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"Oh, this is grand!" exclaimed George Casey, as he paused for a few moments to enjoy the embracing air and scenery. Ail about him the mountains lay in tumbled heaps, farther away the foothills sloped gracefully downward, and still farther down in the valley and out over the mining camp he could see the old trail that stretched away to the westward. He was new to these scenes, having recently come to Wyoming from his home in Boston, and he was drinking in the atmosphere of the new life to the fullest.

"Y-a-s." drawled the girl as sheovertook her companicn; "but I'm a thinkin' as how we better start fer home. It's a-gettin' purty late, an' we're some twelve miles from town. We can't much more than git there by dark."

"Two-bits," said George, tauntingly, "I believe you're a coward. Here you were born and raised in this country, and you're scared about being out in the hills after dark. Now, I'm a tenderfoot, and yet I would'nt be afraid to wander all over these hills from now until morning."

George Casey was indeed a "tenderfoot," but this was not the worst of his failings. Raised in a wealthy family, he had been given everything he wished, and had ruled his father's house to suit himself. That he was the most important portion of the drawled place. Suddenly, as she reached

Then he remembered that she had not been in the best humor, and decided that she would probably enjoy the sport as much as any of the others.

"Hello!" called a voice, "Where are yer, Mr. Casey?" It was the voice of Two-bits, and it was sweet music in his ear.
"Bight this way, Two-bits," he answered. "Have you brought help?"
She came to the other side of the guif, and thrusting a stout plank out toward him she drawled:
"Y-a-s. Thet's er help. Did yer think I was a-goin' ter give yer away ter the gang? Yer would never a-heard the last of it. I guess we ken make it all right with this here." Then, making sure the plank was resting securely on either side, she ordered, "Now, git spry, and don't waste no time. Hop across, I tell yer!"

As they came to the last crevice where the board was necessary, George paused.
"W-a-ll," drawled Two-bits, as she waited, with arms akimbo, "this is the last one. Yer goin' to give up now? If yer do, I'll leave yer fer good, dead sure."
"Two-bits," said George, and there was considerable pathos in his voice; "Two-bits," he repeated, "will you forgive me for calling you a coward? You are the bravest gir! I ever knew, and you've been real kind to me to-night. Will you forgive me?"
"Aw, come along with yer," said the girl, greatly embarrassed. "It's my joinion yer fellers in the east jist talk ter hear yer heads roar half the time, and don't mean what yer say."

They neared the town, walking side by side. The board had been thrown away, and from their appearance no one would have known that anything out of the ordinary had occurred. As he left her at her own door he pressed her hand tightly, and said:
"You are a brave girl—a regular little heroine."

Next day she found-a pony tied to the post in front of her mother's house, and on

heroine."

Next day she found a pony tied to the post in front of her mother's house, and on the beautiful saddle which it bore, was pinned a note which read:

"This is Nickel, a present to Two-bits, the brave little girl who was good to a coward."

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James with her hands full of prepara-

tions for King Edward's first drawing

MRS. WHITLAW REID.

room of the season, to be held May 25, at which she will present many American women, some of whom will be her

Naturally, the presentation most important to the American colony in Lon-don this season will be that of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, President Rooseiveness of these rooms, some choice boudoir furniture has recently arrived from France to lend a fresher bridal beauty to the ...

Exiled Queen Ranavalo.

Among the members of the ruling families of the orld, most of weom have known many sorrows, there are few figures so pathetic as that of Ranavalo, the ex-Queen of Madagaswho is now on a visit to Paris, and who since 1897 has been a queen without a throne, living in Algiers on charity somewhat grudgingly vouchsafed her by the French Govern-

ment. Ranavalo is now forty-four, and, although here complexion inclines to a dusky shade, she is by no means un-attractive. She possesses a distinctly good figure, dresses with much taste, and wears her clothes with distinction. She ruled over Madagascar for four-teen years, and, like the two queens who preceded her, became the wife of the Prime Minister. When she began her reign the country was at war with

Chinchillas Becoming Scarce. The chinchilla, the little rat-like animal which produces the popular fur, is

in danger of extinction.

The chinchillas were formerly found in great numbers in the high ranges of the Andes, in Bolivia and Chili, but owing to the demand for their skins they have been ruthlessly hunted, in season and out of season, and the Chilean Government finds it almost im-possible to enforce a law which has en passed for their protection.

The exports from Coquimbo, the principal port for this trade, amounted last year to twelve thousand dozen skins and the prince raid ways and the prince raid ways. and the prices paid were almost double those of the previous year.

Joke on Time.

A Pennsylvanian named Weeks, with a chronic habit of purloining watches, has been given the Time of his life by the judge, who sent him up for ten years.—New York Evening Mail. What is the difference? He is Mail. What is the difference? He is no friend of Hours.—Washington Post. Wait a Minute. We Second the motion.—Chicago Tribune.
Year! Year! What's all this about anyway?—Wichita Eagle.
This squib has been going the rounds so long, that it appears to us

a little Decade.

Most Blessed of Emotions.

Oh, toiling hands of mortals! Soon, soon it seems to you, you must come forth on some conspicuous hilltop, and but a little way further, against the setting sun, descry the spires of El Dorado. Little do ye know your own blessedness, for to travel hopefully is

The Newest Wearing Apparel.

The Princess gown occupies the The Princess gown occupies the centre of fashion's stage for spring and summer, and will doubtless "go to mill and to meeting" during the coming months. It appears in all sorts of gowns from the exquisite creations for evening to the walking skirt and its accompanying bolero. but there are those who cannot and will not wear this style of garment, and for these there are very pretty skirts, cut circular, and flaring widely about the lower edge. These skirts are constructed from all sorts of materials over the thingest of supterials, even to the thinnest of sum-mer fabrics, and if properly made they will not necessarily give much trouble by sagging. However, for the skirt of washing stuff, the gored models are much more satisfactory and patterns for these can be obtained with the

for these can be obtained with the modish flare about the bottom.

The vogue of the circular skirt has led to the fashion for flat skirt trimmings. These sometimes take the form of stitched bands of the material or silk, while braids of one or several kinds are often interlaced in design about the bottom. Another mode of skirt trimming much used is con-secutive rows of shaped flounces, one over-lapping the other and oftenending at each side of the front panel. One might almost say that the front panel in unbroken length from waisthand to em prevails in the majority of gowns. When bands of the same fabric as

the skirt are put on as trimming they are usually piped with a contrasting color: the tunic and flounce being often suggested by the manner in which these are applied.

As for coats, the bolero is in high feather this year, and figures in all varieties of wear from the ornamental to the useful. As an ornament it appears in the negligee of the morning as well as upon the evening toilette. The little lace and embroidered boleros are to be much worn with soft silk and summer gowns and will prove very fetching adjuncts to the toilette.

Every woman and girl will do well to provide herself with several lingerie waists for nice wear. These little blouses are very important in the wardrobe, no matter how meagre or sumptuous it be. They can be had in a great variety of styles and in all of the sheer summer fabrics. Those embroidered, or inset with lace, are very dainty and considered quite suitable for any occasion where one needs to look well. On cool days they can be worn over a slip of pink, blue or lavendar and be very pretty and be-coming. Many of these waists are made with 7 ow sleeves but they can be had with the long sleeve—and some of the newest imported blouses are made with sleeves which end in a long point over the hand.

In materials, no one will go astray in purchasing voile and linen for her spring and summer gowns. There are linens of all kinds from the sheer handkerchief qualities to the fine unhandly line. bleached linens. Then there are soft cashmeres, raw silks, mobairs and eoliennes as well as the immortal serge. White is promised much vogue for summer, and mixed with black it is very smart for the new suits suitings are mostly in small checks, or stripes.

Was a "Nonymous" Letter.

A certain Congressman from Vir velt's daughter. During their stay in ginia has long retained in his employ London, Mr. and Mrs Longworth will a colored man by the name of Ezekiel. be the guests of the Reids at Dorchester House, where the suite occupied by the ambassador and his
wife will be at the disposal of the
Longworths. To add to the attractiveness of these rooms, some choice
bondoir furniture has recently arto find that the letter was nowhere to be seen in his library. He had a distinct recollection that it had been left

on the table. He summoned Ezekiel and asked if he had seen it. "Yassah, yo' lef' it on yo' table.
"Then where is it now?"

"I mailed it, sah."
"You mailed it! Why, Zeke, I had not put the name and address on the envelope!"

"Jes' so, sah! I thought it was one

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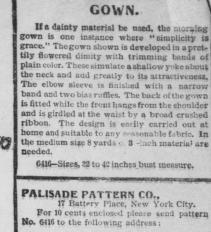
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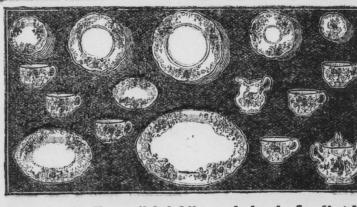


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doggedly as before, and followed him back toward the camp.

The sun had gone down, and soon the long twilight was drawing to a close. Now and then the howl of a cyote was heard far out over the hills, and in another direction the answering note of its mate. The echo made the whole region take up the sound, until it seemed that the two lone travelers must be in the midst of an expense of the creatures.

Yer many as well let me take the lead." said Two-bits; and not waiting for his consent, she pushed her way ahead of him. He had called her a coward, and she would show him that she was not one.

He willingly took his place behind the guide, for he felt safer when he knew that she had taken the responsibility of leading. He secretly wished that he had taken her advice and started home sooner, but he would not admit it to her.

Yer'll hef ter hustle faster'n thet," she temarked, "er it'll be all up with us when

SHE CAME TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GULF.

a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labor.—Robert Louis