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THE LATE E. Z. C. JUDSON.

He was Edward Z. C. Judson, of the great Christian missionary family of that name. His father was a Philadelphia lawyer, in which quiet city this restless spirit was born. His father intended him for a legal light, but the youngster ran away to sea in a ship going around the Horn. On his return home his father endeavored to show him the career that the study of Blackstone might bring him. But without avail; then, making a virtue of the necessity, his father apprenticed his wayward boy to the United States ship Macedonian, obtaining for him a midshipman's position. His fellow-midshipmen, in their youthful would-be aristocracy, refused to associate or mess with him on the ground that he had served as a common sailor and was not their equal. He certainly was not, for he proved himself very soon their superior, challenging them all to fight, one after the other, and coming off victorious in each contest. One of his antagonists is now an admiral in the navy. After that there was no more talk about equality. While serving in the navy he rescued the crew of a boat which had been run down by a ferryboat in New York harbor. But it was on land, not on sea, that young Judson's most adventurous period was passed. As an Indian fighter and as a scout in the great civil war he became justly famous. On the plains he met with Capt. Jack Crawford, who regards Ned Buntline as the bravest man he has ever met, while as to his marksmanship there can be no dispute. On shipboard he broke a small bottle suspended from the yard arm with one shot and the cord that had held the bottle with the shot following, and years after, in a trial of skill with Buffalo Bill, Texas Jack and several Indian chiefs he took the first prize for quick, sure aim. His adventures among the Indians would fill volumes. He was a great admirer of the Indian character, though he took no stock in "Cooper's Indians," as he called them.

Ned kept himself constantly before the public in some sensational way. He was a leader in the Know-Nothing movement. Was arrested as one of the principals in the Forest Macready Astor place riots in New York. He was tried before Judge Charles P. Daly, whom Ned had been attacking for years. The judge augurously gave him but one year in the penitentiary. He had already begun to fire the youthful heart with his Manchuian tales, and this he continued to his death. No one can estimate the number of stories he wrote. His income from this source averaged \$20,000 a year. During the war he was arrested and confined in Fort Lafayette for overstaying his parole. He had tried nearly everything in his time and it was to be expected he would try the stage. This he did, in company with Buffalo Bill, for whom he wrote a play. Their first appearance was in St. Louis, and as it was new business for them, both became stage struck. Buffalo Bill forgot his part, Ned became boggled, and the play ended in a roaring farce.

Of late years Buntline was living on his farm at Stamford, N. Y., where he leaves his fourth wife and a family. He was a model of muscular vigor, as his picture indicates, up to the day of his death.

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Ex-President Arthur's cottage is one of a cluster which surround the aristocratic and exclusive Pequot house. It is located on the right bank of the Thames river, Connecticut, and but a mile or so from its entrance into Long Island sound. The spot is regarded as an exceedingly salubrious one, and it is hoped that in the retirement of his retreat the handsome ex-president may be restored to his old-time vigorous health. On the occasion of his start for this place the ex-president told his friends who had come to see him off that he was not troubled in any way whatever, except by his stomach, and added, with a laugh, "You know how strong that used to be."

He looks very pale and wasted, however, and seems a much sicker man than his friends or his physician will admit him to be. His flowing side whiskers, which were once the distinguishing feature of his face, are gone. An incipient mustache gives him a youthful appearance which is counterbalanced by the feebleness of his step. His son, and his constant companion, his daughter Nellie, accompany him here, as also his two sisters, Mrs. McElroy and Mrs. Caw. His intention is to remain here until the fall.

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