



The Two Led the Way, Followed by a Dozen Men.

The COURAGE of CAPTAIN PLUM

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SYNOPSIS.

Obadiah, Nathaniel, and the other men... The king's palace... The king's wife... The king's daughter...

CHAPTER IX—Continued.

Suddenly he almost fell over a figure in his path. It was an old woman mumbled and sobbing incoherently as she stumbled weakly in the direction of the temple.

Nathaniel could not repress a shudder as he looked. Screened behind each of the three fires was a cannon. He figured that there were more than a hundred rifles in that silent cordon of men.

In fierce cries of triumph. It was magnificent! Even as the crushing truth of what it all meant came to him, the fighting blood in his veins leaped at the sight of it—the pretheded effect of the shots from sea, the sham confusion, the disorderly flight, the wonderful quickness and precision with which the rabble of armed men had thrown itself into ambush.

Would the mainlanders rush into the trap? Had some keen eye seen those shadowy forms dropping through the mist? Each instant the ghostly pall that shut out vision seemed drifting away.

At least he could join in the fight! He ran down the hill, swinging to the left of the Mormons. Half way, and he stopped as a thundering cheer swept up from the shore.

While he paused a heavy noise arose that quickened his heart-beats and sent the blood through his veins in wild excitement. From far down by the shore there came the roar of a cannon.

From its top he could look down upon the scene of battle. To the eastward stretched the harbor line with its rim of fires.

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NEW INVENTION OF CURTISS, THE AVIATOR



THE HYDRO-AEROPLANE

GLEN H. CURTISS' achievements with his hydro-aeroplane at San Diego Bay, Cal., have caused a marked sensation in military and aviatorial circles.

SCIENCE IS LACKING

More Care Taken in Stock Raising Than in Infants.

Physician in Address Before Medical Society Asserts That Babies Are Being Neglected—Birth Rate Decreasing.

Chicago.—Speaking before the Chicago Medical society in the public library the other night, Dr. Isaac A. Abt made a plea for more scientific care of infants, saying that "the human baby is better than a calf, but more science is applied to stock raising than to the care of infants."

Doctor Abt's subject was "Recent Advances in Prevention of Infantile Diseases and Death Rates." He spoke principally of the work of the Chicago milk commission, which recently was reorganized under the name of the Infant Welfare society.

With the birth rate constantly decreasing we must cope with this greatest of all problems, the conservation of our babies. The country is facing a crisis as never before in the matter of child raising," said the doctor.

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EARTH AND MARS ARE ALIVE

All Other Worlds Dead and Dried Up, Says Prof. Lowell in Lecture to New Yorkers.

New York.—"Mercury and Venus are already dead and dried up worlds, Mars is rapidly approaching a state of wrinkled old age, and the earth is next in the procession headed toward the extinction of all life," according to Dr. Percival Lowell, head of Lowell observatory, who is in New York for a series of lectures before scientific bodies.

Mars is certainly inhabited by some character of organized life," Doctor Lowell said in his opening lecture, "and the Martians have far greater reason to deny that there is life on the earth than we have that they do not exist."

But there is no life on any other planets besides the earth and Mars, all other members of the solar system being either already dried up, so that life, animal or vegetable, cannot exist, or else, like Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, are much too young in world evolution, and therefore much too hot from interior sources, to admit of life of any kind.

On Mars, the clearing of the atmosphere, which has been going on since the paleozoic era, has reached perfection. Man indeed must be the

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sources of constant annoyance to an orderly Creator, for he is constantly interfering with the natural course of events.

"With city chimneys always belching forth smoke and making it rain, men is responsible for more than half the bad weather of which he complains. On Mars the sky is perpetually clear from morning till night and from spring to fall.

"While the water on the earth is slowly, but surely, disappearing through sublimation into the heavens, and sinking into the earth, on Mars the seas have already disappeared, though there appear to have been seas three ages ago."

MINER WEARS \$150,000 LEG

Returned Klondiker Thinks Cork Limb Best Depository for Wealth Accumulated.

New York.—Lured by stories of the discovery of gold in the Klondike, Herbert O. Manley of Washington, who was a street car conductor, drew from a savings bank \$200. After ten years in the wilds of Alaska he has returned, and, according to his intimate friends, should anyone succeed in "pulling his leg" they would find a roll of \$150,000 fresh from the United States treasury.

It would all depend, however, upon which leg is pulled. The man's left leg is of cork and the hollow portion of the calf of the artificial limb is used by Mr. Manley as a safe deposit vault.

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A few years ago I was troubled with a complication of kidney and stomach ailments, and although I tried two or three different doctors, I was unable to obtain a cure.

Had I begun using Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root sooner I would have been a few hundred dollars to the good and saved myself a lot of suffering.

Yours very truly, CHARLES E. HARRIS, 460 Sixth St., Marion, Ia.

I certify that Charles E. Harris signed the above testimonial in my presence, being first duly sworn to the truth thereof this 12th day of July, 1909.

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Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You. Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone.

Uncle Joe's Check. Col. Henry Carson, sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, has the original check given by Speaker Joseph G. Cannon a few years ago to a book agent, and about which an interesting story has been told.

An agent visited the speaker and interested him in an elaborate edition of something which Uncle Joe didn't want, but bought. When the books arrived Uncle Joe examined them and decided at once that something had been put over on him.

Critics. "Only competent critics can give competent criticisms," said Admiral Mahan, at the Immortals' recent reception in New York.

Is Mennonite Minister. Miss Anna J. Allebach is the first woman to be elected a minister of the Mennonite church in this country.

Not Boasting of It. Theatrical Manager—I understand that you played with Booth, Miss Sereleaf?

DisTEMPER. In all its forms among all ages of horses, as well as dogs, cured and others in same stable prevented from having the disease with SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE.

Have to Pull Them In. Ella—There are just as good fish in the sea—

George's Head on Coln. London.—King George's head on the new coinage much more closely resembles Prince Henry of Prussia than England's king.

As to paying for it, we will have to send the money, I understand, to London," Mr. Warner continued.

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BUY FLAXSEED IN ARGENTINA. Minneapolis Mills in Unprecedented Deal for \$1,100,000 Worth—Oil Industry Grows.

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ELECTRICITY AN AID

Marvelous Device Furnishes Plants Stimulants by Wire.

Increase of 30 Per Cent. in Electrically Shocked Field Is Not Considered High—Wires Stretch Across Fields.

Birmingham, Eng.—Electric shocks for crops. Sunshine turned on by a switch. Stimulus by wire for plants.

In the race for efficiency between science and nature, science has taken another step forward, and the above marvels are already accomplished.

Seven installations have recently been erected in Germany, and there are two in Scotland, and two in England and another now on the high seas on the way to Java, where it will be used to stimulate the growth of sugar cane.

An association of the sugar growers there has bought it, and they are going to give it exhaustive trials, though it is realized that the conditions of the climate there are adverse.

The stations in Great Britain, Mr. Lodge said, are more or less experimental, but the German installations have been put up as commercial undertakings.

The principal Scottish station is on a farm at Balmakewan, Kincardineshire, and in England there is one on a farm at Salford Priors, and the other is at G. R. Newman's nursery, at Britton, near Bristol.

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