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CHAPTER XXV.—(Cont'd.) "We nearly there," said Komi. the group of rustlers in the distance, dashing furiously towards them.

She emitted a nervous cry. "Look, we're being followed." All turned and saw, then spurred their horses on to greater efforts. Komi pointed ahead. "See, there it is," he cried.

They saw his hut, an old tumble-Sierra Diablo, high above the gorge. a cracking sound as the last of the —we'll ride to the last of the wooden supports gave way—the hut They work precipitous mountainside, its bottom started to topple—Terence made a supported by two wooden supports, wild reach for Mary and held her in shall's call. They went direct to the jail at Pico to restrain his mirth. To people whom for most of the hours of your day are when is supported by two wooden supports, wild reach for Mary and held her in shall's call. They found him handless the great man has record by " He in a careful to restrain his mirth. To people whom for most of the hours of your day are when is supported by two wooden supports, wild reach for Mary and held her in shall's call. They found him handless the great man has record by " He in a careful to restrain his mirth. To people whom for most of the hours of your day are when is

That's a great perch for a hut," down, downsaid Bud. But they spurred their horses on.

at every step, came the pursuers.

rustlers pressing forward in hot pursuit. He helped Mary from her horse, and they all rushed into the hut, Tertheir faces and lock it.

"D'ya see that," cried Buck to his far below. fellows, as they dismounted in front of the tumble-down structure. "That said: was Idaho Bill with them-the damn double crosser. We'l, we've got 'em

trapped now. This is their last stand." gan to protrude, spitting bullets at mounted and sped away. the rust ers.

The rustlers retreated a short ways, and took cover. "So that's their game, is it?" said

Buck. "We'll give 'em all they're looking for."

ploy themselves, taking advantageous ferent points. positions, under cover, at various angles from the hut, and keep a steady first to slide out. They fire on it. The seige was soon raging. In the case of the control of the

CHAPTER XXVI.

INSIDE THE HUT. Poor Miquel shrieked, clutched wildlets, piercing the wooden wans of the hut, had caught him. Mary and Terside, pressed the cold hand, and murence rushed to his side. Horror spread mured sadly: over their faces. "What is it—what is it?" cried Bud

over his faithful little side kick. "Dead-dead."

his rifle through a crack in the wall. There was a creaking cracking sound—the hut rocked backwards. "The supports are giving waythey're shooting at the supports," said

Bud hoarsely. Komi suddenly stopped firing, threw

"We can't resist much longer," said

Terence and Bud each had a couple left. The house was swaying perilthrough the cracks.

We're at the end of the rope."

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A few minutes after they had ceas-"We nearly there," said Komi. ed firing they heard a terrible batter-Mary glanced back and perceived ing at the door.

"They're breaking in on us." dizzily than ever.

Terence started toward the door to saveu. Dut now to mud the topaz:

"Do you remember Komi's last pany be silent, and will praise him in his hearing, and when he pauses, act rible crash again from the outside died he said, ask my father; he knows as fugleman with a "Bravol" If he ingly translated into a morning freek. the strain had been too great—the hut sagged and creaked— They heard a crackling sound as the last of the world ride to Pico at once and see wour father."

as fugieman with a "Bravo! II no makes a frigid joke, he will burst out laughing, and stuff his clock into his mouth, as though otherwise unable that is most important in your dress, for mouth, as though otherwise unable that is most important in your dress, down rickety affair, on the edge of hut sagged and creaked. They heard

On behind them and seeming to gain side, Buck and his men quickly re-At last they pulled up at the door been using as a battering ram, just of the hut. They found Terence all in time to save themselves from dashments of the map, and recounted the pair of slippers, he will declare that the foot is more graceful than the in stripes and checks, which would feet above him. She turned round treated with the heavy log they had

He had only time to slam the door in and saw the splintered remains of

With a hard grin, Buck turned, and

"They're done for—and that doublecrosser, Idaho Bill, along with 'em.-This'll be big news fer the boss. From crevices between the boards C'mon, let's beat it and tell him." of the hut, pisto, and rifle barrels be. They ran back to their horses,

CHAPTER XXVII. KOMI'S GIFT.

While the hut was falling, its weak have been preying upon us." wails gaped open, the occupants slid He gave orders to his men to de- out, and were hurled to earth at dif-

fragile structure. Buck himself took broke their fall and saved them from careful aim at the weak, rotting woodserious injury. Coming out of his lay our plans there, and have a little
took trade of the latter of th en supports underneath the hut. He doze, Terence turned his attention to rest," chuckled as he saw the wood of one of Mary. She revived a few moments out." them splintered by his bullet. He fired later, and they embraced tenderly in at it again. It cracked and sagged the joyous discovery that both had girl, after this day."

The hut staggered, as if about to fall, but hung on precariously.

The hung on precariously.

"I should think you girl, after this day."

Then they clambered to their feet and started searching for Bar M.

Descending cautionsly down the steep mountainside, they found Bud, who luckily had escaped similarly. The three went on farther. At the ly at his breast, swayed, and dropped bottom they found the dead body of M ranch was Stella Montrose. Wear-

"Good-bye, little pal." In the wreckage of the hut they short time later. They laid the two Hughes his nerves on edge, as he bent heard groans, and rushed toward it. They found old Komi caught in the debris, unable to extricate himself. Komi remained at his post shooting They lifted him out, and carried him aside, but as they bent over him it the topaz." became apparent that the last of the Yaquis was mortally injured.

breathing hard, turned his eyes to Buck, and wrest from him the secret Blue lakes for him must happy lie Mary and Terence and recognized of the topaz if it's the last thing I do." In the deep azure of the sky, his rifle on the floor despairingly, and ed into his torn blouse and withdrew a fragment of seared, worn yellow make a copy of this, in better shape," Perhaps when skies are plain and gray paper bearing crude Indian inscrip. Terence remarked. "It will be too An errant bird will fly that way, tions. It was half of a map. He held inconvenient to be fumbling with two And in the stilly night-time hours Mary. "Look, all my cartridges are the paper toward Mary, and muttered pieces."

"Komi's face is turned to the set-

inherited from my father."

He drew forth his own fragment, and pieced the two together. After figure out how to trail this man Buck, a scrutiny, he maid:

exact spot—there must be something He pondered and said: else, a key to-"

interrupted, saying, with difficulty: —this very night!" "The secret is in—the topaz—your He emphasized his intention by

ing became harder, gasped, and went off and with a loud crash broke to bits on—"But O'Rourke was killed—the on the floor. topaz was not found on his bodyask Komi's great white friend Marshall he knows who dye rich, permanent With a last gasp the old Indian ex-

> CHAPTER XXVIII. OUT OF THE PAST.

and Stella the details of the faking or adulterated with ingredients forsilk, or whether it is linen, cotton or Taggart's face. His hand fondled the grotesque topaz watch-charm, and he

some of the men and beat it back to the wrecked but. Search the everything for that Yaqui map of Diable. You may find it on Komi's body. And don't forget to search O'Rourie's body—you remem-ber the piece of map he had, that you once got, but that he retrieved from Hurry back to the Bar M with you.—Hurry back to the Bar M with what you find. You, Stella, dash back

We'll have it all sewed up from every question was started: Who is our most They separated, departing on their worthy citizen? Everyone began with respective missions.

to the Bar M now, and keep a sharp

mountain, Mary, Terence and Bud fluff from his companion's cloak; and

The hut rocked and swayed more the map. If we can find that topaz we can locate the treasure, and your hairs; although no one has darker hair we can locate the treasure, and your heirs; although no one has darker hair for his age than you." While his patthe map. If we can find that topaz two days, your beard is full of white troubles will be ended—the ranch for his age than you." While his pat-Terence started toward the door to saved. But how to find the topaz?—" ron is speaking he will bid the com- ATTRACTIVE MORNING DRESS.

his arms they were faling down, and grieving, awaiting the end. After will buy apples and pears for the overdesign fashions this one-piece ed, but she quickly brightened up. "Oh, Many had shound him a hit Tammes shift and being them to the house kimono sleepe fronk. The front is out mamma, she said. "let's pretend that

and they all rushed into the hut, Terence last, just as the enemy drew up.

ward over the side of the mountain,

who said "The secret is in the by my
that their foreheads, then peered downwas given to Mary for you by Komi,

He had only time to all the mountain,

who said "The secret is in the by my
that the mountain,

who said "The secret is in the mountain,"

who said "The secret is in the mountain,

who said "The secret is in the mountain, and th

who said, 'The secret is in the topaz' will take the cushions from the slave 48 inches bust. Size 40 bust requires paper ribbon almost back to our the hut where it had smashed to bits died before he could finish" Marshall pondered deeply a moment, and said:

> father, O'Rourke, could read the vation, and that his portrait is an exthe home dressmaker, and the woman Minard's Liniment for stiff muscles. the treasure but his partner killed him to gain possession of a weirdly-cut topaz before he reached the spot. And the one and only man who can now tell you the secret of the topaz. and the name of your father's slayer, My old sweet garden lying in the sun, is Buck McLeod, the outlaw, the lead- Where larkspurs smiled, and when the

"Well, dear, we're a little bit warm-

"I should think you would be, dear

CHAPTER XXIX.

ied after the strenuous day, she climbed the sairs of the ranch house, threw From olden trees, tall, twisted and herself on a bed, and was soon fast

sections of the old map out on the hiving-room table and studied it.

"Never mind, dear, we will be rewarded with success in the end," re-The old Indian, in great suffering, piled Terence. "I shall get that man Surrounded by the window's rim

Mary brought him a pencil and The strange, black sky is full of ting sun. Take it-Miss Mary-a together, laid the paper over them, cusly, as its rotten supports gave way gift to your father—the great white and traced the lines and figures of paper. He pieced the two fragments

it was correct in all its details. "That pan should be rinsed afterwards with "It's part of the old map showing will be much handier to work with." where the Yaquis hoarded gold in He folded the copy up and placed their shrine. It belongs with the piece it in his pocket, leaving the two old fragments lying on the table.

"Now the next thing to do is to and get the secret of the topaz. Then "But it still does not indicate the all will be clear sailing."

"Mary, you rest here to-night-but Old Komi, gasping as his life ebbed, I am going to take the trail of Buck

father, O'Rourke, put it there he pounding the table with his fist, with Komi's friend, too—He could read the such force that a vase, which they had placed on the edge of the table, to Komi clutched his chest, as breath- clear the centre for the map, toppled

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"Mary, we now have both helves of two days your heard is full of white They went direct to the jail at Pico to restrain his mirth. To people whom for most of the hours of your day are when ladies and gentlemen come to

They wiped the perspiration from father," Terence went on. "The other back, "I have announced your ap- 84 or 36; size 40 for 38 or 40; size 44 proach." . . . At the theatre he for 42 or 44; and size 48 for 46 or a long white sheet stretching like a

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He looked at the map thoughtfully. Green pastures linger there at dawn, "The first thing we ought to do is At eve white peaks the sun shines on;

the map.

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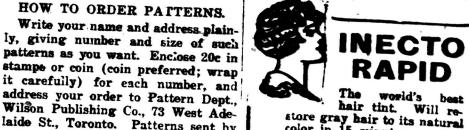
Mary had cheered him a bit, Terence children and bring them to the house kimono-sleeve frock. The front is cut mamma, she said, "let's pretend just

"What," she gasped, "what do you

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receipts of the ranch. The provements were being a and on the basis of ccome At present there are pure-bred and one hund Shorthorns on the place. have about two hundred fa shire sheep, and sixty f mostly pure-bred Perch

Clydesdale. PONIES FOR THE CHIL Mr. Carlyle said that, a his early visits to the prince asked how the child range sections got to school informed that horseback wa means of conveyance. He kind of horses were used. I that most any kind of a hor the worst on the ranch. Th introduced the Dartmouth England. He now has quit this sturdy type; which is a very well; and it is his hope other ranchers will try to r The writer can attest to the the children use horses. could just toddle seemed ; to handling horses. The dis of the pony, it .cems, wou a half dozen children could at once, as they do the hor

One of the prince's reason ing this ranch was to ence raising of better live stoc range country. For this p has imported some of the f in England. His Shorthor headed by King of the Fair the best bulls of England, longs to King George. T wanted to buy this bull fre but "dad" would not sell a Mition, but he did loan while. "Will Somers, tion of great renown, espe Great Britain, can also be the prince's barns at the ra

THREE TYPES OF WES The ride of seventy miles f mary to the prince's ranch interesting. On the right, of out upon the prairie country es a table and without trees, wheat fields galore. To the the foothills, which is the ran tay, and in the distance the mo Thus one gets at once view thr country-the bread board Dominion, the rolling meat-pe ection, and the scenic but sti tical mountains. The mounts practical because they are the