

Juvenile Order of Knighthood Established

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heard a companion, Scout Hillman, give a suscitation which his scout master had a cry for help. Believing that the cry was merely a hoat, Devinny did not respond at first. But, upon seeing that the lad went down, Devinny struck out for him. Taking care to protect himself from being death-locked by the desperate boy, and thus being pulled to the bottom by him, Devinny, with presence of mind, grasped Hillman by the hair, and after towing him for 69 feet, got his footing in shoul water. Where he brought up, however, the bottom was filled with soft mud, from which at each step he could lift his feet only with great difficulty. And to make matters worse, the rescued boy was now limp and lifeless, so the brave young scout had to drag him and finally lift him toward shore. Thus he floundered until he reached the bank, but upon laying his burden down it appeared to be a corpse. It so bappened that Devinny had been studying the "first aid" chapter of his manual the day before, and instead of running, in panic, for aid from a distance, he set right to work, following his little book of tactics as nearly as he could remember. It was a long and trying ordeal, fraught with awful suspense, but the brave young scout held on with tenacity, and was at length rewarded by the sight of signs of life in Hillman who, had his companion not studied his little book on the previous day, would have been brought home to his mother a cold corpse.

Resuscitated Little Girl.

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potent in placing the hero's cross upon the breast of Scout Benjamin Barnes, of Ridgewood, N. J. Young Benny was having great sport at Asbury Park watching his toy saliboat speed, in a stiff breeze, across the rippies of Deal Lake. Presently a floating object, close to the wake of his prancing craft, caught Ben's eye, and while he kept his gaze upon it, he thought he saw a little hand move out of the water near it.

Without synthes the state of the sequence of courage, rewarded by this new order.

Crosses of Honor Now Conferred Upon Scouts Who Exhibit Great Courage-This New Decoration Is in Three Grades -Bronze, Silver and Gold - Twenty-seven Lads Have Had Order Pinned on Their Breasts -What They Have Done to Earn It.

WE still live in an age of hero worship. But it is one of the promising signs of our time that civilian heroes who save life are com-



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THE GREAT BLACKBEARD AND OTHER PIRATE CHIEFS
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THE GREAT BLACKBEARD MEDITATING HIS CHIEF.

PHEN Columbus first landed in | discovered what a beautiful spot the group were inhabited, but Columbus wiped out the native population. When thing they couldn't carry off, and then bers that there were not enough to work the mines, the Spaniards sent expeditions up to seize the natives of the years the Bahamas were totally depop- The pirates continued to make ulated. And it was not until a hunlish adventurer, named Captain Sayle,

the Western Hemisphere it was little island of New Providence is, on one of the Bahuma Islands. At And ret, behold what a dog-in-And yet, behold what a dog-in-thethat time many of the islands of this manger policy the Spaniards exhibited when they heard that Captain Sayle continued his cruise on to Cuba and had founded a settlement in the Ha-Hayti, where he established settlements hamas. They pounced down upon the and began that great work of exploi-infant settlement, reasted the governhamas. They pounced down upon the infant settlement, roasted the governtation which in a few years nearly or over an open fire, destroyed every-

the natives were so reduced in num- departed for sunny Hispaniola.

bern that there were not enough to The fact that all the settlers of New Providence were wreckers and pirates may have given the Spaniards cause Bahama Islands. This work was so for their rude behavior; but however theroughly done that within 60 or 70 rude it was, it was not rude enough rude it was, it was not rude enough. Providence (or Nassau, as it is today) dred years later, in 1887, that an Eng- shelr headquarters, and they used the numerous small keys of the Bahamas made the first white settlement that and the hundreds of tortuous channels was started in the Bahamas. He called and shallow waterways as their re-It New Providence. One hundred and treats. Throughout the entire chain seventy-five years had passed since the of islands the pirates and buccassers first white man had landed in the flourished and increased, until the seventy-five years had passed since the of islands the pirates and buccansers a great compilment. To illustrate just the sort of a pirate group, and in all that time not one had Spaniards became much exasperated. Blackboard was the following little.

out the pirates, but without success. Finally the pirates scuttled some ships of his British majesty and George sent Captain Woods Rogers with instructions to wipe them out. At that time Nassau was the rendezrate band of pirates the world has ever

Blackbeard was a pirate who lived up to all that one would expect of a pirate. He had long, black, flowing whiskers, which he wore twisted in little talls, and had lighted matches under his hat sticking out over each of his ears. At such times he looked like the devil, and it is said that to be the latter's mortal understudy was his chief embition in life. If one would have called him a demon incarnate, Blackbeard would have considered it

Time after time they returned to wipe | incident may be illuminating. One day | the pirates and a man of good estate | the harbor while the British man-of- | backsliding pirates were brought out while his pirate ship was lying under and intelligence before he took to pithe lee of Hog Island in Nassau har-rating, resolved to surrender and be bor, he decided that things were dull and that he would get up a little amusement to while the idis hours away, So he made himself look more yous of Edward Teach, alias "Black- devilish than usual and took all his beard," the leader of the most despe- crew down between decks, battened lam Burgess and Oliver la Rouche, were down the hatches, and set fire to a ton of brimstone. The crew nearly perished before they could burst open the hatches and escape, but Blackbeard sat through it all, breathing fumes and smoke and grinning with disbolical

When the pirates of Nassau heard that Captain Woodes Rogers was co ing over they held a congress to de-Spaniards, and Captain England fled cide what their action should be. Some wished to fortify the island and dety the captain; others were in favor of accepting the terms of His Majesty's proclamation, which granted them pardon for past offenses if they behaved in the future. to Madagascar, where he became one

Captain Jennings, the commodors of | Yane sailed out of one entrance to |

good, and, influenced by his action, about 150 others also took the pledge, although most of them never lived up to it. For example, of those who took the pledge, Benjamin Horingold, Willafterward engaged in pirating and were cast away; Blackbeard and Major Penner were killed and their crews captured; James Fife was killed by his own men; John Martel was ma-rooned on a desert Island; Thomas Cockelyn, R. Sample and Charles Vane were hanged; Christopher Winter and Nicholas Brown were captured by

of the pirate kings who ruled in that far-away island. When Captain Rogers arrived in Nassau most of the pirates who were then sshore surrengered to him, but Charles

war came in the other, and so escaped. In the open air to fulfill their part in as stated above, the pirates, like many the ceremony. Grouped around them As stated above, the pirates, like many political delegates, did not consider

their instructions binding. One day Captain Rogers sent out a get provisions and gave the mmand to a reformed pirate named "History of the Pyrates"; John Augur. It seems that John's re-formation was only skin deep, for when he got out to sea he began pirating with a vengeance, capturing a couple of sloops, and decided that he would leave the Bahamas. Unfortunately, a storm came up and wrecked his vessels, so that he and his crew were cast upon a lonely island, where they lived in the woods. In course of time Captain Rogers heard of their plight and sent an armed sloop out to capture them. They were promptly captured and brought to Nassau for trial. One of them turned King's evidence and he escaped, while the other ten were sen-

tenced to be hanged.

Thus, upon a beautiful day, the ten

were hundreds of reformed pirates. who were addressed in scathing and contemptuous terms by the condemned men. The details are from Johnson's

for | time,' said one in his ante-mortem address, when ten such men as we should be tied up and hanged like dogs, and 400 of our sworn friends and compantons quietly standing by to behold the

spectacle."
"One Humphrey Morrice, in making his last remarks, called his spectators a lot of pusillanimous cowards. He thought it was a breach of honor in them not to rise and save their old companions from an ignominious

"When the officers in charge of the hanging told them that the time for speechmaking was getting short, and (Concluded on Page 7-1