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# Valuable Find

A \$200,000 sandalwood forest has been found in the jungle region of Kamkanhally, India. The Musore government has granted \$3,600 for collection and transportation of the wood, which it is estimated will amount to 600 tous, worth 600,000 rupes, or about \$216,000.

# Censored

Mrs. Swift-This new bathing suit'

of mine is a poem. Husband-Well, it's unfit for publication .- Sydney Bulletin.

Those who can pay the taxes, not the meek, will inhorit the earth.



# The Red Road **A Romance of Braddock's Defeat**

# **By Hugh Pendexter CHAPTER VI**—Continued -17-

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her then he would have known she

"And if anything happens to you

I had no patience with her, or with

her sex. Fair Josephine in old Alex-

andria, who plighted herself to the

last of the Bronds, and this elf-wom

an of the Witches' head, were all of a

are so many puzzles to me," I coldly informed him. "I stood at the side of Monsieur Falest when he offered his their own Indians? Why, child, the belt to Allaquippa, who refused it. 1 French themselves will be fortunate was not in the village, however, when If they escape being killed by the Otthe dead Huron was found. I know tawas and Hurons. You must stop that Allaquippa did not relish our friend's presence in the village and this foolishness and go back with me -if I can find the Indian and get that he left early in the evening inthrough the gate." stead of waiting to make the journey with me in the morning as we had "If you make me go back, I shall always hate you," she passionately reagreed. Do you mean to say that he and the young Englishman have not turned; and could Beaujeu have seen

arrived? was a woman. Before I could speak "The Englishman arrived, but not with Falest. It is like this Monsteur an expression of great misery passed over her face and she whispered: Beland: The young man arrived before daylight. But it was Licutenant I'll kill myself." Beauvals who accompanied him."

"Captain de Beaujeu, your words

I was tongue tled for a good minute. It did not take me a second to realize that in the vague light of early morn ing Cromit had made a mistake and had killed poor Falest instead of Beauvals; that it was Beauvals and the girl who had passed so close to me when they entered the fort trail in the evening. Falest, whom I feared none, was at the bottom of the Monongahela; Beauvais, the last man I desired to meet, was due at any moment to keep a dinner appointment with me at the board. The world seemed to be tumbling about my ears. I could only say:

"I do not understand. Falest was to leave the Indian village with me. Because of Allaquippa's ill will, he changed his plans and left at night; or at least I surely believed he left at night. Now, behold ! A miracle is worked. He starts with the Englishman, and it is Lieutenant Benuvals who comes in his place !"

Beaujeu smiled faintly and pleasant ly sald:

"It may not be a mystery after all Lieutenant Beauvais did tell me that Falest planned to start at night and for some reason changed his plan. The Englishman who is French at heart was impatient to reach the fort and came with Beauvals instead of waiting to come with Falest. Yes. It is simple enough to get some bit of news. I shall be surprised if he does not arrive before we sit down to dinner. Ah, now it begins to straighten out. For some reason Falest left the village last night. Our belt had been refused and our Huron killed. Beauvals told me that much. Falest was unwelcome at the village, yet he tarried outside to transact some business. Perhaps to win over some of the younger Delawares. We shall know what it was all about when he comes We shall laugh at the wonderment his change of plans has occasioned."

I left bim and went wandering about the fort, seeking the Onondaga to tell him that our orendas were very simple, or had been asleep, to allow us to stick our heads into such an ugly trap. It was a warm day and yet I felt a chill as I glanced about in search of Round Paw. Let us but get through the gate and to the edge of the forest and I would ask no more of fote.

Instead of the Indian I came upon the Dinwold girl. She was standing the water-gate. She had her ball carefully arranged under her hat, or ent off, I could not tell which. And she would pass for a young man read lly enough; a very young man. Yet she had betrayed her sex to Beauvals. and I wondered If de Beaujeu aleo knew the truth.

"He would not understand. He is no, with the savages outside. He must be inside the stockade somewhere," I was demurring, when she gave a little cry and moaned :

"Mister, you've killed both of us." Before I could took about to tearn what had prompted this lugubrious speech an arm was booked through mine and Captain Beaujeu was genially loviting:

"Come, my friend. We will not walt for Beauvais. The Indians have killed a bear, and Pontiac tells them it's a good omen. We will have the chiefs in while we cat and give them some brandy to keep their hearts high. We will give some laced coats to the warriors who killed the bear. Come, monsteur, let us forget for a few hours that the English are drawing close, and show nothing but confidence before our red children. The Englishman shall go with us, if he

will." But the Dinwold girl was walking back toward the river stockade, and I explained:

piece-always changeable, "He speaks no French yet. He would not enjoy it." "I'll help you if I can," I told her "But I don't propose to go into a Hu-

CHAPTER VII

# Beaujeu Gives a Dinner

There were six of us at the table and two empty chairs. One of these was reserved for Beauvals. I followed the example of the others on entering the room and stood my long rifle up In the corner nearest the door; but in my belt, and concealed by the skirts of my hunting-shirt, were my az and knife. I sat facing an open window through which the savages took turns in watching us. The night was closing in hot and close, and the door, like the window, was left open. About the door were grouped various tribal leaders, and the two warriors who had killed the bear.

I was seated between Sleur de Carqueville and Sleur de Parleux. Beauley was at the bend of the table and facing the open door. After we had taken our places and wine had been poured, the commandant called for two pewter dishes and filled them with brandy. Two laced conts were brought and placed beside him. Then he called for the slayers of the bear to enter. Pontiac escorted them forward. The commandant recognized him as

being the intellectual superior of the other chiefs, and rose and clasped his hand and asked him to be seated and take a glass of wine. But Pontlac seldom if ever departed from his role. He was all for the red man and preferred to remain standing while he filled the office of interpreter. He gave the impression of having but one desire-to expedite the bestowal of honors on the bear-killers. And yet his crafty mind knew what the white men were thinking; that his was the dominant personality. He could perform a humble service because it did honor to the recipient.

Captain Jacobs and Shingis, of the Delawares, for whose heads the governor of Pennsylvania would soon be offering a reward of a hundred and forty pounds aplece, were outside among the fighting men. But I do not helleve they resented the great Ottawa's quickness to put nimself ahead

and act the mouthplece when he was

not acting the leader. Some will say

that Pontlac was a fiend incarnate,

one who used the peace-pipe to mask

his plans for wholesale killings. My

experiences early taught me that the

white men, as well as red, were cruei

in war. Pontlac was a great man, by whatever racial standards we judge

him. And surely decelt and intrigue

were practiced in the Old world long

before this red leader became an adept

The bear-killers greedily boiled

their brandy and proudly put on their

gay costs, although the room was like

an oven. Pontlac drank but a portion

of his wine. After the manes of the

bear had been appeased and the happy

killers had burried outside to display

their finery, the Ottawa chief re

"Son of Onontio, child of the French

king, your master and our uncle, the

sorcerers of the Potawatomi have

dreamed of a medicine lodge set up

outside this room." He pointed through

the window. "The dead bear is the

English army, the dream said. In the

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

at dissimulation.

mained to say:

# Love the Basis

Love is at the basis of all fine work. Love is the one inspiration of genius. Indeed, it is love that causes genius, and not, as the untrue saying is, "an infinite capacity for taking pains." There must be the painstaking, of course but love lies back of it. If one has the power of loving greatly. one has the power of doing great work, and not otherwise,-Amos R. Wells.

### "Uncultivated" Seas

Sea fishing is still in its infancy. Developments are to be immense Every year larger and finer fishing raft are being built and new fishing grounds are exploited. At present man fishes only in shallow waters. The extreme depth for commercial trawling is but 60 fathoms (360 feet). and even long lining is not often practlead in greater depths than 600 feet.

# Old Dueling Weapon

Main-gauche is French and translated literally means left hand. It is the name, however, given to a dagger which was held in the left hand while the right hand held a rapler. In com-bats of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth centuries this was used to parry the thursts of the adversary's rapier.

# **Overly-Helpful**

Beware of being or trying to be overly helpful. By wanting to do much for your triends or loved ones you will very likely succeed in making yourself a nuisance. In trying to be of service take care lest you man age to se mostly a bore.-Grove Patterson, in the Mobile Register,

### Spanish-American Battles

The War college says that the number of Americans who participated in the battle of El Cancy was 6,653; the number of Spanlards, 520. The number of Americans who participated in the battle of San Juan was 8,412; the number of Spanlards, 1.197.

# **Identifying Letters**

The visagraph is an invention by which it is said to be possible to identify the letters of the alphabet by sound after proper training, and the sounds are produced by an electrical device in conjunction with an ordinary book.

#### Pheasant's Good Work

The Chinese ring-necked pheasant is being given credit by many farmers in keeping down cut-worms. This pest is extremely persistent in truck gardens and many farmers are hatching pheasants.

# Even Sharks Err

Doctor Beebe says sharks never attack human beings except by accident when they mistake the moving object for food. Imagine the distress of the shark when he finds out his mistake! -Kansas City Star.

#### **Reckless** Autoists

In New York city alone the replacement of imp posts destroyed by automobile accidents costs about \$15,000 annually. The costs are usually collected from the drivers or their estates.

# **Purpose** in Its Creation

The "little entente" is a union the interest of peace and stability. It was formed in 1920 by Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugo-Slavia. Later Poland and Austria became members.

Safe Bet-



When Dr. Caldwell started to practice medicine, back in 1875, the needs for a laxative were not as great as today. People lived normal lives, ate plain, wholesoms food, and got plenty of fresh air. But even that early there were drastic physics and purges for the relief of constipation which Dr. Caldwell did at believe were out for human belings.

of constitution which the human beings. The prescription for constitution that he used early in his practice, and which he put in drug stores in 1892 under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is a liquid vegetable remedy, intended

name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is a liquid vegetable remedy, intended for women, children and elderly people, and they need just such a mild, safe bowel stimulant. This prescription has proven its worth and is now the largest selling liquid laxative. It has won the confidence of people who needed it to get relief from headaches, biliousness, flatulence, indi-gestion, loss of appetite and sleep, had hreath, dyspepsia, colds, fevers. At your druggist, or write "Syrup Pepsin," Dept, BB, Monticello, Illinois, for free trial bottle.

## Many-Legged Frog

Arnold Miles, son of W. E. Miles of Biddeford, Maine, is thinking of taking orders for frogs' legs. He almost decided to go into the busi-ness when he was catching frogs for pickerel bait and caught one with seven legr. Re placed it in a large glass in- and now has to entch files and bugs each day for meals for the captive.

Ode to Bossie

"What rhymes with sephyr?" "Heifer."

"Do you think I am writing a poem to a cowY'-Louisville Courier-Jourpal,

Covotes often bunt in packs.





Then He Called for the Slayers the Bear to Enter, Pontiac Escorted Them Forward.

ron kettle trying it unless you are willing to help yourself."

Much shouting and singing outside the eastern gate broke up our talk. and we turned and looked to see what the clamor portended. Through the gate, walking two by two, came several Frenchmen. Next came a long string of Indians. Pontlac, wearing no paint, led these, a gray blanket thrown over his shoulders although the day was very hot. Rehind him came Captain Jacobs and Shingia, the leaders of the Delawares.

The Indians were whooping and singing. The cause of the demonstration puzzled me until I beheld the body of a bear, slung on a pole. Over the bear's head was draped a red cont, taken from some unfortunate English soldier, who had been caught off his guard by some of the enemy's

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Far from being surprised at seeing he, she quickly greeted: "I have been walting for you, mister. I saw you when you come in."

"I shall call myself most lucky if you see me go out alive and not a prisoner," I told her. "I have just learned that you came here with one called Beauvair."

"At the last minute Mr. Falest changed his mind. He told me to tell the truth to Mr. Beauvals, who, he said, was a good man. Mr. Falest said he should be in such a mortal hurry to make the fort I had best go on shend. Mr. Beauvals is a good man. I'm to go to Canada at the first What do you mean about bechance. ing lucky if you git out of here alive? Do they guess you're a scout for Braddock?"

"For God's sake, hugh !" I cautioned ; for we were near the kitchen and sharp ears might overhear us. "If Beauvals comes back from Shenango and finds me here, the Indians will burn me."

Her small face went white with horror.

"You can pass through the gate, she muttered. "Why do you wait? Go1 Go now !"

"Two things hold me. The Onondaga, whom I haven't found-and you."

# "Me?" she gasped.

"You must leave here and get back to the settlments where you belong. You must stop this thinking of going to Canada. It's a mad scheme. Do you believe that all men are honest as Beauvals seems to be? You are English and cannot speak French How do you know how you will be treated in Canada, especially after the French are whipped and any one of the English blood is pointed out to be hated? How do you know the few French soldiers, once they re driven from this place, can protect you from

scouts

"He isn't with- them !" whispered the girl. "Thank God he Isn't with them !"

I had been holding my breath while I walted, as had she, to behold Beau vals in the procession.

"Come with me and make the forest and return to where you belong." I urged. "Then spend your life hating me if you will. The Onondaga should be near the gate. The singing would draw him to it."

But although I saw Delawares from the Susquehanna, Shawnees from Grave's Creek and the Muskingum. Mingoes from the Ohio, and Iroquois from the Long House, Olibuays and Potawatomi from the northern lakes. Ottawas from Superior, and Hurons from the Falls of Montreal and the mission of Lorette, Caughnawagas from the St. Lawrence, and even Abnaki from the far eastern streams. I falled to locate the tall figure of Round Paw of the Onondagas.

"Go on !" she whispered, as I halted just outside the gate.

"My friend. I must not leave him behind."

medicine iodge, ghosts will talk, and "Go on! I will find him and tell tell if the English army will have the him," she whispered, giving me a iltax stuck in its bead." tle push.

# Royalty Had Eye to Saving the "Bawbees"

the late King Leopold I of Belgium is extremely valuable. A French writer tells of how Leopold, hearing that a particular book he desired was in the ossession of a small dealer in a poor quarter of Paris, set out to obtain It at the lowest price possible, for Leo pold counted with care every penny he spent on his hobby and part of the pleasure it afforded him, necording to a writer in the New York Herald Tribune, was the getting of a valu able volume at a tow figure. This par ticular book was a French translation made in the Sixteenth century of a Latin work by a writer named Cretaeus, written about 200 A D. When Leopoid arrived in Paris he

The collection of books made by | clud himself in the attirs of a man of the working class, called on the dealer and bought the book for a few france. But coming back to the hotel where he was staying the king was robbed of his purchase. Some years later, when in Vienna, he saw the book on a dealer's shelf. The price asked for it was \$150 and after much bargaining Leopold paid the money

It does not appear clear why he should have been so eager to obtain this particular volume, for figm time to time he obtained far more valuable and interesting ones,

Honey is flavored by the odors of the different flowers visited by the bees.

Speakin' o' signs-when two fool drivers meet on a narrow road ft usually is a sign the hospital is going to get two more patients.--Cincinnati Enquirer.

# **Golden** Season

That season of childhood when the soul, on the rainbow bridge of fancy, glides along, dry-shod, over the walls and ditches of this lower earth .--Richter.

# Two Classes

There are just two classes: Those who make more money than you think they do, and those who make less than you think they do .- Los Angeles Times.

# In Modern Times

Servant Girl (at house phone)-No. Mr. Blatthers ain't in-an' he an' the missus can't come over to your house next Sunday because I'm going out myself.

# But All Seek It

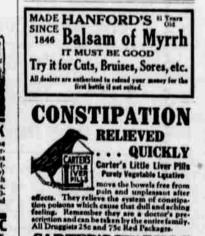
"He who conceals wealth," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "cannot enjoy it. He who boasts of it invites the robber."-Washington Star.



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