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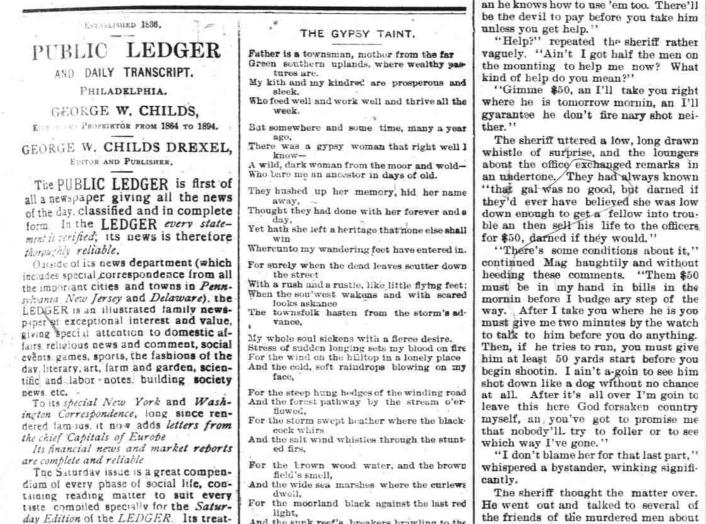
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after the killing, Tom had fled and was was the only response. "Jeeminy!" he ejaculated. "It sounds now somewhere in hiding. There was reason to believe that he like a million of devils might live down had not gone far away, but it was hard there." to find him. The mountain was thor-Then a sudden thought seemed to oughly aroused. 'the promincice of the

time.

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unless you get help.

ther.'

kind of help do you mean?"

which way I've gone."

"Have you been in a scrap, Mag?"

"I seen Tom last night," replied the

attempt at jocularity.

you know. He, he!"

the two minutes.

in a low whisper.

him?" asked another.

cantly.

already knowed that, though."

strike him. "See here," he shouted. "About half murdered men and the cold bloodedness of you fellows run down the mounting of the deed made every one feel an in--quick, an stand guard at the place terest in bringing the slayer to justice. where Lost crick comes out again." Pickets were scattered in a line that His meaning was comprehended in surrounded the whole slope of the mounan instant, and about half the posse tain where Tom was supposed to be hiddashed away to execute his orders. ing, but still the task was no easy one. "So that was Mag's little game, was The mountain side at that place was so

it?" continued the sheriff. "She thought full of deep ravines and holes in the I'd call in my picket lines an then Tom rocks that a dozen men might easily could slip out the lower end of this hole elude anything but the most careful -guess nobody knows it better than search. Still it was only a question of him, an she'd have her \$50 besides. She was sharp⁶ to get her money before-One evening several days after the hand. I wonder where she is now." killing Mag walked into the sheriff's She was nowhere to be seen. It seemoffice at Jasper. Without even glancing ed that during the tumult she had slipat the group of loungers hanging about ped away unobserved. The sheriff made as usual she looked defiantly at the sherno attempt to follow her; perhaps he iff and addressed him in harsh, strident remembered his promise not to do so. tones, very unlike those in which she "It don't make no difference." he re marked. "We've got Tom in a hole this "I've come to tell you uns that your time sure, with both ends of the hole men has got Tom Houston penned safe guarded. It's only a question of a little

an sound," she said. "Thar ain't no time now. If we don't drive him out possible way out for him. I guess you we can easily starve him out. I think some fellow winged him when he jump "I sorter guessed it," replied the shered anyhow." iff, as he chuckled and looked around in That night three men with rifles in their hands stood guard at the lower

"Ef you think you'll have an easy opening of the underground passageway job to take him, you're mistaken, of Lost creek, and three stood at the upthough," continued Mag. "That mountper one. The next day they were re ing is ezfull of little ole gullies an holes lieved by others, and so it continued for as an old kitchen is of rat holes, an J a full week. Tom Houston did not ap don't reckon any man in Tennessee pear. One afternoon at the end of this knows 'em any better than Tom does. period Tom's big peaked slouch hat It may be a month before you ketch floated out into the sunlight at the lowhim. Besides, Tom's got shootin irons, er entrance. The watchers examined it an he knows how to use 'em too. There'll with all the eagerness of intense excitebe the devil to pay before you take him ment.

"Somethin else is goin to float out "Help?" repeated the sheriff rather pretty soon now." exclaimed one in an vaguely. "Ain't I got half the men on awestruck whisper.

the mounting to help me now? What Sure enough, not half an hour later 'something else'' did float out. "Gimme \$50, an I'll take you right "Look out! It's comin," exclaimed where he is tomorrow mornin, an I'll

the first one who saw it. As it reached the first faint rays of

gyarantee he don't fire nary shot neidaylight the watchers peering in could The sheriff uttered a low, long drawn recognize the well worn suit of "but whistle of surprise, and the loungers ternut" jeans which Tom Houston had abont the office exchanged remarks in been used to wear. When it reached the an undertone. They had always known full light of day, they saw that a wealth 'that gal was no good, but darned if of soft brown hair had fallen back from they'd ever have believed she was low the marble brow of a woman. They had down enough to get a fellow into trouto take a second glance to realize that ble an then self his life to the officers. it was Mag. The old, radiant beauty for \$50, darned if they would." was unconquered even by death, but the "There's some conditions about it." old look of haughty defiance was gone, continued Mag haughtily and without and in its place was a look of tender heeding these comments. "Them \$50 restfulness that was new to them. The must be in my hand in bills in the only sign of a struggle was the black mornin before I budge ary step of the welt on the face where Tom had struck way. After I take you where he is you her when she went to him to unfold her must give me two minutes by the watch plan for saving his life. As the watchto talk to him before you do anything. ers gazed at the placid features the va-Then, if he tries to run, you must give rious details of her self sacrifice came to him at least 50 yards start before you them one at a time. begin shootin. I ain't a-goin to see him

"I bet she had him hid in this place shot down like a dog without no chance all along," whispered one. "The only at all. After it's all over I'm goin to trouble was that the lines was drawed leave this here God forsaken country so tight around that she couldn't get myself, an you've got to promise me him out. that nobody'll. try to foller or to see

"She changed clo'es with him mighty quick that evenin, " said another. "I don't blame her for that last part," "Tom slipped off with her clothes on, whispered a bystander, winking signifibut I bet she had some others hid out somewheres for him to put on. I The sheriff thought the matter over. wouldn't doubt but she gave him them \$50 to go on. Lord knows where he i





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gas! Mine shall be the peat smoke in the beech Count your sordid silver, tell your grimy Mine shall be the treasures of the wind and -May Byron in San Francisco Argonaut. cepted THE STORY OF MAG. Just above this little mountain village there is a place known as Lost Creek waterfall. The name is not a specially romantic one, but it has at least the merit of describing the place which it designates. Lost creek is a girl, with a forced laugh, "an he whacktypical mountain stream that comes roaring, brawling down the mountain until it reaches a certain high cliff, over which it plunges in a graceful, quivering column. It throws up a shower of silvery spray from the rocks below, but instead of flowing on down the surface of the mountain it plunges into a dark.

said. I didn't mind the lick-but the cussin. Here the girl's voice quavered, and those nearest to her thought they saw the glimmer of a tear in her eye. "I scon made it all right with him though," she continued, regaining her self possession. "But I didn't tell him what a nice lot of visitors I was goin to bring him this morning. He, he!" There were some black looks exchanged and some remarks made in an undertone as to the baseness of the girl's

interior. Almost half a mile farther treachery, but she deigned no reply undown the mountain the stream emerges til she came within hearing of the Lost from its underground course as abrupt-Creek waterfall, to which reference has ly as it disappeared. There are vague been made before. rumors that soldiers, hard pressed by their foes, traversed this awful passageway during the dark days of the war, nigh here somewheres, an you uns is but these are only rumors, and no one such pore shots that you'd better have now cares by actual test to prove or disa lot of men ready to shoot."

prove their possibility. Only one person is really known to have passed through this journey, and that one brought no news as to its mysteries. The lips were sealed forever, and the eyes, unwavering, stared up at the sun above them. The memory of the awful exit gives the subterranean passageway a horror deeper than its own, but the self engrossing heroism of the entrance gives the waterfall a grandeur

greater than that of its rocks, purer than the snowy whiteness of its foam and more soul refreshing than the coolness of its spray. Tom Houston was one of the pleasant-

est, most industrious young farmers on that slope of Cumberland mountain, and Mag Lassiter was one of the wildest, most worthless of the mountain belles. The neighbors all said a great deal of good about Tom and very little of bad, beyond the fact that he was rather easily influenced. The best that

could be said about Mag was that she was pretty and full of life, and that she generally stuck to her friends through thick and thin-as long as she cared to. As to the evil said about her, there was almost no end of it. The whisperings that connected her name with cer-

tain moonshining operations could hardly be included under this head, for public opinion on the mountains in those days was far from unanimous in declaring such things evil. Far more serious were the rumors that she had used the power of her beauty to lure numerous young men on to destruction. Many rather serious misdeeds were supposed to have their origin with her influence,

but nothing definite was ever known about them. When she first began to

the friends of the murdered men about by this time-in Halifax mebby.

it. All agreed that Mag's plan, though "She thought she could make her way an unspeakably base one on her part, down here an slip out before we'd might result in saving several weeks of think to head her off. She might a-done time and possibly several human lives. it, too, if some fellow hadn't winged Perhaps it was the cheapest way out of her when she jumped, ' said one of the the difficulty. Old man Dickens readily guards, lifting her right arm. It seemagreed to furnish the money. The reed to have been shattered by a rifle ball. sult of the consultation was that Mag "She was a powerful sinful woman,' was informed that her terms were acsaid another.

"Yes, but she loved Tom Houston an The next morning, before sunrise, awful sight," said the third. when Mag met the sheriff's posse at the And in the lapse and flash of the wameeting point agreed upon the evening ter against the rocks it seemed as if one before, it was noticed that she had a could almost hear the voice of him who big, black bruise under her right eye. said :

"Her sins, which are many, are forasked one of the posse, with a clumsy given, for she loved much." - New York Tribune.

Why She Resigned.

ed me in the eye with his fist an cussed "I don't know what we're coming me for gettin him into trouble, as he to," said Mr. Cumrox gloomily. "I guess I'll have to turn in and write my letters myself.' "Can't you employ an amanuensis?"

asked his wife. "I thought I had one. She came to work this morning, and when she sat down to the typewriter I says to her, 'Now, I want you to take down what

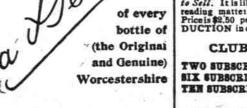
I'm goin to dictate exactly as I say "Wouldn't she do it?"

"No. She rose up an said there was no use o' her tryin to hold the position cause she'd never learned to write dislect."-Washington Star.

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