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Of all Don Antonio's graphic usrra ves of the olden times, none is more in-ceresting than those which describe his adventures during the days of this con-test. On one of the first approaches made by the Americans to Los Angeles, he went out with his little haphazard company of men and boys to meet them. He had but one cannon, a small one, tied by ropes on a cart axle. He had but one small keg of powder which was good for anything; all the rest was was good to hayding, and the test was bad; would merely go off 'pouf, pouf,' the senora said, and the ball would pop down near the mouth of the cannon. With this bad powder he fired his first shots. The Americans laughed; this is shots. The Americans laughed; this is child's play, they said, and pushed on closer. Then came a good shot, with the good powder, tearing into their ranks and knocking them right and left; another, and another. "Then the Americans began to think, these are no pouf lables and whom a far more were littled. cans began to think, these are no pout balls; and when a few more were killed, they ran away and left their flag behind them. And if they had only known it, the Californians had only one more charge left of the good powder, and the next minute it would have been the Californians that would have had to run

fornians that would have had to run away themselves,' merrily laughed the senora as she told the tale.

"This captured flag, with important papers, were intrusted to Don Antonio to carry to the Mexican head-quarters at Sonora. He set off with an escort of soldiers, his horse decked with either themptons his award nittle. escort of soldiers, his horse decked with silver trappings, his sword, pistols—all of the finest; a proud beginning of a journey destined to end in a different fashion. It was in winter time; cold rains were falling; by night he was drenched to the skin, and stopped at a friendly Indian's tent to change his clothes. Hardly had he got them off when the sound of horses' hoofs was The Indian flung himself down, put his ear to the ground and exclaimed, 'Americanos! Americanos!' Almost in the same second they were at the tent's the same second they were at the tent's door. As they halten, Don Antonio, clad only in his drawers and stockings, crawled out at the back of the tent, and creeping on all fours reached a tree, up which he climbed, and sat safe hidden in the darkness among its branches listening, while his pursuers cross-ques-tioned the Indian, and at last rode away Luckily, he ha into the tent the precious papers and the captured flag; these he intrusted to an Indian to take to Sonora, it being evidently of no use for him to try to cross

tell him that the Americans had offered a reward for his head, and that some of the Indians in the rancheria were ready to betray or kill him. While they were to be tray or kill him. While they were yet talking, again came the sound of the Americans' horses' hoofs galloping in the distance. This time there seemed no escape. Suddenly Don Autonio, throwing himself on his stomach, wriggled into a cactus patch near by. Only one who has seen California cactus his deals are realized the description. Only one was masses of constraint actions thickets can realize the desporateness of this act. But it succeeded. The Indian threw over the old cactus plants an old blanket and some refuse stalks. and reeds; and there once more, within hearing of all his baffled pursuers said,

hearing of all his balled pursuers said, the hunted men lay, safe, thanks to Indian friendship. The crafty Indian assented to all the Americans proposed, said that Don Antonio would be sure to said that Don Antonio would be sure to be caught in a few days, advised them to search in a certain rancheria which he described, a few miles off, and in an opposite direction from the way in which he intended to guide Don Antonio. As soon as the Americans had gone bound up Antonio's feet in strips of raw hide, gave him a bianket and an old tattered hat, the best his stores afforded, and then led him by a long and difficult trail to a spot high up in the mountains where the old women of the band were gathering acorns: By of the band were gathering acorns. By the time they reached this place, blood was trickling from Antonio's feet and legs, and he was well-nigh fainting with fatigue and excitement. Tears rolled down the old women's cheeks when they saw him. Some of them had been servants in his father's house and loved him. One brought gruel; another bathed his feet; others ran in search of healing leaves of different sorts. Bruising these in a stone mortar, they rubbed him from head to foot with the wet fiber. All his pain and weariness van-ished as by magic. His wounds healed, and in a day he was ready to set off for home. There was but one pony in the old women's camp. This was old, vicious, blind of one eye, and with one vicious, blind of one eye, and with one ear cropped short; but it looked to Don Antonio far more beautiful than the gay steed on which he had ridden away from Los Angeles three days before. There was one pair of ragged shoes of enormous size among the old wemen's possessions. These were strapped on his feet by leather thongs, and a bit of cld sheepkin was tied around the pony's old sheepskin was tied around the pony's body. Thus accoutered and mounted, body. shivering in his drawers under his single blanket, the captain and flag-bearer

was his sweetheart. As he sat there eating his meat the women eyed him curiously. One said to the other, 'How much he looks like Antonio'.'

"Atlast the sweetheart, coming nearer, asked him if he were 'any relation of Don Antonio?

turned his face homeward. At the first friend's house he reached he stopped

and begged for food. Some dried meat was given to him, and a stool on the porch offered to him. It was the house of a dear friend, and the friend's sister

was his sweetheart. As he sat there

"'No,' he said.
"Just at that moment his friend rode up, gave one glance at the pitiful beggar sitting on his porch, shouted his name, dashed toward him, and seized him in his arms. Then was a great laughing and half weeping, for it had been rumored that he had been taken prisoner by the Americans.

"From this friend he received a wel-come gift of a pair of trowsers, many inches too short for his legs. At the next house his friend was as much too tall, and his second pair of gift trowsers had to be rolled up in thick folds around

his ankles.

"Finally, he reached Los Angeles in safety. Halting in a grove outside the town, he waited till twilight before entering. Having disguised himself in the rags which he had worn from the Indian village, he rode boldly up to the porch of his father's house, and in an impudent tone called for brandy. The terrified women began to scream; but his youngwomen begin to scream, but its young-est sister, fixing one piercing glance on his face, laughed out gladly, and cried: "'You can't fool me, you are Anto-nio.'"—The Century for December.

Too Hasty.

Yes, some people are too hasty. Now a wealthy Chicago family charged a servant girl with stealing a diamond pin a year or two ago and the Court sentenced the culprit to three years in the Peniten-

LIFE SAVING SERVICE.

Details of Operations for the Past Flacal Year.

The following is an abstract of the report of the General Superintendent of the Life Saving Service:

The service embraced at the close of the last fiscal year 194 stations, 149 being on the Atlantic, 37 on the lakes, 7 on the Pacific and 1 at the Falls of the Chio, Louisville, Ky.

The number of disasters to documented vessels within the field of station operations during the year was 300. There were 3,792 persons on board these vessels, of whom 3,777 were saved and only 15 lost. The number of the shipwrecked who received succor at the stations was 651, and to these 1,879 days relief were afforded. The estimated value of the vessels involved in these disasters was \$5,100,925 and that of their cargoes \$2,075,615, making the total value of property imperiled \$7,176,540. Of this amount \$5,611,800 was saved and \$1,564,740 lost. The number of vessels totally lost was 68. In addition to the foregoing there have been 116 disasters to smaller caft, such as sailboats, rowboats, etc., on which were 244 persons, 240 whom were saved and 4 lost. The 17 the 184 persons when were saved and \$6,280 lost.

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Investigations held in each case established the fact that the hinoteen persons lost were entirely beyond the reach of human aid. Of this number nine were drowned by the sudden capsizing of vessels at some distance from land, before assistance could reach them; seven were lost in endeavoring to get ashore by their own efforts while the life-saving crews were hurrying to the rescue; one perished from being thrown overboard from a stranded vessel, and one died as soon as landed, owing to previous exposure on a wreck. The report gives full and specific accounts of all the circumstances connected with the loss of these persons. hese persons.

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The number of disasters during the year exceeds by seventy-one the number of disasters of the year preceding, which was considerably larger than that of any previous year in the history of the service. The amount of property involved was \$2,476,498 greater than in the preceding year, but the amount lost \$88,750 less than that of the preceding year, while the amount saved was \$2,565,243 more. The number of lives lost was seven more than in the preceding year, but in proportion to the number of persons on board the vessels suffering disaster it is considerably less, the ratio of reduction being six per cent. The assistance rendered during the year in saving vessels and cargoes has been much larger than in any previous year, 337 vessels having been worked off when stranded, repaired when damaged, piloted out of dangerous places or similarly assisted by the station crews. There were besides 125 instances (39 more than in the preceding year) where vessels running into danger of stranding were warned off by the night signals of patrols, most of them thus being saved from partial or total destruction.

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Since the last report seven additional stations have been completed—one at Hunniwell's Beach, Me.; one at Muskeget Island and one at Coskata, Nantucket, Mass.; one at Brigantine Beach, N. J.; one at New Inlet, one at Cape Hatteras and one at Ocracoke, coast of North Carolina. Four other stations are in process of construction and approaching completion—one at Lewes, Del.; one at North Beach, Md.; one at Wallor's Beach, Va.

There have been nine sites selected for new stations which it is proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been proposed to erect next year, provided titles, which have been not been at Broaton's point, and with the provided titles, which have been not been at Broaton's point, and have been at Broaton's point at Broaton's point at Broaton's point, and have been at Broaton's point at Broat anthorized by Congress

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"This I, Antonio.'

"Don't make a sound,' whispered the Indian, throwing down his arrow, springing to the door, coming out and closing it softly. He then proceeded to one completed the country thus closely pursued by his the culprit to three years in the Penitemitary. But recently, in moving a large plate-glass mirror, that diamond pin was found by a workman and handed to the mistress of the house, who sat down and wrung her hands and cried, and saked: "What have I done?"

Steps are being taken to release the prisoner, now that sorrow has put its lines on her face and bitterness has entered her soul. Yes, indeed, some people are too hasty.

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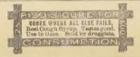
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