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DEED OF WILSON M'FIELD. He Sayed Two Lives by His Bravery

and Perseverance.

From the records of the Royal Humane Society a writer in McClure's Magazine draws the story of an obscure negro seaman whose brave deed was discovered and honored by two of the great nations of the earth. One tropical night the schooner Dolphia rested almost motionless off the Cayman rocks in Nicaragua. Crew and passengers, some twenty in all, were

asleep about the deck, for it was too hot to go below. Then came such a squall as comes only in those southern seas. The sails, all set, furnished ample leverage. Within ten seconds the Dolphin was bottom up, her passengers and crew struggling in the water,

Wilson McField, a negro and a subject of Great Britain, was the first to come to the surface. All his twentyseven years of life he had known these waters, and he swam like a fish. He soon succeeded in climbing upon the bottom of the vessel. Then he shouted to the others, and one by one pulled up five of the crew.

Fortunately the squall was soon over, although the sea was high. After they had drifted two hours the men heard strange sounds, like pounding within the yessel. Some thought they heard voices. The more superstitious were afraid. The night dragged on, and by daylight the sounds had grown fainter. The crew concluded that men were imprisoned within the boat, but none could devise a way to save them. Then the negro proposed to dive under and into the ship. They assured him he would never get out again, but carry-

ing between his teeth one end of a rope

that had been dragging from the ves-

sel, McField dived, passed under the gunwale and rose in the batch. It was pitch dark, and the interior of the vessel was full of the floating cargo, but he kept on steadily. Finally, concluding that he had reached the head was above water. Yet so foul was the aid, and so narrow the space between the water and the ship's bottom, that he could hardly breathe. He could see no one, but he heard the

knocking again, and called out. Then

came voices, faint but familiar, Swimming in the direction of the sound, he found two men braced against the cabin sides and holding their heads above water. One was a young rubber cutter, named Mallitz, the other a native Spanish-Nicaraguan, called Obando. Both were paniestricken, and McField was obliged to threaten them with instant death if they did not obey him. He fastened the rope round Maliliz, and gave the signal to pull. McField dived into the water along with his man. In his fright Mallitz entangled himself in the hatchway, and precious time was lost in freeing him. When they reached the surface Mallitz was unconscious and Mc-Field more dead than alive.

They pulled Mallitz aboard, but Mc-Field would not follow. As soon as the rope was free he took it in his teeth and went under, found the hatch and entered the cabla. Obando was almost uncontrollable with fear and exhaustion, but McField finally secured him with the rope, and gave the signal to pull up. This time the trip was made without accident, and both men were drawn on board. All the men were paved.

The United States government warded McField a medal and fifty dollars in gold, and the Royal Humane Society of Great Britain gave him a silver medal.

DOMESTICS IN AFRICA. Most Work Done by Kaffir Boys Who

Take "White" Names. An amusing picture of domestic conditions in South Africa is given by Mrs. Blow in an article in the New York Tribune. Mrs. Blow's husband was manager of a mine in South Africa, and both husband and wife lived there for several years. In recalling the domestic problem as it exists in that region,

Most of the work is done by Kaffirs. who, like the Southern negroes in slayery times, are called "boys," no mat-

ter what their age may be. When the Kaffir boys come from the kraals no one ever uses their native names. As soon as they are brought into contact with the whites they take a "white" name. This produces results which are not lacking in elements of humor.

Among the house boys "Knife," "Fork" and "Spoon" were common failure of another.

names. "Table," "Chair," "Carriage,"

"Watch" and "Matchbox" were other names that I had in the house at various times. One of my house boys took the utilitarian name of "Ham and Eggs." The Kaffirs are very fond of rice,

when they learn to eat it among the whites, and our stable boy thought he had found the finest name in the world in "Rice." But the Kaffirs have the same difficulty as the Chinese in pronouncing the letter "r," and so poor Rice always called bimself "Lice." The Kaffirs are the cleanest people

in the world in some respects. They are always scrubbing themselves in hot water and anointing themselves with oil afterward, but the habit does not extend to their clothes. They will take an elaborate bath, and then put on clothes that never saw the wash-

Our home was a typical one of the upper class, a great one-story bungalow, seventy-five feet long, built of brick, covered with the inevitable white corrugated iron, and with a veranda twenty feet deep. It was seven hundred feet above the entrance to the mine, and the hills all about were cut into great terraces, which were planted with magnificent tropical plants. I had two hundred banana trees, besides oranges and lemons, guavas and pineapples, strawberries, peaches, all kinds of vegetables and the n.est beautiful flowers. We even had tea-plants in the garden. We raised the finest lemons I ever saw; all we could possibly use, and barrels and barrels for the hospital.

An idea of the enormous supply of native labor may be had from the fact that every foot of this great terraced garden was made of earth carried up the mountain on the backs of Kaffirs, and the irrigation, without which noth ing could grow, was accomplished by watering pots in the hands of Kaffir boys.

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Old Servitor Cannot Live in Peace Without His Official Pants.

A most curious petition for imperial grace reached Emperor Francis Joseph from the small town of Czernonwitz. The former messenger of the courthouse there asked his majesty to save his pants, pants he had worn ten years, and which his superior officer ordered him to give up upon the day he was pensioned.

"I have served your majesty faithfully for forty-two years, five months and six days," wrote the petitioner, "and to be deprived of my official pants in my old age is a great hardship, that your imperial majesty will not inflict upon an old soldier, I am sure. When I was pensioned off, the court decided to let me retain my cap, but the pants, it said, must be restored to the state. Having only this one pair of pants, I refused to accede to the demand, and in consequence am threatened with imprisonment for contempt of court."

The emperor made haste to telegraph to the authorities not to enforce the letter of the law against the poor fellow. according to the Pittsburg Dispatch, and at the same time sent him a new suit of clothes.

Don't Believe All You Hear. "I congratulate you on the flue reception which I heard you were honored with out in Indiana," some one recently remarked to Senator Fairbanks, who had just returned from the Republican convention in Indianapolis.

"That reminds me," said the Senator, of an old but always true story. in a sleeping car a man was snoring most loudly and nobody else in the car could sleep. Finally it was decided to awaken him and compel him to quit snoring or stay awake. So, after much difficulty, he was aroused.

"'What's the trouble?' he asked. "Your snoring keeps everybody in the car awake and it has got to stop." "'How do you know I snored?' questioned the disturber of the peace.

"'We heard you.' was the reply. "'Well,' said the man who snored, as he turned over to go to sleep again. 'don't believe all you hear.' "-Pittsburg

New Coins. Last year Uncle Sam turned out new coins worth \$136,000,000, of which \$99,-000,000 were gold, What has become of the old-fashion-

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