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For the Democrat. DONT DESPAIR. Inscribed to the depending Sons and Daughters of Humanity. When difficulties hedge your way, And sorrows on your spirit prey; When friends your confidence betray, Don't despair!

Though said, replied Frank, "got the pick and pan, and come on." So saying, he picked up a shovel, and led the way in the direction from whence he had come. He walked at a rapid pace, and in a short time arrived at a ravine, on one side of which was a high hill, and on the other a low flat. The bed rock, upon which Frank had found the gold, rose abruptly from the earth four feet, and sloped off into the flat. "This is the place to sink a hole in," said Harry, striking his pick into a low place in the flat. "If there is anything here, it will be in this way." So saying, he directed himself to the ravine, and without further parley, vigorously commenced work.

Our friends, called that this was an attempt to wrong them, quickly went back to their work, confident that they could retain possession of their claim by law. The next morning they again visited by the party of the previous evening, with the renewed demand that they should leave. "You had better shoulder your traps and get off as quick as God will let you; I've called a miners' meeting, and they will give me my claim, as sure as I'm a living man!" "I shall object to a decision of this dispute by miners' meeting," said Harry; "I will hear the court, and if the law is on my side, I will stand by it. I will not give up my claim until I have received justice, and if you will go to old residents of a place, but if you will go to us before a Justice, we will each state our titles and abide by his decision."

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Miscellaneous

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