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## THE LONG-KNIFE SQuAW.

by thomas dunn regelish.
was ont npon the Piqua, two-and-forty years ago,
head received its thein vigor, or my head received its snow.
was not so skilled in wooderaft, as should have been that day, nd toward the shade of evening, in the forest lost my way.
Yet I wandered hither, thither, till beside a gray, old rock,
beheld thie smoky lodges of a band of Shawanock.
are was peace between the race, and a welcome warm I found, and a supper, which they gave me, by the camp-fire, on the ground. That despatched, I fell to smoking and, as up the round moon rolled, Vith a thirsty earI listened to the tals the oll men told,
There they satand chatted gaily, while the flickering of the blaze Led the shadows on their faces, in a wild and devious maze.
And among them one I noted, unto whom the rest gave place,
Which was token he was foremost in the fight or in the chase.
IIe had been among the white men till Tho' lis our language well, es that from Western hunters fell. There was pausing in the stories, when he turned and spoke to me, shis red pipe herioplenislied-"I could tell a tale," said he.
Those there are of daring white men, whom no danger can appal; ut I knew a squaw among them, w surpassed them one and all. Six good Shawanock, my comrad
did that pale-face wowan kill" did that pale-face woman kill," Then I said-"Pray, tell the st
Quoth the other-"So I wih.
"There were seven of us together, who upon an Aagust day,
from the sullen, broad Ohio, up Salt river took our way.
"Up the Rolling Fork we tráveled; s king where we might obtaid Precious plunder from the living, bleeding trophies from the slain. "By a springbranch in the bottom, near a clearing in the woon, fidden by the sombre hemlocks, Merrill's low-roofed cabin stood.

It was built oflogs of white oak, chinked, save loop holes here and there, With-a door of heavy puncheons, made the ax's blow to bear.

At its end a good stone chimney reared itself among the trees,
And the smoke-wreaths as we neared it, still were breaking in the brecze.

Out we lay upon the mountain, till the midnight hour came on, Till the darkness growing deeper told the summer moon had gone.
Then we downward creptin Till by chance a stone we loosene
"Rose the dog who had been lying in "From her mouth the foam was fying, the cabin's deepest shade, and our presence in the valle and, to warn his master, bayed.
Then aroused he came to tear us his fury, limb from limb But my hatchet's blow unerring wa enongh to quiet him.

There was stirring in the Iheard old Merriillsaywh , erlance hos lot hunte Ronse you, stir the ash-hid embers and get ready to prepare Bed of feathers for the stranger, and a bait of cabin fair.'

How we chuckled as he said it; then in English, 'House !' I cried, While my comrades all stood read when the door should open wide
With one hand his rifle grasping Merrill then unclosed the door, en we poured a sudden volley, and he sank upon the floor.

In the fall the gun exploded, lighting up again the dark; But no finger drew the trigger, and the bullet iound no mark.
"Ere we reached the open portal, tho the journey was not far ! the woman Mervill closed it, and secured it with a bar.
Long we hacked and long we ham mered at the door with useless din, Till at length a heavy sapling fiercely driven burst it in.

Young Penswataway, ouir leader
stont old Cornstalk's gallant son, At the breach we had thus opened entered in the foremost one.
"He had battled at Point Pleasant
and escaped the the deadly ball, By the weapon of a woman, at the dead of night to fall.

There she stood, that fearless woman
in lier hand a heary ax ;
Came a sound of skull-bone crashing and he died there in his tracks.

Then as four more strove to ente the breach within the door, sank and died ung slered comr sank and died upon the flint stern unflinehing wo managed five of ns to slay, And with ax and blow so ready those surviving kept at bay
"Yet another entry offered; so, while
I with rifle stood,
Lest the woman should escape us in the darkness of the wood.
"To the roof my two companions quickly clumbed, a path to gain By the great eapacious chinney, where "For, so soon as they descended and and attacked her on the floor, Unopposed Id find an entrance in the then unguarded door.

## But let no one boast hi

Never
than a woman held at bay.
From its place within the And she tossed it in an instant, o the embers fiery red.
ing with ierce and sudden bla zing nearly stiffed with the amoke, receive her ax's stroke.

## Then I struggled at the entrance and

 had partly made my way, When the woman dame before me - like a vounded back et bay. <br> \section*{A IWROR'MN.} <br> \section*{A IWROR'MN.} Such a sight to shake my courage, I before had never seen."Turned I quickly in my terror, boun ding through the darkness deeps And I never stopped my running till othe dawn began to peep.
"Now, what think you of my story? said the savage unto meof a tribe to be?"
Ay! I answered, ‘but I tell you, sho'l you try it, you would see,
We have many a hundred women that in need were stout as she.

On the monnteins of Vrginiag in Kentucky's bloody ground, the forests of Ohio, scores of such are to be found -
Women tender, trusting, tearful; yet if peril forced among,
They can fight as stern and fiercely as a pantheress for her young."
Quoth the of eftain, "If so many like that woman you can find,
Yoll should send them forth to battle while your men remáineä behind. I have met your braves in combat when the skies were red with fire. nd the sabres of your horsemen flas ed the lightning of theirire-
When your brazen bodied cannon spoke their wrath to those around, And tha tmampling of yany logiono Where the waters of Kanawha rusi to join a elearer lide I was there with stout, old Cornstalk when you broke our power and prid
With the Mingoes, under Girty, Fort Henry I was one When your forty kept four hundred bafled there from sun to sun.
"By Tecumseh's side I battled at the Thames the day he fell, There continual flash kept lighting forest, river, swamp and dell. "But I neverknew a terror, and a fear I never felt,
Save that midnight when the woman so uvon my comrades dealt.
And if I were young and lik
whatever dames I saw,
would wed none save the equal
that daring long-knife squavr"
"Paddy, honey, will you buy my watch now?
"And is it about selling your watel are, Mike ? ${ }^{\prime \prime}$
"Troth, it is, darlin."
"Whats the price?"
"Ten shillings and a mutchkin of the creature"
"Is the watch a decent one?" "Sure, and I've had it twenty year
"Well, here's your tin; now tell m does it go well?"
"Bedad, an' it goes faster than apy watch in Connaught, Manster, 0 Leinster, not barring Dublin."
"Bad luek to ye, Mrike, you have taken me in. Didn't ye say it never de-
saved you ?" "Sure an' I did-nor
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ter ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{Oh}$, Jacob, said a master to his apprentice, it is wronderfal to see said the boy, Thave been practicing ever since I was a child!
A down east poit has written an
immense poem on "Natur? which commeniees:
"Wiggle, wiggle, pollywog, Pretty soon you'll be a frog?

There is a village somewhere, ziot housand miles from here, which con taina just exactly two,score Smiths.There are only five score inhabitante n the place "On a time" a traveler passed through the town, and stoppe get some directions.
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"No-but Bob Smith, next house
an."
Thither he went. "Sir, where is the earest road to C
"Don't know, sir; gaess you'd be
or inquire of Jolin Smith, over the way."
To John Smith he weint and put it.
"I can't inform you, evir, but old Arch Smith, just ahéad, cam tell yon. Thither he proceeded and made the same inquiry.
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## "Just forty, iir,"

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air. Well, that's a joke I always laingh
The roar of laughter which greeted him all around, and the direction all eyes took to his heid, induced him to put lis band there.
"By the powers," quoth he, "it's my hat!" But, his native wit returning, he said, as he saw it plump into the waters of the East river, "That's true to nature-a beaver always takes th
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Quazzing.-Winchell, the drolleres has according to his. own stories, good many adventures-partieularly funny when he relates them. His last is a trip from Cleveland to Columbus,
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"Yes?" (Grufly) "Yee", (Gruffy)
"No" "
"Goin' ter stop in Slumbus ?"
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"Yea,
"Goin" ter see any friends there?" "Golin' ter do enny lind of business? "Teb" "Goin" ter atart business on yer own "No,"
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