

THE RUBICON

By William Winter.

One other bitter drop... And then—no more... One little pause upon a brink... And then—go on!

RED CLOUD

One of the fiercest of all our Indian warriors.

FROM GEN. O. O. HOWARD'S "FAMOUS INDIAN CHIEFS" IN ST. NICHOLAS.

Far away in Wyoming lived the Sioux Indians, a fierce and warlike tribe; they called themselves Lakotas; but their enemies said that when they fought they did everything in a mean, hidden way so it was hard to know what to expect.

At first the young braves were angry with him, but he soon showed them that he was a skillful warrior, and before long many young Indians chose him for their leader.

Fort Phil Kearney in Wyoming was in the middle of the Indian country. One day word came to the major there that a party of soldiers who had gone to get firewood had been attacked, and some were killed.

Nobody could say now that Red Cloud was not a great leader, and even Uncle Sam, however, he feared him, had to confess that he was "Chief of all the living Sioux Indians."

who was frank and honest, in Red Cloud's place. But what good did that do when the young Indians loved Red Cloud and did what he said? And he kept them from working with their hands, and said braves must only hunt and fight, and he would not try to keep peace or help Spotted Tail control the young braves.

An Unnamed Country. For years Canadians have protested against the appropriation by the people of the United States of the designation "American." They have held that it is presumptuous and improper for the people of a nation to take unto themselves the name of a continent.

The Buffalo Express quotes a Canadian correspondent as stating that the annoyance of our northern neighbors because of our arrogation of the name "American" is becoming less and less.

Did't Remember. An amusing anecdote is told of a well known French general who played a conspicuous part in a cavalry charge at the battle of Solferino.

Stuns. Stuns, regarded as a necessity, are raised in all large cities and cultivated by the whole people.

Not To Be Disturbed. "Body crackers? Yes'm," said the country storekeeper. "I got 'em. I'll send 'em up to you!"

TO EVANGELISM. Miss Jennie Smith, the well known railroad evangelist, who conducted a series of tent meetings in Richmond, Va., has a history full of unique and unusual incidents.



AMUSEMENTS FOR CHILDREN.

The new kind of toys, a reaction against the rather foolish Teddy bear, seemed well, both as to the entertainment they furnish the child and their educational value.

WOMEN OF TODAY. At a "coming out" ball in a metropolitan city a few years ago the debutante and her grandmother both "need in the cotillion."

DO IT YOURSELF. Depending on others is like a cake minus baking powder; you can all ways count on a fall down.

FOR TALL GIRLS. Here is an interesting extract from "The Secrets of Successful Dressing," which appeared in the Royal Magazine.

FOURTH COURT OF THE SEASON. Their majesties of England's last court, the fourth of the season, will ever be remembered by the splendor of the jewels and the exceptionally lovely toilet in evidence.

FASHION NOTES. Gray is a favorite color in millinery, and is found combined with many hues.

COOLNESS. 'Tis a matter of common sense. Temperament may influence it a trifle.

DARBY AND JOAN. For some years the Queen, says M. A. P., has taken a keen interest in a novel form of charity.

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at assistance. Notwithstanding her helpless condition, she spent a large part of her time traveling from place to place. Having relatives and friends broadly scattered throughout the country, she frequently made long journeys on trains, coming in contact with many train operatives.

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Attached to the forward fixed section of the keel is a wheel on which Abbe Raoul expects his unique vessel to travel over the level bottom of hard sand on which the sponges are found. By regulating the supply of compressed air to the small ballast tanks the pressure of the wheel on the sea bottom can be made as small as is desired, and there is no apparent reason why the vessel should not be propelled over the bottom by the oars—for it has no other motor.

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ered half an acre. It was only about four feet high and four feet thick, the thorny branches composing it having sunk down and fallen apart.

"We repaired about 100 yards of it, pitched our tent, and the cook got his fire lighted, gave me some dinner, and I turned in. Our nineteen camels are squatted in a circle to the right of the tent, our horses were tethered near to them and our twenty-one men lighted three or four fires, cooked their food and lay down to sleep around the camels.

"About 2 o'clock in the morning I was awakened by two feeble brays, followed by a third. Lighting a candle, I tumbled out in my pajamas and got hold of my rifle and a couple of cartridges, to meet the Somali hunters showing their woolly heads through the tent door, saying, 'Waraba!' (hyena). One or two growls were going on, and I at once felt sure that it was no hyena, but a lion, in the zereba. Fortunately, the camels did not stampede.

"It was pitch dark, but I saw that one of the five donkeys tethered in front of the tent was gazing intently toward the left and center. The other four had disappeared. There was a black mass discernible in the center of the zereba, which, however, I found in the morning to be simply a mass of old dried thorn branches, so the six or eight shots I fired at it in the darkness did little harm.

"The men were now bushing the fire and the cook supplied four or five of the men with sticks and with kerosene and rapidly made some torches. I then noticed that the donkey was gazing more to the left of the center, and guided by the growling which was going on continuously and furiously, I

crept on my hands and knees past the donkey for a couple of yards. The men with the torches were then a little behind my right shoulder.

"Suddenly the torches flamed up brightly and the light being behind me somewhat, I was not dazzled by it, but saw the lion dragging off a donkey. It did not take me more than one second to snap both barrels at him, and his groans at once ceased. After putting in two more cartridges and having the torches retrimmed, we again advanced, to find the lion lying on his side, giving a few expiring gasps. His nose touched the donkey's throat, a trickle of blood flowed down from under his left eye, and as I afterward found, he had got a second bullet in the nape of the neck.

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Sermon of the Week

The Black Fishers. We do not fear the "yellow peril" as much as we fear the "black peril" of immorality.—Rev. G. L. Tuttle, Methodist, Los Angeles.

Compensatory. Of all friendships the most precious is the companionship of the Man of Honor, it is the most invigorating.—Rev. William C. Stinson, Reformed, New York City.

Decadent Society. A society that does not bear the still small voice once clear and distinct, now having become a whisper, is decadent.—Rev. E. L. Powell, Presbyterian, Louisville.

Heart's Desire. What is it that really is heart's desire? It is the friendship, approval, love; it is success, satisfaction, gladness of soul.—Rev. Dr. Leota, Methodist Episcopalian, Detroit.

Sex Problem. We are confronted by a sex problem, which can never be rightly solved until men become more manly, and women become more womanly.—Rev. Bernard Vaughan, Roman Catholic, London, Eng.

Keeping the Sabbath. It is not a sin to enjoy innocent amusement after attending mass Sunday morning, but men should not engage in a business on that day only to make money.—Rev. J. P. Whelan, Roman Catholic, Newark, N. J.

Real Victories. The victories of the associations are the real victories of the church. Through the triumphs of many members, the body is glorified and Jesus Christ, the Head, is honored.—Rev. William Horace Day, Congregationalist, Los Angeles.

Laws of God. As we cannot be good citizens of this country without studying and observing its laws, neither can we become citizens of heaven unless we know and practice the laws of God.—Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic, Baltimore.

Religious Training. Religious training is fundamentally a question of national righteousness. It means the carrying of the right spirit into life. It means a man or woman of integrity and honesty. It means an ideal life.—Rev. Joseph L. Garvin, Secularist, Seattle.

Knowing God. To know God, not as a matter of creed, but to know Him by deep experience, is surely one of the greatest blessings, soul-transforming truths of which man may become possessed.—Rev. J. M. Gardiner, Methodist Episcopalian, Detroit.

Seed Growing. Our earth is a field which is given men. Manhood and womanhood are its richest flowers and fruits. These seasons that come and go are but for the filling of the granaries, not for the enrichment of souls.—Rev. N. D. Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Public Schools. Our public schools, which spend millions of the people's money every year, are principally engaged in fighting "frats" and studying Germany's school method, the while graduating our own boys and girls after seven years without a knowledge of spelling.—Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins, Congregationalist, Chicago.

Human Existence. Men who have nothing positive to declare concerning the great questions of human existence anxiously proclaim their negative philosophy. If they do not know, why do they not remain silent? The world is none the wiser after they have spoken.—Rev. J. D. Sande, Presbyterian, Pittsburg.

Hope. The light that once shone far out over the great blue sea from the top of the Pharos went out long centuries ago, but the light that Reason kindles in the brain of man is immortal and cannot be extinguished. Forever and forever it burns, brighter and brighter, clearer and clearer; and because Truth is truth, and Right is right, the time must come when all men shall walk in its light, free from superstition and from all the ugly prejudices and hates for which superstition is responsible.—Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, Universalist, New York City.

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