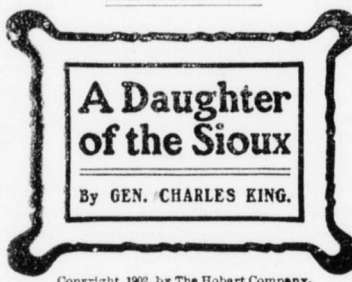




THE OLD HOME CREEK.

If I could have my way
You bet I'd have, by gings!
Things fixed so ev'ry holiday
Would come around in Spring!



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CHAPTER XX.

In the hush of the wintry night,
under a leaden sky, with snowflakes
falling thick and fast and mantling
the hills in fleecy white, Webb's

Sergeants Schreiber and Winsor,
the latter borrowed from Ray, far in the
van. Even had the ground been hard
and stony these keen-eyed soldier

For over an hour, Blake followed
the windings of a ravine that grew
closer and steeper as it burrowed
into the hills. Old game trails are as

By this time they were far up
among the pine-fringed heights, with
the broad valley of the Big Horn



HE FOUND SCHREIBER CROUCHING
AT THE FOOT OF A TREE GAZING
WARILY FORWARD.

some dark object by the wayside.
Then they pushed on again. A dead
pony, under a quarter inch coverlet

And just at dawn, so gray and wan
and pallid it could hardly be told
from the pale moonlight of the earlier

short distance, downward through a
hollow or depression; while, up the
mountain side to the left, the north,

The snowfall had ceased for a time.
The light was growing broader every
moment, and presently a soft whistle

"Five miles, sir, at least; yet some
three or four Indians have turned off
here and gone—somewhere up there."

They were crawling to him by this
time, Blake and Schreiber, among the
stunted cedars that grew thickly

"Worth every hour of watch and
mile of climb!" muttered Blake. "But
it's Indians, not scenery, we're after."

"If the major got there first, sir—
and I believe he did—they have to
send the prisoners and wounded back

"Then we've got 'em!" broke in
Schreiber, low-toned, but exultant.
"Look, sir," he added, as he pointed

From the wooded height 1,000 yards
away, curious little puffs of smoke,
one following another, were sailing

and presently the muscles about his
mouth began to twitch—sure sign
with Blake of gathering excitement.

"You're right, sergeant," he presently
spoke, repressing the desire to
shout, and striving, lest Winsor

Six-hfty of a glorious, keen November
morning, and 60 troopers of the
old regiment were distributed along

During the Crimean war a Scotch
officer was appointed to command a
regiment recruited in Glasgow, Scot-

"Well, orderly," said he, "how
many of the men favored the adop-

"Only two, sir."
"Only two? Well, I am glad I have
at least two good Highlanders in my

"Did you ever hear of such nerve?"
"What now, Jennie?"
"Why, I gave the janitor one of
your old smoking jackets and what

halt the moment they see our tracks!
Get 'em alive, if possible!" were
Blake's rapid orders, for his eyes

"Who-oop!" All in a second the
mountain woke, the welkin rang, to
a yell of warning from the lips of the

Chill and darkness and shrouding
vapour vanished all in a breath as he
rose, dominant over countless leagues

Where then was Nanette?
[To Be Continued.]

AN ANCIENT JURY.

One That Was Sent to Prison and
Bound Over to Be of Good
Behavior.

In olden times, when a jury in Eng-
land remained impervious to the
judge's gentle mode of persuasion,

A judge had fined a jurymen for
non-attendance. On hearing that he
had been unable to be present be-

Two Good Highlanders.

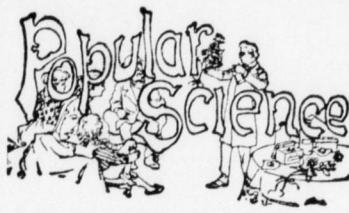
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MEDICAL INVENTIONS.

Machinery Now Plays an Important
Part in the Treatment of Pa-
tients in Hospitals.

Hospital patients can now be nursed
by machinery. An inventor has re-
cently patented an ingenious little ma-

A wound-stitching machine is the in-
vention of another doctor named
Michel. It works very much more

A most curious invention is that of
Dr. Coakley for stimulating a weak
heart. It consists of a hollow needle

Increase in American Exports.
In 11 years British manufactured ex-
ports have decreased 3.5 per cent.,

Our Enormous Apple Crop.
The crop of apples this year is esti-
mated at 48,000,000 barrels, which is

AMMUNITION SAVER.

Swedish Military Inventor's Device
for Target Practice Without
Powder or Ball.

The raw recruit may now be perfected
in target practice without wasting any
ammunition or exposing himself and



DUMMY GUN TARGET PRACTICE.

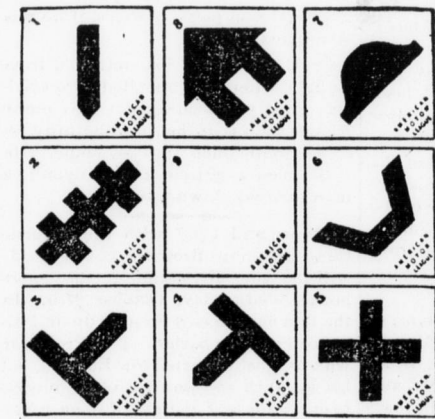
the gun is aimed directly at the target,
the pointer registers with a bull's eye
mark at the center of a glass disk on

Mesaaba Range Iron Ore.
The shipments of iron ore last year
from the Mesaaba range were 23 per cent.

Our Enormous Apple Crop.
The crop of apples this year is esti-
mated at 48,000,000 barrels, which is

Motor League Warning Signs.

THE American Motor league has
devised a series of warning signs
to be put up at points along



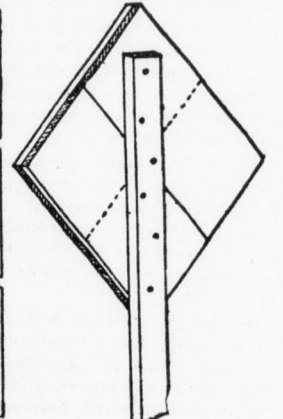
fewest marks possible. Each sign is
made of heavy enamelled sheet
steel, with black figures on white

"DIRECTIONS: Plane your board
and cut in lengths of 30 inches, 4
lengths for a 15-inch board or 6 lengths

the highway, the presence of a crowd
or assemblage of people immediately
ahead, or any other condition requiring

To enable automobilists at points
distant from league headquarters to
put up signs of wood, the league has

"MATERIALS NEEDED: One
board 15 1/2 feet long by 10 inches wide,



1 inch thick, free from knots and other
hurtful defects; one stout post 14 feet
long and not less than 5x5 in dimen-

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and cut in lengths of 30 inches, 4
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