

teen in the camp, I believe, and we had to my left-hand neighbor. go pretty easy with the eatables, so as to "I well remember the day we sailed. The make them last. I had been keeping sever- scene at the docks was very affecting .al men there, thinking every day that we'd

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Words fail to describe the scene that epand raved like madmen. When the tumuit

A fight had taken place, not a trooper had

of the troopers. It appeared that shortly wagon broke, necessitating a stoppage .--Night came on and found them still delayed by the broken wagon. Rain fell and some of the troopers took a little spirits to keep out the cold. About midnight the troopers who were acting as sentries were alarmed by the rush of baif a dozen mounted bushrangers. They endeavored to wake up the others, but they were overpowered, and fastened to the trees. The contents of the wagon were divided among the gang, and they soon rode off followed by Wapping Bill and the three troopers. In the morning the bound troopers managed to awake the others by their criss, and then it was sound by their condition. that the spirits must have been drugged, hence their inability to offer any resistance. We held a hasty council and decided to send to a station four miles away for fresh troopers. By means of a fleet messenger a

ty, much to my satisfaction. I had a score to settle with Wapping Bill and I intended to give a good account of him if we met. We numbered twenty resolute, well-armed fellows, carrying revolvers and knives, while the twelve trooper had rifles in addition.

ter and found the wagon drawn off the track and overturned. The black tracker soon took up the trail and we went into the bush in Indiau file. Our progress was necessarily slow, but we were quite certain of coming up with the rangers at last. We followed the blacks for a couple of hours, then one of them set up a warning cry, and we rushed forward. In the center of an open glade we saw the body of a man laid upon the ground Scattered around were bits of canyas and son some of us had seen hanging about the camp for a few days previous to the starting them. I crept quietly through the undermy shoulder. I hastily turned and saw a

'Mary was his sweetheart.' interrupted Husbands were parting from wives, brothers al men there, thinking every day that we design strike something rich, and when they got from sisters, fathers from children, young grains of gold glittered in the grass. Examstrike something rich, and when they got more and more dissatisfied I promised them fellows from their sweethearts, and I was ining the body we recognized it to be a per-We were a motley company. There were No, indeed; I've too much to do to be my dear, you ought to know a secret-it's would make it. I could see that men were of the escort. A small blue hole in his fore-retting about ready to jump me and that my dear, you ought to know a secret-it's getting about ready to jump me, and that clerks, and a sprinkling, too, of the hangers dispute had arisen among the rangers and always a good thing to have two strings to getting about trady to jump me, and that on about town, and even a couple of Metho dispute had arisen among the rangers and dist ministers. All more solve to tradie that your bow. It gives you a choice, you know they had begun to now upon ale as solved er, if one should fail, you have the other to thing of a lunatic. They would hold long dist ministers. All were going to try their nacy. We again took up the trail and profortunes in the New Eldorade. We had had ceeded. The bush now became less dense, and when I came around they would pre- very good weather during our voyage, and I and we made greater progress. About a tend to be talking about the weather, or suffered but little from sea-sickness. I mile further on one of the blacks, who was something of that kind. I had used them made many acquaintances, but there was some hundred yards ahead, suddenly dropsomer than Archie Redmond, and richer, too, with this fine farm all his own, and the all pretty well, and they hated to leave me, one man I took an aversion too. He was ped flat on the grass, and gave us a warning called Wapping Bill. He was a tall, broad signal. Advancing cautiously to his side. shouldered fellow with a great shock of red we peered through the bushes. Down in a hair and a close cropped beard; a pair of bollow were six bushraugers, seated around small ferret-like eyes that seemed to vanish a small fire. Their horses were tethered "Why, Lottle, if you think in this way you mexican couple, who was bound for Sonora, cannot really care for Tom. I felt sure that struggled into our diggings a good deal the beneath his shaggy eyebrows when any one near them, and various packages were scataddressed him, and an expression that tered about. Our plans were soon laid, We showed him to be the reverse of a quiet and made a detour and completely surrounded 'In due time we arrived at Meibourne. 14 wood, intending to reach a tree, which grew was then a mere collection of wooden hous- about twenty yards from the fire of the es and hastily thrown-up chantles, and was bushrangers. Suddenly a hand was laid on peopled by representatives from nearly all civilized nations on the face of the earth - tall ranger close by my side. He grasped Twenty of us formed a party, bought some me by the collar, and presented a revolver tools, and proceeded to the diggings on foot. to my forehead. Arriving there, we bought claims, and set to

'You are not kind to him. You know he

Both girls rose to take it from her ; but felt sure that you loved him." she placed it, as if instinctively, in the hands Ob, well, we like each other well enough.

loves you, and until within a few days, I

was somewhat subsided, I managed to make

villam, but we'll be even with him yet." 'We went back to the saloon, where we

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search party was organized, and they left the camp two hours later, preceded by the black trackers to point out the trail. Luckity I managed to be enrolled among the par-

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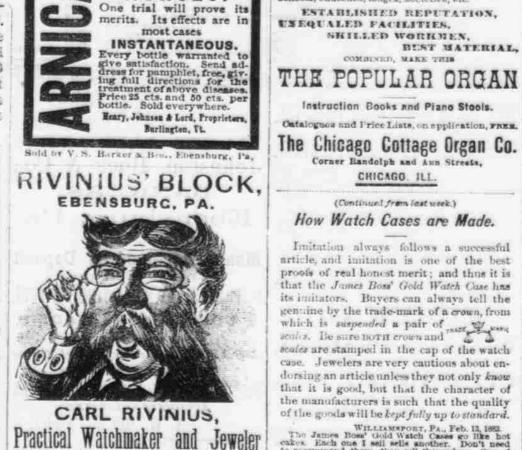
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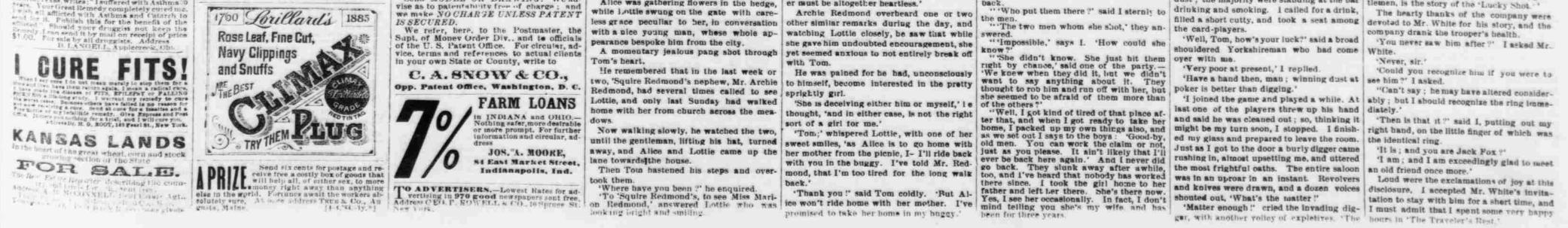
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of the light haired girl, saying ire, ornamental and desirable organs for homes, schools, churches, lodges, societies, etc. 'Tom seems thirsty to day ; but meadow-

ing in July is warm work." 'And hungry work, too,' Tom remarked, Mr. Redmond ?' laughing. 'Thank you, Lottie ; but won't able to waste my time here in chatting." 'Why, that's something new? Don't you always sit and talk to me at lunch time ?"

'Not always, by any means. And because I've done it occasionally is no reason why 1 should keep on doing it all my life.' He looked up at her enquiringly.

'What's the matter, Lottle? Anything happened to vex you ?"

'No, indeed ! How unreasonable you are, Tom ! If I am not always laughing and chattering, you think I am out of temper." The girls on the porch looked up gravely from one to the other, but said nothing. Tom sipped his milk slowly. His appetite

seemed suddenly to have deserted him. The girl stood at a little distance, partly turned from him and sewing on the ruffle in her hand. After a while, setting down his empty

mug, he said in a lower tone : 'Lottie, wouldn't you like to drive to the picnic to morrow in my new buggy?"

'I don't know that I am going,' she an swered without raising her head. 'Not going I Why, for what reason ?'

'It will be so hot and the road so dusty,' she answered hesitatingly.

wonder if Alice will go ?' 'I dare say she will. She expected to go

course she will enjoy a buggy ride more-Won't you Allie ?' So Tom Wheeler, who had intended mere

ly to pique Lottle into accepting his offer, perceived lt. found himself quite unexpectedly drawn into an engagement to take Alice Brown to the next day's picnic. And what was very puzzilng to him-it

was entirely Lottle's doings. What could she mean by it ? he wondered -for until now she had never refused his

escort anywhere. Lottle was distantly related to the Wheel-

little visits to the farmhouse. Mrs. Wheeler liked to have young people about her, and she was, moreover, particu-

marry and "settle down" with his wife on ty man !" the farm.

her that Lottie was to be her son's choice. and she was well enough satisfied, though tte girl was a little "flighty," and not quite

But that would wear off after marriage: and Lottle certainly was a fine girl, and Tom loved her; so the mother was quite content to let Tom have his own way.

Only now and then she would catch herhers, would not make Tom a more suitable pleasantly.

wife, and herself a more desirable daughter-in-law

What have I done to bring upon myself of your solemn lectures ?"

'If you love Tom, why do you encourage

match altogether.'

'Lottie, you're not in earnest ?" 'Indeed I am. I like Tom. He's handsomer than Archie Redmond, and richer,

money his father left him ; but some people but they were getting nucasy. would say that Mr. Redmond was a better One day toward sundown, when I 'Why, Lottle, if you think in this way you Mexican couple, who was bound for Sonora,

you and he would make a match." 'Well, it isn't impossible. Only he hasn't asked me yet.' 'But he will.'

Lottie laughed. 'Suppose he don't? Then I may have Archie Redmond to fall back upon. And sup. ges at bay, and lying in hiding until night pose I can't get Archie? Then there is Tom.' Tom Wheeler rose up slowly from the sofa, and walked softly from the room, out in-

to the yard and garden. 'So that is her game, is it? I would not Two strings to one bow ! Two stools to sit

upon, rather. Well, she'll come to the

everybody said-everybody but Tom Wheei. from them that day or the next. They just in the carryall with the Burtons, but of er. Strive as he would against it, he was walked around on eggs all the time, and consumed with jealousy and disappoint. butter wouldn't melt in their mouths. ment ; and his unhappiness was apparent to

> 'What's the matter with Tom Wheeler ? he said, after the latter turned away, after get away, but I made one excuse and anoth-

'He is not like himself to-day.' The enquiry was addressed to his cousin,

'Why, Mr. Redwond,' said she archly, you ers, and was in the habit of paying frequent ought to know if anyone does."

"1? What have I to do with it ?" 'What a look of injured innocence! But really you ought to be ashamed to firt so, larly anxious that her only son Tom, should and cut out poor Tom Wheeler, you naugh-

And Miss Triplett smilingly showed her She had seen enough of late to convince false teeth, and playfully tapped Mr. Redmond on the shoulder with her fan. 'Really, Miss Triplett, you speak in mysteries."

'You don't really mean to say that you did so sensible and sterling as she could wish. not know Tom Wheeler is as good as engaged to Lottie Steward ? Why it's been an understood fact for a year past.'

Redmond colored. He had admired Lottie, and been much struck with her pretty self wondering whether Alice Brown the face and sweet manners; and this news reniece of a neighbor and school friend of garding her had somebow affected him un-

'I never before heard of this,' he said gul-

bigger and bigger shares. I suppose I prom- not sorry when the tug towed us out to sea. 'Why, Allie, I'm not married to Tom yet, ised mor'n a bundred fortunes that winter. BEST MATERIAL, you stay and talk to me here while 1 eat?' and I don't know that I ever shall be. And, but something told me that if I hung on I representatives of all classes -laborers, me-

conferences together, speaking in low tones.

about ready to give up myself, a young worse for wear. They had been up in Colo

rado, and had started for home with a team and driver, but the Indians had got on their respectable man. trail, killed the driver and stolen the horses and wagon. The travelers managed to get

away while the driver was holding the savafall, they had worked their way on foot into camp. The young woman was one of the prettiest girls I ever saw. She was about sick abed when she arrived, but the next work to unearth the long-talked of gold . day she was around as chipper as anybody, and the boys were making themselves very

agreeable. Says I to myself : 'This is a special dispensation of Providence ; if I can keep the girl here for awhile, there will be no trouble about the boys; they will stay, too.' I never heard a word of grumbling

"I was a little afraid the greaser would

most lookers on. Even Mr. Archie Redmond get jealous and knife somebody, but then I hought if he does the rest of the boys will finish him, and then we will have the girl anyway. The Mexican seemed advious to giving an abrupt reply to a remark of his.-'He is not like himself to-day.' er for not helping him right away, and one morning he was missing. He had sloped ounces of small nuggets and dust. We during the ulght, leaving the girl to us.her husband had gone on to get horses and an escort, and that he had taken this course olaim began to give out. because he knew she would object to his go-

ing alone. This faint hope seemed to give to Melbourne to take some gold to the bank been shot down, one of them Wapping Bill. fell in with me, and it became the settled conviction about the camp that he would be back presently. She livened up some, and the boys made themselves very agreeable - place of starting I was surprised to see, When two weeks had gone by and nothing among the mounted troppers forming the had been heard of her husband, she insisted among the mounted troopers forming the on being taken home, and offered us any escort, my shock-headed voyager. 1 menamount of money, which she said her father would pay, if we would escort her over the in consequence we only sent half of the in-border. I began to fear that her husband tanded countily. The fallow avidential body of my would-be slayer, and from it was never coming back, and, to tell the truth, I had a still stronger suspicion of omething else; so I agreed to start with with our parcel he gave a malicious look her the next morning at sunrise, and told that beded me no good. The escort num our own to a place in the bush, where we we beard unearthip screams up one of the guiches a ways, and several of the boys ers, with a four-horse wagon, and they left dust-the result of many months of a bushing up with blanched faces to see what early in the morning for their destination. - ranger's life. As it was impossible to rethe matter was, found the little woman be- We gave them three ringing cheers at the side a new-made and very shallow grave, into which she had dug far enough to disboundaries of the camp, and wished them a into which she had dug far enough to dis-cover the body of her hushand. As the boys stood there aghast she sprang to ber feet quickly, and, drawing a revolver, sho two of them dead before any of us could find

"One sound and I'll blow your brains out,' he hissed. My chuin was a steady going young fellow, 'Resistance was useless, so I submitted,-

called Sandy -a Scotchman. We dug a He disarmed me, flung me to the ground shaft, hauled up the gold bearing earth, and and fastened my hands behind me with a washed it into a large box with plates full of cord he pulled from his pocket. He then holes. The water washed away the earth, went a few yards away to warp the rangers, leaving the gold in the form of nuggets and I suppose. I heard a ringing cheer, shots, dust on the plates. For a week or so we oaths, and the usual noise of a hand to-band found little or nothing, and my golden encounter. Giving a short and andden dreams began to wane. Then one morning wrench I got loose and rushed forward to Sandy gave a shout of joy, and hastily as see the result of the fight. Just as I adcending the shaft, I saw in the cradie sever vanced I heard two shots fired almost simulal nuggets of pure gold. I was half wad taneously, and a bullet just shaved my head. with delight, and for the rest of the day I I clapped my hand on my left ear. Heaven I worked with the energy of two men. Be- the lobe was shot away. Another inch and fore nightfall we had more than twenty I should have been killed.

"Rather a narrow shave, that,' said one stitched it up in small canyas bags, and hid of the troopers, coming forward. "I just The enquiry was addressed to his cousin, Well, she was pretty well cast down for it for safety in the floor of the tent. We saw the fellow drawing a bead on you when went on this way for months, then our I dropped him."

'I went forward and found the victory 'Just about this time a convoy was going had been ours. Three of the rangers had there. We therefore agreed to send some of Two were wounded, and lay on the ground, ours to be deposited in the bank and get whilst one had escaped. Judge Lynch soon notes in exchange. When we got to the settled the two prisoners.

'We recovered all our gold and made preparations for our return. We gave the dead a tasty burial, easing them, of course, of all tioned my distrust of him to my chum ; and valuables, etc. I found a pocketbook on the tended quantity. The fellow evidently gleaned a full account of the gang. From knew I distrusted him, for when I went up information therein contained Sandy and I bered about ten or fifteen well armed troop- found quite a collection of nuggets and store the treasure to its lawful owners we were obliged to keep it. We returned to gold. Some months later 1 left the diggings "The day following I went to Mat Darn's and returned home, married Mary, and setvoice. I threw up my hands and begged of "The day following I went to Mat Durn's and returned home, married Mary, and set-her to desist, and when some of the boys drinking-hut-a place frequented by the tied down here. I ought to add that I gave dust ; the majority were standing at the bat tlemen, is the story of the 'Lucky Shot.'

ter-in-law. That evening Tom Wheeler, coming up from the meadow, caught a distant view of Lottle and Alice in a lane leading to a pri-vate road which ran as a boundary line be-rate road which ran as a boundary line be-Alice was gathering flowers in the hedge, er must be altogether heartless.'

have believed it of her. 'Well, I don't wish to take you against ground for any support she will get out of your will,' he answered a little coldly. 'I me.' The picule was a very pleasant affair, as

sip and newsmonger of the neighborhood, took upon herself to reply :