OPPORTUNITY.

power

To speak, to act, that in some special to get out of the trap.

Nay! opportunity is ever near-At home, out in the world's great busy marts,

springs shall drink?

spondent hearts.

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KIT CARSON'S HARD FIGHT.

BY J. N. SIMPSON.

dian fighter, and there are people who taking a view of the situation. while casionally the case. when the air spent only \$3 per capita. think he never was licked by them; stopping for a breathing spell at a safe passes slowly over mountain slopes— Walls in the fall of 1864, when he had the smaller village, and burn the heated, and are, therefore, free from to retreat.

California Volunteers, and our regi- lage. There were about 150 of the relative moisture increases, as a rule, ment was stationed at Fort Union, lodges, we found, and one of them upward to a certain altitude, until they New Mexico, that season. The In- was filled with ammunition, which we are saturated, and clouds are formed dians were pretty bad then and had blew up. In one of them we found a which are in a certain contrast to the ambushed a number of wagon trains, fine carriage and a new set of double fog formation on the earth. The latkilling the people with them, besides harness. Every tepec and all of the ter even presupposes an approximate doing much other mischief. Kit Car-stuff found about them were fired, stagnation in a vertical direction. son was Colonel of a regiment of New | When the Indians saw the smoke of | These facts show that, in order to ad-.Mexico volunteers, and had been de- their burning wigwams curling sky- vance the science of meteorology, and, tailed to go out and punish 'the ward they grew frantic and the entire consequently, that of weather predicmarauders. Three companies of the mob came at us with a vengeance tion, it is absolutely necessary to California regiment were detailed with | Carson ordered the howitzers in posi- | know the conditions of the higher laythe two conpanies of Carson's regi- tion and the situation looked more ers of the atmosphere. ment, the Californians being under the serious than at any previous time. The "The meteorological results of the commond of Major McCleave. They valley was black with the howling last few years have considerably inwere companies B, M, and K.

Indian village of about one hundred battery when one of our bullets must is necessary to pursue the work enerand fifty wigwams some eight or have struck a chief. All at once the getically in this new direction, for, nine miles distant, near Adobe Walls, crowd swayed over to one side and without knowing the connection beone of the landmarks of that region. gathered in a spot covering about five tween the phenomena, there is no At one time is was a trading post, but or ten acres of ground. The howitzers hope of a weather prediction of any had been abandoned and nothing but poured shells into the mass, scattering value whatever. It is easy to underthe roofless walls remained standing. them. Then they retreated. We had orders to move that night. "As it was nearing night, a council be imperfectly known from observabut I guess if Carson had any concep- was again held to consider whether tion on the earth's surface alone." tion of the number of Indians he was we should attack them again or not. London Standard. to encounter we would not have been | Some of us felt that we had them cal ordered out. We had only five com- the run and wanted to follow them up. panies of mounted troops and a small Carson, however, decided it was best battery of twelve-pound howitzers, and to retreat, as it was so near nightfall. we ran into a swarm of Indians that The men were tired and hungry, as was astonishing, for as we learned they had been in the saddle fighting afterward, all the Indians in that part all day without a bite to eat, so it was of the country were there. They decided to retreat to the wagon train. drive us back to the fort, though we But it grew dark, and we could not lost only two men, and had only about locate our camp. Finally, after trava dozen wounded. We slaughtered a clling for a while, it was concluded to lot of them, but there were so many camp on the prairie for the night. A

seem to be missed. after dark. It was November 24. Af- be our camp. The bugler sounded a ter crossing the Canadian River we few shrill blasts and others were halted on a flat waiting for daylight. wafted to us from the direction of the The scouts went out to reconnoitreand fire in answer to our call. Then we shortly after daybreak came in and moved on and reached the camp. The said that the Indian village was just fire was put out and we all slept by over the ridge that we could see about our arms and horses until daybreak, a mile away. Camp was made, the when we retreated toward the fort. wagons rounded in a circle about the equipage and plans were made by the officers for the attack. Company M was sent across the river to scout down its bank, and Captain Fitz with Company D was sent to the front to

size up the situation.

the camp.

"When the company reached the top of the ridge, they came to a halt, stood there for a short time and of a sudden every man turned toward the Union. Afterward we learned that all and shouting in a blood-curdling man. of the biggest Indian fights that ever ner right after the soldiers. You see took place on the plains. I think one the Indian scouts had discovered the thing that made the Indians fear us presence of our force and when Capt. was that Kit Carson was discovered Fitz got to the tip of the ridge the In- to be in command and they were dians were advancing. There was afraid of him. He became the target great commotion for a time. Then for many of their rifles at the outset Company D came to a halt, faced He had two horses shot under him and about and charged on their pursuers. half a dizen bullets struck his gun The Indians were taken by surprise, and saddle. At the suggestion of Mc- lie's Popular Monthly, Marion H and wheeling about ran away. Fitz Cleave he took off his hat, a conspicufollowed them five miles before the ous, light-colored, broad-brimmed one, picnic. company came to a halt, driving them and exchanged it for the hat of one to Adobe Walls, where there was an- of the scouts. The scout had his rifle other village of 600 tepees. The place broken by an Indian bullet after that, was swarming with several thousand which showed conclusively to us that Indians who began to charge upon the they were after our commander more company and had the men nearly sur- than anybody else. rounded and cut off from retreat to

the Indians, Major McCleave rushed during a lull in the firing, one of their after them alone and this made the number, shouted in good English: rest of us impatient to join in the 'You will get something besides New gared him. chase; but Carson gave orders for the Orleans molasses on this trip. Howremaining companies to stay with him. ever, old Kit had another chance at demand. However, the members of Company K, the Indians later on and had considwho were already mounted, managed erable satisfaction. I think we could by a bit of strategy to get away short- have cleaned out any one of the tribes ly. Every man spurred his horse and alone, but several thousand warriors box. they got the animals so restless that were too much for our small band."the company officers were crowded New York Sun. away from the place, and finally an old charger that had been in several engagements, started off on a run toward the sound of the firing. The rider, ap- is one who weighs the meat before outparently, tried very hard to control ting out all the bones and then weighs the horse, but was giving him the it again, no matter which weight he spurs at every jump. The rest of us charges for.—New York Press. followed his example, and in less than two minutes every man in the comson to come back.

"Well, as it happened, we got there in just the nick of time. The men And must I wait until some mysterious | were surrounded, or nearly so, and | Progress Made in Germany in This were fighting hard to escape. The In-Upon me hath bestowed the gift to dians saw us coming and dropped back

Some thirsting soul from my life's camp, Carson gathered his forces and of the Hamburg Naval Observatory, made a charge, and it was a tremen- written in reply to a question addressdous rush, too. We killed quite a num- ed to him by Herr Kirchoff, the editor ber of the Indians, but came very of a German technical paper. near getting being surrounded. Until professor says: 3 o'clock in the afternoon there was "The prediction of fog by the Meter-A look, a word, a deed, some life may a continuous skirmish. Sometimes the ological Institute has hitherto been Indians would come at us in a bunch possible only in a very indefinite form, Give strength anew to some de and get within close range, but our as 'fog here and there,' and 'clear' shots were so telling that they did or 'foggy.' Not only does the nature not remain together. None of their of a fog make the application of Then may I by my thought, or word or plans worked, for we just hung to measurements in general, and consegether and finally, at 3 o'clock, a con- quently the scientific treatment of a Unto the world a blessing thereby sultation was held by Carson and Mc- fog very difficult, but its very local Cleave and it was concluded to retreat. | character and slight and changing ver-And give some other soul of these in The Indians were overwhelmingly su- tical extensions also increase the diffiperior in numbers, but being poor culty of prediction. Thus it often hap-And thus some weary burden help shots were afraid to get within range pens that, of two neighboring places, of our rifles. They were armed with one has a dense fog and the other a -Charles McCubbin in Boston Trans- rifles, mostly, but were poor shots, as clear sky. Most fogs arise over they were unaccustomed to firearms, cold surface, either of land or water. and learned a lesson so severe when- "The condition necessary for the ever they came near to us that they formation of a fog of some extent and were afraid to get very close. That was | duration is that the temperature of the probably what saved us from being atmosphere should increase very slow-Dutchered.

that the number we killed did not hollow square was formed and we had dismounted, when some one saw a "We started out that night soon small light at a distance, thought to not stopping until 10 o'clock, when we found a good camping place. Thenfor the first time in over fifty hours some of us took a meal.

"Some of the officers and men wantthere was no use, as there were too many of them, so we returned to Fort

"The Indians had been incited by renegades living among them. I re-

Feminine Idea of Honesty. A woman's idea of an honest butcher

The key to the Bastile is now hang- ing than speech, settled the contropany was following the other soldier ing on the wall in the hall of the old versy, and Hugh in one fierce fling toward the scene of the skirmish, pay home of Washington, at Mount Ver- ridded himself of his all, representing ing no attention to the shouts of Car- non, U. S. A. It was given to Wash- hours of digging and sweat of his face ington by Lafayette.

THE PREDICTION OF FOG.

Branch of Meteorology. In connection with the scientific inand that gave the company a chance quiries as to the possibility of predicting fogs. I may quote a letter from "Leaving one company to guard the well-known Prof. Neumayer, head

ly, or even decrease, in an upward "When we withdrew, we found two direction; for upward and downward of our number missing. They must motions of the air occur at a rapid have been killed in the first charge fall of the temperature. Heat is creproperty and a descending current by the made one of their charges we saw two increased pressure of the air, and of their number uniformed in the when this heat is not more than ab-"Kit Carson was a pretty good In- clothes of the missing men. After sorbed by the cold ground—as is octepees. None of the Indians were fog. Ascending currents, on the other "I belonged to Company K, First there, all being down at the other vil- hand, are being cooled off; hence their

crowd, looking like a big wave, sweep- creased the possibility of obtaining midnight. "One night while in camp one of ing toward us with irresistible force. this by the use of kites and kite balthe scouts came in and reported an The companies were massed about the loons, as well as the free balloon. It to blame. stand that such a connection can only zette.

How Tramps Are Made. It is a common practice among lower grade workmen when tramping in search of work to take their families with them. The better sort rarely do so, knowing well how quickly child- hold. ren acquire a relish for nomadic life, and how hard it is to eradicate the taste when once firmly implanted. The freedom, the unconventionality, the adventures and the surprises incidental ness for town children, and all the more through the cessation of schooling. At Bridgenorth the other day a clerical member of the Board of Guardians estimated that fully two hundred and fifty juvenile wanderers had received admission to the workhouse in twelve months and he drew the sound conclusion that they were learning vagrancy and its evil habits.

But the difficulty lies in suggesting any practical reredy. When severe economic pressure compels any improvident toiler to take to the road, the family possessions are usually restricted to the clothes they wear, with ed to go back and have another fight perhaps, a few shillings in pocket. All with the Indians, but Carson said the rest of their belongings having been sold, it is not open to the breadwinner to leave his wife and children b hind without any provision for their camp, retreating at full gallop. It the Indians in that part of the coun wants; if he did that, he would be looked serious then, and more so, try had congregated at Adobe Walls. liable to prosecution. It is easy to if they pan out as had as this one when a big band of warriors came There were Comanches, Arapahoes, say that the man should not have I won't have any breakfast. I'll read charging over the ridge gesticulating Kiowas and Cheyennes. It was one allowed his household to come to such your stuff when it's printed. I take desperate st: ; he ought to have set forth in search of work before the family resources were exhausted. Quite true, of course, but the fact does not go an inch toward furnishing a

> The Pleasures of Childhood. In a delightful story, in Frank Lesthus describes the start for a typical

remedy—London Globe.

That final inspection was always a torturous affair, filled to the full with cruelties and the unexpected.

Hugh was the first to suffer. One of the Powers caught him, skimmed off his hat, used her forefinger as a comb to part his hair on his forehead, then delicately returned the hat to a "When Capt. Fitz was seen chasing member during one of their charges, spot which suited her fancy. He was inured to this by custom. But now it brought about a discovery which beg-

"Why, what's this?" was her stern Hugh expressed amazement.

"What's what'm?"

"You know. This?" tapping a tin "Worms," murmured Hugh, sweetly with as soft an inflection as if the things were sleeping and he wished not to awaken them.

"Well, of all the objects! Throw them away!" "But mayn't we-" "Throw them away, I told you!"

"Why how can we---" A wave of the hand, more commandin plenty.



AT THE OTHER END. patiently stood in the telephone

And shouted again and again; But although I politely appealed for a

I politely appealed all in vain. At last a strange murmur came over the 'phone,

A sort of guttural, which Convinced me I might as well give up the quest, For the girl was asleep at the switch.

-Portland Oregonian.

PLEASURE IN IT.

He-Don't take me too seriously. She—Yes, I will; a compliment makes one feel good even when one knows it is only flattery.—Detroit Free

SMALL ANNOYANCES.

Mrs. Growells-My husband is continually quarreling about trifles. Mrs. Howells—Well, my dear, the less one has to quarrel about the better.—Chicago News.

BOSTON'S SLOV! METHOD. Hubb--You call Boston slow, and yet we spent \$6 per capita for postage stamps last year, while New York

Gotham-Well, we can't always wait but I was in the hard fight at Adobe distance. Carson concluded to go over the descending currents are being for a letter to get there; we telegraph. -Yonkers Statesman.

> STRICTLY USEFUL. "Our church fair was a splendid success," said young Mrs. Torkins.

"Did you sell lots of things?" "Anything useful?"

"Yes, indeed. Everything was ever so useful. I can't think of a single article that couldn't be saved up and donated to be sold at the next fair."— Washington Star.

SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED. Irate Pa-Cora, that caller of yours did not leave here last night till near

Cora-I know it pa; yet he is hardly Pa-You don't mean to say you

forced him to stay? Cora-Why, no. You see he comes from the far North where the nights are very long and he isn't used to our short ones yet.—Chelsea (Mass.) Ga-

YOUTHFUL CURIOSITY.

"Well," if you will excuse me," said the guest, "I guess I'll retire," and arising he walked toward the door and awaited the escort of his host. "Please may I go with you?" pleadingly exclaimed the boy of the house-

"And why should you want to go with me?" smilingly replied the guest; "aren't you satisfied with your own comfortable little couch?"

"Yes," replied the boy, "but I want to tramping have special attractive to go with you cause I heard pa say this morning that you expected to retire on \$100,000."—Richmond Dispatch.

THE BURGLAR'S MISTAKE.

"Look here," said the burglar as the man raised himself to a sitting posture in the bed, "what do you really mean by living in a room that invites strangers and yet affords them no reward? Haven't you got any money hid out somewhere?"

"No," replied the man, "but I'm expecting some. I have sent two poems to the Scrawl, four sketches to the Scribe, and six---"

"Say, are you a writer?" "I should say so! Just let me read

you my---The burglar raised a warning hand, "No," he said, "my time's limited, I've got three more houses on my list, and all the magazines. By the by---" He paused—looked at his watch and

"Any more literary houses in this "None."

"All right—I'm off. Good night!" "Same to you. Please close the window after you!"-Frank L. Scran. ton in the Atlanta Constitution.

THE GROOM WAS FOREHANDED. Ministers have many interesting and amusing experiences.

A local clergyman was engaged in conversation with a number of friends the other day, when each started telling stories of weddings he had performed. One of the party had this to

Some time ago a great big fellow, roughly dressed, and a wee mite of a young woman came to him. They had no witnesses, and, in fact, did not care to have any. Nevertheless, a brides. maid and groomsman were selected from the household, and the ceremony began. They had promised to love and obey and all the rest of the service, when the preacher announced:

"Kiss the bride." The broom, on bended knee, hesitated a little, tried to say something and couldn't.

"Kiss the bride," said the pastor. "Why, parson, I did afore I come here at all," replied the groom, whose face had taken the color of a June

The witnesses burst forth in laughter, while the minister had all he could do to retain the serious expression which he always wore when wedding people.—Duluth News-Tribune.

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