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THE GRAY MARE.

The war had ended in the spring; but the months passed, and summer gave place to autumn, and there remained many volunteers who were disappointed in their hopes of muster

Captain Fanning of the -th cavalry was one of those who were still suffering from this hope deferred. His company and several others were encamped in Southwestern Texas near the Rio Grande. The country about them was a wild, rolling prairie, whose monotony was somewhat re-lieved by a few small groves of stunted trees.

On a certain morning he set out for one of those groves, which was about half a mile from the camp. He was alone and on foot. He reached the grove, entered it, seated himself on an inviting log, and, taking from his pocket a capacious meerschaum and a bag of tobacco, proceeded to enjoy a smoke. His coat was unbuttoned, and the upper left pocket of his waistcoat showed the silvermounted handle of a very small re-volver. He had taken off his belt, which lay on the log. several feet be-youd the reach of his hands; in its holster was a heavy Colt's revolver.

It was a luxury to drop the weary vigilance of war; but it was not yet safe to do so in all parts of the South, and certainly not in the vicinity of the Rio Grande, which was infested with guerrillas from man and Stock Raiser. My life is rough and exposed. I meet all states, who found in the unsettled weathers in the Colorado mountains. state of both countries abundant opportunity for robbery and murder.

Fanning was so near the camp that he did not think of danger, and his mind was occupied so entirely by the future which his imagination painted that he did not notice sounds clearly suggesting the approach of a horse. Shortly afterwards, however, he was aroused from his dreams by a shrill neigh. He looked up and saw a man mounted on a gray mare breaking the cover of the trees and their thick undergrowth. He had lost that mare several weeks before, and her neigh had perhaps been one of recognition. She was mounted by a large, thick-set, long-bearded man, who was in the act of discharging a revolve: The next instant Fanning was aware that a bullet had passed through his left arm. Another shot quickly followed, but missed him, and, by that time, his hand had reached a small revolver in his waistcoat pocket, for he decided quickly that in losing a moment to get his larger weapon he might lose his life. There was another report; the men had fired simultaneously; a bullet had passed through Fanning's hat, and the guerrilla, spurring furiously, got out of sight so quickly that there was only time for one (more shot at him, and Fanning was uncertain whether that or any of his others had taken

He pulled up his sleeve and found in the direction of the camp, and suspected that it proceeded from a detachment of eight men and a sergeant which he knew had been ordered to look for stray mules. He rose at once, taking his belt in his right hand, and ran towards the open ground where he thought that they would pass. His surmise proved correct, and shortly afterwards when he emerged from the grove they met him and halted, the sergeant exclaiming as he saluted: "You're hit, captain!"

"Yes, Brent; you must have heard the shots. I have a hole in my arm, but it's nothing to worry about. Murphy," addressing one of the privates, "you have the poorest beast; dismount; I'll ride to camp, and you can follow on foot, to be on hand if I should need you. Now, Brent, a bushwhacker did this business. He rides the gray mare that was stolen from me. I want you to catch him. and there's no time to lose, for you know the gray can travel. Skirt this wood; he must have left it, and you'll see him in the open soon enough."

He had mounted Murphy's horse while speaking, and, on concluding, started for the camp at a canter.

"We'll have him, captain, if we have to follow him to Mexico," said Breat, and immediately put his men

in motion. As he looked behind him and saw the detachment disappear around the curve of the grove, Fanning thought: "If the gray is what she used to be, it will be a long chase; but Breat will follow like a bloodhound."

Brent and his men had nearly halfcircled the grove when they saw the fugitive in the open plain, clearly beyond carbine range, the gray doing her best, but urged by the cruel

spur of her rider.
"There he is," cried Brent; "go for him! every man for himself, and no turning back while a horse can

move." He touched his horse with the spur, gave him rein, and the race began. They went off with a fierce yell that the wind that swept by them carried with merciless clearness to the ears of the man they pursued. He looked back at them for a moment, and then turned, bent over the gray mare's neck and spurred her violently. Mad with pain, she reared and plunged. more than once nearly unhorsing him, "For," h and then balked. If that continued, all would be over in a few minutes Tribune.

His pursuers were coming on swiftly. Three were far ahead of the others: the first was Mike O'Grady, on a tall, white mare; ten yards behind him was Welch, on a small but wonderfully active bay mare, and close third was Brent on a large, black stailion that was heavier than the ideal run-

dropped from his saddle with his right hand grasping at the weapon it was destined never to reach.

One of his enemies was disposed of. but the situation of the guerrilla was desperate; the others would soon reach him, and he could not hope to be so lucky as to kill with every shot. He chose a desperate remedy. Placing the muzzle of his revolver behind the tip of the mare's right ear he fired. She dashed forward madly, her ear torn and bleeding. Her rider gave her a free rein, and she went away with greater speed than before, for her stop had given

For several miles the chase continued with no perceptible change in the relative positions of the three men. Then it became apparent that Welch was decidedly gaining on the guerrilla, and had also slightly increased the distance between himself and Brent. Finally he came within carbine range. He had that weapon and the guerrilla, who was without one, could not use a revolver effectively at that distance. Welch, therefore, had an advantage, and it was most welcome to him, for the fate of O'Grady was in his thoughts. He was a good shot, and, although difficult, it was not impossible to hit under such circumstances. He unslung his carbine, raised it to his shoulder, drew the bead carefully. making allowance for the motion, and pulled the trigger; but at that instant his horse stumbled. The bullet went wide of its mark and he was thrown, and fell on the ground so heavily that several moments passed before he could rise. When he did, he saw his horse running away from the line of pursuit. Then Brent dashed

With spur and voice. Brent tried to urge his horse to a swifter pace. but met with no response; the animal was clearly at an end of his efforts. The gray mare was also distressed. but less so. The distance between the horses was increasing perceptibly. Several minutes passed, and the black stallion staggered for a few yards and fell on the ground utterly exhausted. Brent leaped from the saddle and raised his revolver as if to fire, but lowered it without doing so, for he saw too clearly that it was useless at that distance. . For an instant he stood motionless; then, thrusting his revolver in the breast pocket of his jacket and unclasping his belt and dropping it and the heavy saber attached to it, he rushed on. His mouth was closed like a vice, and his eyes were fixed on the horse and rider ahead of him with a passionate intensity. He was resolved to follow while he could move. He would be as merciless to himself as he had been to his horse.

A man swift of foot might have equalled or exceeded the pace of the that the wound was not serious. weary gray, but Brent was not swift Just then he heard a clatter of hoofs and despite his greatest effort he lost ground rapidly. Yet he pressed on, though he knew his strength was about to fail. He no longer hoped for success, but he mentally swore that as long as he could see the gray mare and her rider he would follow them. Obstacles only increase the determination of such men. A few minutes of mental and physical agony followed, and then in Brent's mind there was an exultant "I have him now!" which he had not breath to voice.

The gray mare had fallen.

The distance was not too great for Brent to see that the guerrilla had seated himself on the side of his steed, and was bending over, apparently occupied in something that concerned his feet.

Brent stopped a few moments to take breath for the struggle he expected, and then rushed on. He was prepared for a shot when within pistol range, and watched keenly, that he might anticipate it. He came nearer and nearer, debating when he should fire, and finally deciding to wait for a closer shot, believing that the other man could not fire first, for every motion he made was now easily seen.

Suddenly the guerrilla fell on his side. Had he fainted? Was he sham-ming? Or was he dead? Brent was prepared for a trick; he scon knew the truth, for, on reaching the spot he found that the man was dead.

An examination showed but one wound; that was in the leg. An artery had been cut by a small bullet, evidently one from the captain's revolver, and the man had evidently bled to death. That he had lived so long was due to a tourniquet which he had contrived with a saddle-strap and the handle of a bowie-knife.

The gray mare was alive, but hardly able to move. Brent looked around and found some rain water in a hollow near by, and fetched his hat full of it, and, by bathing the ani-mal's nostrils with it, so revived her that she was able to drink, then hard rubbing bettered her condition still After a long rest the mare more. was able to start, and by judicious halts they succeeded in leading her to camp. But she was never worth much afterwards, and the rest of her life was mainly spent in the pasture of Captain Fanning's farm, where he made her as comfortable as possible. "For," he said to me. "I believe that her neigh saved my life "-National

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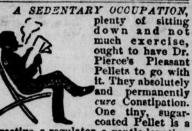
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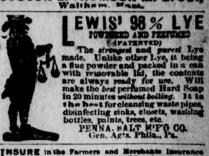
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