

A Shot For a Life.

Where the Kentucky river cuts its way through the mountains, leaving upon either bank bold, rugged cliffs, that lift their summits five hundred and a thousand feet, as the case may be, above the stream, there lived in early times a settler by the name of Rufus Branson, who, with his wife and little child, a charming young girl of some eight or nine years of age, occupied the rude cabin at the base of the precipice a little back from the river.

"Too low by a couple of inches," said a low, calm voice at the settler's elbow. Branson started as though he himself had been shot. Where was this man from? Who was this? Neither had been seen before. The stranger, however, was not a stranger at all. It was the Indian, who, with his wife and little child, a charming young girl of some eight or nine years of age, occupied the rude cabin at the base of the precipice a little back from the river.

A man living near Nashville, Washington county, Ill., has recently invented an apparatus to take the place of whistles for railroad signals, steam boats, fire alarms, factory-calls, etc. He calls it the "Telegraph" but the popular name is the "stock jackass."

In Boston, sewing has been introduced in the public schools. A thorough trial was first made, and the report was that it was a most gratifying success. The children bring their work from home. It was at first thought that the two hours could not be well spared from the regular studies, but the result shows that the children have their lessons even better than before, the occupation of their hands giving needed rest to their minds.

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