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#### A Romance of the American Revolution

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CHAPTER IX. "It is all dim-the way still stretches from under a broad white hat, some-Far in the distance. We may nothing Till comes the season in the dawn

ing light." It was an easy victory, and won without loss. Wiping his bloody sword server. Humphries gazed on him a upon the mane of his steed, Major Singleton rode up to his captives, who, by this time, were all properly secured. Four persons had fallen in the conflict, and among these was their leader, Travis. He was shot dead upon the His right name is Blonay, but we all spot. Clough was severely wounded in the breast, though perhaps not mortally, and lay gasping, but without a groan, upon the ground where he had fallen, and around which the surviving prisoners were grouped. Three others had fallen, either killed outright or mortally wounded; two of these by the sabre, not including the who fell by the hand of Frampton, and who was at once rolled into the swamp. The prisoners, five in number, were natives, generally of the very lowest class, and just the sort of men to fight, according to the necessity of the case, on either side. Such, indeed, were a large proportion of the Tories residing in the province. There were many who were avowedly monarchists; who had no sympathy with the Revolutionary movement, and no belief in its necessity or propriety; many who were of foreign birth, German, Scotch and English; and these were frequently persons of great worth, and conscientious in the adoption of their cause, and of these, the unprejudiced judgment of our times has determined that there can be no proper ground for reproach. But with the class of whom we write, and whom For them, there can be no worst description-outcasts from sev-

we find engaged in such warfare as that which we describe, the case is apology. They were desperates of the eral of the provinces,-who, taking refuge at first in Florida-which still remained loyal to the British crownhad seized the moment of British as in the south, to inundate and Georgia with their Without leading principles and miserably poor-not recaristocracies which must always prevail in slaveholding nations-they had no sympathy with the more influential classes-those who were the first to resist the authority of The love of gain, the thirst for rapine, and that marauding and gipsy habit of life which was now familiar to them, were all directly appealed to in the Tory mode of warfriends, and may yet prove so." fare. They were ready on any side which offered them the greatest chance for indulging in these habits. The Teries forming Huck's cavalry were all of this sort; and the small detachment just overthrown by Singleton, had no sympathy with their leader, only as his known character promised them plunder. Defeat had no attraction in their eyes; and, as that is althousand." ways the true cause which is triumph-

"I will see to him in particular, and ant, they now freely tendered them- if it be possible to drill honesty into the composre of the two sons, who selves, with clamorous tongues, and to him something may be got out of him the no small chagrin of the wounded zet. Clough, as recruits for Singleton. The Briton denounced their perfidy in fear- back into the camp?" less language, and threatened them and Tarleton, but the remote fear is into some sort of care, though he will terribly with the vengeance of Huck no fear with the vulgar. They seldom suffer, wanting attendance." think in advance of the necessity, and the exhortation of their wounded officome out this very day, one of whom cer had no visible effect. They peris a sort of doctor-good as any one sisted in their determination to figh hereabout. He used to drench horses on the right side, and earnestly assert ed their love of country, alleging tha nies did say, that there were no drinks force only had placed them in the rank like those made by Doctor Oakenburg. of the enemy. Major Singleton con But that, I'm thinking, was because he ferred with Humphries on the cours to be taken in this matter. The latte thing else; and if a Dorchester granny most of the parties, but ha been prudent to keep from sight, an ter opium, it is brandy; and somethey had not seen him, only in the times, liking them equally well, she brief glimpse which they had of his in the pursuit, when, at such a dithe old negro, with some one of the tance, perpetually moving, and wil troop. his face well smeared with the rak ooze from the creek around him, e must have been unknown, except upo young to be of much service, and will the narrowest examination, even the mother that had borne him. It ws still his policy to keep from sight n connexion with his Whig partisas for, passing in Dorchester as a loal shall endeavor to attach the lad to mycitizen-a character in part obtaird self, and probably, in the end, place him at 'The Oaks' with my uncle. through his father's loudly-voiced ttachment to the existing powers-he time wears, and we must move for the was of far greater advantage to he camp. I shall take these men into sercause of the country than he possly vice, and place the wounded man uncould have been even in active il- der the charge of one of the troopers, itary service. He obtained intli- and your doctor can relieve him." gence with singular adroitness, inwith Lieutenant Porgy"veyed it with despatch, and plazed enterprises upon the facts he lus ame gathered, with no little tact andin-To remain unknown, tirefore, or only known as he had een fish-though you may call him a strange heretofore, in close connection ith loyalty alone, was clearly the plicy that matter he has flesh enough for a

was one man from nom Humphries seemed willing to wihold He counselle his Humphries. commander to accept the servis of the remaining four, recommendir that they should be so distributed nong blazes. He's been fighting from the the men who had been tried, as) defeat any concert between them, hould south. they feel any impulse to disaction. and is mighty smart fellow, I tell you. In this manner it was also ought You'll like him. Lord, how he can talk that a proper bias would be i'en to You'll like him, I know. He's been a their minds, which, as they botknew, were sufficiently flexible to findut little difficulty in conforming to 19 cir- I reckon, but his horse, his nigger sercumstances which should for moment take the shape of a neceity.

"But the fifth-the other few-the blear-eyed-what of him? ou say

nothing of him, Humphries.' Singleton pointed through e cops as he spoke, where the indilual referred to leaned against a tr, a little apart from the rest; his ead cast down, his arms relaxed bide him, one leg at ease, while the wie weight of his body rested upon thether. The features of his face were dg and unnose; retreating forehand, sered with his uncle and sister resided, was the the guard hid undertaken to defend, rest.

know him better by the name of Gog-

gle-a nickname which he got on ac-

count of his eyes. Something has hurt

them when young, which, you see,

"Well, but we must not refuse him

because he has got a blear eye; we are

Know nothing

while the other half takes the watch.

a wildcat, too, and that's in his favor;

We must take him.

"Very good, sir:-and you now go

"Yes: we must put the wounded mar

"Leave that to me, sir. You take

"Well, the doctor will be here today

score of dragoons. He's a perfect

"Well sir if I didn't know the man

Porgy-an ancient . and

"He will never suit for a

vant, and his broadsword."

though he's a mountain of flesh."

him well, and now to other matters."

mountain of flesh."

against

makes him stare when he

von."

could not be very remote. It was de- of the enemy. termined, therefore, to intercept them. meeting, provide the means of intellilong thin black hair, that streamed thing the worse for wear. A strange protrusion of his eyes gave his face a gross and base expression, which was not before lacking to produce distrust, or even dislike, in the mind of the obmoment before he spoke, then, as if his sword in the woods, safely hidden, satisfied, he proceeded to reply-"I know nothing against the chap, major; but the truth is, 1 don't like him. Indeed, I know nobody that does any more dangerous or deadly instru-

lecting the scattered horses and arms, and repairing their own little losses. The captives were loud in the profession of their new faith, as patriots: too much in need of men to stand upon "The blood's bad that's in him. His father was a horsethief, and they do say, a mulatto or an Indian. As for acceptance of their services, taking With the charge of Davis, they threw himself, the worst is, that we know care to addrss himself particularly to down their arms and were made prisnothing about him; and that's no the man Bonay, or, as they styled oners. him more familiarly, Goggle. An good sign, major, in a country where everybody knows the business of awkward toch of the hat acknowleverybody. How he lives, and where edged this 1st courtesy, and one eye of Goggle, s he made the movement, and by what means he gets his bread, reered up fto that of Singleton with is a secret. He will not work; but see a searchingand doubtful glance. The him when you will, you see him as you major did pt appear to notice him or see him now-one half of him sleeping they any father, but giving directions for the disosal of the wounded ser-Not that he can't move when the time geant. Clowh, so as to spare him as comes for it-or rather when he's in much painas possible, he led the way the humor for it. Touch him close once moreto the cover of the secludupon his goggle eye, and he's up in arms in a moment. He will fight like ed place, i the centre of the swamp, which hadbeen chosen as their camp-

ing ground but the worst is, he fights with a bad heart, and loves to remember injuries. Here the whole party arrived a I do believe they keep him from sleep at night. He's not like our people in rangement, placing Clough in charge that: he can't knock away at once. of one of is dragoons, and in as much and have done with it, but he goes to comfort s possible, Major Singleton tel now stands. But, like many anothbed to think about it, and to plan when gave the word, and the squad moved to knock, so as never to have done with forward on their way out of the has long since disappeared from the swamp, ad in the direction of the vilit. He loves to keep his wrongs alive, lage. Bt this course was only kept so that he may always be revenging." while heyet remained in the swamp. "Still, I see nothing, lieutenant that should make us discourage his desires; and, truth to say, it is far easier for drew up his men, and then, for the Keiser, captain of the St. Peter, was us now to keep doubtful friends in our first time perceived the absence of the rene of the best known steamboat comranks, moving with us, and continually The two sons ha elder Fampton. under our eye, than positive enemies kept wh the troop, and seemed to in our camp in the form of prisoners, know pthing of their father. The located at Rocheport, in Boone county, Punjab family, he holds himself sinwe are bound to keep guard youngerhad ridden close beside his We can manage our allies if commarier, who had so willed it. No- built the first mill in Boone countythey show signs of bad faith, although body cold give him any account of the we risk something, doubtless, even by absent an after his removal from the skill. Pierre Chouteau, then at the body o the corporal whom he had the partial confidence. Better do this than break up our little force watchslain. He had disappeared suddenly, ing those who profess themselves it was thought at that juncture, and there were not wanting those who in-"You may be right, major, and I sisted upon his absence from that moment; out Singleton remembered to only speak perhaps from an old prejudice; but keep an eye upon him, for have sen hin after they had reached he certainly will keep one on you. the canp, and to have noted the sin-Even now he is looking slyly to this gular compsedness of his features. But few farher inquiries were made bush, although he can't see or hear either of us, but after the old fashion, after the abentee, as the major well to find out what he can. If he were knew that wth a man in such a mood

> haps, perfecty satisfied that nothing cou'd' have happened to him, from doubtless, wre acquainted with all succeeded to inquiry, but was interrunted by the order to move on. The course of the troop lay now to wards the toose Creek road. ' Major Singleton deed not carry his squad along the shley without exposing ing a northely direction for a while, distances between the Wassamasah to the left. & passed over an untrav-

only honest, he'd be a spy among a but little coud be done. He was per-

But

put more brandy in them than any- eled surfaceof country, broken with frequent sumps, and crowded with hours, hower, he had gone over the ground almet unseen, and certainly unobstructed Davis was his guide will be guard enough, and Frampton's son Lance can stay with given sufficint earnest of his truth coolness of is conduct in the precedonly learn what's bad, going with the ing struggle; and he now led the party east of the Rocky mountains.

with all the cution of the veteran, and

"I have thought better of that, and all the confience of a thorough-bred soldier. The road ike all in that country for greater scurity, being little traveled, was stil more troubled with natural obstrucons. They reached the desired pointat length, which was the the beaten tick, and throwing themselves direcy across the country were, after : few hours, again upon tribe had died. the Dorchestr road, and some two or three miles blow the garrison. They He is more fleshy than fishy; for covered therelves in the close forest the western tribes, wrote of the Pansatisfaction, e saw that the wagons and must bertill below them. Cheerscouts to brig him intelligence, and I should think so too: but he rides like for the entroping of the looked-for very beginning of the war down in the

He comes from the Ashepoo, track, and tht raised into a causeway they ceased to bury their dead." from a ditch on either side, at that rich planter in his time, but he's ate and drank and talked everything away natural advatages for the forming of every direction, leaving the bodies of an ambush. The woods, growing close their dead to be devoured by the "And he's one of our lieutenants, you and thickly, ormed a natural defile, of wolves, which Singleon, with the eye of experience, soo availed himself. He di-"Yes, he joined us, saying he had been a lieutenant from the beginning, vided his litle force into two equal The with Harden and Moultrie, and he bodies: andgiving the command of wasn't going to be less with anybody one of them o Davis, placed him upon else. You'll like him, sir, he's a man, the right of he road in the route from The rooster has his cocktail Charleston, thie he himself occupied the left. The firmer division lying in The "Very good. I suppose you know covert some fity vards below, was ready, in the event of a struggle be-Counselling thus, the two continued to confer apart upon other matters tween the baggage guard and Single ton's troop-o which it was to be left onnected with their enterprise. To

object of Singleton; but his desire was and at the same time to cut off their also to intercept the supply of arms retreat. Thus arranged, and with the and ammunition of which Huck had plan of conduct properly understood spoken as on their way to Dorches- on all hands, the parties lay close hidter. They were looked for hourly, and den, impatiently awaiting the approach

They had not long to wait: for, if practicable, as an acquisition of the scarcely had their arrangement been last importance. To arrange their well completed, before the scouts came route, plan the place of their next at full gallop alor the path, crying loudly that the enen.y was at hand. A gence, and concert what local meas- shot or two whistled over the heads ures might seem necessary in future, of the fugitives at the same moment, India to visit the western world. was the work of but little time be- giving full confirmation to their inteltween the two; and this done, Hum- ligence; and a few seconds after, the phries, withdrawing silently from the rush of half a score of British dragoons cover in which the conference had been was heard upon their footsteps. Passcarried on, unperceived by the rest, ing through the ambuscade without made his way by a different route of pausing for an instant, the scouts kept the swamp, and keeping the forest all on their flight bringing the pursuers the way, was, after no long time, fairly between the two parties. Once safely in Dorchester-looking for all enclosed a shrill whistle from Singlethe world as pacific and quiet as ever ton announced the charge which, he -without weapon of any kind, as, led in person; and dashing out from his with a wonted precaution, he had left cover, he threw his men quickly between the flying scouts and the asand his hands now grasped only the sailants. In the same moment the common wagon whip, which he han- squad of Davis obeying the same sigdled with a dexterity which seemed to nal, as repeated by their leader, folindicate but little acquaintance with lowed him as he charged upon the force left in possession of the munition wa gons. The guard in this quarter, see-Major Singleton, in the meanwhile, ing the superiority of the force ophad returned to his troop. They had posed to them, and struck with surbeen busied during his absence in col- prise, offered but a feeble resistance

and were soon put to flight. Davis followed them a little distance, and then returned to the aid of Singleton. His approach and attack upon the rear and as rebelion loves company, the of the party with which his command-Whigs were not unwilling to receive er had been contending, put an end to trivial physical phenomena compared an accession even from their late the fight—the dragoons having lost enemies. Mgor Singleton declared his three men killed and two wounded.

To be Continued.

## MISSOURI STEAMBOATING.

First Boat to Ascend the River-

III-Fated Fur Trader. The first steamboat to ascend the Missouri river was the Independent, John Nelson, master, says Phil Chappell in the Kansas City Star. He came up as far as the mouth of the Chariton, just above Glasgow, in May 1819. A town had been laid out at that place, which it was then supposed by the boomers would become the metropolis of Missouri, and it is an historical fact length, an having completed his ar- that lots there were exchanged, foot that which is holy unto dogs or pour for foot, for ground in St. Louis, on Fourth street, where the Planters' hoer Missouri river town, old Chariton

There was no Kansas City here then, but only a steamboat landing As soor as he emerged from it, he called Westport landing. Old man manders on the river in the 40s. Mo. He was a skillful mechanic and Recognizing his head of the American Fur company, induced him to remove to St. Louis, and employed him to superintend the building of his boats, which were engaged in the mountain trade. He afterward went on the river as a captain. and commanded several boats, among quired on the way the well known others the Satan, Trapper and St. Pe-

To recur to the St. Peter, the terrible results that attended the last of the body's life, and its deliberate voyage of this ill-fated boat is one of resumption after any predecided pethe saddest pages in the annals of riod of time. steamboating on the Missouri river. The St. Peter was a single engine, sidewheel boat, with a cabin in the hold, built on the same lines as were the father's movements. Conjecture all other Missouri river steamboats of that early period. She was built for the upper river fur trade in 1836, and Keiser was her commander.

She left St. Louis on this unfortunate voyage in the spring of 1837, bound for the mouth of the Yellow him into camp, and I have two men to himself, unnecessarily, to unequal en- stone. She was loaded with a cargo counter; all, at Dorchester, with a of Indian goods for the different tradforce far suprior to his own. Pursu- ing ports. Her deck crew was composed of negroes, and before she arin Dorchester; and some of the gran- therefore, he placed himself at equal rived at St. Joseph, then called the Black Snake river, the smallpox broke and Dorcheser roads; then striking out among them, and one, who had died, was buried there.

The contagion immediately extend ed to other members of the crew, and luxuriant udergrowth. In a few the danger of communicating the disease to the Indians, who were then numerous along the upper river, became apparent. Runners were sent forward to give the alarm and warn them to keep back from the river banks: but, notwithstanding this prethem in the swamp. He's quite too and valor, if the courage and perfect caution, the terrible contagion spread and was communicated to every tribe

The fatality, as the Indians knew no way to treat the disease, was appalling, and among some tribes amounted to annihilation. In the case of the was low andniry; and the path taken Mandans, a tribe then seated near where Bismarch, N. D., is now located, a population of 1,700 was reduced to 31. Among the Pawnees, who were then on the Platte, the death rate was so Goose Creek ridge; then leaving it to great that, according to the official report made to the government, they were reduced within a year from 10, 000 to 4,500-more than half of the

Col. John Daugherty of Liberty, Mo., at that time an Indian agent for by Archdale Hall, and Singleton then nees during this epidemic: "Judging proceeded to aspect the road. To his from what I saw during the four days I spent with these Indians, I am fully had not yetmade their appearance, persuaded that one-half of the whole number of this unfortunate tribe have ed with this onviction, he despatched been or will be carried off by this cruel and frightful distemper. They told then proceedl to arrange an ambush me that not one under thirty-three years of age had escaped the monstrous disease-it having been that The road, t the spot chosen for this length of time since it visited them purpose, wa narrow-but a single before. They were dying so fast that

Utter dismay pervaded all the tribes time filled wh water, and presenting and they fled from the pestilence in

### Bad Habits. grasshopper chews tobacco The quail gets out his pipe;

The fishhawk is so awful poor The orchard gets plum full onion squanders every scent And the radish has a pull -State Journal.

de When you see a rattlesnake with

#### Miscellancous Beading.

#### A MAHATMA STIRS LONDON.

Crowds Going to Listen to Sri Agam ya's Teachings.

dent of the New York Sun, attaches to the visit to London of the Mahatma Sri Agamya, who is said to be the first genuine Mahatma that ever left

was a judge in the high court of India. He has come to London and will go a little later to America, not as propagandist of his religion in the ordinary sense but to organize what he denominates a parliament of Truth. and answer any inquiries which seekers after truth, as it is viewed by those of his ancient faith, may care to make

The response in London to this quas nvitation has been so overwhelming that it has been necessary to eliminate from the throngs who seek to see him the cranks and merely curious who form a large proportion of the crowd. These come to him usually in hope of seeing some manifestation of his socalled miraculous powers, and their curiosity is never gratified. It is exlife for periods long or short, and to do other strange things which he says, may excite wonder, but are mere with which the powers of the mind are infinite.

One who recently conversed with him thus describes the interview in what follows

We found a man of tall and powerful build seated in an armchair by the fire, the features rugged, the head, turbaned in dark blue with glintings of gold, was intellectual and massive He wore simple, khaki colored Indian

With a steady questioning ach person ushered in he asked in a modulated deep voice, not unkind but with a ring of authority in it, what we wished to know of him. In answering our questions he expounded his wisdom giving at the same time the sense one who would not willingly throw out pearls unavailingly to the trivial. There is something of the judge i

the great steady eyes either darkly din or burning with magnetic fire. He has given up great social position and riches in order to be a teacher of mer and proclaim to them "their true and eternal selves," otherwise, "the king-1om of God within." He has millions of followers in In dia, and though a high caste Brahmin

came to Missouri at an early day and belonging to an ancient and great gularly free from prejudice and the superstitions with which the Vedantic teaching has through the ages become entrusted. He is a reformer or rathe a reviver of what he considers the true and mighty traditions of his race.

Vedas, having passed through the many stages of development to that power to produce physical phenome He holds himself above all doctrina na, so-called miracles, among which is the power of voluntary suspension

power has been fully authenticated in the presence of scientific men a Oxford, among whom were Prof. Max Muller (on the occasion of a former visit in 1900) and Prof. J. Estlin Carpenter, and at Cambridge in the pres ence of the late Frederick Myers and Dr. Hodgson.

come famous as a wonder worker. He thinks true faith is not incited by that means, and says: "The exhibitions of this control o

physical phenomena are only for small people; they are not for the full grown. The visible world is a small thing in comparison with the mind. "The mind controls all things and creates all things. The control which I exercise over my body is in no way learn to do the same if he would take the time and trouble required."

When he consented to show this power his body was to all appearance ifeless, though subjected to every known medical test by the physician present. He can remain in that stat for any length of time, retaking the normal vital condition at will.

He says there is no danger connec ed with the experiment, which de notes nothing but the exercise of a power resident in every person When asked if the soul during that time was out of the physical frame he said:

"No it is confined within a single atom of the body and constitutes the vital spark to be expanded to full life fame at the appointed time.

from our bodies; the spirit cannot move

In spite of his assertion that he ha attained to a state of divinity where he is no longer of this world at all but lives in the eternal plain, his personality is natural, simple, hearty, prac tical, essentially modern. There is certainly nothing of the ecstatic or of fresh vigor, physically and mentally, enlivening and electric, al-

no use to return to an earthly body. and that after this he will be no more in reincarnated.

I asked why answer was that he had been sent and Affeld.

#### had chosen to come out of ardent desire to help all those who could recognize and understand his teachings back to their true nativity and to

and energy in this life he said:

awaken them to their true selves and to the conclousness of their divinity.

others."

disciple

going shead backward!

added unto you."

ounds like christian science."

the different nations, judge their ex-

act nature, and undertake by all pos-

The Mahatma has just received

called nolitical vested interests

hatma has no desire to make

they were not then able to bear.

COUGAR AFRAID OF MAN.

Not a Brave Beast and Wrongly Re-

garded as Dangerous.

Regarding the cougar, the largest

member of the feline family in the

United States, it may be said that it

is blessed with more than a rightful

share of names. In one section it is

the panther, somewhere else it is

termed mountain lion, in another lo-

time backwoodsman will tell you

blood curdling stories of the panther.

In northeastern Washington it is gen-

The writer, in a long life spent with

rifle and trap, has hunted and killed

and can bear witness to one truth re-

under whatever name, their habits are

Among many people-and this in-

cludes those who should know better

-this animal is looked upon as very

dangerous. Awe-inspiring stories are

told of the cougar springing from a

rocky ledge or an overhanging tree

and rending the hapless wayfarer pass-

been heard by all and believed by

an old and experienced frontiersman,

were more abundant than I ever saw

safe to roam the woods at will. Roll-

ed in my blankets, I have passed

many a night under the sheltering

branches of some big tree without

even a fire to scare these animals

it was cornered or perhaps so badly

wounded as to be unable to get away

Under these conditions nearly any

The cougar, when followed by

animal will fight.

identical.

rally spoken of as the cougar.

foundations or to organize any socie-

ties though millions of money have

been offered to him for that purpose

A deal of interest, says a correspon

Before renouncing all else to devote himself entirely to Yoga, or the occult,

He embodies the philosophy of the

Prof. Carpenter said: "As he sa n my study on the day of his firs visit, he showed me that he could en tirely suspend the normal circulation of the blood and the pulse ceased to beat as I laid my finger on it."

The mahatma has no desire to !

whatever miraculous, any one could

say that practically all these stories

"We do not send our spirits awa

in that independent way. though it may have visible reflexions. As to the movement of the spirit after death it cannot come back as a spirit perfected it returns to the Divine Spirit from whence it issued, and to away. he highest bliss, but if still unperfected it reenters some earthly body at its birth and so comes back into this life."

its trail, make a long loop and hide until its pursuer passes, and then perhaps take the back track for miles. After a long chase the man with the veird or crank about him. He is full trail and discovers where the animal lay and watched him go by-possibly upon some overhanging rock from though 60 years of age. which, had it been so disposed, it He said, that having prior to this might have pounced upon its enemy and torn him to shreds, or perhaps He said, that having prior to this

ne had realized his divinity, he had behind a log under which it had scratched a peephole.
There are many old trappers living

All the large cats are afraid prepossessing—dark and sow; his connected with their enterprise. To ton's troop—o which it was to be left the rattles and a button, you touch the button, and the snake will do the taken up the earth life this time. His approach of their enemy.—Sports

#### THREE GREATEST WARSHIPS. The British, the Jap and the Propo

American. What would happen if in the unlikely event of a war between Japan inch, as when we say a 22 caliber or and England the giant British bulldog 32 caliber pistol, meaning that the When asked if he meant that we should renounce all accomplishment Dreadnought and the heavier Japan- bore is .22 or .32 of an inch in diameese hattleship Satsuma should meet in ter.-Scientific American. a duel on the sea? That speculation "Certainly not; on the contrary ev is calculated to stir the imagination ery fight must be fought to the uttermost and every duty fulfilled, espeof naval folk the world over, and experts will answer according to their cially if it involves the well being of conception of the respective battery power of the ships, their constructive He accepts no money, leads a simple, pure and kind life; rises early strength of resistance and the ability

and takes food but once each day, at of the men behind the guns. It has been demonstrated that the midnight. It consists of bread and a dish of vegetables seasoned with Japanese can shoot and that they are in touch with the subject: peppers. prepared over a spirit lamp as courageous as the Causasian, It is SIMPUL SPELING DED; by his secretary, who is himself Brah- known also that the English are good mina, a dark-eyed, bright-eyed young at hitting floating targets; in fact, DIDE AFTER ATE MUNTHS OF that they are second only to the blue jackets of Uncle Sam in sea practice The Mahatma recognizes the great naterial achievement of Western civ- with big guns.

The comparative ability of the lization, but says that we are all mad n our rush for money and that our ships is a problem the solution of which is rendered difficult by the mysgreed of gain and devotion to money tery with which the Japanese have getting imprisons us away from our true selves, straining our forces to surrounded the Satsuma. She is of 19.200 tons displacement, thus exceedthe utmost, but giving us no satisfacing the Dreadnought by 1,200 tons. tion in return. As a young Irish lieutenant put the same idea to me: She has what the English themselves "Look at our civilization! Just look now seem to regard as the disadvan at it! It's tremendous stupendous! tage of reciprocating engines.

The Dreadnought is propelled by We're going right ahead: right ahead! turbines that give her greater steadi-But what do we get out of it? We're ness when going at high speed. The more rigid the gun platform the The Mahatma says that if we give more accurate the gun fire will be. half so much devotion to discovering

Both the Satsuma and the Dread and recognizing our true forces of existence we would indeed be mighty, Japanese ship has the distinction of and as for worldly treasure, these "illusive creations of maya," they sign and construction. She reprewould be there too in richer plenty. as they are the shadow of the subese adepts who went through the war stance and would follow that substance so long as we exist in this ing squadrons. It may be that they world-which seems but another forfound out a few things that escaped mulation of "Seek first the kingdom the observers of other nations who of God and all these things will be had less intimate knowledge of the sea fights, and that the Satsuma has The Mahatma's pedantic teaching been built and equipped in accordrests on two principles. One is exance with these discoveries.

pressed in the sentence, "Saty aj na-The Dreadnought has the advannam duhkhakshayah," which means, tage in speed by nearly two knots. She "The knowledge of truth is the destroyer of pain." It is very like, "Ye is practically in the cruiser class in this respect, and if she were getting shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." The other prin- the worst of it she might run away. iple is Yoga, the absolute control of The Satsuma would have to fight to the vibrations of the mind; the mind the end or surrender. The somewhat indefinite reports

which controls all things, creates all about the Satsuma, published just af-I said to one of his disciples: "That ter the launching, say that her main battery consists of four 12 inch guns in turrets forward and aft on the cen- not see the little deer suffer." He answered "Yes they have eized that principle, but they do not tre line, and twelve 10 inch guns in understand it, nor how to apply it." The Mahatma spoke of his plan to can concentrate the power of two 12 it. He is opposed to race sooighside orm a great world parliament of inch guns and four 10 inch guns you know, and this is such a little truth, which is to unite all who pure- ahead or astern, and deliver a broad- deer he cannot help luving it." ove justice. The parliament is to be side of four 12 inch and six 10 inch Then they gave the bell three hard helper of humanity, to examine the guns. She also has a battery of pulls and ran around to the corner of

sible means that pure justice shall be tery of 12 inch guns capable of piercfrom members of the British Parlia- can fire six either dead ahead or little waif.

ment a request to be received by him. astern. The Pritish declare that the lesthat they may inquire regarding this sons of the Japanese sea battles have into the house. But the walf had a plan. Apart from his plan the Mademonstrated the superiority of th 12 very bad spell as soon as it was takinch gun. The Japanese themselves, en into the household and Mr. Rusewho were closer to the conflict than velt said he would have to get a nurse anybody else, apparently believe also so he sent for Mr. Gillett, of Massain the efficacy of the 10 inch gun. chusetts, who is very expert in handteachings and institutions. His atti- Otherwise they would have placed ling infant industries. more rifles of the greater calibre

tude to all religions and sects is that they are well in their various ways aboard the powerful Satsuma. It may be inferred, although there for the training of the childhood of humanity, which recalls Christ's speech about His feeding his followers with milk convenient for babes and having many things to teach which having little top hamper and in hav- low for a place with the publik printing their guns so placed that the blast er. of one will not interfere with the

work of the crew shooting another. The Dreadnought has three separate the nursing of Mr. Gillett, Simpul conning towers from which the ship Speler began to grow and develop a may be fought. Our own uncompleted big battleships, the South Carolina and the Michigan have two each. The Satsuma and Dreadnought are to send the squaller out of town of alike in having great beam (that of else get a nurse that knew his busithe Pritish being 82 feet) and depth. which give them stability. Stays and

shrouds have been abolished on both cality it is called a puma, and the old ships and the tubular masts are selfsupporting. Whatever the American naval ex pert may think about the chances in pattle of the Satsuma and the Dreadnought, he recently has had reason to

ongratulate himself on the prospecthese animals in their native haunts tive possession of a greater wardog than that of either the Mikado or garding them all-wherever found or John Bull. Uncle Sam has decided to go them one better by constructng a floating, or racing, battery of 20,500 tons displacement. The plans submitted are receiving the consideration of a special nava

board appointed by Secretary Bona parte. They call for an armament o twelve 12 inch guns mounted in six My song is husht, my hope is crusht; turrets, all on the centre line, and so These anecdotes have arranged that all may be fired on The form accurst, learnt first and either broadside. The middle turrets many, nor will I deny that such things of the group are to be 45 feet above Our dream is dasht, our idol smasht, the water line.

may have occurred, but it is safe to The design provides also for sixare exaggerated and many of them teen 5 inch rapid firers for defence against torpedo attack. All the vir-Thirty years ago, in company with tues of the Satsuma and the Dreadnought, it is said, will be utilized in I was shooting deer, elk and bear and the proposed battleship, which will selling the meat to a gang of tie cut- not be built in a hurry. ters in the Rocky Mountains. Cougars

Secretary Bonaparte's board ha six other plans than that of the giant them elsewhere; yet it was perfectly battleship to ponder upon. It is said that all of them are for ships more powerful than the Dreadnought .-New York Sun.

#### MEANING OF CALIBRE I was never attacked by one unless Either the Diameter of a Gun or Length Divided by Diameter.

There is surely no word in the no nenclature of guns, big and little, which has caused and is causing so hunter on foot, will often double on much confusion in the lay mind as the

The confusion arises chiefly from the use of the term in an adjectival Your plan thruout gives pause for sense to indicate length, as when we

gun comes along still hanging to the say a 50 caliber six inch gun. The word calibre as applied to ar tillery signifies essentially and at all times the diameter of the bore of a gun. A gun, then, of six inch calibre is a gun whose bore is just six inches. For convenience and because the power of a gun when once its bore has been decided upon depends so the haunts of these animals who greatly upon its length, artillerists are

> the gun in the terms of the calibre. The six inch rapid fire gun, as mounted on the ships of the navy, is a

trifle under twenty-five feet in length

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and is therefore known as a 50-calibre gun.

In the case of small arms the caliber is expressed in hundredths of an

#### TRAGEDY OF A REFORM.

#### Death of Simple Spelling Commemorated in Eulogy and Rhyme.

The following clever get off on the reformed spelling flasco, from the Philadelphia Press, is very well calculated to amuse those who have kept

ITS LIFE HISTRY BRIEF SUFERING FROM RUSH OF WURDS TO THE HEAD-GRATE KAREER EXCITING WHILE IT LASTID

#### DIDE.

Desembur 13, at the home of its adopted father, Theodore Rusevelt, Washington, D. C., after ate munths of sufering, Simpul Speler, belovd foster child of Androo Karnagy and Brandur Mathuse.

obseekwiz privute. Pleez omit flours. The above simpul obituary notis was a severe shock to the many sorrowing friends of the little stranger who was brought to earth by an educated stork last March, and after a nought were built in record time. The painful, bottle-fed existence of a few months passed away without giving employing only Japanese in her de- any indication of the promising future that was predicted for it by the sents the highest genius of the Japan- wise men of the East who were present when the walf was sent to the with Russia as officers of the conquer- Washington Home for the Alleviation of a Congested Language.

Messrs. Karnagy and Mathuse wrapped the little waif in a copy of a paper containing a complete report of the proceedings attending the latest presentation of a library by the master of Skeeboo and an expurgated edition of Mr. Mathuse's latest work, "Recreation of an Anthologist," while copy of "Josh Billings" was put in the chubby hand.

Deserted by Foster Parents. Then in the dark of the moon the oster parents of the waif went to the White House and tenderly laid the bundle on the stens.

"Mr. Rusevelt is a kind-harted man," said Mr. Karnagy, "and he will

"Surely." said Mr. Mathuse, "Mr. pairs in turrets on the broadside. She Rusevelt will take it in and nurrish

cts and important movements among twelve 4.7 inch rapid firers to turn the house to see what would happen. The Dreadnought has a main bat- looked up and down the street, as though looking for Bellamy Storer. done independently of what might be ing 22 inches of armor at 3,000 yards, but he didn't see him. Then the She can concentrate in either broad- kind-hearted man heard a little side eight of these mighty rifles and squeak and glancing down saw the

"Delited." said Mr. Rusevelt, as he took the infant in his arms and went

## Put to Work Early.

Mr. Gillett said he would have no trouble in getting a nice place for the are no accurate data at hand just yet infant to work as soon as it got strong to bear it out, that the Satsuma and enough to work, and he asked Mr. the Dreadnought are much alike in Rusevelt to recommend the little fel-

> Mr. Rusevelt again said he would be "delited"! and he did so. Under over the city. The naybors began to said that Mr. Rusevelt would do well ness. But the waif got worse all the

> time, and Mr. Rusevelt said:
> "Here, this fellow is strong enuf to
> work. Let him go and help the publik printer.' The printer didn't like it, but he gave the kid a place. But the foundling was with a rush of wurds to the hed one day, and expired suddenly. Nurse Gillett used oxijen and other restora-

> tives, but without avail, and it was laid to rest. Over the grave was placed a stone, with this inscription: Sakred to the memry of Simpul Speler. We morn our loss. Brander Matthews is now in a rather unpleasant frame of mind over the plified spelling.

#### How Congress Past on Clint Spelling. A LACRIMAL LIRIK. Which the Vext Reformer Speaks His Wo.

The Pedagog rejoices; worst, The nation's seeming choice is. Ere convert lips have kist it;

Webster purs (oh, how he ers!

And whispers, "You have mist it." Some congressman-a partizan From sylvan Pennsylvanya-Profest that he most thoroly Opposed reform as manya.
"No spelling cropt, nor tall-ends lopt, Nor any word-abridgment.

Goes thru today, if I've They hurt my better jidgment. Then others rose-you might suppose The Decalog in danger; None wisht to wear the laurels there Of lightning-language-changer. will not let our words coquet With any form they chooseter,

Nor will we bust the ancient trust Of Webster linked with Wo "Our President, with good intent, Has tried to slice our tongue down; The line is crost-we won't be bost-The gantlet we have flung down.

Not yet in rime-or any time-Are we prepared for fantoms, And ax and sithe would make us rithe, Tho brave as fighting bantams. "We'd love not well a dear gazel However we carest it;

And if it skipt, we'd want it whipt, Tho mitered bonze had blest it! You could not hope to wean a

Conservative to styles you give, The served with a subpena. The forms you dropt our language propt-They seem her chief controller slipt away, the tricks she'd Might cause surprise and dolor.

And thus alack! ript up the back And rapt upon the nuckles And tost aside, New Spelling died. 'Mid sacrilegious chuckles have never seen a cougar except in a in the habit of defining the length of Yet she may rise, despite "Good-bys"

A phenix of tomorrow-May yet be riting "Thoro!