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ing ever a ridge in the plats, and approaching tapidly, a considerable body of mount-

"They're coming-a band of red-skine-directly toward us!" he gasped. "I'm los Fig. Miriam, while you have the time!" "I'm lost!

The maiden took the glass and gozed thro The mattern took the approaching for. A it an instant at the approaching for. A strange light appeared in her eyes.--a light reseased only by those upon whom God strange light appeared in her eyes—a light possessed only by those upon whom Ged has bestowed a consciourness of His great protection—the light of a beroism which death itself cannot master. ...Sure enough." she murmered. ...They are coming! The leader is Reil Kalle. Go, neighbor Thompson—on the instant? ...We can ride together?" cried Thompson. ...Not The horse is tired. We have been to Willow Island. We should be overtaken before what enougher?"

to Willow Island. We should be overtaken befare we had gene two miles?" "Then we'll die together?" "Nol Bol You must monor!" With a gravp so sudden and firm that it startlad him, the maiden pushed bim to-wards the horse, and in an other instant he found bimself, more by instinct than by thought, seated in the saddle. "Away, Selien!" cried Miliam to her steed, with an imperative gesture.---"Away!"

'Away !" The box

borse broke inclously over the plain. giving Thompson only time enough to flash a look of gratitude towards the maiden, as

a look of gratitude towards the mailien, as he dashed away to the northeast, towards this snenaced home. A moment later, Mr. Dane looked over his shoulder- took at a glance the situation of affairs, recognizing the peril as well as the heroism of his child—bowed his head solemnly, as one submits to the inevitable, in approbation of her conduct, and then he weart on to the recome of his wife. his soul wept on to the resons of his wife, his a torn by such emotions as are seldom brought to battle together.

to battle logether. And Miriam, throwing herself flat upon the ground, remained sione upon the pinin, in the very path of a score of mounted Indi-ans, who were galloping towards her with the swittness of the wind!

CHAPTER II.

A CURIOUS AND STARTLING MUSTURY.

Skirting the Biack Hills, forty miles weat of Fort Laramie, a party of horsemen were

before, taking the conte of the North Pister, and were now following the Oregon emi-grant to d, among those long fidges, dry beds of rivers, and sterile plains. by which the region of the black Hills is distinguished.

The bulk of the party consisted of ten caralrymen, under a lieutenant, who were

catalrymen, under a lient-nant, who were returning to Fort Laramie, their post of duty. They were well mounted, and had several led horses in their train, loaded with provisions and appuriences of travel. The balance of the party comprised three civilians, who had seized the opportunity of graving the mountains water unitiary second. Two of these were emigrants who had three of the streat solution as had frightened by the Indiane, and were now returning -astward in search of homes neater

the banuis of civil zation. The third civillian was Habert Earls, the lover of Miriam Dane, the actiler's daughter, whom we have just left in such deadly peril.

He was a splendid specimen of American

He was a splendid specimen of American manhood, magnificently formed broad-should red, deep-enested, as vigorens as an atulets, and rade his horse, a flerg Mexican steed, with the grace and easend a Centaer. At the moment of his introduction to the teasler, he was riding in the trar of the lit-tic train, busy with his own reflections, which were evidently as bright as the mon-ing itself-the foremon preceding the events we have encouled. we have recorded.

We have recorded. His thoughts were wrapt in the sweet memory of Miriam, who had wept so bitter-ly at his departure, and who, be expected, would smile so joyously at his return. "The dear little soul?" he muranized them.

"The dear little soul?" he moraured stond, "Where is she now?" His eyes datkened with tender sweetness,

His eves darkened with tender sweetnes, his tips quivered with the inclusion low-that-floader his being with a happiness akin to pain. He pictured their meeting, the pretty home they would share together, the years they would spend in each other's society the tender mutual love and care that would blow all their coming days. that would bless all their coming days.

left her a boor advinturer, to ek his fortune among the mines of Idaho. hunters; but at length began to shuff the his clear, ringing voice. "Who spacks deat

air uneasily, to shake their heads, and to look for the cause of their approximation. A moment later they had behead the ene-my, and, with frightful bellowings and mighty tramp, had begin their wild, mad flight to the southward. The chase was a long one; and it was not till be house had cong one; and it was

not till the husters had thin the black got a a spur of the Black Hills that they got a good chance at them. They then brought down several plump young buffsloes, and Sinner specifity because the watchword. "It is noon, and we'll have dinner," raid the itentenant, observing that the baggage mimils with their driven were approaching, "Kindle a fire, boys, and we'll have steaks and rousts in abundance." While the order was have available in the

and roasts in abundance." While this order was being carried into effect, Hubert and several others were en-gaged in surveying the scene. "A lonely and decolate spot." said Hn-bert, thoughtfully. "It looks as if man had never before visited it." "And ne wonder," returned Brydges, "since it's five miles off the route. What could say man want here unless he might

could any man want here, unless he might be in pursuit of buffsloes!"

There being no answer to this question, Hubert proceed d to find an excellent graz-ing spot for his horse, settered him, and fung timesif on the ground in the state timself on the ground in the shadow e hill. The lientenant and a portion of of the bill. the men followed his example. Pleaty of low bushes were found dry

enough to nurn, and several fires were soon kindled. The choicest portions of the buffaloes were readily prepared for cooking, and it was not long before the oder of ourning firsh was diffused on the un; four or five hangry soldiers serving as cooks. It was a wild picnic scene on those lonely

wilds, and every man there enjoyed it with true gipsy zest. Suddenty a shout from one of the men who

Subsenty a short from one of the mea who were strolling around, arrested the atten-tion of the others. "Halto, boys!" he cried. I'm hiest if here isn't a cave in the bill! Com-, see the hole under these bushes You never saw any-thing hidden neater in your lives." "Jones thinks mubody ever saw a cave here.

Jones thinks subody ever saw a cave before," said one of the loungers. "For my part, I think more of something to eat, than of a hole in the ground.

This sentiment was echord by the others, but the inquisitive cave discoverer, nothing daunted, approach the lire, took from it a torch, returned to the butte, parted the onshes, revealing a dark aperture in the face of the rock, and disappeared within it, his light civing back a yellow giars for a sec-oud after he had consed to be seen. The camp reverly wont on, the cooking

progressed, the minutes passed, and Jours did not reapper. "It that fellow had found a gold mine in

there he wouldn't call one of us," growled the lounger who had before moken. "I wonder what Jones has found. I'll jest take a book, as dinner isn't teniy."

wonder what Jones has found. I'll jest take a look, as dinner isn't tendy." He arcae lazily, abstracted a stick of burn-ing wood for a torch, proceeded to the tay-ern entrance, and disappeared from view. "Probably," said Hubert, "there's a large cavern under that bill. If we had there, it night pay to explore it. Under the present direumstances, I an like Brown, and prefer my diment to scientific explorations." my dinner to scientific explorations." The meal avenued to be nearly ready, for the rathing of tin cops, and dishes began to

be heard; the lietenant's small camp-clust was unpacked, and the cooks shouled to las strollers to come to dipper.

"Have Jones and Brown come back ?" asked the lientenant, as he rose to a sliting po-sition, and glanced towards the cavera.

The men replied in the negative. Go after them then, King, and burry them up," said the officer. "We must re-sume the march after dinner, and cannot niford to waste time here.

King, a fine young soldier, took up a torch, and entered the cave. The dinner was dealt ont- hot savery steaks and roasts -the coff-a measured, and the meal comm-need, but none of the men

who had entered the cave made their appearance! "How singular!" ejaculated Brydges, tes. "How singular!" ejaculated Brydges, tes. "Ily and impatiently. "What can keep those men? King has been gone ten minutes. Here, Sergeant Halsey, hurry those men

up! The surgeant, a brown, strong man of middlu age, hesitated, and ventured to stam-

mer:

"I beg your pardon, Lieutenant, but I ing a Central Bureau Emigration Society. think there's something wrong inside the cave. There's three men in there-all hun-

for the money!" The effer was tempting, but is was not ac-cepted. Not a word of reply was made to

Habert hesitated, giving a brief thousand digit to the southward. The chose was a long one; and it was His face then glowed with a heroid light, not till the husters had run the buffatoes upon and he said in tones that did not falter:

"I will go in search of the men. Lieuton-ant Brydges. Only, your party is now small, and if I do not return in twenty min-

ates you may resome your journey." "But, Earle," expositionated the lienten-ant, "this is positive madness. You must not risk your life. We will wait a while, and if the mea do not return, we will move on " on

"They may need help," replied Hubert, steadily. "They have encountered--well, God knows what, I can't imagine. If I fire my rifle, come to me. If I fail to return within the time appointed, move on!"

He went to the nearest fire, picked up a blazing stick, arranged his rifle for instant use, approached the mouth of the cave, per-ed into it cantiously, and listened intently for some sound of life within. No sound came. All was still as death within the case.

within the cavern. The next instant Hubert had vanished

therein.

All was now breathless suspense. The lieuterant and his men gathered around to listen for the report of the rifle. around to listen for the report of the third The minutes passed, but it came not. Five minutes dragged by ten-fifteen, and still no sound reached their cars. They could no sound reached their cars. They could light of their own torches, but nothing but

rocky wails and floor met their gaze. Twenty minutes were that passed. The time was up, and Hubert had not returned. The men looked at one another with pal lad faces. As if turned to stone, they stood an awe-stricken group about the cavern's mouth, nutil the minutes had more than made up an hour-and still they lingered. During this time they had cleared away the bashes from the month of the cave. had tried again and again to peer into the dark depths of the opening, but could not. The lieutenant had called repeatedly to Hubert, but received no answer. At length he proposed to the a tope around his waist and decend into the sinister abyss, but

his men o'jected unanimously, "Wha?'s the use?" asked one. "There's comething here that no mortal man can conquer.

"We can't risk your life, Hentenant." said another. "Just think how few there are of us." The time con lined to drag on.

At last when two full bears had passed. Lient. Brydges staggered to his feet, and said: "This is horrible-terrible beyond ex-

This is horrise - terrise beyond ex-pression! We have lost four of our comrads and this noble young stranger, whom I jav-ed as a brother. This featful cave must hold the score of their fate, be it what it may. Let as go." Without a word, but with white faces-

in a sort of muto terror, the men mounted their borses and resumed their journey. The above is all of this story that will be published in or restances. The continue-tion of it from where it leaves off here can be found only in the New York Ledger, which is for sale at all the bookstoles and which is for such at all the bookstoles and news, depoits. Ask, for the number dated April 10, 1860, and in it you, will find the continuation of this heatuitist take. The Ledger is mailed to subscribers at three dollars a year. The publication of Rev. Dr. Tyog's great story, which has been written expressly for the Lodger, is just commenced in the Ledger, so that our readers will get the whole of these two stories in it. The Ledger has the best stories of any paper in the would; and Henry Ward Beecher. James Parton and Fanny Fera, have arti-cles in every number. cles in every number.

THE NEWS.

Ton ladies graduated from the New York Medica: College for Women on Tuesday.

An Israelite named Hersch, committed suicide Wednesday morning by hanging bimself in a Hebrew Synagoyne in Balti-

An Irish National Convention is to be called in New York, for the purpose of formPetroleum Centre Daily Record. Pet. Centre, Friday, March 26.

Time of Closing Mails.

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THE Franklin Spectator surst. The new well of Gugenheim & Co., is now testing Owing to the great volume of water to he exhausted, the yield of oll, so far, fa only a barrel par day. When the water d flenity i is overcome, the well will probably yield two barrels.

The new well loard by S nor and Farles. opposite Venacio Mills, some six weeks ago, is steadily yleiding about twenty hafrels per week of the hest intricating oil .--The same parties are sinking another well on the same territory. The land belongs to Mr. J. A. Dewar, who is also sinking a well on the lock section, near his bills. He has a good show of oil now, and will complete the well in a few days.

Franklin oil sells readily for a large advance over the light oils of the region, and it is the best-natural hibricator for the world.

A LARGE and appreciative audience wit nessed the performance of the .- Rag Picker of Paris," List evening. In the character of Futher Jean in this drams Mr. Eddy has few if any equals, and the acting of Miss Henrisita Irviaz, who took the character of Marie in the same drama, was excellent -In the afterpiece, entitled the "Irish Lion." Mr. Eddy as Tom Moore, and Miss Irving as Cerules Fitzgig, kept the andience in a perfect convolsion of laughten. To night Mr Eddy appears as King Richard, and Miss Irving as Queen El'asheth, in the Shakspearian drama of Richard . III. Mr. Eddy makes a speciality of this chatacter. having played it in all the leading theatres of the United States, everywhere meeting with the bighest encounterns of the press and public. Our citizens should not fail to be present. To-morrow evening will be positively the last appearance of the company on which occasion a benefit has been tendered to Mr. Eddy, who will appear in

Suean." Kansas has a population of about 400,060.

Gen. Slocum, in his lecture on the "Milltary lessons of the War," tells the following story in reference to the battle of Bull Run;

"The influence of our officers over their men, and the state of discipline, is best illustrated by an incident which occurred on the field in the heat of the battle. An officer, who has since become very prominer . and well known throughout the country. was then in command of a brigade on the right of our line. While riding over the field, he discovered a soldier concealed in a hole in the ground which was of just suffic. tent dimensions to afford him shelter. The General sode up to him, inquired as to his regiment, and ordered him to join it at once. The man, looking him full in the face, placed his thumb upon his nose, and replied: "No your don't, old fellow, you want this hole yourself."....

Judgin's from the evidence of those who assisted in the capturo and killing of the convicts who escaped from Sing Sing prison an escaped convict is regarded as fair game for the best shot in that State. It is stated that O'Niel had surrendered bimself into the hands of some citizens, when one of the pursuers, a keeper, commanded him to ap. proach him. The convict walked toward his keeper, when the latter coolly shot him down, attering an oath as he fired Would It not be advisible to institute target exercise in Sing Sing, in order to enable keep. ers to "wing" a man instead of killing him outright?

In Loch Lomond, Scotland, there is ra istan'i which for many years was used as a retreat for persons of both sexes of the higheffant middle classes, who "repaired to it voluntarily or compelled by their relatives, to show the would be to avoid the temptstions to drink ng, which they found mesitible in sterety, ar on other prejexts-These rections to feed out the cottages of the I testers, and lived together on the plan of a bourding house. Wives were frequently sout thither by their bushands. The island was used for this purpose up to the year li-10. It is now know a se Deer Island.

A negro man, sgoil about eighty years recently preived in San Francisco from New York, visiting the former city for the pa pose of rec'aiming and taking possession of eight hundred acres thereof, which he cluims to to his own. He says that he lived where San Francisco now stands some thirty-five years ago, at which time be received a grant from the Mexicon Government for eight hundred acres of the proinsula, but the barren charter of the soil was such that he did not value it very highly.

The proprietors of the plate gins works in a Massachusetts town are experimenting for use in table tops, mantels, &c., with a new article assembling porcelain, made from cryolitic, a mineral fetched from Greenland. whose name the manufactured article will take. They are also turning glass to the novel use of mould boards for plought, fr certain western prairie lands w use soil is very destructive to from

Col. Totten has decided, after a series of tidal observations, taken at Panama and As pinwait bay, and couns ted by scanateletels along the line of milroad, that the mean hi, ht of the Atlantic and Paciffo oreans is exactly the same. Owing to the difference in the rise of tide of both places, there are, of course, times when one ocean is highsix different characters in the great dramans er or lower than the other; but their mean of "Nick of the Woods" and "Black-Eyed level, that is their height at balf tide, is now proved to be identical.

The latest in velocipedes is a single which It has six hundred miles of railroad in ed aff.h - a monocycle, to follow analogy. very in that city. The wheel is twelve lers are published in the State ten daily and in diameter, and with a double set of spikes fifty weekly newspapers. The State has a and two tires, propelled by the rider, why debt of one million dollars, and under the hungs below the center of gravity and workt THERE is to be a grand concert given in the M. E. Church at this place, on Monday evening, April ht by Prof. Niskern and his singing class. The Prof. has worked hard to learn his pupits the art of music, and our citizens should see to it that the church is crowded on that evening, as a rare musical treat is in store for them.

Reck his fortune among the mines of Idaho. He was returning to be a more than mode bis observed with bills of exchange in bis observed with bills of exchange in support them both in luxury as long as they wigh, live. It was not to be wondered at that his the superved with bills of exchange in a support them both in luxury as long as they wigh, live. It was not to be wondered at that his the superved with bills of exchange in the support them both in luxury as long as they wigh, live. It was not to be wondered at that his the superved with bills of exchange in the support the superved with beasts. or some strange kind of gas that smothers 'en, er--'' "Nonsense, Sergeant!" interrupted the

thoughts were pleasant. Suddenly he was aroused from his trance. Hentenant, frowning. ... I give

Concluding around him quickly, he beheld the cause of the unusual excitement. To the southward, at no great distance, a small herd of haffalo was grazing fazily, seaming, y not at all alarmed by the hear presence of a formid the enemy.

horses were fresh, and, as he looked at the mapling game, Habert felt the spirit of the

Giving row strong within him. Giving refn to his horse, he galloped along the line to speak to the licutenant, but was met half way to that officer, whose spark-ling gyrs and eager demeasor attested to a kindling of Nimrod-like zeal.

"What do you say to an hour's sport, Mr.

en l'allere

"Nonsense, Sergeant!" interrupted the

The words of the sergeant had made deep impression on the minds of his hearers. A general gloom felt upon the camp, and the men cast frequent and fearful glances in the differences. the direction of the cavern Even the lieu-tenant and Hubert felt a strange depression orecping over them, which neither could re-

"What can be the matter?" at length demanded the officer. "The sergeant's in trouble, I should judge, by his long absence

jown upon his friend, for Harbert was a de-cided tavorite with every member of the party. A think it would be a downright shame to three our backs on such sciendid game." was the quick response. Who could eat a anner of sait pork, with those fat build loss.

The Boatenant smilled, glanced up and faces being inc. reading eager longing in the faces of the new, and r solved to carry out b some and the general desire. Theco was a general shrinking back -the complete and total drappearance from the complete and total drappearance from the series and how and how the series of fallen his controles.

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A Buenos Avres letter states that it is reported Lopez has ceded Paraguay to the U. S.

St. Nicholas Hall. Sara Cga. N. Y. wr burned Wednesday morning. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, insured. Van Duesen's dry goods store was damaged to the amount of \$10,000, and was fully insured.

Oregon papers report smoke issuing from Mounts Hood, Jefferson and Three Sisters, It is apprehended that earthquakes will follow.

An affray took place in Mrs. Allin's boarding house, at Jacksonville, Ill., Tnesday night, in which, a mun named Harm shot another named Onstead, fatally injuring tim. Harm is in custody.

Sixty-six vessels are now en route to Great Britain, from San Erancisco, with cargoes aggregating 1,700,000 sacks of wheat. Also eight vessels for domestic Atlantic ports for Rio Janeirs, with 51,000 thousand barrels of flour. California wheat and flour now attoat for China and other countries aggregates 2.300,000 sucks. The wheat is valued at \$4,000.000.

The parks created in Chicago by the recent vote will embrace 2,000 acres.

Hill & Hubbard's lumber yard at Norwalk, Conn., was burned Monday morning, with Themaffiless relevant the contents of a loss of between \$50,000 and \$60,000, on means only files, the word f voring the dist toffats in gold." exclaimed Habert, in

active operation, and the best system of it is invented by a man in Springfield, and roads projected and under construction en. " now in process of construction at a cat larjoyed by any Sinte in the Union. There

Constitution, this debt cannot be increased as in a tread-mill. beyond that amount without a direct vote of the people.

WE were favored with a call yesterday from Mr. H. W. Maynard, the gentlemanly husiness manager of the McKean Buchanan Dramatic Troupe, who are to open in this place for a three nights engagement, April 5th, 6th and 7th. The company is a firstclass one, and will no doubt draw crowded houses during their stay here.

THERE is to be a grand rafile for a watch at the New Bowling Alley to-morrow night. Chances, \$2,00 cach. No. of chances, 40. with 166,000 sacks of wheat, and ten vessels Holdess of changes are requested to be in attendance. 11. 1

f A MAN named Alexander Coxtfin, at work on the well on Lease No. 24, Tailman Farm, Upper Cherry Run, was fatally suffocated by gas arising from a tank partly filled with oil, on Thursday.

Tus streets of our town are in a fearful condition. . They are mud, muddy, muddier, muddiest, &c., &o.

down on the B ill Ran territory at present. anklo.

STATES STATES STATES

A dispatch from Deaver reports that nearis six bundled pounds of silver were shipped by the Brown Silver Mining Comrany, of Georgetown, being the result of twenty-nine tons of our.

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On account of to-day being Good Friday, there has been no foreign market reported over the wires.

Tus lumber trade is quife brick at preent, large quantities being sold to parties who intend putting down wells, for derricks, engine houses, &c.

A man was struck by a locomotive :1 Knockville, Topno- the other day, josed fifteen feet in the sir, and neatly caught co Quive a number of new wells are going top of the engine, with only a sprain of an 1.15 1.10