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A SUMMER IN KANSAS.

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The fresh cool night air refreshed Maud very much. In the cast the round moon was rising, throwing a pale radiance over the great prairie and calming her insensibly. Sitting there. Mand thought over the strange chance, if there be such a word, by which he life had been saved, and that, too, by this man whom she had never expected to see again. Her thoughts went back to that brilant June morning, five years ago, when she had seen him for the first time.

It was while she was spending a few weeks at Niagara, before going to Newport, and on that morning she had gone out with a small party for a walk along the river above the They stopped where the bank was five or six feet above the water and amused themselves by throwing pieces of wood and bark into the river and watching the torrent carrying them away. They were talking and laughing merrily, when suddenly a large stone on the edge gave way, under the pressure of her foot, and with one wild cry for help she was precipitated into the rushing waters. . She heard faintly the exclamations of horror and despair that fell from the lips of her terrifled friends, and then came that frightful rushing sound in her ears, that only drowning persons can experience; for one moment only, then she felt herself seized by a strong arm and her head supported above the water. Wild cheers came from the shore above them to the brave man who had rescued her. He fought the current with a strength that was almost hurculean, and succeeded at last in gaining point far down towards the falls, so near them that Maud fancied she felt the ground rocking when he laid her on the shore. Then for the first time she opened hereyes; they rested not on one of the gentlemen of her own party, but on a stranger who was bending over her, his dark hair washed back from his brow and his keen eves watching her face eagerly.

"Thank Heaven!" he exclaimed as he Then her party came up, eager to reward the brave fellow who had done what the bravest of them dared not do. He must be some sailor, or perhaps one of the dwellers near that fearful river, who had braved its dangers

"Name your reward my brave man and

Harry Willis stopped short, for the stranger had turned and faced him, and there was that | cousin, or, if you wish, you can remain at in his face which caused him to leave the sentence unfinished. In spite of the rude, plain dress he stood before them like a young king it is not putting you to too much inconveniin his haughty self-possession.

'I deserve no reward and want none," he said quietly, "The lady was in danger and I tion of seeing you myself safely with your happened to be a good swimmer—that was natural protectors," replied Mr. Wingate,

He turned to go, but Maud had arisen and followed him, holding out her hand, "At as they rode into the little village and halted least, let me thank you," she said, with tears | before the house of Mr. Osborn. The hunter is mine; will you let me know your name?"

"With pleasure; my name is John Win-

in a firm, warm clasp.

Maud thanked nine, gave him her address, stay in New York. "Perhaps," she said dear, precious darling," giving her another ing your bravery when I see you again."

He loved an acknowledgement of her invi- the lost girl. Mr. Osborn was the first one to tation, and, returning to the place where he recover his senses sufficiently to notice her had leaned into the river, picked up he had thrown away and disappeared among the trees beyond. Maud had not seen him afterwards, for though she shortened her stay and hastened home, hoping to show her gratitude more fittingly, he never came, and nov after all those months and years she was riding with him over that far western prairie. woften she had thought and dreamed of that proud, handsome face I and how like another dream seemed the reality! All this Maud thought as she sat there under the pale moonlight. Her companion was silent; he fancied that she needed rest and quiet after that terrible day, and rude as his surroundings were. he was naturally kind and considerate, and let her have both; presently he noticed that ber head drooped wearily, and, leaning forward, found that she had fallen asleep. He drew her toward him gently till her head rested on his breast, then supporting her with his left arm, he congratulated himself on having

made her very comfortable. On, on they sped, Gipsy's feet never halt ing, and his great strength never flagging. It was after three o'clock, when John Wingate, watchful and cautious, turned for the hundreth time to discover any signs of pursuit that might appear. His heart gave a great bound as he discovered on the western horizon a number of dark spots, invisible to a less practiced eye, but most surely pursuers, as he knew only too well. He turned his horse, ut tered a few warning words and then wheeled again giving him a quick encouraging pat. The sagacious animal had seen and compre hended the danger and now actually flew over

the level ground. The hunter's arm tightened involuntarily around his precious charge and the motion slight as it was, awakened her.

" Have I slept long ? I fear I have tired you," she said, drawing herself from the arm that had supported her, crimson with embar-

rassment. "Tired me ? not at all ; you have slept for more than an hour," he answered, unwilling to let her know the danger that menaced them. How fast we are going! Do you fear pur

"Yes, the red-skins are coming, as I feared

they would." Maud shrank back into the shelter she had

quitted in such confusion a moment ago, and clung convulsively there. Oh, they will kill us, they will kill us both !" she cried, shivering.

The bridle dropped on Gipsy's neck, while his master folded the frightened helpless girl in his strong arms, drawing her closer and closer till she could feel the beating of his great brave heart against her own.

"I will save you if it is in mortal power do it, and whatever comes of our race for life, they shall not touch a hair of your head before they have taken my life.' Then taking up the bridle he urged the

faithful horse on to renewed efforts, while Maud, half fainting with terror, turned to see the danger that was threatening them. "They are very far away," she said, half

hopefully. "They will be near enough anon," swered her companion with a grim smile. But if we succeed in reaching the timber be fore they overtake us we are safe enough."

" Brail's woods, where you were captured. You can see it in the distance. Gipsy knows a bridle path leading straight through the thickest part, which I do not think they will be able to find. If they take the usual road, which is a round-about one and enters the forest at nearly the same place, we shall gain enough time to reach the settlement before

they overtake us." Perhaps they will not pursue us farther than the woods for fear of being captured." "It is not certain that they will venture very near the settlement, their horses being

too tired to enable them to escape should the settlers give them chase."

On they flow, the savages drawing nearer, till the fugitives could hear their flerce yells in the distance, but nearer, too, loomed the dark slindow of the timber to the eastward. Gipsy strong and willing, was straining every muscle to reach the destined shelter as if his instinct told him that the safety of his beloved master depended on his efforts. At last, at last they dashed into the dark haven of safety, and Maud looking back shuddered as she saw how near their dreaded enemies were. The hunter gave a triumphant shout as his horse turn-

ed into the narrow tangled path, known only to him. The sudden silence of the savages told the fugitives that they were discussing the propriety of further pursuit. Only for moment, then the crackling of the bushwood proved that they had not given up the chase. "If they should take this path also," whis pered Maud breathlessly.'

"They will not" answered her companion "don't you hear their yells growing fainter, they are going far to the right of us.'

Wingate's conjecture was correct, they were far into the open country before the Indians emerged from the woodland. Their complete silence proved how utterly discomfited and astonished they were at the headway made by their pet enemy and his companion, and after a short consultation they turned back silently and reluctantly.

For a few moments longer the hunter allowed his brave horse to dash on with unaba ted speed, then he drew the rein in and turned him. The animal gave a triumphant snort, while his master dismounted and threw the bridle over his arm.

"You can occupy the saddle during the renainder of our journey. Miss Radcliffe," he said. "Gipsy has done his duty bravely and descrees to be relieved," throwing his arm over the arched neck of the panting foam-covered creature, who understanding the mute, familiar caress, rubbed his head against his master's shoulder.

" Had I not better walk also?" Mand asked. "No, we have still several miles to go and you will need all the strength you have left,

even to ride that distance. Besides, Gipsy scarcely feels your weight." So Maud remained where she was while the hunter walked by his side. The houses of the

settlement were visible at last. "We shall take the settlement in our course and inform your friends of your safety, and then proceed at once to the house of your Mr. Osborn's while I ride over.'

OI should like to go home to-night yet, if " None at all, and I shall have the satisfac-

smiling. There were lights burning in every house

in her beautiful eyes, "I shall never forget assisted Maud to alight and the next instant you as long as the life you saved this morning | Busic Osborn ran out of the house, flew up to her friend and flung her arms around her. " Oh !" she exclaimed, crying and laughing gate. I am a western hunter on my way to at the same time, "I am so glad, so very glad New York, where I have business," replied that you are safe. Will and Charley have fire-waterthe stranger, holding for a moment her hand been out all night and we had given up the in a firm, warm clasp.

Mand thanked ning gave him ner address, and urged him warmly to visit her during his mother, here she is! Oh I am so glad gave him the during his mother, here she is! softly, "I may find some way of acknowledg- hug before she released her. The whole fam. ily hastened out of the house to welcome back

> deliverer. Why, John Wingate, bless your dear, good heart !" he cried out, grasping the hand extended to him, "this is kind of you. Come

n. Harry take his horse." "No, thank you, Harry," said the hunte laying his hand on the bridle, "Miss Radcliff desires to proceed at once to Mr. Fairax's and I shall take her there of course, it he is not too much fatigned."

"Ah !" laughed the old settler, "I never knew John Wingate to do anything by halves, but from the appearance of your horse should judge that you had come quite far enough for one night."

"Oh, you will remain here, will you not ?" pleaded Susie, coaxingly, putting her arm around the waist of her friend, "No, my dear, we must go at once; Nellie

must be nearly distracted."-"At least tell us where you have been. It seems so unaccountable, and I shall never forgive myself," said Will Osborn penitently. "Oh, there is nothing to forgive. The fault, if fault there was, attaches to myself. I should not have strayed away from you," answered Maud; and in as few words as possible she told the story of her capture and escape after which, mounted on fresh horses, (for the settlers would not allow Gipsey to go another step) they left for Maud's temporary

Confusion and despair reigned in the pioner's cottage, which was usually so happy. Nellie was sobbing on the lounge, while her husband was pacing the room, anxious to join in the search, yet unable to leave terrified wife.

In this state the sound of horses' hoofs struck on Richard's car. He hurried to the door and the next moment the wanderers drew up before the gate.

"She has come, Nellie," he cried joyously. "Oh, Richard, you would not deceive me? "Certainly not, my love. It is Maud herself and there is a stranger with her. John Wingate, as I live!" hastening to throw open the gate. The next instant poor little Nellie was sobbing on the bosom of her friend, while Mr. Fairfax was persuading her companion to remain.

"I shall not let you go. John." he said: even if you had not done us such a service of old times."

Maud's curiosity was aroused by the "Did you know Mr. Wingate, Richard she asked. "Yes, ever since I have been out here."

" And you never mentioned him." "Oh, he had forgotten the very existence of his old friend, at least his visits have ceased entirely of late." answered the hunter. Richard's frank face took on a puzzled ex

"I really don't know how it came about, did like you always and do still," he said. "Oh, I see plainly," said his friend with an expressive glance at the settler's pretty wife, who had quite recovered her equanimity, " I have been supplanted."

Nellie blushed rosily and Richard laughing in a happy, contented way, went to put up the horses. In the meantime Mand related her nearer and nearer, till one calm September day adventures to Nellie who, when all had retired or the remainder of the night, repeated them to her husband in the privacy of their own rooms with many comments of her own.

"We shall go to see him some time, shall we not? It wasn't kind in you to neglect him all this time." "I know it wasn't; and now go to sleep. there's a good little wife, the day is dawning stance troubled her sorely. She had not seen

already.' Breakfast the next morning was late and informal enough, but the little circle that gath- left, for he came seldom of late; he had been ered around the table were in the best humor, although Maud declared that it would take her early in August. And now she longed to see several days to get over the effects of her com- him once more as she had never longed to see

pulsory ride. Nellie was in her element, do- any one before. She did not question or walked towards the window. ing the honors of her table with a matronly blame herself because of this wish; it seemed He followed her, and stood in perplexed dignity that was very becoming, and on the whole, Mr. Wingate thought he had not en-

loved a meal more for many years. "You must come often, John," sald Richard as the former was taking his leave, "we shall always be happy to see you." "Yes, I do not want to lose sight of you as suddenly and mysteriously as I did the other

time," added Maud. "I am going further east, having business at the next fort, that ought to have been attended to long ago; I may stop here on my way back in a few days."

"We shall cut your acquaintance if you

could have hurt his feelings.

object of her speculations.

her trunk.

protection.

into her own.

first."

"Dreaming, Miss Radcliffe ?"

was resting his head on his hand.

t to his lips. He drank it cagerly.

and Mrs. Fairfax not at home."

bitterness in his voice.

Mand started to her feet and confronted the

"I was thinking of you, Mr. Wingate,

"Yes, in a day or two. I was afraid I

Maud poured out a glass of water and held

"Thank you. I feel better now. Are Mr.

shall be sorry to leave you all, believe me.'

He did not reply: he only looked moodily

ut over the green prarie with a sad faraway

"Mr. Wingate I have wanted to ask you

"Perhaps so. I must know what it is

"Will you tell me why you hide yoursel

here, when you might fill such a high position

"It is a very simple one. It will not take

five minutes to tell. I was born in New

York. My father was a wealthy man and

when my father died, and died a ruined man

It was rumored that he lost his fortune at the

gaming table, but I knew it was talse. When

returned to my home I was almost penniless

ed, and the slights I met stung me to the very

with no one to advise or restrain, for I was

motherless from my infancy, I fled from the

newer and better world. I have been to New

every cent of his money had been lost in

gambling. He had sent for me to crave my

"And yet you are not quite happy," Maud

said, looking searchingly into the proud

life." The words seemed wrung from his

hitherto met hers, and in the fierce, yearning

glance that shot from them Maud read his

"Be careful how you speak to me, Maud

Radeliffe, I cannot bear platitudes in my pres-

The white teath were clenched under his

eavy mustache and the look of intense suf-

fering on his tace touched the girl as no words

beautiful Maud Radeliffe was on her knees a

"Do you love me, John ?" she asked, her

"Better than my own soul, my darling;

"I am so glad," was all her answer, but

He held her closely to his heart for a

scated her by his side and looked into her face.

How the cold hard eyes softened and warmed

"Why did you not tell me long ago that

"I mean that you are a beauty and an

"Yes; a brave noble man, who saved my

man whose heart any woman might be proud

"That is your idea, Maud, but the world

vould see in me only a fortune-hunter, a mise-

"And because it would , you wish to make

s both unnappy."
"Oh,my beautiful Maud, if you were only

penniless girl, how I could love you! how

could toil for you! as it is it were better for

"This is the end then, when for five long

years I hoped against hope to meet you again,

answered Maud coolly, as she arose and dispute.

is if we had never met. Our lives must sep

neiress, and that I am-you see what I am.

as he scanned the beautiful blushing face !

ness of his gaze.

ishment.

" No one need live an unloved life

answered softly, "you, least of all men."

ent frame of mind, much less flattering.

itude. I have no desire to leave it."

"No one is happy who lives an

carefully guarded secret.

gloomy face.

"Society!" he exclaimed bitterly "

"Yes," she answered eagerly.

look in his stern eyes that brought the tears

don't." said Nellie following her guest to the gate, where the horse stood eager to be off. Mr. Wingate did stop in on his way home and spent a very pleasant day with his friends. Nor was that visit his last. He was surprised to find how often business called him to the settlement and natural it was to extend his trip to the little white cottage further on. Alas for John Wingate's habitual shrewdness! He Mr. Wingate," she added hastlly. would have blushed with shame at the mere ides of more then a friendly interest in his friend's wealthy guest; but he did not think. near him. Once they rode over to pay him a visit, and Maud, not terrified this time by the close propinquity of her copper colored lover, fairly much for me." His voice was low but quiet reveled among the books, and paintings of the and he had scated himself on the lounge and eccentric hunter. She was deep in the mysteries of a queer old volume of Mythology, while the rest of the party, including Mr. Wingate had gone up the ravine a short distance, as she thought, when a form darkened

look in her eyes, quite expecting to see the horrible well-remembered features of Red will start for St. Louis. I shall go under his Feather, but instead she met those of her host, ronderfully soft and smiling. "I know who you were thinking of." he said, "I know by the loving expression of

the doorway. She turned with a frightened

your face." Maud laughed and assured him that she had no doubt her face expressed her sentiments towards the illustrious individual who hon

ored her by his preference. "By the way, I have news about Red Feather that will grieve you.' "Ab, indeed ! What is it ?"

"A party of us rode down to the village the other day, and found that the whole tribe had | me?" removed further west." "Thank fortune!" exclaimed Maud fervent-

"We gained the information from an old scout living in the neighborhood, who used in Society ?" to trade with them as amicably as if he had right has a poor man to claim a place in sonot tracked them to the death in his younger days. That reminds me-Excuse me one clety. I hate the very word. Shall I tell moment.''

you my history ?" The hunter hastened into a small room at the rear where he kept his relics and other valuables, and returning in a moment, threw over the head of his guest the identical chain denied me nothing. I graduated at Yale and cross she had given to the Indian. "My chain !" cried Maud gladly. "I never | college and was about to finish my education

expected to see it again. What an extremely as a lawyer with an eminent practitioner convenient man you are, Mr. Wingate." Mr. Wingate acknowledged the naive compliment by a slight bow, and went on to ex-

plain:

"Your savage admirer exchanged it for a My father's friends closed their doors upon string of beads, a wolf's-skin and a quart of me. I was young and proud and hot-head-"The wretch," interrupted Maud indig- soul. Thoroughly disgusted with everything,

nantly.
"You see he believed in quantity rather observing that Red Feather had stolen or pardonable injury, and buried myself in this begged it of a white woman, and guessing who the owner was, I possessed myself of it | York only once since, five years ago. I went

and now claim the pleasure of returning it." then at the summons of the man who had "You are very kind, Mr. Wingate, but-" been my father's partner and who was on his Maud blushed and hesitated, winding the death bed. He confessed that he had ruined chain round her slender forefinger, then hast. my father but could make no repu ily taking it off she fastened it around his neck. "You will keep it as a slight token of my gratitude and esteem, will you not?" she forgiveness without which he could not die. asked raising her eyes to his with a look in I gave it treely for how could I refuse it to the them that brought the hot blood into his dark | dying wretch? Then I went back to my sol-

"If you wish it, yes," he replied and many thanks for your esteem as well as for the beautiful gift. May I never lose either."

The voices of the rest of the party were heard at this moment, and Maud at once turned to her book, while her companion hid very heart, and his eyes studiously averted the cross in his bosom. The merry company burst upon them, laden with flowers and

"Ah. you truants! I thought we should find you here," cried Susic Osborn, who happened to be foremost, "to remain in-doors such an afternoon. I am ashamed of you.

Maud Radcliffe." "Not ashamed, only jealous, because Mr. Wingate had the bad taste to leave her at the outset of our walk and return to the house," nterrupted her brother mischievously.

could have done. The next moment proud, "I owe Miss Susie an apology. I returned with the intention of inducing her friend to his side. join us but she had picked up a book that interested her so much that I did not succeed. face burning with blushes. Would you like to take it along to read at

let me call you that only once." your leisure, Miss Radcliffe?" "Oh, if you could let me have it, I shoul read it with the greatest pleasure," said Maud. around his neck, in the soft cheek pressed "And now I dare say it is time to start," against his face, than volumes could have broke in practical Frank Wallace, who had only after much persuasion on the part of moment, kissedher once passionately, then he

Busic and his merry little wife been induced to join the party at all. "Oh, you tiresome man !" said the former. with an impatient stamp of her foot, "you are spoiling our fun at every turn, you haven't

suggested one pleasant thing yet, to-day." you wanted me to love you, John?" she "It is four o'clock, and it will take us till ten to reach home, and that is always my asked, her eyes dropping beneath the carnesthour for retiring," said the imperturbable

Frank coolly. "Isn't it, Bessie?" Mrs. Bessie deigned no reply; however, love in my own heart; that was why I stayed Mr. Wallace carried his point. In less than half an hour the little party was mounted. The ride homeward was a very pleasan one. Maud, riding so securely by the side of mean to betray myself. How fair you are,

her handsome escort, Will Osborn, could not my darling !" putting back the bright hair from her brow and looking into her face with I should insist on your remaining for the sake | help remembering that other ride, two months wonderful boldness, now that he need not ago, when life or death depended on the fear betraying himself. "And yet I must strength and speed of one noble animal. She had thought of it with tears in her eyes that day, as she stole away to Gipay's stable and Maud's brown eyes opened wide with astonpressed her soft cheek to his glossy neck. How she had wanted to show him her love and gratitude. Perhaps he had understood her wish, at least he had rubbed his smooth sensitive cars against her shoulder and looked

with an almost human intelligence into her life and has a right to claim its best love. A How swiftly that bright summer passed away. To Maud it seemed like one long holiday away from the school of fashion, the tasks of metropolitan life. How calmly beautiful this western world was! How genial and unaffected its inhabitants! She looked forward almost with dread to the time when she must leave this new life for the monotonous routine of fashionable society, and yet that time drew saw her kneeling before her trunk and stowing away the last article. Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax had gone to the settlement and would not be back before night. In a few days at the searched for you brave face and strong arm farthest, just as soon as the trader with whom she was to go as far as St. Louis could get

in every new acquaintance, Maud answered with something like anger in her face. "As ready, she was to bid farewell to the scenes | you please Mr. Wingate." "Maud, Maud you must not, shall not b that had become so dear to her. One circumher hands while a frightened look came into Mr. Wingate for nearly a month, and it was his fece. "You would not leave your world, not likely that she should see him before she and share my life in this wilderness, my there but once since their visit to his cabin "Certainly not, unless you wished it,"

arate here."

able adventurer."

man, who like an earthly Providence had prairie. "There are my cousins coming now. You twice snatched her from mortal danger, and to thank him, even though she knew that, once will stay till to-morrow, Mr. Wingate. "Don't go back to the old, every-day life, under the spell of his clear, steady eyes and genial manner, she should find the task as im- Maud. Do you love me? Answer me before possible as she always had, as impossible as they come, you must," as she still hesitated, he desired her to find it. Had she offended

" Yes. John." him? Kneeling there Maud tried to think of "Then if you still love me in one year all she had said and done when she had seen from to-day, will you sit down and write to him last, but she could think of nothing that "What shall I write?"

"Only one word--'Come'." "And you will come at my request?" um so glad to see you," she said holding out as I do now, but I cannot take any pledge her hand with real pleasure in her dark eyes. from you until you have had time to recon-"You are not going away?" pointing to sider your choice. It was wrong in me to allow my feelings to run away with my reason. I should not have spoken, but I canshould not see you again. You are not well, not give you up now. It will be easier when you are hundreds of miles away and wish to

be free. You do not wish it now?" The man's face had grown deathly pale and he steadied himself on the back of a chair eves, such a look as no other man had ever received from them, answered him. Then "Excuse me. I have been ill since I was here last, and I fear the ride has been too the settler and his wife entered the room. "You here, old fellow?" was Richard's boisterous salutation, "Bless my heart ! what

a charming tete-a-tete you must have had." But shrewd little Nellie only gave a keen look at both and never said a word. She saw much more than her husband did, but she kept her own counsel.

" No they have gone to spend the day at "There was a sound of revelry at night." Mr. Wallace's and to see how soon Mr. Wilde The season was near its close but the hop at the favorite hotel at Newport was well attended, and the company was as brilliant as "You will be glad to get back into the civilized world after your sojourn among us semibarbarians," said the hunter with a touch of " No I have been very happy here, and I

something this long while. Will you tell fellow?"

his way to where the new-comer was leaning against a pillar, while his companien started off in search of a partner for the next waltz.

ger here. I can introduce you to some lady

f you wish to dance," persisted the officious little fellow briskly. "Thank you, I do not dance". "Know anybody in that group yonder

on appear to be interested.' "I was admiring the lady in blue." " Nothing remarkable in that, sir, she has at least a score of admirers in this room." The stranger's eyes glittered dangerously

they swent over the crowded room. Only " She is very beautiful." "Yes and quite as heartless as she is beauful," said Fenton bitterly, smarting at the recollection of a brief conversation he had had with that same lady a few days ago, the half the corporate cold once fleshed tri had with that same lady a few days ago, "Ah!" the stranger's cold eyes flashed trimers—were prosperous and active; coal-min-inghantly, and a wicked little smile played ing became exceedingly profitable; the coal-

his companion. A moment later he left the "I have something for you, Miss Radeliffe,

John Wingate read more in the arm stealing Fenton saw the quick interchange of intelli-

" I would not allow myself to think of love, much less speak about it. I meant to kill the away from you, but I could not stay away long, I wanted to see you. Only I did not 'You are a miserable skeptic, and I ought

to have punished you by marrying one of them." "The little fellow who made himself so agreeable to me awhile ago for instance,' said Mr. Wingate laughing, "I wonder who "Give me up! What do you mean?"

he was." "Charley Fenton, I'll warrant he is always naking himself agreeable to strangers," suggested Maud, "and, by the way, there he i coming this way now for all the world as if he did not know we were here; shall we return to the house." # \* \* \* \* \* \*

On the spot where oncestood Richard Fairfax's cottage, a prosperous town has sprung up, and there, near neighbors and close friends as well as prominent citizens John Wingate and Richard Fairfux live a happy contented life, and the former still remembers, with pardonable pride, how ten years ago he carried off the belle of the season at Newport and brought her to share his life in the far west. THE END.

THE Joint High Commission at Washington about closing its labors. The reports conrning their work have been so numerous and so contradictory that it is difficult to understand exactly what has been done, but the Commission seems to have been quite as sucangry with me, I cannot bear it." He caught | cessful as was anticipated at the outset. It is now stated that the Commissioners are now ousy in preparing a treaty which is to consolidate the results of their labors, and that this reaty will embrace the Alabama Claims, the

ARGUMENT

OF FRANKLIN B. GOWEN

Before the Judiciary Committee of the Senute of Pennsylvania, on Behalfof the Ballroad and Mining Interests of Pennsylvania, March 30, 1871.

GENTLEMEN: We, who are Pennsylvanians

GENTLEMEN: We, who are remssylvanians, have always been under the impression that our State derived great benefits from having within her borders the only accessible deposits of anthracite coal yet discovered in the United States. I have been taught to regard the postational ways to be a present the postational ways to great the postation ways the postation way the postation ways the postation way the postation "And you will come at my request?"
"Yes, at once. I shall love you forever as I do now, but I cannot take any pledge from you until you have had time to reconsider your choice. It was wrong in me to allow my feelings to run away with my reason. I should not have spoken, but I cannot give you up now. It will be easier when you are hundreds of miles away and wish to be free. You do not wish it now?"

One long loving look from the beautiful eyes, such a look as no other man had ever that you, gentlemen, who have spent so much session of the vast mineral wealth as a great that you, gentlemen, who have spent so much ses of the present unfortunate condition of affairs in the coal regions, will be willing to agree with me in this conjecture.

Our neighbors of New York derive their

our neignoors of New York the supremacy prosperity from, and boast of the supremacy of commerce; but when we recall to our minds how fleeting and evanescent has been the reign of commercial prosperity in all the countries of the world, and remember that at the beginning of this century Salem was one of the most important ports in the United States, who can tell whether, ere the close of States, who can tell whether, ere the close of the century, Salem or Boston may not have regained its supremacy, or whether the ships whose sails now whiten the bay of New York may not float upon the waters of the Delaany that had assembled during the summer.

There was a stir near the door. Two gentlemen, who were conversing, made way, allowing another, evidently a stranger, to enter the room.

"Who's that, Hal?"

"The new arrival, I haven't heard his on its derived from the roll of an unfailing than that which depends upon the waters of the Delaware, or ride at anchor in the harbor of Norfolk? But the prosperity derived from the possession of mineral treasures is more enduring; and in her coal fields our own great Commonwealth has control of an unfailing source of wealth, which, if properly fostered by the State, will be far more lasting than that which depends upon the diamonds of Brazil, or is derived from the rold of California.

"The new arrival, I haven't heard his name, came only about two hours ago."

"A fine-looking fellow. Wonder whether he would have any objections to a talk with fellow?"

"I wouldn't advise you to question him much. He dosen't look like one of that kind."

Ilowever the first speaker gradually made his way to where the new-comer was leaning to the speaker speaker was leaning to the treasury of the State between five and six millions of dollars; and that, notwithstanding the difficulties with which we have had to contend during the past year, the corporations for whom I now appear before you have paid, kind."

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off in search of a partner for the next waltz.

"Fine evening, sir," said Charley Fenton, for the gentleman who was so desirous of making the stranger's acquaintance was nother then our old friend, Charley Fenton.

The stranger's eyes came back slowly from some object at the other end of the room.

"Yes sir, a very fine evening," he answered absently.

"I beg your pardon, you seem to be a stran, ger here. I can introduce you to some lady and the finances of the Commonwealth are in so sound a condition? Simply because the inserts is so sound a condition? Simply because the inserts is so sound a condition? Simply because the inserts is condition? Simply because the inserts is so sound a condition? Simply because the inserts is so sound a condition? Simply because the inserts is so sound a condition? Simply because the inserts is condition? Simply and fully conscious that the result of your deand fully conscious that the result of your de-liberations may be either to rescue these great interests from the evils that environ them, or to consign them again to the control of a ty-rannical association, I now propose (because it is necessary as part of the argument I shall

nake in defence of the course pursued by the raitrond companies) to give, as succinctly as I can, and with some regard to the chronology of events, a statement of the causes which have led the several corporations to adopt the course which has called forth this investigation, and then to present a legal argument in present difficulty and preventing its recurrence the future.
It is well known that during the late war

rarded | carrying railroad and laborers were paid high wages; and it was no uncommon occurrence for a good was no uncommon occurrence for a good miner to earn several hundred dollars a month. In consequence of this, a great impetus was given to the coal trade. New collecties were

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"I have something for you, Miss Radellife, please."

Mand felt a small hand laid on her arm and looking down saw little Fanny, the landlord's daughter smiling up lint her face. She kissed the child and took the folded paper she handed the mechanically.

"Thank you, Fanny," she said with a smile.

The child dropped a demure little courtesy and was lost in the crowd. Excusing herself to her crompanions, Maud opened the paper carelessly. What was it that brought the blood in a crimson torrent all over the fair thank face of the belle? Her companions could not conjecture, and these were the words. Maud read:

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"Maud : Meet me on the southern veranda. Yours,

AT THE HALL DOOR
Instinctively glanced from the paper to the own will be consumption of coal, and the laboring of the standard of the standard

the demand, they insisted upon an increased rate of wages and decreased amount of work, which would enable a man to earn in six or seven months as much as had previously been earned in a year—so that the entire population should receive employment without increasing the supply of coal above the demand. As it was also well known so them that such wages could not be paid unless the price of coal was kept up to a high rate, they suspended work whenever the price reached such a sum as made it impossible for their employer to comply with their demands.

We, who thought we understood something about the laws of trade, and knew that natural causes would soon bring relief, remonstrated with the leaders of this organization in vain. The law of supply and demand, and every sound maxim of trade which experience has demonstrated to be correct, were thrown to the winds; and from the bowels of the earth there came swarming up a new school of political economists, who professed to be able, during the leisure hours of their short working day, to regulate a great industry and restore it to vigor and health. In the wildest flight of the imagination of the most pretentious charlatan there never was conceived such a cure for the ills with which we were afflicted as was suggested by these new doctors. In their lands, however, we were powerless; and with the eagerness of a student, and the assurance of a quack, they selzed upon the body of a healthy trade, and have so doctored and physicked it that it is now reduced to the ghost of the shadow of an attenuation.

The first dose of this new panacea was administered in the year 1868; and a general suspension of work for many weeks, resulting in advanced prices and higher wages, encouraged them to proceed with the treatment. Again in the early part of 1869 a general suspension in the regions was inaugurated, accompanied by a demand for a rate of wages based upon the price for which coal was sold; so that as

in the early part of 1800 a genteria stapecantel in the regions was inaugurated, accompanied by a demand for a rate of wages based upon the price for which coal was sold; so that as coal advanced the wages of the men were also to advance; but a minimum rate of wages was demanded, which was never to be lower than when coal was sold at five dollars at Elizabethport, and three dollars at Port Carbon. When coal brought these prices it was posfishery question and the San Juan boundary

sible for the coal operator to pay the minimum rate of wages without losing money; but as these prices were about from fifty to seventy-five cents a ton higher than coal could possibly be sold for when all the regions were at work, and consequently that much higher than the public should be asked to pay for it, the operators of all the regions refused to accede to the demand. After six weeks of idleness, when it was apparent that the strike in the Wyoming and Lehigh regions would be of long duration, the operators of Schuylkill county agreed to the terms demanded by the men, and commenced work at the three-dollar basis as a minimum. Both of the other regions

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the Schuylkill region. In the latter part of July, 1870, the Workin the latter part of July, 1870, the Work-ingmen's Benevolent Association agreed to a modification of their demands; and in the Schuylkill regions work was resumed August 1, 1870, at what has of requently been alluded to in the course of this investigation as the "Gowen Compromise," which, while it adopted the same rate of vages at \$3 as was paid the previous year at \$5, permitted the rate to decrease in the same proportion as it advanced, and established the minimum at \$2; so that when coal sold for \$2 at Port Carbon the workings received their three per cont the workmen received thirty-three per cent. less wages than when it sold for \$3; and when less wages than when it sold for \$3; and when \$4 per ton at Port Carbon was realized by the operator, the workmen got an advance of thirty-three per cent. above what he was entitled to at \$3. Under this new basis work was continued in Schuylkill county during the remaining five months of 1870, and the amount of coal then sent to market, in addition to what was mined in the Lehigh and Wyoming fields, was such that prices fell to \$2.25 and \$2.50 per ton at Port Carbon. As this 'Gowen Compromise' was only to last during the season of 1870, it became necessary to adopt some basis for 1871, and in the month of November last the regular committee of the Work-

ember last the regular committee of the Work-ingmen's Benevolent Association and opera-tors met and agreed upon a rate of wages for 1871, which was entirely satisfactory to both parties and which has been called the \$2.50 parties and which has been called the \$2.50 basis.

You will remember that during the whole of 1870 the three large mining companies of the upper Wyoming region had been paying the exorbitant rate of wages which they agreed to, rather than submit to the claim for a basis.

It must be evident to all of you, that at this rate of wages the coal of these three companies was costing them more then they could realize the add with wood are found that authracite coal rate of wages the coal of these three companies and with wood are found with bituminous coal and with wood are found with proof are found with sord are found to make the found that and with sord are found to make the found that and with sord are found to make the found that and the sord are found to make the found to make the found that and the sord are found to make the found that and the sord are found that and the sord are found to make the found that and the sord are found to make the found that and the sord are found to make the sord are found to make the found to make the sord are found to make the found that a sord are found to make the found that the should come to pass, then that we should come to pass, the should come to pass, the should come to pass, then that we should come to pass, the shoul

or Lower wyoming districts. In the Scuty the kill region the men were working under the "Gowen Compromise," which was to continue during the year 1870, and their representative had agreed with their employers in recommending the adoption of the 2.50 basis for commending the adoption of the 2.00 Dassaco.
1871. In the Lehigh and Lower Wyoming coal fields no intimation had been given by either side of an intention to change the basis under which the men were working. Notwithstanding this, however, a general suspension was ordered by the Workingmen's Beautlant Association to take place on Janunevolent Association to take place on Janu ary 10, 1871, and this order was literally obeyed.

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The object of this suspension, as stated by the officers of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association, and published in their organ, the Anthracite Monitor, was to deplete the market, reduce the supply, and advance the price of coal; and there can be no doubt that it was resorted to in the first instance to assist the state of the price of the state of the price of the state of the price of the state of the sta resorted to in the first instance to assist the men of the three large mining companies, who had been upon a strike since the 1stof December, and who could not hope to hold out very long in their demands for exorbitant wages if the coal market was being supplied from other regions. I presume that the consideration to be given by these men of the three companies for this assistance was an absolute adhesion to the Workingmen's Benevolent Association, and obedience to its demands, that no work should be done except upon the basis. The suspension, therefore, became general in all the districts on January 10th. On the 15th of February the General Council of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association ordered a resumption of work; but this order was according to the larger was according to the control of the Work.

all of these he can meet if he is permitted to work his mines. His employes may be anxious to work for him, and may be entirely

satisfied with their wages; but the grasp of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association is around their throats: the decree goes forth that there must be a general suspension. The poor laborer well knows the ghastly fate in store for him if he disobeys this decree, and the result of his obedience is the ruin and dishence of this employer. We have called many honor of his employer. We have called many of these coal operators before you, and they have testified to the injurious effect of their when it was apparent that the strike in the Wyoming and Lehigh regions would be of long duration, the operators of Schuylkill county agreed to the terms demanded by the men, and commenced work at the three-dollar basis as a minimum. Both of the other regions being idle, the price of coal was very high at Port Carbon; and so long as the Schuylkill county operators land the entire market to themselves they could afford to pay the wages.

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the other regions were the only sufferers. After five months of idleness in the other regions, when the depletion of the supply had increased prices to a high rate, and it was evident that Schuylkill county was taking customers away from the other districts, both the Lehigh and Wyoming regions resumed work—the former upon the terms demanded by the men, and it to three larger companies in the latter without a basis, but at a rate of wages far greater than had been originally asked. During the few weeks of the close of the season of 1869, when all the regions were producing, it became evident that the price of coal could not, and ought not, be sustained at such a rate as would enable the operators in all the coal fields to pay the wages which those of one could pay when the others were idle; and, accordingly, in the winter of 1869-70, a new basis was asked for by the operators of Schuylkill county, which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to prolive for the constantly which would enable them to provide the design of our charter if we were unable to do the business as when we are doing no coal business as when we are doing no coal business as when we are transporting 180,000 to a week. We cannot discharge our employees; the railroad track must be constantly the constantly the constantly the constant of business as when we are transporting 180,000 tons a week. We cannot discharge our employees; the railroad track must be constantly watched, repaired and guarded; every superintendent and agent must be at his post, and receive his salary or his wages; the only men whom we can temporarily dispense with are the coal train hands. It is greatly to our interest that the prices of coal should be low, because low prices increase consumption, and we make money more from a large tonnage than from high rates of charges.

You can judge of the effect of such a railroad company, when an imperative decree of kill county, which would enable them to produce coal as low as \$2.25 and \$2.50 per ton. This was refused by the Workingmen's Benevolent Association, and the result was, the long strike of 1870, which kept the Schuylkill region idle for twenty weeks, Lehigh and Wyoming continued at work in 1870; and in consequence of the large amount of Schuylkill coal kept out of the market, the operators of the other region realized high prices, and were able to pay the high rate of wages—the only sufferers being the public, as in 1869, and the operators, workmen, and carrying companies of the Schuylkill region.

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suddenly deprives it of all its coal tonnage; when the receipts of the road from coal traffic are suddenly reduced from over amillion dol-lars, while the expenses remain nearly the same; and yet to this extremity have we been same; and yet to this extremity have we been reduced time and again during the last two years, and all because the Workingmen's Benevolent Association have determined that the public shall never purchase their fuel at less than \$5 per ton at Port Carbon, or \$5 per ton at Elizabethport. Why, gentlemen, I stand here in all sincerity, speaking for the several railroad companies that I represent, to say, that if this evil is not abated, we will be glad to have our charters forfeited and taken from us, so that our stockholders may invest their money in some other enterprise, and in some us, so that our stockholders may invest their money in some other enterprise, and in some other country where the rights of property ararespected, and the cltizen may appeal with confidence to the protection of the law. I trust I may not be misapprehended. I speak the language of sober truth when I say that if this state of society is continued for six months longer we will come before you as petitioners, asking you to invide the assistance of the asking you to invoke the assistance of the asking you to invoke the assistance of the courts, so that we may be permitted to surrender our charters and obtain for our stock and bondholders the money they have invested. Then let the Workingmen's Benevolent Association take charge of our roads in name, as they have done in fact. Better, far better for us all, that this should come to pass, than that we should continue the force of restanding to

to, rather than submit to the claim for a basis. It must be evident to all of you, that at this rate of wages the coal of these three companies was costing them more then they could realize for it during the months of October and November last. Accordingly, they announced a reduction of wages to take effect on December 1; and though this reduction was not greater than, was required. As make the rate about mit to it, and on the 1st of December, 1870, they struck and quit work.

I now desire to call your particular attention to the fact—which is undisputed—that at this time there was no difficulty whatever existing between the Workingmen's Benevolent Association and their employers, upon the question of wages, in the Schuylkil, Lebigh or Lower Wyoming districts. In the Schuylkil region the men were working under the and suspension of the last two years. If you go into the steeple of Independence Hall, and look out over the city of Philadelphia, you will see the thick black cloud of smoke of bituminous ceal. rising from the stacks of many manufacturies at which nothing but anthracite had ever before been burned; and if you go to the bay of New York, and look over the shipping congregated there, you will see that hundreds of ferry-boats, steamboats and steamships which formerly burned anthracite, are not which formerly burned antifractic, and now using bituminous coal. It is no exaggeration to say that in the year 1871 there will be burned at least 2,000,000 tons less of anthracite coal than would have been consumed had it not been for the the criminal folly of the managers. been for the the criminal folly of the man and leaders of the Workingmen's Benev

Association.

So much for the coal trade. Now let us look at the iron trade. Within the next few years the question is to be decided whether the State of Pennsylvania is to maintain her supremacy in the iron trade; whether the valeys of the Lehigh and Schuylkill are to be the trade of transce of frances and rolling mills, or whether sites of furnaces and rolling mills, or the manufacture of iron is to be moved to the Southern States—to Kentucky, to Tennessee

ber, and who could not hope to hold out very long in their demands for corthinat wages if the coal market was being supplied from other regions. I presume that the consideration to be given by these men of the three componits of the control of the three componits of the control of the three componits of the control of the three control of the control of the three control of the contro outrage? Will the leaders of the Workingmen's Benevolent Association agree that the question of resuming work at the \$3.50 basis may be submitted directly to the men, to be voted upon by secret ballot? If they will, I can venture to predict that eight out of ten would gladly embrace the opportunity of going to work.

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