

I remained silent, striving vainis
to frame some innocent question
which should solve for me the prob-
lem of who and what she was. Sud-
denyy she spoke softly.
"Captain Wayne, I feel I owe sou "Captain Wayne, I feel I owe sou
an apolog for my unwarranted and
unladylike conduct last night. I am
very sure now that you are a gen-
tleman, and will appreclate how bit-
terly I was tried, how deeply I have
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"Rat
from
from Rather such a request should come
from me. 1 only trust, Miss Brennan.
that you will excuse m extremely unfortunate atfair."
She sat looking down upon her
plate, her flagers nervowaly crumbling
a bit of corn bread. "Oh, what a horrible wound!" she
exclaimed, almost sobbing. "How that exclaimed, almost sobbing. "How the
great brute must thave kort you!"
"The wound ts not so se.cous as to


## "Ob, bellieve me, I can do it

 spoke bravely, a sturdy ring offidence in the volce dience in tho voice, although at
hought her face paled. I have b
in the hospitals at Baltimore,
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bench yonder." 1 ill fild, for troil on the ther
I leaned against the wall I could se I leaned against the wall I could see
out moto the shed. "It was doubtless
left for the dog to drink from." Sbe came back with it, tearing down
eloth from off a peg in the wall as
 Oasible the lacerated shoulder
"Forgive



partially opened door. Down the steep
of the hill road there was slowwy mov.
ing toward us on foot a small party
of perhaps a dozen men, so variously
cothed as to make it evident they
were irregulars. Just ahead of them,
but on horseback, two others were
beve then turning into the narrow
eve




Compound knocked it out in no time."
Refuse substitutes.
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Store.-Advt.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 16.-A joint
resolution proposing to amend the
Floria State Constitution so that only
"white persons over the age of 21
years, and citizens of the State,"
shall be ellggibe to hold State, county
and municipal office, elective or ap-
pointive, was favorably reported by
the House committee on constitution-
al amendments today. No action on
the resolution has yet been taken by
the Senate.


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nation.




 "'Yelled on the view the opening
pack,' he quoted, as he distributed
his blows impartially to right and left: "Wal, I jist don't know, Cap," he
sald cautiously, continuing to eat as
he talked, "as Y'm much o" enything
in thls yere row. First ther durned gray-backs they. come snoer sin' up
yere, an run off all my horgs; then
ther blame bluebellies come 'long brack, 'Then, and that be Scott's words,
stranger, an' I reckon as how ol' $S$, Walter knew whut he wus writi
'bout. Stop thet blame youlin', yo Roderick, er rell take tother end
this gun ter ye."
He rejobled his efforts for peace,
finally driving the rebellious beast 'bout ready ter fight eithers side. I Ann'
how I aln't did no fightin' yit worth
talkin' 'bout, fer Marit is taike bout, fer Mariar is pow
feared I get hurt."
Maria regarded him scornfully.
"Hiding "Wal, t t ant and very healthful fer
us ter be stayin" et hum much ther time, long with that thar Red
Lhwrie, an' Jm Hale, an' the rest $0^{\text {. }}$
thet cattle 'round yere." mountains?
'Wal, I dunno; I heerd as they wus
dotn' somethin' down by ther doin somethin down by ther brick
church, but thar's no great shakes of
em fist 'round yere. they knows 'nough ter keep 'way from
Jed Bungay-l'd pitch 'em 'tar as "You have no fear of them, then?"
"Whut, me?" The Httle man sa
bolt upright, and glared flercely across markable contrast to the tall, ra
boned, angul/ female who lomed
like a smail mourtalin jusi behind
 ter poke h/s nose round yere 'less
he's a lookin' ter sudden death; thar's
mighty few o' 'em ain't herd or Jed
Bungay- Whut in thunder's ther matter with yer gal?"'
He stopped suddenly, and stared at
her; but before I could turn about In my chatr one of the great dogs
began to growl savagely, and Maria
sprang forward and cuffed the surly
brute into rebellious silence.

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