

hat cools the upland air and moistens and sensitive though selfish heart was he bunch grass that has been bleach- breaking. ng all day in the fierce rays of the sum-ner sun, a little column of infantry is taken a sheet of paper from his pocket

and toilsome has been the march; hot, rising moon. One letter was short and lusty and parching the day. Halts have easily written, for, with a few words, seen few and far between, and every he had brought it to a close, then foldnau, from the colonel down, is coated ed and in a bold and vigorous hand adwith a gray mask of powdered alkali, dressed it. The other was far longer, the contribution of a two hours' tramp and over this one, thinking deeply, through Dead Man's canyon just before | erasing some words and poudering much the sun went down. Now, however, over others, he spent a long hour. It they have been especially cautioned to they are climbing the range. The mor- was nearly midnight, and he was chilled tow will bring them to the broad and to the heart when he stiftly rose and back along the trail. They spring to beautiful valley of the Spirit Wolf, and took his way among the blanketed there they must have news. Officers and groups to the campfire, around which men are footsore and weary, but no one so many of his wearied comrades were begs for rest. Colonel Maynard, riding sleeping the sleep of the tired soldier. ahead on a sorry back he picked up at Here he tore to fragments and scattered the station two days' long march behind in the embers some notes and letters them, is eager to reach the springs at that were in his pockets. They blazed Forest Glade before ordering bivounc up brightly, and by the glare he stood for the night. A week agone no one one moment studying young Rollins' who saw him at Sablon would have smooth and placid features. Then he thought the colonel fit for a march like looked around on the unconscious circle this, but he seems rejuvenate. His head of bronzed and bearded faces. There is high, his eye as bright, his bearing were many types of soldier there-men as full of spirit as man's could possibly who had led brigades through the great be at 60, and the whole regiment cheered | war and gone back to the humble bars him when he caught the column at of the line officer at its close; men who Omaha. A talk with Chester and Ar- had led fierce charges against the swarmmitage seemed to have made a new man | ing Indians in the rough old days of of him, and tenight he is full of an en- the first prairie railways; men who had ergy that inspires the entire command. | won distinction and honorable mention Though they were farther away than in hard and trying frontier service; men many other troops ordered to the scene, who had their faults and foibles and the fact that their station was on the weaknesses like other men and were agrailway, and that they could be sent by gressive or compliant, strong willed or special trains to Omaha and thence to yielding, overbearing or meek, as are the west, enabled them to begin their their brethren in other walks of life; rescue march ahead of all the other foot men who were simple in heart, single troops and behind only the powerful in purpose and ambition, diverse in command of cavalry that was whirled characteristics, but unanimous in one to the scene the moment the authorities | trait—no meanness could live among woke up to the fact that it should have been sent in the first place. Old May-him, colder, lower, stonier than before, nard would give his very ears to get to as he looked from face to face and cast Thornton's corral ahead of them, but up mentally the sum of each man's the cavalry has 36 hours' start and four | character. legs to two. Every moment he looks His hospitality had been boundless, ahead expectant of tidings from the his bounty lavish; one and all they had front that shall tell him the ---th eaten of his loaf and drunk of his cup. were there and the remnant rescued. but was there among them one who heels come together with a click, the Even then, he knows, he and his long could say of him, "He is generous, and gauntleted hand rises in soldierly salute springfields will be needed. The cavalry | I stand his friend?" Was there one of | to the broad brim of the sconting hat, can fight their way in to the succor of them, one of theirs, for whom he had and a deep voice answers respectfully: the besieged, but once there will be ever denied himself a pleasure, great or

o'clock when, high up on the rolling betrothed and that the engagement was he had indicated far more than he had openly announced—made no difference. said.

Without being able to analyze his conduct, the regiment was satisfied that Nina Beaubien that night, and hope it had been selfish and contemptible, and that was enough to warrant giving him the cold shoulder. He was quick to see and take the hint and in bitter distress of mind to withdraw himself from their companionship. He had hoped and expected that his eagerness to go with them on the wild and sudden campaign would reinstate him in their good graces, but it failed utterly. "Any man would seek that," was the verdict of the informal council held by the offiif he hadn't sought to go, but while he the garrison were the givers. Then he isn't a poltroon he has done a contemptible thing." And so it stood. Rollins: had cut him dead, refused his hand and that ground. What could have been an denied him a chance to explain. "Tell him he can't explain," was the savage reply he sent by the adjutant, who consented to carry Jerrold's message in order that he might have fair play. 'He knows, without explanation, the wrong he has done to more than one. I won't have anything to do with him."

· Others avoided him and only coldly spoke to him when speech was necessary. Chester treated him with marked aversion; the colonel would not look at him; only Armitage—his captain—had a decent word for him at any time, and even he was stern and cold. The most envied and careless of the entire command, the Adonis, the beau, the crack shot, the graceful leader in all garrison now in his self abnegation and misery gayeties, the beautiful dancer, rider, he did not fully realize how mean he

tennis player, the adored of so many Under the cloudless heavens, under the sentimental women at Sibley, poor Jertarlit skies, blessing the grateful dew rold had found his level, and his proud

winging steadily youthward. Long case and was writing by the light of the denly up over a distant ridge—horse-

themselves surrounded and too few in | small? He looked at poor old Gray, with | numbers to begin aggressive move- his wrinkled, anxious face, and thought with dispatches." ments. He and his will indeed be wel- of his distress of mind. Only a few was aching with its first cruel sorrowbarely waiting to quench their thirst in ish greed for adulation, his reckless the cooling waters, the wearied men roll love of love. The morrow's battle, if themselves in their blankets under the it came, might leave her orphaned and giant trees, and guarded by a few out- alone, and, poor as it was, a father's the question uppermost in his mind. lying pickets are soon asleep. Most of pitying sympathy could not be her help the officers have sprawled around a lit- with the coming year. Would Gray tle fire and are burning their boot mourn him if the fortune of war made leather thereat. The colonel, his adju- him the victim? Would any one of those tant and the doctor are curled up under | averted faces look with pity and regret a tent fly that serves by day as a wrap | upon his stiffening form? Would there for the rations and cooking kit they be any one on earth to whom his death carry on pack mule. Two company would be a sorrow but Nina? Would commanders—the Alpha and Omega of | it even be a blow to her? She loved him the 10, as Major Sloat dubbed them- wildly, he knew that, but would she the senior and junior in rank, Chester | were she to dream the truth? He knew and Armitage by name, have rolled her nature well. He knew how quickly themselves in their blankets under an- such burning love could turn to fiercest other tent fly and are chatting in low hate when convinced that the object was tones before dropping off to sleep. They utterly untrue. He had said nothing to have been inseparable on the journey her of the photograph, nothing at all of thus far, and the colonel has had two or Alice, except to protest time and again three long talks with them, but who that his attentions to her were solely to knows what the morrow may bring win the good will of the colonel's famforth? There is still much to settle. One | ily and of the colonel himself, so that officer, he of the guard, is still afoot | he might be proof against the machinaand trudging about among the trees, tions of his foes. And yet had he not looking after his sentries. Another offi- that very night on which he crossed the cer, also alone, is sitting in silence stream and let her peril her name and smoking a pipe. It is Mr. Jerrold. honor for one stolen interview—had he Cleared though he is of the charges not gone to her exultant welcome with originally brought against him in the a traitorous knowledge gnawing at his minds of his colonel and Captain Ches- heart? That very night, before they ter, he has lost caste with his fellows parted at the colonel's door, had he not and with them. Only two or three men | lied to Alice Renwick, had he not dohave been made aware of the statement | nied the story of his devotion to Miss | which acquitted him, but every one Beaubien, and was not his practiced knows instinctively that he was saved eye watching eagerly the beautiful by Nina Beaubien, and that in accept- dark face for one sign that the news ing his release at her hands he had put was welcome and so precipitate the her to a cruel expense. Every man avowal trembling on his lips that it among his brother officers knows in was her he madly loved-not Nina? some way that he has been acquitted of Though she hurriedly hade him good having compromised Alice Renwick's night, though she was unprepared for fair fame only by an alibi that corre- any such announcement, he well knew spondingly harmed another. The fact that Alice Renwick's heart fluttered at now generally known—that they were | the earnestness of his manner, and that

Fear, not love, had drawn him to had centered on her more beautiful rival when the discoveries of the night involved him in the first trembling symptoms of the downfall to come. And he was to have spent the morning with her, the woman to whom he had lied in word, while she to whom he had lied in word and deed was going from him, not to return until the german, and even then he planzed treachery. He meant to lead with Alice Renwick and claim that it must be with the colo-"He would have been a poltroon | nel's daughter because the ladies of knew Nina would not come at all and possibly might quarrel with him on ea pr solution of his troublous predicament? She would break their secret engagement; he would refuse all reconciliation and be free to devote himself to Alice. But all these grave complications had arisen. Alice would not come. Nina wrote demanding that he should lead with her and that he should meet her at St. Croix, and then came the crash. He owed his safety to her self sacrifice and now must give up all hope of Alice Renwick. He had accepted the announcement of their engagement. He could not do less after all that had happened and the painful scene at their parting. And yet would it not be a blessing to her if he were killed? Even

was-how mean he seemed to others. He resented in his heart what Sloat had said of him but the day before, little caring whather he heard it or not; "It would be a mercy to that poor girl if Jerrold were killed. He will break her heart with neglect or drive her mad with jealousy inside of a year." But the regiment seemed to agree with

And so in all that little band of comrades he could call no man friend. One after another he looked upon the unconscious faces, cold and averted in the oblivion of sleep, but not more cold, not more distratful, this when he had vainly sought among them one relenting glance in the early moonlight that battle eve in bivouae. He threw his arms upward, shook his head, with hopeless gesture, then buried his face in the sleeves of his rough campaign overcoat and strode blindly from their midst.

Early in the morning, an hour before daybreak, the shivering outpost, crouching in a hollow to the southward, catch sight of two dim figures shooting sudmen, they know at a glance-and these two come loping down the moonlit trail over which two nights before had marched the calvary speeding to the rescue, over which in an hour the regiment itself must be on the move. Old campaigners are two of the picket, and be on the lookout for couriers coming their feet, in readiness to welcome or repel, as the sentry rings out his sharp and sudden challenge.

"Couriers from the corral," is the jubilant answer. "This Colonel Maynard's outfit?" "Aye, aye, sonny," is the unmilitary but characteristic answer. "What's

your news?" "Got there in time and saved what's left of 'em, but it's a hell hole, and you fellows are wanted quick as you can

come-30 miles ahead. Where's the The corporal of the guard goes back to the bivouac, leading the two arrivals. One is a scout, a plainsman born and bred, the other a sergeant of cavalry. They dismount in the timber and picket their horses, then follow on foot the lead of their companion of the guard. While the corporal and the scout proceed to the wagon fly and famble at the opening, the tall sergeant stands silently a little distance in their rear, and the occupants of a neighboring shelter—the counterpart of the colonel's-begin to stir, as though their light slumber had been broken by the smothered sound of footsteps. One of them sits up and peers

"That you, Mr. Jerrold? What is the matter?"

out at the front, gazing earnestly at the

tall figure standing easily there in the

flickering light. Then he hails in low

And the tall figure faces promptly toward the hailing voice. The spurred "It is not Mr. Jerrold, sir. It is Sergeant McLeod, ----th cavalry, just in

Armitage springs to his feet, sheds come re-enforcements, and so they thousands-not three years' pay-had his shell of blankets and steps forth inthe veteran scraped and saved and stored to the glade, with his eyes fixed eagerly The moon is up, and it is nearly 10 away for his little girl, whose heart on the shadowy form in front. He peers under the broad brim, as though strivdivide, the springs are reached, and, his work, his undoing, his cursed, self- ing to see the eyes and features of the tall dragoon.

"Did you get there in time?" he asks, half wondering whether that was really



"In time to save the survivors, sir, but no attack will be made until the infantry get there."

"Were you not at Sibley last month?" asks the captain quickly.

"Yes, sir, with the competitors." "You went back before your regimental team, did you not?" "I- No, sir; I went back with

"You were relieved from duty at Sibley and ordered back before them, were you not?

Even in the pallid light Armitage could see the hesitation, the flurry of surprise and distress in the sergeant's

"Don't fear to tell me, man. I would rather hear it than any news you could give me. I would rather know you were not Sergeant McLeod than any fact you could tell. Speak low, man, but tell me here and now. Whatever motive you may have had for this disguise, whatever enger or sorrows in the past, you must sink them now to save the honor of the women your madness has periled. Answer me, for your sister's sake. Are you not Fred Renwick?"

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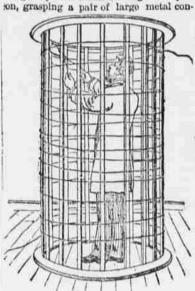
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relops in the ring a current sufficient to keep the lamp lighted. It is hence evident that the head itself must be traversed by analogous currents.

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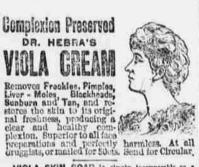
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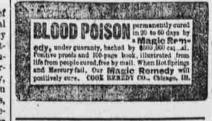


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