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(Continued.)

"They got all my guns of course, and I thought that would surely satisfy them, but they came chasing gaily along in my wake, and I slipped into German territory, never doubting that they would stay on their own side of the fence, for William the Second doesn't favor armed trespassers, in his yard."

"But not a bit of it. They trailed clear across the Cameroons after me, and my nigger spies brought me word that they meant to bag me even if they had to infringe on British possessions as well."

"I've been hard pushed in my time but those fellows broke all records as hustlers. Whichever way I turned they headed me off, and I was so closely hunted that even my guides gave up, and abandoned me. I had staked my very last chip. I was ready and willing to cash in my checks before the luck turned."

"You don't know Darkest Africa, Arendsen, but I do, and I tell you I felt mighty mean when I found myself stranded there, in a mangrove swamp on the edge of an impassable river, with the bloodhounds hard at my heels. I won't say I didn't feel sorry then that I had left your employment. But, anyway, there I was at the end of my tether, with no prospects but a drumhead court-martial, a firing-party and a shallow trench in the mud where the land-crabs burrow."

He shrugged his shoulders in creeping distaste of the picture he had recalled to memory.

"I had calculated that I had about an hour more to live, and was filling in the time with a few reflections to fit the occasion, when I saw a fellow come calmly sailing down the river out of the heat-haze in a canoe. Think of what that meant to me then, Arendsen!"

"He seemed to be pretty jack-easy in his own mind. He didn't hurry at all when I hailed him, although the sound of a voice might have meant all sorts of horrors ahead of him. He simply sat still, and came oozing along with the current."

"When he was nearly abreast of me I saw from his dress that he was a white man, and hailed him again, but he took no notice. It gave me a sickish feeling to think that he might pass by on the other side, like the Levite of scripture, when all I wanted of him was a lift across, which meant everything in the world to me at that moment."

"I felt pretty desperate then, I tell you, or I wouldn't have done what I did. The back-creeks of the Benue aren't like swimming baths. But I dived into the moving mud and struck out at top speed after that deaf man, crying on him for God's sake to wait for me. He didn't—because he was also dead."

"I saw that before I clambered on board, but it made no difference to me just then except that it maybe saved my having to kill him myself. I picked up the paddle and made a bee-line for the far bank without paying any attention to him. I was in such a mortal sweat that it didn't strike me to tumble him overboard right away, and I was a good deal more than thankful for that in a minute."

"I was doing some pretty quick thinking on my own account all the time, and, sitting behind him, with my eyes on the back of his head, which was not so disconcerting to me as the front, I had an idea, an inspiration. I turned the canoe sharp round, drove back to the place I had started from, and dumped him ashore there. I reckoned that I had still half an hour to the good, and what d'ye think I did?"

Arendsen adopted a bored expression, and shook his head.

"I dropped stone dead there, Arendsen. I became a corpse. I said the long goodbye to poor old Dominic Seager, and in a damned hurry. That was the idea that took me back to the danger zone. It was the only way to prevent the Frenchmen from following me to a finish."

"It had to be a quick change, of course, and I hadn't leisure to sort out my few belongings, so I stowed them about the body wholesale as soon as I'd emptied its pockets. I left it completely equipped for identification and as for appearance it had been so messed about by the niggers that it might have passed for anyone in the wide world."

"Then I tramped in the mud a bit first in my own boots and then with bare feet, snapped twigs and branches, and left all the marks of a life and death struggle. Then I drove the canoe at the bank in a dozen places to show that a fleet of savages had lately landed there and had gone on again after doing the white men up, and as I was drawing back from the last bump, I heard a voice in the thicket behind me. My God! that gave me a bad start, Arendsen. I dug out for the nearest cover, and

PARLIAMENT DOWN TO WORK IN EARNEST

Combines Bill Passed and Good Progress Made with the Insurance Bill.

Ottawa, April 25.—The commons did a full day's work before it rested from its labors tonight. As a starter, the bill of the minister of labor for the restriction of combines was put through the committee stage and stands for its third reading. There were some amendments made, partly on the initiative of the minister, and partly at the suggestion of members on both sides of the house. None of them affects the principle of the bill.

After this was done the insurance bill was given its second reading. Hon. Mr. Fielding explained that this was the bill of last session with some amendments which the senate had made and which he accepted. One change was in respect to the gain and loss exhibit which was, by the former bill, to have been made annually by all companies and published. It had been thought by the senate that this might lead to unfair comparisons and in the bill now it was only required on the option of the superintendent of insurance.

Another change was to take the right to vote by proxy in the case of participation profit companies from the policy holders. They will have to be present and vote in person.

He stated that the senate had struck out the clause requiring the payment of fifteen per cent to the government in the case of fire business written with companies not licensed in Canada.

The progress in committee was expeditious.

Major Currie and Col. Worthington wanted a clause which would prevent any difference being made in rates on account of military service.

Mr. Goodeve said that this would in his opinion, have to be left as a matter of contract.

Hon. Mr. Fielding agreed and the clause passed.

Major Currie suggested that common securities only, as a guarantee, with the government of their business.

Hon. Mr. Fielding stated that the bill restricted the investing powers of the companies extensively and they had complained of that. He did not care to go any further in this direction but he was required to put up Canadian at present.

PORCH WORK FOR FIRST WARM DAYS.

A dozen hemstitched handkerchiefs form a most acceptable gift.

Buy the handkerchiefs, have them stamped with one or three initials, and then pick them up at odd times and before one realizes it the whole dozen will be embroidered.

The little plain French underwaists are most desirable, but are also very expensive. Yet they are very easily made by anyone who understand the simplest embroidery stitch.

The edges of both neck and armholes are embroidered with the simple scallop and a dot in the middle of each can be added or not, as desired. Embroider tiny round eyelets in clusters of two about an inch apart not more than three-quarters of an inch from the edge. Through these eyelets run the ribbon.

Fit slightly under the arms, hem the bottom and work eyelets from the underarm seam to the front for ribbons to tie.

Whenever half of a design is given to be transferred upon cloth, double the cloth exactly and place it between the right sides of two pieces of carbon paper.

In this way the design need be traced but once.

The success or failure of such a plan would depend entirely upon the design being placed exactly on the edge of the double fold of cloth.

clung to a leafy bough scarcely daring to breathe.

"I had over-estimated my time allowance, and it was too late then to break for the open. In half a minute the first of the Frenchman's black boys were yelling about the body, and their yap brought up the rest of the expedition at a dog-trot—a dozen whites and maybe twenty natives all told."

"There was a great palaver over their find, and they seemed disappointed to think that they hadn't been there in time to shoot me themselves. They never doubted that it was me, for of course they searched the body and held a sort of an inquest, and the first thing they came across was my papers. That clinched it. It made them mad to see from these what a big trade I had been driving in guns and cartridges, and that was quite natural, since it was precisely that they were slaving there to prevent. However, they were well enough pleased to think they had heard the last of me, and so had their niggers dig a neat hole in the mud and tuck poor old Dominic tidily into it. I came near to having blind staggers while I looked on and listened to the damned crabs crunching their claws. For the funeral was within a few yards of me, and it wasn't nice to have to attend a dress rehearsal of what might happen to me yet at any moment."

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OPP. NORMAL SCHOOL

SIR WM. VAN HORNE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Montreal, April 25.—Sir William Van Horne today announced that he had resigned as chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sir William explains that the position was merely a nominal one anyway, and that it had led to confusion, as in Great Britain, the chairman of the board is really the active head of the company. He would retain his seat on the board as long as the shareholders cared to elect him, but he was getting to be an old man, and he intended withdrawing as much as possible from active work.

A YOUNG PREACHER

The youngest preacher in New England is Milan Smith, 15 years old, who preaches at The Oaks, N. H. He is the son of a railroader and has declared since he was 6 years old that he would be a minister of the gospel.

Workmen are tearing away brick and mortar at the addition to the Elks' Home in Orange, N. J., to release 125 sparrows that were walled in. The birds have been living in hollow tiles and were forgotten when the ends were closed. Twitterings show they are still alive.

The Warrensville, Penn., German Baptist church, the oldest edifice belonging to this sect in America, was rededicated Sunday and abandoned. The building will now be removed to make room for a new one.

Mrs. William Robbins of Madison, Me., has potato plants in her garden that are 20 inches high.

In 13 hours a building of brick and cement, weighing about 50 tons, was

CORRECT WAY TO SWEEP A ROOM

To sweep a room is little, but to get it ready for sweeping takes some time.

Each upholstered piece of furniture should be carefully brushed and plain polished surfaces wiped with a slightly damp cloth, then rubbed with a dry one and moved out of the room.

A paint brush is excellent to remove the dust that will lodge in carved parts or in crevices a very tiny brush or a wooden skewer can be used.

If there are mouldings at the top of the wall, use a long handled brush if it is perfectly clean. If it is not, tie a duster over it.

Brush the ceilings and walls in the same way.

CULTIVATE TACT.

There is no quality more to be desired to make a woman a social success than that of tact. Its possessor knows the right thing to do, and the right time for doing it, and thus gains a reputation for cleverness and for many virtues which a tactless person would never win from her circle of acquaintances, no matter how excellent her qualities of both heart and head.

The tactful woman is not only a patient listener, but she is a thoroughly good one. She shows no weariness even when she has heard the same story more than once from the same person, and appears to enjoy hearing jokes as much as her companion enjoys telling them.

A tactful woman generally gets her own way with people, and yet in such a manner that they always suppose they are following their own and not her inclinations.

The fact is that she knows when a man is approachable and likely to be amenable to her wishes, and when it is best to leave him alone. Tact is a weapon guided with a multitude of precautions and feminine wiles by the wise woman, and it is only the wise who possess it.

There must be 45 children of school age in the territory before a school may be built in North Carolina. Three farmers petitioned for a school near Raleigh. Then they furnished the enrollment, one with 18, one with 15 and another with 12 children.

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