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'And that tre cherons scoundrel.'

Adams pointed down into a rift

Larry sprang down on the instant

t. come back after a few minu'es,

'Dead ?' said Dawson, in a hoarse

"Ar there a v crows and bastes ov

that kind in this part ov the counthry,

Dawson nodded-'Yes,' he said.

Thin, be the same token, I hope

the black-h-arred villain won't disa-

gree wid th m. There's the ladies a

beckoning ov ye. Com along, for

thim chaps may make thim out afth-

S r ? s id La ry, evading the ques

from which he had crawled.

coun enance.

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'pl ntv.'

exclaimed Daws n; 'he hasn't esca

Poetry.

Hold Your Head Up Like a Man. If the stormy winds should rustle, While you treat the world s highway, Still against them brayely tussle, Hope and labor day by day; Faiter not, no matter whether

There is sunshine, storm or calm, And in every kind of weather, Hold your head up like a man. If a brother should deceive you, And should act a traitor's part, Mever let his treason grieve you, Jog along with lightsome heart; Fortune seldom fellows fawning, Boldness is in the plan, Hoping for a better dawning, Hold your head up like a man.

Earth, though e'er so rich and mellow. Yields not for the worthless drone, But the beld and honest fellow,
He can shift and stand alone;
Spura the knave of every nation.
Always do the best you can,
And no matter what your station,
Hold your head up like a man.

STORY

THE TREASURE HUNTERS.

Search for the Mountain Mine.

(Continued.)

The questions then which he disussed with Adams were these Should they press on? or, as soon as it began to grow dusk, seek for a hiding-place among the rocks, and lie there till their pur-uers had passed them, trusting afterward to their own skill to avoid a second encounter?

The latter plan was the one decided upon, as in a long pursuit the scoundrels must sooner or later overtake them, heavily laden as t'eir mules were. So they kept steadely en, taking care to keep as low down in the

valley as they could. contrary, seemed disposed to tease and worry them. There was one mule in particular, the animal that had kicked and bitten at Larry, which Ike had roused up to such a pitch of animority that he had only to advance a hand as if to touch it, when the animal would shake its head and squeal out a sort of defiance.

This the fellow k pt up every now and then, till Larry went and walked on the other side of the mul-, after a laughing look at Mrs. Adams, land laying his hand upon the animal's bridle, he stooned down as if listenng to a remark.

'He says he'll be oble-ged if we'll too thim thricks. Mi ther 1ke. said Larry, aloud; and he's ask d me to ta' e his part if ve won't."

The half-breed looked at him with a p-culiar gain upon his countenance; but he said nothing. He let the mule jog on, however, in pour , and after proceeding another mile

Dawson came to the front and called 'We'll shift in to the vile here,' ams he said, quietly, 'and comp.'

But the moon will be shiring full upon that side in an hour,' soid Adans and the other side will be in the shade. The very reason why we should

pick this side,' said Dawson, in a whisper. There is p'enty of soom for concealment; and they are safe to a confused buzz of voices examine the dark side in prof rence to the light'

Ad ams nodded, and they care fully led the nucles through the story laby rinth to a hollow nearly sure unded by ricks, and ly'ng about a builded yards to the left of the track they they had tetlered the mules, and given them food, the moon was shining full with a beight silvery clear ness almost like that of day; but the r cks the w the port where they had camped into as black a studies as was to be seen on the other side of

It was a rugged little hollow that which they had chosen, fortified for them I y nature; and while they could down before we go much a ther. er uch in the thick shadows, no one could pass whom traveling a long another uic. a costr teh of the valley almost frel

where he could emerand the ap | Dawson's leat seemed to have

b do else and if I d da't, pop! sez compared with the safety of those a mile before we began to waren. It b baweon had come to the same that to stand still, as the strange gray he jist weast; and thin who care ye? | women?

want wid a gun?" er sister might not hear.

n an enemy's country?

'Mr. Dawson,' said Mary, 'you are | trifling with me. Are not the women worthy of trust, that you keep us like this in the dark ?"

voice, it is because we think it for and Dawson felt as if being choked, your good.' 'Never mind,' she said, earnestly, rection of the mules, and it seemed This is the first favor I ever asked of | to him as if one must have kicked you; tell me, then-I have suspected another. it for some hours, ever since that He listened for a sharp, whinnying ries, arrangements were made by to halt for a quarter of an hour to a shake, and taking a little whiskey It was as though a ghostly, proces- squeezed out."

hade me give up my life I should do

'Mr. Dawson, I ask y u a simple question, said Mary, whose voice trembled in spite of herself 'Can you not give me a plain answer?"

'Yes. 'We are pursued?" 'Yes.

'I fear so.' 'And there is great danger?' 'For them-yes-if they try to

By those e undrels who attacked

molest us.' 'Oh, my poor sister!" 'Miss Adams-Mary,' he whispered i sen. There is very little to fear. The secondre's might pass us a dozen times without thinking of searching more here than in any other part of the valley. By the morning they may

be miles away, and in this great

region the chances are a million to one that we never see them again.' 'But there is something to fear ?' 'Well, yes, a little : but even if that happened we could beat them off.' 'What, then, is there to lear?'

The mules 'How - the mules ?' 'If they made a noise or whinnied when those fellows were passing it would betray us'

CHAPTER XI. MOW IKE WOULD HAVE TICKLED THE

MULES. Mary Adams had returned to her sister, who, poor thing, tired out with the hot, weary journey, was sleeping placidly, with her head resting upon one of the packs, and a rug spread over her to protect her from the night Larry was now deputed to help Ika dew. Adams was at his post, stern with the mules, and try to get the and waterful, and Ike and Larry were weary beasts on a little faster, which at theirs. The silence was even aw the Irishman d.d by coaxing and ful in the midst of that strange weird patting them, and saying a few en- valley, all piled up with gray rock, conraging words, while Ike, on the silvered by the meon, and showing clean cut black shadows. O casionally the soft munching noise of one of the mules could be heard as it tasted over again in faucy the evening's rations; theu all again was silence, till Daws in in a whisper passed the word to Adams that their pursuers were in

> 'Tell Larry and Ike to be watchful and silent, keeping well in the shadow. Your wite and sister are, I hope, Till see, and warn them.' was the

He crept across to where his wife slept, and Mary Led her hand upon his arm.

'Give me a pistol,' she whispere l. 'A wha! 'A p stol,' she said calmly. might want to provet your wife'

He besitand for a moment, and then placed one in her land, b forgoing on to find Larry and lke both 'All depends now, Lurry, on the

sileme of the mules,' which el Ad-'Does it, Son? Thin the bas as had betther howld their torgues, or it il

be the worse for them." Ad ms returned to his post, and as the did so he became aware of the fact that there were heavy footsteps stumbting along over the broken flag-

ments of rock, and then there was From wher he crouded be could ly commant a narrow s ripo thall v: but in the sience, though their pursuers socke in a subju d

to me of voice, every word was periect-'I'm pretty sure,' said one voice. had made so for. Here, by the times with an accompaning outh, "that

ve ve passed in, and that they're ading s m where back.' "low can tant be, when not five n dr d vards la k there was a paten

'Ma e a capital trail to hunt 'em by, eh hals? A . I jin con da't have to re be er. I'm g t it g precoust pd,' g owled anot er, and I shall vot w camo

'Nons use? we shall cath 'em in The position of the full tives was

now awfal, and the men fla the Daws was not long in making great dross of prepranor stealing beautroneous uts for their differst down their faces as they was ted in shall defense prove more ry. 1k- agonizing suspence. It was only a teng tone a and placed on one side question of manen's but they seem-Larry, while vitused to take other party came straggling on -c me wap or than his stick, was placed to right abreast of where this were had being touched. d fend an op nog between a couple - were nearly passed quite pass d. o' rocks. Daws in choosing a spot Teank Heaven, they were are!

stood still; and for a few moments he placed made that. But stood he sters necessity, the sc of a judge struggle upon what s em d to be himselflation missiace close under a had been biguing himself for not cut- said: that tice P nuitered Larry, as he to k h s place sing the throats of me meles. It of r Dawson had spok n s'apply to would have been a sciental act, as ther like let his knie in o the bag. im about his obstituey in giving up far as their priject was a meind, and dr bbled it all the way along. J st his piece in this time of em reener, and must have resulted in a return a bit facther and I took it in me p call

at's the good ov it? ye can't st rike | However, the sc undreds were past, Adams spoke up a good blow wid it, and it's in ver and the mules had ben silent; the Dawson, he said, 'my life on i', way. Gun, indeed! what would I ast man was already some dozen you may trust Larry." ya'ds beyond the rock, tradeing Daws in dil n't reply, but stood There's something wrong, is there slowly on little thinking that there gnawing his lps. It was taker hard his side, making an admirable s out. fell, and rolled over and over down The tatigue of the party had been her burden and then, at a sign from not Mr. Dawson? said Mary Adams, was the barrel of a rifle, resting up in apon him to be called saidlealy to speaking to him in a whisper, that a rock, effectually covering h m, and b lieve that the man in whom he had Larry, he said, and soc if all swell? | moment from their view. that a step in a c rtain direction | t usted had tried to betray them-2 Wrong I he said, in the same low would have been the signal for a mon whom he had known for years, tone. What, because we prudently sharp bright burst of flame from while his intercourse with Larry had firtify our camp at night, now we are that barrel, and a leaten me senger been of very brief duration; and, after to seek his breath.

Safe then, and-'Hallo! what's that?' cried a rough voice. For there rose on the still night 'If we do,' he said, in a low, soft | air a sharp hollow noise as of a howl,

hurried start—are we not pursued?' voice and more kicking, but all was which Frank Adams kept the water, allow the scouts to get well in additional frank Adams has but to ask still, save the talking of the scounand the rest lay down to sleep in tollowing and the rest lay down to sleep in tollowing. The base of the scounand the rest lay down to sleep in tollowing the scounand the rest lay down to slee of me to have, he said, softly 'If she drels, who had now come to a halt in erable security, for there was not ward once more, the glass being the bright moonlight, and their much prospect of the ruffians return- brought into requisition at every pcd? words could be heard from beginning is g now to search the hollow where suitable spot, but only to show a to end.

It came from over that side," said "I tell you it didn't; it came from

this side. "It don't matter which s de came from," growled a other. "It was a bit of shaley stone fell from one of the rocks. I've heard the

same thing scores o' times." 'I believe it was, or . ake kicked against a rock," saughed another.
"Or you butted that od block o' yourn again one." was the reior "Well let's have a look, lads," said the voice that seemed to belong to the leader. " They may be hiding here Look to your weapons and come

on Now, then, you." This was directed at a couple of the men on ahead, but they shouted in reply,

'lt's all right. Come on. "What's all right?" 'Here's the trail again. 'What the rice ?'

'Yes; and it leads on right away. 'Come on, lads,' the leader growled we shall soon nail 'em now, and

then, Master Paddy-' The end of his speech was inaudible as he tramped on, and Dawson saw him stoop again and again in the moonlight, as if to ex mine something that was pointed out to him on the ground; then the noise of footsteps grew fainter, like the buzzing of vo ces, and at last all was silent

"What was that noise?" said Dawson, as soon as the party had congratulated itself upon its escape; 'and where's lke?"

I think it was one of the two mules kicking, sail Alans. 'It is winderful how quiet they were. If those sc amdreis had any males they would have been sare to whimny to one ano-But where's Ike? said Dawson

agan, is an under-tone, for Mrs. Adams was sleep ng calmly through-'sure he's lyin' down there, Sor, said Larry, pointing toward the

mules. 'Asleep?' 'Well, no. Sor, not exactly aslape. 'Did you hear that noise. Larry?'

said Dawson. 'Fath, Sr. an' I did. I couldn't reip hea in' it' and was it the mule ? Weil, no, For, it wasn't the mules; and it very nearly was the mules: for

wanst wan av thim had begun to equa e, the how lot would have start What a round boot fellow you are Larry!' said Dawson.

'Sur , ver honor, an' it's thin as ; m dl- I am. 'Int, tut! You heard that notes

lidu't you? I did, yer house'

'And you know wing it was!' 'Faul and I do.' 'Then what was it? We l. ve see, Misther D wson, Sor hat the reliee has got a ball habit ov ickling wan ov the mules, that little

kicking d vil, and it makes him To be su e: Iv seen hm at it out of pine miss hief, said Dawson 'Hars at him now, yer hen r, said

dence? There, go on, s-il Dawson. "To be sme I will, yer honor," said Larry 'Well, j st as thim boys was a-going by, yer honor, I sees Misther lkey crape toward the mules and he self, as he looked firmly at the mules

ver honor, I did. 'You gave him a hin!? "To be sure I did, ye h nor, wid me sick, j st on he back ov his head, and it persuaded him so that he lay down and hasn t mov.d since, while, as yer honor knows, the mules didut squale at all.

CHAPTER XII.

RE UNNO TERING TO SOME PURPOSE.

Dawson remained silent for a few still, and who gave a faint grown on

I don't know what to say, Larry. he muttered at last. 'I don't like d starting a nan in whom I have self that it would be a case of duty, impleteer were engaged in a feering by him, and he had only time to throw

to strike a foul blow. 'His henor Misther Dawson don't seem to belave me,' said larry. frowned to find how close they were. Weil, and I don't ask him to. Only You came on too quickly, he said

gintleman himself.'

they were hid; in fact, the chances clear way. The ruffians had evident were in that long da'e of wild bollows and piled-up rocks that they would

not be able to identify the sp it again. Adams kept his lonely watch as the shadows cast by the moon gratually veered round from west to worth, and then toward the east Hardly a sound West: o.ce of twice, too, sounds arose to which he could not give a na ue, and he listened in a somewhat awestricken way til the absence of

faint. It was a strangely weird sight. that rocky valley by mool got, and it was hard work to keep thinking that in every black s adow there was not a watching desperado taking careful

sim with his pi ce.
But the small hours arrived with out an alarm, and then Larry wis roused up to take his master's place we cling till the first streak of gold appeared in the sky, when the whole par: y was awaken d and a hasty meal prepared though they dared not light afile, for fear of drawing attent on to their position, if any of the infians were sull in the neighbor ood. Daw ou spoke a few words to his man about quarreling with Larry; and the tellow's eyes glittered as he

lock d fall in his master's, trying to read how meach Larry had said. It is impossible for our expedition bosneceed,' said Dawson, in conclusion, of you and that s upid Ir shman get to I ggetheads. And mind this!

shall take his part.' Then his behavior last night was have pulled ye back they d have seen face as May made sime quet sensible not put down to treachery and the Iris m at had said nothing. So much the better for him.

An ariv sia t was de-irable, before the son grew hot; so while the mules Were being laden -- a task which Daw son himself superingended, carefully watching, as it to see that Larry and lke of the tied-up head did not quarrel-it fell to Ad m . to take the glass, and go on straight down the valley and reconnorire.

To s he did most carefully, ascending emmence atter emmence, so as to get a go d sweep with the glass; and e re-un ed at last with the news that there were no traces of the enemy in sight, so the little train went forwird, with the difference that, les ead t Dawson and Larry forming a rearguard, they went far in advance as

se u s.

Mary Adams had trembled that m r ing as she thought of her conversation during the night with Daws a; but to had preserved toward per a quest, respectful demounor, and Mr. Adams, who had felt d sposed to bant r her som what about their cava i r, sa d cothing, ittil thi king f the dog r to which they had b on exposed during the night.

Adams, as he pledded on by the i'e of the nules, seei g to the comfact of the women, and that all went r gar, took not ce of more than one net that day. First v, he ob erved, that the ric did not burst the bigs. and trickle slo vly out upon the stony t ac .; secondly, the mules semed to go forward at a much brisker pace, Larry; 'and isn t that crobbat v evi- Ike ie ng, in spie of has sore had, full of ammation, and coerns the sure-foo d little beasts on their way, they responding well in spite of the r

heavy barde is and the heat. "it is curious,' said Adams to him was just about to tickle that little | teer, whose eager eyes were appar kicking rascal whin I opens me entry always in the watch, peri gt mouth to say Lave him alone! in a right and left, and a say forward to voice of thonder, whin, 'Arrah Lar- | ward | he end of the valley, which, as ry. I sez to meself, I sez, 'what will far as they could se for te gare of Mistler Dawson say if ye spiake now the sun, so med in the distance to Give the spape u a hint, and so, be opening out-the tait scarp d rocks or either side divindling diwn

i ito the plain. A d tien the young English man's tiong its too; a very s m re tu n. for his suspicions had been aroused. and once aroused, it was not in his nature for the doubts to be easily altaxed. He knew Larry, or tho get car boand him, to see that te of the bearings of the place, with antas Adams looked back, his heart he did. At all events he trust d scomme's below were in person the radial he som to med that a second to stand soil, for he saw that him. Larry looked upon the balls unconscious was of was, was going the re was the way by which the May, who rode the last, had leaped breed as ready to betray them; so on upon the m upon the mulant lip, and mula wall pars save along by days, and had taken his wife in her Adams, in his sombre mood, made then dashed after his leaver; but were the crossly warehed. On foot arms, listed her from her seat on the moments, during which he went and a sort of debtor and creditor account, before they had gone many yards they might have clubed down from he arms, inter her seat on the f A arms, n arest the nules, while ed to be drawn out into hours, as the tr ed over lke, who was lying quie setting the safety of the two womes. They storp do as if see I bound by lock to rock and so gained the plain, her. without taking into cons deration the the sig t which met their eyes, for

upon a maleraco; and he s d, b: 'Let aim show one s go of the ch ery, and I'll sho it him ake a dor! Peth penot by sympa hy, but from d n that the sight was hiden from 1 to lay. Sure I might shoot mes If or som - to Fri-co; but what was that as ets, and kept dhropping a bit for half the result of his own a guin uts. Ca them by some taterposing or ig Dawson stood ou, in doubt, but determination; but he had also made last above a minute, during which a movement on his part must mean moon-silvered train went silently by an addition, including in the broad the two men heavet and swaved be raval of his post on. Thin he where, in a heap upon the sand, lay sweep of his id a of just ce Lary here and there, till, resching the edge heard the fellow resire, whistling, in the dark the whole party of des-Carey, who, with his twig under his t eyr mained bent over, trying hard and he crept back in safety to their peradoes. arm, was trudging stolidiy along by to recover their balance; then they hiding-place.

> 'Sure, yer hosor, there's no runnin back wanted-they re close here, disapdeared, and bounded forward, was partaken of, and they prepared Yisterday, whin those spa peens were closely followed by Dawson. The for their start. behind us, the poor bastes ov mules | way was very painful, though, and | all, this might be a bit of jealousy hung back as it they was loadstones; s on became a climb down to where ready the mules' feet had been cov- floored by the following direction of between the two, and the cunning and to day, as the mmy is in front, at last they found Adams, looking ered with the woolen rug pads. a letter. Irishman had s ized the opportunity it's all the other way, and they re very pale and dazed, sitting upon a ready to run over them. It was as Larry said; and Dawson

for the noise had come from the di- look here, let him kape his eye on the roughly, to Adams when they closed 'only his head, and that don't met mule. up, 'It is not safe.' 'I will, Larry,' he said, quietly; and The mules seem very fresh, was 'Not much the matter, I believe,' then, after seeing to the man's inju- the reply; and after receiving orders said the young man, giving bimself fully that hardly a stone was moved. Plied that "it was mud with the juice

ly push d right on; and at last Dawson pulled out his chart and compass beneath the shade of a ro k, and set to and studied it for a while

'Yes, he said to himse f, this vallev eads here, gorges striking off in turce directions then we have to cr s. met his ea, save now and again the an alkali d s rt due southeast, to low dismal howl of the coyot, that strike another range of mount ins. shirking dog-like wolf of the far that wildo, and we can give these ton. fellows the s.in. The heat was frightful, but they

toiled oo, Lar y seeming indetatigable; and at last, about mid-day, they re e ition made their memory grow came to where the valley ended in a sort of chaos. Deep gorges, high pitched rocks, steep escarpments, a egular natural for ification, where or al. an'a my might have been hid, and the hills fell to the p ain, which from where they sto d shanmered gray and white in the haze of the sun

For the last hour the land had rended upward, and now, seeing a spot where he could view the surrounding plain, Dawson adjusted his glass, and began to crawl up to a higher point when suddenly he felt spak n' about." some one spring upon him, his arms were pinioned to his side, and he and his assailant rolled over and over back into a place of rafety, which down some twenty feetof steep slope they found among the rocks, where give up? nto a c'e t among the rocks. 'You treacherous dog! he gasped,

thioat. aise ye self off me, for its heavy as was impossible to hide from the lead. Ye'el be breaking some ov me women that they were in the m dst bones. Arrah, sur that s tupid little of danger; but they be eit all with don't you attempt to touch him, or I pantolaway. Didn't ye see as the formude, and a look of admiration

as loosing hims of by a tremendous

Dawson stared at his companion, who responded with a broad grin; and then he earpt cautiously to the edge of a crag and peered down into a broad rift which seemed to be the way out into the plain; and there were the very men they sought to avoid clustered together not ffty yards below, smoking, drinking, and one group playing with a pack of ards.

They were evidently blockading the sole exit from the valley, feeling sure that they had passed their marry on the way Dawson crept back unobserved. and rejoined Larry.

'I log' your pardon, Larry, he said, frankly, holding out his hand. "Bedal, an, I,d have given it to ye widont yer bemeaniu versiif to b g Misther Dawson, sor I tok ve by surprise an, in fremm. ye've tak all Le shkin off me poor shin. Shall I run an stop them at wanst?"

ifl: Yes, ves, take it I can run back better without it." Larry took the riece with an air of e disgust. You must watch, and if there is a y change of position c m and

"No; watch i.e.e. Larry. Take my

wars us. I'll get them back into a place of satety," "Rin, thin' yer hosor; bud, bedad, hey re close on us again. Lister!" There was the funt chek heard of mule's hoof, and far up, along a igher track than they had come, they could see the male-friver some disance in advance. Evidently from hs elevated position he had just caugh: sight of the men in the ravine. for running forward, he ned a handkeremet to the end of his mule staff

and b g in to wave it in the air. For a monest Daw on seem d par-'vzed; then he somehed the rite r on Larry's hand, dr q p d on one knor, and took a long and careful a m, sest and drop ed t e pace in to the hollow of his a.m-it was to

The nex instant he turned o Lar-Qack! heered; foll wime. The g cm 's up, but we'll die ik m n.'

CHAPTER XIII. success of their expedition, against they had seen Adams suddenly rish | w s the only opening.

Supposing you run back now, the steep side, to disappear the uext so great that, save the watch, they Dawson, she was joined by Larry. Larry uttered a hourse civ as they Adams awoke them. Refreshment her fainting load.

> fragment of rock. 'And are ye killed, masther dear?' cried Larry, feeling him all over. 'Not a bone bruk, he cried, joyfully; and fro to Adams, who led the first "John Underwood, Andover, Mass." ther a bit.'

"Was he quite dead, Ilarry?" sais Dawson, hanging back to speak to the Irishm in, as they climb d towa d the edge where the mules sood, as patient as so many speep. Sure, I didn't lke to say so before

the masther, bud the baste fell legs upwards, and',' he added in a whisper, 'he hadn't got any head left worth Dawson shuddered, and the next minute they were leading the mules

at least they could count upon be ng se ure from observation. 'Here, while the mules we e resting struggle, he caught Larry by the and partaking of the r provender, a conneil of war was calel, and the Whist, Misther Dawson, Sor, and matter argiced in all t be ring. It divils were jist below, and if I had it | more than once stole accoss Dawson's

> Two courses seemed open to them -to retreat and give up the project for the time, as the valley was open in their rear ort; go f rward and toy either to find a way of getting out on the plain on the right, or boldly pass by the ruffians' camp. 'Well, Larry,' said Dawson at last - for that ind vidual had sat sucking

> the end of his sick and listening attentively-'well, Larry, what do you Sore, ver honor, it isn't for the ites ov me to make plans, only to take ordhers." 'Never mund; tell us what you'd

> do. Would you go back!' Would I go back!' said Larry, in a tore of contemp. I jist wouldn't for the likes of thim! 'Then what would you do?' What would I do, yet honor? invint a sthraij m, a d deludher the varmints. I'd just lade the basies fu'l to continum n , and muzzle their fate, and thin stale by the ill-lo king ruffians, laughing in me slive at thim for a set ov to 1-, b gging the ladies'

> pardons. 'I'm for Larcy's plan,' said Dawson, 'So am I,' said Adams. "And I'll tell you what it is, Larry, only let us have good luck and get to the silver region, it's no little sum you shall have to take back with you to the old country, if you want to

'Sure, yer honor,' said Larry, with a cock of his eye, and i-n't it a bad plan to begin giving away what yell havn't got ?' 'There, get some sleep,' said Dawson, laughing, and I'll take tie

Walch Object now re mide, but over-'Un'ess you have rest you canno get mrough the task to aght, said !

was pide it toal.

aft r o in wore on, and Dawson saw from who e h watched a couple of o her minute, and if they were forthe coemy come up twice, and tak tunate they would be past. a lo g o k down the val er; but they somer tire t, and he, in his turn stole I roard, and creping from crag to fatal crag.k eping h miself we l under cov To re was a soft rustling noise, as r, thoroughly made hi uself master of som one alighting from a mule

but with their beasts of burden here

the life of this min; and the Eng- frward and tear down the signal. He was is urning, whin a detachlishman's browkent as be told thin and the next moment he and the red stone suidcaly in the down close. quite a narrow ledg . The males large erag, when he became aware were halted some one and ba k, and of the la t in t one of the spies was Adams following one by one, and the from the compas d way on which the up above him of mong higher and | r ar brought up by Mary Adams wo nen kept their places, it was eve big er, and lo king r git over where with her sister's slight form in her It was a narrow escap, and he

By the time the women were Every arrangement possible had been made for their safety, and they set off, Dawson going on in advance as scout. Larry bearing his orders to It was explained afterward to mean

Slowly, step by step, they crept on

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si in was on its way, the phantoms of some former mule train; and at last they reached the lower level, where there was what might be termed the pathway to the valley—the place where the enemy had piched their

here they halted for a few minutes. with a stringe, dry look upon his to be joined by Dawson and Larry. the former giving his final orders in a whisper to Adams, namely, that as soon as they were out of the shadow of the rocks he was to turn sharp round to the right, and, making the moon his mark, lead the mules night on her s lvery track for the next two hours, and then, if not overtaken by him, to halt for one honr. That space of time past, Dawson advised that they should travel on till morn-ing, and then seck some safe place where tuey could rest for a week; and tie it wou'd be wise for them to re-

ura—giving up the quest.
'But you, Mr. Dawson?' said Mrs.

Adam +, anxiously. 'Well, my dear madam,' he said, sadly, 'it will be only a bit of fate However, I am talking of the worst, and of what you must do if those fellows stop Larry and me, for though we go in front now, we shall halt by the camp here till you get by, and try to follow. Good-by,' he said

warmiy. 'For the present-good-by,' said Mrs. Adams, 'but had we not better

'Hist-not so loud. They are not two hundred yards away, though they all seem to be asleep and no watch set. Give up? Oh no! Tuat would never do.' He took a step or two to where

Mary Adams was, standing by her

mule, and held out his hand to her without a word. Mary seemed to hesitate for a moment, and then she gave him her hand, saying 'Good by,' quite calmly. The next nimbe he gave Adams a few final orders, and then she saw him step out of the dark shadow where they stood, and, closely followed by Larry, go silently on along the level toward where the scarped rocks on the right rose higher, and cast a shadow right across this the narrowest part of the 'gate.' Then they seemed to d suppear-all three who watched noticing how soon a departing figure grew misty in the distance, and auguring therefrom

well for their escape-could they once pass the enemy. 'Up on your male, Mary,' said Adams, helping her; and now be ready. Perfect silenc, mind. We start in a minute.

Adams' blood ran cold, for as he selped his sister to mount, the mule gave an impatient squeal, and stamped with one of its lore feet. At another time this would have been enough to set the whole train of seven in commotor; but they were replete, and perhaps sleepy. Not another paid any heed to the skittish

o jector, and the time being up. Adams uttered one more word of warming, diew his revolver with his right hand, took the leading mule's bride with the left, and started out of the shadow, and the other docile beasts followed in single file, and in perfect silence. Not two hundred yards to traverse before they would be level with the snot where the desperadoes lay asleen. Alams' heart toumped heavily; but he nev r hesitated for a moment. He had strung bimself up for the task, and on he went, lightly and quickly.

One whinny from the mules, one sharp kick against a loose stone. w u d betray them; but they pass d over null the distance in safety. Then, in the obscur ty of the shadow alread. Adams could just make out two watering figures, and, for aught he Dawson; and the force of his remarks | and tell, they might be a couple lof mor enemies. He was compelled The sur seemed to come down to believe that they were friends, and with gr ater f ree toan ever as the step holdly on, hard as was the task. Torre puts of the distance. An-

To halt now would have been fatal

to have left his guid inco of the first

mule as had. A glane decided him:

he knew Mary's strength, and he led

West was that? Good Heavens!

the slightest hitch would now be

on, and in this fashion the train went by Dawson and Larry, both motionless as statues-the mules led by Hearts beat faster, hearts seemed

The last mole past - Mary past with all slept heavily all about ten, when who, without a word, relieved her of

"WooD

JOHN MASS."

A LITTLE girl of eight or ten sumdown a precipitous ravine-so care | mers being asked what dust was, re-

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