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SWEET REVENGE

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(CHAPTER X—CONTINUED.) A dozen yards—fifty—a hundred. The music of Ginger's banjos dies suddenly as the clang of a bell on a passing engine.

A confusion of yells, a bullet whistling by my ear. I reach the wood and push on through it, not daring to lose distance by digression with an enemy close behind me.

"Stand back, men!" cried the captain, pushing his way toward me. "Have ye' forgot the money?"

CHAPTER XI. STALING THE GUNS. JAQUELINE once more became an object of undivided interest. The men crowded about her, staring at her, uttering exclamations of admiration.

By this time night had come on, a roaring fire was lighted, and the guerrillas, forming a ring of which Jack was the gem, threw themselves on the ground and listened to her chat.

So long as the songs and stories lasted there was nothing to precipitate trouble, but the entertainment could not go on all night, and I began to dread the moment when the girls should attempt to take their departure.

gether and make a defense. I must tell Ginger to get some ammunition. But with a guard looking straight at me it is no easy task to convey an order by signs, and that to a stupid negro.

"Well, Ginger," said Buck, "reckon we uns air goin to git to Sparty to-morrow we'll have to travel all night." "Is the nigger takin yo' to Sparty or air yo' takin the nigger?" asked one of the men.



The guard opened his eyes and looked straight at me.

stand and gathered up the guns. Buck taking one and Ginger three, doing all so silently that no sound reached over me. I waited, watching the guard intently till he should nod.

CHAPTER XII. A DAYLIGHT ATTACK. DESPITE the thickness of the surrounding underbrush, I made quick progress. Jumping clear over bushes, darting around trees and under low limbs.

"Yes, and you?" "Helen. This way." She darted away like a deer. I soon overtook her, and together we ran perhaps half a mile, when she began to

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RELIGIOUS WORLD.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Sept. 8.—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle. Topic.—Heavenly helpers.—II Kings vi, 15-17. The Scriptural incident illustrating the topic is from the record of the great expedition of Benhadad, king of Syria.

1. Heavenly helpers are real; these hosts of God were real, though invisible; Elisha's servant did not see them, nor realize their presence.

2. Heavenly angels are a necessity. God's people are in constant conflict with His enemies—the world, the flesh and the devil.

3. Heavenly helpers help. Many so-called helps in life are not very helpful. Some hinder and harm rather than help.

THE PRAYER MEETING. Have a Bible reading on the topic. BIBLE READINGS. Gen. xix, 1-3; 15-17; xxiii, 1, 2, 24-30; I Kings xix, 1-8; II Kings xix, 32-36; Ps. xli, 11, 12; Dan. iii, 19-30; Math. iv, 1-11; Acts xii, 1-11; Heb. 1, 14.

Right Conceptions of God. Right conceptions of God, then, are only to be gained in the manner in which God Himself has indicated and made possible.

Ending Peace. The peace which the world gives is not enduring. Disease of body or new convictions of mind or a change in worldly circumstances may and generally does destroy it.

Christian Life. The more heart one puts into the Christian life the easier it is to live it. Most of our difficulties in connection with it arise from a half-hearted practice and enjoyment of it.

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