

RING OUT, YE BELLS!

Ring out, ring out, ye merry bells,
And let the deep muffled cannon roar!
Each patriotic bosom swells!
The glorious Fourth is here once more!
When night descends what joys are his!
The blaring rocket cleaves the skies.
Hark! Hear the roman candles fliz!
Behold the red and blue lights rise!
Now, whiz! z-z-z! bang! torpedoes crash
And split the fretted ear of night.
Firecrackers jump, toy pistols flash,
Mid exclamations of delight,
Now blaze the barrels smeared with tar,
Slow matches pass from hand to hand,
And salute and sticking plaster are
At druggists' stores in great demand.

FIRST VOLUNTEER FROM COMPTON.

EXTRY—full account of 'nother great victory over the Spain-variety! News traveled quickly from Chicago to Compton—quiet little country village on a short-cut railroad branch as it was.

The most exciting yet of exciting, rumor-haunted, war-bubbling June had come down on the noon train, in the shape of extra editions with glaring headlines announcing "our boys" at it, hot and heavy, along the coast of Cuba!

"Gottin' warm, I tell you!" commented old Si Slocum, his veteran eye glowing as it had not done since the sixties, when he took a glorious part at Antietam.

"Mean real, genuine business at last, I guess," nodded his "war partner," Seth Paine, who had left one arm on that same honored battlefield.

"Yes, and we must just whoop 'er up this Fourth!" suggested young Abel Evans.

He was superintending the unloading of a box of fishing and hunting traps from the express car, but he took time to glance over the outspread paper the two old men had bought.

Si Slocum looked up with a dry "hum!" Seth mumbled something about "Spouse so!"

Then, as young Evans lit his cigar and lazily ordered the box put in his trap, and sauntered toward it as if life was a regular play-day, Cuba a dim myth, the forces struggling there story-book unrealities, old Si dropped his hand on his knee with a slap that resounded like a pistol snap.

"Drat 'im, says I," "Makes my blood bile!" asserted Seth, who, from shining his comrade's bed and board and hardships so long, had come to almost share his thoughts.

"Fourth of July!" "As of it's little powder and cheap bunting—and it'll be cheap that he buys—would count for real old prime, choice patriotism!"

"In such a time as this!" "Humph!" "Bah!"

Adrian Morse, checking off freight re-



IT WAS ADRIAN MORSE, AND HE CARRIED A "REAL" GUN.

ceived, lingered to listen half-amused to this animated colloquy.

He was interested in Abel Evans because Abel recorded his opinion in a certain vital regard—that there was only one girl in Compton worth looking at—pretty, winsome Nettie Slocum, the old veteran's granddaughter.

"Just come into all his father's money," said Si, "and when the relief corps went up to his place for a contribution, did he shell out? A dollar, Jeremiah Ann! I give two, and that's nigh a quarter of my pension. Fourth of July—whooop 'er up! Him? Abel Evans! Huh! Must have run across a job lot of powder somewhere!"

"If I was in his shoes, I'd show my patriotism in a real way, I would. Drat my stiff leg!"

"And my one arm," murmured sympathetic Seth. "They wouldn't take me, now!"

Young Morse read the drift of the snappy conversation, and it set him thinking.

First, because Mr. Slocum was pretty Nettie's relative, next because, happening around at pretty Nettie's house that evening, pretty Nettie voiced some sentiments as to the duty of able-bodied Comptonians that sounded as if she had inherited some of the patriotic fire of her enthusiastic old granddare.

She had two suitor callers, as she usually had, that night—and Abel Evans shifted uneasily under her wish that she was a young man, with the President's offer open to come and be a hero!

He went home pool-poohing the idea of rushing into yellow fever, when the country could hire lots of poor recruits to do it!" and calculated he would dazzle pretty Nettie on the Fourth of July with a "patriotic" demonstration that would make her admire a real home hero.

As to Adrian—Nettie's word was law. He heard, and he understood.

So, while his rival was trimming up the home lawn for a big Fourth of July "blowout," Adrian was quietly, perseveringly making his arrangements to do his duty, hoping, linked to it, would be his lady love's distinctive approbation.

On June 30 Adrian resigned his position with the railroad company.

July 1, 2, 3 he was not seen in Compton.

Pretty Nettie wondered, and grew serious.

UNCLE SAM TOUCHES OFF A FEW ROCKETS.



a sense of his vast importance that he wore his flag badge on one coat lapel as if it was a G. A. R. special honor ribbon.

Nettie was there—there were too many friendly acquaintances present not to attract her. Still, she missed a familiar face, and looked constantly and anxiously for it.

There were refreshments and speeches. Abel Evans attempted a bewildering oration on "Home Duty as a Patriot," and growing old Si Slocum spelled it with a little p.

Then the urchins had their fun—loading and firing a great brass cannon Evans had bought for the occasion, the boom of which beat anything ever heard in Compton before.

"Grandfather," asked Nettie's young brother of old Si. "I suppose a dozen of those enormous cannon could just blow the Spaniards clean out of the water?"

"Them popguns!" snorted Seth derisively. "Do they have bigger?" "Bigger! Why, that's a mere musket to the monsters they use down along Santiago and sech."

potentates and princes from India to Norway co-operate with them in these patriotic endeavors until nowadays these foreign festivities are almost a matter of course.

Independence Day.
Thunder out
Oh, guns and shout!
Rhyme and chime, O ringing, swinging bells!
In exultation:
Cry "Rejoice!"
With lifted voice,
For this morn was born of old a mighty nation.

Sing and spring
Omb! azing wing,
Rocket-fires, beyond the spires, above the
changing steeples,
Never earth
Saw the birth
Of so peerless, fearless, glad and free a
people.

They Both Went Off.
He looked pretty proud at the fiery, ardent commendation of old Seth and Si over his showing the true mettle.

He blushed like a peony as pretty Nettie came up, and a single look from her bright eyes told him that he had won on one battlefield, at least—that of love.

"What's all this crowd—accident? Some one hurt?" bellowed patriotic Abel Evans, coming towards the throng now surrounding his rival.

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While the Winslow, the Wilmington and the Hudson were firing on the batteries at Cardenas the Machias was making a wreck of the barracks at Diana Bay. While the Spaniards had scamped away Ensign Willard and three men went ashore and planted the American flag upon the ruins.

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