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A reform movement had been started must be as noiseless as cats. Come?"
and at Tough Luck. It was needed, too, Within two minutes Dick Redburn's for the morals of the camp were at a cable was surrounded by a mob head-

that be refused to be robbed by the

and made no pretentions of obeying the but saw no living thing. They groped one vast and teeming game range, about the room, searching everywhere. Not only were the buffalo in millions but found nobody. The cabin was described. passed and the reformers found him serted, still in the camp they decided to take "Qui a more decisive step. They would punish him for his defiance of their for them. They cannot be far away, for I saw them at he door as we came of Flour Constantly on Hand, authority and at the same time make tim an example for other evidoers. They would give bim a slight taste of hanging—just enough to show him every direction. They searched everywhat it was like.

what it was like.

Accordingly a half-dozen men, with
Jack Brawn at their head, went down
to Redburn's cabin with a new rope,
to Redburn's cabin with a new rope,
to Redburn out, and Brown,
placed and disappointed, the men colplaced again at the cabin, and while way, informed him of their purpose. "Surely," Redburn cried in abrum, 'you do not mean to treat me that

"We surely do," Brown replied coolly. "We've got to tone up the morals of this camp and to do that we've got to weed out the dangerous characters. "You defied our warning, and now we'll knug you a little, just to impress it on your mind that we are in earnest. Boys," he added to his compan-"do your work."

The man who held the rope ad-vanced to put it about the old man's just under his left arm. neck, but at that moment a stalwart young man appeared in the doorway holding two pistols which were point-by a steady hand, sped straight holding two pisiols which were pointing right at the mob. The man with the rope recoiled instantly. The man with the pistols was Bob Hawkins, a hard-working miner well known in the camp.

"I'll shoot the first man who lays a finger on Redburn to burt him," Haw-kins announced. "I mean what I say, eral of the more disreputable charac-ters out of the camp, though plenty

Frown started to say something in answer, but instead of speaking be stood with his mouth open and his eyes staring gazing in amazement at a beautiful young woman who at that instant appeared at the door. Finally he ejaculated:

"Ah!" she cried in turn. Fully a minute more the two stared at each other in silent astonishment. At last, however, Brown managed to sny: "Minnie, how on earth do you



"He," she replied, pointing to Red. for the last hope of finding the woburn, "is my father. I came to see "Your father!" Brown gasped.

"Yes, my father," she answered, And now sir," she demanded severey, "why are you here?".

Brown let his head droop and a flush spread over his face. "I never suspected, he said at last,

"that he was your father." "If you had suspected you would have spared him?" Certainly, I love you too much to

injure any one so closely related to Thanks. Now you take your love and leave here. I despise the sight of

Brown hesitated but Hawkins spoke up, giving him and his men one minto disappear and they turned and sullenly walked away. When they had gone a short distance, however, Brown whirled about and cried defiantly:

"We go, but in less than an nour we'll return and we'll come with Luck?" enough to help to carry things our way. We'll kill Bob Hawkins and Minnie, you will have your choice either to marry me or see your father

When Brown and his gang were gone Hawkins hastily informed Redbarn that he would go to the miners for more assistance. Redburn agreed most valuable, the most precious thing that was best but Minnie was louth to let Bob go. She felt so secure un-"Well, name it." to let Bob go. She felt so secure un

der his protection. "Suppose," she said, "those met should get back before you! Whar

"It is absolutely necessary to have help," he assured her, "and I will not

Then go," she said, "but hasten" me off entirely too easy. I expected that you would ask for something of thou when Minnie, walking to the door and looking out up the foor and looking out up the road, saw body of men approaching. Minnie clasped her hands and looked

up to ber father helplessly, her face bearing the imprint of hopeless des-"Oh." she cried, "what shall we do?

here to help us!" "Keep quiet, my child," Redburg

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said, "and come with me. They have COWS, OR STEAM ENGINES. been too quick for Bob Hawkins; but

perhaps we may fool them. We have Which Have Done the Most for the ne time to waste, though, and we Advancement of Mankind?

Ernest Soton-Thompson, author of Within two minutes Dick Redigiro's "Wild Animals I Have Known," "The Blography of a Grissly," etc., in writlow ebb.

Dick Redburn was the first victim of this reform movement. The grave crime of which he was accused was vagrancy, but his real offense was in. They broke the door open, bolding their guns ready to meet an attack, but saw no living thing. They groped At the beginning of this century the continent of North America was

> game were fully as abundant, though less conspicuous. Herds of elk, numbering ten or fifteen thousand, were commonly seen along the upper Missouri. The antelope ranged the high-plains in herds of thousands; whitetall deer, though less gregarious, were seen in bands of hundreds; while bigborn sheep, though still less disposto gather in large flocks, were rarely out of sight in the lower parts of the eastern Rockies, and it was quite usual to see several hundred blacktail lected again at the cabin, and while they were standing there puzzling over what had transpired Bob Haw-kins and a body of miners charged in the course of a single day's travel But a change set in when the plon

their deadly rifles, their energy and their taste for murder, began to invade the newly found west. The set tiers increased in numbers, and the rifles became more deadly each year. but the animals did not improve in speed, cunning or focundity in an equal ratio, and so were defeated in the struggle for life, and started on the down grade toward extinction. reasons, which I shall not here discuss, the extinction of a large or high ly organized animal is a ser

The miners supposed that Redburn and his daughter were in danger, so

members of the mob fired a shot in re-

turn, but the greater part of them ran

awny at the first evidence of danger. leck Brown alone stood his ground. He

fired two shots at Bob Hawkins, one of which inflicted a fiesh wound, while

a new system of things. They run sev-

who were not above reproach re-

Hawkins recovered from his wound. During that time he thought often of

Minnie Redburn, and every day he

mysterious disappearance, and he had never been able to understand it. If

they were alive they certainly ought to write to him. He had won enough

for them to entitle him to that much

The summer passed, and along in the fall Bob went down to Frisco. He

had begun to mope and had lost his zest for work, so that the miners said

he was not much good any more. They

thought be was losing heart, since for-tune had fought shy of him in all his

mining efforts, but they were mistak-en. He was simply lovesick.

in the hope of finding some trace of Dick Redburn and his daughter, and particularly the latter. But he had

spent a month there, and though he had searched every directory and

ble Minnie might go, he had seen nothing of her nor found anything

fice to take passage for the moun-

tains. He was down-hearted and sad,

man he loved was gone. He wal ed with his head down, taking no notice

of what was passing about him. Nothing was of interest to him.

Then in a moment he was electrified

into life and energy and his blood was

sent coursing through his veins, while

his brain went all in a whirl. A well-

Of course she invited him to come

to see her father. It was the most nat-ural thing in the world for her to do that, after all he had done for her

and her parent. Equally of course, he accepted the invitation.

Matters progressed until one day Bob called on Redburn and said to

"You remember a promise you made

to me that day up there at Tough

"Well. I have come to make a re-

"All right. It is yours if it is in my

"Then I want you to give me your

The old man gave a long whistle.

"Is that all?" he asked with a smile.
"That is enough," Bob replied.

"Well, you can have ber and wel-come, though, I think you are letting

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"It is in your power, but I warn you now that I am going to ask you for a

thought her.

power to grant it.'

daughter:

consideration.

they opened fire on the mob.

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2. We do not know, without much and careful experiment, how vast a service that animal might have done to mankind as a domestic species.

The force of this will be more as parent if we recollect how much the well-known domestic Several weeks passed before Bob have done for the advancement of our race. Who can decide which has done more for mankind, the cow of the steam engine, the horse or elecwondered what had become of her tricity, the sheep or the printing and her father. He learned of their press, the dog or the rifle, the ans or the loom? No one, indeed, can pro nounce on these, yet all on reflection feel that there is reason in the com parisons. Take away these inventions and we are put back a century, or per haps two; but further, take away the domestic animals, and we are re duced to absolute savagery, for it was they who first made it possible for our aboriginal forefathers to settle in one place and learn the rudiments of civil-

ization. And it is quite possible, though, of course, not demonstrable, that the humble, chuckle barn fowl has been His purpose in going to 'Frisco was, ostensibly, to look after some business matters, but in reality be went there a larger benefactor of our race than any mechanical invention in our possession, for there is no inhabited country on earth to-day where the barn fowl is not a mainstay of health There are vast regions of South Amer ica and Europe where it is the mainstay, and nowhere is there known which is probably more than can be made every possible inquiry, and fre-quented churches, theatres and every other place that he thought it possisaid of anything in the world of me chanics.

TRANS-SIBERIA.

that gave him a trace of her wherea A Railway to Be Succeeded by Other At last he gave up the search and Vast Trunk Systems. started to return to Tough Luck. He was on his way to the stage-coach of-

A number of new railroads are contemplated in Asia. The lines now in existence have a total length of about 30,000 miles of which two-thirds be long to British India. The portions of the Trans-Caspian and the Trans-Siberian railways already constructed have a length of 3,200 miles. A number of European syndicates have ob-tained concessions for \$3,600 miles of railroad in China, which will traverse regions rich in minerals and agricul-ture; many of these lines are already remembered voice—a voice he could never forget—had spoken his name and he had looked up to behold Min-nic Redburn, more beautiful, more lovely, more enchanting than he had in progress of construction.

The Chinese government owns about 200 miles of railway. These lines are very remunerative, especial ly that from Peking to Tientsin. Japan is well provided with railroads; the present length being 3,200 miles. French Indo China has at present only 120 miles, but the French pos-sessions in Cochin-China, Anam and Tonkin will soon have 2,400 m which will greatly help to develop their mineral and agricultural resources The Dutch Indies are well supplied. Java alone has 1,000 miles. There areasyst no railroads in Persia of any consequence; but Turkey operates

1,000 miles in Asia, and 600 miles more are in construction or projected.

The Russian commission which for months past has been busy with the preliminaries for the construction of a ratiroad from Astrakhan up the River Volga has completed its labora. The plan is to lay the tracks on the great deal. I am going to ask for the left shore of the Voign and to connect with the general Russian railway system. The railroad will become of the utmost importance for the whole commerce of Russia with Central Asia and Persia—the more so because, at the same time the Volga channel through the Caspian Sea will be deep ened to enable steamers to proceed directly to Astrakban without being compelled to reload on flar-bottomed lighters.

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