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were cultivated plantations and nittleThe night air increased in chilliness
as the hours approached dawn, and Ias the hours approached dawn, and $\mathbf{I}$
shivered in my wet cothes, although
this only served to arouse me intomediate action, Roalling more than
meer as I again attemyted to move my weakness and exhaustion from the struggle, I succeeded in gatning my feet,
and stumbled forward along the nar-
row spit of sand, until I aliffully, emerging at last upon a frept
level spot, softyy carpeted with
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of another occupant of the room. Paying no attention to me, he eromsed to
the fireplace, stirred the few manoter
ing embers, Into flame plactog upon
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powerfut fellow Judging from his
breadth of shoulder, and posseasing nember de names, but one ob 'em wus
an ol' frlend ob de jedge's." I turned my hend away alfently, but only for a moment. The two mee were
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& \text { "Yas, shh, Mr. Knox," he admitted } \\
& \text { with retuetance, "Fs "sure powerfual } \\
& \text { sorry, noh, but I was de boy whut } \\
& \text { plugged yer. Yer see, sah, it done } \\
& \text { happened disa-way." and his black }
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