NOVEL OF AMERICAN LIFE DURING THE WAR OF 1812.

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CHAPTER XX

CONTINUED. Mr. Vernon laid a heavy hand on

the young man's shoulder, and they stood in silence, while the excited people went past them to and fro. The rain had ceased and the western sun flashed out fitfully between soudding clouds.

'Where were you going?" Mr. Vernon presently asked.

"To General Jackson's headquarters," he answered. "The army is moving.

"We will go together." And arm in arm they went.

CHAPTER XXI.

RECOGNITION BY FIRE-LIGHT AND GUN-FLASH.

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> He was successful; and what he did had in it a smack of the old time and the knightly. The invaders had little, ill-formed line into motion just flung out a weak line of pickets, and as a flight of flaming rockets lit up upon one of these the horsemen cast, the whole British front. hemselves at headlong speed. Close nounted or a wiry little creole pony. There, too, young Louis Livingston, on of Edward, smooth-faced and boyish, dashed along, eager for the most dangerous adventure.

marshes of Borgne; the lights of the direction and unable to distinguish British camp-fires flared and flickered friend from foe. It was an enthusias-It was the afternoon of the 28d of Mr. Vernon was familiar with every the first to fire at the enemy.

December, 1814. Lieutenant Ballanche and Mr. Vernon were not the one with him who knew just how to him, and soon one with him who knew just how to him, and soon one with him who had see the country.

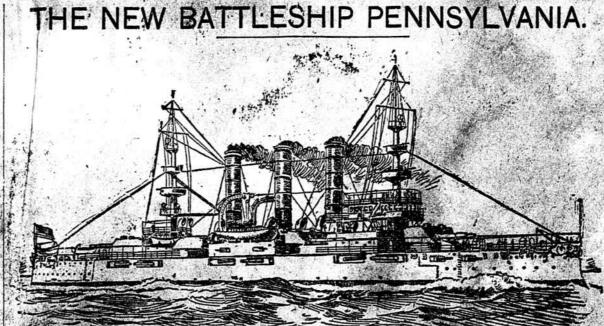
I was wrong in u were right in w "Yes, sir," in timate."
Jackson, with "he's an invigorous pron fernal villain, scoundrel and a traitor-out-throat! I'm amazed that you- But let's talk no more. Go at the enemy and give them fits. Remember the signal-the guns of the

Carolina. Good luck, sir."

It was a ghostly night. The moon had risen, but it could not shine through the fog that momentarily thickened after the sun went down. Some trouble was had in forming the line, owing to the awkwardness and nervousness of the undisciplined troops; and this battle turned out to be, as every one knows, a wild conride right down through the British fusion of hand-to-hand combats between straggling bands of both armies.

A signal shot and then a whole broadside from the Carolina set the

Mr. Vernon had reported the ground by Mr. Vernon's side rode Vesseur, as quite unfavorable to cavalry operations, and so all the riders were dismounted. Even the officers set out upon that strange night attack on foot, plashing through the mire and tamb ling waist-deep into ditches leading It was growing dark, and a thin their men amid the darkness and fog fog was creeping across from the often utterly ignorant of the points of in a zigzag, line from the river on the tie, harum-searum rush from the outwest to the dark swamp on the east, set, each little division anxious to be



ONE OF FIVE TO BE DUILT FROM IDENTICAL PLANS AND FOR WHICH BUDS HAVE BEEN ASKED.

The Future Home

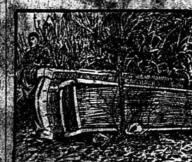
built the chateau three centuries ago, and now it will shelter the ex Presi-dent of a Protestant republic, who is a

larged into quite a respectable bomb

The medal to be struck in commemthe Huguenots. Besides oration of the hundredth anniversary tear once was actualed of the day upon which the District of poid I., who slept in the Columbia became the seat of the Unitary which is assigned to ted States Government was received to Washington December 1. oration of the hundredth anniversary A rifle put hardly realizes one's ideal made at the United States Mint in of what a subterranean dwelling ought to be, even when hollowed out and enmanable, as well as excellence of de-

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CENTENNIAL

ting as it is to day, over which ed United States Capitol, he tablet is a view of dding as it appeared 100



A common sight in China is the exposed coffin or casket containing, of e and imprisonment the laws have tyet peen adequately enforced, and industry now yielding \$3,000,000 rathy is threatened with extinction. ourse, the corpse of some departed celestial, without any covering of earth or inclosing tomb.

The first and highest ambition of every Chinaman is to have a splendid coffin, and he will half starve himself and family for years in order to acquire the coveted casket. The buying of it does not depend at all upon the state of his bealth, but of his finances, and in this connection many will recall the statement that Li Hung Chang, when he made his tour of the United States, took his coffin with him. When the coffin is purchased, it is given the place of honor in the house and is looked upon as the most valuable piece of furniture in it. As no Chinese lamily f any pretensions would seem lacking in respect for its head, dead or alive, the Chinese son will deprive himself of comforts for half his life that he may be able to present his father with a fine coffin on his sixty-first birthday, and when his revered parent dies he will give a gorgeous "send off" at the funeral, even if he has to wait many moons to do so.

Newspapers of Regiments.

The idea of utilizing a motor haul-Most of the British regiments have in connection with the market gartheir own newspapers, published once ar a metropolis has been saga month. The news consists chiefly of of late. Motor vehicles would matters pertaining to the officers and some of the difficulties that men of the regiment and their famiet gardeners have now to encounlics, but the papers also devote reguter in getting their produce to market, lar columns to sporting news, humor, and it would certainly pay some enpoetry or other departments. All conterprising carrier to make the venture. tributions are from members of the regiment. These papers are much in favor among the officers and soldiers, and many of them are very well edit-

With the dear mute actions always

ARMER BAILEY ed windmilis over the wells dams suces arroyos to conse-rainfall, and in various other ful ranch on a large scale. Th cattle upon it as fast as it co

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and is owned by Chicago capitalist.

This ranch is so extensive that so

States could not contain it. Conn

cut, for example, could not hold it several thousand acres. The T

States of Rhode Island and Delawal combined could not contain this gre-

acres, or almost 5000 square miles.

needed a new State capitol, the Les

lature adopted a novel plan to get I A promise was held forth that s

tract of unappropriated land would.

given in exchange for a saitable gr

ite building at Austin. Among thempted by this offer were ex-Ser Charles B. Farwell and his brillohn, who ultimately formed a

cate in Chicago, and took ut

selves the responsibility of at the proposed capitel. In due they came into the possession a domain known as the X. I. T. A.

The ranch is situated in f.

ary is "No Man's Land," he the Territory of Oklahoma, and western limit is the line betw

twenty-five miles. In h about 200 miles. The land lies is known as the Staked Plains a plateau. The soil is mostly of or chocclate color-very fer covered with a thick coat of mesquite, grama and other which cure on the ground and

winter as well as summer par block of all kinds. At the end of the tract the altitude 2300 feet and at the nor herne

1700. The climate is prot be very delightful, the air l ing though dry.

When the Farwells obtain they inclosed it with a s barbed-wile fence. There cross-fences upon it se large divisions, besides nes. To make these sen 2500 miles of barbed wire. ate also built ranch house dug wells, of which t about 350, averaging 120 and having earthen or w voirs and drinking attac

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Texas and New Mexico. In w

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About twelve years ago, when Texa

largest ranch in the world is to

nd in Texas. This immense dois known as the X. I. T. ram

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A Texas Ranch

out in safe condition to recei the herd from time to time b chase and breeding until they h present about 120,000 cattle 1600 horses. The calf crop by 1899 exceeded 50,000 head. The property is valued at \$10,000,000.

Everything Made of Irish Feat.
A large Dublin manufacturer is room entirely furnished with I peat. The carpets on the doors. curtains at the windows and the on the wall are made from thi stance. For years he has experie with the material, which is now largely exported as fuel, and i discovered that from it it is p to produce almost any kind of The process is simple the which are strong and tough, be tracted and woven like cotton or The fabrics have the toughne linen and the warmth of wool. ets made of them are found to exce warmth and lightness anything discovered.

A Maltese cat fumped into a large flywheel of the Plymouth Refrige Company's engine, at . Sheyboygan, Wis., the other day. As the engineer could not very well stop and shut of lights to release the animal, he waited until the usual time of shutting down. On stopping the engine he found the cat alive and clinging to the fly thech The wheel is twelve feet in diameter and makes eighty-seven revolutions a minute. Consequently, during two and half hours the cat covered a distance of about 120 miles. The cat lives, and with the exception of lameness appears to be none the worse for the experience.-New York Times.

A number of Scottish grouse have been imported by the Canadian Govern ernment from the highlands of Scotland for the purpose of stocking the provincial parks.

sails, fourteen of foresails.

ssible to stop or turn fate of Jackson's army, the of New Orleans might be deon the success of this recon-

escape.

escaped General Jackson was esting his line of battle and preng for an advance upon the en-Livingston was at his side all time and more than once re-ted that when Mr. Vernon re-

"Well, we shall have to wait till he get back."

The wait was not long. Mr. Vernon with Vasseur still clinging on at the crupper came straight to the spot. Jackson, who at the time wall not mounted, leaned on the sweating neck of the address of the second of the old man's horse and heard the story of what had been seen along the British front.

British front.
"We must turn their fight flank,"
Mr. Vernon added, after giving a rapid
report. "We must drive them toward the river."

"Zat Pierre Rameau, zat Colonel Loring vat pull yo' nose, he is over zare, mo'sieu le general!" cried Vasseur, jumping nimbly and lightly to the ground. "I see 'eem zare, zat colonel, yah, sare!"

olonel, yah, sare!"

He skipped around like a jay, his gesticulations coming in the proportion of about three to a word.

"Yah, sare, 'ee pull yo' nose an' slap yo' an' zen 'ee go to ze Anglais an' shoot at us!" He knew that Jackson could not

anderstand French; therefore his effort to make himself plain in English. "Shut your mouth or I'll smash it!" was all the notice that the general gave to him.

"Go to your place with Major Dacquin!" Mr. Vernon ordered, and Vassenr went.

"We had been planning," Jackson, "and your suggestion is just what we were agreeing upon when you arrived. Your men are just to the left of us here. When you hear the guns of the Carolina out there in the giver, march straight to the British lines. General Coffee is on ou extreme left. He will turn the enemy's flank and drive them toward the river. You know your men. You know what to do when you find the redcoats. Blow 'em sky-high, s

sky-high!" Just before going to the place signed to him, Mr. Vernon stoped

of his friends and fellow countrymen head who believed in the Boer cause, and ground the proposed to them that he give up his were willing, of course, and so the scheme was brought about. Anderlecht is a rretty suburb south-

word, and it a clumsy affair east of Brussels and consists of handnow his only weapon. This he carried naked in his hand, having thrown ome mansions dotted a away the belt and ecabbard because rounds of limited extent on the slopes the undulating country. The chateau

east and west. Held pieces he musketry youder, the heavy than of the vessel's guns to his left o and all around the keen "pan" of the well-known woodsmen lique, and all around the keen

(TO BE CONTINUED.) Forests of the Philippines.

But it is to the forests of the Philip ines that we are wholly unable to do instine. Timber exists in great variety and of most excellent quality. There are to be found kinds of wood suitable to every purpose. Many exect dense and tough fiber susceptible of the highest polish. Four tinds are so heavy that water will not float them, nor can they be out with ordinary saws. One variety is of a bright emerall green, and another rith yellow, and they retain these colors are polished. Another, 'harra,' perhaps the prettiest, and much used in fide furniture, yaries in color from light Timber exists in great variety furniture, varies in color from light siraw to deep red. It is strong and hard and takes a high polithes. Per-haps the best known is more as

hard and takes a high point. Perhaps the best known is motor, a very heavy dark brown who used for finishing in the interpret the Jesuit church at Manila, shere it is said the carvings are by master lands and of surpassing beauty. Ehony is abundant. There are the cause tree, the account palm and the hamboo, all invaluable to the natives, and also a tree which yields a kind of cotton.

A pitcher plant is found with recentacles that hold as much as a chart

ceptacles that hold as much as a quart of water. There is a very curious plant with long pendent feelers that hang near the ground and have re-markable preferrible properties, tak-ing the strongest hold on anything that happens to touch them. It is with the greatest difficulty that a passerby can explain himself from one of these many fugered, hanging ands. -Self-Culture.

General Cronie's property near Pot-chefstroem consists of more than six thousand acres. The farmhouse is a one story building, and is furnished with the utmost simplicity. Its owner is essentially a sportsman and a lover of open air life. He dislikas et and for that reason has persistently declined to become a candidate for the Transvasi Presidency—an office the holding of which involves the necessity of living in Pictoria.

An Infallible Signs average woman will think a man wants to marry her if he tells her she seems so different from other girls,-

WHAT THE BOER RIPLE PITS LOOK LAKE row most, and the road esande. On the right of the

by our Faubourg St. Honore and our Champs Elysees-Madison avenue and Millionaires' Row (upper Fifth avenue) while the latter, taking in, as it is geographically bound to do, Bleecker street, and parts of South Broadway, Greene, Sullivan, Thompson, Wooster, Macdougal and Third streets, is a rare combination of the Latin Quarter of Paris and the Whitechapel district of London. An aristocrat on the north side of the square can pitch a stone almost into one of the most squalid quarters of this city.-New York Press.

QUIET CHAT IN A RIFLE PIT.

fond. It is more than seven inches thick, and was printed in 1772. The grounds have an area of ten acres, laid out by M. d'Aumerie, who also drew the sketch of the chateau and its surroundings accompanying his arti There are two odd coincidency

Rodrigues Ca

roop had passed to Davezac, another aids, and said, while undiced face glowed artling passion:

We will drive these redow he signaled to all the nd said:

ash them!" And away they went at a gallop, following the well-beaten road taken by the troops.

hood of the Villere plantation before anndown, and by the time that General Jackson and his staff had arrived, he had formed a plan of reconnois-sance of the enemy's lines; a plan which, when presented to the com-

nvincible, sir, absolutely

ome on! Come on! We will

Mr. Vernon reached the neighbor-

from his saddle and, speaking lor in General Jackson's ear, said: was accepted at once. He 'I am glad that you refused to ayo ed to shoose fifty mounted anything to do with Colonel Loing | New York Press,

were caught in Alaska,

Commission for 1898, give the history of the salmon fisheries of Australia

Most of the enormous catch has made in the past few years. The

put of the Alaska cameries, for el ple, in the year 1897 was about 48,6

It is not to be wondered at that

alone, but by "barrfcading," a process

whereby the fish are actually prevent ed from ascending the streams to spawn. They are thus compelled to

remain in the lower waters awaiting the pleasure of the packers. Although

barricading is punishable by heavy

A Queer Neighbor.

Only in London and Paris do we find

so queer a juxtaposition as that of

Washington square north and Wash-

ington square south. In a limited,

small, narrow way the former is the

Faubourg St. Germain of New York

City, containing the mansions of the

aristocracy of blood, as distinguished

Motors For Market Gardens.

streams of Alaska are become

able fact is caused not by over

Commissioner, Moser, Bulletin of the United

tensive earthworks w In the twenty years e over 600,000,000 pounds

is reached by a drawbridge crossing directly to the colannades which form he front of the mansion. The main ite is flanked by two colossal busts, ich formerly belonged to the Castle edibule is Mr. Kruger's antechamber, furnished in Gothle style. e the ex-President will find a large

Bible, of which book he is said to be so

American and English Flour. Seven pounds of American flour equal eight pounds of English in bread-

A full-rigged ship