way, which was not distant more than a | we were taken on every side. hundred yards from the koppie. While we

less from terror, and what I feared was that him after that? they might try to escape and give information of our plans to Wambe. So I watched them like the apple of my eye, telling them that should they dare to stir they would be shot. "Then it grew quite dark, and presently out of the darkness I heard a voice; it was that of the leader of the soldiers who had escorted us, calling to us to come down. We replied that it was too dark to move; we should hit our feet against the stones. He

the dark, the men withdrew, but we saw from the watch fires that were lit around that they were keeping a strict watch upon our "That night was a wearing one, for we never quite knew how the situation was going to develop. Fortunately we had some cooked food with us, so we did not starve. It was, bowever, lucky that we had drunk our fill before coming up, for, as I had anticipated, there was not a drop of water on the koppie. "At length the night wore away, and with the first tinge of light I began to go my rounds, and, stumbling along the stony paths, make things as ready as I could for the attack, which I felt sure would be delivered before we were two hours older. The men were cramped and cold, and consequently low spirited, but I exhorted them to

the best of my ability, bidding them remem- 'there is an immi on the mountain side.' ber the race from which they sprang, and "'These are the words of Wambe,' he said.

koppie and be slain.'
"It is too early to come forth as yet,' an-

swered our man, in fine diplomatic style. will come forth. Our limbs are stiff with cold. "'Come forth even now,' said the berald.

"Then make ready to die,'said the herald, to the soldiers.

hold the place long in the burning sun. "At length, just as the sun rose in glory over the heights behind us, the Matuku soldiers, of whom some fifteen hundred were now assembled, set up a queer whistling

heralded by a running fire, charged at us on the fray. under cover, and the fire did us no harm. I enemy get right on to us

better for us. the captain.

"No-confound you!" I answered "Bixty yards-fifty-forty-thirty. 'Fire,

gun into the thickest part of the company

and pebbles coated with lead. The result the bitter end. was very prompt. The Matukus were so near that we could not miss them, and at | tifications, behind which the whole remainthirty yards a lead coated stone out of a gos ing Mataku force, numbering some 2,000 pipe is as effective as a Martini rifle, or more | men, was rapidly assembling. One little so. Over rolled the attacking soldiers by the | panse to get their breath, and they came at dozen, while the survivors, fairly frightened, it with a rush and a long wild shout of 'Ba-took to their heels. We plied them with | lala Matakus' (Kill the Matakus') that went shot till they were out of range; I made it | right through me. Then came an answering very warm for them with the elephant gun, shout and the sounds of heavy finner, and

by the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating, sometimed the way, and then we loaded up in quite presently I saw our men retreating the way, and the way of the lost a man, whereas I could count more than | vanced. Their welcome had been a warm fifty dead and wounded Matukus. The only one, for the Matuku fight splendidly behind thing that damped my ardor was that, stare | walls. as I would. I could see no column of smoke upon the mountain crest.

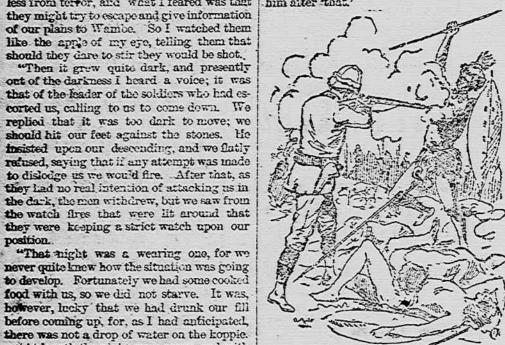
quires good shots, and that was just what we | was too much engaged with the fee in front had not got. Another thing was that so of them to notice us, and, besides, the broken many of our men would insist upon letting ground rose in a bog back shape between. of the things they called guns at every little | There we waited a minute or two and recovknot of the enemy that ran across. Thus the | ered our breath, while I gave my directions, first few lots were, indeed, practically swept | So soon as we heard the Butiani inmi heein away, but after that, as it took a long while | to charge again we were to run in line to the

to load the gas piecs and old flint muskets, brow of the hogback and pour our tire into those who followed got across in compara- the mast of defenders behind the wall. Then tive safety. For my own part, I fired away | the guns were to be thrown down, and we with the elephant gun and repeating carbine | must charge with the assegai. We had no till they grew almost too hot to hold, but my | shields, but that could not be helped; there individual efforts could do nothing to stop | would be no time to reload the gues, and it such a rush, or perceptibly lessen the num- | was absolutely necessary that the enemy ber of our enemies. At length there were at | should be disconcerted at the moment that least a thousand men crowded into the dip of the main attack was delivered. the ground within a few yards of us, whence | "The men, who were as plucky asset of felthose of them who had guns kept lows as ever I saw, and whose blood was now up a continued fusiliade upon the keppia | thoroughly up, consented to this scheme, They killed two of my bearers in this way | though I could see that they thought it

the koppie! When our captain esked me, I the situation was growing note serious, I at said that I thought we had better march up length, by dint of threats and entreating, and take it, and this accordingly we went on personded the majority of our people to . "We had not long to wait. Freezewly we to do. When we come to the rarrow gate | cease firing useless shoir, to relead and pre- | heard the Entines were song swelling lond way, we were, as i expected, stopped by two pare for the rush. Scarcely hal I done so and long. They had commenced their atsoldiers who were on guard there, and asked | when the enemy came for us with a roar. I our business. The captain abswered that we am bound to say that I should never have behad changed our mind, and would follow on | lieved that Matukus had it in them to make to Wambe's kraal. The soldiers said no; we | such a determined charge. A large party rushed round the base of the kopple and at-"To this we replied by pushing them to one | tacked us in flank, while the others swarmed side, and marching in single file through the | wherever they could get a footbold, so that

"Tire! I cried; and we did, with terrible were getting through, the men we had pushed | effect. Many of their men fell, but though away ran towards the town, calling for as- we checked, we could not stop them. They sistance—a call that was promptly responded | closed up, and rushed the first fortification, to, for in another minute we made out scores killing a good number of its defenders. It of armed men running hard in our direction, was almost all cold steel work now, for we so we ran, too, for the koopie. As soon as bad no time to reload, and that suited the they understood what we were after, which | Butiana habits of fighting well enough, for they did not at first, owing to the dimness of the stabbing assegai was a weapon which they the light, they did their level best to get to understood. Those of our people who escaped the koppie before us. But we had the start | from the first line of walls took refuge in the of them, and with the exception of one un- second, where I stood myself, encouraging fortunate man, who stumbled and fell, we them, and here the fight raged flercely. Cowere well on to it before they arrived. This | casionally parties of the enemy would force a man they captured, and when fighting began | passage, only to perish on the hither side beon the following morning, and he refused to neath the Butiana spears. But still they kept plain to the assistance of our assailants. So

give any information, they killed him. it up, and I saw that, fight as we would, we Luckily they had no time to torture him, or were doomed. We were altogether outnumthey would certainly have done so, for these bered, and, to make matters worse, fresh Matuku people are very fond of torturing | bodies of soldiers were pouring across the "When we reached the koppie, the base of I made up my mind to direct a retreat into which covered about half an acre of ground, the caves, and there expire in a manner as the soldiers who had been trying to cut us off heroic as circumstances would allow, and halted, for they knew the strength of the while mentally lamening my hard fate, and position. This gave us a few minutes, before reflecting on my sins, I fought away like a the fight had quite vanished, to reconnoiter | fiend. It was then I remember that I shot the place. We found that it was unoccupied, my friend the captain of our escort of the fortified with a regular labyrinth of stone previous day. He had caught sight of me, walk, and contained three large caves and and making a vicious dig at my stomach with some smaller oncs. The next business was to a spear (which I successfully dodged) shouted, post the men to such advantage as time | out, or rather began to shout out, one of his would allow. My own men I was careful to unpleasant allusions to the 'Thing that' put right at the top. They were perfectly use- He never got as far as 'bites,' because I shot



Well, the game was about up. Already I saw one man throw down his spear in token of surrender, which act of cowardice cost him his life, by the way, when suddenly a

"'Look at the mountain!' they cried;

"I glanced up, and there, sure enough, Matuku dogs. At length it began to grow the first fortification, the long plumed doulight, and presently I saw long columns of ble line of Nala's warriors were rushing men advancing towards the koppie. They down to battle, the bright light of the mornhalted, under cover, at a distance of about a | ing glancing on their spears. Afterwards hundred and fifty yards, and just as the we discovered that the reason of their delay dawn broke a berald came forward and was that they had been stopped by a river in called to us. Our captain stood up on a rock | flood, and could not reach the mountain crest by dawn. When they did reach it, however, they instantly saw that the fight 'Come forth from the kepple and give over | was already going on-was 'in flower,' as the evil doers, and go in peace, or stay on the they put it-and so advanced at once without waiting to light fires.

"Meanwhile they had been observed from the town, and parties of soldiers were charg-When the sun sucks up the mist, then we ling up the steep side of the hill to occupy the scharses and the second line of fortifications behind them. The first line they did not now attempt to reach or defend, Nala pressed "Not if I know it, my boy,' said I to mythem too close. But they got to the schanses
self; but the captain replied that he would
come out when he thought proper, and not
before.

"The reach of defend, Main pressed
them too close. But they got to the schanses
or pits protected with stone walls, and constructed to hold from a dozen to twenty men,
and soon becam to open fire from them and and soon began to open fire from them and from isolated rocks. I turned my eyes to the for all the world like the villain of a trans- gates of the town, which were placed to the pontine piece, and stalked majestically back | north and south. Already they were crowded with hundreds of fugitive women and chil-"I made my final arrengements, and dren fiving to the rocks and caves for shelter booked anxiously at the mountain crest, a from the foe. As for ourselves, the appeartouple of miles or so away, from which the ance of Nala's impi produced a wonderful mist was now beginning to lift, but no colchange for the better in our position. The

turn of smoke could I sea. I whistled, for if | soldiers attacking us, realizing that the town the attacking force had been delayed or | was being assailed from the rear, simply made any mistake, our position was likely to turned, and, clambering down the koppie, grow pretty warm. We had barely enough | streamed off to protect their homes against water to wet the mouths of the men, and this new enemy. In five minutes there was when once that was finished we could not not a man left except those who would move no more, or were too sorely wounded to escape. I felt inclined to ejaculate 'Saved!' like the gentleman in the play, but did not, because the occasion was too serious. What I did do was to muster all the men and reck-

noise, which ended in a chast. Next some on up our losses. They amounted to fiftyshots were fired (for the Matriku had a few one killed and wounded, sixteen men having guns), but without effect, though one bullet | been killed outright. Then I sent men with passed just by a man's head. 'Now they are the cooking pots to the stream for water, and going to begin,' I thought to myself, and I we drank. This done, I set my bearers, as was not far wrong, for in another minute | being the most useless part of the community the body of men divided into three compa-from a fighting point of view, to the task of miss; each about five hundred strong, and, attending the injured, and turned to watch

three sides. Our men were now all well "By this time Nala's impi had climbed the first line of fortifications without opposition, mounted on a rock, so as to command a view | and were advancing in a long line upon the of as much of the koppie and plain as pessi- schanses or pits which were scattered about ble, and yelled to our men to reserve their | between it and the second line, singing a war fire sill I gave the word, and then to shoot chant as they came. Presently puffs of low, and load as quickly as possible. I knew | smoke began to start from the schanges, and that the all natives, they were sure to be with my glasses I could see several of our execuable shots, and that they were armed men falling over. Then, as they came oppowith weapons made out of old gas pipes, so the site a schanse, that portion of the long line of only chance of doing execution was to let the warriors would thicken up and charge it with a wild rush. I could clearly see them "On they came with a rush. They were lean on to the walls and vanish into the within eighty yards now, and as they drew depths beneath, some of their number falling near the point of attack I observed that they | backward on each occasion, shot or stabbed closed their ranks, which was so much the to death. Next would come another act in the tragedy. Out from the hither side of the "Shall we not fire, my father? sung out schanse would pour such of its defenders as were left alive, perhaps three or four, and perhaps a dozen, running for dear life, with the war dogs on their tracks. One by one you scoundrels? I yelled, setting the example they would be caught, then up flashed the by letting off both barrels of my elephant great spear, and down fell the pursued, dead. I saw ten of our men loap into one large opposite to me.

"Instantly the place rang with the disnobody came out. Afterwards we inspected nobody came out. Afterwards we inspected schanse, but though I watched for some time. charge of two hundred and odd guns, while | the place, and found these all dead, together the air was torn by the passage of every sort | with twenty-three Matnitus. Neither side of missile, from iron pot legs down to slugs | would give in, and they had fought it out to

"At last they neared the second line of for-

create a diversion. If we did not do so it "Half an hour elepsed before any further seemed very probable that we should be steps were taken against us. Then the at- worsted after all. I called to the capacin of tacking force adopted different tactics. See- our little force and rapidly put the position fing that it was very risky to try to rush on | before him. Sceing the urgeney of the ocus in dense masses, they opened out into skir- casion Le agreed with me that we coust rick mishing order, and ran across the open space it, and in two minutes more we were, with in lots of five and six. As it happened, right the execution of my own men, whom I let at the foot of the koppie the ground broke to guard the wounded, trotting agrees the away a little in such fashion that it was al- open space and through the deserted town most impossible for us to search it effectually toward the spot where the structle was takwith our fire. On the hither side of this dip ing place, some 700 yards away. In seven or Wambe's soldiers were now congregating in eight minutes we reached a group of hutaconsiderable numbers. Of course, we did it was a headman's break that we a situated them as much damage as we could while they | about 120 yards behind the fortified wait, and were running across, but this sort of work re- took possession of it unobserved. The enemy

and wounded a third, for being at the top of | rather a large order, as indeed, I did myself. the koppie, these men were most exposed to But I knew that if the impi was driven back

tack. I made a sign, and the 150 men, headed by myself, poured out of the kraal, and, getting into a rough line, ran up the fifty or sixty yards of slope that intervened between ourselves and the crest of the hog backed ridge. In thirty seconds we were there, and immediately beyond us was the main body of the Matuku host waiting the enslaught of the enemy with guns and spears. Even now they did not see us, so intent were they upon the coming attack. I signed to my men to take careful aim, and suddenly called out to them to fire, which they did with a will, dropping thirty or forty Ma-

" 'Charge!' I shouted again, throwing down

my smoking rifle, and drawing my revolver, an example which they followed, snatching up their spears from the ground where they had placed them while they fired. The men set up a savage whoop, and we started. I saw the Matuku soldiers wheel round in hundreds, utterly taken aback at this new development of the situation. And looking over them, before we had gone twenty yards, I saw something else. For of a sudden, as though they had risen from the earth, there appeared above the wall hundreds of great spears followed by hundreds of savage faces shadowed with drooping plumes. With a yell they sprang upon the wall shaking their broad shields, and with a yell they bounded from it straight into our astonished

"Crash! we were in them now, and fighting the demons. Crash! from the other side. Nala's impi was at its work, and still the spears and plumes appeared for a moment against the brown background of the mountain, and then sprang down and rushed like a storm upon the foc. The great mob of men turned this way and turned that way, astonished, bewildered, overborne by doubt and terror. Meanwhile the siayers stayed not their hands, and on every side spears flashed, and the fierce shout of triumph went up to heaven. There too, on the wall, stood Maiwa, a white garment streaming from her shoulders, an assegai in her hand, her breast heaving, her eyes flashing. Above all the din of battle I could catch the tones of her clear voice as she urged the soldiers on to victory. But victory was not yet. Wambe's soldiers gathered themselves together and bore our men back by the sheer weight of numbers. They began to give, then once more they ral-Led and the fight hung doubtfully.

"'Slay, you war whelps?' cried Maiwa, from the wall. 'Are you afraid, you women, you chicken hearted women? What! you give way? Follow me, children of Nala.' And with one wild, long cry, she leaped from the wall as leaps a stricken antelepe, and, holding the spear poised on high, rushed right into the thickest of the fray. The warriors saw her, and raised such a shout that it echoed like thunder against the mountains. They massed together, and following the flutter of her white robe, crashed into the dense heart of the foe. Down went the Matuku before them like trees before a whirlwind. Nothing could stand before such a rush as that. It was as the rush of a torrent bursting its banks. All along their line swept the wild, desperate charge, and there, straight in the forefront of the battle, still waved the white robe of Maiwa.

"Then they broke, and, stricken with utter panic. Wambe's soldiers streamed away, a scattered crowd of fugitives, while after them thundered the footfall of the victors. "The fight was over; we had won the day; and for my part I sat down upon a stone and wiped my forehead, thanking Providence that I had lived to see the end of it. Twenty minutes later Nala's warriors began to return, panting. 'Wambe's soldiers had taken to the bush and the caves,' they said, 'where they had not thought it safe to follow them.' adding, significantly, that many had stopped on

"I was utterly dazed, and now that the fight was over, my energy seemed to have left me, and I did not pay much attention, till presently I was aroused by somebody calling me by name. I looked up, and saw that it was the chief Nala himself, who was bleeding from a flesh wound in his arm. By his side stood Maiwa, penting but unhurt, and wearing the same proud and terrifying

"They are gone, Macumazahn,' said the chief; 'there is little to fear from them; their heart is broken. But where is Wambe the chief, and where is the white man thou cam-"I know not." I answered.

"Close to where we stood lay a Mataka, a roung man who had been shot through the shy part of the calf. It was a trilling wound, but it prevented him from running "'Say, thou dog,' said Nala, stalking up

to him and shaking his red spear in his face-'say, where is Wambe! Speak, or I slay thee. Was he with the soldiers? 'Nay, lord, I know not,' groaned the terrifled man. 'He fought not with us. Wambe has no stomach for fighting. Perchance he is in his kreal yonder, or in the cave behind the kraul;' and he pointed to a small inclosure on the hill side about 400 yards to the

right of where we were. "'Let us go and see,' said Nala, summon-

CHAPTER VIII.

MAIWA IS AVENGED. that none of the enemy's wounded, and above | with inflicting on him. all no women and children, were to be killed, might come in to nurse them, and fear noth- ally kissed my feet ng, for Nala made war upon Wambo the tyrant, and not on the Matuku tribe. Then we sterted with some four hundred men for the chief's kraal. Very soon we were there. tidy reed fence, within which, reatly ar- friend-yes, yes, a true friend.' ranged in a semicircular line, stood the huts "'Bosh!' I auswered, testily; "I'm a trader, Not a soul was to be seen. There were the more his carcass? buts, and there was the clear open space, floored with a concrete of lime, on which the

the cliff itself for a background. I stared at | ders, and he was quite a man again. entirely made of tusks of ivory planted in | Wambe want to put you in that trap?" the ground, with their points bending outward. The smaller enes, though none were fight was going against them and that Maiwa Maiwa has a good memory for friend and size till they culminated in two enormous | me write something on some leaves and give tusts, which get up so that their points met them to Maiwa before she went away to something in the shape of an inverted V, purify herself. Then, of course, he guessed forming the gateway to the but, I was that I had had something to do with your dumfounded with delight, and, indeed, seizing the keppie and holding it while the | with great justice and firmance. where is the elephent huster who would not | impirushed the place from the mountain, be if he sudded by sew five or six hundred | so he determined to terture me to death be picked tasks set up in a row, and only wait fore help could come. Ch, heavens! what a g for him to take them away? Of course mercy it is to hear English again! the stuff was what is known as 'black' ivery: "How long have you been a prisoner that is, the exterior of the tusks had become | here, Every? I usked.

black from years or perphaps centuries of "Six years and a bit, Quat roads; I have lings were. When we got to the top of the exposure to wind and weather; but I was lost count of the old months lately. I came certain that it would be none the worse for up here with Maj. Aldey and three other that. Forgetting the danger of the proceeding, I actually ran, in my excitement, right. Wambe ambushed us, and murdered the lot across the open space, and, drawing my to get their guns. They weren't much use to knife, scratched vigorously at one of the him when he got them, being breech leaders, great tusks to see how deep the damage was. for the fools fired away all the amountain As I thought, it was nothing; there beneath in a month or two. However, they are all in the black covering gleamed the pure white | good order, and hanging up in the but there. ivery. I could have capered for joy, for 1 They didn't bill me because one of them saw fear that I am very mercenary at heart, me mending a gun just before they attacked when suddenly I heard the faint ceho of a us, so they kept me as a kind of armorer. ery for assistance. 'Help!' screamed a voice | Twice I tried to make a boit of it, but was | and I and the ivory going down the river | in the Sissta dialect from somewhere beyond caught each time. Lost time Wambe had the but-bein! they are murdering me.

perhaps it was too lete. "Nala, Maiwa and the soldiers had now two hundred people to death in it. It was | days we would be able to reach a district come up. They, too, had heard the voice, his favorite amusement, and he would go where porters were plentiful and whence we and interpreted its tone, though they had every day and six and watch his victim till could easily get the ivery conveyed to Dela-"This way! cried Maiwa; and we started and water to keep him alive longer, telling at a run, passing round the hut of Wambe. him or her that he would let him go if he of an ambush, and this was that we saw, show you their tones behind that rock?

end secured to the floor by strong stakes, was a he to double springed lion trap fringed with sharp and grinning teeth. It was set, and beyond the trap, indeed almost over it, a ter-



"A terrible struggle was in progress." almost naked white man, with a great beard hanging down over his breast, was, in spite and dragged toward the trap by six or eight cruel looking man, with small eyes and a hanging lip. It was the chief Wambe, and he stock by the trap ready to force the victim down upon it as soon as the women had

ragged him into the necessary position. "At this instant they cought sight of us, and there was a moment's pause; and then, before I knew what she was going to do. Maiwa lifted the assegai she still held, and whirled it at Wambe's head. I saw the flash of light speed towards him, and so did he, for he stepped backward to avoid it-stepped backward right into the trap. He yelled with pain as the iron teeth of the Thing that bites' sprang up like living things and fastened into him-such a yell I have not often heard. Now, at last, he tasted of the torture which he had inflicted upon so many, and though I trust I am a Christian, I cannot say that I felt sorry for him.

"The assegni sped on and struck one of the woman who had hold of the unfortunate Every, piercing through her arm. This made her leave go-an example that the other women quickly followed, so that Every fell to the ground, where he lay gasping.
"Kill the witches! roared Nala, in a voice of thunder, pointing to a group of women.

"'Nay,' gasped Every; 'spare them. He made them do it.' And he pointed to the human fiend in the trap. Then Maiwa waved her hand to us to fall back, for the moment of her vengeance was come. We did so, and she strede up to her lord, and, flinging the white robe from her, stood before him, her flerce, beautiful face fixed "'Who am I?' she cried, in so terrible a

voice that he ceased his yells. 'Am I that woman who was given to thee for wife, and whose child thou slewest? Or am I a spirit come to see thee die? What is this? sho went on, drawing the withered baby hand from the pouch at her side. 'Is it the hand of a babe, and how came that hard to be thus alone? What cut it off from the babe, and where is the babo! Is it a hand, or is it the vision of a hand that shall presently tear thy | weapons. They were conquered, they said, throat? Where are thy soldiers, Wambe? and Wambe was dead, so they came to hear o they sleep, and eat, and go forth to do thy bidding, or are they perchance dead and scattered like the winter leaves?

"He groaned, and the fierce eyed woman went on: 'Art thou still a chief. Wambel or does another take thy town and power; and, say, lord, what dost thou there, and what is that slave's leglet upon thy knee? Is it a dream, Wambe, great lord and chief, or'and she lifted her clinched hands and shook them in his face—'hath a woman's vengeance found thee out, and a woman's wit overmatched thy tyrannous strength? and artthou about to slowly die in terments horrible to think on, oh, thou accursed murderer of little children? and with one wild scream she dashed the dead hand of the child straight into his face, and then fell senseless on the floor. As for the demon in the trap, he shrank back as far as its iron bounds would allow, his eyes starting out of his head with pain and terror, and then once more began

"The whole scene was more than I could "'Nala,' I said, 'this must not go on. That man is a fiend, but he must not be left to die there. See thou to it.'

"'Nay,' answered Nala, 'let him taste of the food wherewith he hath fed so many; leave him till death shall find him.' "'That will I not,' I answered. 'Let his end be swift. See thou to it.' "'As thou wilt, Macumazahn,' answered

the chief, with a shrug of the shoulders. 'First, let the white man and Maiwa be "So the soldiers came forward and carried Every and the woman into the open air. As, the former was borne past his tormenfor the fallen chief, so cowardly was his wicked

heart, actually prayed him to interesde for him and save him from a fate which, but for our providential appearance, would have been Every's own. "So we went away, and in another mo-

ment one of the biggest villains on the earth troubled it no more. Once in the fresh air, Every quickly recovered. I looked at him, and horror and sorrow pierced me through "The impi formed up. Alas! an hour be- to see such a sight. His face was the face of fore it had been stronger by a third than it a man of 60, though he was not yet 40, and was now. Then Nala detached two hundred his poor body was cut to pieces with stripes men to collect and attend to the injured, and and scars, and other marks of the torments at my suggestion issued a stringent order | which Wambe had for years amused himself

"As soon as he rocovered himself a little as is the savage custom among African na- he struggled on to his knees, burst into a partives. On the contrary, they were to be allowed to send word to their women that they | with his emaciated arms, would have accu-"'What are you about, old fellow? I said.

for I am not accustomed to that sort of thing, and it made me feel uncomfortable. "'Oh, God bless you? he moaned-'God It was, as I have said, placed against the bless you! If only you knew what I have mountain side, but within the fortified lines, gone through. And to think that you should and did not cover more than an acre and a have come to help me, and at the risk of half of ground altogether. Outside was a your own life! Well, you were always a true

of the chief's principal wives. Maiwa, of and I came after that ivory, and I pointed course, knew every inch of the kraal, for she to the stockede of tusks. 'Did you ever hear had lived in it, and led us straight to the of an elephant hunter who would not have entrance. We peeped through the gateway. risked his importal soul for them, and much

"Put he took no notice of my explanations, and went on God-blessing me as hard as ever, sun beat fiercely, but nobody could we see or | till at last I bethought me that a nip of brandy, of which I had a flask full, might "The jackal has gone to earth,' said steady his nerves a bit. I gave it him, and Maiwa. He will be in the cave behind his was not disappointed in the result, for he hut,' and she pointed with her spear towards brisked up wonderfully. Then I hunted another small and semicircular enclosure, about in Wambo's hut, and found a kaross over which a large but was visible, that had for him to put over his poor bruised shoulthis fence. By George, it was true! it was | "'Now,' I said, 'why did the late lamented

her side, but they gradually increased in | of the women told Wambe that she had seen

I me flogged very nearly to death; you can ment that miserable ivory had driven the who nursed me by stealth. He got that cehe died. Sometimes he would give him food | goe bay,"

of it.' "And so he talked on, and I sat and listened to him, wondering how he had kept his reason for so many years. But he didn't talk, as I have written it, in good English. He spoke very slowly, and as though he had got something in his mouth, continually using native words, because the English ones had slipped his memory.
"At last Nala came up and told us that food

was made ready, and thankful enough we

were to get it, I can tell you. After we had

eaten we held a consultation. Quite a thou-

sand of Wambe's soldiers were put hors de

combat, but at least two thousand remained

hidden in the bush and rock, and these men. together with those in the outlying kraals, were a source of possible danger. The question arcse, therefore, what was to be done: were they to be followed or left alone? I waited till overybody had spoken, some giving one opinion and some another, and then, being appealed to, I gave mine. It was to the effect that Nela should take a leaf out of the great Zulu T'Chaka's book, and incorporof his furious struggles, being slowly forced ate the tribe, not destroy it. We had a good many women among the prisoners. Let them, women. Only one man was present, a fat, I suggested, be cent to the hiding places of the soldiers and make an offer. If the men would come and ley down their arms and declare their allegiance to Fela, they and their town and cattle should be spared, Wambe's cattle alone would be setzed as the price of war. Moreover, Wembe having left no children, his wife, Maiwa, should be declared chiefteiness of the tribe, under Nala. If they did not accept this offer by the morning of the second day, it should be taken as a deciaration that they wished to continuo the war. Their town should be burned, their cattle, which our men were already collecting and driving in in great numbers, would be taken, and they should be hunted down. "This advice was at once declared to be

wise and acted on. The women were dispatched, and I saw from their faces that they never expected to get such terms, and did not think that their mission would be in vain. Nevertheless we spent that afternoon in preparations against possible surprise, and also in collecting all the wounded of both parties into a hospital which we extempor ized out of some buts, and there attending to them as best we could. That evening poor Every had the first pipe of tobacco that he tasted for six years. Poor fellow! he nearly cried with joy over it. The night passed without any sign of attack, and on the following morning we began to see the effect of our message, for women, children, and a few men came in in little knots, and took possession of their huts. It was, of course, rather difficult to prevent our men from looting, and generally going on as natives, and, for the matter of that, white men too, are in the habit of doing after a victory. But one man, who, after warning, was caught man-treating a woman, was brought out and hilled by Nala's order, and though there was a little grumbling, that put a stop to further man, who, after warning, was caught mal-

"On the second morning the headmen and numbers of their followers came in in groups, and about midday a deputation of the former presented themselves before us without their the words of the great lion who had eaten them up, and of the crafty white man, the jackal who had dug a hole for them to fall in, and of Maiwa, Lady of War, who had led the charge and turned the fate of the battle. "So we let them hear the words; and when we had done, an old man rose and said that in the name of the people he accepted the yoke that was laid upon their shoulders, and that the more gladly because even the rule of Wambe. Moreover, they knew Maiwa, the Lady of War, and feared her not, though she was a witch, and terrible to see in battle. "Then Nala asked his daughter if she was

"Maiwa, who had been very silent since her revenge was accomplished, answered yes, that she was, and that her rule should be good and gentle to those who were good and gentle to her, but the forward and rebellious she would smite with a rod of iron, which, from my knowledge of her character, 1 thought exceedingly probable.

willing to become chieftainess of the tribe

"The headmen replied that that was a good saying, and they did not complain of it, and so the meeting ended.

"Next day we spent in preparations for de-parture. Mine consisted in chiefly superintending the digging up of the stockade of ivory tusks, which I did with the greatest



The stockade of toory tusks. satisfaction. There were some five hundred of them altogether. I made inquiries about it from Every, who told me that the stockade had been there so long that nobody seemed to exactly know who had originally collected the tushs. There was, however, a kind of superstitious feeling about them, which had always prevented the chiefs from trying to sell this great mass of ivory. Every although it was so old, its quality was really as good as ever, and there was very little soft ivory in the lot. At first I was rather afraid lest now that my services had been rendered. Nala should hesitate to part with so much valuable property; but this was not the case. When I spoke to him on the subject he merely said, 'Take it, Macumanahn, take ityou have carried it woll' And to speak the truth, though I say it who shouldn't, I think I had. So we pressed several hundred Matuku bearers into our service, and next day marched off with the lot. "Pefore we went I took a formal farewell

of Maiwa, whom we left with a bodyguard of 200 men to assist her in settling the country. She gave me her hand to kiss in a queenly sort of way, and then said: Macumazahn, you are a brave men, and have been a good friend to me in my need. If "And so I thanked her and went. She

certainly was a very remarkable woman. A

year or two ago I beard that her father Nala was dead, and that she had specceded to the chiefminship of both tribes, which she ruled "I can assure you that we arrended the pass leading to Wambe's town with feelings very different from these with which we had descended it a few days before. But if I was grateful for the issue of events, you can easily imagine what poor Every's feelpass he actualty, before the whole impi, flopped down upon his knees and thanked Heaven for his escape with the tours running down his face. But ther, as I have said, his nerves were chakens though now that his beard was trimmed and be budget come sort of clothes on his back and hope in his heart, he looked a very different man from the poor wretch whom we had rescued from death by

"Well, we separated from Nala at the little stairway or pass over the meuntafu, Every and the chief returning to his own krail on "I knew the voice. It was John Every's see the sears upon my book. Indeed, I should the farther skie of the mountain. He gave their instillity to pay it Oh, what a selfish brute was II for the mo- have died if it hadn't been for the girl Maiwa, us an escort of 150 mon, however, with ins'ructions to accompany us for six days' recollection of him out of my head, and now cursed lion trap among our things also, and journey and keep the Matuku bearers in I suppose he has tortured between one and | order and then return. I knew that in six ;

"And did you land it up safe?" I asked. "Well, no," said Quatermain; "we lost Behind was the narrow entrance to a cave. Rived till a certain day. But he never did let | about a third of it in crossing a river. A We sushed through it, heedless of the danger them go. They all died there, and I could flood came down suddenly, just as the men were ere ing, and many of them had to

justice in it, and now he's gone to hell, and I mean that I got £7,000 out of it, behope there is another one ready for him there. cause, you see, I insisted upon Every tak-

By Jove! I should like to have the setting | ing a half share. Poor fellow, he had carned it if ever a man did. He set up a store in the old colony on the proceeds, and did uncommonly well."

> asked Sir Henry.
> "Oh, I brought that away with me also, and when I got to Durban I posit in my house. But really, I could not bear to sit opposite to it nights as I smoked. Visions of that poor woman and the hand of her dead child would rise up in my mind, and also of all the other berrers of which it had been the instrument. I began to dream at her that it had me by the lsg. This was too much for my nerves, so I just packed it up and shipped it to its maker in Sheffield, whose name was stamped upon the steel," sending him a letter at the same time to tell him to what purpose the infernal machine had been put. I believe that he gave it to

> some museum or other." "And what became of the tusks of the three bulls which you shot? You must have left them at Nala's kraal, I suppose." The old gentleman's face fell at this ques-

"Ah," he said, "that is a very sad story. Nala promised to send them with the goods to my agent at Delagoa, and so he did. But the men who brought them were unarmed, the men who brought them were unarmed, and, as it happened, they fellfin with a slave hand. cararan noder the command of a belt-breed Portugue, who select the tusts, and, what is worse, swore that he had shot them. I pedd him out afterwards, however," he added with a smile of satisfaction; "but it did not give me back my tusks, which no doubt have long ago been turned into hair brushes!" And ho sighed.

"Well," said Good, "that is a capital yarn of yours, Quatermain; "but"-"But what?" he asked, sharply, forseeing

"But I don't think that it was so good as mine about the ibex-it basn't the same Mr. Quatermain made no reply. Good was "Do you know, gentlemen," he said, "it is

going to shoot the big wood to-morrow we ought to leave here at 0:00 sharp?" "Oh, if you shoot for a hundred years you will never beat the record of those three woodcock," I said.

And then we all went to bed, and I dreamed that I had married Maiwa and was much afmid of that determined lady.

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ated in said County and State, to wit:

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS:

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Given under my hand, this fifth day of September, A. D., 1888. THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probates

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