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ADVENTURE

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owing to Suu—any white man, it didn't matter who, so long as they got the head. And Young was only a lad, and they made sure to get his easily. They decoyed his whiteboat ashore with a promise of recruits and killed all hands. At the same instant the Suu gang that was on board the Minerva jumped Young. He was just preparing a dynamite stick for fish, and he lighted it and tossed it in among them. One can't get him to talk about it, but the fuse was short, the survivors leaped overboard, while he slipped his anchor and got away. They've got 100 fathoms of shell money on his head now, which is worth \$100. Yet he goes into Suu regularly. He was there a short time ago, returning thirty boys from Cape Marsh—that's the Fulcrum brothers' plantation.

"At any rate, his news tonight has given me a better insight into the life down here," Joan said. "And it is colorful life, to say the least. The Solomons ought to be printed red on the charts—and yellow, too, for the diseases."

"The Solomons are not always like this," Sheldon answered. "Of course, Berande is the worst plantation and everything it gets is the worst. All the old timers shake their heads at it. They say it has what you Americans call a hoodoo on it."

"Berande will succeed," Joan said stoutly. "I like to laugh at superstition. You'll pull through and come out the big end of the horn. The ill luck can't last forever. I am afraid, though, the Solomons is not a white man's climate."

"It will be, though. Give us fifty years, and when all the bush is cleared off back to the mountains, fever will be stamped out, everything will be far healthier. There will be cities and towns here, for there's an immense amount of good land going to waste. The black, the brown and the yellow will have to do the work, managed by the white men. The black labor is too wasteful, however, and in time Chinese or Indian coolies will be imported."

"Then the blacks will die off?" Sheldon shrugged his shoulders and retorted: "Yes, like the North American Indian, who was a far nobler type than the Melanesian. The world is only so large, you know, and it is filling up—" "And the unfit must perish?" "Precisely so. The unfit must perish."

In the morning Joan was roused by a great row and hullabaloo. Captain Young had landed Satan at the moment when the bridge building gang had started along the beach. Satan was big and black, short haired and muscular and weighed fully seventy pounds. He did not love the blacks. Tommy Jones had trained him well, tying him up daily for several hours and telling off one or two black boys at a time to tease him. So Satan had it in for the whole black race, and the second after he landed on the beach the bridge building gang was stampeding over the compound fence and swarming up the coconut palms.

"Good morning," Sheldon called from the veranda, "and what do you think of the nigger chaser?" "I'm thinking we have a task before us to train him into the house boys," she called back.

"And to your Tahitians, too. Look out, Noah! Run for it!" Satan, having satisfied himself that the tree perches were unassailable, was charging straight for the big Tahitian. But Noah stood his ground, though somewhat irresolutely, and Satan, to every one's surprise, danced and frisked about him with laughing eyes and wagging tail.

"Now that is what I might call a proper dog," was Joan's comment. "He is at least wiser than you, Mr. Sheldon. He didn't require any teaching to recognize the difference between a Tahitian and a black boy. What do you think, Noah? Why don't he bite you? He savvee you Tahitian, eh?" Noa Noah shook his head and grinned.

"He no savvee me Tahitian," he explained. "He savvee me wear pants all the same white man." "You'll have to give him a course in Sartor Resartus," Sheldon laughed, as he came down and began to make friends with Satan.

It chanced, just then, that Adam and Matauare, two of Joan's sailors, entered the compound from the far side gate. They had been down to the Balesuna, making an alligator trap, and, instead of trousers, were clad in lava-lavas that flapped gracefully about their stalwart limbs. Satan saw them and advertised his find by breaking away from Sheldon's hands and charging.

"No got pants," Noah announced, with a grin that broadened as Adam took to flight. He climbed up the platform that supported the galvanized iron tanks which held the water collected from the roof. Foiled here, Satan turned and charged back on Matauare.

"Run, Matauare! Run!" Joan called. "But he held his ground and waited the dog."

"He is the Fearless One—that is what his name means," Joan explained to Sheldon. The Tahitian watched Satan coolly and when that sanguine mouthed creature lifted into the air in the final leap the man's hand shot out. It was a fair grip on the lower jaw, and Satan described a half circle and was swung to the rear, turning over in the air and falling heavily on his back. Three times he leaped and three times that grip on his jaw hung him to de-



IT WAS A FAIR GRIP ON THE LOWER JAW.

feat. Then he contented himself with trotting at Matauare's heels, eyeing him and sniffing him suspiciously. "It's all right, Satan; it's all right," Sheldon assured him. "That good fella belong along me." Then Satan turned his attention to the three house boys, cornering Ornfri in the kitchen and rushing him against the hot stove, stripping the lava-lava from Lalaperu when that excited youth climbed a veranda post and following Viaburi on top the billiard table where the battle raged until Joan managed a rescue.

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As swept to one who mused
They called to one who mused
apart.
"Come, friend, sing us a song."
"I fear I cannot please," he said,
"The only songs I know
Are those my mother used to sing
For me long years ago."

"Sing one of those," a rough voice cried,
"There's none but true men here.
To every mother's son of us
A mother's songs are dear."

Then sweetly rose the singer's voice
Amid unwonted calm.
"Am I a soldier of the Cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own his cause?"
The very stream was stilled,
And hearts that never throbbed
with fear
With tender thoughts were filled.

Ended his song, the singer said,
As to his feet he rose,
"Thanks to you all, my friends,
good-night,
God grant us sweet repose."
"Sing us one more," the Captain begged,
The soldier bent his head,
Then glancing round with smiling lips,
"You'll join with me," he said.

"We'll sing this old familiar air.
Sweet as the bugle call.
"All Hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall."
Ah! wondrous was the old tune's spell,
As on the singer sang,
Man after man fell into line
And loud the voices rang.

The songs are done, the camp is still,
Naught but the stream is heard.
But ah! the depths of every soul
By those old hymns are stirred.
And up from many a bearded lip
In whispers soft and low
Rises the prayer the mother taught
The boy long years ago.

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This is a good missionary work. The Americans are enthusiastic about athletic sports, and especially about their great national game of baseball. But they do not play with watching others play. Golf is splendid exercise, largely because there is so much walking in it, but the votaries are few. It is regarded as an expensive pastime, for people of wealth do not walk more is that there are so few facilities for walking. The country roads are dusty, and even when a good road is made for

automobiles, there is no sidelpath for pedestrians. There is little in a walk which is constantly interrupted by the necessity of dodging out of the way of automobiles and motorcycles.

A path shaded with trees would be an invitation to pedestrians. It need not be very expensive. The turf which grows by the roadside is quite sufficient, if kept free of weeds and the grass occasionally cut. It should also be conveniently graded, and the ditches bridged with a plank or two or a little cement. On this the pedestrian could walk in comfort and rest and till he was tired, and then rest and perhaps eat his lunch under a tree.

It would be most enjoyable to cross the continent or even walk a couple of hundred miles over a path of this kind. The pedestrian could obtain glimpses of the life of the people in various regions of the country which could not be obtained in a journey by rail.—Star Weekly.

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