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The Blazed Trail By STEWART EDWARD WHITE Copyright, 1902, by Stewart Edward White. Morning came at last, and the train drew in and stopped. Thorpe, being in the smoking car, dropped off first and stood looking over the passengers. He saw a telegram here for Harry Thorpe. To two only he could accord the role of master lumberman, and in these two Thorpe recognized Daly and Morrison themselves. They passed within ten feet of him, talking earnestly together. At the curb they hailed a cab and drove away. Thorpe with satisfaction heard them call the name of a hotel. It was still two hours before the land office would be open. Thorpe repaired at once to a boarding house off Fort street, where he had "outfitted" three months before. There he reclaimed his valise, shaved, clothed himself in linen and cheviot once more and sauntered slowly to the land office to await its opening. At 9 o'clock neither of the partners had appeared. Thorpe entered the office and approached the desk. "Is there a telegram here for Harry Thorpe?" he inquired. The clerk to whom he addressed himself merely motioned with his head toward a young fellow behind the railing in a corner. The latter shifted comfortably and replied "No."

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"I'm going now for a fresh pot of coffee," Mr. Morrison appeared on the sill. Then Thorpe showed the stuff of which he was made. "Is this the desk for buying government lands?" he asked hurriedly. "Yes," replied the clerk. "I have some descriptions I wish to buy in."

"Very well," replied the clerk. "What township?" Thorpe detailed the figures, which he knew by heart. The clerk took from a cabinet the three books containing them and spread them out on the counter. At this moment the bland voice of Mr. Morrison made itself heard at Thorpe's elbow. "Good morning, Mr. Smithers," it said with the deliberation of the consciously great man. "I have a few descriptions I would like to buy in the northern peninsula."

bulky toward himself. "Wh-what is it?" he stammered, drawing his hand back as though from red-hot iron. "You asked me for a telegram," said the boy stubbornly, as though trying to excuse himself, "and I didn't just catch the name anyway. When I saw it on those lists I had to copy it thought of this here."

"Where did you get it?" asked Thorpe breathlessly. "A fellow came here early and left it for you while I was sweeping out," explained the boy. "Said he had to catch a train. It's yours, all right, ain't it?" "Oh, yes," replied Thorpe. He took for envelope and walked uncertainly to the land window. He looked out at the chimney. After a moment he tore open the envelope. "I hope there's no bad news, sir," said the clerk, startled at the paleness of the face Thorpe turned to the desk. "No," replied the land keeper. "Give me a receipt. There's a certified check for your money!"

CHAPTER XIV. NEXT DAY the articles of partnership were drawn, and Carpenter gave his note for the necessary expenses. Then, in answer to a penciled card which Mr. Morrison had evidently left at Thorpe's hotel in person, both young men called at the lumberman's place of business. They were ushered immediately into the private office. Mr. Morrison was a smart little man, with an ingratiating manner and a fishy eye. He greeted Thorpe with marked geniality. "My opponent of yesterday," he cried jocularly. "Sit down, Mr. Thorpe. Although you did me out of some land I had made every preparation to purchase, I can't but admire your grit and resourcefulness. How did you get here ahead of us?"

"I walked across the upper peninsula and caught a boat," replied Thorpe briefly. "Indeed, indeed!" replied Mr. Morrison, placing the tips of his fingers together. "Extraordinary! Well, Mr. Thorpe, you overreached us nicely, and I suppose we must pay for our carelessness. We must have that pine even though we pay stumpage on it. Now, what would you consider a fair price for it?"

"It is not for sale," answered Thorpe. "We'll waive all that. Of course it is in your interest to make difficulties and run the price up as high as you can. But my time is somewhat occupied just at present, so I would be very glad to hear your top price. We will come to an agreement afterward." "You do not understand me, Mr. Morrison. I told you the pine is not for sale, and I mean it."

or else lose the value of our improvements. "Suit yourself," answered Thorpe carelessly. "You can always log your present holdings."

"Very well," cried Morrison, so suddenly a passion that Wallace started back. "It's war! And let me tell you this, young man—you're a new concern, and we're an old one. We'll crush you like that!" He craped an envelope vindictively and threw it in the wastebasket. "Crash ahead," replied Thorpe, with great good humor. "Goodbye, Mr. Morrison." And the two went out. Wallace was sputtering and trembling with nervous excitement. He was one of those temperaments which required action to relieve the stress of a stormy interview. He wanted to do something at once. "Hadm't we better see a lawyer?" he asked. "Oughtn't we to look out that they don't take some of our pine? Oughtn't we?" "You just leave all that to me," replied Thorpe. "The first thing we want to do is to rustle some money."

CHAPTER XV. NOW, in August, however, the first of a crew of men, "taken it apart" and left the inhabitants to place it together again as they could. The "tree" had not yet arrived. As a consequence Thorpe found the city comparatively quiet. Although his ideas were not as yet formulated, he hoped to be able to pick up a crew of first class men from those who had come down with the advance, or "jam," of the spring's drive. They were now and then to be seen by now and empty of pocket, should be found hanging about the boarding houses and the quieter saloons. Thorpe intended to offer good wages for good men. He would not need more than twenty at first, for during the approaching winter he intended to log on a very small scale indeed. The time for expansion would come later.

"You're just in time." "But surely—What did you buy for, Thorpe?" cried Mr. Morrison, with evidences of a growing excitement. "We intend to manufacture it." "Mr. Morrison's fishy eyes nearly popped out of his head. He controlled himself with an effort. "Mr. Thorpe," said he, "let us try to be reasonable. Our case stands this way: We have gone to a great deal of expense on the Ossawinimakee in expectation of undertaking very extensive operations there. To that end we have cleared the stream, built three dams and have laid the foundations of a harbor and boom. This has been very expensive. Now, your purchase includes most of what we had meant to log. You have, roughly speaking, about 300,000,000 in your holding, in addition to which there are several millions scattered near it which would pay nobody but yourself to get in. Our holdings are farther up stream and comprise only about the equal of yours."

"Three hundred millions are not to be sneezed at," replied Thorpe. "Certainly not," agreed Morrison suavely, gaining confidence in the sound of his own voice. "Not in this country. But you must remember that a man goes into the northern peninsula only because he can get something better there than here. When the firm of Morrison & Daly establishes itself now we must be for the last time. We want enough timber to do us for the rest of the time we are in business." "In that case you will have to hunt up another locality," replied Thorpe calmly. Morrison's eyes flashed, but he retained his appearance of geniality and appealed to Wallace Carpenter. "Then you will retain the advantage of our dams and improvements?" said he. "Is that fair?" "No, not on the face of it," admitted Thorpe. "But you did your work in a navigable stream for private purposes without the consent of the board of control. Your presence on the river is illegal. You should have taken out a charter as an improvement company. Then as long as you attended to business and kept the concern in proper shape, as soon as you let it slide, however, the works would revert to the state. I won't hinder your doing that, yet, although I might. Take out your charter and fix your rate of toll."

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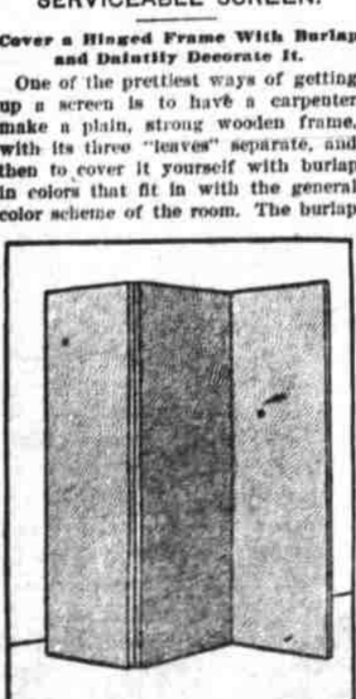
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[TO BE CONTINUED.] A GIRL'S ROOM.

Some Suggestions Pointing the Way to Health and Comfort. It is much better to forego all drapery about the bed, although if you feel that you must have a canopy let it be a dainty muslin that can be frequently laundered. Be most particular to have your bedding well aired and sunned every day, all except the pillow. Sun is said to draw the oil from the feathers, but they should be exposed to a current of air. Great danger lurks in damp bedclothes. Especial precautions in this regard should be observed in travel. Damp linen offers encouragement to microbes. And now as to the walls of this habitation of yours. Oil painted walls are the most hygienic and most satisfactory. In hospitals a pale yellow color has been found most pleasing to the eye. A plain color is always more restful than a figured hanging. Have you not all had the experience when you were sick of chasing some grotesque figure around and around with your wearied mind until the very pattern was seared into your brain? Oil painted walls, too, can be wiped down daily if you wish with sponges. They are indestructible, too, unless you disfigure them with nails. Your ceiling should be light in color. It is most advantageous to have a hardwood floor in the bedroom. Carpets should be banished and only rugs employed. Choose a closely woven rug that may hold a little dust as possible. Your summer rug should be made of grass or fiber. Such a floor covering is both satisfactory and inexpensive. These can be taken up and cleaned every week. The broom should always be dampened when used, and a carpet sweeper is better, for it gathers up all of the dust without scattering it around the room. When dusting use a damp cloth, never a feather duster. Keep your dust cloth clean, washing it out after its use.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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