

'What is that for?" asked the cap-decided that the best way to have a tain.

"So," said Brainard, "that if I'm shot clean camp was to make a new one, so I can't fall out of the saddle. The he formally asked for ground for the horse will be sure to hurry back to purpose, but the general said that all camp, and the enemy won't get the dispatches, as they might if I were to make new camps elsewhere very soon, fall."

The captain nodded to the colonel, the war department had determined who raised his eyebrows, and Brain- that the post was not worth the cost ard hurried out the road at an easy of holding it. Further, General Hal-gallop. I walked a little way in the leck, the president's right hand milisame direction and strained my ears, tary adviser, declared that he could for shots, but heard none. I did not not understand why the post was ever sleep much that night. Should Brain- occupied.

ard be killed I would always feel that When this information reached us, I had sacrificed his life to save my own; should he succeed, why, confound We had gone out almost a year before him, I would again have to feel as un- to help save the Union. We had spent brought in unexploded shells after the comfortable as I did when he did the all our time and suffered innumerable work and got the glory of our rescue discomforts, privations and fears. Now, when we were made prisoners. I did according to the highest authorities, not feel any easier at learning that we might as well have remained at about an bour before I had started \mathbf{a} home. Cloyne, Brainard and I held man on a harnessed horse had come an indignation meeting over it, and galloping wildly out of that same road Cloyne moved formally that we join and hurried to the rear. Until tattoo the Mick McTwyny gang and assist I paced the ground on which our troop big Pat Callahan in cursing the govern-After tattoo I resumed ment, but Brainard objected, saying was camped. my tramp. The guards were changed at 10 o'clock, midnight, 2 in the morn-to learn some things by experience, ing, and I was still awake, for Brain- and as on general principles I always ard had not returned. The captain, sided with Brainard, Cloyne's resoluwho felt responsible for the safe deliv- tion was voted down by a two-thirds ery of the dispatches, awoke, joined majority. me and said he hoped my chum had got Meanwhile preparations for evacuatthrough all right; then he also began to ing the post had been made. The pace to and fro, which increased my heavy artillery was removed, one regianxiety. Toward dawn I fell asleep ment after another followed it, and through sheer exhaustion. Just after finally there came an early July mornsunrise I was aroused by being shak- ing when we were informed we were en. When I opened my eyes, over me to pack our own effects at once and be

bent Brainard, very pale of face, but ready to abandon camp. wonderfully bright of eye.

"Tell me about it," I demanded. "Oh," said Brainard, "I never was so be carried on our horses, but some of frightened in my life. After loping us soon learned to our sorrow that we along a few minutes it occurred to me had accumulated enough stuff to load that I had better know my way before half a dozen horses. I, for one, had trying it, so I dismounted and bid my collected at least a ton of war relics, horse in the woods beside the road, ranging in weight from a Johnny's leaving my saber there also. Then I iron stirrup to unexploded shells and sneaked down the road, with my revolver in my hand and my heart in my All of this old iron lay in a row on the mouth, to find out where and what that topmost log of our room and directly cavalry was. It might have been some of our own men, you know. Pretty tried to bribe teamsters to provide soon I heard the clanking you spoke transportation; I even labored with the of. Didn't it sound dreadful in the sergeant of our howitzer battery, hopdark, though? I crouched and sneaked ing to coax him to carry them in unocfrom one tree to another, and the noise upied corners of his gun caissons, but grew louder, but not a human voice he, too, was obdurate-he had luggage could I hear, nor was there any odor of his own-so I had to content myself of tobacco in the air. These two facts by selecting a single three inch shell bothered me greatly, for when soldiers that could go in my box of extra cloth-

ing there's something serious on hand. weight. "Pretty soon I heard a splash. 'Aha!" One day the entire regiment except

though I. 'Somebody is watering his horse in a brook or pond.' I crept still closer. The ground became lower, as if there might be a brook there. I got 4 o'clock in the morning the pickets, at my left, but not a trooper could I withdrawn, and the relief was posted see. I began to shiver and recall ghost within a quarter of a mile of the main stories. I don't believe in ghosts, you hody of the regiment. The men on know, but the dim light and mysterious these new posts were relieved at 8 in noises made me think of them in spite the morning by members of a single bank of the brook and looked over. From the new outposts—I was the Then I was more surprised than scared, corporal in charge of one and Brainard for I could make out three horses with of another we were scon drawn in the for I could make out three horses with-out riders and something that looked camp.

psiz. "Colonel," said he, saluting, "I think I can explain it. I-some of the men siege as mementos, and they were too big to carry away and were carelessly. left in the houses, and the fire has reached them and made them hot, and"-

"Thunder!" roared the colonel, turning almost black with anger. "Bugler, blow 'forward!' "

Again the column moved. Brainard and I had been glad we were of the rear guard, for we had planned to be together, if only for a moment, the last men to leave the post. Now, we almost wished we might never leave it, for the colonel's anger boded no good to the men who were to blame for the false alarm, and it would be easy for

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the colonel to learn who the men were.

Up to that time we had supposed that our effects were only what could

been forwarded. solid shot weighing a hundred pounds. over the inner edge of my bunk. I who are awake cease talking and smok- ing without exciting suspicion by its

of me

mean? Evidently some other John and fellow townsmen, like villagers in ters that the deed of which I was

like a tent, but all in the water. I On entering camp the order was supposed to be the hero was a midnight made bold to challenge, but there was given to prepare to fire the houses, ride alone into a country swarming with the country is a midnight was a midnight of the country swarming with the country is a supposed to be the hero was a midnight of the country swarming with the country swarming with the country swarming with the country is a supposed to be the hero was a midnight of the country swarming with the country swarming wit

he said:

"You?"

a single heart quake."



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an awful position you've put me in? I shall never dare face the boys again unless you explain to all of them, and, of course, you can't do that. I almost wish I could be shot or made a prison-

er. Besides"-BETTER THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. "Heard the news, boys?" asked GUR destination, which Cloyne, stopping a moment in front of our tent. "Hamilton has been prowe soon reached, was the Union line on the

moted-a big jump, too, for he's made Peninsula, on the road first lieutenant." by which McClellan "It's an insult to the army!" exclaimhad started in 1862 for ed Brainard. "Hamilton's a-Richmond, and we were cheered by quite a lot won't say what I was going to, but he

always dodges fighting." of letters from home. "Yes, so our captain told the colonel, It appeared that the evacuation had or so they say, but the colonel replied:

been ordered for an earlier date, so 'It may be that he's no stomach fo mail matter for our regiment had not fighting, but he knows how to care for the stomachs of men who do fight, se No sooner had I opened one of my letters than I began to be mystified, he's to be regimental commissary and

feed the regiment as well as he's fed for the writer, my mother, was praishis company. In war bellies count for ing me extravagantly for something gallant which she assumed I had done. is much as bullets.' " "There's something to that," said I read rapidly, but only to be further Brainard, "and I'm glad Hamilton's mystified. A letter from my father was equally confusing. It informed found his proper place. That isn't all. I'll go at once and congratulate him me that the whole town was ringing on it." with praises of me and that our dis-"Don't!" said Cloyne, putting an arm trict's member of the state senate had about Brainard and looking down into called to hear the story and declared

the little chap's face with sad, tender, that all the district as well as Summerpitving eves. ton was talking of me and was proud "Why not?" "Because-oh, hang the mysteries of I called Brainard to my assistance, this tormenting world - because he's but he was reading a letter from my got a ten day leave of absence. He'll cousin May and was utterly unresponbe a fool if he doesn't go to New York, sive, so I opened other envelopes, only to find congratulations from old school- get into an officer's uniform, then hurmates and even from some of the solid ry out to Summerton, call on-oh, the men of the village. What could it girls-and"-

Brainard twitched himself from Frost in the cavalry service had done Cloyne's arm, looked up to heaven and something in particular, and my family shook his fist savagely at the great white throne. Then he dashed into our

1 had no weapon with me but sides, I still was without "shooting bknife I always carried in irons." I looked about me at the men for it was a tool of all workcarving knife, root digger and lying at ease beside the fence, their alf a dozen other things. It would at horses being tied to trees near them. ast serve for self defense in a hand I started to ask Brainard for carbine o hand fight, and fights of this charac- or revolver, it mattered not which, er were almost unknown to us, thanks when Mick shouted: the enemy's objection to getting "Coppyral Frost, take me carbine an

within close reach of us. At the worst lift into yer pockets the cattridges from I would have the honor and pleasure of me box an' take some av me percussion being "present for duty" should the af- caps. Oi think Oi'll be afther doin most av me foightin' wid me eve an' fair prove serious. My horse was as good as the best, wits." Then he looked about the men so I soon passed through the village on the ground, approached a small man and galloped along the Richmond road, who owned a big horse, kicked him for the hoof prints in the dust showed gently and said: that the regiment had taken that route. "Git on yer horse an' go like a milk-

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as a rule. I rode some minutes longer | north! and was suddenly stopped by a famil-

iar voice shouting: "Come in here, ye little dhivil!" 'Twas the voice of Sergeant Mick Mc-

Twyny, who had been detached, with his platoon, to "watch" a portion of a is platoon, to "watch" a portion of a constraint of the right of the old burning a spell of particularly hot weather a well known baronet came

"Somebody lend me a revolver mere-ly as a matter of form," said I, "in case anything may happen. I was in the fort when the regiment came out. I hadn't time to go back to camp for

caped the campfires of the hundreds of

seemed a great way from the Rich-

mond road, which had been the bone

appeared to undergo a transfiguration,

for he looked intelligent and seemed to

have something on his mind besides

of contention.

meant for an approving smile. great luck. It was a hot day; the men _London Truth. were dismounted and resting at ease, their sabers strapped to the saddles, in

the shade on the edge of a forest in plantation at least half a mile square. cation.

A gentle breeze from the northwest Some surprise being expressed at this ew refreshingly. The line between action, he explained: the open ground and the forest was marked by a rall fence; how this had es-"Well, I've fixed things so that the

trolley motormen will refuse to stop for passengers when they are in a hurry, thousands of northern and southern and I guess that will keep things going soldiers who had tramped the Peninsu-la was a mystery to me, except that it



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was no longer at an out of the way outpost that had been held a year only to their feet as the messenger proceed-Wilkes-Inc. IV Kingston...... Plymouth Junc.... Plymouth. Avondale... be told that it was not worth hold- ed to obey orders, and they saw almost ng. We were now really in the ene-ny's country and with a possibility of might have been mistaken for the shim-eeing service of sufficient importance mering "heat band" that lies near the o be mentioned in the newspapers. In fact, my head got so far into the on a very hot day had not the line been clouds that I neglected to keep my eyes flecked with spots of color and topped Willow Grove..... Lime Ridge..... Espy.... Bloomsburg..... on the road, which is the worst blunder of which a trooper can be guilty. at regular intervals by spots that re-ler of which a trooper can be guilty.
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 Vhen I did chance to glance down- eyes, into mounted men. 'Twas not ward, it was to discern that only a as Mick had said, the whole rebel ar-we horsemen had preceded me. It did my, but it was at least a regiment, not take me long to learn that the few probably a brigade, advancing slowly did not belong to the enemy, for on the in line of battle formation, the mount noist ground beside a small stream ed officers in the rear. We were but a hat crossed the road I saw the prints quarter of a company. And our regiof horseshoes and their nail heads. ment was-where? And we were so far The enemy's troop horses were unshod, from Summerton or any part of the



They Found the Pail.

crossroad far to the right of the old postroad. His platoon of 16 men con-sisted principally on this occasion of his own gang. "Birds of a feather flock together." But Brainard was also

I hadn't time to go back to camp for my things, so I just came along on general principles." Thinking over his remark a little lat-er, it flashed across the baronet's mind that he had given orders for three bot-tles of champagne to be put into the "That's the thing!" said Sergeant Mick, with a tigerish grin that was

The platoon seemed to me to be in What he said this time is not reported. and discovered - three empty bottles!
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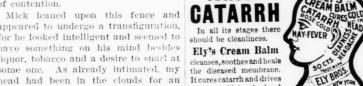
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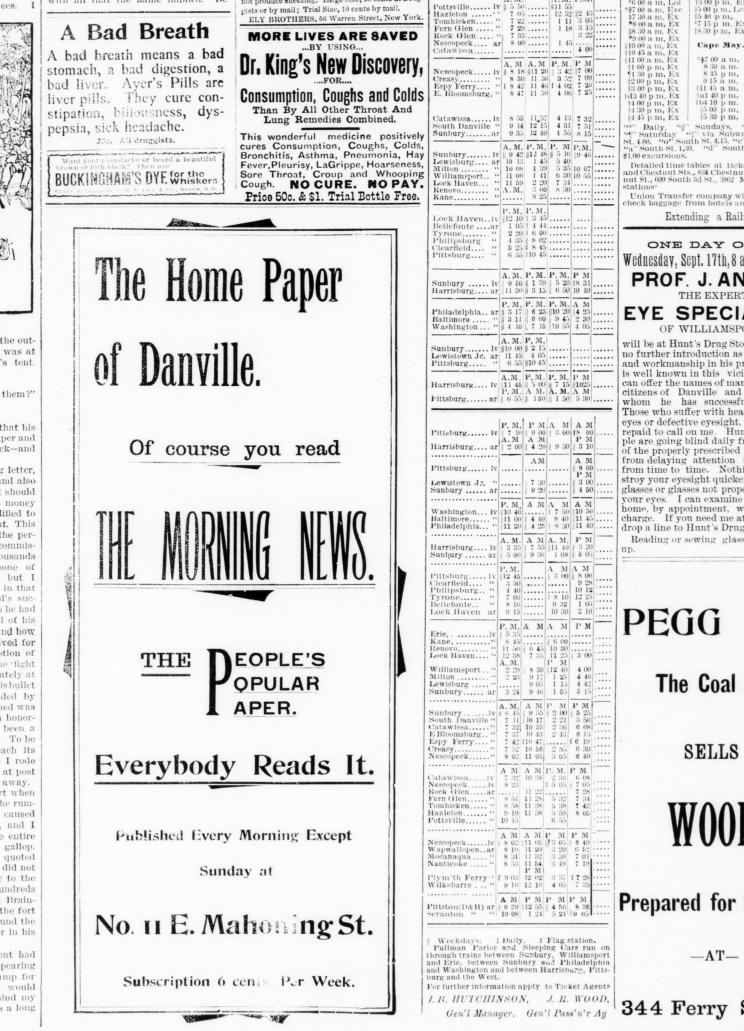








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no reply. Then I became so excited stables, etc. The signal, the officers that I thought I might as well be shot told us, would be the fall of the camp as die through bursting a blood vessel, flagstaff, at which a man with an ax so I got some matches out of my jack- already stood, while the entire band, et, struck a light and made a little fire | mounted, stood near by, playing "Auld you suppose I saw? An ammunition camp was simple enough. It was merely to "stand by" with matches four horses partly hitched. Apparently it had fallen from the bridge, which was very narrow and had no rail. It was the rattle of the chains of the har-ber and contained a mattress full of hay, straw or leaves that had been well sunned and seasoned. The walls were have a decourse of the part of the part of the part of the sunned and seasoned. The walls were clank of saber scabbards. But wasn't spread of flame, and everything was I provoked with myself for having as dry as a July sun could make it. been frightened?

"No worse, I'll bet, than I am at hav- matches cracked, and the band began ing been scared back to camp by such playing some solemn music, familiarly a bogy.

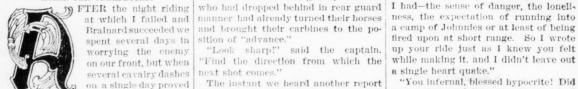
"I felt so ashamed," continued Brain-ard, "that I really wished there might be soldiers somewhere in the neigh-old Town" had not yet been written. borhood to give me some honest ex- In a moment all the men were hurrycuse for being frightened. My wish ing to the stables, where the horses was gratified pretty soon, for after go-ing along pretty lively for a few min-been given to dash to the road as soon "Is that all?" aske utes I heard 'Halt!' right in front of as mounted; the guidon bearers were me as a couple of men sprang from a already there as rallying points for it, for I'm not a bit jealous." Then he cloyne exclaimed: "Poor Brainard!" low one's heart sometimes, isn't it? I ready flames poured from the windows cousin May, but I exclaimed: soon saw, however, in spite of the of all the houses and even from some semidarkness, that they weren't dressed like Johnnies, so I swallowed my heart and gave them the countersign. Then orderlies upon the pine brush roofs of they acked me if I had seen thrown by the stable story will get pretty soon to the other they asked me if I had seen any caval-ry in the woods. Three of the general's entirely cleared of horses the roof was orderlies in succession had tried to lighted and the fire quickly spread. reach the center and had been frighten- The spectacle that followed was as ed into returning. So, you see, you and good as a fight, so some of our best must make him correct the blunder be-I and the man who started before us fighting men said. At least 60 build-fore the story gets back here." ings were aflame, and 900 mounted are not without company."

"Ye-es," I replied. But the informa- men were dashing between and around tion didn't comfort me much. Brain- them in their effort to reach the road. ard had succeeded. I hadn't. That Some of the slower men were obliged reflection filled my mind to the exclu-sion of all others. Brainard went on: the heat of that aggregation of burn-

"I found the headquarters in two or three minutes, passing through a road full of men who had been posted Finally, however, when the orderly "Yes. Don't be angry, explain. Of course I d that your cousin May"to repel an expected cavalry dash. sergeants called the rolls, the entire There was a half battery of artillery command was present or accounted with them. The general, too, was for. The column was formed quickly. awake and nervous-all on account of Then the bugles sounded "forward," those three horses standing knee deep and the band once more did the apin a brook and shaking in their har-ness! The general kept me until dawn Glad to Get Out of the Wilderness?" couldn't see that my ride with dis-patches that night was quite creditable to bring back some dispatches. But a popular air of the period. But be- to me, and I did wish your cousin May The lucky little rascal! At least men the music ceased and the column halted how she regarded it. I began to write

called it luck. that of a field gun.

CHAPTER XVIII. AGAIN THE UNEXPECTED



to us that the enemy had become weary of us and had aban- from the roof of our troop's house. doned the vicinity we all went back "Strange about that!" muttered the the sake of telling a good story. I"to camp and began to do our spring captain. "I heard only one report, that housecleaning. This work was great- of the shell. I didn't suppose a field house elevel gun could be fired without being letter she's written in reply! I'm tak-

place look like a lot of houses that had been abandoned to tramps. In-deed, in later days I've been compelled to believe that the war was the origin of the great arms of the war was the origin to believe that the war was the origin of the great army of tramps that has invested and infested the country ever since 1865. "Then came a deal ening report, and blazing logs as well as shingles flew from the late abode of our troop. "That beats me," said the colonel—

After careful inspection our colonel "bursting shells, but no gun reports.

with the enemy. I had made no such ride unless it was on the night I was scared back to camp by the rattling trace chains of the artillery horses that Brainard afterward discovered. I had of dry leaves and twigs, and what do Lang Syne." To prepare for firing not recovered from my mortification at my failure that night, so of course it could not be for that affair that all Summerton and our senatorial district were praising me.

Slowly it occurred to me that some one of our Summerton troopers had heard of Brainard's successful ride of the other fellow had mistaken for the plaster or partitions could delay the heard of Brainard's successful ride of started to make the trip. He had got Brainard and me mixed in his mind, Down crashed the pole, hundreds of and so I was being glorified for work at which I had shamefully failed, and the real hero of the affair was being defrauded of his right. known as "Old Hundredth," and then

"Charley!" I groaned. He was look ing idiotically happy when I spoke, but said afterward that my face alarmed him. I quickly told him of the contents of my letters and of the only

"Is that all?" asked Brainard when I had concluded. "Do feel easy about home, and hurried to Cloyne's tent. side, an intimation that no one was at "Poor Brainard!"

"You knew-about her-and them?" "Stop being a fool! Listen to me! said I.

"Git on yer horse."

"Haven't I eyes?" he replied. "Yes," I answered, for I saw that his eyes were wet. "But give me paper and pen and ink and envelope-quick-and Summerton men of our company, and they'll chaff me most unmercifully. I I'll try a flanking movement.

I wrote my cousin May a long letter, must find the man who wrote the yarn telling her of Hamilton's luck and also home, and you must help me, and we of its cause and intimating that should Hamilton's father ever lose his money fore the story gets back here." For the first time in my acquaintance Phil would be abundantly qualified to become head cook in a restaurant. This with him Brainard looked irresolute. Still worse, he looked sheepish. Then might have been an insult to the personnel of the army's entire commis-sary force, which contained thousands "I'm afraid I'm the guilty man."

of superb fighters, though none of them was expected to fight, but I knew May wouldn't construe it in that "Yes. Don't be angry, Jack, when I explain. Of course I didn't suppose Then I told of Brainard's suc way.

cessful dispatch carrying, which he had pretended was done by me, and of his "What has May to do with it?" "Nothing. That is, she isn't in any work in the fight at the bridge and how. way to blame. Say, old chap, I suppose many compliments he had received for ou'll think me a fool, but-you can't it. I continued with a description of understand. I'm not so modest that I Brainard in his bunk after the fight looking with tearful eyes alternately at patches that night was quite creditable herpicture and in his mirror at his bullet furrowed cheek, and I concluded by saying that the scar that remained was more coveted by all of us as an honorinstinctively, for we heard a shot like her about it, but my pen simply that of a field gun. her about it, Somehow I can't blow able decoration than if it had been a major general's shoulder straps. To be "Fours about!" shouled our captain. my own trumpet. Suddenly it occurred

sure that the letter would reach its As we were the rear guard, the men to me that you'd gone through all that destination as soon as possible I rode with it to the general postoffice at post at which I failed and manner had already turned their horses ness, the expectation of running into eadquarters in the fort, a mile away. Brainard succeeded we and brought their carbines to the po- a camp of Johnnies or at least of being spent several days in worrying the enemy "Look sharp!" said the captain. up your ride just as I knew you felt I had scarcely reached the fort when a sound somewhat resembling the rumble of a distant railway train caused on our front, but when "Find the direction from which the while making it, and I didn't leave out me to look over my shoulder, and I

saw half a mile behind me the entire on a single day proved The instant we heard another report "You infernal, blessed hypocrite! Did regiment approaching at the gallop. we saw a mass of shingles go skyward you make me deliver the dispatch? I "I see here a divided duty," I quoted never imagined you could lie, even for to myself from "Othello," but I did not hesitate. Whatever the danger to the "I didn't lie. I said that despite the scares the dispatches finally reached post and the nation, both had hundreds of champions in the regiment; Brain ard had but one, so I rode into the fort and did not leave until I had found the postmaster and placed my letter in his hands.

> When I emerged, the regiment had trust a big hearted, excitable girl with passed the fort and was disappearing tion and for mine. Can't you see what comrades, and "a stern chase is a long