

temple.

dette he called out:

"Cease firing! Friends!"

In answer to a call to advance Ratigan

rode forward and found a vedette, who

had mistaken them for an enemy. On

making themselves known they were

ing that he was too incautious to lead,

gave way to Ratigan. They proceeded

on their way with more caution and

passed through a gap in the ridge lead-ing to Reed's bridge.

them, after getting well into their lines,

to proceed rapidly. After they had pass

ed the ridge they left the road and turn-

ed northward. Soon after they reached

CHAPTER XIX.

IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

Once inside his tent Colonel Maynard

"Corporal, I want you to get me the

"Oi don't know how Oi'll do it, colo-

"I fear that will take too long. Can't

"Oi moight be able to do it, and Oi

"I would take your jacket, but I

nel, without goin back to me own

you steal one from one of the tents near

might spend the whole night tryin.

want your assistance. There's no other

"Ride, and remember that every mo-

Ratigan lost no time in mounting and

was soon galloping on his way. Once

out of the camp from which he started

he found no guards to pass and was able

to drive his horse to the utmost. The

night before he had chased the woman

whom he had then known as Betsy

Baggs in a mad race to capture her. Now

he was tearing along in a mad race to

save her from the consequences of his

capture. Past woods and waters flew

the corporal, over bridges and hills,

through hollows and rivulets, till he

came to his own camp. There he at once sought the quarters of Private Flan-

"Flanagan," he cried, shaking the

"Let me take yer clothes and ask

"Take 'em. And divil a question

Ratigan seized the bundle, and, with

outh shut if he wanted to save him-

an injunction to Flanagan to keep his

self from future trials, mounted his

horse and was again flying over the

ground back to Colonel Maynard's head-

It was now the small hours of the

night. The corporal cast his eye to the

east and saw a faint streak of white

light there. Digging his spurs into his

beast's flanks and urging him with his

voice at the same time, rider and horse

sped on in a race between life and death.

ral. "Go on, me darlin. Stretch yer

cussed legs, for I don't care if ye kill

yersi!f if we lose no time. What's yer

loife compared with hers? On with ye,

me beauty! Win the race with the sun

that is showin his light there, and

rent phrases Ratigan urged his horse

till he could go no faster. Again did

hills, vales, woods, waters, fences fly by till at last the corporal dismounted

at the camp he rode for, and in a mo-

The corporal started back. A man

stood there whom he did not recognize

for a few moments as Colonel Maynard.

He had no beard, while the colonel had

had a heavy one. His hair and eyebrows

were black, while the colonel's were

light, and the hair which had hung be-

low his hat in short curls was now crop

The corporal handed him the bundle,

"Corporal," said the colonel, "let me

explain what I am about to do. I know

something of the blood that flows in

the veins of Caroline Fitz Hugh. She

will never accept her life at the price I

intend to pay for it. She must not know

that I intend to save her by violating a

trust, by incurring my own downfall,

or she will not leave her jail. Do you

placed three horses in the wood yonder

'I do, colonel. She would chide u if she knew I was doing the same.

While you have been away I have

"Corporal Ratigan, every man has

his own part in life to perform. The

distinctive feature in mine seems to be

to decide quickly between conflicting

duties. I am going to violate a trust, to

perform a sacred obligation. If you wil

Taking up a slip of paper lying on his camp cot, on which he had writted

an order, the two left the tent. They

were challenged by the sentry on post,

but giving the countersign proceeded

till they were again challenged by the

the colonel advanced and gave the co.

The sergeant in charge met them

guard at the temperary prison. T

tersign and passed into the house

"Give me the clothes, quick!"

into them.

understand?"

'I see, colonel.'

d me, follow me."

ment was in Colonel Maynard's tent.

With such contradictory and incohe-

Oi'll worship ye forever.'

'Go on, ye beast!" cried the corpo-

will Oi ask except what ye do be wantin

private, "yer wanted!"

no questions. "

em for. "

quarters.

'What is it, corporal?"

ment is worth years at any other time."

way but for you to go to your camp."

"Colonel, Oi'll ride hard."

Oi can get one at me camp certain."

uniform of a private soldier. You must

do so without exciting suspicion.

The good footing of the road enabled

The two men arranged that Colonel | close to his ear, almost brushing his Fitz Hugh and Colonel Maynard should advance to the respective places they themselves occupied as soon as they had withdrawn. Then, wheeling, each rode back to his principal, and in a few moments more the Union and Confederate officers faced each other from opposite banks of the creek. The distance between them at this point was but a few suffered to pass on, and Maynard, feelyards, and the night was not so dark but that they could plainly see each other. The equestrian figures stood silent, each waiting for the other to speak. The only sound came from the gurgling of the stream which flowed between

"You are Colonel Fitz Hugh, I believe." said Maynard.

'I am. I recognize Colonel Maynard's voice.'

"I heard yours last on a certain evening a year ago-an evening memorable to both of us. Then you gave me my life, and by deing so placed yourself in a position to be shot for a traitor to your cause."

'Not for your sake, colonel-for the sake of another."

"It matters not for whose sake: the act remains. Once before you spared me when you found me under a roof which covered'-

"Then I respected the laws of hospitality, sacred in the south. Let us not dwell on these matters, colonel. Let us proceed with that upon which we have met for consultation.

"You are right. Time presses. Your sister stands convicted of the same offense as mine at the time of which we have been speaking and sentenced to die at sunrise. We meet to concert a

method to save her." "At my request. But any proposition must come from you, Colenel Maynard. I am unfamiliar with the feeling on the part of those in power in the Federal army as to executing a sentence of death upon a woman."

'Circumstances which I cannot explain, for they pertain to the situation in which these two armies are placed, render the feeling against your sister very severe."

You have suggested my exerting influence from our side?"

'It was your sister who suggested it. I have little faith in it." "What did you propose?"

"That which your sister would not

"And that was?"

Maynard whispered in a strange, sav age tone:
"To use my authority as command.

ing the brigade charged with her keeping to place her within your lines." 'And now?"

"I listen for some suggestion from

"I can think of none except, with your permission, to enter a protest over the signature of our commanding officers of highest rank."

"It would avail nothing."

"Then there is nothing to save her from this sacrifice, which, though she has always been prepared for it, and doubtless will now meet it, like the remarkable woman she is, with becoming fortitude, is still hard for those of us who love and respect her to bear. We will revere her memory as a martyr.

During this dialogue each man sat on his horse without any movement and spoke in measured, formal, automatic tones. Maynard's words were quicker than Fitz Hugh's, who held to the slower fashion of speaking, common in the south. After the last sentence spoken by Fitz Hugh there was a long silence. They had met for a purpose. Their meeting was a failure.

It seemed to both that they could hear their watches ticking away the seconds that lay between Caroline Fitz Hugh and death. Neither knew the agony suffered by the other unless he judged that other by himself. Neither had the heart to terminate the interview, though both knew that it was fruitless. A night bird set up a dismal cry. It seemed a deathknell.

Then Maynard broke the silence. "Colonel," he said in a set voice, "re-

main here or meet me here at any time after an hour. It may be the small hours of the morning. It will be, if at all, before suprise. "What do you propose to do?"

"What I propose to do neither you nor your sister shall know till it has

been accomplished. "I will remain here or near by, and at 1 o'clock you will find me where I now am.

"Adieu," cried Maynard as he turned his horse's head and galloped away. "Adieu," replied Fitz Hugh in the stately tone to which he was accustomd, and raised his hat as politely as if he were saluting in a ballroom.

Fitz Hugh rejoined his companion and rode away in the direction of Ringold, and Maynard, followed by Ratigan, started back toward their camp. Maynard's brain was in a fever. Time had been expended to no gain. The small hours were coming on, and only six of them would pass before the event he so much dreaded would take place. He had formed his resolve. Whether wise or foolish, right or wrong, practical or impossible, his resolution was taken. Once determined upon his course he spurred his horse on without thought of obstacle. Turning from the rooga ground on which he rode, he was about to take the road, on which he might get on faster, when he was suddenly startled by the firing of a bullet and the sound that came with it. The shot rang asked what they wanted. The colonel handed him the paper he had brought with him. It was an order for the person of the prisoner. The place was only lighted by a candle, and the colonel took care to stand with his back to it. But this was not necessary, for his disguise was complete. Corporal Ratigan remained without the door, on the porch

The sergeaut looked from the paper to the man who stood before him inquir-

'This is very strange," he said. Maynard made no reply.

"Here is Colonel Maynard's order," the sergeant added, reading it over again. "Do you know what he wants with her?"

"Do you suppose I don't know any better than to ask questions when I get Knowing that he had by his carelessan order?" replied the spurious private ness suddenly come upon a Union ve-The sergeant went into the room

where Miss Fitz Hugh was confined and led her out, pale and wondering. "It isn't sunrise," she said in a voice which it was difficult for her to keep

from breaking. "Come," said the colonel. She followed him to the porch, and Corporal Ratigan joined them, but it was too dark for the prisoner to see who he was, and he did not dare to make himself known. As soon as they had got to a

safe distance he whispered: "Darlin!"

"Rats!" 'Not a word till we get further

They walked on at an ordinary pace, though all desired to hasten. After pass ing some distance from the house Maynard turned and glanced back. He saw the sergeant watching.

"We must go to the tent," he muttered, and the three walked on. Before entering he looked again. The sergeant was still watching. He evidently wished to make sure that all was right. All entered the tent, while the colonel, standing at the front and peering between the tent flaps, watched for the sergeant to go back into the house. Presently he did so and left the way clear.

'Now come on.' Leaving the tent, they walked a short distance down the road. Not a word was spoken. Presently they turned aside and entered the wood. There they found

the horses. "Mount," said the colonel to the

Putting a foot in his hand, she sprang up on to a horse's back. There was no sidesaddle for her, but the high front of she was so good a horsewoman that she could have ridden sideways on the animal's bare back. The stirrup was fitted, the colonel and Ratigan mounted, and the three rode rapidly away.

"We must dodge the picket," said the colonel. "Even the countersign might not avail us with a woman in the "What does it all mean, Rats?" ask-

ed Miss Fitz Hugh. "I thought you were going to do your duty at all haz-

"Well, there's different kinds of duties, and sometimes they won't work together. If savin a woman's life isn't a duty, then me mother didn't bring me up right."

"Who's the other?" she asked while Maynard was riding a little in advance. 'One who this night makes me his slave."

"And I from this night will be indebted for my life to both of you if you succeed in saving it. But I can't bear to have you sacrifice yourselves for me. You may be committing an unpardon able sin toward your comrades, but I toward our Father. And one day it will be all ended, Rats, and then who will

"Oi know those who will rejoice." Ratigan now took the lead, having passed over the route before several times and being familiar with the best way to get between the vedettes. Colonel Maynard dropped back beside the prisoner.

Who are you?" she asked. "One who serves you."

The voice sounded familiar, but was disguised, and she did not recognize it Colonel Maynard's. 'Were you sent by Colonel May-

"Why should you try to save me?" "Ask me rather why I should not."

It was plain the man, whoever he might be, desired to remain unknown, and she desisted from further question-"After all, my death would not profit

the Federal cause," she said. "My lips will be sealed to any information I may "Your information would be too late

in any event. Had it been otherwise this plan would not have been attemptand Maynard lost no time in getting

"Why so?" "Your commander in chief of the Army of Tennessee has delayed too long already. He will attack us almost immediately. Your information would not now hasten that attack."

"How do you know?" 'We have captured prisoners showing that your men have been re-enforced from Knoxville and Virginia. General Bragg has ceased to retreat and is about to fall upon us with a concentrated ar-

"You are right in assuming that neither you nor I can have influence for or against either side now. These troops have been coming from Virginia for a month. They are nearly all arrived. You may expect to hear the opening shot | Los Angeles of a great battle at any moment.

The corporal, who was in front, reined in his horse and held up his hand in Reno, Nev. warning. They were on the edge of a wood and within a few hundred yards of the creek and could see to the right and to the left.

"My God!" exclaimed the corporal, there are vedettes there, and vedettes pointing north and south. "And they are both comin this way. We

must go back." Colonel Maynard rode forward to see He glanced at both parties of vedettes, see.

then in front of him. From that from at that moment there came a horse's neigh. It was answered by a neigh from behind the three on the edge of the wood.

"Your people are where that horse saddle for a dash?"

"We are surrounded. It is the only The two men dug their spurs into marked. their horses' flanks, and all three shot out toward the creek. They had not gone a hundred yards before they heard, a shot. They paid no attention to either, but dashed on over the uneven ground, the two men riding close on either side the prisoner for fear she would lose her balance. Her horse stumbled, but recovered. A volley came from the vedettes riding from the south, but no one was hit. In crossing a gully Miss Fitz Hugh tottered sideways, but Maynard caught her and righted her.

"On, on!" he said. "A few hundred yards, and you are saved.'

To be continued.)

"Perhays you would not think so, but a ery large proportion of diseases in New York comes from carelessness about catching cold," says Dr. Syrus Edson. "It is such a simple thing and so common that the rainy season includes May, June vecy few people, unless it is a case of pneumonia, pay any attention to a cold. New York is one of the healthiest places on the Atlantic coast and yet there are a great many cases of catarrh and consumption which have their origin in this neglect of the simplest precaution of in, when you have one get rid of it as soon as possible. By all means do not neglect it." Dr. Edson does not tell you how to cure a cold but we will. Take Cnamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will relieve the lungs, aid expoctorations open the secretions and soon effect a permaonre. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Deyo & Grice.

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Mar. 9 .- My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from March 7 to 11 and the next a "McClellan" served very well, and will reach the Pacific coast about the occurs in these two months. 17th, cross the western mountain the eastern states about the 22d.

> The low of this storm wave will probably take a southern route and the amount of precipitation caused other storm waves of the month.

perature average will run low during Grand river country, north Missouri, the middle part of March but readers is a similar 9 inch rainfall district in must remember that the temperature July. averages above on the south side of the storm tracks and below on the

ern mountain country about 17th, the great central valleys about 19th, and rainfall is over 20 inches in a district eastern states about 21st. Cool wave will cross the western mountain councannot believe you are committing a sin try about 20th, great central valleys 22d and eastern states 24th.

occur on the night of March 10th, by Another island is found near the artronomical time and about 1 o'clock on the morning of 11th by civil time. Astronomers begin the day at noon understanding about dates when speaking of astronomical matters. This difference in time has been runso long that the records would be advocate such a change.

average temperature and rain, and be- If it is magnetic conditions that cause low are these averages for March as these departures the next thing to dis-Temperature is given in degrees and changes in the magnetic conditions. rain in inches.

TEMP. PLACE 33.2 New England Mid Atlantic 40.9 South Atlantic 53.6 58.3 East Gulf 58.2 3.59 West Gulf 45.2 2.41 Ohio Valley Lower Lakes 32.4 26.7 2.69 Upper Lakes North Dakota 20,0 36.7 Upper Mississippi 39.6 1.76 Missouri Valley North Pacific 39.6 40.1 .72 Denver 40.2 1.75 Salt Lake 57.1 3 87 54.5 3 30 San Francisco 42.0 1.00

RAINFALL.

As heretofore stated June is the month of most extensive rainfall and herein is strong evidence in favor of planetary meteorology. Orthodox scientists refuse to look at these points, for, while the physically blind cannot, the mentally blind will not

The average temperature of June is from 2 to 8 inches over more than one half the territory of the United States and includes nearly all the neighed. Can you keep your seat in the country east of the 105th meridian. The September rains in Florida and the December and February rains on chance. Are you prepared? Ready! Go!" the Pacific coast are particularly

A high wave of precipitation extends from Iowa to Lake Huron and "Halt there!" immediately followed by another along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts to southern Florida. These northern and southern rainbelts of January gradually approach each other and finall, meet on middle ground in February.

The crops of the northern and western plains depend largely on the rainfall of May, June and July which reach their highest mark near Fort Buford.

Beginning at Doluth draw a line through Hannibal, Oklahoma, Denver and Helens, Montans, and in the vast territory inclosed by that line and July, and during this one fourth of the year nearly one-half of the rainfall occurs. Reliable long range rain forecasts for these three months covering this territory, would save to its people a hundred million dolevery day life. The most sensible advise lara annually. Such forecasts are now partially completed and are being perfected.

July, August and September is the rainy season in Florida and the southern parts of Georgia, North and South Carolina On the Pacific coast December, January and February make up the rainy season.

El Paso, Texas, is in the center of a country whose rainy season occurs in July and August. All northwestern Mexico, extreme western Texas, New Mexico and Arizina are largely intersted in that rainy season in which about three fifth of the annual rain

The highest monthly rainfall in country by close of 18th, the great the United States is 145 inches in central valleys from 19th to 21st and the vicinity of the Tatoosh islands on the northwest coast of Washington. The next highest, 9 inches in March, in Alabama and Mississippi.

In northeastern Texas, near Shreve by it will be large as compared with port is a section of very heavy rain in April and May, reaching 9 inches in Taking the whole country, the tem- the latter month, and in the lower

There are spots of rainfall, called islands by meteorologists, found in arid countries that are of very con-The warm wave will cross the west- siderable interest. Near the headquarters of the Gola river the annua of 10 inches or less.

About Fort Stanton, New Mexico. is another of these islands; also Pike's Peak, where the rainfall is double A total eclipse of the moon will that of the surrounding country. Black Hills.

These rain islands are often found in arid districts at the headquarters and our civil laws make a legal civil of some of our most important rivers day begin at the midnight before, and interesting meteorological ques-For this reason there is often a mis- tious are suggested by this fact. It is evident in this case that the rainfall islands formed the rivers. What is the cause of these islands?

The writer believes that the magbadly mixed by making a change so netic needle will discover the cause that astronomical and civil time and that a record of the dip and horwould agree, but many astronomers izontal needles will show marked results in other districts where periodic Forecasts are made to compare with drouths and excesses of rain occur. given by the national weather bureau. cover is the cause that leads to these

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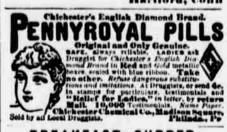
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