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A True Story of [illegible]

BY [illegible]

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About four months after this affair, in company with an adventurous friend, I was traversing Western Texas. Our objects were to see the country, and amuse ourselves in hunting for a time. In this district we found well adapted for every sport—as for bear-hunting, deer-hunting, buffalo-hunting &c. Either of these animals is to be found in great abundance and of course pursued to great advantage in peculiar regions; and as we were anxious to make ourselves familiar with all the modes of life in the country, we made it a point in passing through to stop wherever the promise of anything especially interesting offered itself. Prairies, timber and water were better distributed in Shelby, than any county we had passed through—the timber predominating over the prairie though interlaid by it in every direction.— This diversity of surface attracted a greater variety and quantity of game, and so afforded more perfect facilities to the sportsman. Indeed it struck us as a perfect Hunter's Paradise; and my friend happening to remember a man of some wealth, who had moved from his native county and settled as he had understood, in Shelby, we inquired for him, and very readily found him.

Whatever else may be said or thought of the Texans, they are unquestionably most generously hospitable. We were frankly and kindly received, and horses servants, guns, dogs, and whatever else was necessary to ensure our enjoyment of the sports of the country as well as the time of our host himself, were forthwith at our disposal, and we were soon, to our hearts content, engaged in every character of exciting chase.

One day we had all turned out for a deer drive. This hunt, in which dogs are used for driving the game out of the timber, scattered the hunters very much: they are stationed at the different "stands," which are sometimes miles apart, to watch for the deer passing out; for this reason the party seldom gets together again until night.— We divided in the morning, and skirted up opposite sides of a wide belt of bottom timber, while the "drivers" and dogs penetrated it, to rouse the deer, which ran out on either side by the stands, which were known to the hunters. We were unusually suc- [illegible]

[illegible]

"It was too far off for me to tell. I followed in the direction the horse took, [illegible] and myself here, and expected to find it here, too?"

"No! Stoner's is beyond here," said the Squire. "That wagon trail you were turning and twisting about in, is a road I had opened to a number of board trees, we cut and rived out there; you might have followed it for hours and not been more than a mile or so from the place you started from. That ghost of yours, by-the-way, may be some crazy fellow, who has wandered off into these parts, with mischief in him! Did you hear no gun?"

"I thought I did—about an hour after parting with that man, or devil—or whatever he was—but the sound was so faint and distant, that for fear I might be mistaken, I did not go to it; and the road had turned so frequently, I could not tell whether it was in the direction he went off or not."

[illegible]

But one of their number never reached [illegible]. Being missed the two days, there was a general turn out to look for him; and [illegible] his body was found torn to pieces by the wolves [illegible] he too was shot through the back [illegible]

[illegible] singular circumstance [illegible] created great sensation. Hinch and his [illegible] direction [illegible] as they called them. One poor [illegible] fell with the [illegible] and cut down [illegible] times [illegible] and they left him with barely a spark of life.

That evening, as they were returning to their headquarters at the store, [illegible] named White [illegible] creature, which had [illegible] accidentally [illegible] its place a mile back,—that he would [illegible] by the time they should be ready to commence the spree they had determined on going that night. He left them and never returned. They soon got drunk and did not particularly notice his absence until some time the next day, when his family, alarmed by the return of his horse with an empty saddle, sent to inquire after him. This sort of inquiry had come to be so significant of late, that they were instantly sobered, and mounting, rode back on their trail. Very soon a swarm of buzzards and wolves, near a line of thicket ahead, designated the whereabouts of the object of their search; and there they found his fleshless bones scattered on every side. They were appalled. The reddest bloated cheek among [illegible]

[illegible] had glutted themselves [illegible]

When Hinch heard this, he turned [illegible]

[illegible] for examination, and this fact had not been before observed. Of course, every body was satisfied now that this terrible being in one way or another was identified with Jack Long; for the notoriety of his favorite mark and his matchless skill instantly occurred to all, as accounting for much that was unaccountable in these occurrences. This produced a great change in public feeling. The better sort began to conceive that they understood the whole matter. The lynching Jack had received was fresh in their memories, and they supposed that its severity had shaken his mental balance and made him a monomaniac, and that the disease had [illegible]

[illegible] with his head out of the cover to curse the boy for his careless[illegible], and at that moment a rifle was discharged. He fell back dead—*shot through the eye!* The boy said that his master suddenly cut short his oaths, and exclaimed, "There he is!"—at the moment the gun fired. He saw a tall man with a [illegible] breast and dressed in skins, walking through the brush with his rifle on his shoulder.

The next man, named Garret about two weeks after this got up one morning about [illegible] his shirt sleeves [illegible] the door and threw it open to [illegible] fresh air [illegible] then rubbing his eyes [illegible] being about half asleep; and [illegible] open, there stood the gaunt [illegible] beside a tree in the yard—the [illegible] rifle [illegible] —but it was his last look! The ball went crashing through his brain. [illegible] is said to have told one of his friends that he never in a single instance saw one of these men fall [illegible] was certain the man saw and recognized him fully.

All were gone now but Hinch and the two youngest men of the party, Williams and Davis. The two latter were permitted to escape. Whether it was from relenting [illegible] part of the dread avenger,—or that he had observed some trifling thing in their demeanor on the occasion of the outrage he was thus punishing, which recommended them to his mercy, now that his resentment had so deeply drunk of the bitter delight of atonement,—or that in his anxiety to secure Hinch, he confined his efforts and watchfulness to him alone—I do not know. They made a forced and secret sale of their property, and cleared out during the night. But it was for Hinch he had with passionless calculation reserved the most inconceivable tortures. He had passed him by all this time, while one after the other he struck down the tools and companions of his crimes. He doomed him to see them falling around him with the certain knowledge that the avenging hate which slew [illegible] burned with ten fold intensity for his [illegible] that it must and would have it! But when would the claim be made? Should he be the next one? No! But then each [illegible] death [illegible] their number [illegible] of hope, and realized to him that [illegible] fate was [illegible] fixed [illegible] narrowed—slowly, steadily closing in about him! [illegible] could call an hour his own? When would he be [illegible] One by one [illegible] men had all gone down before that [illegible]—*every one of them shot through the eye!*—Good Heaven! [illegible]

[illegible]

Hinch reached the bank of the Red river [illegible] threw himself upon the grass to wait for a steamboat. In two hours he heard one puffing down the stream and saw the white [illegible] of steam curling up behind the [illegible] His heart bounded! Freedom [illegible] lips. He signalled the vessel; she rounded to and lowered her yawl. His pulse bounded high and he gazed with [illegible] eagerness at the crew as they pulled briskly towards the shore.— A click—behind him! *He turned with a shudder,* [illegible] upon him—those cold eyes dwelt [illegible] upon him for a moment—and crash! all was forever blackness to Hinch the Regulator! The men who witnessed this singular scene landed, and found him *shot through the eye!* and saw the murderer galloping swiftly away over the plain stretching out from the top of the bank! And so the vengeance was consummated, and the [illegible] had wiped out with [illegible] stripes on his free limbs; and could now do, what I was told he had never done since the night of those fatal and fatally expiated stripes, look his wife again in the eyes, and receive her [illegible] to rest again upon his breast.

It was a terrible deed. In view of all its circumstances, the provocation, the character of Long, the [illegible] influence of the outrage upon his brain, [illegible] appeared—the [illegible] uncertainty as to the judgment which should be passed upon it. He did not [illegible] in Shelby county; but in what direction he had gone [illegible] after returning to Arkansas for his wife and children, [illegible] and it is likely [illegible] two chubby boys who rolled with him about the floor of his [illegible] cabin on that memorable night of which I have above simply related, the events and [illegible] will some of these days come to Washington from Congressional Districts beyond the Rocky Mountains.

RESPECT FOR PARENTS.—If children could realize but a small portion of the anxiety their parents feel on their account, they would pay far greater respect to the parental wishes. A good child, and one in whom confidence can be placed, is the one who does not allow himself to disobey his parents, nor to do anything when his parents are absent, that he has [illegible] to believe they would disapprove were they present. [illegible] advice of a parent is often engraven on the heart of a child [illegible] in the hour of temptation the thought of a parent [illegible] salvation of the child, though the parent may be sleeping in the grave, [illegible] tempted child. A small [illegible] parent's likeness would [illegible] talisman for good. A [illegible] the picture of his father always in his bosom; and on any particular occasion he would look upon it and say:—"Let me do nothing unbecoming so excellent a father."— Such respect for a father or a mother, is one of the best traits in the character of a son or a daughter. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, is the first commandment with promise," says the sacred book, and happy is the child who acts accordingly.

FACETIOUS.—There has lately been in New York a good deal of denunciation of Sunday traveling, and the Eve. Post wants to know if they won't soon prohibit apple sauce and new cider from working on Sunday. "My conscience!"

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Arrival of the Steamers Oregon & California.

Frightful Shipwreck.

Caravans leaving San Francisco daily for the Mines—The Alcaldes displaced and the city Americanized—Great difficulty in transportation to the Mines—Fat offices in the Custom House—A lump of Gold worth $1400.

By the arrival at Mobile of the Royal Mail Steamer Severne on the 21st inst., four days from Vera Cruz, we have received our regular files of Mexican papers, with advices from Vera Cruz to the 17th, and the city of Mexico to the 12th May.

By this arrival we have advices from San Francisco to the 15th of April. Our news was brought by the steamer *Oregon*, to San Blas, thence overland to Vera Cruz.

Fears are entertained at San Francisco, that the brig Lola from San Blas, with 55 passengers, and a crew of seven for San Francisco, had been lost at sea. The brig Volante, which sailed from San Blas 21 days after the Lola, reports having passed at sea, eighteen dead bodies, and pieces of a wreck. Several other vessels report having seen parts of a wreck in about the same neighborhood. From all the circumstances there is no doubt but the Lola has been lost with all on board.

Planed boards sell for $1 per foot.

Rents likewise, are enormous. One [illegible] pays $250 per month for a [illegible] yard front and four yards in [illegible]. A party of gamblers pay $1500 [illegible] two little rooms similar to [illegible]

In the Custom they charge 12½ cents [illegible] writing out documents. Letter paper sells for 50 a sheet.

[illegible] administrator charges one dollar for [illegible] sometimes $10, 15 and [illegible]. The keeper of weights and measures it is said, makes one hundred dollars [illegible].

The high prices at San Francisco continue. Land in the city is selling at enormous prices. Plots from five to six yards square sell from $3000 to $6000.

Linens are to be had in plenty at San Francisco, the only objection being that [illegible] are dirty. The charge for washing [illegible] is $5 50 per dozen; 50 cents a piece [illegible] other clothes.

The Editor of the "Alta Californian" announces on the 9th of April that the Journal having been stopped for the last two weeks, in consequence of the want of paper, is now resumed. The same editor states [illegible] a piece of gold, found near Stockton, which weighed 78 ounces, and was worth nearly $14,000.

Immense caravans were leaving San Francisco for the mines, although it was early in the season, and the streams were very much swollen.

A new paper is about to be published in the City of Sacramento, to be called the "Placer Times." This paper will contain all information in regard to the mines, &c.

There was considerable excitement at San Francisco on the 26th March in consequence of rumors that General Smith was about to take grounds with the military against the people. All the alcaldes and petty officers under the old Mexican rule had been turned out of office and their places supplied by Justices of Peace and becoming quite Americanized.

On the 15th April, when the Oregon left, there were 50 vessels in the Bay of San Francisco. Others were arriving daily.

The Post Office at San Francisco is in full operation, and before long complete Postal arrangement will be made throughout California.

The "*Alta Californian*," in speaking of the routes from San Francisco to the mines, says that there are two now chiefly passed over—one by land, the other by water. By land, to the town of San Jose, and from there to the city of Sacramento. By water, from San Francisco, up the river Sacramento to Stockton, in launches. The water route is the most practicable, though not so cheap on account of the exorbitant prices charged for launches. On arriving at the city of Sacramento or Stockton, freight or baggage is carried on mules to the desired location.

A steamboat running from San Francisco up the Sacramento would pay her cost each trip.

The American brig Cayuga sailed from San Blas on the 11th of April with 119 passengers for San Francisco. Several other vessels had left that port, all filled with passengers.

Since the above was put in type we have recieved from Capt. Berry, of the Steamer Southerner, the following memoranda:

"Lieut. Edward Beall, U. S. navy, who came passenger in the Southerner, left San Francisco, (California,) April 11th, in the steamship Oregon; arrived at San Blas on [illegible] 22d, remained there five days, (coaling;) left on the 27th, and arrived at Panama on the 6th of May, at 9 o'clock P. M., after touching at Acapulco for water.

On the 7th arrived at and left Chagres in the league Florida and arrived at New Orleans on the 21st. Left in port at Panama the steamers Oregon and California, to leave for San Francisco in ten days or thereabout; several sail of ships were also there fitting up to take passengers.

The mail brought by the Oregon and California [illegible] on the Isthmus, waiting the arrival of a steamer at Chagres.

"We saw in possession of Lieut. Beall a lump of gold weighing eight pounds which he brought from San Francisco.—*Sun.*

HOW TO BE HEALTHY.—Rise early—breathe in the bracing air, and gently exercise yourself in splitting wood, bringing water, shovelling snow, or working a token or two at the press.

Retire to bed in good season. Never spend the whole night in the ball-room, or amid exciting scenes. The night was made for rest.

Be careful of fits of anger. One of those is worse than a week's toothache, and wears unaccountably the springs of life.

A mean and miserly disposition—a hoggish soul and a morose character, are detrimental to health. Beware of them.

Be kind, cheerful, sociable, benevolent. Suffer no cloud to linger on your brow, nor revenge to spring in your bosom.

Follow these simple rules, day by day, and you will seldom be afflicted with the gout, cholic, fever, or the thousand ills which follow in the train of luxury, late hours, morning sneezes, midnight carousals and lazy indolence.