None of his comrades unscathed. A FRONTIER HERO.

THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF BOONE MAY.

He Clears the Black Hills of Stage Robbers-An Extraordinary Battle With 150 Indians-His Career in Chili,

Amos J. Cummings gives in the New York Sun an account of the career of Boone May, a remarkable Western character. May went to the Black Hills from Missouri, and was employed to guard the coaches which ran between Deadwood and Cheyenne, and which were frequently robbed by road agents. May became a terror to the road agents, and to him more than to any other man is due the credit of clearing the country of stage robbers. This remarkable man remained in the service of the stage company until 1880. In that year the wellin a dispute concerning a mining property. They required the services of a man of undoubted coolness and courage to protect it. They bid high for Boone and secured him. His reputation was enough. Nobody cared to disturb anything that he was guarding.

That winter Boone May went hunting and trapping with a party in the Moro It was along the Little country. Missouri River, on the border of the Sioux Indian reservation. The party included John Jackson, Tom Porter, Fred Richards and A. M. Richards. They trapped for several weeks without much luck. One morning Boone proposed that they move their traps to the Indian reservation, where beaver and other game were in abundance. The whole party protested. They reminded Boone that the law punished trespassing on such fied to Mexico. The Mexicans marveled reservations, and warned him of the consequences if he carried out his attempt. ver. Life there, however, was distaste-Boone was persistent. He threatened to ful to him. He returned to the United go into the reservation alone if none States and settled in the Gunnison counwould go with him. After demurring strongly, three of the party agreed to accompany him. A. M. Richards went back to Deadwood, predicting untoward results. The prediction was verified. dilemma he learned that an old Black What happened would have electrified Hills partner of the name of Pettijohn the nation if the news had reached the had married a rich belle in Chili, and world. It parallels the achievement of was engaged there in mining operations. Napoleon at Lodi and of Leonidas at Boone went to Chili. He was warmly Thermopylæ.

The trappers entered the Indian country, and got lots of furs. They were of rich silver discoveries in Bolivia. there a month when the savages discov- Pettijohn accompanied him over the ered them. It was a bright sunny day range, but soon afterward returned to in spring. They were camped upon a Santiago. Boone remained in Bolivia branch of either the Moro or the Little with a cowboy, who had fled from the Missouri-probably the latter. Their horses were picketed near by, and feeding upon the high grass bordering the stream. It was about mid-day, and the trappers were cooking dinner.

ical hill. It was aroused by an exclama- ful girl aroused the jealousy of a Brazilian tion from Boone May. He was looking officer. He ordered the soldier to arrest to the northwest. At least 150 mounted the American. Boone knew that an ar-Sioux had broken from behind the hill, a rest involved a long imprisonment withquarter of a mile away. They were com- out a trial. He was too much of a man ing for the camp like the wind, with a to quarrel with a soldier obeying orders. full front. Boone's companions were Turning to the officer, he said: "Be paralyzed. He stood by the camp fire so kind as to revoke your order. I have rifle in hand, advising them what to do. done nothing that should put me under They first rushed for their guns and arrest." horses. Three of the steeds were tethered The officer remained obstinate. "Aron the bank, and one was below it. Boone remained at the camp fire, facing the Indians, with the river in his rear. Two of his comrades secured shelter un- claimed. der the bank of the stream, where they Richards's horse as he was trying to lead in Rio of that epidemic. him to the shelter of the bank. Fred was pulling at the bridle, unaware of the fate of the animal, when Boone shouted, breastwork." Richards did so. Boone May, howon the left, and made a new and more furious charge. Their war whoop was terrible. Their ponies swept by like race horses at the Derby. Boone moved not a foot, but deliberately emptied both gun and resulting down an Indian and revolvers, bringing down an Indian or a pony at every shot.

injured. The Sioux never rallied after the third charge. They sped away dismayed and dejected. Sixty-three ponies and thirtythree Indians were left dead on the ground. Fred Richards afterward said that he believed Boone May killed nearly every one of them.

Such was an actual occurrence in the life of this extraordinary man. It is no chapter from one of Emerson Bennett's Indian stories. For obvious reasons I have given Boone's companions fictitious names. One is dead, and the others are living. There are many army officers and Indian agents who have heard the bitter complaints of the Sioux. They had bearded the lion in his den, and had suffered the consequences. A hundred mountain lions could not have created so great consternation and havoc. The trappers swore each other to secrecy, and returned to Deadwood. The Sioux known Homestage Company got involved urged the Government to take steps toward their punishment. Detectives were detailed to secure evidence. The men were suspected, but proof of the occur-

rence was lacking. A month afterward Boone and U.S. Marshall Lewellen capturned one Curley, a noted road agent. He was wanted for robbing the mails. The two men captured him alive and brought his dead body into Deadwood. They said that he tried to escape a few miles south of Fort Weed and that they shot him. Curley's friends and others asserted that a wanton crime had been committed. The two men were indicted, tried, and acquitted. By this time United States detectives were hot upon the trail of the trespassers upon the Sioux Indian reservation. For once Boone May recognized that discretion was the better part of valor. He at his proficiency with the rifle and revoltry in Colorado. Not long afterward he heard that Government officers were again upon his trail. The information came from friends at Deadwood. In his welcomed by Pettijohn. He remained in Chili for a year or more, when he heard Black Hills under the charge of murdering a man at Spearfish.

His exile had made Boone a changed man. He lost his quiet spirit, and took to drinking and roystering. While at a The camp was near the foot of a con- dance one night his attentions to a beauti-

> rest him," he shouted to the soldier. Boone drew his revolver. "Revoke the order or I'll kill you," he ex-

The officer again refused. A shot was awaited the outset. The third was lead- heard. He fell dead. Boone May had ing his horse under cover, when the been as good as his word. The com-Sioux burst upon them like astorm cloud. panions fled among the Indians near They swept upon them as the Mamelukes the head of the Amazon. After many swept upon the French at the Pyramids. exciting adventures they made their way As they neared the trappers their line over the pampas to Rio Janiero. A broke into a single column, and whirled letter was received at Deadwood from past the face of the camp like a tor- Boone after his arrival there. Yellow to. Each sayage threw himself over fever was raging in the city. This was the side of his horse, and emptied his years ago. As nothing has since been gun as he dashed by. They killed Fred heard of him, it is supposed that he died

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Dr. Alonzo Garcelon, of Lewiston, Me., recently, remarked that he was treating a member of a family in that city which he has professionally attended for five generations-great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, father and children.

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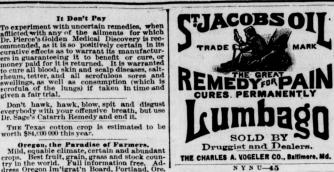
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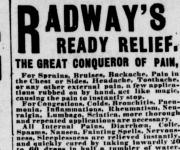
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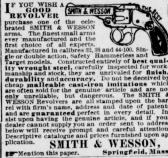


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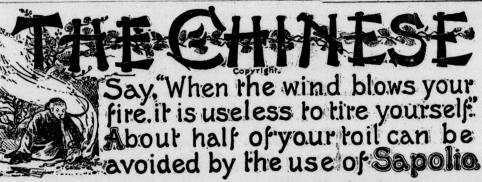
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A second time the savages swept round in 1789, the country contained less than the hill. They essayed a third charge, with no better results. Boone stood like State of New York has a larger populaan avenging deity, and showered them tion to-day than the whole country in

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