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"I think so, too." that I instantly determined to have an end. I had more important work before me than quarreling with this fel- my identity. These were King's men, low, and, somehow, his claimed inti- and I was in ordinary clothes—the macy with Mistress Mortimer grated; If, by any chance, I was not the part) upon me strangely.

"If that is all you requested an terview for, Captain Grant," I said be released without search. trouble you to return to your men."

Irritated that I had even condescend ed to question him, I turned back up oner?" the road to where the men were yet ng at Burlington, and then swung inward to the crest of the ridge.

gait, and for a mile or more he kept up a hot gallop, finally tiring to a trot. So far as I could judge from the road after all," with a slight laugh. few stars visible we were traveling al- "We've been on a wild-goose chase. tainly getting farther away from the the fellow on this trip." British lines, and could swing to the left at daylight. It made little differ. on me.

My horse had fallen into a long, loose?" of the country traversed. I was on the pose."

dozen houses on either side the high- yet afore yer lie down."

as quick as you can."

problems. Had I been a bale of to- were more pretentious. bacco I could not have been treated It may have been two miles further with less ceremony, the white man un- along, when the lieutenant, and his h

their heads, but the lieutenant drew

flesh," I groaned. "I'd be just as safe if they were loosened a bit." I saw him lean forward, shading hi face with one hand, as he stared toward me through the darkness. thought he drew a quick breath as from surprise, and there was a moment's hesitancy. "Let out the ropes a trifle, Peter."

came the final order. The little bald-headed man went a it without a word, the lieutenant rein ing back his horse slightly, and draw ing his hat lower over his eyes. the silence one of the horses neighed and the boy seemed to straighten in "Ride ahead slowly, Tonepah,"

ordered. "I'll catch up with you." He turned back toward me. "Who are Surprised at the unexpected question, my first thought was to conceal rough homespun furnished by Farrell.

they had expected to waylay, I might "Who am I?" I echoed. "Do you mean you have gone to all this trouble without knowing whom you hold pris-

"It seems so," coolly. "We know busy about the wagons, spoke a few who we thought you were, but I am words to Duval, he explaining to me beginning to doubt your being the the best route toward the river cross- right man. Peter, take his hat off." I straightened up bareheaded, the to the saddle and sent the black for. faint star-gleam on my face. The lieudows protected by thick iron bars. tenant remained quiet, but Peter broke I permitted the animal to go his own his sphinx-like silence.

"'T ain't him, is it?" "No; he must have taken the other most due north. However, I was cer- However, it's too late now to catch Peter rubbed his bald pate, his eyes

"An' what'll we do with this lad?" have believed him capable of so pleas-

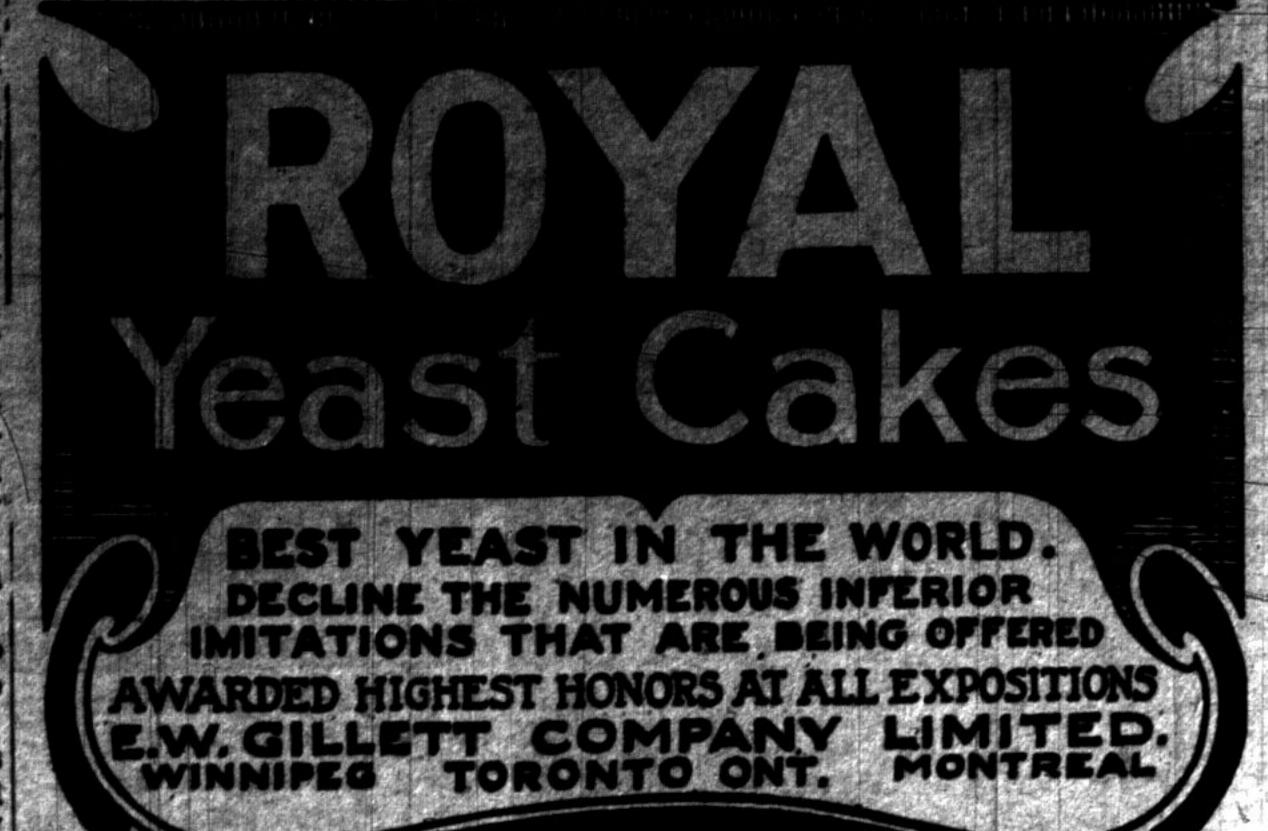
swinging lope, bearing us forward rap- "Bring him along, We'll find out to- "Spring lock," he grumbled, a thumb here?" idly. The moon had disappeared, but morrow who he is, and what his busi- over his shoulder, "opens outside." the sky was glittering with stars, and ness may be. Men are not riding these Whatever resemblance to a soldier I could distinguish the main features roads at midnight without some pur- he might have previously shown while

summit of a slight ridge, but the road He wheeled his horse, and, with a Bareheaded, his bald dome of thought swerved to the right, leading down touch of the spur, disappeared in the shining in the candle-light, his round, questions. Good heavens, man! do y into a broad yalley. There were no darkness aher 2 Peter clambered back solemn face, with big innocent gray think I am a log of wood? Act signs of habitations, until we rounded into the sado., and gripped my rein. eyes gazing at me, an apron about his human being. Who is the licatenan the edge of a small grove, and came "Come on," he said disgustedly, kick- fat waist, the fellow presented an al- "A Dragoon, sir." suddenly upon a little village of a ing the black in the side. "It's a ways most ludicrous appearance. Somehow Peter," I broke out, irritated

ness, apparently deserted, shapeless pace. Occasionally the older man which he bore easily on one arm, and get the truth from you if I have t appearing structures, although I swore solemnly, but Peter never ut the towel flung over his shoulder. And choke it out." thought one had the appearance of a tered a sound, not even turning his as I stared at him his movements be- "Yes sir; very good, indeed, tavern, and another seemed a store. head at my attempts to draw him into came professional. Silently, solemnly, However, there would seem to be There was a well in front of this last, conversation. The situation mystified his mind strictly upon his duties, he need of your resorting to such and water sparkled in a log trough be- me, but it became more and more evi- wiped off the table top, and arranged treme measures, sir." his nostrils in the water, and, sud- morning before learning the truth. greatest care, polishing cups and to know?" denly made aware of my own thirst, Neither Peter nor the Indian seemed glasses, and finally placing one of the "It will afford me pleasure, sir." hands were upon the well-rope when, army was recruited. Peter appeared kin still upon arm, he bowed silently. I the suspicion that the fellow was sewithout warning, I was gripped from more like a well-trained servant, and took the seat indicated, and glanced cretly laughing at me, yet his round behind, and flung down into the dirt his riding was atrocious. And the lieu- up into his almost expressionless face. face was innocent and placid, his eyes to break away, but two men held me, haunting memory that he had joined ly, "have you eaten?" tol over my head. There was not a neither of the original foraging party eyes staring straight ahead. word spoken, but I could see they of Hessians, nor of Grant's detach- "Then take that chair and sit down." he was a Dragoon." were in uniform, although the fellow ment of Rangers. Yet these others "Oh, no, sir; indeed, sir, I am not at

kneeling on me had the features and wore green and white, and must, there- all hungry, sir." long hair of an Indian. My horse fore, have been in Grant's command. I squared myself, fingering the knife what—he is a Light Dragoon, sir." started to bolt, but his rein was How did the four manage to escape at my plate. started to boit, but his rein was a started to boit, but his rein was a started to batter that stolid square room, well lighted, the furni- the only known way out, for I dare gripped, and then a third figure, from our attack, evidently animated represent to batter that stolid square room, well lighted, the furni- the only known way out, for I dare gripped, and then a third age of my by one purpose? Why was Grant so ter man than you are, and you'll either face, yet realizing the utter useless ture mahogany, shining like glass, not venture to use the window which mounted, rode into the range of my by one purpose? Why was Grant so ter man than you are, and you'll either face, yet realizing the utter useless ture mahogany, shining like glass, not venture to use the window which anxious to learn if I had seen the lieu- sit down there and eat with me, or I'll ness of such violence. vision.
"Search him for weapons, Tonepah." tenant, and whether we had a party lick you within an inch of your life. "Now, see here!" i broke forth mostly in sombre bindings. A green- resting on the lawn. Whether Peter said a boyish voice briefly. "There out seeking him? Not one of these There is food enough here for three fiercely. "Have done with your play. are pistols in the saddle holsters, but questions' could I answer; not one men, and I want company."

of satisfaction. There was no mistaking my captors We were coming out of the low, his eyes. the three who had escaped with him. tled, and cultivated region. Rail and But why had they ridden in this di- stone fences could be seen on either rection? What object could they have side the road, and we passed swiftly in thus attacking me? They afforded by a number of farmhouses, some simme little opportunity for solving these ple log structures, although one or two



open, without a word, and I was led meat, wondering at the odd character. down into the basement. The flicker of the man, and striving to determine ing candle yielded but glimpses of how best to win his confidence. I was great rooms, beautifully decorated, hungry, and, not knowing what to say, sun lay the full length of the room, and, almost before I realized what was fell to work with some zest, insisting and food was upon the table. Some square apartment, the door behind me disposed of the food that stolld face and departed without arousing me. closed and locked. The two guards opposite fascinated me, and held my Sleep had left me in a pleasanter sir." stumbling back through the darkness tures remained expressionless and valy reverting to the chance of escape. suspect some purpose in his play act- out of his unwilling throat. Whoever these fellows might be, what- ing. ever their purpose, I had no intention of remaining in their hands a moment asked finally, made nervous by his longer than necessary. Somehow their silence. silence, their mysterious movements, had impressed me with a strange feeling of fear which I could not analyze. I could not believe myself a mere pris- wiping his mouth with a corner of t oner of war, but rather as being held napkin, but not lifting his eyes from for some private purpose yet to be re- the plate. "T is a hundred years since gave him a grotesque appearance, re- body of British troops was tramping Yet the room offered little promise. It was nearly square, the mortar, the door of oak, thickly studded with nails, and the two small win-

was a cell so strong that a single glance about convinced me of the hopelessness of any attempt at breaking I was not there to exceed ten minutes when, without warning, the lock Rangers. Come now, Peter, give me clicked, and Peter came in. I sat up the straight of all this." quickly, but as instantly he had closed the door, and actually stood there meat, favoring me with another stare. grinning cheerfully. I would never

of my own eyes. in uniform was now entirely banished. my heart warmed to him, especially as youd patience, "I have some reason t

of the road. I made desperate effort tenant! There came back to me the "Peter, you old fraud," I said swift discreetly lowered. one with knee pressed into my chest, Delavan as a volunteer—the Dragoon "Not as yet, sir," his voice showing who this young lieutenant is."





"What is your name, my man?" I door opened, and he stood there gaz-"Peter Swanson, sir," humbly.

"Oh, a Swede?" "By ancestry only, sir," he explained "And you've been good King's men.

He cocked one eye up at me. "It would seem so, sir." "The fellow with the gray chin beard was Irish, was n't he?"

"He might be, sir." "A Swede, an Irishman, and an In dian," I said musingly. "That makes

He stopped with his fork in a bit "I think I fail to comprehend, sir." "No, you don't, you rascal," a bit every mile north added to my safety. he answered drawlingly. "Turn him ant an expression but for the evidence anger in my voice. "Did you bring this supper yourself, or were you sent

He bowed solemnly, and asked "Would you object if I smoked, sir?" an eyelash. "Certainly not; only answer

way. These were wrapped in dark- We rode steadily, and at a good I perceived the tray, heavily laden, believe you a liar. But I'm going to

side it. My horse stopped, burying dent that I should have to wait until the various dishes thereon with the "Then you will tell me what I wish I swung down from the saddle. My to belong to the class with which the chairs in position. Stepping back, nap Somehow I could not rid myself of

the other uplifting the butt of a pis- uniform sufficient proof that he was just the proper tone of deference, his "I fear, sir," solemnly, "that I may have misinformed you when

> "I would correct my statement some-In spite of my effort at self-control, only in name, but in fact, a large door and gripped the knob. This was

You are no soldier; I doubt if you he may have others. Then tie him up could I even guess at with any degree . He rubbed his hand across his lips, were ever on a horse's back until toand I caught a gleam of intelligence in night. And those fellows with you are not Queen's Rangers, I'll swear." the young dragoon lieutenant, and swamp lands into a more thickly set. "Well, sir, seeing you put it in that "How do you know, sir?" he interrupted gently. "Are you in the army,

"Of coure I am," I cried, answering without consideration. "I thought so, sir; although your clothes do not proclaim the fact. May

ask which army?" He had turned the tables most neat-, and I glanced down over my rough garments, awakening suddenly to the knowledge that I was also in masquerade. To be sure I had one advantage-I knew these men had been part of Delavan's foragers, and hence at heart must be loyalists.

"That is not a question I intend answering to every ruffian who stops me on the highway." I returned shortly. "I wish to know what this outrage means? I will know, you wooden-headed image! I was about my business when the four of you attacked me. wasn't the man you were after at all, and yet I am held prisoner, shut up topped table occupied the center of plenty to be had here, and I meant to here behind fron bars. What is this the apartment, a massive affair, flanked have it in spite of the servants." place, anyhow?" "It is called 'Elmhurst,' sir."

truth of this affair?" I faltered at last, signifying pledge."

He bowed solemnly, backing toward he door, and I sprang to my feet, to make a break for freedom. There is only one way to cure dear was a slight glitter in Peter's gray ness, and that is by constitutiona.

able, sir," he warned softly. "The man bling sound or imperfect hearing, an ment might hurt you." the heavy door swung open. I stood restored to its normal condition, hear-

majestically out, and I caught a dition of the mucous surfaces. glimpse of the graybeard, and the We will give One Hundred Dollars black outline of a pistol. Then the for any case of Deafness (caused by door closed, leaving me alone. The catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's little scrap of candle left sputtered Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free feebly, and, after walking across the floor a half-dozen times, striving to gain control of my temper, I blew it out, and crawled into the bunk. There

was nothing I could do, but wait for morning; not a sound reached me me not to object. from without, and, before I realized the possibility. I was fast asleep. "That will not be long?" I must have slept long and soundly. for when I finally awoke a gleam of

occurring, I had been thrust into a on his doing likewise. Yet even as I one-Peter, no doubt-had entered out expression. left the sputtering candle, perhaps a gase. The fellow was not so big a frame of mind, and I ate heartily. He was enough to provoke a saint, third burned, behind, and I heard them fool as he looked, for while the fea- wondering vaguely what the day would but I had already butted my head disclose. I determined one thing, that against that stone wall sufficiently to to the foot of the stairs. I glanced cant, there was a sly glimmer to the when Peter returned for the dishes, I learn the uselessness of any further about curiously, shaking the loosened eye, betraying an active, observant would back him into a corner and attempt. Peter was Peter, and I rope from my wrists, my mind instant | mind behind the mask. I began to choke at least a portion of the truth crushed back my first impatient exclahardly reached this decision when the

I arose to my feet, gripping the back closed the door I did not move. Then, of a chair, but the utter vacancy in scarcely knowing whether to laugh or

straining me from violence. I could toward the house. as easily have warred with a baby. "I trust, sir, you slept well." he said soothingly, "and that the service is satisfactory."

choked back my indignation, the quiet deference of his manner causing prove a trap, and I drew hastily back me to feel like a brute. piness," I answered, "unless it might

disinclined to furnish." He waved one hand, as though

patiently. "Whom am I a prisoner to? partisans, and now treatment is this I am receiving?" here? Surely this was not the Phila Peter bowed, without the tremor of delphia road?

mured smoothly; "we are only too ly distinguish the faces. There could proud to have you as our guest at no longer be any doubt but what these Elmhurst. It has been very quiet here were the men we had fought and de now for some weeks, sir, and your feated the evening before Grant, with coming was welcome to us all." open mouth, so dumbfounded as to be toward the house, while the majority speechless. Of all the idiots I had of his following flung themselves at ever met he was the worst, or else full length on the ground, as though his acting was magnificent. To save utterly exhausted. Some strange fas me I was not certain which might be cination held me motionless, watching

the correct guess. He continued in the man climb the from steps. The stately solemnity: you desire to learn sir? If not, I am in. Then I could hear voices, but the

the calm movement of that hand as tinguished guest "Then kindly inform me, first of all, though it had been a military order, "Captain Alfred Grant!" glance told me here was a library, not what best to do I stole loward the



Armed and Might Hurt You."

by a leather upholstered reading chair, "You must have marched straight while before the front windows were past your own place," the boyish voice cushioned ledges. My rapid glimpse interrupted. about ended in Peter standing in dig-"It's a name I never heard. Where nified silence barely within the door, his hand upon the knob. in bed, sir," and "I am authorized, sir," he said im-

used, sir," in calm explanation. "It is, occasionally to the well child and will

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eyes, as he rapped sharply with his remedies. Deafness is caused by an heel on the door. ing of the Eustachian Tube. When "I hardly think that would be advistible tube is inflamed you have a run outside is armed, and in the excite when it is entirely closed. Deafness There was a click of the lock, and tion can be taken out and this tube motionless, tempted to spring, yet not ing will be destroyed forever; nine daring the venture. Peter backed cases out of ten are caused by Calarri.

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ments are that you remain in this room until sent for."

"I think not, sir." "And who will send for me?"

"All right, my man, I'll wait here." sank back into the upholstered

CHAPTER XIII.

A New Combination. My first thought was that this must behind the curtain, believing myself be a little information which you seem parole to l'eter had no binding force Yet I waited long enough to glance What am I held for? What sort of refuge. But why were they coming

They turned in upon the open lawn "Do not mention it, sir," he mur- in front of the door, and I could plain the two Hessian officers, was in ad-I could only stare at the fellow with vance, and the former strode directly fron knocker rang loudly twill before "I trust there remains nothing more there came any response from with

requested to conduct you to the li- words reaching me were detached, and brary. Ah, thank you, sir-this way, without definite meaning. Finally the door closed, and the two men passed He stood aside, statue-like, his eyes along the hall, beyond the room in looking directly past me, and pointed which I waited. Then Peter's voice with dignity to the open door. I obeyed said solemnly, as if announcing a disbut, as I stepped into the twilight of There was an exclamation of surthe outer basement, I suddenly per- prise, a quick exchange of sentences ceived the presence there of the at-indistinguishable, although I was sure tendant graybeard. He moved in ad- of Grant's peculiar accent, and the vance, and I followed, aware that other voice was that of the young Peter was closely at my heels. A light Dragoon lieutenant. Uncertain

three of the walls linedowith books, was in plain view of those soldiers had retired or not, I possessed no means of knowing, yet I opened the door silently a bare inch to make sure. At the same instant my ears caught the lieutenant's dismissing order, even as my eyes had glimpse of Swanson's broad back blocking the open doorway of a room nearly opposite.

"That will do, Peter, for the present. Have the table prepared for three

He backed out, casting a quick glance of caution in my direction, and

"How did we come here? Why. where else could we go? The damned rebels stripped us clean; we had to have food. This was the nearest place where we were certain of getting any. Of course I didn't know our "I Hardly Think, Sir, That Would Be foragers had left Elmhurst alone, and Advisable. The Man Outside is that for some cause which mystifies Clinton-these Jersey outlaws have

"You refuse to inform me as to the as I understand, sir, a military term promptly cure these troubles if they the of this affeir?" I faltered at last, plantfulne plade."