

indicated by the americans pointing finger, saw where a big indian was drawing his bow, showing only his face and arms round a corner, and drew trigger, with the result that he struck the stone and sent splinters flying, and after them the indian, evidently hurt badly, for he held his left arm with his right hand. go on, griggs, said chris, reloading. you were saying, you know i and then you stopped. to be sure, said griggs, whose breath was still coming in gasps, as he lay on his chest with his rifle ready now for a shot. i was going to say, you know i can run fast. yes, yes, cried chris eagerly. go on. i did, said griggs, as hard as i could; but a galloping horse is too much for me, and i wont back myself against one again. but you got into safety, cried chris. only just. i believe i saved myself by about one inch and a half. that was enough, though, to let me shut and lock the door we had got ready. did you fire asked the doctor. fire never had time, sir. but there, i managed to shut up, i hope, so that the brutes couldnt follow me, and then i hurried on to join you. tut, tut, what a cracker that is i didnt hurry a bit. it was a regular crawl to the gully. think me long horribly, cried chris. no wonder, my lad. it was a horrible crawl, for i was regularly done. i felt what the amurricans call real bad. but now tell me, did the whole band come by here as far as we can tell, replied the doctor. thats right. i never had time to look back, but it seemed to me as if the whole indian nation was after my scalp on horseback. they didnt get it, did they, chris get it no, of course not. im glad of that; but it felt precious cold two or three times. but now tell me youve begun shooting are the enemy coming on i believe we have only been attacked by a couple of stragglers two who passes through the narrow gap his cavalry, that he was a brave soldier; and though at actium, when all was still going well, he let his ship be turned, it was out of no fear of swords and spears, but because fate compelled him to subjugate his strong will to the wishes of a woman with whose destiny his was linked. then do you excuse his conduct i only seek to account for it, and never, for a moment, could allow myself to believe that shame ever prompted a single act in antony. i do you suppose i could ever blush nay, we cease to feel shame when we have lived to feel such profound contempt for the world. but why then should marc antony have shut himself up, in yonder see washed prison because, to every true man, who has dissipated whole years of his life with women, jesters and flatterers, a moment comes of satiety and loathing. in such an hour he feels that of all the men under the lights of heaven, he, himself, is the only one with whom it is worth his while to commune. after actium, this was what antony felt, and he quitted the society of men in order to find himself for once in good company. it is that, no doubt, which drives you now and again into solitude. no doubt but you are always allowed to follow me. then you regard me as better than others, exclaimed antinous joyfully. as more beautiful at any rate, replied hadrian kindly. ask me some more questions. but antinous needed a few minutes pause before he could comply with this desire. at last he recollected himself and proceeded to inquire why most of the vessels were moored in the harbor beyond the heptastadion, known as eunostus. the entrance there was less dangerous than that between the pharos and the point of lochias which led into the eastern landing places. and then hadrian could give him information as to every building in the city about much ground having been covered by the breast work, the enemy nearly carried all before them, and it came to bayonetting and the spears getting home; but our brave lads drove them back, and then a few volleys sent them in to cover. the next time they attacked, the major and a dozen of the soldiers were ready to help a little. they were too ill to do much, but they held their pieces and made a show of bayonets, and the major managed to take the command. the next time we all of us managed to make a show of fighting; while a couple of hours after, when the enemy made their last most savage attack, they got such a warm reception that they let us have the rest of the night in peace. and this morning, then, you began to retreat yes, the major said, there was nothing else for it. but why not have retreated by the way we came said the doctor. because, my dear fellow, the whole countrys up, and this was the only way open. if we had gone by the track our fellows would have been speared one by one, for the jungle is too dense to skirmish through. but heres linton; he will tell you better than i