

AT AUNT NANCE ALFORD'S CABIN.

Story of a Tragedy Averted by a Woman's Determination.

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Alford's Cabin was the name of a stagecoach eating station halfway between two thriving Rocky mountain mining towns. It was kept by Mrs. Nancy Alford, a small, cheery and exceedingly active woman, who claimed for herself the distinction of having crossed the plains with an ox team in 1850 and the further honor of having been the first white woman to enter Fairplay gulch, in which her cabin stood.

Her husband's grave, over which the snows of three winters had drifted, was under a clump of stunted and gloomy pines up the rocky slope of the mountain.

There were two little grassless and sunken graves beside that of Aunt Nancy's husband. In one of them her little girl of five years had been laid and in the other her boy of six. "I ain't never been back to the states since I come out here, and I never expect to go now. All I care for in this world is up there." Aunt Nancy would say, with a wave of her hand toward the pines under which were the three graves.

The cabin was a long and narrow one-story structure of three rooms. Its exterior was dreary and without a suggestion of the brightness and comfort within save for the turkey red calico curtains with white lace borders.

The night of the 8th of August was one long remembered by the dwellers on that mountain side and by those in the gulch below. They referred to it long afterward as "the time of the big storm."

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folded the letter and restored it to its envelope. She took up the photograph and looked at it long and lovingly. "She's a Doolittle, out and out," she said. "She has the regular Doolittle nose and her grandfather's chin right over again. She's downright pretty; she looks like her ma, and Lucy was the best lookin' one of our family. But she won't write a word about her brother! I wonder how that is. Lucy had two children."

Three weeks later the stagecoach came whirling up to Aunt Nancy's door, and Jack Hughes called out when he saw Aunt Nancy at the open door: "Light load today, Aunt Nancy—only one passenger, and I guess she's the one you're lookin' for."

"You're sister Lucy's Marcia!" she exclaimed excitedly. "I know without askin'. You're a regular Doolittle, and you don't know how glad I am to see you!"

"You wouldn't, Joe Haskin, when you remember how I walked three miles in the worst snowstorm we had last winter to nurse you back to life and strength when you was at death's door with pneumonia."

"I declare I'd most forgot I had such a niece," said Aunt Nancy. "But of course she's my sister Lucy's girl. Lucy's name is Merriek. I ain't heard from her for two years. It's time some of 'em was writin'."

"I thought, so—I thought so," she said, with her arms around his neck. "I'll help you find him."

"You've the Doolittle eyes, David. Don't be afraid." The door of Marcia's room had opened suddenly, and she stood there with a shawl thrown lightly around her. The next instant she cried out: "Oh, it's David—my brother David!"

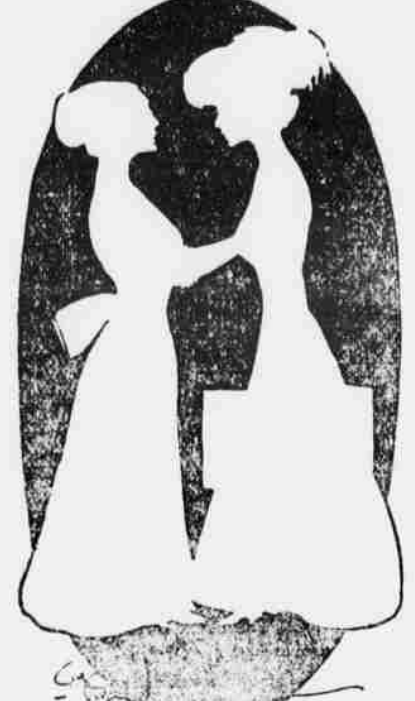
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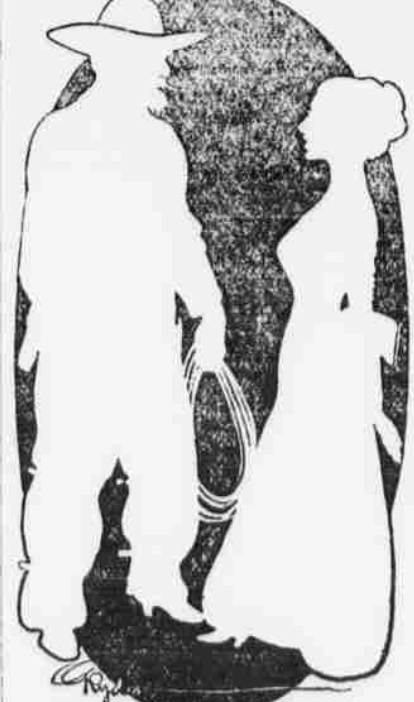
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SEE MET THEM STANDING WITH HER BACK TO THE DOOR.

Law Points.

The title to real estate is held in Mathewson versus Mathewson (Iowa), 117 N. W., 755; 18 L. R. A. (N. S.), 1167, not to be affected by the destruction of the deed by the grantor after its delivery without the grantee's consent.

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