

coveries. One of the men came to the door, yawned, threw up his hand, and looked about him in a sleepy manner. There was a jug of whisky outside the door, and after taking a long drink the fellow staggered over to the fire, threw on a few faggots, and then lurched into the house. The other discovery was that the back water in the bayou was rising. He got the hint from the action of coons, rabbits and the snakes. They were pressing toward the higher ground on which the house stood, and none of them seemed to mind his presence.

Taking advantage of such a shelter as was afforded, and being ready at any moment to open the fight, the man finally reached the cabin. It was a stout structure, with a heavy door opening outward. On the plank floor within, sprawled out in reckless fashion, were five sleeping men—Captain Dade and his outlaws. They were not only sleepers, but each man was blind drunk.

Guns, revolvers and knives were lying about on the floor. Dan could have gone among them and stabbed each one to the heart without risk, but he was not coward enough for this. He was thinking that he would bind the fellows tight and fast, remove their weapons, and then bar them in until he could return for help and capture the lot for the gallows-tree. This plan would have been carried out but for one unlooked-for circumstance. The snakes had begun to take possession of the cabin. A dozen rushed in through the open door in quick succession, and others climbed up to the open window, and either fell to the floor or squirmed along the logs. Here was safety from the rising waters. Their fear of man was temporarily numbed by the other danger, and cotton-mouth, rattler and moccasin passed the man at the door without thought of using their deadly hands.

Said Dan: "I carefully pulled the door to, and braced it shut with a log. That was a wooden blind to the window, and this I also shut and braced. That was room enough under the door for more snakes to get in, but it would have taken the strength of five sober men to break it down. I calculated as how that room would be holdin' about a hundred snakes when the fellows began to rub their eyes open, and I felt sure I could leave the job to them to finish."

He had to wade in water knee-deep before he got back to his canoe, and it was after daylight next morning when he came to my headquarters to make his report and ask for a detail of men to go back with him.

"What do you suppose has happened by this time?" I asked.

"Dead, sir, every man of 'em," he replied. "Them snakes got over their fears in about half an hour, and the first man who moved to get up had pizen shot into him like a streak of lightning. That'll be five corpses that'll be identified, and that'll be some property to be divided up."

I concluded to go along with the detail, and about noon we reached the place. We had to kill a score of reptiles before we could land. The door and blind were as Dan had left them. He advanced alone to the door, threw it open, and, after a hasty glance inside, came back to us with his face as pale as death.

"Dead, I suppose!" I cried.

"All in a heap, sir, and that's mo' than a thousand snakes inside!"

A guerrilla outlaw named Chambers, who had sworn to kill me, came in four or five days after the death of Dade, and begged me to permit him to surrender and go home.

"But you have threatened my life," I said.

"Martin I hev, Captain; but I've bin a fool. I didn't know what you was. When a man kin handle sarpints and outlaws like you hev done, what's the use a kickin' agin him. I want to surrender and put an end to this war."

Two weeks later there wasn't a "hider out" in my whole district, and it was safe for men to go everywhere. The snake business, which Dan insisted on giving me credit for, was of more help than a regiment of Federal infantry.

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"A pass?"

"I mean a pass through the country; something I can show the highwaymen when they stop the stage, and get safe through."

"Why, certainly."

And Tom wrote out an order. "Pass the bearer without molestation. (Signed) Tom Fitch." It happened that Tom had to go on the same stage as the young fellow, and it was "stood up" in due course, as Tom had represented it was likely to be. "Throw up your hands!" Up went every body's hands, Tom's included. When the robbers reached the young stranger he spoke up: "Who is the captain of this band?"

"Get out, young fellow! You keep your hands up."

"I want to see the captain of this band."

"You shut up, I'm captain enough for you."

"I have a paper for the captain of this band."

"Let him take his hands down, Bill," said one of the robbers. "Where is this paper?"

"No, you don't."

"It is in my waistcoat pocket."

The robber put his hand into the waistcoat and found the paper—"Pass the bearer without molestation, Tom Fitch."

"All right, young fellow, you can pass." Then they came to Tom.

"Hold on," said Tom, as they began to search, "hold on."

"What's the matter with you?"

"You can't rob me."

"We can't, why?"

"I'm Tom Fitch."

"Get out; that's too thin. Stand steady. That'll do."

And they took all he'd got and went on.

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