

OUR SERIAL

HIS EXPERIENCE.

Not long ago I seen a show An' heard a feller pop. He talked a heap, seemed like he'd keep Right on an' never stop.

I didn't low to her as how My buzzon hotly burned; I only sat an' watched her pat The better she'd just churned.

A Daughter of the Sioux

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CHAPTER XII.—CONTINUED.

Then followed a thrilling battle for life—two red enemies now enrolled against the blue. "Fight fire with fire" is the old rule of the prairie.



"BOTH HANDS! BOTH HANDS!" HE CRIED, AS WIELDING HIS FOLDED BLANKET, HE SMOTE THE FRINGE OF FLAME.

perate work to try to check one when to the fires of nature are added the furious blaze of hostile arms, every rifle sighted by savage, vengeful foe.

For answer, the sergeant by his side went plunging down, face foremost, and little Trooper Denny, rushing to aid his young officer in the effort to raise the stricken man, as suddenly loosed his hold and, together again, these two sworn comrades of many a campaign lay side by side, as they had lain in camp and bivouac all over the wide frontier, and poor Denny could only gasp a loyal word of warning to his officer.

"Get back, sir; for God's sake, get back!" ere the life blood came gushing from his mouth. Bending low, Field grabbed the faithful fellow in his strong arms and, calling to the nearest men to look to Wing, bore his helpless burden back through stifling smoke clouds; laid him on the turf at the foot of a cottonwood, then ran again to the perilous work of fighting the flame, stumbling midway over another prostrate form.

snake and flame, a safeguard to the beleaguered command worth all the soldier sacrifice it cost. In grand and furious sweep, the scourge of the prairie sent its destroying line across the wide level to the south of the sheltering grove, but in the blood and sweat of the heroic men the threatening flames of the windward side had sputtered out.

"Field, old boy," said Ray, with brimming eyes, as he knelt and clasped the hand of the bleeding lad, while the Sioux fell back in wrath and dismay from the low-aimed, vengeful fire of the fighting line, "this means the Medal of Honor for you, if word of mine can fetch it!"

CHAPTER XIII.

To say the Sioux were furious at the failure of their second attempt would be putting it far too mildly. The fierce charge from the northward side, made under cover of the blinding smoke sent drifting by the gale across the level flats, had been pushed so close that two red braves and half a dozen ponies had met their death within 60 paces of the rifle pits.

With their eyelids blistered by heat and smoke, Ray's silent, determined little band could see nothing of the coming force, yet knew relief was nigh; for, close at hand, both east and west, large bodies of the enemy could be seen swift riding away to the north.

But their losses had been cruel. Three killed outright; three dying and eight more or less severely wounded had reduced their fighting strength to nearly 30. The guards of the sorrels, herded in the stream bed, had all they could do to control the poor, frightened creatures, many of them hit, several of them felled, by the plunging fire from the hill sides.

"Send six of your men over to the south front, sergeant," were Ray's orders to Winsor, as he hurried over to join Clayton again. "They may try one final charge from that side, and give us a chance to empty a few more saddles." Creeping and crouching through the timber, the chosen men obeyed, and were assigned to

stations under Clayton's eye. The precaution was wise, indeed, for, just as the captain foresaw, a rally in force began far out over the southward slopes, the Indians gathering in great numbers about some chieftain midway between the coming force and the still beleaguered defenders of the grove.

only feebly smile his thanks and reassurance, and then, he, too, seemed floating away somewhere into space, and he could not manage to connect what Webb had been saying with the next words that fastened on his truant senses. It must have been hours later, too, for darkness had settled on the valley. A little fire was burning under the shelter of the bank. A little group of soldiers were chatting in low tone, close at hand. Among them, his arm in a sling, stood a stocky little chap whose face, seen in the flickering light, was familiar to him.

"To hell with ye!" was the vehement answer. "D'ye think I'd be maudlin here wid the whole command gone on after thim bloody Sioux? I've made my mark on wan o' thim, an' he's the buck I'm after."

"Your heart's safe, Kennedy. I wish your head was. Your past master in blasphemy out there won't eat it, at all events."

"Shure, I niver knew him, sorr," was the quick reply, as Blake's long, lean leg swung over the big charger's back and the rider settled in saddle.

Philanthropy and "business" are rather curiously related in the minds of some people, suggested by an anecdote of a Maine farmer. He lived at Cape Elizabeth, and when he went to Portland he invariably favored certain friends with samples of his produce.

"Why don't you give those eggs to some poor family?" "O-ho," said Mr. Lufkin, "poor people can't afford to eat eggs at this time of year! Eggs is high!"—Lewiston Journal.

"Secret for Secret." In the days of Louis XIV. even warriors banded epigrams with one another. The Marchal de Grammont had taken a fortress by siege. "I will tell you a secret," said his military governor, after surrendering. "The reason of my capitulation was that I had no more powder."

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