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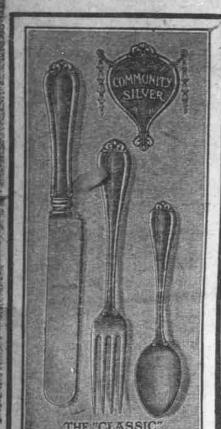
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"Jed Bungay, as I Livel"

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gone up a little, finding foot-lodgment

ipon the uneven stones of which the

himney was constructed. For a mo-

ment we rested thus motionless, both

breathing heavily and listening to the

ipon a level with our heads.

continuous, rendered discovery from any misstep highly improbable, and as delay was dangerous neither of us was disposed to linger long. "Be ye all ready, Cap?" questioned

Bungay, bending his head down, "Fer if ye be, I'm a goin' up." "All right," I answered, struggling to my knees in the narrow space;

'only take it slow, Jed. I'm a trifle bigger man than you, and this i rather close quarters." 'Wal, yes, maybe a matter of poun' er two," he retorted, and the next moment I could hear him scraping

his way upward, feeling for foothol upon the irregular layers of stone. followed, pressing my knees firmly against the rough wall, and trusting more to my hands than feet for security against falling. There was evidently a fireplace of some kind on the first floor, with a considerable opening leading from it into the chimney we were scaling, for as Jed slowly passed, I could perceive a sudden gleam of light streaming across his face from the glare of the lamps within. He glanced anxiously that way but did not pause in his steady climb

A moment later I came opposite that same beam of radiance, and cautiously peered down the sloped opening that led to the disused fire place. All I could perceive was a pair of legs, evidently those of a cavalry officer, judging from the broad yellow stripe down the seam of the light-blue trousers, and the high boots ornamented with rowel spurs. He stood leaning carelessly against the mantel, talking with some one just beyond the range of my vision.

At that moment the music ceased suddenly, and afraid to proceed until it should strike up again, I braced myself securely on a projecting stone and bent my head over the orifice until I could catch a portion of the conversation being carried on by my un onscious neighbors.

"No," said the cavalryman, gruffly. and apparently in roply to some previous question, "the fellow was most devilish obstinate; wouldn't tell the first thing; even a threat of treat ng him as a spy and hanging him outright proved of no avail. But Sheridan's theory is that Lee has ordered Longstreet to hit our rear while he makes a direct attack in front. That's why the 'old man' pro poses to get in his work first, and we march at daylight to form connection with Hancock. By Jove Chesley, but that woman in black over there with Follanshee is the handsom est picture I've seen south of the line Mark how her eyes sparkle, and how prettily the light gleams in her hair. Who is she, do you chance to know?" "Yes," lisped the other, languidly, 'met her at breakfast, headquarters this morning. Deuced pretty and all that, mighty good style, too, but taken,

old man. She's Brennan's." "What! not Major Brennan?" in surprise. "Why, he's always posed as bachelor among our fellows." "Don't know anything about that dear boy," indifferently, "but the lady

came in with him yesterday, was introduced to the crowd of us as Mrs. rennan, and he called her Edith. Deuced nice name, Edith. As Brennan has shown such poor taste as to

a little of my time to his lady. Far morning. I'm going to give the fair Edith a whirl." The cavalry legs shifted their posi-tion; the band resumed its functions, and in the renewed activity and noise was far too experienced a soldier to I began again the toilsome climb, my

mind now a bewildered chaos between

my plain duty to Lee and my nearly

well above me by this time. The He grasped my wrists with a chimney, acting as a tube, brought strength which I had no conception down to me from time to time the the little fellow possessed. There was slight noise of his climbing, varied a moment's breathless struggle, and by an occasional exclamation or com-I squirmed through the opening, and ment, but I could perceive no other lay panting on the flat slabs which evidence of his presence. Above, all composed the foot of the great funnel.

was as black as the grave. "Holy smoke!" he ejaculated, probably unaware that he was giving utterance to his thoughts. "That was a sharp rock! Durn if thar's a inch o' skin left on my knee. Ough! stop thet! who's got hold o' my fut?"

nusic and shuffling of feet now almost "Hush your racket, you little fool," I said angrily. "Do you want the The noise, which was strong and whole Yankee army to trap us here like rats? I cannot get up this chimney any further; it is growing too smail to permit my body to pass." "Is that so, Cap?" he asked anxious-

ly. "What be ye goin' ter dew 'bout was groping about in the darkness of our narrow quarters to see i' I could determine exactly where we were. "How high is this house, Jed, do you

"Three stories an' attle." "How far up are we?"

"'Bout halfway long ther third story, I rackon; must be jist b'low whar ye are thet I stuck my fut lown an openin'. Reckon 't was 'nother fireplace, like thet one on ther

"I shall have to risk crawling out

here, Jed," I said finally, "for I shall surely stick fast if I go up another ten feet. Do you suppose you can squeeze through to the top?" "I reckon I kin," he returned calm-

ly. "But hadn't we better stick tergether, Cap?" "No," I answered firmly. "You go on, and one of us must get through

to Lee. Don't mind me at all; get down from the roof as best you can. If I am caught it will be all the more important that you should succeed." "'T is done-'I thank thee, Roderick, for the word; it nerves my heart, it steels my sword."

Even as he spoke I could hear him creeping steadily upward. It soon became evident that his progress was growing slower, more difficult. Then all sounds above me ceased, and I knew he must have attained the roof in safety.

CHAPTER XIV.

I Became a Colonel of Artillery. My own situation at this moment was too critical, too full of peril and uncertainty, to afford opportunity for morali ng over Bungay's chances of escape. Only one possibility lay before me-there remained no choice, no necessity for planning. It was pure luck which pries open most doors of life, and it was upon luck alone I must rely now. I have often won-



Saw No Other Signs of Human Oc-

dered since how I ever succeeded in squeezing my body through that narrow opening into the empty fireplace without at least knocking over something during the difficult passage. But I did manage, working my way down slowly, creeping inch by inch like a snake, carefully testing each object I touched in the darkness for fear of its proving loose, until I finally lay stretched at full length upon what was evidently, from its feeling, a carpet of unusually fine texture.

The room proved to be an inner one and unlighted, a bedchamber, as I soon determined, for my outstretched hands encountered the posts of a bed. Then a slight gust of air partially swept aside a hanging curtain, which rustled like silk, and I caught a brief glimpse of the adjacent parlor. It was your stomach in tip-top shape and likewise unillumined, but the door leading into the front hall stood aiar. and through that opening there getic poured a stream of radiance, together

movement of dancing feet. Satisfying myself by sense of touch that the bed was uneccupied, for I leave an enemy in my rear, I crept ing it, and fortunate then the lucky my plain duty to Lee and my nearly curtain, and drawing it asine took uncontrollable desire to meet once careful survey of the outer apartment. W. Casselman, Canton, N. Y., For twelve years Vinol has been more the woman who was dancing in night room a rollehed management. Our little children are troubled with every year strengthens its popularity

hung what appeared to be a suit of GRADED SCHOOL HONOR ROLL. clothing. I saw no other signs of hu-

man occupancy. Convinced that the apartment was deserted, and discovering no different means of egress, I crossed the room on tiptoe, and peered cautiously out into the hall. It was not a pleasing prospect to one in my predicament. The lower portion, judging from the inroom, or else preferred greater retirement for conversation. Even the wide stairway had been partially preempted, a young lieutenant, as I judged from his shoulder-straps, sitting just beneath the landing, whispered eagerly into the attentive ear of a pronounced blonde who shared the broad carpeted step with him.

I drew back noiselessly, to figure out the situation and determine what was best for me to attempt. It would be sheer madness to venture upon a passage to the front door, clad as I was in travel-worn gray uniform; to rush through that jam was impossible. If I were to wait until the dance was concluded the later hours of the night might indeed yield me somewhat clearer passage, yet it was hardly probable that the house, used as I knew it to be for a military prison, would be left unguarded. Besides, such delay must absolutely prevent my getting beyond the Federal picket lines before daybreak, and would hence render valueless the news I sought to bear to Lee.

I moved to the only window and glanced out; it opened upon the back of the house and presented a sheer drop to the ground. At the slight noise of the moving sash a sentry standing at the corner glanced up suspiciously. Evidently each side of the great building was abundantly protected by patrols.

Something had to be attempted, and at once. The room I was in bore unquestionable evidence of recent occupancy, and at any moment might be re-entered. My searching eyes fell upon the articles of clothing carelessly folded over the chair-back. I picked I lowered myself slicatly, and felt up the garments one by one and took along the stones until I located the them out; they composed the new unfopening, and roughly measured its form of a colonel of artillery, and ings and a profusion of gold braid. With all my soul I loathed the thought of disguise, and especially the hated uniform of the enemy. It was repugnant to every instinut of my being and would certainly mean added degradation and danger in the event of capture.

> Yet I saw no other way. Sheridan, Brennan, Caton, the three who would certainly recognize me on sight, I was assured were absent, although they might return at any moment. The greater reason for haste, the less excuse for delay. But if I should chance to run foul of the rightful owner of he garments amid that crush below, and he should recognize them what then? I stood close beside the writing-table as I revolved these considerations rapidly in mind, and my eye chanced to fall upon an open paper. It was an official order, bearing date at 5 p. m. that same day, commanding Colonel Culbertson to move his attery at once down the Kendallville pike, and report to Brigadier-General Knowls for assignment to his brigade. Evidently the new dress uniform had been carefully brushed and laid out the sudden receipt of this order had caused the owner to depart hastly in

servant, now enjoying liberty below stairs, had neglected to pack up his master's things. This knowledge was the straw which decided me; I would chance it. Hastily I drew on the rich blue and red over my old gray, adding the dress sword I had discovered in a closet, and then; wondering curiously what sort of figure I might cut in all these fine habiliments, sought a glance at myself within a mirror hanging upon the bedroom wall. Faith! but it was

ing his feelings, no doubt, while his

God's mercy that I did! Such a face as grinned at me from that glass, peering over the high-cut decorated collar, would surely have created a genuine sensation in those rooms below. Serious as my situation was, I laughed at the thought of it until tears ran down my cheeks, leaving white streaks the full length of them; for no chimney-sweep in the full tide of his glorious career was ever worse sooted and begrimed. I thought of the elegantly dressed lieutenant and the blonde young lady Parsons Drug Co. upon the stairs-surely they would have supposed the very devil himself was coming down. (To Be Continued.)

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make your body feel fine and enerbe absent to-night, I am inclined to give with the incessant hum of many voices for if MI-O-NA Stomach Tablets do in bed three months. I had engaged

in animated conversation, the deep not do all that is claimed for them the services of a doctor, but to no and away the prettiest thing here. blare of the band, with the ceaseless Parsons Drug Co. will return your avail. I then read of Vinol and deter-An Alarm at Night. household is the loud, hoarse and a splendid medicine, and I can gladly metallic cough of croup. No mistak recommend it."

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Other Union Men Aware of McNamaras' Guilt, Says Burns.

Indianapolis, Ind .,- "Mr. Gompers knew all the time the McNamett Hough, Bunnie Hill, Charlie Ing- aras were guilty," was the statement made today by W. J. Burns, son, Mr. Clyde Funderburk,to Char-Fifth Grade-Rosa Brower, Alice the detective responsible for the ar- lotte, last Wednesday, to receive Leak, Louise Williams, Lacy Batten, rest of the McNamara brothers, who hospital treatment. Clyde is one last Friday pleaded guilty in Los An geles of dynamiting.

Locke Ingram, Beth Huntley, Esther United States District Attorney Chas, leave Tuesday to stay several days Teal, Kathleen Huntley, Sarah Par- W. Miller and John Kirby, Jr., of with him. ons, Martin McRae, Claude Hunt- Dayton, Ohio, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, Olive Branch Sunday, where he will Seventhx Grade-Clair Allen, Ma at the home of David M. Parry, a take up his studies again after be-

> "When Mr. Gompers says he was surprised and that the McNamaras innocence, he tells what is knew it at the time he and the membranous croup, heads of the international unions conferred in Indianapolis on the ed at Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hill's Sunquestion of raising funds for the day. defense of the prisoners. Some of

"Clarence Darrow told the labor men at that meeting in Indianapolis ited at Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooks Satthat he did not believe I framed up urday and Sunday.

tion that may uncover men alleged spent Saturday and Sunday, with to have been implicated with the her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McNamara brothers in dynamiting Watkins. operations in many States went forward in conferences in this city to-

Detective Burns discussed with

ments, from backache, rheumatism and urinary irregularities, Foley Kidney Pills will help them. Belvidere, Ill. E. A. Kelly, an ex-en- drops to a teaspoonful. pain over the hips, followed by an always a thick sediment. Foley well man. I can not say too much in their praise." Parsons Drug Co. stipation.

Poplar Hill News.

Rev. E. C. Snider preached an interesting sermon to an attentive congregation at Mineral Springs

Mr. G. M. Dabbs carried his stepall hoping for a speedy recovery. Burns conferred here today with His mother, Mrs. Addle Dabbs, will

Mr. Herman Dabbs returned to former president of that organiza- ing confined to his home for several weeks with whooping cough.

Mr. J. B. Moore had a fine milch cow to die Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Harrington not were called to Wadesboro last Wedtrue," said Burns. "Mr. Gompers | nesday, to the bedside of their grand knew the McNamaras were guilty son, little Frank Harrington, who is very sick at this writing with

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faulkner visit-

Miss Rena McRae, of White Store, the other union men knew of their spent Saturday and Sunday with

Mrs. Julia Watkins. Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Griffin vis-

Miss Phoebe Watkins, who is Plans for the Federal investiga- teaching school at White Store,

BLUE EYES.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other District Attorney Charles W. Miller diseases put together, and until the the evidence to be presented to the last few years was supposed to be Federal grand jury when it resumes doctors pronounced it a local disits session December 14. Neither ease and prescribed local remedies, would make a public statement in and by constantly falling to cure relation to the details of their con- with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease Where the Locality Does not Count and therefore requires constitutional Whenever there are people suf- treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, ering from kidney and bladder ail. manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co. Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses gineer, says: "Three years ago my rectly on the blood and muceus surkidneys became so bad that I was faces of the system. They offer one compelled to give up my engine and hundred dollars for any case it fails quit. There was a severe aching to cure. Send for circulars and tesinflammation of the bladder, and Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

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