense darkness the plunder, or take him to Canales ? He might come down handthat followed each flash, I stumbled some, Suppose the fellow should on, feeling that every moment my prove an officer of importance ?" steps were becoming unsteadier.

"Bah ! You talk like a fool. Do you not see he is too young to have knees, and rushing by with a force gained any importance? As for Canales, Carajo I You will get nothing for your pains from him."

"All this I heard distinctly, and much more which is unnecessary to

The inexorable water rose yet fasrepeat. That my life was doomed wat beyond all doubt ; but I was ter, and the anger of the tempest not disposed to make a vacancy in grew wilder still. My strengtb and the corps without a struggle, and even faculties were failing fast, my especially after undergoing what I feet were lifted from beneath me, had in escaping from the lancers.

"I felt the blood coursing through and quicker than thought I was my veins with renewed vigor as rushing helplessly along, enveloped looked the situation square in the amid the spray and foam of that face. My brain grew clearer as the imminece of the peril I was in grew I think I must have lost myself

more apparent. The dying embers of the fire emfor a moment, but awakened amid mitted fitful gleams which fell the darkness and roaring waters, across the polished arms of the nearly strangled to death. Another scoundrels, piled promiscuously to-

instant and I was whirled heavily gether in the corner of the ranch. against some yielding object. I At that moment, and as I was casting wistful glances at a carbine. rallied my strength for a final efthe beetle browed rascal who had fort. The next flash revealed the lighted me into the den glided across the floor, slipping a stout bar clinging tenaciously to the side of across the door.

"Now, boys, finish the job, and then share alike," were the words I I drew myself out of the rush of heard. the current, and crawled to a firm

"Every nerve in my body jarred foothold on the shelving bank of the the blood rushed back to my heart

as the decisive moment arrived. Up The cool rain revived me. The to that time I had not stirred or terrible strain upon my nervous syschanged my position, leading the scoundrels to count on an easy victem had robbed me to a great extory, no doubt. The odds were tent of the strength and vitality na- fearfully against me, and as the four tural to my strong constitution: turned their wolfish eyes in my direction, the clear, ringing notes of But my power of endurance was a bagle came rising and falling, great. I stumbled forward, feeling filling the air with its melody.

my way amid the debris of fallen "A wild cry of joy burst involuntrees, pit holes and huge rocks, all tarily from my lips, a thrill of hope scattered promiseuously about on pervaded my whole being, as I listthe steep side of the mountain, unened. It came from my own gallant lads-a detachment sent out in all probability in search for their ed tremulously across my path. It missing officer.

My four friends here paused, uncertain and undecided how to act. the door, leaving me to take advantage of their stupidity. When they again confronted me I



