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STORIES OF THE PIONEER.

The Last Indian Raid on Holston.

Lebanon Outlook.
One clear bright morning in the month of May back in the year 1794, had the reader stood in or near a certain gap leading through the Cumberland mountains from Virginia to Kentucky, after having viewed and delighted in the beauties of the landscape as the rising sun shot its burning beams from tree-top to tree-top along the mountain side and at length into the valley setting all the forest in dazzling flame as the light was caught and flung back from numberless myriads of dew drops on the burgeoning buds and freshly curled leaves—had he, after viewing the numberless attractions of nature thrown out in grand panorama before the eye, but waited and listened a time he would have become convinced that he was not alone in that wild and romantic section. A few minutes later, from some concealed spot, he would have seen a band of Shawnee Indians, all armed for the war-path, steal softly up the gap from the western side and pause as they reached the summit.

In the lead of this band was a man tall and heavily built. On his mighty arms and shoulders, which were bare, the sinews stood out in startling prominence and proclaimed him to be one of mighty strength and greatly to be feared. That easy, stealthy and elastic step with which he ascended the mountain belt well foretold the fleetness of the forest deer when first the deep-tongued pack wren that the trial is found. This stalwart leader was not so ducky as his companions, which went to show that in those bulging veins coursed the blood of the white man. A settler from Castledown or Bluegrass Fort would have had little trouble in identifying this chieftain with the halfbreed Shawnee Benge.

As the big Indian paused in the gap a mad triumphant light must have leaped into his eyes as he gazed far beyond where lie what are now Russell, Scott and Washington counties of Virginia. He had not forgotten that recently his incursions had been rather futile, as the intrepidity and cautiousness of his white enemies had proven too much for even his Indian prowess and stealth; and now he came from his western wigwags to seek to retrieve his reverses. Doubtless his imagination beheld the blue smoke of the white settler's cabin as air on Holston it curled above the trees and mingled with the clouds, and a savage delight came over him as he thought of the devastation he would work. He felt secure, as heretofore they had remained in ignorance of his way of ingress and egress; but he did not know that settler Hobbs had spied out the land and discovered the cattle path by which the Indians came.

Pausing but a short time the leader and his band were soon descending the trail and directing their steps toward Holston. It was a bright morning a few days later that Mrs. Elizabeth Livingston, wife of Peter Livingston, was sitting at her spinning wheel while all the men were away clearing land. Her little girl was in the room with her and near by, in its sugar trough cradle, lay her baby. Merrily, merrily the spinning wheel turned as the lady feathly handled the distaff, nothing being heard in the morning stillness save the peculiar hum of the wheel and the songs of the forest birds. But suddenly there was a change; a dog outside sprang from his doze in the sunshine, his hair bristling savagely as he barked a challenge. Glancing through the open door Mrs. Livingston felt her blood run cold as she beheld dashing toward the cabin a band of Indians at full speed. But her courage did not fail her. Women in those days, though tender of heart, had iron in their veins. Leaping from her employment she succeeded in getting the windows and doors closed fast just as the howling devils dashed up to the cabin. She had a rifle and did not hesitate to make use of it.

There were several cabins situated here, and in one of them they found Peter Livingston's mother, Mrs. Sally Livingston, whom they dispatched with the tomahawk. Three children also were found and severely injured, two of whom recovered. Returning then to the cabin they had attacked at first, the redskins used very means to effect an entrance. Finding they could not get in, they set fire to the cabin. The brave woman within the flaming building saw she must surrender; but with a mother's true love she gave her baby to her little girl telling her to fly to a place of safety while she gave up. The child ran one way from the house and the mother throwing open the door stepped out and was immediately seized by a brawny Indian.

Somewhat satisfied with this incursion the warriors started back with the wives of Peter and Henry Livingston, one negro woman and two negro men.

But they were by no means safe from the avenging bullets of the whites, and just before crossing to a place of safety Benge was to fall, never again to rise. Hobbs had heard of the invasion and he and a party of picked men among whom was a Mr. Dorton, a half brother to the Shawnee chief, set out immediately for the mountain pass to intercept the band. Arrived there they disposed themselves, to suit the Indian custom of travelling single file, so that each man could pick out a different redskin at which to fire. Hobbs and Dorton were farthest up the mountain and, of course, would fire at the two foremost Indians.

They did not have to wait long. In a few hours they perceived the Indians toiling up the mountain path leading their captives. The tube of many a rifle instantly covered the Indians, and Dorton's drew a bead on the heart of Benge. Slowly the Indians came on up. The signal would soon be given and many a warrior would bite the dust. Dorton and Hobbs were side by side. Suddenly Hobbs felt his sleeve pulled and turning he saw a strange whiteness in the face of his companion. "I can't do it, Hobbs; you shoot him. He's my half brother, you know,"

said the man. For the first time in his life, perhaps, Dorton's gun trembled. Hobbs instantly covered Benge. But before the signal was given white down the path blazed away. Instantly the Indians sprang away; but many a rifle spouted forth its flame and loud bringing an enemy down. Away like a deer bounded Benge along the mountain. But Hobbs' rifle followed him. Another minute and the chieftain had been free. But just as he was passing around a huge tree stump a single rifle shot rang out and with a mighty yell Benge the Shawnee half-breed sprang into the air and fell back dead.

All the captives were safely escorted home, the Indians in their haste leaving them. It may be noted in conclusion that that was the last raid made by the redskins in this section of the country.

The Mr. Hobbs mentioned above, it is interesting to note, was an uncle of Mrs. Martha Rasmake, the mother of our friend, ex-Deputy Sheriff Jonas Rasmake. Mrs. Rasmake still lives at the advanced age of 89 or 90 and remembers well the stories of those early days. Henson Hobbs, who is also a relative of Mr. Rasmake, now residing in Washington county, still retains the powder horn and shot pouch which settler Hobbs carried on that expedition. The Mr. Dorton referred to was, we believe, the great grandfather of our country citizen, Mr. Marion Dorton.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in lack and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at J. W. Kelly's drug store.

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The great Santa Fe Railroad system has a new general manager; his name is Harry U. Mudge, and the story of his rise is one that interests every boy in America who has to make his own way in the world, for it shows what possibilities there are for those who can "carry a message to Garcia," as the rise of many another man has shown before.

When Mr. Mudge was but sixteen years old, his father went to Kansas and took a claim near Sterling in that state. At that time the Santa Fe was pushing its track westward and young Mudge secured a job as water boy to a gang of track layers. When work was stopped for the winter the young water carrier returned to Sterling and made a deal with the station agent there to do chores around the depot if the agent would teach him telegraphy. After but three months practice at brass pounding, the lad was proficient enough to be appointed extra operator. Continuing in that line of work for three months, he took a six months' course as brakeman, another six months' as train baggage man, and before reaching the age of twenty-one became a conductor. Following this he was successively roadmaster, train master, assistant division superintendent, general superintendent of the entire system, and now he has been made general manager of one of the greatest lines of railway in America. All this has been accomplished since the year 1872.

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The lesson contained in this simple story is merely that one must do the first thing that his hands find to do, whether it be carrying water, selling newspapers, blacking boots, driving a dray or sweep-

Suffered Twenty-five Years



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ing a floor. The boy who sweeps a floor in first-class shape is certain to catch the eye of his employer sooner or later and nothing can keep him from promotion except himself. Good men were never so scarce as they are right at this minute. The man who can be depended upon everywhere and all the time is never long out of a job, and when an employer finds such a man he is counted a jewel above price in all the various places in the world where work is to be done. The lad can carry water without loitering and spilling more than he brings into camp is worth his weight in gold to men who are thirsty.

Let us hope that the lesson contained in the career of the new general manager of the Santa Fe will put new courage in the heart of some boy who is just now thinking that he is not getting along fast enough, and that he is not appreciated. He may not be getting many bouquets from his employer, but the lad who does his duty is always appreciated and he is sure to rise.

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