

"OUT OF HUN."

A Short Story in Three Parts. By ROBERT BARR.

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I-BESSIE'S BEHAVIOR.

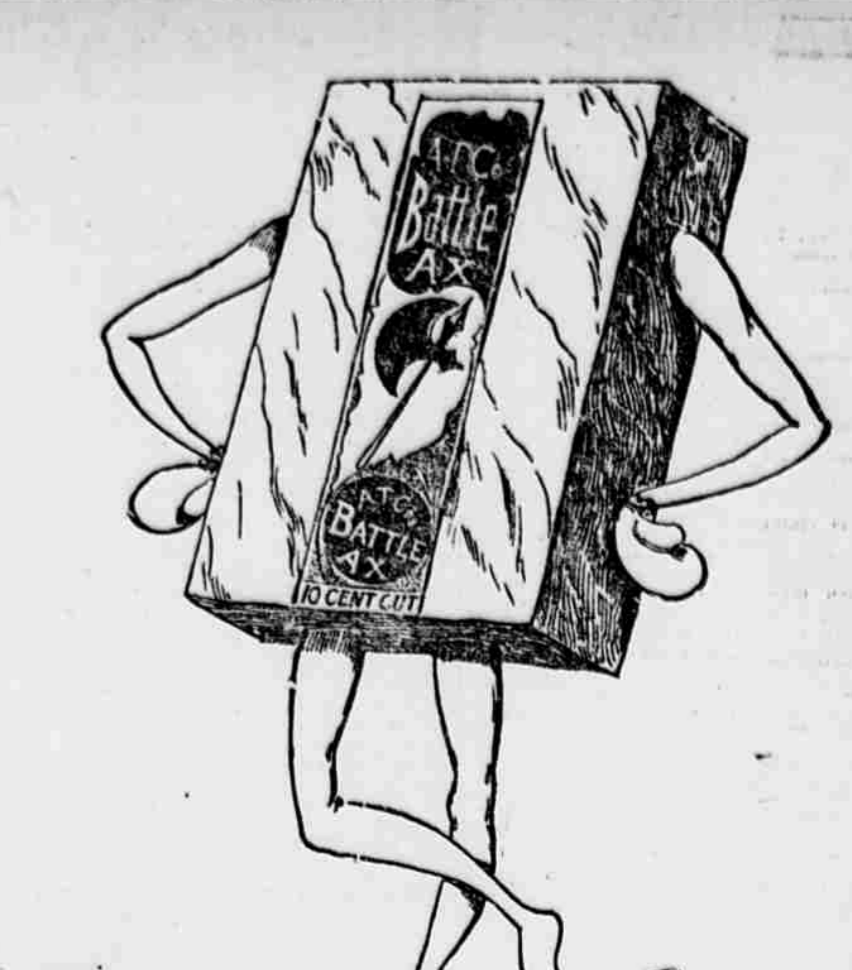
On one point Miss Durand agreed with Alexander von Humboldt, in fact she even went further than that celebrated man, for while he asserted that Thun was one of the three most beautiful spots on earth...

delight of the hotel proprietor, when without warning these young men had gloomily departed Thun, while it was undoubtedly remained unchanged. Naturally the goal man who owned the hotel was bewildered...

with some regard to the scenery. Just as I suppose a stage manager does. One shall propose by the river; there are lovely shady walks on both sides; another up in the mountains; another in the moonlight on the lake...

First Proposal. Richard King is a very nice fellow, and was tremendously in earnest. He says his life is blighted, but he will soon come to a different opinion at Intralaken...

walk back toward the hotel, without ever glancing around, and her definite action convinced Archie that she had no suspicion that any one had seen her book. This made the young man's mind, and he swung along the Interlaken road toward Thun...



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"I assure you, Miss Durand, I was not laughing at you. I was laughing at Jimmy. I never regarded the Stockhorn as a formidable peak. It is something like 7,195 feet high, I believe, not to mention the inches."

"I do so love to hear of narrow escapes," said Bessie, "and I think it is so inspiring to hear of human courage and endurance being pitted against the dangers of the Alps and coming out victorious."



"I SHALL HAVE REVENGE ON YOU, A RCHIE."

half a dozen proposals with Bessie myself. If I ever come to the point she won't find it so easy to get rid of me as she does with all her charms and her beauty.

sounded remarkably like "Hang Thun," then I would ask you to marry me. I would ask you to marry me. I would ask you to marry me.

The young men at the big hotel in Thun were all mostly in knickerbockers and many of them had Alpenstocks of their own. It soon became their delight to sit on the terrace in front of the hotel during the pleasant summer evenings and relate to Bessie their hairbreadth escapes, the continuous murmur of the River Aare forming a soothing chorus to their dramatic narrations.

"Why, what do they use?" asked Bessie, much interested. "Ice axes, of course. Now there is a useful individual in Interlaken who is what you might call a wholesale brander. He has the names of all the peaks done in iron at his shop, and if you take your Alpenstock to him he will for a few francs brand it with all the names it will hold, from the Ortler to the Mont Blanc. My friend was weak enough to have all the climbs he intended to make branded on the Alpenstock he bought the moment he returned to Switzerland. They always buy an Alpenstock the first thing. He never had the time to return to the mountain and then the name came to believe that he had made all the ascents recorded by him and iron on his pole. He is a truthful man on every other topic than Switzerland."

II-BESSIE'S CONFESSION. August 1.—The keeping of a diary is a silly fashion, and I don't intend to do it. I don't intend to do it. I don't intend to do it.

III-BESSIE'S PROPOSAL. After reading the book which he had no business to read, Archie closed the volume, fastened the clasp and slipped it into his pocket. He had an easy mind, and he was in his eyes as he gazed over the blue lake.

It came to me currently reported in the hotel that Bessie had refused no less than seven of the young men who had been staying there, and as these young men had one after another packed up and departed either by the last train at night or the earliest in the morning, the proprietor began to wonder what the matter was, especially as each of the departing guests had had his baggage taken to the station and expressed renewed delight with the hotel and its surroundings.

"With none at all," answered Archie with a laugh. "Isn't that very unwise? I thought one always should have a guide."

August 2.—I shall hereafter not look less like a diary, which I detest. We are in Thun, which is a lovely place. I am in very good luck, and I am in very good luck.

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