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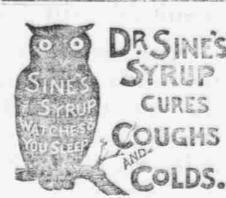
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John Comstock did not look at his little wife as he spoke, but stood with his back toward her, shaking the snow from his old gray hat and coat, for he well knew the shade of disappointment that was passing over her face,

4"Why, no, of course I'm not afraid," was the ready reply. "What should I be afrain of, and up here among the mountains in this honest little place? eve to-morrow night without you alland you know it will be the first time we havn't spent it together since we were married," she added, hesitatingly, with a slight tremor in her usually calm

John said nothing, but went to the was beginning to break away. The snow was now falling more gently, and in the East faint luminous streaks of sil ver gave signs of a perfect moonlight night. He turned with a brighter face, and spoke cheerfully :

"The storm is evidently about over, If nofmore snow falls the roads will be fair, and if we can get an early start in he morning Lithink we can manage to get back home before midnight - at least some time before Santa Claus comes down the chimney," he added, merrily -"but see here, little wife, I almost forgot the good news that I have to tell you, Parson Stanley settled that old account with me to-day-paid me every dollar and, interest besides, and here it is. Now go and put it in a safe place, and take good care of it till I get back. Next spring we'll put a face on this old log house that our neighbors won't recognize, Great guns! I'd like to know where all this cold air comes from !" broke off John, with a sudden change of subject. "Good evenin" good evenin'! I thought I'd walk right in without knockin', kind o' neighbor-like, yer know," and the somewhat startled pair looked to see their neighbor, Hiram Ottwood, standing in the

doorway. "Jiminy! man you might as well kill a fellow as to scare him to death," good naturedly exclaimed the honest host. springing up and placing a chair for his queer guest.

"Do tell ! did I skeer ver ? I thought

CIVIALE AGENCY, No. 174 Fullon Street, New York I made a great rumpus as I came onto the stoop," "We were busy talking and didn't Here, take my chair near the fire, I'm

> "O no, I'm not a bit cold. Just you keep your seat," he feebly murmured, dropping into the proffered chair nevertheless without any ado and spreading his rough, cold hands in the very blaze of the cheerful fire, "I tried to git wife to come over with me fer a little the childern to sleep and couldn't leave,"

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> the quick inquiry. early," replied the other, "and I can't plainly verified, for there in the bright get backstill real late to-morrow night, ' morrow noon, but I'll have Hanner look

arter things." "Is that so;" inquired the astonished John, for a trip to the distant village gleaming knife in his belt. was not an every-day event among those simple mountain dwellers.

"Yes, that's so, but if Mrs. Comstock feels at all skeered I'll have Hanner come over and stay all night with her. I saw two or three Injuns a-passin' down the road to-day, and mebbe you'd ruther not be alone, Mrs. Comstock," he said, addressing her as she now appeared.

"Indeed, I'm not the least bit timid," was the spirited reply. "There's not enough life left in one of those poor creatures to frighten a baby,"

"You're right. They wouldn't worry a muskeeter. But I must be a-goin' now." And, rising the awkward visitor drew an old faded scarf from his pocket and enveloped his head and neck in its folds. "Where be the boys tonight ?" he suddenly asked. "Oh, they have been abed an hour. They're going with me in the morning, you know," and poor, tired John tried not to look bored as the fellow still lingered. A good-night and took his departure, slamming the door as he went,

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How long had she slept? She could not tell, but she had awakened with a start, and was sitting up in bed in a half conscious state. She could not tell what had roused her, but she thought it must have been the striking of the clock, for it was just telling the hour of twelve with startling distinctness; yet there she sat motionless long after the last stroke died away in the oppressive stillness. The moonlight was shining through the curtains, casting an uncertain light over each object in the room. It seemed as if some mysterious presence had startled her. She listened with painful interest, her gaze fixed on the window opposite, and, as she looked the dark outline of the casement seemed to move upward. No, it could not be, It must have been caused by the strong wind that was blowing; yet, surely the wind could not move it in that direc-

She thought of the Indians that Hiram had seen that day; she thought of the hear you. Why how blue you look! money concealed under the foot of the bed, and then John's charge to her regoing into the other room for awhile," garding the danger signal flashed thro' and the kind-hearted hostess rose as she her mind. She sprang out of hed in an instant, but the next moment, to her dismay, she remembered that she had neglected to bring the dinner-horn into the house, and that it was then lying in its accustomed place in the woodshed. - 532-536 WASHINGTON ST., NEW YORK CITY. She would not venture out there for a kingdom. All her courage seemed to leave her. Noiselessly she went to the chat this evenin', but she was a-gittin', window to ascertain to a certainty that it was secure, and as she examined each and the wretched fellow's teeth fairly one in turn, she could distinctly hear chartered as he tried to keep up a show footsteps on the crackling snow, following her, and trying each window. Then "Im real glad you've come over. Hi- the steps seemed to retreat and a few ram, for I want to ask you to keep an moments later she heard the door-latch ing to fear from that direction, and taking advantage of the moment she timidly raised a corner of the curtain "To morrow morning, bright and looked out. Her fears were all too moonlight was the unmistakable figure "Well, I'm goin' down thar myself to- of a great, brawny Indian. She could clearly distinguish his swarthy features, and, as his blanket swayed to and fro in the wind she thought she detected a

She hastily dropped the curtain and once more listened with breathless anxiety. For a time all was still, then she beard a strange, rustling sound, and the next thing she realized was that a heavy body was creeping along the roof. Great heaven! what was the creature going to do! A noise near the chimney seemed to be her answer. Already he was coming down there, and taking in the situation at a glance, the courage and strength of desperation came to her. To rush in to the room, drag out the straw bed and fling it on the dying embers was the work of scarcely an instant. Then her eyes involuntarily followed the upward direction of the blaze, and there, thro' the thick smoke, she could plainly sea hanging in the chimney a dark form, which appeared to be struggling as if to extricate itself.

Wild with terror, and guided now by impulse only, she flew out of the house, reached the wood shed and grasping the horn she blew such loud, frantic notes few moments later he growled a sort of that they must have been heard for miles in the still, clear air. Then she started to run down the road, but every thing swam before her, her knees sank under her, and she knew no more. "Never mind; don't talk now," John

was saying to her when she came to herto hear me, do you? I'm so sorry he's self. "I'll tell you all about it if you'll going to be gone to-morrow, for I could promise to lie quite still and not ask any feel perfectly easy about you if he were questions. Santa Claus, alias the noble only going to be at home. I'll tell you red man, couldn't resist the temptation what I'll do; I'll stop at Mrs. Otwood's of trying to come down our chimney in the morning and tell her if any thing when everything was so nicely fixed up happens up here, or if you want her for his reception ; but he found it rather you'll blow the dinner-horn and let her a tight squeeze and got smothered pretty well by the smoke; but he dropped down "O, pshaw, John! what is going to at last, and Mrs. Otwood and I reached happen? You go and get your kind- the house just in time to prevent a thorlings ready for the morning, and dont ough roasting. He was very well done let me hear any more of this nonsense," on one side and just ready to turn when and she kissed the shade of anxiety off we came in. I felt a strong inclination his face and went into the little bedroom to give him a good basting, but conclud-Long before sunrise the simple house- And now the wily savage has been reed you needed my attention instead, stamp for sealed particulars. Address hold was astir, a hearty breakfast was duced to an oily one, and lies wrapped Dr. WARD & CO. Louisiana, Mo. eaten, and a half an hour later a wom- in bandages, over at Otwood's. I began's forlorn figure might have been ged the poor, heart-broken woman to seen standing alone in the road outside , take him in charge, for he bore such a the humble dwelling, in a listening atti- strong resemblance to Hiram that I tude, as the occasional sounds of beloy- thought he might turn out to be a longed voices came back to her on the still lost brother, or something of that kind, wintry air. Not until the last tones you know. By the way, I'm under the WANTED LADY represent in her own locality had died away did she turn and go into impression that as soon as the patient and good salary law race, if Barday St. N.Y. the house. It was not long before the recovers we shall lose our neighbors,

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-A man of principle-the banker.

-A joint canvas-that which covers

| Forced politeness-Bowing'to cir.

-Physic beats faith, cure, because it.

has the inside track, -A cry for quarter-that raised by the sleepin-carg porter.

-A recent comfe song is entitled Somp -because it comes in bars. -"Some men are born great" Yes, but gracious! how some of them do

shrink. -A restaurant keeper can make both ends meet by serving calf's head and or.

-An Indian idol has been discovered in the west. It is a petrified, whisky

bottle with the sork out, -The Roman Empire declined and fell. In this respect it differs from man,

If he declines, he won't fall, -When Brown gets his salary he july what he owes his land-lady to one side,

He has christened it his board pile. -It is in pocket-picking about the same as ir every thing, else. A man never succeeds untill be getales hand in.

-1 // said that every dog has his day; but this cardot be so, for everyone knows there are more than 385 days in

-A young bely in Illinois is usmed Sucr boss, but regently she got awfully most technice at managative new Soons for shor.

...It is reported that Waggins learned to be a prophet by guessing what his wife would say when he came to me late at night.

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