

BY THE FIRESIDE.

I care not how, in reckless rout, The rude winds blow the leaves about...

"TIMID SIMS."

"Timid Sims," as he was called, was held in very inferior repute among the boys down at Texas Bar...

Sims had one merit. He was an indefatigable prospector, and at last struck gravel diggings on Bixel's Flat...

It was about eleven o'clock. Sims and his co-operative straggler had put through their last run of twenty-five buckets...

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fifty yards from the shore, and the Stanislaus at this point was not more than double that distance in width. Here the waters, suddenly narrowed to this compass betwixt rocky walls...

Sims was always picking up the waifs, stragglers and castaways drifting about the country. His house and scanty larder were ever open to them. He took them as partners, and trusted them as freely as though they had come burdened with trunks full of indorsements and testimonials of good character...

"You'll get your throat cut one of these nights by some of these chaps you're always picking up," was the rough and condescending advice of Jim Freemantle to Sims...

It was another man who passed through the crowd, another being who had, as it were, suddenly risen up and usurped the body of Timid Sims. Jim Freemantle walked hastily a little ahead of the rest...

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"No, don't go," said one among the crowd; "it's certain death!" "I will!" said Sims. "No, you won't—not if I can help it," said Jim Freemantle...

There was a murmur of assent from the bystanders. Sims turned away and walked toward his cabin. When again he emerged, it was with a cocked six-shooter in his hand. He came straight toward the group and spoke: "You say you will stop me from swimming off to the Black Rock. I do not intend that you shall..."

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Before the evening dance at the bride's new home comes the supper. When the company rise from the table the bride keeps her seat, and some one asks with great dignity: "Why does madame wait? Is she so soon in bad grace?"

"I'll swim off and take a line to him," at last said Sims.

B. & O. RECEIVERS.

Appointed on Motion of the Company's Attorneys.

MESSRS. COWEN & MURRAY

Named, President and Vice-President, Respectively of the Embarrassed Corporation.

Hugh L. Bond, general attorney of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, filed a petition before Judge Morris and Goff, Saturday evening at Baltimore, Md., for the appointment of receivers for the company...

The purpose of filing the petition before Judge Goff in conjunction with Judge Morris was to make the appointment cover the three States of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, Judge Goff's jurisdiction as a member of the circuit bench extending over these three States...

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ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Stephen Salisbury, of Worcester, Mass., has given \$200,000 with which to build a museum of the arts in that city. President Faure is said to be exceedingly simple in his habits. At home he lives in the most unpretentious style...

Arzene II-ussaye, who recently died in France, enjoyed wit as much as the average French literary man. He became the warm friend of one Charles Moussier, who, coming to Paris unknown, wrote to Housaye himself, saying all would go well if he could get a letter of introduction to Housaye...

Queen Margaret, of the Muna Islands in the South Pacific is dead. Of course this is of little importance outside her own small territory, but the event has an interest of its own. She was the granddaughter of Francis Young, an English sailor, who landed on the Island of Tau, fifty years ago, and married the Queen. In 1891, through the death of all the heirs apparent, Margaret was called upon to rule, when she was 19 years old...

John R. Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., shot by lawyer W. M. Pardue in a quarrel. John R. Jones, President of the Memphis (Tenn.) National Bank, was mortally wounded and his son Nat, dangerously hurt in a shooting affray. The elder Jones died at 8 o'clock. The father and son left the bank to go to dinner. On the street they met W. M. Pardue, an attorney, and a man named Scarborough. There had been a feud of long-standing between Pardue and Jones and not ten words passed before the shooting began...

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"Beverly, did you make that match between Jack and Kitty?" "Not much; I never encourage young people to marry; they always expect me to give them a present."—Chicago Record.

Why Not. It is said that if we take care of little things, the big things will take care of themselves. But why can't we be always prepared for many of our little troubles. What's the use of suffering days and weeks, when in ten minutes we can get rid of the pain. A sudden attack of backache, toothache, or neuralgia headache, finds the most of us without anything at hand, while St. Jacobs Oil would cure and put an end to the trouble promptly.

Arguing with a fool shows that there are two.

Spring Medicine

Your blood in Spring is almost certain to be full of impurities—the accumulation of the winter months. Bad ventilation of sleeping rooms, impure air in dwellings, factories and shops, overeating, heavy, improper foods, failure of the kidneys and liver properly to do extra work thus thrust upon them, are the prime causes of this condition. It is of the utmost importance that you

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