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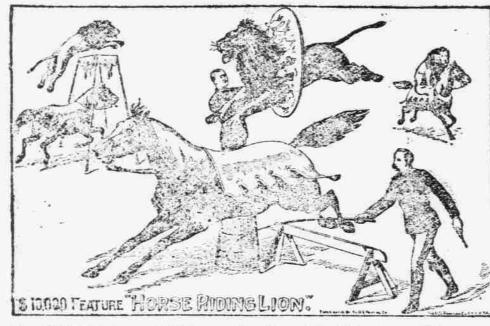
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The Story of a Soldier's Struggle

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<del>\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$</del>\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ And so there was a certain reaction Representative Carter said that they gone. would see to it that the Light guard was duly admitted, but they didn't. Meantime the rifles prospered, as a soelal organization at least; took in a number of honorary members at \$50 spiece, got a "swell" uniform, gave a series of most successful dancing parties and what they termed exhibition with which some 30 of their number executed the leadings and firings in unison evoked tumultuous applause. It prompted the rifles to issue a challenge to all comers west of the Mississippi and east of the mountains to compete for a valuable prize at the Exsary of their muster in, and the next thing the rifles knew Eric Langdon was going down to Gunnison twice a week to coach the Gunnison Grays,

Brentwood, which had refused to avail itself of his services, was properly Rush? Now, I was told last night by scandalized that he should tender them a man in position to know," etc. Ask elsewhere. The Sun couldn't say much him who the man is, and he shirks and to pleces. The Grays at Gunnison held now, because it was down on the rifles becomes mysterious. "He's a- Well, a meeting and passed resolutions of anyhow and catered to the farmers; I promised not to mention his name, sympathy and confidence and, going The Banner wouldn't say much, be- but he's a gentleman. It was told me cause Armstrong was ashamed of confidentially." The source is always what he had said, and this happened intangible, but in nine cases out of ten to be a matter that didn't bother the you can safely bet your last deflar the Seattle. But The Examiner, which had informant never existed and year done what it could to make Langdon hopes of eternity that if he dis friendless in his new position at the wasn't a gentleman. Gentlem yards, now duly and frequently ex- not circulate slander. pressed its abhorrence of the man who | But cads who have falle could turn traiter to his own people plane of their fellow in the country of the countr and work against the best interests of climb back seek to reserve in a smill

Company K, Fourth Nebraska, and

start and had wen their good will; be- shoulder a section of Nathan's obloquy. sides, there was now that \$1,000 prize | Woodrow escaped because Nathan achanging up for all comers, and com- cused him of rank insubordination, and panies from Tinnesota, Iowa and Kan- the youngster, with Rodney May and sas had entered the list. So the Grays others to back him, as much as fold stood firm. Then the Brentwoods | Nathan he hoped he would prefer strove to hedge and to limit the con- charges and have him tried by court test to companies that "had not re- martial. A most unhappy state of afceived professional assistance," but fairs was spring on the batteries at that reacted upon themselves. Then Pawnee, and the politely veiled com-The Sun was inspired to see what it passion of the cavalry was something could do to stir up a strike against that made the gunners swear. Two or Langdon in the yards of the Big Horn, three troops under Channing and Strywhere there must be men who rebelled ker had done tiptop service during the against the supervision of a strict, sol- riots. Infantry from Omalia and Leavthey were in the minority, and the sands of dollars in property and covthree who started and circulated a pa- ered themselves with credit for cool, per calling for Langdon's dismissal or even tempered, forbearing but resolute a strike were suddenly, by Channing's work. Everywhere had the regulars order, hauled up before the superin- won unstinted praise from all law tendent and "given the sack." Then abiding citizens except that one misanonymous letters began to rain in on handled little battalion at Brentwood. the superintendent at Brentwood and and nothing prevented a court of inhigher officials in Chicago. Langdon quiry but the feeling that, for the sake was drinking again, Langdon was gam- of the cloth, the whole thing were best bling, Langdon was speculating through Ignored or forgotten. "An error of

trainhand; he minded his own busi- the lad from arrest, with the caution ness, yet was full of sympathy and in- to hold his tongue and temper in the terest in the affairs of the operatives future. Then Melville was sent south and the crews of the trains. In March | at the urgent advice of the doctors, the superintendent of the Seattle of and by tacit consent Pawnee ceased fered him a similar berth at bigger pay discussion of Nathan's failure. provided he would move to Sioux City, and the offer was declined. In April | the guardsmen of Nebraska, and widethe great drill came off. The dag of spread was the story of Mr. Langdon's the rifles was trailed in the dust. They prowess, and keen was the ridicule at

a walkover by the Gunnison Grays. Time and again Langdon had receiv- that greeted Langdon's soldier pupils ed warnings from the police that there | when they bore away the prize and was a gang on the south side ever Langdon on their shoulders and greatwatching for a chance to "do him up" | er still the grief with which, a few and from mine host of the Brentwood | weeks later, it was learned that the 50 Hair Raising Races. that there were influential men on the Big Horn had held that gentleman acnorth side, potent in the councils of the countable for the robbery of its safe at Big Horn, who would hurt him if they Brentwood and discharged him from could. One day there came a curt sum- | the service of the road.

count on his support.

outdid its resources, had finally told, so confessed to Melville long weeks Nervous prostration and collapse had later. ensued, and Channing was downed at "I heard," said Torrance, "that old

with all nature sweet and smiling guard to see him off the reservation." about him. Eric Langdon came up "I heard," said Nathan, "that Dr. Arfrom Gunnison on the early morning mistead gave him warning that if he freight, his heart heavy as lead. He wasn't off the post before morning gunhad spent the early hours of the pre- fire be'd give the whole story of his vious night, Friday, working hard with | maltreatment of his wife to the pathe Grays, for their ambition was pers, and that's what started him."
boundless now, and they had entered And now there was no Melville to for a competition in an adjoining state. stand his friend at Pawnee, for the in favor of Langdon. Some of the rifles The night itself he had spent trying to major was summering at the seashore, resigned their warrants, secured their sleep under the roof of his friend, the slowly regaining health and strength, discharges and then set to work to station agent, but sleep would not and lads like Redney May and Woodraise another company for Langdon to come, and twice he arose and went out row had neither rank nor years suffidrill. The men were easily found, and walked the platform under the cient to carry influence. And now, Seventy stalwart young fellows sign- glistening stars. On Monday, said the worse luck, there was none to befriend ed the petition and brought it to Lang- lawyer, that money must be paid, him at Chicago, for Channing, a sorely don to add his name. Then it went to Langdon had no appetite for breakfast. stricken man, had been taken to a santhe governor. There were vacancies in | He took a cup of coffee at the station | itarium in the mountains. Summoned the regiment. A company was muster- restaurant on reaching Brentwood and, to the offices of the general manager ed in at Neosha; another, made up though it was barely 6 o'clock, went to and hauled up before a new king who \$100,000 NEW FEATURES. mainly of farmer boys, at Gunnison his office. Janiter and watchmen not- knew not Joseph, Langdon could only Junction. But some strange, occult in # ed his baggard face and wondered at saidly say he could throw no light on fluence seemed against the would be his early hours. Early as they were, the robbery whatever. Two clerks, Brentwood Light guard. The petition some one had been there earlier. The one of them the son of the division suhung fire. State Senator Suplee and safe door stood open-the cash was perintendent, knew the combination.

There are two kinds of men who descree to be held in abhorrence-those who are forever saying mean things was the question. about their fellows and those forever hearing them. The first are active mis- the Gunnison company," was the frank drills, where the clockwork precision first are generally regarded as the more dangerous and objectionable. 13 piece the payment of \$350. The sta-But as the result of some 20 years' to say the slander bimself, gives it longer be required. birth under the cloak of "I heard." How many of you who read have fail- feeling at Brentwood as the summer ed to meet the man who draws his chair close to yours and confidentially

begins: "Say, what's this about Jimmy

the community in whose midst be had equilibrium by pulling there down. him elsewhere. Appeals were written find himself in bad oder. Terrance, to Channing to compel his subordinate, who would gladly have done a soldier's to remain at his post. Channing and duty had he been permitted, was involvswered that his post now included ed, through his intlinacy with Nathan. Gunnisen. Efforts were made to stir in Nathan's growing unpopularity. up a cabal against him among the Santley, who had had to serve as Na-Grays, but he had had a two weeks' than's adjutant, now had imjustly to a broker in Omaha, and these, investi- judgment" was laid at Nathan's door, gated unbeknown to Langdon, fell flat. but nothing more serious. And old He had won the respect of the better | "Cat," who secretly sympathized with class of men; he had become an expert | Woodrow, was instructed to release

But great was the glorification among were not even "placed" by the judges, the expense of the Brentwood rifles and the great prize was won in almost and the rejoicing over the triumph of the Grays. Great was the applause

mons from a local lawyer to the effect | And this takes us back to "hearers" that bills to the amount of \$350 had at Pawnee, "I heard," said Captain been placed in his hands for collection Nathan confidentially to the new post and calling upon him to take immedi- commander six months after the riots ate steps to meet them. Langdon called and not six days after the recoipt of to inquire and was curtly, almost in- the latest news from Nebraska - "I solently, received. He learned enough, heard from a source that can't be queshowever, to convince him that two of tioned that the real reason was that he the bills were those of dealers at Paw- had been peculating for months, and nee to whom he had regularly and con- the robbery was to conceal his own scientionsly been paying \$10 a month stealings." "I heard," whispered Torapiece. The inference was plain. Na- rance in the confidences begotten of than had bought in the balance of the Burgundy to Major Snicker of the claims and sent them through Perri- staff, "that he had blown in over \$2,000 one another as Langdon made his brief go's bank for collection. In his trouble in a bucket shop in Chicago, and de-Langdon wrote to Channing, but no tectives had been on to him for weeks." room. answer came. Twice the latter had All manner of things detrimental to Pray de not strain yourself in the written him that the president and cer- Langdon had Nathan and his few sat- effort. Mr. Barclay. I will not make ain directors had spoken to him about ellites heard in the same way, and all application and should not furnish Mr. Langdon's debts. It was evident they did bear and much more they did ELEPHANTS. that some enemy was bounding him, not was duly communicated to such as but so long as Channing was "on deck," | would !sten, who were, for the law,

\*\* ant, as the tradesmen sold their claims tive official of the road whose business to him for 60 cents on the dollar, and

> Sharp ordered Langdon away from It was the first week in May and Sheridan and sent the sergeant of the

One of them knew there was upward of \$600 in the safe when Langdon went down to Gunnison, as usual, on Friday

"Had be gone on railway business?"

"No; not this time-solely to instruct chief makers, the second passive. The reply. Mr. Channing's secretary told of Langdon's letter appealing for aid But as the result of some 20 years' on master at Gunnison described study I am constrained to believe the Langdon's nervousness the night of the second the worst. The first has at robbery; told of him twice leaving his least the courage of his convictions couch and going out and pacing the and says what he is mean enough to platform, and Langdon was informed think. The second lacks even that de- by a curt note that he need not return position building in April, the anniver-And now there set in a revulsion of

> were on. The rifles found that Perrigo's money and social position had failed to compensate for the loss of Langdon's skill, experience and guiding hand. The company was falling down into their shallow pockets, sent Langdon a check for \$160 and a letter and wronged him in the winter, came out in a vigorous editerial, penned by Armstrong, wherein the base ingratitude of the Big Horn was beraided throughout Nebraska, and marked copies were sent to Lancdon, who was seeking a clarkship in the quartermaster's department at Chicago, for the Gray Fox had been promoted to the double stars and the command of a division. But the one vacancy that occurred was demanded by half a dozen influential politicians for needy beachmen, and the desk was given to a rank outsider. The selection was made in Washington, and the general could not help himself. There had been maliclous rejoicing among the lower elements about the Brentwood yards that the division superintendent did not



"Pray do not strain you self in the effort, Mr. Barebry."

seem to deprecate. His son had stepped into Langdon's place, but wise beads and old hands among the men declared that he'd never fill his shoes. Then came a queer thing-a note from the general superintendent of the Seattle, asking Langdon to call. He did and was again tendered the office at Sioux City.

"A proof," said the superintendent, "of Mr. Barclay's magnanimity. He tendered it in spite of the rumors affeeting Mr. Langdon's integrity, not to mention Mr. Langdon's open discourtesy. In fact, Mr. Barelay wished to see Mr. Langdon and talk it over." Langdon went. He had sent most of his hundred dollars to pay off pressing debts and was in sore need. He waited full two hours before the magnate would see him, and then Barclay, tilting back in his chair and tendering neither hand nor seat, but in very distant and patronizing tene, informed Langdon that if he saw fit to make a written application for the position and could furnish bonds the Scattle "might be disposed to consider it." Two or three directors were with the airy manager at the moment and were curiously studying the pale faced, thin cheeked man who had halked the mob and sayed the Big Horn. They stared aft-

er him in amaze and then in sllence at

reply, turned on his beel and left the

That was one offer declined. Then came another. The managing editor as he wrote to Langdon, he could few. It was Nathan's it was of The Palladium sent for Langdon count on his support.

But Channing was no longer on deck.

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