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IN SEARCH OF A FIGHT.

The History of a Paragraph.

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from Rietfontein, where a patrol of the Transvaal Carbineers came in touch with twenty of the enemy. Shots were exchanged, and the Boers retired, leaving three wounded in our hands. The enemy lost two killed. Our losses, one trooper wounded."

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That is an unimportant enough paragraph, don't you think? It is copied with certain alterations from a wire I dispatched to the Daily Mail.

And yet, you may not believe it, but It is nevertheless a fact, that that min-It is nevertheless a fact, that that min-or engagement was once a big battle. It was a British disaster; it was a Boer defeat. It was the capture of two of our guns, and the killing of two Boer commandants. Also it was an evenly matched fight, with casualities running to three figures on both sides. It was all these things, at various times and all these things, at various times and in various localities. In Maritzburg it was a reverse, and a bad reverse: in Pretoria it was a victory and a great victory. Johannesburg had heard of it, and Krugersdorp knew the number of guns taken and the battery which had lost them. had lost them.

SIFTED FIRSS, THEN SENT.

I went to find out all about this great I went to find out all about this great fight, and after reducing the evidence by comparative examination, I sent a wire something like that above, and I fancy it is about correct. The fight occurred on a Monday, and

the first news was from a blockhouse in view of the mountain near which in view of the mountain hear which the fighting took place. The corporal in charge of the blockhouse telephoned "Heavy firing in the direction of Rool-berg." Now there are two Roolbergs. as indeed there are twenty (I am using a fictitious locality for obvious rea-sons), and the commandant of the nearest garrison jumped to the conclusion that it was a Rootherg near which Bothat was known to be, and whither columns were hastening. Immediately columns were hastening. Immediately he wired that Botha was engaged. The mistake, however, was soon discovered and rectified, and that incident as far as those chiefly interested were con-cerned, was closed. But what time the little railside garrison had been astir with the news that Botha was heavily engaged the Johannesburg train had passed through the station. Only a few minutes it stopped, but Atkins on the platform had imparted his exclusive information to such of the passengers as were interested, and the train moved on, bearing in addition to passengers and baggage, quite a car-load of stories of "the great fight." To Johannesburg came the rumor, and it trickled into the rallway carriage in which I was making my way to Pretoria.

"A big thing; a very big thing, I've heard," said my traveling companion, an officer in an irregular regiment; "we've lost-I don't know how manyand two guns I'm told. They lost just as many as we did. If not more. Commandants Marais and Du Plessis captured—so I understand." « You see, he had got hold of the even-ly matched story. The "complete re-

ly matched story. The "complete re-verse" yarn I heard from an irate subaltern of militia, who told me his fath-er was an M. P. and would see about He was a very young subaltern, nd his clothes were quite new. "Where did you hear of it?" That question generally elicited one

fight.'

"A small engagement is reported | klok,' just about as fast as I can say it. Well, bimeby up went a white flag, and me and Jimmy Sparks went up with our rifles at the ready-you bet yer life on that-and there was wounded Boers an' two dead 'uns. an' the rest of the commando Then the captin comes up, an' he starts questionin' the wounded ones -that one," said Atkins, pointing to one of the prisoners seated with his arm in a sling on a bundle of blankets --"and then 'e asks 'im what they called the kople- the name of it. I mean-an' the Beer, 'e sez, 'Baboon's Kop,' 'e sez, 'Are there any baboons about 'ere?' sez the captin. 'Lots,' sez this 'ere Boer. 'Look over there,' and may I be ---- if there wasn't a young may 1 be — If there wasn't a young thousand of 'em chatterin' an' jorring along a ridge near by. So the capiin 'e laughs, an' 'e sez, 'Oh, Barber,' 'e sez, 'where's them eight 'undred Boers?'' 'e sez, 'Didn't you notice they 'ad tails on,' 'e sez,''-Edgar Wallace in London Daily Mail London Dally Mail.

SOME WAYS TO STOP NOSE BLEED

Have the child sit up straight, and hold the nostrils tightly together. Wrap a small piece of ice in a little cotton wool and gently rub the outside of the wooi and gently rub the outside of the nose with it. If this does not stop it you may have the child raise his arms above his head and put a wad of itsue paper under his upper lip, holding it there firmly. Do not allow the child to blow his nose for some time after the blooding are bleeding has stopped. If the attacks are frequent consult a good physician, as there may be some disease of the blood or blood vessels which should be treatto his noisy interrogator, so the story ed before things have gone too far.--Ladies' Home Journal.

SAMPSON'S CHOICE OF WEAPONS.

"Rear Admiral Sampson is generally credited as being a rather austere man," said a naval officer the other day, "but there is a story about him which goes the rounds of the officers" mess in every squadron which he com-mands, that proves his fondness for making a joke. This story says that the rear admiral when a young man once entered the barroom of a little hotel, where, unknown to him, a group of rolsterers were about to start a cock-fight. As he entered and was recogalzed one of the group cried out mock-

ingly: "Now we are all right. The police won't dare to raid us now. For we have Sampson with us, and he will slay a dozen such Philistines rather than a dozen such Philistines rather than St. Cloud let them spoil sport, won't you Samp-

state manufactory at Sevres. The tow-er will be composed of 30,000 pieces, which will require a hundred bakings. It will be completed in five years. "The young naval officer, not liking so much familiarity, and having heard this wretched pun upon his name so often It will be comple that he was sick of it, replied quickly New York Tribune

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MEN PROMINENTLY CONNECTED WITH PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT.

The prominent German-American will take part in the reception of the prince despite the fact that he at one time narrowly escaped nanging by the kaiser's executioner,

TINTED PORCELAIN TOWER.

Major von Plessen will accompany Prince Henry as his militaray aide during Henry's visit to this country. Von Plessen is adjutant to the kaiser and stands high in his favor.

Admiral von Tripitz, secretary of the Prussian imperial navy, will be the chief aide of Prince Henry during his American tour. He will travel on the Kron Prinz in a stateroom adjoining that of the prince.

The wellknown German steamship man at the head of the North Ger-man Lloyd Line here, who will play an important part in the welcome of Prince Henry and has had much to do with the preliminaries of his visit.

GUSTAV M. SCHWAB.



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