

Some Remarkable Experiences of "Dynamite" Johnny O'Brien.

DARING JOBS FOR FREE CUBA Running a Cargo of Dynamite Through an Electrical Storm. A Chance Shot Saves the

Day.

In the city of Havana, still in active harness, lives white-headed, Hon-hearted owner. Captain John O'Brien, better known to his thousands of friends as "Dynamits Johnny." Past 76, still vigorous, erect. his eyes as piereing as in the days when be ran Hell Gate, Captain John expects to live to be a contenarian.

Of all Americans who had a hand in ship from threshing it and itself to the Cuban gun-running game before the pleces. Never had O'Brien seen such a with joy at the success of their enterprise, Spanish-American war, Dynamite Johnny the trained sleuths employed by his own government; in fact, he landed arms and fury.

her Cuban colony was no more.

Had it not been for Johnny O'Brien's metal he felt a slight shock. There had been too many attempts to specificant, Spain would have long since seemed to be enough of the mysterious. expeditions, Spain would have long since seemed to be enough of the mysterious starved and whipped the Cubans into sub. current running through the vessel to set prisoners for the idea not to be at once mission. The Maine would not have been her on fire, and when, now and then, as uppermost in everybody's mind once sussent to Havana. In all probability there the rain ceased for a moment and one of piclon was aroused, and the fact that the buck he expects to find posing for his mould have been no was with Scale, and the man attuck a match in the futue. John Boyle O'Reilly had escaped on a rifle and for that hand-to-hand grapple would have been no war with Spain, and the men struck a match in the futile John Boyle O'Reilly had escaped on the red and yellow striped standard would effort to light his pipe, he imagined the whater was by no means forgotten. still float over Morro castle. In other expected blaze had started.

O'Brien was born in New York, on the was doubtful if the small boats could race. The men in the boats had three east side. April 20, 1827, just 70 years ago have lived long in the sea that was run- miles to row to the Catalpa, and in spite today. Near shipyards, the water front ning, O'Brien might have been tempted and Hell Gate when it was a dangerous to abandon his ship but for his disin- put into the pull the Georgetown gained and intricate passage, the young O'Brien clination to frighten the new. It was of on them constantly. So close was the quickly fell in love with the water- them he thought rather than of himself, chase that even while the men clambered learned to handle a saliboat when he was as he was not pleased with the prospect over the sides of the Catalpa and gained but 10. At the age of 13 Johnny ran of causing the annihilation of men whom safety the British boat came up within away to sea; then followed his appren- he had signed under faize pretenses, even ticeship on a pilot heat, a course in navi- though he met death with them. gation, until the outbreak of the civil Following this thrilling adventure, suit of the race, at once halled the ing bacon, with a little skinning and gen-war found him is command of a private which won for him his sobriguet, Johnny American vessel and ordered Captain eral whitting on the side. A good bacon

Mucht. As third officer of the fillnois, young O'Brien had his first taste of real adven- fever. Returning to New York a mere unless you give the prisoners up to us searching purifying processes, go back sink the Merrimac. That the Illinois did up his old work with the Hell Gate pilots. Early March of ills found the steamship Bermuda at anchor in New York blew up their yeasel, the Illinois returned harbor. Watched by suspicious eyes. north, and its officers were retired from her owner, master and navigator, in-

It seems that in 1888 a wealthy Cuban purchased sixty tons of dynamite in New York, and wanted it conveyed to Panama, where he had a coal mine. In those lays dynamits was a rather uncertain article. Shipmasters were afraid of it. No owner could be found to lend his vessel for such a hazardous trip. There was hut one way out of his difficulty. so the Cuban bought outright the Ramb-

however, of the nature of the cargo-and the Rambler set sail.

In the language of Horace Smith. which were included the men who were Dynamite 'Being of Irish parentage, he was favorably disposed toward dynamite on general principles. When he came to shipping a crew he was forced to do some lying, which he regretted. He told the men that the Rambler was a private yacht going down to Colon to meet its

## Thrilling Experience.

"While in the Gulf of Mexico the Rambler ran into the center of a terrific electrical storm, while the rain fell in sheets. There was nothing to do but take in every stitch of canvas to prevent the

brilliant display of electricity, nor one was easily the bravest, the eleverest, the that lasted so long. From sundawn to most trusted. He fooled Weyler, he do- sunrise the sky was literally ablaze with fied the Spanish government, he evaded dazzling streaks of fire. It was a marvelous exhibition of the heavens in a

pleased. His fillbustering trips kept alive tricity and carried it down until the air desperate haste toward their vessel conthe Cuban revolutionary movement for they breathed was full of it, and when years, kept it slive until the onesided O'Brien ran his hand through his hair naval duel off Santiago told Spain that it snapped and crackled like a hickory and those on board the other vessels were flire. Every time he touched a plece of

Notable Getaway.

words, Captain, Dynamite Johnny O'Brien "If O'Brien had been born to be afraid mantle authorities, and the British gun

might well be named "O'Brien, the Li- he should certainly have known the full

O'Brian laid over at Colon and contracted Anthony to give up the prisoners. an almost hopeless care of the Chargres

ture, for the Illinois was one of a flect of federal vessels sent south to ram and not become famous was no fault of its third officer. A cautious admiral forebore giving orders for the ramming, and intor, after the confederates themselves the service

## Dynamite for Cubs.

her cargo of arms and munitions of war having been seized, the vessel was at the disposal of General Garcia, who was under honds. The vessel was empty. It he must do so at his peril." looked black for the cause of Cuba It didn't look very pleasant for uninsent for.

opened on Easter night. As soon after | Seorgety wn turned away and slowly and

accepted, a craw was secured-ignorant. Hardly had they completed these efforts PROPER KNIFE FOR HUNTER before day broke and the prison duors opened to let out the chain gang, in

Johnny's able biographer; to be rescued. There ware six of 'hese men, chained togother. As the coast was so entirely barren no other crecaution was taken against their escape. The chain gang therefore was not accom

panied by any guards. 'As the men advanced along the road opposite to where the crew of the Catalpa lay in hiding the sailors sprang from the sand and, led by Capta'n Anthony, began filing the fetters off the prisoners. As

soon as the fetters had been stricken off the men flew to the hidden bonts, dlainterred them and instantly embarked for the Catalpa. The men rowed like mad for the bark, prisoners and crew wild but they congratulated themselves too soon, for unfortunately there were many

more craft out than usual, as it was on for the slicing-at a price. the occasion of the Easter regatts. The whalers' boats, with an unusual contin ammunition just where and when he The falling rain pickeds up the elec- gent of men, making their way in such

stituted no usual spectacle. Evidently something extraordinary was happening, at no great loss to imagine what it was

ship. First, there is the tenderfoot, who carries a sheath knife of the bowie pattern on his hip ready for cutting the throat of Warning was soon given to the Free

boat Georgetown started after the small meaning of fear that night. Though it boats of the Catalpa. It was a terrific

of the heart breaking efforts which they at all.

speaking distance.

"Our guns are shotted," he cried, "and

shadow of a man, he recuperated, and at once we will board your bark and to slicing bacon. for want of something better to do toox take them from you." But the captain of the Georgetown had of a sheath knife during twelve months

Yankee pluck to deal with, and none of of woods living shows the slicing of the crew was prepared to give up that prisoners to their pursuers. Captain An- second, and general whittling, potate hony ran up the American flag on his peeling, and skinning trailing along in vessel and replied to the Georgetown's the order named.

dicted for violation of the neutrality laws. Catalpa was under the protection of its foids. "Fire on it if you dare!" he cried. "This anxious to get to Cuba to take a hand is an American vessel on the high seas. in the revolution. Garcia himself was and if any one attempts to board her

Libre. Dynamits Johnny O'Brien was viled guests on the Catalpa at that moment. The British captain thought it The most stirring act of the drams over for a few minutes, and then the

we the Cuban bought outright the Ramb-ber, a sizeable yacht. Then came the ne-resulty of finding a commander and trew. Grissled mariners with masters' corti-cates shrugged their shoulders and shifted their quids when the Cuban ap-proached them. It began to hook as it

Remarkable results of experiments sarried on at the Rockefeller institute stitute.

If it is Shaped and Has the Edge for Slieing Bacon, it is All Right.

cure of pneumonia were disclosed in New Is it well and truly shaped for silcing York, when it was learned that two bacon3 This is the statement of the first strains or "brother garms" of the

nacription depends upon the tempera- large percentage of cases. ment of the man who reads it-and upon While it was said that the investithe age of his heart.

stations were still in experimental stages, Only too few times in a lifetime is it great promise was seen by medical men permitted a man to complete with steel in the progress already made.

tute Hold Promise of Early

Success.

for the perfecting of a serum for the

the work of his rifle; only once in a cen- Besides the isolation of at least two tury, and to only a chosen few, was it strains of the pneumococcus, and the given to dis gioriously with their backs evolution of a serum for the treatment against the walls of the Alamo and their of each, it was learned that the Rockenowles in the throats of their enemies. feller investigators had more recently But Chicago, Omaha and South St. Paul discovered that there were probably six are toiling night and day to provide ba- more strains of the same bacillus for

Neither as a weapon nor as a means discover serums of giving his prey the thrust of mercy The news of the progress of the work has the knife any claim to a place on the

on pneumonia leaked out through a right here the knife serves, if one may nue Presbyterian Church club in Brokcorrow some from the Book of Rites of lyn, by Dr. Clarence A. McWilliams of horse's blood, the patients themselves was "very promising." the Boy Scouts, as a ready guide to the 33 East Fifty-third street, Manhattan, could be inceulated. three preliminary degrees of woodmanwho told the club members about some

of the recent things achieved at the perimenters was a find out from which alleged discoveries. Rockefeller Institute, which had come to strain of the pneumococcus the patient his knowledge in connection with experimental work of his own on other and affect that particular strain. For this with an infuriated bear which lurks had no suspicion that the information with an infuriated pear which lurks would spread outside the church club, and After the horses in each set had been perfected. When it has been we shall ton.

came to him had been obtained solely as ment

a matter of privilege through association This was determined by taking sputum with some of the investigators at the in- from the patient and inoculating two sats of mice with it. At the same time,

In his lecture, Dr. McWilliams had ex- each of the sets of mice was incoulated plained the results somewhat as follows: with an injection of the serum-one set it has for some time been known that with the serum obtained from the one pneumonia is caused by the pneumo- strain, and the other set from the other and final test to be applied to any hard- pneumonia bacilius had been isolated coccus bacilius, but this organisation itself atrain. Within twenty-four hours the ware offered as a hunting knife; it is and a separate serum evolved for the was found to consist of two strains, or physicians were able to tell from which also an epitaph. How much or how little treatment of each, with results said to brother germs, each of which would of the two strains the patient was sufof romance is buried beneath this simple have been strikingly successful in a cause pneumonia. In one patient the fering. If from the first strain, the disease might be found due to one of moline which had been inoculated with these strains, and in another patient the the sputum and with the serum from second strain would be the disease the first strain would not develop the factor. It was found that what would disease, while the mouse inoculated with affect the disease caused by one of the the serum from the second strain would strains would not affect a patient af- develop pneumonia. Thereafter it was flicted with pneumonia caused by the simply a matter of inoculating the other strain. This was the basis of the patient with the serum affecting his problem the Rockefeller investigators in particular strain of pasumonia, by inpneumonia had to solve. jecting that serum into his viens.

Proceeding on this basis, the investi-Although the treatment has been in us gators procured their serum in the usual for several months at the hospital of which also it was hoped ultimately to manner, by inoculating a horse with the Rockefeller Institute, the percentage gradually increased dose of the organ- of sures effected by it could not be tem causing pneumonia, until the horse, learned from Dr. McWilliams, nor from immune first to very minute doses, beanyone connected with the institute. Dr. belt of the wilderness adventurer. And lecture delivered at the Lafayette Ave- came immune finally to very large doses. McWilliams said, however, that it had Then, with the serum obtained from the been demonstrated that the treatment

At the institute it was impossible to But the problem here before the exobtain definte information concerning the

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Henry Jamas, the manager of the Rockefeller Institute, would only any: "Dr. McWilliams is not connected with surgical lines. Dr. McWilliams said he reason, they inoculated two sets of the institute. We have been experimenthorses, each with one of the strains. ing with pneumonia, but no cure has been

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## bacon far in the lead, snipping browse captain that every man on board the To actually test all of the makes and

models of belt knives the market affords could call for more than the allotted apan of life and a Carnesis pension. The conventional bowle knife of commerce

might be useful, if knife fighting were less unpopular. But its wedge-shaped blade is too thick for allcing and skin-

ning and too soft for chopping -C. L. Glimore in Outing.

No Wonder He Succeeds.

who, having found no fighting or throatcutting to flesh his maiden steel, makes pompous parade of his wearing no knife Finally, there are a few who, having passed and persevered through the two

first stages, may fairly lay claim to the title of "first-class scout," who have a real use in mind for the blades which dangle from the reefing straps of their

Next comes the "second-class" scout,

The British captain, furious at the re- breeches. And that use is generally sileknife will peet the hide from a muskrat very neatly, and then, after sundry and

Careful case-keeping on the uses made