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“The girl’s clear voice floated up to me . . .
‘All right, Mr. Smith,’ she called, ‘I won’t.’”

Of course they landed safely at the foot of the cliff, after the manner of all heroes and heroines. And here it is that Kate in her turn comes out strong, at the evening encampment, frying bacon over a blazing fire of pine branches, while the firelight illuminates her leather leggings and her rough but picturesque costume.

The circumstances might seem a little daring and improper. But the reader knows that it is all right, because the hero and heroine always call one another Miss Middleton and Mr. Smith.

his own prowess. Instead of saying straight out that he was the strongest and bravest man in the world, he implied it indirectly on every page.

Here, for example, is a typical scene in which "I" and Kate figure in a desperate adventure in the Rocky Mountains, pursued by Indians.

"We are about to descend on a single cord from the summit of a lofty crag, our sole chance of escape (and a frightfully small chance at that) from the roving bands of Apaches.

"With my eye I measured the fearsome descent below us.

"Hold fast to the line, Miss Middleton,' I

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Lectures & Stories

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Preface

All men write memoirs. Great
Commanders, in their old age,
refight their battles with pen and
ink. Magicians explain their magical
Confidence then from their repentant
cells expound their by-gone wicked-
ness. Bartenders in the sunset of their
lives write manuals of ~~mixed~~ ^{or mixing} drinks.

¶ So let it be with me.

¶ A year ago I ~~gave up~~ retired
from ~~active~~ college lecturing, at
the urgent request of the college
trustees who were very firm about it.

Now at the request of innumerable friends all over the country I am retiring from ~~at~~ lecturing on the public platform as a humorist. This is the ^{role} ~~task~~ I never dared to assume till ~~long~~ after many years after I had begun work as an academic lecturer. Indeed I ~~was only~~ first attempted to ~~do so~~ ^{it} in order to raise money for the

Belgian refugees during the great war.

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as I paid my own expenses.

¶ It was very difficult at first. I remember that at my first "humorous" lecture at St John, New Brunswick, the chairman announced it as "international law", and the ~~chairman announced~~ ~~it~~ as ~~intimate~~ audience believed him.

I recall also a gloomy evening in Vermont when the chairman in rising to thank me said in a ^{solemn} gloomy tone: "I forget convention, ladies and gentlemen that this lecture was given for nothing. We didn't give Mr Leacock any fee, and we didn't bring him here." That set everything right.

9 But in any case I was able to
 send quite a lot of money to the
 French town of Nantes where my
 refugees were. ^{the} The Mayor of the town
 wrote and thanked me, and expressed
 admiration of ^{at} the long journeys I had
 made. I imagine he used a French
 atlas of the days of Louis XIV and
 picked off as the only names he
 recognised. He wrote, "we observed
 with admiration that you have
 made the dangerous voyage of the Lakes ^{as}
 penetrated as far as ^{to} Duluth ^{and}
 in the country of the savages"

As I have elsewhere narrated in my book on
 my discovery of Western Canada,

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If But later on I acquired a certain facility in lecturing and received many compliments from my friend Irvin Cobb, who was lecturing on the public platform at the same time, once said that he has no hesitation in classing me as the second humorist in America. On the other day, when I spoke at ~~Edmonton~~ Edmonton, the Chancellor of the University of Alberta said that he had never ^{in his life} lectured to anything more brilliant, and that he had not listened to more than a few opening sentences anyway. The Chief Justice of the province, who was ^{also} present,