

Through the Wall

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He turned toward the barricade and saw that the flames were licking their way through the wall of logs. The heat was becoming unbearable. Coquell crawled in behind the shelter of logs and crouched down beside the girl. She was quite unconscious now, but was breathing peacefully, smiling, with face flushed and red lips parted.

Suddenly there was a crumbling of logs at the passageway, and the chamber became light as day while a blast of heat swept over them. Coquell looked out around the end of the shelter and saw flames a yard long shooting toward them through widening breaches in the logs.

Then he thought of his mother. She would know that her boy had fallen in a good cause, as his father had fallen. Alice stirred uneasily and opened her eyes. Then she sat up quickly, and there was something in her face Coquell had never seen in any face. She cried: "You have taken my beautiful dolly. Poor little Esmeralda! You threw her up on that shelf, Willie—yes, you did."

Then, before Coquell could prevent it, she slipped out from behind the shelter and stood up in the fire bound chamber.

"Come back!" he cried, reaching after her, but the girl evaded him.

"There it is, on that shelf," she went on positively, and, following her finger, Coquell saw, what he had not noticed before, a massive stone shelf jutting out from the wall just over the wood pile. "You must get my dolly," she ordered.

"Certainly, I'll get it," soothingly. She stamped her foot in displeasure. "I don't like this place." She caught Coquell's hand. "We'll go out where the fairies are. That's a much nicer place to play, Willie."

Here there came to M. Paul an urging of mysterious guidance, as if an inward voice had spoken to him and



A MOMENT LATER HE HAD CARRIED HER SAFELY THROUGH FLAMES.

said that God was trying to save them; that he had put wisdom in this girl's mouth and that he must listen.

"All right," he said, "but—how do we get there?"

"Through the door under the shelf. You know perfectly well, Willie!"

"Yes," he agreed, "I know about the door, but—I forget how to get it open."

"Silly!" She stamped her foot again. "You push on that stone thing under the shelf."

Coquell looked at the shelf and saw that it was supported by two stone brackets.

"You mean the thing that holds the shelf up?"

"Yes; you must press it."

"But there are two things that hold the shelf up. Is it the one on this side that you press or the one on that side?"

"Dear me, what an aggravating boy! It's the one on this side, of course."

"Good!"

He found her suddenly limp in his arms. Having spoken these strange words of wisdom or of folly, she had gone back into unconsciousness.

Coquell believed that they were words of wisdom, and without a moment's hesitation he acted on that belief. The wall underneath the shelf was half covered with piled up logs, and those must be removed in spite of the flames.

It was the work of a madman or of one inspired. Three times Coquell fell to the floor, gasping for breath. The skin on his arms and neck was hanging away in shreds.

At last the space was cleared, and Paul Coquell stumbled forward and seized the left hand bracket and pressed it with all his might.

Instantly a door underneath, cunningly hidden in the wall, yawed open on a square black passage.

With a bound he was back at the shelter and had Alice in his arms, smiling again, as she slept—as she

dreamed. And a moment later he had carried her safely through flames that actually singed her hair and laid her tenderly in the cool passage. And beside her he laid the baron's diary:

Then he went back to close the door. But first he reached up inside that fiery furnace and, groping over the hot stone shelf, brought down a scorched and battered and dust covered little figure that had lain there for many years.

It was the lost dolly!

(To Be Continued.)

GRIFFIN GETS \$5000 FOR JULY FIGHT PERMIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 27.—Pretty soft for Jim Griffin, promoter of the Broadway Athletic club, heir to the July fight permit. For handing the precious document over to Gleason and Rickard, Griffin will receive \$5000 and not \$12,000, as some of the eastern wisecracks have guessed it.

The deal whereby Griffin cops this juicy bit of coin, according to current gossip, was so simple that any schoolboy, with similar opportunities, could have swung it. When negotiations were opened earlier in the year by Rickard and Gleason, and while Griffin was casting about for a card for July 2, an arbitrary price of \$5000 was fixed for the permit. The big fight promoters thought that was too much and turned to Emeryville.

PENNSYLVANIA EXPECTS BIG APPLE OUTPUT

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 27.—State Zoologist H. A. Surface says that his reports show that, except in portions of the Schuylkill and Lebanon valleys, the apple crop indications are fine and the damage done in those localities is not heavy. The apple crop last year was good, and, as many trees have commenced to bear, the yield for 1910 should be immense.

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Judge Calkins Sentences Man Convicted of Manslaughter for the Killing of Ignatz Knappa—Plea for Mercy.

Among the first cases called at the Josephine county term of court this week was that of James McGuire, who was found guilty of manslaughter by the last jury term. When the case was called attorneys for the defendant appeared and when denied a new trial filed two petitions with the court, one signed by all the members of the jury who found McGuire guilty and one signed by citizens, asking the court's mercy, says the Observer.

The defendant was brought into court and when asked if he had anything to say he arose and with trembling voice, colorless face, his fingers nervously clutched the table, said that he was innocent of murder and that he had killed Ignatz Knappa in self defense.

Judge Calkins then stated that owing to the petitions, and especially that of the jury, he felt inclined to favor the prisoner, but that homicides were too often uncalled for and that he felt it his duty to sentence the prisoner. He then sentenced him to ten years in the penitentiary. McGuire received the sentence unmoved and when taken from the courtroom by the sheriff eyed the few, who were assembled there. He did not speak until he was down stairs, when he turned to the sheriff and remarked: "He gave enough." He did not expect to get clear, but he thought the sentence would be lighter. McGuire is 61 years old and with good behavior will serve his time in about seven years, but the confinement will work a hardship on him and he will be a very old man when he comes out of prison, if he should live that long.

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