

A BRILLIANT STORY OF THE WAR

SERGEANT JOHN H. ROBINSON.
(Conclusion.)

I struck the land and pulled my little skiff up on the bank and left it, and I have often wished I had this little skiff, that I might keep it and preserve it as long as I live in remembrance of its kindly service in carrying me safely from the land of my enemies to the home of my friends—to the land I love.

After leaving my little bark I walked up into an old field to where there had recently stood a straw rick, and there I slept until daylight, and from thence made my way the next morning to a road which I followed about five miles which led me to a nice brick farm house, in which lived a doctor (name not recollected). Here I was treated very nicely, given a good breakfast and a lunch to carry with me, with directions to get to Bowling Green, about thirty miles away. I found, upon inquiry of this doctor, that I had landed in King George county, Virginia. I told the doctor where I had left my skiff and he said he would send his wagon down and get it as he needed one about his mill pond.

I was three days making the trip from where I landed to Bowling Green in Caroline county, Virginia, and on my way met up with several men belonging to Col. Mosby's command. On my arrival at Bowling Green, I made application to the provost marshal for transportation to Richmond, Va., which he gave me, stating that he had two Yankee prisoners to send and one passport would do for all.

We arrived at Richmond, after dark, and I went immediately to the office of the provost marshal and reported myself as an escaped prisoner. I was very closely interrogated as to who I was, where I was from, the command to which I belonged, and who I knew from the counties of Mercer, Giles and Tazewell and was requested to name some of the officers from these counties, and my answers being satisfactory, I was sent to the wayside hospital, and from thence transferred to Chimborazo, which was the hospital for Virginia, Maryland and Tennessee soldiers. There remained about ten days. The yard of physicians met every other day to examine sick and wounded, and see who were able for duty and who were entitled to furloughs. I attended each meeting and insisted that I was entitled to a furlough and gave my reasons therefor. The doctors were all agreed that a man that had escaped from prison and had made his way back to help defend his country, should have a furlough, but they failed to recommend it and I became weary and told the officer in charge to give me a hospital discharge and report me for duty, which he did. I then went over to the office of the provost marshal and secured from him a passport to my command, then near Staunton, Va. While at the office a general alarm was sounded throughout the city that the enemy in force were approaching and all able bodied men in the city were immediately pressed into service and rendezvoused in a large warehouse, called Confederate soldiers' home, and were kept there until they would volunteer. I volunteered in the first company that came out, which company consisted of sixty men, a mixed lot, some from the infantry, some from the artillery and some from the cavalry, commanded by a general staff officer from Mississippi. We were soon fully equipped with arms and ammunition and marched to the outer line of the city defenses, where we spent the night and the next day tramping in the ditches and in the mud, but no enemy appeared. The second night drew nigh and we struck camp, had a big log fire and were all standing around trying to dry our clothes, for we had had a heavy down pour of rain that day and our clothes were wet through and through.

Our company had lost very heavily, not in any engagement with the enemy, but by being worn out, by being dragged around in the mud and rain until only seven remained, all belonging to the cavalry, which led our captain to say that the infantry were always throwing up to the cavalry that they were not brave men like they were, and now we had only seven men left and these all belonged to the cavalry. I had but little to say in the matter, but just thought on this wise, that as soon as it gets a little darker, there will be but six brave cavalry men left, and so it turned out.

I made my way to the Chimborazo hospital, where I spent the night and left next morning for my command, which I found encamped near Brown's Gap, and shortly thereafter procuring a furlough, I came home and remained until the spring of the year and then started back to my command and learned on the way that the army of Northern Virginia was no more.

His Scruples.
She—Do you believe that kissing is dangerous?
He—Can't say that I do. You know I have conscientious scruples about kissing.
She—Indeed!
He—Yes. I feel that I should never allow an opportunity to go by default.—Chicago News.

Same Old Hold-Up.
"And have you heard the latest?"
"No. What is it?"
"Shure, in Ireland they can't hang a man with a wooden leg."
"Never! What do they do then?"
"They just hang him with a rope."

CONCORD STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.
Athens, W. Va.
The Concord State Normal is now in a very prosperous condition. The general satisfaction on the part of the pupils and patrons is evidence of thorough work in school. The faculty is one of the strongest in the state. Pupils taking work under any one of the faculty know that the work will be first class in every respect.
There will be review classes formed next term for all who wish to take the teachers' examination. All pupils graduating from this school will receive a number one certificate, when they receive their Normal course diploma.
The music department is strong. Its management is first class. All pupils taking music will be furnished a piano for practice free.
The department of elocution will be under the management of one of the strongest teachers in the state and the instruction will be first class. Spring term begins March 24, 1903. If you wish to know anything about the school write to the principal.
C. L. BEMIS, Principal.

Birds Stopped the Clock.
The town clock in Sarnia, Ont., stopped one morning not long ago, and on investigation the hands were found securely tied down by strands of twine and grass. The mischief had been done by a pair of sparrows. Desiring to build a nest in the angle of the hands, the movement of which interfered with their plans, they tied the hands to each other, and to the framework, in such a manner that it took considerable time and labor to remove the obstructions. The engineering skill displayed, and the amount of industry and perseverance exhibited, makes the feat quite phenomenal in bird annals.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.
By virtue of authority vested in me by deed of trust bearing date on the 12th day of March, 1907, executed by G. W. Ruble to the undersigned, Wm. E. Ross, Trustee, to secure to Susan Harvey, Admx., the payment of certain negotiable notes therein described, and recorded in the clerk's office of the County Court of Mercer County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 15, page 105, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder in front of the City Hall of Bluefield, West Virginia, on the 25th day of March, 1908, at 10 o'clock p. m., the following property: 1 Black Horse named "Nig," and 1 Grey Horse named "George." Said sale will be made upon the following terms: Cash in hand on day of sale.
WM. E. ROSS, Trustee

THE LAUGHALOT BOY.
The Laughalot boy has returned to town. His features are tanned and his arm are brown.
But his eyes are as bright as two eyes may be.
And his heart is still light and merry is he,
And the dog in the yard and the bird on the limb
Are happy again for the coming of him,
And the breezes blow sweeter than ever they blew,
And the sky seems brighter than ever before,
And the world is a place in which troubles are few,
For the Laughalot boy is at home once more.
The Laughalot boy has been out on the hills
And climbing the fences and wading the rills,
He has rolled on the grass, he has played in the hay,
His muscles are strong and his laughter is gay,
He has heard the wind passing through acres of corn,
He has plucked the sweet ears and is glad he was born;
And the breezes blow sweeter than ever they blew,
And the sky seems brighter than ever before,
And the world is a place in which troubles are few,
For the Laughalot boy is at home once more.
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record—

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A little Lobster Salad,
Terrapin, and other things,
And in a very little while
A doctor's phone bell rings.
The terrapin is on his feet,
The lobster's found his claw,
And judging from the inner man
Their's is the "Unwritten Law."
The case is quickly diagnosed
As inside information,
On how a lobster and terrapin
Can raise so much tarnation.
The trouble found, it was the thing
To furnish quick relief,
And the way of Rydale's Stomach
Was simply beyond belief.

FEAR COMING OF PROHIBITION.
Biblicus Washingtonians Said to Be Alarmed at Outlook.
A large part of Washington actually is worried over the fear that the prohibition wave from the south, increased in strength and in volume by the smaller prohibition wave from the west, may engulf the District of Columbia. Total abstinence of the enforced kind is having its day in the land, and it may be that its day will continue, Washington without a drink would be a sad place for some of the officials and for many of the visitors, but as a matter of fact congress itself would feel the absence of liquor less than the country seems to think. It is only fair to the senators and representatives to say that they are not a bibulous lot.
Washington on Sunday as far as the places of business are concerned resembles the city of the day before the influx of Europeans brought their Sunday ideas to this country and changed the whole nature of things. You can't get shaved in Washington on Sunday unless you shave yourself, and as ordinary language runs this isn't "getting shaved." Every saloon in Washington is closed on the first day of the week, and closed tighter than the proverbial drum, but nevertheless it is easy to get a drink in the city.
There are clubs in Washington whose sole business it is to sell drinks. Membership in them costs a dollar or two a year. The clubs fill their tills on Sunday. Already the liquor interests are pooling to fight prohibition in the capital.

JUST ABOUT GIRLS.
Marriage is an eye-opener; at least it enables a man to see his wife as others see her.
Some girls cultivate the art of pouting because they imagine it makes them look cute.
Fortunate is the woman who is able to mend both her husband's clothes and his ways.
The happiest period in a girl's life is when she gets her first skirt that swishes when she walks.
A girl thinks it wrong for a man to attempt to kiss her, and a young widow thinks it wrong if he doesn't succeed.
The average girl baby is so fond of her father that she sleeps during the day while he is busy so she can stay awake all night and enjoy his society.

ACCEPTED HIS FATHER'S ADVICE.
Mary had a little man,
He took her out to dine,
But Mary had no little lamb;
Said she: "No lamb for mine!"
She ordered all from soup to nuts,
And finished up with wine,
—Puck.



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If Odors Only Were Nourishing.
"If one could live on odors alone," said Mr. Flatdweller, "it wouldn't cost much to live in a flat."
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"And so if anybody in the building has roast turkey we know that, but so, alas! do we know it full well if anybody has corned beef and cabbage or onions or fish. There is, indeed, a surfeit of odors, and as I said, if one could live on odors what a place this would be to board—such a variety and how cheap!"

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