

GRASSVALE.

Grassvale lay hidden in the hills in idolemt repose. It lay there, like a snowflake, in the bosom of a rose. Against the mountains on the East, the East winds vainly pressed, And the mountains stopped the fury of the storm-burst from the West.

LOST IN THE SWAMP.

BY H. H. LEWIS.

"Halt thar!" At the startling command, delivered in a voice harsh and pre-emptory, I stopped and peered uneasily into the semi-obscurity ahead.

tangled in the swamp. The more I tried to extricate myself the deeper I got and at last given up in despair, sat down on an old rotten log to think it over.

first I had the upper hand, then my adversary, with almost superhuman power, wrosted himself free and grasped me around the neck with a death-grip.

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