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to

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[Written for the Beacon.]

To Miss Laura C....

By E. L. F.

There is a heart that truly loves thee,

Lady fair, maiden sweet;

I knew it from his tone, his glance,

The night when first I saw you meet.

I knew it from his tone, his glance,

His soul-lit eyes spoke all the while

Of what the heart would treasure most.

Thy "constancy," thy every smile.

Ah! fair girl, search deep thy heart,

Scorn not this pure, devoted love

Breathed from lips whose accents deep

Speaks "faithful" as the wooing dove.

And constant, faithful, ah! this is what

Woman should so dearly prize;

There is no better gift from man

Bestowed on her beneath the skies.

Then, think kindly of this ardent love,

Deal gently with the youthful heart,

May angels bright attend "thee" ever

Sweet young friend where'er thou art.

## A BLOODY CONFLICT.

You will see by the map that the

Salmon River, of Idaho, has its rise in

the Salmon River Mountains. Two

small creeks, meeting at the north end

of the mountains, form the Salmon;

but it is not much of a stream until it

receives Wild Cat, Bitter Sweet, and

other creeks down toward the Bitter

Root Mountains.

I had journeyed to the forks of the

Upper Salmon with a band of hunters

and trappers, and, while they had

spent the winter in trapping for furs

and pelts, I had developed the fact

that coal, mica, slate, marble, copper

and other minerals were to be had for

the asking in the mountains. Owing

to the depth of snow and severity of

the weather, I had not finished my

work of prospecting when spring

came, while the trappers were ready

to abandon the exhausted field and

move east into the foothills of the Bitter

Root.

On the first day of May I was left

alone. I had a horse, two pack mules,

a rifle, two revolvers and plenty of

food and ammunition. As soon as the

map before me I pulled up stakes and

moved around to the east side of the

mountain where there was less wind

and more sunshine. Between the foot-

hills and the mountain was a long,

narrow, winding valley, varying in

width from ten to fifty feet. The

snow was just leaving this valley, and

the grass of last season had been pre-

served in palatable shape for the

horses.

Nothing of special interest occurred

until the second of June. On that

morning, while cooking breakfast, a

monster grizzly, the first one seen dur-

ing the winter, suddenly appeared

within two hundred feet of my camp-

fire, coming up the winding valley

from the south. I was between him

and the horses, but the latter were so

terrified that had they not been stout-

ly staked out they would have made

their escape.

The bear halted, as I said, and as he

displayed no intention to come nearer

I did not wish to provoke him by any

act of hostility. He was in lean con-

dition, with his shaggy coat in any-

thing but presentable shape. He

stared at me with curious eyes, sniffed

the air, grew uneasy after a few min-

utes and finally lumbered off down

the valley out of sight. I was thor-

oughly glad to be rid of Bruin, but

before I had finished my breakfast he

returned and brought two other griz-

zlies with him, all full grown.

Well armed as I was, I realized that

I stood no show against the three.

The horse was wild with terror, and

the mules were so overcome that they

lay down with weakness. I piled on

the brush, and as the fire blazed and

crackled the bears took alarm and gal-

loped off, looking back as if to see if

they were pursued.

The presence of the monsters an-

noyed me more than I can explain. I

was more uneasy than if I had dis-

covered three Indians prowling about.

A grizzly bear is the natural foe of

everything that lives. He is without

fear. His strength is something as-

tounding. He will fight twenty men

as soon as one. Fire all the bullets

from the chamber of a Winchester

into him and not one may strike a vi-

tal spot. The sight of flame and

smoke had kept them from attacking

me, but I was by no means satisfied

that they would abandon the field.

The only plan to save the horses

was to build another fire above them.

In one spot the valley narrowed until

it was not more than eight feet wide,

and there I built a solid fire of heavy

logs—one which would last for a

whole day. A quarter of a mile be-

low the camp I found another good

spot, and built another fire, and then

felt comparatively safe. The only

fear was that I would keep the bears

away from bringing Indians down upon

me. The heavy smoke could be seen

for twenty miles, and if seen by red men

they would certainly investigate.

I did not leave camp that day, be-

ing busy with specimens and in mak-

ing repairs to my clothing, and the

day and night passed without an

alarm of any sort. This put me in

good spirits, and I permitted the fire

to die down to great beds of coals,

which would retain their heat all day,

and soon after breakfast shouldered

my rifle and started off down the val-

ley to prospect and investigate. You

may believe that I kept my eyes open

for sight of grizzlies, but they seemed

to have left the neighborhood for

good.

At the end of about five miles the

valley suddenly broadened or de-

bouched into another. This larger val-

ley opened in from the broad plains,

and was a mile long. I had no sooner

rounded a mass of rock and earth and

brought the larger valley into view

than my ears were greeted with a ter-

rible yell. Right before me, and not

over a quarter of a mile away, were

seven or eight Indians surrounding a

small camp fire, with their ponies

grazing near by.

At such a time as that men think

and act quickly. If I ran back up the

valley such action would involve my

camp and lose my animals. There

was no place at hand to make a suc-

cessful defence with the odds so much

against me. As the Indians sprang