

DEAD AND ALIVE.

A WOODCHURCHER'S STORY.

"Boys, I never swear now. Haven't used an oath since I was dead." "He was a tall, one-eyed man, wearing a broad brimmed hat and red flannel shirt. He sat on the railing of the bridge, whistling, and talking to three or four others standing by.

seemed to take me back to the time when I wasn't so bad as I am now. "I tried with all the force I could, but I felt that some one was turning the screws of the collar, and after a while the cover was taken off."

"I would rather die a thousand times over than go through the horrible suffering of that affair again. There I was dead and going to be buried, and so near alive that I knew what was going on. Boys, you may talk, but there is nobody in this world that thinks so much of you as your mother. You can't imagine my feeling—"

"After a while I could feel that my mother had stopped crying; then I thought she might have fainted. I never was much in the praying line, but if ever any one made a strong try to call on God for assistance, I did then. I could feel my mother's soft hand on my head. I made one strong effort to rouse myself, and finally I broke the spell and looked up.

"My mother fainted, but help soon came, and after taking some medicine and doctor's stuff, I was able to think freely and breathe again.

"In a little while I was well again, with an exception of an ugly scar on the back of my neck.

"The doctors said I had a narrow escape. My spinal chord, they said, had been struck by the branch of the tree and I was as good as dead. It was a miracle that I was brought to. They had a good deal to say about paralyzing my nervous system and stopping my circulation, and all that; but at my rate I got well.

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