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A JEWEL IN THE ROUGH

Dick talked loudly, and with a great many of the miners, his oaths, and the imputations of cowardice he heaped on his employer, carried the day. Some of the others, quieter men with keener perceptions, merely listened to silence, and shook their heads when appealed to for an opinion.

"I dunno. He's got grit," remarked one between mouthfuls of bread and bacon, in response to a sanguinary burst of Dick's. "He's a slip," answered Dick, contemptuously. "But a dead sure shot."

"He'd funk it," said Dick, his face paling a little. "He'd never stand up to me. He's got no fight in him. Why, he's managed that claim there now for two years and he's never so much as fired a shot over it. Now that fellow Robinson, wot's got the claim a mile further up the creek, he's the boy for me. Why, he hadn't been there two days before there was trouble, and at the end of the week he was reckoning up he had made five corpses over it."

He looked around the circle, and there was a murmur of admiring assent. The old miner nodded his head slowly as he munched his beans. "Yes, that's Talbot's way; he's just as smooth as butter as long as you know he's the boss and act according, but just as soon as you begin to try and boss him, you'll know you have your hands full."

Dick took another pull at the tin whiskey bottle, and tightened his belt. As the men returned to work they were surprised to see their employer leaning idly against his window, and still more surprised when they passed round to the main entrance to find the great door shut. Talbot came himself and let each man in in turn as they came up, shutting the door afterward. Their curiosity at this unusual state of affairs was great, but there was a look on the pale, stern face they encountered on the threshold that froze all open question or comment, and each man went by silently to his work. When they got down toward the shaft and out of hearing, however, their tongues were loosened again.

ASTHMA—HAY FEVER—RAZ-MAH

struggled to draw his revolver, but his arm refused to obey his will. Yet it was not wholly cowardice that swept over him in a sickly tide. As he had met those scornful, indignant eyes, there had rushed back to his mind a thousand small benefits conferred upon him by this man, a thousand instances of friendliness, the memory of the first days they had worked together, how he had slept under his roof, fed at his table, how more than all, it had been given by him and instructed in the use of this very weapon that now would be turned to the giver's own breast.

The excitement was intense among them as they waited, not one of them shifted his place on the log or bank where he had sat down; they hardly seemed to draw their breath. All their eyes were fixed upon Talbot. He walked up and down in front of the shot, his arms folded, his revolver still in its case on his hip. The men watched him curiously. His face was very white and exceedingly determined.

The afternoon was placid and lovely. The temperature was not within many degrees of zero, but the gold of the sunshine was bright, and the air was dazzlingly clear. It was about midday, not a leaf rustled, not a breath stirred. Nature was in her calmest, gentlest mood; nowhere could there have been a more tranquil arena to witness the passions of men. There was perfect silence, except for the crack of the ice sometimes as it split beneath the firm, resolute steps of the man pacing up and down. His face was set as a stone mask, as immovable and as calm, but the passion of anger increased within him as he waited; a mad impatience for his adversary to return grew at each step that he walked to and fro.

At last he stopped in his walk and fixed his gaze on the road which led to the miners' cabins. All the men's eyes followed his, and they saw the figure of their fellow-worker coming slowly down toward them—a huge, hulking form, contrasting strongly with the slim one of the man waiting for him. Some of the miners glanced up at Talbot, wondering silently if he "funked it"; but there was something in that attitude and that iron countenance that reassured them and stirred a dull admiration in their hearts. Talbot ceased to walk up and down. He planted himself directly in front of the wide-open door and waited there. Passion and excitement had dilated his pupils until the usually calm light gray eyes looked black; his nostrils quivered slightly as he watched his enemy coming up. A Marley drew nearer, the hulking notes with satisfaction his enormous six-shooter swinging in his belt; the sunlight caught the steel at every other step forward he made. Their hearts beat fast with keen anticipation. There would soon be some one shooting and one dead man, perhaps, or two—or Marley meant business; and as for the other, he looked like the devil himself, as he stood there. And he was a fine shot; there was no mistake about that. Denbigh stared hard at him with round, fixed eyes. He was thinking of the nights when he had watched Talbot teaching Dick to shoot straight—teaching the very man to his seat of now to get his own shot to shoot himself with! He remembered how Talbot had stood with Marley at this very tunnel's mouth and showed him how to snuff a candle at thirty yards! And Denbigh stared and gazed with admiration. Marley drew nearer down the path, his heavy, crunching steps echoing through the serene and frosty air. A few minutes more and he was close up to the eager, expectant silent circle the men watched with him, with their breath suspended. On he came, sullenly, filled with a sort of dogged, brutal animosity against the man he had wronged and insulted. He stepped between the men, who made a short line, and then into the clear open space, facing Talbot.

For the first time he looked him full in the face, with a fugitive, fleeting glance, and then his eyes shifted a little. His pace slackened, but he did not stop; his feet dragged loosely over the rough snow and gravel, his huge form seemed to shrink together, to lessen; while the fascinated eyes of the men watching the two, that slight figure at the door-way, motionless as a statue, seemed to dominate the scene. Marley felt a peculiar, sick paralysis coming over him; a curious tugging back of his muscles when he tried to get his hand to his hip, a strangling feeling in his throat; that glance seemed petrifying to him. The absolute fearlessness, the indomitability with that fixed stare, seemed to overcome him. The very fact, perhaps, that Talbot had not even yet drawn his pistol, the extreme coolness that relied upon the swiftness of his wrist to draw it at a second's notice, staggered and scared him. He remembered the skill that had long been his admiration, and that he had at last learned to imitate the sureness of aim and eye, the dexterity and quickness of this hand, and his tongue fairly cleaved to the roof of his dry mouth. He

the sun, his head hanging down, till at last by a turn in the road he was lost to view, there was a long-drawn breath of surprise and wonder, a general turning of the eyes to Talbot. It was a victory, though a bloodless one, and they felt it. Each one felt that the conqueror was before them. Talbot said nothing. He simply stood aside from the door to let the miners who were outside enter. The men took it as a signification that they were to recommence work, and hastened to obey. They did not dare to speak to him, not even to congratulate him. They were awed into submissive silence before him. Not a sound was uttered. The men filed silently into the tunnel like cowed sheep into their pen, leaving their master standing motionless in the sunshine.

Colors for Dyeing. White, very light cream, pink, blue or green can be dyed any color. Light red may be dyed a darker red, purple, plum or brown. Brown will be come a darker brown by the use of crimson or garnet. A dark green may be dyed a deeper shade of green, brown or black.

DO CORNS LEAD TO CANCER? As yet this has not been proved, but interested parties will find nothing better for corns than Putnam's Corn Extractor, 25c at all dealers.

HAD SPOKEN HIS LAST. (Edinburgh Scotsman.) Rever: Poor Brown! He's gone over to the silent majority. "Is he dead?" "Why—I—when did he—is he dead?" "No, married."

Recognized as the leading specific for the destruction of worms. Other Grave's Worm Exterminator has proved a boon to suffering children everywhere. Its mild fail.

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Dandruff, itching, scalp irritation, etc., point to an unhealthy condition of the scalp, which leads to thin, falling hair and premature baldness. Frequent shampoos with Cuticura Soap and hot water do much to prevent such a condition, especially if preceded by a gentle anointing with Cuticura Ointment to spots of dandruff and itching.

Natural Barometer. One of the simplest of nature's barometers is a spider's web. When there is a prospect of wind or rain the spider shortens the filaments by which its web is sustained and leaves it in this state as long as the weather is variable. If it elongates its threads, it is a sign of fine, calm weather.

WOULD TAKE NO CHANCES. Miss Muggins—If you were me, dear, would you be married in the spring or the fall? Miss Keen—If I were you and had actually secured a man, I would set the wedding for the earliest date possible.

Miller's Worm Powders are a prompt relief from the attacks of worms in children. They are powerful in their action and, while leaving nothing to be desired as a worm expellant, have an invigorating effect upon the youthful system, remedying fever, biliousness, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, and other ailments that follow disorders caused by worm in the stomach and bowels.

Those who borrow trouble will find it never too late to lend.

Emerald Firth of Forth

The Firth of Forth is, of course, one of the most notable things in all Scotland. From Kincardine, where it officially begins, to that imaginary line just west of the Isle of May, from the East Neuk of Fife to the mouth of the Tyne, in Haddingtonshire, where it officially ends, is a distance of 48 miles; while from shore to shore the expanse of water measures anything from one and a half miles, at Queensferry, to seventeen and a half miles off the Isle of May. Within this great expanse of water whole fleets may ride at anchor in perfect safety, and, although little is known of the great scenes which must have taken place in these waters during the last four years, the story of the Firth of Forth during the great war, culminating, as it did the other day, with the surrender there of the German high seas fleet, will not be the least interesting of the many stories which still remain to be written.

Underground Canal. The most remarkable canal in the world is the one between Worsley and St. Helen's, in the North of England. It is sixteen miles long and underground from end to end. In Lancashire, the coal mines are very extensive, half the country being undermined. Many years ago the managers of the Duke of Bridgewater's estates thought they could save money by transporting the coal underground, instead of on the surface, therefore, the canal was constructed and the mines connected and drained at the same time.

Ordinary canal boats are used, the power being furnished by men. The tunnel arch over the canal is provided with cross-pieces, and the men who do the work of propulsion lie on their backs on the loads of coal, and push with their feet against the cross-bars of the roof.

Women Can Fortify Their Health. With constantly aching backs, weary, dragging-down pains, dizzy and nervous headaches, women have a hard burden to carry. It is wise for every woman to fortify herself against those derangements which are present when extra demands are made upon the system by Nature's laws. No better remedy exists for woman's peculiar ailments than DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS, which possess tonic properties that act upon the proper organs at the proper time to prevent headache, overcome dragging weariness, backache, nervousness and pallor—to look well, sleep well, eat well and enjoy the manifold blessings of sound, regular health, every girl and woman should regulate her system by Dr. Hamilton's Pills, 25c per box.

Emeralds of the Aztecs. Among the Aztec treasures of Mexico, besides other precious stones, many exquisitely cut emeralds were found, and it is from this source that the magnificent emeralds now forming part of the royal collection of Spain were supposed to have come.

Advertisement for Algonquin Park Trout. Features a large illustration of a lake with a boat and a fisherman. Text includes 'Season open in Algonquin Park', 'Thousand Lakes in the Reserve', and 'Trout Done to a Turn'.

Advertisement for Anchor Plug Tobacco. Features an illustration of a pack of tobacco. Text includes 'ANCHOR PLUG represents the summit of achievement in expert tobacco manufacturing', 'No other chewing tobacco possesses the quality of leaf, and flavor, found in ANCHOR.', and 'Two Plugs for 25¢ It Holds its Flavor'.