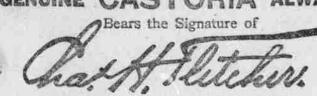
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#### CHAPTER VIII.

A Way to the River.

spits of fire cleaving the darkness, trust to that weapon entirely for de ber. A bit of flying lead tore through rifle and the girl. the leather back of the coach with an Moving slowly, cautiously, fearful sponding howl from the left evidenced king sure that both canteen and hava hit. Then, as quickly, all was still, intensely black once more. The Sergeant drew back from the window, leaning his gun against the casing,

"That will hold them for a while," he cald cheerfully. "Two less out there, I reckon, and the others won't get careless again right away. Now! is our time; are you ready?"

There was no response, the stillness no profound he could hear the faint ticking of the girl's watch." He reached out, almost alarmed, and touched her dress.

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tioned anxiously, "Didu't you hear me

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He waited breathless, but there was trembling, in spite of his fron nerve, groped its way upward. She was lying back against the opposite window, her head bent sideways.

"My God," he thought, "did those devils get her?" She lifted her slight figure up on one arm, all else blotted out, all oth-CHAPTER IV-Hamin meets the stage stant dread. His cheek stung where crept forward—an lach, two inches, a sith stories of depredations committed flying splinters had struck him, but foot. The fleure did not stip. Now then indiana appear.

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er memory vanished through this instant dread. His cheek stung where shoulders of a man! The Sergeaut planned for himself back there in the that was nothing. She was warm, her d in attack on the stage by Hamdown from the edge of her hair. He by a feathered war bonnet. The er already over yonder in the east. "Across the river," she repeated the
let out his breath slowly, the sudden strange porture, the hair lack of With the first dawn those watchful words dully, sitting up to stare out torelief almost choking him. It was bad first feared, not death. She had been

struck hard-a flying aplinter of wood. perhaps, or a -deflected bullet-her hair matted with blood, yet it was no mure than a flesh wound, although She waited in agony as he sighted leaving her unconscious, if he heatcarefully, striving to gauge the dis- tuted it was but for an instant. The tance. It seemed an interminable entire situation recurred to him in a time before his finger pressed the flash; he must change he plans, but trigger. Then came the report a flash dure waste no time. If they were to of fiame, and the powder smoke blown escape it must be accomplished now, back in her face. Half-blinded by the shadowed by dorkness, while savage discharge, she yet saw that black watchers were safely beyond sound, smudge leap upright; again the Henry. His lean jaws not with fierce deterblazed, and the dim figure went down minution, and he grimly hitched his There was a cry-a mad yell of rage belt forward, one showy hand finger--in which scattered voices joined; ing the revolver. He would have to the barking of guns of different call- fease; he could not carry both the

odd rip; another struck the casing of lest some creaking of the old stage the door, sending the wooden splin- might betray his motions to those ters flying ilke arrows. Hawk-eyed, keen ears below, he backed through Hamlin fired twice more, aiming at the open door. Once feeling the the sparks, grimly certain that a re- ground firm beneath his feet, and ma-



How Light She Seemed, as Though

ersack were secure, he reached back into the darkness, grasping the form of the unconscious girl. He stood erect with her held securely in his

his cheez, intening intentity, striving him without suspicion. He walted, with keen eyes to penetrate the black counting the seconds, every muscle curtain. The wind was fortunate, strained with expectancy, listening, blowing steadily across the flat from He had a feeling that some one was the river, and they were surely invis- crawling over the short grass, wigible against the background of the gling along like a snake, but the faint overhanging bluff. He did not even sound, if sound it was, grew less dis-feel it necessary to crouch low to tinct. Finally he lifted his head above avoid discovery. He knew that peril the edge of the bank, but saw nothwould confront them later, when they ing, not even a dim shadow. out into the open. How light she seemed, as though thought soberly, "and it isn't likely

was going to be

breath upon his face. Once he stum-

farther to the gully than he had sun-

posed; his heart was in his throat

fearing he had missed it, half-believing

the depression failed to extend to the

base of the bluff. Then his foot, ex-

ploring blindly, touched the edge of

the bank. Carefully he laid his bur-

den down, placing his battered cam-

paign hat beneath her head. He bent

it across the straps so as to hold can-

banks. He must explore the path first

motioniess, scarcely daring to breathe.

ment, and yet his eyes began to dis-

watch. Like a cat Hamlin crept up

slowly toward him, poised for a spring.

stirred the savage into semi-conscious-

opening eyes saw dimiy the Sergeant's

menacing shadow, before he could

scream his alarm, or spring upright,

thud, and he went tumbling backward

into the ditch, his cry of alarm ending

in a hoarse croak. From somewhere,

out of the dense darkness in front a

its owner had been startled by the

mysterious sound of the blow. It was

the language of the Arapahoes, and

out of his vague memory of the

ongue, spurred to recollection by the

swift emergency, Hamlin growled a

hoarse answer, hanging breathlessly above the motionless bady until the

"ugh!" of the fellow's response proved

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voice called, sharp and gutfural, as if

"They are closing in, I reckon," he clasped a child. Bearing there will be any more of these gentry easier as far back as this; looks as though than he had supposed; the excitement this gully turned west just beyond. yielded him a new measure of Anyhow I've got to risk it."

strength, yet he went forward very He returned more rapidly, knowing slowly, feeling along, inch by inch, the passage, yet with no less caution, planting his feet with exceeding care. finding the unconscious girl lying ex-The earth was hard-packed and would actly as he had left her. As he clasped leave little trail; there were no leaves, her form in his arms, her lips uttered no dead grass to rustle. Beyond the some incoherent words, but otherwise protection afforded by the stage he she gave no sign of life.

felt the full sweep of the wind and
permitted her head to rest lower on her ear, hoping thus to hold her silent.

one arm so that he could look about "It is all right now; only keep still." more clearly. She had not even He could feel her breathing, and moaned, although he had felt her realized the danger of her return to consciousness. If she should be frightbled slightly over some fallen earth, ened and cry out, their fate would be and farther along a foot slipped on a scaled. Yet he must accept the chance, treacherous stone, but the slight noise now that he knew the way to be clear. died unnoticed in the night. It was He held her tightly in both arms, his revolver thrust back into its holster. Bending as low as he could with his burden, feeling carefully through the darkness before advancing a foot, he produced by the new flesh-increaser moved steadily forward. Where the Protone, To put on real, solid, health; gully deepened their heads were at flesh, at the rate of a pound the edge of the bank, but much of the is not at all remarkable with this way was exposed, except for the dark paign hat beneath her head. He bent shadows of the slope. Fortunately over her again, assuring himself that there were clouds to the west, already that the west clouds the west c she breathed regularly, and then crept obscuring that half of the sky, but to down alone into the shallow ravine. the east nothing was visible against safely and quickly, muscles and solid His nerves were like steel now, his the faint luminousness of the sky-line, healthy fiesh, and rounds out the His nerves were like steel now, his the faint imminguaness of the land steady, his heart beating with Once, far over there to the left, a gun figure.

For women who never appear styling the night the work, and rejoiced in it. This was asunder, and against the distant rewhy he was a soldier. Silently, swift flection a black figure rose up be. Protone is a revelation.

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in his arms; must be sure the passage edge of the bank, sniffed, and disap- system. The Protone Company will was unguarded. After it swerved to peared noiselessly. So taut were his send you on receipt of your name and the right there would be little danger, nerves strung that the Sergeant sank address, a free 50c package of Probut while it ran straight, some cau- upon his knees, releasing one hand to upon his knees, releasing one hand to grip his revolver, before he realized on "Why You Are Thin," free of tious savage might have chosen it to skulk in. To deal with such he need the cause of alarm—some prowling charge, giving facts which will probprairie wolf. Then, with teeth grimably astenish you, send coupen below ly locked, bending lower and lower, today with your name and address. He must have crawled thus for thir- ly locked, bending lower and lower, today He must have cravied thus for thirty yards, hands and knees aching horribly, his eyes ever peering over the edge of the bank, his ears tingling to the slightest noise. The tiny glow of the fire far away to the left was alone visible in the intense blackness; the wind brought to him no sound of movement. The stillness was profound, almost uncanny; as he paused and listened he could distinguish the throb of his heart. He was across the trail at last, for he felt and traced the ruts of wheels, and where the banks had been worked down almost to a level wish the prairie, He crossed this opening like a snake, and then prehension. He dared not run in the sound of his unshaven beard prehension. He dared not run in the sound of his unshaven beard prehension. He dared not run in the sound of his opening like a snake, and then sound of his unshaven beard prehension. He dared not run in the sound sale and the sound have been sound as a large of the same and will be deed body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath past the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the dead body of the tudian. Not until then did he dare to breathe nath as the subchest of the subch y yards, hands and knees aching hor- he crept across the rutted trail, and RERERERERERERERE no movement, no sound, and his hand, arose to his knees beyond, where the darkness for fear of stumbling, yet & Name.... gully deepened. He remained poised, moved with greater swiftness, until the depression ended at the river. R Street ...... Surely that was something else-that Here, under the protection of the topping the line of bank! Was it ten and tell. He stared; there was no move- to the dark.

What now? Which way should they cern dimly the outlines-the head and turn? He had accomplished all he had foot. The figure did not stir. Now other problems awaiting solution. In would be on their trail. And they had ever do that?" the gully. That would tell the story. To go west, along the edge of the river, wading in the water, would be no possibility of rescue from that direction. They might as well walk open-eyed into a trap. There was but one hope, one opportunity-to cross the stream before dawn came and hide among those shifting sand-dunes of the opposite shore. Hamlin thor oughly understood the risk involved the treacherous sature of the Arkansas, the possibility that both might be sucked down by engulfing quicksand, yet even such a lonely death was pre-

ferable to Indian torture.

The girl at his feet stirred and noaned. In another moment he had filled his hat with water from the river, had lifted her head upon one arm, Use Without Discomfort or Loss of Time.

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"Lie still a while yet, Miss McDon We especially want to send it to aid," he said soothing, "until you re-those apparently hopeless cases where gain your strength."

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He heard the quick gasp of her breath, and felt the sudden relaxing of her muscles.

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back in the stage. As he ended, she lifted one hand to her wound.

"And I am not really hurt—not seriously?" her voice bewildered. "I—I never resilized I had been struck. And—and you carried me all that way—""I—I can hardly comprehend—yet. Please explain again; ;they are hack there watching for us still, believing we are in the coach; they will follow our trail as soon as it becomes daylight. Whys—why, the sky is brighter gree in the east already. [301 it]

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> couch, but now he became aware of What was it you said we must do?" "Get across the river; once hidden

movement, seemed proof that the ladians, creeping cautiously closer, ward the water. Then her head sunk enough surely, but not what he had tired warrior had fallen asleep on would discover the stage deserted, and into her hands. "Can we-can we

left a trail easily followed. Perhaps | Hamilia bent forward on his knees, Some sense of the wild must have the hard, dry ground might confuso striving with keen eyes, sharpened by those savage trackers, but they would his night's experience, to learn more ness. Suddenly he sat up, gripping the scour the open country between bluff of what lay before them. The move gun in his hands. Yet even as his and river, and find the dead warrior in ment, slight as it was. served to ment, slight as it was, served to frighten her, and she grasped him by the sleeve.

"Do not leave me; do not go away," useless precaution; such a trick would she implored swiftly. "Whatever you be suspected at once, and there was say is best, I will do."

CHAPTER IX.

Across the River. He dropped his hand upon hers.

lasping the clinging fingers tightly. "Yes, we can make it," he answered confidently. "Wait until I make sure what is out there."

He had slight recollection of the stream at this point, although he had crossed it often enough at the known fords, both above and below. Yet these crossings had always been accomplished with a horse under him, and a knowledge of where the trail ran. But he knew the stream, its pecultarities and dangers. It was not the volume of water, nor its depth he feared, for wide as it appeared stretching from bank to bank, he realized its shallow sluggishness. The peril lay in quicksand, or the plunging into some unseen hole, where the sudden swirl of water might pull them under. Alone he would have risked it recklessly, but with her added weight in (Continued on page 11.

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