SWEET REVENGE

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The man was slient. The struggle within him was plain in every line of his face. At last be said:

"Fo' yo' sake, little one, I'll do it."

She took his rough brown hand in her little white one and bent her head down upon it, then looking up through tears: "I can give yo' only a trifle in reward, captain, dear. Kiss me."

Bending from his saddle, he rever ently touched his lips to her forehead. Lost in wonder at the strange sight, I was nevertheless congratulating myself that she had secured the man's promise to draw off his force when the whole advantage was spoiled through the insane jealousy of Captain Beaumont. It seems that the captain had disdained to hide with the rest. Indeed he had no occasion to hide. The guerrillas did not know that he was with our party, and he was in no more danger from them than any other man would be. He had, however, yielded to Jack's persuasion to go into a house and keep out of sight. When the guerrillas rode into town, he was sitting by a window sipping a glass of Tennessee whisky, and at the moment Ringold aprinted the kiss on Jack's forehead,

iti mek would have it, he happened back out of the window. In another ment he was in the road discharging revolver at the guerrilla, who mawing his own weapon, returned the fire. A fusillade followed, Ringold recelving a wound that put him hors de combat. Swaying in his saddle, he fell fainting to the ground.

Jaqueline turner upon Beaumont like a fury. I have sen little Jack in many a towering passion, but never anything like this. Her face was livid, her eyes flaming. She tried to speak, but her ire choked her. At last one word exive of her pent up feelings came sistol shot:

Having thus relieved herself to Cap-



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trate Ringold, knelt beside him, crooning over him as if he had been dearer to her than all the world beside.

At this moment a guerrilla, who had doubtless been attracted by the firing, dashed down the road. Beaumont caught sight of him just as Jack had hurled her opprobrious epithet. With an expression indicating that he would prefer death to another such word from the girl who had enthralled him, he started to meet the invader. Shots were exchanged, and the guerrilla fell from the saddle. He was followed by another, who shared the same fate, while a third, perhaps fancying that he had struck a troop of Confederate soldiers, turned and fled. All this happened so quickly that no one but Beaumont and the three bandits had an opportunity to take a hand in the fight When there were no more guerrillas for the captain to kill, he went shyly back to Jack, who had witnessed his feat, looking like a s hoolboy who had done penance for a fault and wanted for giveness. But Jack turned her back

When the firing began, with one bound, disguised and begrimed as I was, I cleared my window. When Ringold fell, I was joined by the other members of our party from the houses Buck had blackened himself for a ne gro, and it was he who had answered Ringold's questions. Helen and Ginger had hidden without disguise. The people of the town, one man and eight wo en, besides children, rushed into the rond. I knew well that the absence of the guerrillas was but temporary; that ey would soon come down on us in a

"We have no time to lose," I cried. "We must get away at once."
"Where?"

Turning to the townspeople, I asked if they could furnish a conveyance. "I've a horse and wagon in my shed," said the smith.

"Out with it, quick!" Every one of us took a hand in harnessing the team, and in three minutes
by the clock we had finished. Then
we all tumbled in, except Jack, who
declared she would never leave her
friend, Captain Ringold. There was
no time to bandy words, so I took her
up and toused her into the wagon,
where she fell in a heap. Rising on

at me and cried to the wounded guer rilla that she would come back to him as soon as she could get away. Mean-while the blacksmith was driving us down the road, belaboring his horse with the stump of an old whip.

CHAPTER XXI.

A STERN CHASE. STRAIGHT road lay before us to Decherd, a few miles dis-

The place was of too great importance for the guer-rillas to dare enter, and if we could reach it before they could catch us we

"How much is your horse worth?" I asked the blacksmith.

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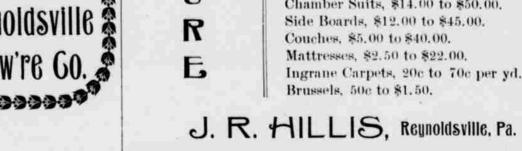
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