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## A SAILOR'S **KNOT**

By EDWARD N. WENTWORTH

and said:

"Mr. Hemingway, we must send \$20.-000 to the Third National bank of Copperton and get it there before 3 o'clock. I wish you and Williams to take it, dividing the amount between you. You will go by an automobile, for which I have sent, to be here in ten minutes from Anderson's garage. You and Williams will, of course, go armed, but I don't think there is any danger since I see no reason why any one should know that you carry money."

It was very well for the president to my that no one would know we carried money, but the bank was continually sending out funds, and Williams and I were known as the bank's messengers. We didn't know who of the force employed in the bank might be dishonest and knowing when funds were taken to other places would supply information to crooks that would cause a rob-

I had carried funds so often without getting into trouble that it seemed to me the pitcher that goes often to the well is at last broken.

However, Williams and I started, each with \$10,000 on our persons. Our chauffeur we had bad often before and had every confidence in him. We riled out of town and onto the road to perton, some twenty-five miles dis-

Some ten miles of the distance had been done, when, coming to a sharp bend in the road, our driver slowed up to make the turn and a man jumped onto the footboard on each side, each man holding a cocked revolver at our heads. A third man covered the driver and ordered him to

Of course we had no time to draw and defend ourselves, and the chauffeur was unarmed. The first thing the robbers, who were masked, did was to take away our revolvers and the next to go through us and relieve off. us of the bills. Then they took us into a thick wood beside the road and, whipping out a strong cord, proceeded to bind us so thoroughly that we could not move hand or foot. Then they put gags in our mouths and left the three of us to get out of the scrape as best we could.

Now, I had been to sea from eighteen to twenty on a sailing vessel and knew something about the calling of a sallor. There was one circumstance and only one that told me the man who tied me had been a seaman. When he bound me he tied the cord In a knot that every sallor uses continually and no one but a sailor would think of using. Fortunately for me, I couldn't talk for the gag in my mouth of the others to the fact. As it was, I soon bethought myself that a large re ward would be paid by the bank for the discovery of the robbers and with the clew I possessed I might more easily win the reward myself. So I determined to keep my counsel and as soon as we were released to hunt for a sailor or one who had been a sailor who was spending money freely.

The chauffeur, who had some false teeth in his head, by dint of working his jaws contrived to loosen them. which loosened his gag also, and he soon got both teeth and gag out of his way. So when we heard the sound of wheels passing on the road he set up a shout, which brought a man into the wood. The chauffeur told him our story, and, taking his knife, he cut the cords that bound us. This enabled me to preserve the knot that was used in my case, and 1 stuffed it into

my pocket for evidence. I confess I didn't feel any especial tenderness for the president of the bank, who I thought should have found better ways of sending money about than the one adopted. I not only had the obloquy of having been robbed, of having some suspicion cast upon me of being in league with the robbers, but I had run a risk of being murdered. Therefore I resolved on an effort to

get comething out of the occurrence. I wrote or telephoned the police of the neighboring towns to look out for any one of a sailor cut who was spending money. I was soon notified of a man who was ashore temporarily, who had got a \$100 bill changed. I slipped away to the town where the fellow was, darkened my complexion, met him 'n a saloon, pretended to be drunk and asked him to drink with me. We had not been long together before he changed another bill of large denomination, which I believed had been carried by either Williams or me. I left him at his boarding house, but returned when he was asleep and before he awakened from his drunken stupor had found \$10,850 of the bank's money. When he got righted again I prom-

ised him light punishment if he would peach on his comrades. He agreed, and it turned out that the others were ex-convicts, who had got hold of the sailor while ashore and led him into the robbery. All the money except a few hundred dollars was recovered, and I captured a reward of \$3,000. As soon as I had received it. I left the service of the bank and do not intend to go back as messenger to that or any other institution. Their methods of exchanging funds I consider out of date and very dangerous. And I have no desire ever again to expose myself to the temptation offered to robbers. Since my retirement my wife says the censing from worry about me is delightful.

## A Veteran's Yarn

By DANIEL CLAYBOURNE

getting old. For half a century they have been teiling stories of their experiences in the great struggle, which were literally true when the veterans first told them, but the old chaps have gradually forgotten much of them, which they have been obliged to supply by invention. These invented parts, after much telling, have gradually become impressed on the minds of the story tellers as truth. That the story shouldn't lose any of its original interest the invented parts have been a trifle more Munchauseny than the real

The consequence is that now and then a pretty lively yarn is got off by some old septuagenarian which he really believes to be true, but which has grown up in the way I have meptioned. This is one of them.

"I was in at our victory at Chickamauga," the Union veteran began when he was not headed off.

"I thought we were knocked into a cocked hat at Chickamauga," said a man only forty years old.

"Mebbe you was there and I wasn't," growled the veteran. "Reckon you wasn't born then, you kid. Well, as I was saying, I was at Chickamauga, and if you don't believe me look at this stump of an arm. I was first lieutenant of a battery, and the cap'n being killed, I succeeded to the com-

"My battery was stationed with General Thomas' corps around a hill that withstood the whole of Bragg's

"They were pumpin' shot and shell into us and we was givin' it back to 'em when I began to be conscious of a number of minie bullets singin' about my ears. For a while I was so intent on hammerin' the Johnnies that I didn't think much about the waspy things, but suddenly it came to me that a sharpshooter was tryin' to pick me

"I tell you that wasn't a comforting surmise. Not by any means. The night before we had cut down all the trees in front of us in order to give sweep to our guns, and just beyond the clearing was the edge of a wood, where the Confederates were at work

"I looked up at these green trees just in time to see a little puff of smoke in the branches of one of 'em, and at the same moment a ball seemed to graze my ear. I put up my hand expectin' to feel blood, but I didn't: the ear was

still there. "I had a telescopic pointer on my gun that had been invented by a scientific officer, and I thought I'd try and get that fellow with one of our percussion shells. I had to aim quick, for I knew he was reloading for another shot. Fortunately one of the guns was just ready to be fired and, laying the telescope on it, I sighted the gun. The glass enabled me to see the man in the tree, and he had just rammed another bullet home when I

got a bead on him and fired. "The smoke that followed prevented my seeing exactly where the shot struck, but I saw my man come tumbling down. The tree stood apparently unharmed. Whether the sharpshooter had been killed by my shot or dropped by the concussion of the shell striking the tree, I couldn't tell. What puzzled me was that I couldn't see any smoke

from the explosion. "I soon forgot all about the matter in the work I was doin', but after the fight I got curious about what had dropped the man in the tree and what had become of the shell I had fired at

"I couldn't go to examine the place, for I was busy till we left the ground on which we had been fightin'. But the thing troubled me, and I took the first opportunity after the close of the war to go down there and find out about it.

"That was about the time when they were laying out the National park, and I met a number of ex-Union and Confederate soldiers there. I found the tree I wanted to examine and as I approached it saw a man looking up at Its branches. When I reached him I asked him what he was lookin' for. He said that during the battle he was up in the tree as a sharpshooter, and, seeing an officer workin' a Union battery effectively, he had tried to pick him off. He had fired and missed several times and was ready for another shot when he felt the tree shake, he lost his balance and fell to the ground. He was badly shaken up, but that was all the damage he received. I asked him where the shell struck, but he said he didn't know.

"I had an idea that it had gone into the ground at the roots of the tree. He seemed as much interested in the matter as I, and, picking up a rusty bayonet lying near, he began to poke it into the ground at the foot of the tree. The frst thing I knew I saw the ground rise up, and the man who was pokin' was scattered to the winds with pieces

of iron, dirt and smoke. "'By gum.' I cried, 'I guess you won't be tryin' to pick me off any more. I knew that shell would do the business,

and so it has done it at last." "Oh, my good gracious!" exclaimed teveral listeners, but a severe glance from the vet prevented them from expressing the doubts that had arisen in heir incredulous minds

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