

OLONEL JIM STRUTHERS, alias "Montana Jim," was in the American house. He was not awake His intellect dangled do wn ward linely at his side and his mouth was open. His breath went and came in gurgles like the exhaust pipe of a weahtub. The Star man slapped him on the shoulder, and the "colonel" returned to conselousness. He yawned a few times, and in the process of pulling himself together combed his hair with his fingers, thus lifting it from his trow and exposing a long and lurid sear which started on the right temple and traveled backward till it got lost in hair.

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"Hello, tolonel! Come out of this sear," said the prospector for facts.

"This scar? Oh, yes, I recollect. Well, I got that mark from being too pame. It all happened last winter. I was living on a ranch near Pease Bottom, Mont., and after the regular fall wind-up three of the boys, Catfish Johnnie, Roaring Harry and Yellowstone Joe, proposed that we take a trip through the Yellowstone park. This was largely because Joe, as his sobriquet indicated, had seen a good deal of experience in that tourist-haunted part of the country. He had been a professional guide therein at a peried antedating our nequaintanee, but with which period this story is in nowle concerned. It is quite probable that Joe wanted to revisit his old stamping ground so much that he was willing to have the expense of the trip divided up group three companions rather than to bear it all by himself.
"But the story which I am now tell-

"After dunner we sat on the railroad waiting to see the overland express dash by, when from the brush down the track three men came out. They strolled along in the direction of our camp. We were a good many miles from a station, and it was an unusually suspicious circumstance to see these fellows tramping along the ties. They were bad visaged, and their general appearance did not impress us very favorably. As they got within about one hundred yards of us they halloed in familiar wild west style and approached us civility enough. The spokesman said that one of their horses had either strayed or had been stolem, and he wanted to know if we had seen any horse answering the description which he gave. Of course, we had not, and invited the strangers to cat diner with us. They did not seem to be at all disturbed about the missing equine, and during the meal stated that a good many horses had been lost in that country within the past year because of the dishonesty of certain people.

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They told us that their camp was down the track in a ravine about a mile distant, and said that they would be glad to have us take dinner with them on the morrow. We promised to do so. However, there was some sneathing assipition down in the sub-cellar of our minds that something was crooked about the whole business. This suspicion was not calmed in any way by the calculating glances which the party bestowed on our armament and stock. That afternoon it was decided that we should picket our horses and stand watch by turns throughout the night. It is a very common practice with expert horse thieves to simply swoop down and stampede the stock of an outfit in true Indian fashion, but this programme will never work where the stock is picketed. In a case of this kind the depredators simply sneat around the camp like coyotes and cut the ropes.

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"In our outfit we had one very wild horse. He was as wild as a mountain goat. He would run if you'd point your ingre at him. The only restraining influence which he acknowledged was that exercised by another horse. The wild horse was so absolutely stuck on his four-footed friend that he would eat and drink with him and never seem satisfied without being in his company.

True, he would five off at a tangent, but the ropes.

—About the year 1400 the queen of France astonished the kingdom by drawed the kingdom by drawed and gens. It was the only wheeled vehicle for pleasure our proposes in France.

—Eugene is from the Greek, the nobly descended. The name became popular between the vehicle from the first made it appearance. The Goili and Taylor dairles have been quarantined.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., April 18.—The Morris Marks Knitting mill at Herkimer, which was closed last October for want of orders, has started up again.

BABY WILLIE.

There is a wee man have bappened to meet, whom swortly you'd love, be's so dainly and believed in the second of a fooling and the second when th ome, and every man took a firmer hold on his Winchester, and took good care that the halmner was up. Then there was a sharp clatter and a rush. Down that the halmner was up. Then there was a sharp clatter and a rush. Down the shadow of the place their outlines could be seen. Bang! Bang! Whiz!

Click, click! Bang! Bang! Two horses dropped and one rider bit the dust, as the present by the novel, and his steed pressed by. Others of the party rode by in a hurry. One of the horses dropped directly opposite my station. Eidently his rider was full of life and long, for he arose on his knees, and I knew instinctively that his gun was going to his shoulder, when my trusty rifle flashed out. The blaze of my gun was the signal which located me to to the search when the signal was the signal which located me to the care with the same and the moth and the treasury size. Because the evidence is insufficient in hy any member of the government.

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UNDER AN OVERHANGING BOWLDER.

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him. He replied as quick as thought;
there was a blinding flash in my face;
I felt a whifi of cold wind; something
warm streamed over me; I knew that I
was falling, and then all was blank.
"The next dny I opened my eyes and
saw strange people about me. I tried
to think, but couldn't. Things gradually grew less strange. I recognized
that those strange forms above me
were men, then it seemed as though I
had seen them before. O, yes, all was
clear now; they were my friends. As
soon as I had thoroughly regained consciousness the boys explained what
was wrong, and told me that I had had
a close call. Then they pointed to three
grewsome objects ranged side by side
on the edge of the trail, with their
ghastly features concealed by blankcits. This sear is where that horse
thief's bullet ripped open my scalp and
plowed a long farrow down my skull."

—Washington Star.

A Bit of Uncle Allen's Philosophy.

ters and want to see them turn out well and then upsets the apple-cart, kills the hero and heroine or sends them drifting miserably apart at the close of the tale, he has played a confidence game on you, my boy—a contemptible confidence game."—Chicago Tribune.

French Finances,

Pants, April 18.—The budget for the ensuing fiscal year, which has just been issued, snows a deficit of 83,000,000 francs after the deduction of the amount realized by the conversion of rentes. The government propose a number of economies to cover this deficit, including a reform of house duties and a reduction of the guaranteed interest on railways. It is estimated that the application of these reforms will leave 514,000 francs surplus.

### DREAMIN' OF HOME

I can't jest tell what's come to her, an' yet, I think it's clear
That somethin's goin' wrong o' late—to see her sittin' there,
A dreamin' in the doorway, with that look late her eyes,
As it they still was restin' on the old time fields and skies.

She's always dreamin', dreamin' of the life we

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An' nov, she can't forget it: when I tell her:
"Little wife,
There aim't no use in gr.evin' for that simple
country life," mus aroun' my neck, an'
twines he arms aroun' my neck, an'
She willogers: "We're so fur away from where
we use to be!"





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