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## CAPTAIN DAN HENRIE:

His Adventure with the Wolves. Every body remember the famous escape of Dan Henrie at Encarnacion. This reckmost dashing gallantry.

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ide, his fears, and his determination. Gaines credit to Dan, or any body else except Gen. ouce, with a generous promptness proposed that Green! ching her with the spur. She began to pitch under the command of McCollough.

and a half. Those who receive their up the mare in the midst of her capricolings, and val given them both a severe lesson, upon which plunging the spurs into her, she darted off like an the marauders had taken the hint, and nothing furarrow from the bow, while he stooped, laying him- ther had been heard from either party for several self close along her side, after the manner of the months. Unwilling that his men should lie in opposite a road which came down a narrow val- that part of Texas generally, had begun to seem lev. He made for this gap, running the gauntlets rather forlorn, and seemed to call for unremitting between several squadrons of cavalry, before he vigilance. reached its shelter. Just as he was diving into Dan and his companion had reached the foot of cape caused great uproar and confusion among mon to prairie travel. Here they formed their the Mexicans, and several hundred men started at camp and as they had yet discoved no signs of full speed in the pursuit; but the gallant mare Indians, it was concluded that they would take soon left them all far enough behind, and she clat- each his own course the next day, and after travtered with sparkling hoofs along the deep ravine. elling as much ground as possible, return to camp Before the first two miles had been passed, they and report, and if it should then appear that no slightest idea of where it led, now opened on a lar buffalo hunting frolic, as these animals seemed small plain of table land, which was occupied by to abound greatly in this region. Accordingly a hacienda of considerable extent As he swept they were under way quite early, each man folby in front of the buildings, he saw a number of lowing the bent of his own humor and fancy for green coats hastily mounting their horses and in the time. Dan had been travelling in a leisurely another moment heard the clatter of their pursuit sort of way until noon, when he came upon a rice-though one of the most light-heated mor- and with his usual audacity he determined to give very head spring. In front of him a bold and brothat the warm sun ever smiled upon. Yet the "yaller bellies" something to remember him ken mountain stood out somewhat from the chain, a careless knack of getting into the most by before he took his final leave. He accordingly at the foot of which he had been riding all the mornbellies," and "copper heads," as he called the him. He loosened a pistol from the holster .- evergreens were rooted along these seams. As exicans and Indians, which was refreshingly The officer was foremost, and was already shout- the eye descended these masses became more brothemselves surrounded by the carried by the impetus of his speed within ten feet evergreen shrubs. At a distance this seemed the avy masses of Minon's cavalry, the proposition, of Dan, who had by this time drawn his other arched gateway of some huge cavern, but when we believe, originated with Cassius M. pistol, with which he shot him through the head, he approached it, he found that the rock slanted

faith resulting in cold-blooded massacre, if swift motion, since at every little rancho or village white sand, until it sparkled in the chequered sonof Goliad, and the Mier surrender, and of his to make a desperate run for it, before a suit could —then it coursed away toward the chain of mounexperience in the last case. After showing, be organized. The roads were filled too, with s own satisfaction, that the resolution of fight- scouting parties of the enemy, and it required left, and beyond this remarkable mountain seemed of the West Branch of the Nueces. He had his horse steadily toward the fire. It was not their way through was the only possible chance all his knowledge of the sort of tactic to enable an interminable stretch of rolling prairies, over passed the camp far enough, he knew, but this long before he met the dark advance guard of honorable death left them, he con- him to dodge them. He several times very nar- which, amidst clumps of cactus, were scattered ded, with the characteristic piece of savage ad-e, "shoot low, boys—shoot them through their midst of these advancing parties. The Mexicans once. es, so that their groans will frighten their are usually very noisy troops, and he would hear mrades—one groaner is worth half a dozen them talking on the march in time to dodge to not help being both astonished and enchanted by one side and let them pass, for he had no fancy the strange; wild loveliness of this scene. He slid His perfect knowledge of the Mexican charac- to try the hacienda trick over again with empty from his saddle and stood leaning against it for as well as his mortal hatred of them, was ful- pistols, since he had nothing to load them with only a moment or two of wrapt contemplation, ful horse and turned him loose to graze, and sea. He cut his blankets into pieces, with one displayed in his advice. Dan knew perfectly again. He finally threw them away as so much when the habitual instincts of watchfulnes peruthere would be no chance for him, for he had "make weight," that was useless to him and em- liar to the ranger, caused him to change his posi- threw himself on his blanket to sleep. eady been recognized as one of the Mier men barrassing to his mare. So he hurried on, not dar- tion, and turn his head. As he did so he perseveral Mexicans, whose faces he remembered ing to pause a moment to rest or obtain food, until ceived one of the droves of mustangs (wild horses) the surrender, therefore, placed him in a the next day, when, in a deep wild gorge among moving slowly toward him. They were a long and it was more than he dare venture upon to sperate predicament. He knew, perfectly, that the mountains, his game and gallant mare fell be- way off, and there appeared nothing peculiar about shoot game, for fear of betraying his hidinghatever faith he might keep with other prisoners, neath him dead! The ravenous and filthy gapa- them-but it served to remind him that he had a place and though hungry enough, he was fain ey would keep none with him, although his safe- lates, (turkey-buzzards.) were gouging at her fawn short time before seen the tracks of unshod horses this time "to go to bed supperless." He thought had been provided for in an express stipulation like eves before they were fairly glazed, and be- and mules moving at a gallop, or that though they of home before sleep came, of course, and the terms of surrender. I have never seen the fore her stiffened and staggered rider was out of might be nothing more than mustangs, yet the simwished himself there most heartily, that he close at hand. He was now in utter darkness,
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and close at ha de of his escape correctly related yet, so that sight. Now came the most terrible part of this ple fact of their going at a gollop, was in itself is worth while to give it in his own version .- wild and remarkable adventure. He was totally suspicious of another fact or so-either that they The Mexicans have a mortal hatred of the Mier without food except what little he could gather were the tracks of Indian horses and mules, or of misoners, one and all—but most particularly do during the day while he was skulking, for he onmustangs that had been chased or otherwise frightmustangs that had been chased or otherwise frightmustangement the contraction of the contra ey detest those of them who rose at the Salado ly ventured to travel at night now. This was ened by them so that whatever of enchantment was too much a common predicament, howevad escaped from Perote. Dan had, unfortunate- scarcely enough to keep body and soul together, there may have been for him in the scene, it now er, to make any very strong impression on him otherwise. at from the fact of speaking the language as well about his bleeding limbs like broad and tattered rapidly from side to side, with the habitual mansa native, he had always acted as interpreter, ribbons. He, however, still continued making his ner of the old spy. His eye now and then fell

hen they had started. Minon and his staff were and of his cruel sufferings and headlong daring scalps as they went past him. noving in the same direction down the lines of during the Meir imprisonment, all the country has e Mexican force. Col. Gaines rode a very been, to a certain degree made aware since the and beautiful mare. Date rode up to his publication of Gen. Green's book. He, by the e and whispered to him the discoveries he had way, was too much of a pompous egotist to do full

her high-blooded mettle would distance any ranger, that I propose to relate now. I shall en- hand and foot, holding to either horn of the sadexican horse with ease. This was precisely deavor to give it as nearly as I can remember, in hat Dan desired, and he eagerly accepted the his own way, as he related it to me; though I eir pistols, and the holsters of Games remained sible, to preserve the raciness of his rattle-pate ries, and it is difficult of detection at a distance, the saddle. The mare was very spirited and and peculiar manner. It was before he joined the by the most experienced eye, as they ride close

plunge, and throw out her heels. This com Dan, whose excellence as a guide was well led the escort or rather, guard which rode on known to the captain, was despatched by him turned, for instead of taking a scalp or two temore all suspicion, and watched his chance, ces. This was in the early winter of the year nethe saw the guard were beginning to get fore the Mier expedition, and the Mexicans were asionally. Dan kept it up some minutes, so as expedition, towards the head waters of the Nue-Careless, and regard those unruly capers rather in many ways annoying and threatening the weak had got so close to him that his escape at all and it seemed very strange that this dead war- cifully led his poor horse, until the heat of the

ar, was made to stand to their arms and fight and then galloped leisurely along, feeling sure that in at just sufficient angle to give it, at a distance, a little above the level of the prairie and rushed resenting that they could hope for nothing, but All that day long he kept the noble beast in down and out from the shadow, rejoicing over the

Dan has not much poetry in him, but he could This affair very properly got him his promotion denly they appeared again this side, moving dimediately, there was no telling at what moment to the captaincy. But strange, perilous, and even rectly toward him at a swift gallop. He bound-

As he changed his position, the figures which were approaching became more distinctly defined against the back-ground of sky, for they were descending toward him! He saw what sent his heart into his throat ! that each animal should take his mare to make the attempt upon, It is one of Dan's curious adventures while a had an Indian slung along its side, by one dle! This is a common trick of theirs in approaching an enemy by day light, on the prai-Ty, and Dan slily roused up all her mettle by Micr expedition, and while yet with the rangers together, and no part of the body is shown aa twinkling! ! The tables were very suddenly

with amusement than otherwise. Then seeing his settlements along that river. This state of things must be a matter of sheer speed -- he must run rior should be left behind, so contrary to their way open as they moved slowly through the squad- had encouraged the Indians, as well to make very away from them or be run through by them .-- well-known custom! He followed the trail for rons of green-coated cavalry, he suddenly reined bold descents. McCollough had on his first arri- "To be or not to be," was the question now some time, with great caution, but could make with poor Dan, while he desperately urged no discovery, except a great deal of blood on his good horse with quirt and spur. So soon the ground, until towards noon, when rising the as they saw him start the rascals had wheeled steep comb of a ridge, he looked down into the Camanche Indians-a shower of balls was fired camps at such a place as Corpus Christi, with up into their saddles again, and yelled their plain below upon a large body of Indians, enafter him hurriedly, but without effect, as they all nothing to do but drink and carouse, the prudent warwhoop like exulting devils. This was a camped about a mile distant. This was a startpassed over him. The plain to the foot of the captain of rangers had thought best to despatch all sound which, though it came to his ear some- ling sight, and they perceived him at the same mountains was very narrow just here; and he had the most restless spirits on tours of observation in what softened by the distance, was by no means moment. Now he felt he would have to run observed, before he made break, that they were various quarters. Besides, the aspect of affairs in calculated to diminish the energy or urgency indeed for his life. One glance, as he wheeled, of the calls upon the speed of his horse which was sufficient to show him warriors mounting were made by Dan. He glanced furtively over the horses of his friends! He did not dread a his shoulder and saw that they were spreading race with the horses of the Indians so much, it, he whirled in his saddle, and amidst the whist- the mountains in which the western branch of the out into the prairie with the intention of hem- because his horse was more than a match for ling of balls, shook his clenched hand at them, Nueces takes its rise, without meeting with any ming him in against the mountains. He in the best of theirs, but the horses of his comand shouted back his defiance. This sudden es- other sort of incident than those which are com- stantly perceived that his only chance was a rades were as swift and in every sense as good desperate run for an elbow of the chain, which, as his; now they were to be turned against if he could reach and turn first, he thought him! He cursed the rashness that had inwould secure his scalp for the present, as around duced him to follow up their trail, but this was it the stream became heavily timbered, and he no time to pause for regrets-he was off, down knew they would not follow him into it for fear the hill, at the best speed his horse, already were out of sight in the rear. The valley road, sign had been discovered by any of them; it was they might come upon his friends. It was a somewhat fagged, would raise. All depended which he had taken at hap-hazard, without the agreed they would spend several days in a regu- tremendous race, for the Indians knew the ad- upon getting back to the timber and losing them! vantage as well as he and Dan vows that his He could hear their pursuing yells, distinctly, long curly heir began to straighten and lift his for a moment, and this was no syren's music cap on its ends before he reached the point, to draw him back. He had a good mile the they pushed him so close and hard. By the start, but this was no great matter, if, as he skin of his teeth he got by before they surroun- supposed, their horses were fresher than his coming down the road. He looked over his shoul- scene of such remarkable beauty that he involunded him, and now he says his hair fell as own! He had not time now to feel any alarm, ss and daring ranger has probably passed through der and saw that it was probably a foraging party tarily stopped to gaze upon it. He had-scarce- smooth and sleek as if a pint of bear's grease but only that there was hot work before and greater number of perilous and singular adven- of about ten lancers. The first agony was over now, ly without observing-followed up the west branch had been poured over it; but not until he had it to attend to! His object was to get es than any other man of the same age in the and he felt sure of the game and speed of his mare; of the Nueces, until he now found himself at the reached up and taken down his cap to waive out of sight as soon as possible, for he gained as he shouled back at them in derisive triumph, a great deal by compelling them to run on his and then darted beneath the shade of the friend- trail. He strained his horse tremendously and wn people; he was far too kindly and generous and the officer, with one of his men, was now conthat; but he had a hatred for the "cussed yal- siderably in the advance, and closing rapidly upon seamed with a sort of excentric regularity, and whim might take these fellows when they think something of his best course. It seemed the course of the stream. He paused but for a cured to him in his extremity, for he felt sure of meadow ground which was covered with yet a mile off. musquit grass, and well protected from view by He was now securely enough out of sight of the great clusters of cactus which surrounded the Indians, and springing from his horse, proit on three sides. Here he stripped his faith- ceeded to prepare himself for a trial of the fiery

He had lost his provision wallet in the chase, might attack the well stocked poultry, the con-

He was mounted and off very early the next thus been put forward more conspicuously way steadfastly in the direction of Gen. Wool's upon the advancing drove, but not with any conan any one of the other prisoners. Besides this, camp. At last, some of the scouts picked the poor sciously defined suspicion. At length they dishad made himself notorious, too, as a ranger. fellow up when almost speechless with thirst and appeared slowly down a long valley, like the sway led by the yesterday's hard work and the somethese causes combined to make his recognition hunger: he was yet feebly reeling along like a of the prairie undulations, and were out of sight what narrow commons of the night. However, the poor horse! On! on! scorching through so long that he had quite forgotten them, when sud- he moved on now with something less of a hur- the stiffing blaze! A few bounds more and the ry, as there were no indications of pursuit apmight occur, and of course, when his body might wonderful as this escape seems, it is only one of ed into his saddle as quick as thought, supposing parent. Following the rivulet he soon reached wonderful as this escape seems, it is only one of ed into his sandle as quick as mought, supposing the West Branch, and turned up this with a and leaped from his staggering horse upon the He saw those men who had recognized him most eventful life has been checquered. In the dispering among themselves, and from his Texan war with the Cherokees, which was a very deep grass of that prairie valley, and were flow of soon rejoining his companions, and guiding from its mouth and the animal begins to deep grass of that prairie valley, and were now the many clumps of the Mexican character, felt sure that so soon as the commanding officers had retired adventures as a ranger are very remarkable, for of the first them the tanks. It fortunately occurred, that the tanks of the tanks of the tanks of the tanks of the tanks. It fortunately occurred, that the tanks of tanks of the tan rades, the dead body of an Indian warrior, lying across the ashes of their campfire, all gashed and hewed with bowe-knife cuts. All around the earth was deeply broken up, with the evidences of a desperate and hand to hand strug- defiantly but can scarcely hear his own voter. gle. The breech of a rifle, which he recog- Stunned and grasping to recover the use of nized, and a number of arrows, with a broken their almost stifled lungs, he and his horse lance and shield, were scattered around. He felt a choking sensation, and his blood ran cold at this sight. His comrades had been surprised, no doubt, by the same party which had pursued him; but with what result it was impossible for him to tell certainly, though he had little choice but to believe and fear the worst. reached water, for which, both himself and Amid the multitude of the tracks of unshed hor- horse were now almost perishing. He started ses he could distinguish the few tracks of their on at last, taking his course at random, for one

perate scrapes on every possible occasion, and reined up his mare gradually, and let them gain ing. The front of this mountain was almost a square by fights his way out again with reined up his mare gradually, and let them gain ing. The front of this mountain was almost a square of course, he fights his way out again with upon him. They thought she was failing, and looked as if it had been but as this was most evidently a dangerous voices came to him, proving that they had rearaised a yell of triumph as they urged their horses cleft from crest to foot by a bolt of thunder, and neighborhood, he concluded it would be safest ched the comb of the ridge, he looked back Mark you, Dan never got into scrapes with his to vet greater exertions. He looked behind again, hurled from out the ranks of its peers. The huge not to tarry here but get out of it as fast as and could not see it or them. He felt a hule spread around on his trail and found him to be a forlorn chance for an escape ;--he was over dox. His hatred of the Mexicans was amus- ing to him with many "garacoes," to surrender, ken, and assumed a fantastic resemblance to the bitter and contemptuous while you listened when he wheeled suddendenly in his saddle and lines and forms of Gothic architecture in decay— for five or six miles without halting. The hurand talk of them : but when this hatred came shot him dead. The lancer who was close behind, while from the prarie level sprung a broken arch, ry and necessities of his flight had taken him past, a heavy smoke off towards the south, and be expressed in action, it was of the most savage and coming on at furious speed, attempting in vain one side of which was perfect in outline, and the off his course back to the rendezvous of his looking now in that direction, saw it filling the character. At Encarnacion, when the to rein up his horse, but it was too late-he was other concealed by the overhanging masses of companions. He now first discovered this as whole horizon with gloomy masses, which he emerged from the timber upon the prairie seemed to be rising but a few miles off, obseragain, and found himself far enough away from ving that it was not very high. It instantly oc-Mexicans to the last grasp, in spite the remainder of his pursuers would be stopped the appearance of shadow. Istead of an enormous moment, to collect himself and try and get back from the action of his horse, that he would not the disparity of numbers. Lieutenant Dan, effectually by this bloody barricade he had left cavern, it was proved to be only a recess or slantwas then guide, seconded this proposition across their their path. He was not mistaken, for ing niche, some twenty feet deep at the bottom- had it, he urged his horse into a swift run again. that the safest course for him would be the mly, and went about among the men, urging they halted there and this was the last he saw of from the back part of which, a bold spring burst. This was kept up for several hours until night most desperate, and this was to make directly began to close around him, and his horse to give for the approaching line of this fire, and take unmistakeable indications that he must have his chances of being able to force his way surrendered to the Mexicars. He reminded he came to, it would be necessary for the fugitive light beneath the overhanging evergreens outside rest before he went much farther. He came through it alive. With such a barrier between light beneath the overhanging evergreens outside would set him right if he followed it up when the smoke, as it rolled along the grass, and day-break came. So he selected a small piece rode beneath its stifling shelter, the fire being

> head, enveloping the mouth and nostrils. He then enveloped his own face in a loose vizor of the same material. The blanket was course and let in air enough to barely sustain life for a short time, while it kept out the smoke. He could hear the yells of his pursuers seemingly he went, not knowing where; the reins were headlong. The fire has struck him with a roaring surge! His heir flames crisply, and the flesh of his body seems to be burning! The no, the fierceness of the agony has turned that rider's arm and will to iron! It cannot shy -terrific surges are past! The fresh air has met him! He tore the envelope from his face the retiring flames a howl of triumph from his pursuers, who imagine that they have driven him into the fire, and that he is burnt, horse and all He makes a feeble attempt to answer them stand, side by side, upon that blackened plain without moving for more than an hour. But the perils of the day were by no means passed. Before him, as far as the eye could reach, there was only one charred, leveled, smouldering waste, which had to be crossed before he