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The Drumbeats Of LibertyBy M. QUAD.

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They had brought him home one day, that loyal and stout hearted pagone forever. A Hessian's bullet had blinded him, and a comrade walked hand in hand with him and warned him of obstructions in the road.

One night months later, as the blind have told. They could not comprehend he would have been excluded. Meanman slept, there was a gentle tapping the depths of patriotism. at his window, and as he opened the sash and asked who was there a patriot sergeant replied:

"Hist, Jacob! 1 have been with oxen and wagon for muskets, powder and tained from him in conference, and the lead. I have had a long pull of it, and less of him the better. In his religion the oxen can go no farther, and there he is naturally a fanatic. He is a wiry, is a Hessian picket on the road to the south. We must hide the munitions from the Visayan or Tagalo and quite and come for them again."

Ten minutes later the blind drummer and his three daughters were assisting the soldiers to unload the wagon and hide its contents in the dark and empty cellar of the barn. In all haste and yet with due caution the work was speedily finished and the vehicle driven back over the road, and by and by when a patrol of cavalry came trotting that way no man saw or heard anything unusual.

And when the muskets had been oiled and the lead cast into bullets which gleamed bright as silver there was a drill on the bare floor of the old barn. With drum at his side, but the sticks beating softly, and with Ruth, Mary and Esther in line before him, the blind man whisperingly commanded:

"Attention, company! Right face! Left face! Order arms! Shoulder arms! Ready-aim-recover! R-r-r-r! Rat-tat-tat!"

And there came a November day when the snowflakes fluttered down now,and then, and the skies were dark with winter's warning, and the gale whipped the dying leaves off the apple and pear trees and tossed their branches about in wild disorder. The blind drummer was nodding in sleep in his chair, and his daughters were in the field searching for potato hills which might have escaped the raiders. Of a sudden the man roused up and peered into vacancy with his sightless eyes and listened with beating heart.

The daughters found him standing erect, with drum at his side and sticks in his hand, as they came running in.

"Aye, they are coming, the enemy," he said as the panting girls essayed to speak. "They have heard of the arms and are coming to take them away. You, Ruth and Mary, to the barn and bring as many muskets as you can carry, and you, Esther, lead me steady-forward, march!

here is the way the drums beat at White Plains as our ragged patriots came swinging into action-r-r-r-r! Tat- | Misertes and Irritations Incident tat-tat! -Rat-a-tat! Rat-a-tat! Rat-atat-tat-tat! And when we crossed the Delaware and broke the British center at Trenton it was-r-r-r-attat"-

The blind man swayed and tottered and sank to earth, and there were cheers from the walls and fences and denly transferred to a clerkship in the hillocks.

"And at Princeton," he whispered as he clutched the drumsticks with fintriot, Jacob Van Brunt, with his vision gers of death, "the drumbeats weretat-tat"-"How did they know? How could we

tell?" asked man of man as they stood tion, and Trollope characteristically leaning on their muskets and looked takes occasion to denounce the system

In the Sulus-The Moros.

The Moro is a great talker, always returning to the same point. Practically nothing of consequence can be obsinewy, athletic fellow, very different punctual. "These visits were very ter-

different from the Filipino generally. In physical appearance he is a distinct mark applies also to the visits from the type in the orient. He has a bold and haughty bearing and freedom of manners extending to an almost defiant

carriage. He dresses in fantastic garbs of bright and brilliant colors and is as gay in manner as gaudy in garb. A variegated, uniquely folded turban, a highly colored silk sash to hold his deadly, handsomely carved and adorn-

ed borong or krise, a short jacket ornamented with bright metal clasps or filigree work or buttons and very bright striped silk trousers that are tight in fit make him the most picturesque of barbarian people.

He lives in simplicity. He is brave to fearlessness, a born pirate and essentially a fighting man, ever at war with somebody in some part of the sultanate, never happy unless on a marauding expedition and stealing from his neighbors, friends and foes alike. The chief who is the most successful thief

is the most respected and most powerful among chiefs .- Lieutenant Colonel Sweet, U. S. A., in Independent.

Ants as Miners.

Ants commonly are regarded as nulsances, yet they have their uses. If you dig up a nest of common brown ants, you will notice by putting your face close to the hill a pungent odor arising. This is the vapor of formic acid, the principle of ant polson. Now, formic acid has the property of mak ing plants grow as hardly anything else will. Therefore the mold of which the ant nests are composed makes a valuable dressing for the market garden when spread on while it is fresh Another little known benefit to be derived from ants is the collection of their eggs for fish food. In the late to the lane and stone wall. Forward- summer a good many people make a living by gathering ant eggs in the

"Attention, company!" cried the drum- pine woods of Surrey and Berkshire, England, and selling them to the London fish dealers. In the west ants are sometimes used you fire. Tell me, Esther, what do they as miners. There is a large species of

ANTHONY TROLLOPE.

Upon His Start In Life.

Anthony Trollope's start in life was unpromising. As he knew no languages, ancient or modern, he became classical usher at a school in Brussels, with the promise of a commission in early.

the Austrian army. Then he was sud-London postoffice. He was disqualified for the new position by general ignorance and special incapacity for the simplest arithmetic. A vague threat moment.

that he must pass an examination was forgotten before it was put into execudown on the dead. They could not of competitive examination by which her appearance.

> while he was turned loose in London and attempted to live like a gentleman on £90 a year. The results are indicated by a couple of anecdotes.

A money lender once advanced him £4, for which, first and last, he paid £200. This person, he says, became so much attached to him as to pay a daily visit to his office and exhort him to be

rible and can hardly have been of serv-Ice to me in the office." This mild remother of a young woman in the country who had fallen in love with him and to whom he "lacked the pluck to give a decided negative." The mother

used to appear with a basket on her arm and an immense bonnet upon her head and inquire in a loud voice before all his companions, "Anthony Trollope, when are you going to marry my daughter?"

No wonder that he was miserable. He was hopelessly in debt and often unable to pay for a dinner. He hated his work, he says, and he hated his idleness; he quarreled with his superiors, who thought him hopelessly incapable and felt that he was sinking "to the lowest pits." At last he heard of a place in the Irish postoffice which everybody despised and was successful on applying for it, because his masters were glad to get rid of him. At the same time they informed his new superior that he would probably have to be dismissed on the first opportunity .-National Review.

THE HOME DOCTOR.

Ice cream is said to be an infallible remedy for hiccoughs.

Skin cleanliness, or, in other words, frequent ablution of the whole person, is a powerful preservative against all infectious and contagious diseases. To cure a sprain bruise a handful of sage leaves and boil them in a gill of vinegar for five minutes. Apply this in a folded napkin as hot as it can be borne to the part affected.

For inflamed eyes use the white of an egg beaten to a froth and add to it a tablespoonful of rosewater. Apply with a piece of cotton wool, which must be changed as often as it dries. A soothing drink for sore throat that is recommended is made of a pint of arley water brought to a boll over a hot fire, to which is added while stir-Bang! ring until dissolved an ounce of the best gum arable. Sweeten to taste. Light being an element of cheerfulness, as much of it as the patient can bear without discomfort should always be admitted to the sickroom, care be-

Her Marriage Dot. The Emperor Joseph II, was in the habit of walking about incognito. One

morning he went into a coffee shop and asked for a cup of chocolate. He was plainly dressed and the waiters, being ignorant of his rank, insolently refused it, saying it was too

Without making any reply he walked out and went into a little coffee house hard by and asked for a cup of chocolate. The landlord answered that it should be ready in a

While he waited for it he walked ip and down and was conversing on different subjects when the landlord's daughter, a very pretty girl, made

The emperor wished her good day and observed to her father that it was high time a flower in full bloom should marry before it faded.

"Ah," replied the honest old man, "if I had but a thousand crowns I could marry her to a fine young man who is very fould of her! But, sir, the chocolate is ready."

The emperor called for a pen, ink and paper. The girl ran to fetch them, when he gave her an order on his banker for the thousand crowns.

A Unique Bequest.

Among the experiences that helped a now prominent attorney to emerge from the condition of a briefless barrister he tells the following: One day a miserly old fellow came to him and asked that the young attorney draw up a will.

"How much cash have you?" was the first interrogation.

"Waal, I dunno," responded the cllent; "somewheres nigh on to \$30,000, I reckon."

"How do you wish it divided?" "I want my old woman to have \$15,-000, and you can say that 1 give and bequeath \$5,000 to each of my three children," said the old man, unloading himself of the legal phrase with much gravity and deliberation.

"What else do you wish to say?" "Say that to each of my several nleces and nephews I also give the

sum of \$5,000." "Hold on, sir; this is a work of supererogation. You have already disposed of all your money. How are they to be given the sums you specify?

"Gol darn 'em, let 'em work for it, as I did!" came the answer.-San Francisco Wave.

Under a Mistake.

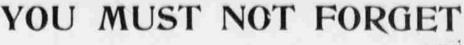
The stranger stepped up to the hotel register and wrote his name thus: "Gabriel Plunkett, Squibnocket, Mass." The stranger immediately behind him

then stepped up, looked at the name, smiled somewhat incredulously and made this entry himself:

"Israel Snodgrass, Snohomish, Wash," Then the two men glared at each oth-

"Think I'm kiddin', do you?"

"Trying to make fun of me, are you?" Biff!

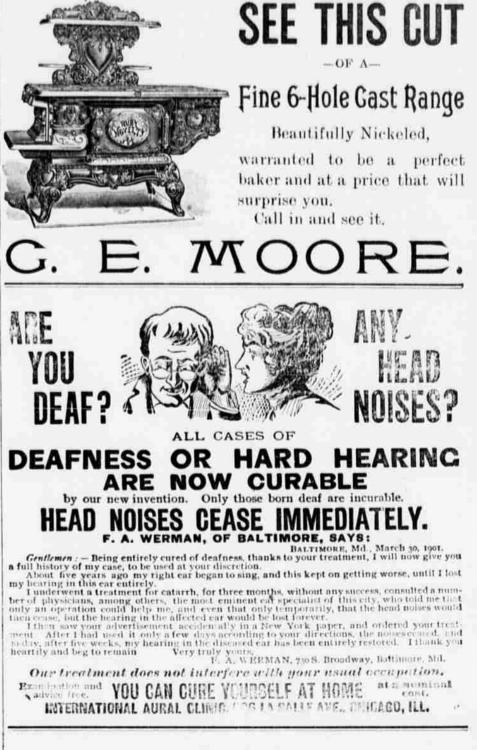


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mer as he ceased to rattle his sticks. "Load each and every musket. Let them come half way up the lane before do?

"They have halted, father, and appear surprised and confused."

"R-r-r-r! Rat-a-tat! Rat-tat-tat! They they are enemies of liberty. Aye, I hear their tramp on the dying grass. Steady, girls-steady! When they are even with the wild cherry tree, fire at dius of many yards will be found in it them to kill. Tell me, Esther, tell me"- and appropriated by the garnet seek-

Bang! bang! bang! roared the three ers. muskets, and with pulses jumping the blind man grasped his sticks and made the drum rattle till the half dozen horses down in the road reared up and plunged and whinnied at the sounds.

"Fresh muskets! Fire again! Tell me, Esther, tell me if any of them are down!"

"Three, father!" Bang! bang! bang! "Five, father-five are down now, and one is leaning against the wall! We have stopped them! They halt-they waver-they give back!"

The enemy fell back, rallied and advanced for the third time. Now some of the troops left the narrow lane and advanced upon the flanks of the defense. They crept along the stone walls or skirmished across the fields, and the firing became brisk.

"R-r-r-r! Rat-a-tat-tat!" rattled the drum, and the drummer shouted above the noise: "You are using but two muskets now! What has become of Ruth?"

"Ob, father," replied Esther, "Ruth-Ruth is dead!"

"Rat-a-tat-tat! Attention, company! Load-ready-aim-fire-recover! Tell me, Esther, can we hold them?"

"No, father! They are in front-to the right-to the left! I see them aiming at you, father! Crouch down beside me or you will be killed!"

"I cannot see, I cannot shoot, but I will stand to the last! R-r-r-r! R-r-r-r! Rat-a-tat! Rat-a-tat-tat! 'Tis the drumbeats that called the minutemen together at Lexington. You are using but one musket now. What has become of Mary?"

"Dead, father-dead as she rested her gun barrel over the wall?"

"Attention, company! Only a blind man and a girl, but the muskets in the barn belong to Washington and liberty, and we must die for them! Are you afraid, Esther?"

"I-I am not afraid!"

"Then fight on! "Twas thus that the drums rattled at Bunker Hill-r-r-r-a-atat-tat-tat! And 'twas thus they stoutened our hearts as we slowly fell back from Brooklyn Heights-r-r-r-rata-tat-tat-tat-tat! You have ceased firing. Tell me, Esther, is the powder gone?

There was no answer.

"They are dead." groaned the blind man-"Ruth, Mary and Esther-all dead! Aye, shout and cheer and fire, you hirelings! I face you-so! And he is a sheep.

Rocky mountain ant which builds its nest neither of wood nor earth, but of stone, and it prefers stones brilliant in color for this purpose. Miners are said are brave men and will come on, but to transport whole nests of these insects to places where garnets abound, and when the ants have built their new homes all the best crystals within a ra

A "Square" Alderman.

"I happened to be out west," said a Pittsburg architect, "when a certain town decided to erect a city hall. Architects were invited to send in plans and specifications, and, though I hadn't fully decided to compete, I dropped in on a boss alderman one day to secure some information. I had been told that he was at the head of a ring, and it didn't take me long to discover that such information was correct. We had scarcely passed a dozen words when he said:

"'Mr. Blank, this building is to cost \$800,000.

"'Yes.'

"'And there must be at least \$200,-000 to divide up among the pickings." "'Yes.'

"'Can you plan an \$800,000 building which will yield \$200,000 worth of pickings?'

"'I never have done so.'

"'Then don't begin here. You'd not only muddle your plans and specifications, but you'd tempt us to steal your whack of the stealings, and we want to get out of it with a little honor left to tackle some other job with. Try a railroad water job or something easy, and good morning to you.' "

Goat Chops.

"The man who goes in for Angoras," says an authority, "will find that it is true they will jump anything under 100 feet high and climb a sapling. They will get at the neighbor's wash as sure as it goes on the line, and there will be lingerie to pay for. But if you would be on the safe side and keep the billy there turn him up and cut away the little creeper that you will find at the bottom of the hoof. It will not hurt him to lose it, but it ruins his ambition as a mountebank. It will save lots of trouble to have a chiropodist get at the Angora with a nail trim mer."

Goat meat cannot be distinguished from mutton ordinarily. In every car of sheep that comes from New Mexico there are sure to be from two to a dozsame block at the packers', and the same block at the packers,' and the goodwife who takes home goat chops for lamb chops is never the wiser, nor is the butcher. A goat is only a goat when he has his pelt on. After that

Infusorial Earth.

ing taken to keep reflecting objects,

such as crystals and looking glasses,

out of the invalid's view.

In the whole catalogue of "chemicals, minerals and rare elements," the prices of which are quoted every week by trade journals, perhaps no name is more puzzling to the uninitiated than "infusorial earth." Still, if one knows much about dynamite he is aware that this is the stuff employed as an absorbent to hold the nitroglycerin of that famous explosive. It was Nobel, the great Swedish engineer, who founded a number of attractive prizes to encourage scientific progress, who first discovered the trick by which nitroglycerin could be safely handled. Infusorial earth is composed of the silicious shells of minute vegetable organisms, diatoms which reveal wonderfully complicated and beautiful structures under the microscope.-New York Tribune.

It Reached Him.

A letter was received at the postoffice in Washington directed to the biggest fool in that city.

The postmaster was absent, and on his return one of the younger clerks informed him of the receipt of the letter. "And what became of it?" inquired the postmaster.

"Why," replied the clerk, "I didn't know who the biggest fool in Washington was, so I opened it myself." "And what did you find in it?" inquired the postmaster.

"Find?" replied the clerk. "Why, nothing but the words, 'Thou art the man.' "-New York Herald.

An Afflicted Brother.

Brother Dickey was under the weather the other day. In describing his symptoms he said: "Yes, sub, hit's true dat I ain't feelin' half well. In de fust place, I 'flicted wid rattlin' er de bones; den I troubled wid battin' er de eyelids, 'liftin' er de lef' leg, wobblin' er de right foot en crackin' er de top skull. All I needs now ter finish me complete is six months er de unj'inted rheumatism!"-Atlanta Constitution.

Substitute For Soap.

There are a few people to whose skins soap seems an irritant. They should use bran. The sons of one of the old kings of Holland were forbidden the use of soap. They were to use bran and a slice of lemon, the latter to remove inkstains. Napoleon never used soap, but kept his hands beautifully white by the use of bran.

"For heaven's sake, gentlemen," agonizingly exclaimed the hotel clerk, "stop! You are under a misapprehension. I know both of you and know those to be your real names and the real names of the towns you are from!" By strenuous efforts he succeeded in separating them, and a few moments later they were apologizing profusely and insisting with much vehemence on treating each other .- Chicago Tribune.

The Scales on the Hair.

If you look at a human hair under the microscope, you will find that its surface is formed of successive overlapping scales. The bristles of the hog bear much resemblance to the human hair, though their diameter is greater and the tilelike scales are much finer. Sheep's hair has much coarser scales, It is owing to the existence of these scales that a schoolboy is able by a peculiar process to tell which is the tip and which the other end of a hair rolling it between his finger and thumb. Thus manipulated, the hair always travels in the direction of the base because the edges of the scales prevent it from going the other way.

Canada's Banking Business.

The banking business in Canada is on a different plan from that in this country. The headquarters of most of the banks throughout the Dominion is in Ontario, either at Hamilton, Kingston or Toronto. Each bank has its central office, generally in one of the citles named, and as many branches as it cares to maintain in different parts of Canada, some of these branches being as far distant as Dawson.

Time's Changes.

"Diogenes was a great man," said the contemplative person, "and yet he had no use for money. He was content to confine his possessions to a single tub."

"Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "a tub might have been all right in those days, but what a man wants now is a bar'l."-Washington Star.

There Were No More Complaints. A certain Benedict was in the habit of troubling his father-in-law with complaints about his wife's behavior. "Really, this is too bad," cried the irascible old gentleman one day, on hearing of some of his daughter's delinquencies. "If I hear any more complaints I will disinherit her."-London Telegraph.

A Hustler.

Junior Partner-I see you have engaged a new assistant. Is he a good salesman?

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