



PART I.

Black Hollow is abandoned now, not because the coal supply beneath its surface is exhausted, but because of the disaster that has sooner or later come upon every enterprise started in the valley.

The Black Hollow, though never an inviting place, was at one time regarded as the most promising, if not the most prosperous, of all the anthracite coal fields in Pennsylvania.



"YOU MUST COME DOWN AND DANCE WITH ME," SAID KATE TO RUFUS.

When the girl took up her permanent residence at the Luzerne House, the establishment changed its character. She induced her father to paint the dull gray extension, not white, but a color that gave it the appearance of a dainty setting, without being in discord with it.

Rufus Hinton, the mine "boss," had boarded at the "Luzerne" ever since he came from Scranton. He was a well-built, gray-eyed man under thirty, receding in his manners and popular because of his consideration for the men under him.

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with me," said Kate to Rufus, as after supper he was about to make his way to his own room. "But," he replied, "I never danced in my life, and I am now too old to learn."

"Never mind that. You can go through the figures. I will guide you. Why, even a blind man could go through an ordinary quadrille—particularly when his figures are called," she urged.

"You are very kind," he said, with a weary smile that did not escape her. "I shall be down after the dance is well under way. It will be more pleasure to watch you than to provoke laughter by trying the thing myself," he said.

"I know where the danger is! Who will follow me?" This is what the women said, and the men sorrowfully believed. Dick Bradford was about Rufus Hinton's age, and the son of the president of the "Black Hollow" and other great mining companies.

There's richer and more dandified men than Rufus Hinton, but no better one ever showed up in Black Hollow. Even if his tastes led that way, or his means warranted it, the young man's work would have barred fine clothes.

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A GOOD PRACTICE. If You Want a Good Appetite and Perfect Digestion. After each meal dissolve one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in the mouth, and mingling with the food, they constitute a perfect digestive, absolutely safe for the most sensitive stomach.

CLARK'S GREEN. Ernest Mott returned on Friday last from a visit with friends in Newark, N. J., accompanied by his sister, Mrs. M. J. Bennett and her mother, Lena, Misses Josie and Louise Williams, of the West Side, called on friends here on Friday and Saturday of last week.

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PRICEBURG. David Richards died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Wright, yesterday morning at half past five o'clock. He had been sick two weeks when death relieved him of sufferings.

HAWLEY. Wallen Paupack, degree, Council of Pocaterra, was installed in Odd Fellows' hall last week with 49 charter members. A. A. Ayers, of Beckville, representative to the grand council of Pennsylvania, installed the officers.

HALLSTEAD. Miss Beale Perrigo, of Montrose, is the guest of Miss Mattie Millard at her home on Main street.

TUNKHANNOCK. Many families in town are using the water from the little springs near Factoryville.

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