A REMARKABLE STORY.

Did Henry Stanley See Dr. Livingstone?

LEWIS NOE'S ASTONISHING STATEMENT.

He Accuses Stanley of Forgery and Various Crimes.

STANLEY'S CAREER IN ASIA MINOR.

Noe Has Letters and Other Documentary Evidence.

IS STANLEY'S NAME FICTITIOUS?

Noe Declares Stanley to be a Welchman and Not an American.

SAYS HE HAS LIVED WITH HIS AUNT.

What Stanley Said About Looking for Dr. Livingstone.

To the Editor of The Sun.

SIR: Permit me to express a little incredulity in reference to the story of Henry Stanley, Dr. Livingstone's alleged discoverer. I know the man. I know his fertile powers of invention, and more than once I have seen his ingenuity impose upon men and impose meat successfully. But, as I do not desire to throw discredit upon his alleged discoveries without at least showing a fair reason for my convictions, I will tell his story as I heard it from his own lips, from the lips of his relatives, and from irrefragible proofs which shall be forthcoming when desired.

STANLEY IN THE NAVY.

Near the close or the late civil war, when a boy of fifteen, I enlisted in the navy, and was soon afterward assigned to the United States frigate Minnesota, Commodore Joseph Lanman, lying at Hampton Roads, Va., where I was employed as Commodore's messenger. A young man calling himself Henry Stanley was one of the crew. Though he had enlisted as a landsman, I believe he was, by reason of his marked ability, intelligence, and skill as a penman, made ship's clerk. He was full of aspirations for adventure; told marvellous tales of foreign countries, and he urged that when we should leave the service I should accompany him on a proposed tour in Southern Europe. Being of a romantic turn of mind, I was pleased at the suggestion.

DESERTION.

To hasten the opportunity of our departure, he planned our desertion from the navy, secured my acquiescence in it, and by his ingenuity it was accomplished at Portsmouth, N. H., when the frigate had gone to the navy yard for repairs. Soon after our arrival there, early in February, 1865, when I had been eight months in the service, Stanley forged a pass, affixing the Commodore's name to it, permitting Stanley and myself to pass the gate of the navy yard. Once without the gate, we took off our sailor clothing, under which we wore suits of citizens' clothes, that had been procured through the aid of carpenters who were at work in the navy yard. We were now free to go where we pleased.

We came directly to New York. The next day I returned to my home on Long Island, to the astonishment of my parents, who, directly they were informed of my desertion, sent me back to New York to proceed as quickly as possible to the ship. This was my purpose, but on arriving at New York I met Stanley, and he dissuaded me from it, telling me that disgrace and punishment awaited me if I should go back. He then unfolded to me a plan for raising the means necessary for us to proceed on our travels. It was for him to enlist me in the army, he taking the bounty money; then through his aid and connivance for me to desert, to reinlist and secure more bounty, to again desert, and so repeat this process until he had the money secured to enable us to go in search of adventure. But I was too strongly burdened by a sense of guilt for my own desertion to desire to add to it a repetition of the offence, and I declined to acquiesce in his plan. He was angry at me for my refusal, and finding that neither persuasion nor scolding would swerve me from my resolution, he set to work to procure employment. At his suggestion I made the same effort in my own behalf. He was more successful than I. His pleasing address, engaging manners, neat penmanship, and with all, his intelligent conversation and air of confidence inabled him to get a position, I believe in a law office.

After a few days of unsuccessful effort to obtain employment, I left New York without his knowledge and worked for a week with a farmer, Mr. Joshua Hubbs of Hicksville, L. I. I then returned to the city, where I enlisted as a private under the name of Lewis Morton, in the Eighth New York Mounted Volunteers, Col. Pope, and continued in the service until after the close of the war, when I received an honorable discharge.

IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

Meantime Stanley made efforts in New York to learn my whereabouts. Failing in this, he called on my parents, who informed him that I was in the army. He at once commenced a correspondence with me, in which he opened up a scheme of travel to the Rocky Mountains. He urged me to join it. To enable me to do so, he again proposed desertion. To assist me in this he promised to meet me at some point with a suit of citizens' clothes. As I desired to act upon his suggestion he went to Colorado alone, where he remained until the spring of 1866, continuing his correspondence with me, and keeping alive the interest he had early inspired in me in relation to travel in foreign lands. On his return he visited my parents, and urged them to allow me to accompany him. His winning manners, gentlemanly bearing, and his seeming attachment for me impressed them so favorably that they were inclined to look upon his previous conduct in deserting as an indisposition for which there were palliative circumstances. Of his efforts to graduate me as a bounty jumper I had not informed them.

My admiration of Stanley amounted to a youthful enthusiasm, and I longed to go with him in search of romance and adventure. He told my parents that he desired to educate me, and give me that polish that could be best obtained by intercourse with the world. He told of diamonds, and rubies, and precious stones, and rich India shawls and other fabrics in Central Asia, the real value of which the natives knew scarce anything, which could be procured by us for insignificant sums of money, and could be sold at an enormous profit. He professed to have acquired abundant means in Colorado, and was willing to pay all my expenses for the pleasure of my companionship. My parents were in humble circumstances, and naturally they desired to promote the welfare of their son, and they gave their consent.

OFF TO SMYRNA.

About the first of July, 1866, we left for New York, where he met a gentleman named Cook whose acquaintance he had formed in the Rocky Mountains, and who was to accompany us on our travels. Stanley introduced me to Cook as his half-brother. This part I was compelled to play on our travels abroad, whenever Stanley's caprice suggested it. We proceeded to Boston. About the middle of July we embarked on the bark E. H. Warrington for Smyrna. Just before the vessel quit her moorings I confess I was a little surprised, after the rose-colored prospects Stanley had held out to me, when he expressed a wish for me to work my passage on the vessel, for which he stated he had made arrangements, because of a special object he had in view. The nature of which he would explain to me on our arrival at our destination. My faith was so unbounded in his wisdom, his integrity, and his love for me, that I readily acquiesced. With my previous experience at sea I was enabled to make myself serviceable on the voyage.

EMPTY POCKETS.

After sixty days voyage we arrived at Smyrna, and to my further surprise I found that the exchequer of the expedition was not of the large proportions I had supposed from Stanley's representation. His purpose was a prolonged tour through Asia Minor and Persia into the East of Asia, and thence to the coast of India. Through Talbot, Wilkinson, and with all his intelligent conversation and air of confidence inabled him to get a position, I believe in a law office.

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