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## The Lounger



JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD assures me that he was not murdered by hostile Indians in the wilderness north of Winnipeg, as reported some weeks ago. Some of his Indian guides got in a "mix-up" and one of them came within an ace of being gathered to

his fathers, and the rumor of Mr. Curwood's own death was based upon this fact; so, after all, it had a more substantial basis than half the rumors that are circulated nowadays. Had the report been correct, it would have meant a very untimely end, as Mr. Curwood is still a young man. Since he gave up local newspaper work in Detroit, his home city, he has been a very industrious contributor to the magazines, and will have a long list of books to his credit before he is many years older. His eye-opening series

of papers on the Great Lakes, which ran serially in PUTNAM'S AND THE READER, will appear in permanent form in the near future; and he has already brought out "The Courage of Captain Plum," a novel more or less in the Rex Beach manner, in which he makes use of the incidents in a curious Mormon chapter of Michigan history; and

"The Wolf-Hunters," the first of a series of Hudson Bay stories of adventure for boys.

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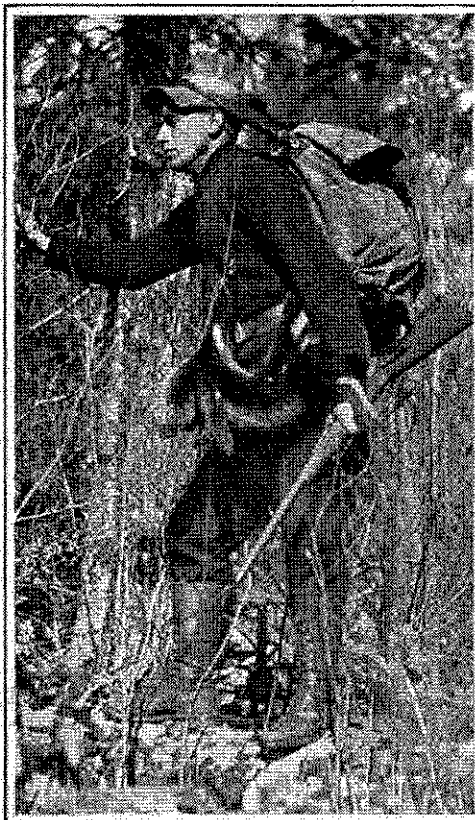
Mr. John Fox, Jr., has been a successful writer ever since he began

his literary career, but nothing that he has ever written has met with the instantaneous success of his latest book, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine." The first edition numbered 100,000 copies. There are not more than half a dozen writers in the English-speaking world who have had such first editions. Mr. Fox is to be congratulated; and so is the reading public, for knowing a good story when it sees it.

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When I read in the papers, some months ago, that Miss

Ethel Barrymore washed her hands of American society, and set it down as a foolish and frivolous thing, I said to myself: "There is no truth in this. We shall have the denial within a few days." The denial come the next day. Miss Barrymore had said nothing of the sort. I knew she had not. Why should she? Is she not the favorite act-



JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD IN THE WILDERNESS