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receive the acclamations of a tribe that worshiped prowess like unto that of the when the soldiers of the long hair dash. ed upon their village some years before, the Ska and hastened in search of the eastward hills. Perilous, indeed, ing Bear safe conduct not a week before.

were starving.

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They drank eagerly.

It was the sight of the frish hoof trotting down into the valley of the prints of fourscore ponies that settled the trade of trotting down into the valley of the prints of fourscore ponies that settled North Fork to intercept and beat back all question of rest at the rivulet in the further parties should they be tempted mind of Captain Ray. "Men," said he, further parties should they be tempted mind of Captain Ray. "Men," said he, to cap the defense and then the defense and then to cap the defense and then the defense and the de further parties should they be tempted mind of Captain Ray. Men, said ne, thought every body in Samoa from its accustomed nail and plod down their friends in the search for "I hate to wear you out, but before anthe unsuspecting tourists. Atherton, other sunrise we must circumyent these with the Winthrop battalion at his fellows, or it's all up with the tourists."

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Said ne, thought every body in Samoa from its accustomed nail and plod down to the shed. It was quite a solemn and then, and he's been dead long the foothills burst their old acquaint- to the north. with the winthrop nattation at his reliows, or it sail up with the to the north- heels, was coming across country to the There were Irish troopers in the leadneers, was coming across country to the support of Mainwaring, while old Stan- ing four who loved to talk of the Clan- ward a beautiful park country, faintly ning," as once the Cheyennes had namnard, on familiar ground, was rounding na Gael and home rule for Erin and pictured in the silvery light, and lay ed Ray, cheering in the lead. And the sides went about it with becoming grave up stragglers down the Ska, herding death to "England's cruel rid" when ing a hand on his companion's sleeve warriors broke for cover and kept in ity. The first question that had to be was a hard case, one of the rethem back to the agency and eagerly time hung heavy on their hands in

they not do! There were no railways mand to mount, and once more on went then save the few trunk lines, no means, the sorrels an secours. except by marching, to reach the fabled An hour after nightfall, in the bright Indian lands, and Lo was in his glory. light of the climbing moon, they had Warned of their peril, settlers, herders splashed through another shallow, foamand stockmen had taken to flight and ing stream in another and narrower rift abandoned the lower valley, so the In- among the hills, two veteran sergeants, dian was riding, proud monarch of all with Ray and Hunter, well out in front, he surveyed, over the broad waste of the when just as the foremost, a shadowy lowlands, burning, pillaging and rais- form, rode warily to a little point of ing, as the newspaper men first on the bluff 300 yards ahead Ray's gauntleted scene expressed it, "no scalps, but much hand swung high his scouting hat in hell." If only good news could be heard air, as half turning in saddle he signalof those tourists, all might yet be well. ed "Halt!" for the leader rider was But what mad brained trick could gesticulating wildly, and Sengeant Con-

have prompted so hazardous a pionic? ners came galloping back.

The agent at Bruce Springs swore he "Treed 'em, by God, sir!" he cried, had done his best to dissuade them, but in excitement irrepressible. "They've there were three Englishmen who had stopped for a scalp dance. You can hear never seen elk and were possessed with 'em plain. longing to stalk and shoot them. They Yes, faint, but distinct, beating were lavish with their money. Their quicker every minute, the weird throb

interpreters talked directly to some of of the war drum could be heard, and the old chiefs, Thunder Eagle and Roll- with it the shrill whoop and yell of exing Bear especially, and the presents cited dancers. made these warriors caused the Sioux "Then you're right, Hunter," to clamor for more, but won a lordly promptly spoke the captain. "That can Hunter knelt and sent shot after shot at

shoot what they would—the Sioux the party over in Keogh's park, just wouldn't care—and so led them square—where you said they'd pitch heir camp, wouldn't care—and so led them square—and these beggars mean to jump them ly into the trap. Ray had found the ly into the trap. Ray had found the debris of one of their camps toward debris of one of their camps toward noon of the second day of his daring ten of that, won't we, Dixie?" he condestitute of "cover" except along the march and four hours later as he sped along their northward winding trail he along the they should stor to release to rock, until at last they could be safely moved and rather they reached the lower limit of the time they could be safely moved and rather plainly intimated to the major that he considered one particular private at least of more account than the battalion destitute of "cover" except along the stream that nearly equally divided it, and up that stream, perhaps two miles, and up that stream that nearly equally divided it, and up that stream, perhaps two miles, and up that stream, perhaps two miles, and up that stream that nearly equally divided it, and up that stream, perhaps two miles, and up that stream that last they could be safely moved and rather they could be safely moved an permit from the crafty leaders to go mean only one thing. They ve located shoot what they would—the Sioux the party over in Keogh's park, just peering from tree to tree, flitting like along their northward winding trail he little sorrer he rode. What blessed and up that stream, perhaps two miles, good order and military discipline. came suddenly upon a deep clert among the that they should stop to believe the shadowy the hills, away down in whose depths trickled an ice cold rivulet where the troop led forward to a grove of pines there at Keogh's Springs just as Hunter the truth, already known to Ray and late.

them, swift pursuing, a formidable war warriors were having their jullification. party that had evidently come up this There they waited, breathless, the sound served, for here and everywhere the party that had evidently come up this lines they wanted, the self of the self night. Taking Conners and Fiunter with and even as they paused at the belt of distinct sense of personal injury as he Men and horses of Ray's troop both him, Ray crept forward to reconnoiter were weary. They drank eagerly, and -he and his sergeant veterins in the some eyes, already haggard, looked ap- craft, Hunter a novice, whose heart beat pealingly at the set face of their captain. | wildly, but who never faltered. Forty-eight hours had they come with Fast and furious drove the dance.

but scant halt for rest, and there was Loud and shrill arose the whoops and hardly a man in the party that could warcries, dying away at times like the watchers' eyes. not have slept instantly had he lain yelp of prairie welves to faint and disdown on that soft, inviting turf-all, tant gurgling, then swelling again like er, and again, though wearily, they perhaps, but the indomitable leader and the chorus of hounds in full view of the sought their shelter and slowly crawled people of Milton and vicinity that he set of fours, yet so often on this second whistle added to the clamor, echoed the business of Mr. day riding side by side with instead of back from the dark with the back from the dark with instead of back from the dark with instead of back from the dark with the back from the dark with the dark wit has purchased the business of Mr. day riding side by side with, instead of back from the dark, pine crested cliffs sleeping camp, lying out there in a Richard Jones and is prepared to make following six yards behind, his com- that overhung this wild nook in the lovely glade, barely long rifle shot mander, the place where the orderly is hills. Fresh fagots heaped upon the fire away. tenant, who should perhaps have taken splendent in war bonnet and savage about, well out of sight of came. Time would suffice in the future." His an exception to such favoritism, seemed to exception to such favoritism, seemed to many, into bold reflet, and had again the coyotes yelped and loud wounds proved painful. An bonorable monthed shellange was based to make the shellange was based to monthed shellange was based to month the shellange was based to make the shellange was based to month the shellange was based to make the shellange was believed to make the shellange was based to make the shellange was based to make the shellange was based to make the shellange was believed to make the shellange was believe ter was up through here last month with surveyor's escort," was the explanation, and, though some men might have growled the information that "oth-have growled the information that "oth-have growled the information that "oth-well award warriors right there within the pointed to there being well night 100 well award was asked for and granted, times.

Jack would never have staid with-me discharge was asked for and granted, times.

Jack would never have staid with-me when he and the Rid bade goodby to the fire, but every indication, and, though some men might have growled the information that "oth-well award was getting fearfully and the natives. Now they were liked with the natives. Now they short. er fellers were along, too, '"no one seem- well armed warriors right there within short. ed to object, for the reason that it was revolver shot, while others doubtless thoroughly known that Hunter made hovered like watchful spies about the

phical notes from day to day and unsuspecting camp beyond the range. had them with him now, and it was "We could never get past them withthese to which Ray so frequently refer- out discovery," muttered the captain finally. "We're far too few to drive Plainly enough had the captain seen them. How far is it back lown the valtoms of growing exhaustion on by and around to the parl?"

"Not less than 40 miles, sir," answerlines under the deep set eyes, the utter ed flutter, though it can too more the old game flat upon their stomachs, and the slow, ower, now restored to partial health, silence that prevailed along the dusty than six or seven over the old game torthous process began. Refere they had ort for it but to send a brace of men up the out. "D—d if I can stand this!" said to send a brace of men up the out. "D—d if I can stand this!" said to send a brace of men up the out. "D—d if I can stand this!" said the house of Lancaster went back to send a brace of men up the out. "D—d if I can stand this!" said the house of Lancaster went back to send a brace of men up the out. little company, the painful stumbling trail across the range." seded to keep closed on the head of col. for it but to send a brace of men up the the Irishman. "There's not an Indianal England, Lunemouth's lung in surprisdaybreak, while the troop hangs on to in sight now. Come on. Let's run

knew bim. It was not the first by many times they had been called upon to ride their heels." where, not three hours ahead probably, aloft on the northern side of the gorge, minute skimming away like a racer to was a murderous band of Sionx sacking glistening white, the cliffs broke to redress undoubted injuries by the shone like silver in the meanlight. And then as Hunter started to follow indrapensable adjunct to the engage. The oil days were the times, he began, "before any one invented this in the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the glorious climate of Caliberal had played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill form a had played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and played havor with Amy's excopra and we used to take oil from the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the saw a sight that made him thrill ment, and the

he Kill "I'm game to go, sir.

that knows the way." Whereat Ray's

and the men knew all was well. Three hours later a strangely assorted he lifted the protesting Kid and lugged in hand, halted for breath at the very summit of the divide between Keogh's been their journey. Leaving their com pades well below the position of the Indian camp, they had slowly scaled the north side of the hills, for there was noble game in profusion. Thitler must the lordly whites have gone, the lordly whites have gone, horses, arms, stores and provisions of the hills, for there was noble game in profusion. Thitler must slowly and cautiously through the scattery when the lordly whites have gone, the lordly whites have gone, arms, stores and provisions of the hills, for there was among the pines until immediately above the rejoicing Indians, and then, above the rejo every kind, and for months the Sioux stars until at last in a depression they rounded by hastily constructed rifle pits nothing of taking a few basketfuls at Jack Wilkinson came along and settled

watching for the coming of the troops camp or barrack, but that seemed all front.

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The springs lie just south of that his three comrade troops, came trotting been merely warmed in the sun of the bigh butte. The murmured warmed in the sun of the bigh butte. If You are Energetic and Strong, to the north. Then the Indians would to the north But meantime what damage might the horses seemed to groan at the com- dodge the Indian watchers on the way." Aye, there was the rub, and there before, they began the gradual descent,

pines away out on the slopes beyond, hidden from camp by intervening rises in the ground, dark forms of horsemen, three or four, were plainly visible, and the Kid could tell from old experience that nothing living would escape those

and run for it?" muttered the frishman. "It's the only chance I see."

but still so high her light betrayed ev. and Rays heard from him frequently to be no other way. Down went the two daily company with the bereaved wid-

But the soldier's aim was true, and o

for it now. Hunter knelt, and, though | with grass patches here and there and perity of mission work in Samoa brough I, of course, sir. I'm the only man his heart beat hard, sent shot after shot | great black rocks showing out from the him no consolation. Perhaps he would at every flitting form he saw until, surface, separating the two places where have preferred the natives in their ori amazed at the vigorous defense, the In- the trader did his business. The old inal barbario state rather than civiliz

dians seemed to haul away. Then up man's weary feet had worn a deep track and Christianized and educated up to a him full another 100 yards before again across the plot; up and down he went standpoint of keen bargaining which he had to drop him and fight. Then many times a day. The copra house- rendered it difficult for even the super once more, half lifting, half dragging, the title is a misnomer, but it is always or intellect of a white man to over worshiped prowess like unto that of the process and Indian tauned leg- too close and that camp was aroused and prairie wolf or fleet footed fox. Ninety riding breeches and Indian tauned leg- too close and that camp was aroused and roofed and water tight. Further, the roofed and water tight. prairie wolf or fleet rooted fox. Ninety gings, girt with cartridge belt and re- blazing away. Luckily the guides had strong, led by a daring young chief gings, girt with cartridge belt and re- blazing away. Luckily the guides had strong, led by a daring young chief gings, girt with cartridge belt and re- blazing away. Luckily the guides had strong, led by a daring young chief gings, girt with cartridge belt and re- blazing away. Luckily the guides had strong, led by a daring young chief gings, girt with cartridge belt and re- blazing away. Luckily the guides had strong, led by a daring young chief gings, girt with cartridge belt and re- blazing away. Luckily the guides had strong the brown carbine. volver, and carrying the brown carbine quickly realized what was up. Luckily tial padlock, which the trader was at young fellow, I started trading on the they reasoned that there could be but great pains to lock and unlock every southern side of Upolu. There was no few Indians in the immediate neighbor-

-to the succor of the burdened man held the only merchandise the country I could get any price I liked for an o. and reached him only as, exhausted by | could produce-all that there was to mhiferm coat, especially if it had bra his efforts and by loss of blood from a trade for. The little bits of oily, brown, he sank, fainting, to the ground, the else they would rot long before the time

peril and they had enjoyed the unlooked point out together, while I sit on tation over, they had had time to thank afar the wordy conflict. the American "Tommies" to whose daring they owed it that they were not sewing machine out. She does not put massacred in their beds. Both troopers it on a table, as the white lady woul Over this latter bent the younger of the first two Englishmen. "You are not much hurt, I hope, my

good fellow? You're- Good Ged! You -Gray? I vow I heard you were dead!" A faint smile flitted about the bearded face, and the prostrate soldier winced as he answered, "And you, Rokeby, beard you were married." Even when Mainwaring came it was

cot the tourists owned, the Kid, too, in ble that the copra has been three days clover despite the pain of his wound. The doctor said Hunter's hurt would trickled an ice cold rivulet where the troop led forward to a grow of pines there at Keogh's Springs, just as Hunter rumored throughout the sorrels, that tourists had drunk their fill, then gone not far from the water's edge and close had predicted lay the threatened camp on up the opposite heights, and after to the sheltering bluff beyond which the But how were they to reach it unch. "Then where in thunder was it I met

looked down into the placidly smiling cheating, and both knew it. So leib face of the wounded trooper, and Blake nearly exploded with delight over the "At the armory of my old regiment,

when the major was on recruiting service in New York city. I had the honor But up the slope the trees were thick- of being on the reception committee the night of our ball." "Good God!" said Mainwaring, "and

Twice, thrice they had seen an Indian had acquired other views. He is said to

What's to hinder our crawling out beyond the dreams of avarice" with the as fur as we can go, then if we're seen largesse of Lancaster, and Gray parted shoot the sucker that tries to stop us with only after his promise to speud a drink of kava, emptying the cocoan month at the aucestral seat that very

Later Hunter went east. The Blakes under his uncle's roof, once more in

wore no coronet. It had somehow dawn- that infernal thing clicking away while ed on Rokeby that that coronet was an | we are talking. And then as Hunter started to follow | indfapensable adjunct to the engage- "The oil days were the times,"

doubt I should have gone and been re-

By J. F. ROSE-SOLEY.

-hood, for out they came—three or four time he visited the shed, for the place a white man within 20 miles of me, an

yound hardly noticed when received, evil smelling copra must be kept dry or came upon the trail, easily recognizable or breastworks, around which, 500 night and reselling them to the trader down near me.

ing and recognition little looked for. is, of course, to the native seller's inwas no time to lose. Ever watchful, as Four happier Englishmen were never terest to dry it as little as possible, their feet to pieces. seen than Lunemouth and the trio with while the trader, on the other hand, him, for no other reason than that for does not want to lese 20 or 30 per cent a time their lives had been in mortal by shrinkage. So the two argue the for luxury of a square fight. That exul- wire inclosed veranda and watch from Silei, the industrions girl, has got he.

> were wounded, the little fellow profane- but rests it on a kerosene case on the ly voluble, the tall one strangely si- floor and squats cross legged before it. Of course it is a hand machine; nativ do not take readily to the use of the treadle. She is fashioning really gorgeous lava-lavas out of the brightes. prints Manchester can produce, when they are made they will be living up in the store and sold for half a dollar each, perhaps in exchange for the very basket of copra the native is arguin about. He swears with a fluency useless to resume trooper relations, for Biblical expression which only long he found Hunter installed in the best missionary training has rendered possithe sun, whereas the trader, judgin, from his experience, asserts that at the

> > tion that his balances are 13 pounds spears. at weighing and by dexterously manip lating the scales can make the copra an pear several pounds lighter than it re ly is, and so under the waving palms by the side of the rippling lagoon, ture smiling on them with her most nocent expression, the two comple. their ingenious transaction. Letin a it does not matter very much. tive, having been well taught by missionaries, will go to church three times next Sunday and say his morn and evening prayers more fervently than ever, so that he will salve his conscien As for the godless trader, he has conscience. He has long since lost even the memory of the article. So we need

not concern ourselves about him. At last, after another half hour's hagen gling in the store, the native goes awa, with the goods which he has been suaded to take in exchange for the and the trader comes out of the la and seats himself wearily beside As usual he barks back to the

ery moving object in the open ground, for several weeks. He was once more of the Samoan maiden. The whit of She knew she would soon have to fabri-

ing working order, Gray, who might "Yes, yes, girl, you can make some

NO. S

"I had the place to myself for thre

had grown to be almost like a m. He used to wear a lava-lava instead trousers, just like a Samoan, and L could go about barefoot anywhere, even on a coral reef, and that's a thing fe white men can manage with

"They did say," and he lowered his voice unconsciously, "that he was on of a party of convicts who had escaped from Australia when it was a penal settlement. They stole a boat and found their way here and made selves at home among the natives, but the story was only whispered between white men, and it would have been as much as one's life was worth to even bint at the thing to old Jack. He was a handy man with his knife, and there were no police about to call him to account for his actions,

"I got along well enough with Jack, though I must say be had ways of dealing with the natives which I hardly proved of. They were afraid though, and fed him on the best land could furnish. Jack never did any thing for them in return. days lying on a mat in the shade of one of their big cool houses, open all round, so that the breeze could pass the and Jack could see all that was going on without even moving. Somet. when he was particularly energetic, would go fishing on the reef at low tide, when coral showed up high malauli with long three pronged native

"Still, I soon found it was to my interest to keep in with old Jack. He got twice as much oil as I could for the same amount of trade, and, though, was always abusing and ill treating the Samoans, strangely enough they would take their cil to him rather than to me, and I was as smooth as bu. natives, talking kindly to them and always giving them little presents. I own that I could never quite make it out t this day, and no man knows the crocks and twists of the Samoan ch. ter than I do. I cannot understand what gave Jack his extraordinary inth over the people, though, to be sure, the end they killed him on Manono. But I'll tell you about that some other time. "So it happened that Jack became a

sort of subtrader or assistant and would buy the natives' oil, giving then return orders on me for so much trade. I paid him a good con could afford to do it, for so long as Jack was sober he was the best hand at bargaining with the Samoans I ever saw, but when he got drunk there was no holding him. I had to get a case of gin down from Apia now and again or else something like that. I had to pay for the damage, and then Jack sobered down and went, along right enough for another month or two.

"It was this failing that had got the beach comber into trouble at Tanuna, a village about 20 miles along the coast. where he had lived before coming to my with him for a long tin they got sick of the bu chiefs of the town turned dead agains. him and gave him a week in which to clear out. I never knew rightly what brought this about, for Jack was very reticent on the point, but it must have courage to behave as they did.