

THE RUNAWAY BOY.

Wanted I sassed my name, an' he-
Went istand that an' he pished me-
Non when he was gone that day.

The Great Hesper.
BY FRANK HARRIETT.

CHAPTER XVIII.—CONTINUED.
"Die! cursed dog, die!" shouted
Van Hoek, with the frantic excitement

And with that he severed the last
strand, and I swept down through
space. Clinging with desperate en-
ergy to the rope in my hands, I

What was I to do? I dared not try
to pull myself hand over hand up
the wet rope, for the slightest relaxation

"Dear, are you still there?" Lola
called from above.
"Yes," I replied.

"Here is the rope—when I call you
can trust yourself to it."
At the same time I felt the knotted
rope dangling against my shoulders.

It was not an instant too soon. I
felt the wet rope slipping through
my hands. Leaving go with one
hand, I clutched out wildly for the

"Saved," I called out to her.
"Not for long," shouted Van Hoek
from the opposite side, and I heard

Following almost immediately
upon the crack of the rifle and Lola's
cry, a mass of rock, probably dis-

But as if this had been the key-
stone of the fabric that upheld the
mighty weight of the enormous rock

The roar of artillery, the peal
of thunder, was not to be compared
with the awful din as the great rock

This fall was most violent at some
distance away from us further down
the ravine; only an occasional block,

The awful eruption had continued
for some moments—scarcely so long
as one might take to read this de-

Sir Edmund and Edith came to
San Diego in June, the loveliest
season of that lovely land. The air

Edith was charmed with all she
saw.

I thought I must relinquish my hold.
But a piteous cry from Lola—nerved
me to fresh effort.
I saw now the two cut ropes, and

CHAPTER XIX.
"I knowed it must go one day.
How fares it, pardner?" called Brace
from the opposite ledge.

Looking across, I saw him sitting
on the boulder binding his arm with
his neckcloth.
"Lola is hit. The villain has done
his work," I said.

Van Hoek had tried to escape
the way he came, after shooting
Lola, and had got some distance

But he dared not move from the
position he had reached when the
rock tilted up; for the light that

It was possible for Brace to reach
him by going along the ledge.
"Will you save him?" I asked.

Van Hoek let the rifle slip from
his hand; how insignificant to us
seemed the sound that came up from

We could see his hand quivering
as he groped along the edge of the
wall.

In vain now he strained his eyes
to see the ledge by which he had
followed us. Yet he could not stand

He found a crevice for his fingers,
and made a step forward; he advanced
again, but the rock he put his

I held my breath; it seemed
minutes before that hollow "pong"
reached our ears, telling us that

There was cord, and to spare, in
the coils. Weighing one end with
a stone, I threw an end across to

We made a mattress of the rugs
on the smoothest part of the rock
and attempted to lift her upon it.

"Not while you are with us, my
poor gel," said her father, with
more tenderness than I had ever

We had the flask, and some food in
a wallet. We eat when we were
hungry, seated beside Lola.

Brace touched my arm.
"Pardner," he said, in a tone of
awe, "the Kid's gone."

I had no hesitation in showing
them, and when he had seen the
splendid results they already showed,
he formally sanctioned a renewal of

Brace was at our wedding break-
fast. When it was over, he took
some of the flowers from the table,

"It is understood between the
above partners that, in the event of
a lucky find, the Kid shall not be

THE END.
NAPOLEON AT PLAY.
Bonaparte—a supremely selfish and

The diary describing the journey
of Napoleon to St. Helena appears in
the Century. It gives more or less

"These young ladies," says Mr.
Glover, "in a few days became per-
fectly familiar, and the general

A Small Boy's Big Scheme.
"Gentlemen," said a bright-eyed,
dirty-faced boy about 10 years old,

"What do you want of a gun?" in-
quired one of the clerks.
"Want to make a livin' wid it. I

Fine voices are seldom found in a
country where fish or meat diet pre-
vails. Those Italians who eat the

"Where you going?" said one small
boy to another.
"Ter the foot-ball game."

A Sad Preponderance.
He had just called at the residence
of four young women, and every one

As Good as an Alibi.
Judge, to dynamite suspect—
What is your trade?

The Largest Prune Orchard.
A 5,000-acre prune orchard, which
will be the largest in the world, will

How Nice.
The following notice was posted up
on a pleasure boat:

NEARLY CAPTURED.

WEYLER HAS A NARROW ESCAPE.

The Captain General's Negro Body Guard
Encounters Insurgents Ready for a Sur-
prise in a Town and Suffer Severely in
the Ensuing Machete Conflict.

New York, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to
the Herald from Havana says: "Eigh-
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THE PLAGUE PRECAUTION

England Doing Everything Possible—Bombay in Bad Shape.

London, Jan. 25.—In the House of
Commons Lord George Hamilton, sec-
retary of state for India, made a long

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The Chicagoan Willing to become Head of the Treasury.

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GEN. STEVENSON DEAD.

A St. Louis Lawyer Who Had Raised the Seventh Missouri.

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LOUD BILL OBJECTIONS

Magazine Publishers Enter Protest—Their Committee Heard.

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Choice of Kansas Republicans to Succeed Peffer—Nine Absent From Caucus.

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