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The Waif of the Western Prairies.

DY WELDON J. COBB.

THATTER V-Continued

"I am god the por animal has estaped." breathed Inez.
"It means danger to us."
"Danger to us."
"Yes. Despard will see the horse and think we are here."

Into looked distressed
"We dure not return to the main cauyon, and we will be found if he and his men come this way."
"What shall we do?"
Darrel safety.

Darrel surveyed their situation criti-He observed that across the little

He observed that across the little str am the en you seemed to afford a large number of secure hiding-places. "Beyond the quicks ands yonder we might er as the river," he said.

"Will not Despard follow us there?"
"Not the river will be a birrier."
"And he may think we have perished in the quicks ands."
"Yes: we can at least conceal oursewis for a time."
They traversed the ledge to the verge of the stream. It was stallow at one pince, and lifting the girl in his arms larged forheid it insafety.

Just a they reached the opposite shore an ombinus shoul echoed down the vertex.

"Do you bear that?" lasked Ines in a critical tour.

"Yes,"
"It is Designed and his men"
"Probably. We will go farther down
the stream. See there seems to be
some kind of a cave youder."
A few meantes later they reached a

A few monites later they reached a large cavern like aperture in the rocks. Here they stood silently for some minutes, watching the stream and tho not knowledge they are a waiting devol-They came a few minutes later

dealy, some distance away, several forms "Despaid and his men," murmured

Darrer.

"They will discover us."

"No. Retriest into the cave where they will not see you."

Incodid so and Darrer, observing that the buttars were nearing the spot. followed her.

The cave seemed to have been occupied by some human being at some time, for it here marks of habitation in the ashes of a fire and several broken Indian arrows.

Darrel lenked back from its shadows

Darrel lended back from its shadows toward the quick-ands.

He cound observe the outlaws without being seen, and saw them pause as they reached the quick-ands.

He spard seemed to converse in an one news manner with his associates. Then the quintette retreated from the spot. Burnel be athed easier.

"We are safe, he spoke to Ince "Medicovered supposed to be enculfed in the quick-ands."

A sudden rry of a nem from Inex interrupted alm.

"We are left" she cried, wildly.

Barnel they turned to face a new and terrible porth. Govering upon them with rayonous, for give, there appeared at the entrance of the cave three continues partitles.

The truth came to the mind of Parrel Grey in a moment of time, as he faced the new fees which as strangely con-fronted him. "A panther's den," he muttered grimly. "Once, the: Mass Tracey, get behind me."

me."

With a few cry of dismay and dread the girl gisled to the side of the case.

The parethers had a lyanced so as to cover the curity exit from the case, and cronching there, they giard feroclosely at the startled introders.

Darrel saw that a terrific combat with the infigurated brutes was imminent, and quickly dow his knife and placed himself on the defensive.

The shade-ring and shrinking behind kin, sieed as distributed the terribio pass of their new lows.

pers of their new loss.

For the next few moments the scene was one of incense int rest and silence, broken only by the low, ominous growl-

broken only by the low, ominous growling of the parathers.

Slowly, steadily they began to circle toward their intended victims, their fange showing hidewisty, their eyes glaring with horrite tempity.

Suddealy one of them made a spring. It was only to receive a shot from the revolver which Darrel had drawn.

The wayour contained but one cart-

The weapon contained but one cart-ridge. As he not so t that the built had barely wounded the heast, but driven it to a temporary refreat. Darrel flung the

Then, alone and armed only with the knife, he stoo i at bay. revolver to the ground. tieres brutes crouched for a Again the

spring This time one of them sprang holdly upon Darrel. The others circled around close at the

side of the large animal, while Darrel p led the knife vigorously. Inea had recoiled in terror as she wit-

piled the sales and the sales are the wit-ners had recolled in terror as she wit-ressed the attack of the panther. As her foot stimbled over some object on the ground she solved in "An ax," she nurmated, "left here by some hunter or Indian. I can help him

She summoned all her courage as she saw that Durrel Grey was engaged in a terrible struggle with the panther. The ax in her hand, the introdegirl hasten-ed to the and of her imperiled friend.

ed to the aid of her imperited friend.
The three mathers now entirely surrounded Darre, harassing him on every
side. Investified the ay. It descended
with all the force of her frail arm upon
the head of one of the attacking animals. That strength, however, was
sufficient to send the parther to the
ground with a howl of pain. She followed up the attack One of the nanthers had already been dispatched by
Darre and lay dying on the floor of the
cave.

A s cond blow of the ax killed one of the remaining ones, but the larger ani-mal clong to Darrel, end-avoring to tear his face and hands. The knife dehis face and hands. The knife de-scended at last in a vital spot of the panther's frame, and it fell dying at Darrol's feet.

it was all he could do to stagger to the and exhausted from the terrible struggle

ROYAL RANGER RALPH: | Heltous eyes tim with anxious so-

asked, in a tremulous time.
"No: only a few triding brulses."
Within half an hour Parrel was fully

said "By the way we came?" inquired

Inc. "No: I fear our enemies might be in the vicinity of the canyon." "But there seems to be no outlet this

way "
"Then we will remain here until

night."
It was late in the afternoon when they gained a narrow guich which they found led into the main canyon.
Two hours later, bust at dusk, after traveling authorst for some miles, they came out on a plateau. A mile beyond them the lights of a village showed planic.

Miner's Gulch, at lost" remarked

Darrel

They descended toward the sottle-ment, but paused as at the edge of an intervening thicket they heard buman veloes in the distance "Romain here for a few minutes," spoke Parrel. "It may be our enomics

yonder."

He penetrated the thicket by a wide detour and reconnected of for some time. Despard and Panton were conversing near a large tree, while their two comrades were at some distance. Sheltefed by the darkness and the dense foliage. Parrel could distinctly overhear their conversation.

conversation.
"We had better leave here at once."
Despired was saving: "We lost two of our men at the train, but the girl's fate is settled."

is settled."

-Yes, that is certain."

-We have learned one disastrous fact, however, our worst enemy has escaped "

-Ranger Ralp 1?"

-Exactly He is at the village yonder, wanned but ready to give us trouble as soon as he recovers. We will get the horses and leave. Then for the fecture to which I am now side help. We are Ranger Rubes two horses ahead anyway."

Parrel coept from the spot at these words. Be reached a place a minute later where six horses were tied. Two of them he recognized as the same ones that had borne line and himself to safety. The transits had evidently found them in the carryon Darrel sectived them and began to lead them toward the spot where he had left line by a circuitous route. Suddenly he started.

starte)
A wild scream of a arm echo d
through the slience of the scene.
"Her voice! She is in trouble again.
Oh, why did I leave her?" ejacutated
Const. addition.

Oh, why did I 'cave here' ejaculated Darrel, wildly.

He urged forward the horses, having bet much I'me in endeavoring to evade the outlaws.

He reached the spot where he had left

She was gone!

She was gone!

His eye swept the scene beyond the thick t. Some distance away he made out a body of horsemen driving rapidly toward the hills

From their midst a second scream for hele contend. Described

belp confirmed Darrel's werst fear-iner Tracey was again a presence in the hands of her enemies.

hands of hyrenemies.

For a momont he determined to start in immediate pursuit. As he realized his marmed condition, however, he saw the folly of such an undertaking.

I will lasten to the viliaze yender, he decided; "secure he'p, and start in immediate pursuit of those scoundrels."

Leading one horse and riding the other, I arrel Grey hast ned towards the settlement. He did not pause until he had reached a tavern before whith stood a dozen men excitedly discussing some event, evidently of recent occurrence.

He caught the words strain wreekers, and "Ranger Ralpy" several t mes.

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His intent on was to arouse the men to instant pursuit of Respard. Before he could speak however, one of the men sprang to the head of the horses and

selted the bridle.

"Where dil you get those horses?" he demanded, gruffly.

"You did, ch? Boys, our game has come into camp by mistake."

"What do you mean." demanded the astonished Darrel.

"You know well enough. Down with him, bays. Here's a case for Jusice Lynch, for these are Ranger Ralpa's horses, and the man is one of the train wreakers.

Without being able to speak a word in defense amid the angry, excited crowd, Darrel Grey was dragged to the nearest "A rope! A rope!" shouted the leader

of the throng
"One moment! You are making a
terrible mistake. I am no thief or train

"Oh, no, of course not!" Jeered the

erowd.
"Send for Eanger Ralph. He is here.

Ask him if he knows me."
"He is wounded—dying, for all wo know. He's one of them, boys. He's the very man the depot agent described."

Amid that mad, unreasonable crowd Darrel Grey struggled vainly. It seemed all some terrible afrom as the rope en-circled his mediand was thrown over the

imb of a tree.
"Up with him, boys" shouted the caler of the men. The next moment with a choking, blinded sensation, Darrel Grey felt turn-self daugling between heaven and earth.

AT MINERS' GULCH. Amil the confusion and horror of his supreme moment of peril Darrel Grey was dimly conscious that this word was pronounced in a tone that thrilled him

pronounced in a tone that thrines and with familiar accounts.

Then, too in the dare of a tor hear-ried by a man near the tree from which he hung suspended, the form of a new-comer on the same was anguely visible.

*He's a hoss thief, Ranger Ralph."

"He's a hoss thief, Ranger Raiph."
"Cut him down, I say!"
"An's train-wreeker. He answers the
very description—"
"Of the depot agent, who thought this
one was in with the outlaws. This man
wasn't; I know him."
The rope was adulkly slacked. Darret
fell in a heap to the ground, living, but
insensible. The mon who had sayed his
life spoke peremptority to the knohers.
"Now get him to my rabin und take
eare of him, and don't make any mis
takes next time." he remarked.
It was Ranger Raiph, who thus interposed in so timely a manner in behalf of

posed in so timely a manner in behalf of his acquaintance of the Ten Spot depor. He had returned to Miners' Guich that

afternoon, still suffering from the wound in the hoad the cowardly Dyke Despurd had dealt him. Several times its effects had represent a counted for and locked in a vault, until the last plate is in no employed whole sheet to the next clecker.

Until the last plate is in no employed to the division is allowed to leave the building.

UNCLE SAM PRINTS AN ENORMOUS building.

NUMBER EACH YEAR.

Described on again, so as to present a whole sheet to the next clecker.

One of the most interesting places in the building.

The plate now being finished, it is stupped an immense apartment, filled with long tables at which appears of

ing.
Thus it was that, in less than an hour
after the recapture of Inca Traces by
the bandits. Darrel Grey awake to find
blimself an inseate of Banzer Raiph'

His senses were bewildered, his brow His senses were bewildered, his brow fovered, his neck and body in pain from his rough experience with the lynchers, tradually, however, he realized it all, and receptaized the min who sat by his side h bland a con of liquor in his hand. "Drink it, lad, lit's got some roots and herbs in it that have made a new men of me already."

Darrel obeyed him, and then sat up on the couch of skins, staring mutoly at the spout.

The man I saw at the depot?"

name."
"Darrel Grey."
"Well, friend Barrel—for you've acted
the friend to me in bringing back my
horses—Five a question to ask you."
"What is 142?"

horses—1 be a question to ask you."

"What is it?"

"There was a deep move for wrecking the railroad train at Ten Spat "

"I know it."

The scout started.

"You do?"

"Yes."

"What was it?"

"First, roblery; next, to secure possession of a boautiful orphan heiress, a distant relative to the leafer of the band. Byke Fespard—ince Tracey."

Banger Raiph recarded Darrel in prefound bewidermont. His face became intensely anxious and excited

"Then you saw the girl?" he asked

"I did. Let me tell my story, and you will know all about it."

Briefly, graphically, Parrel related all that had nappened to him since he had that had nappened to him since he had left the scout at the railroad station. He found an interested listener in Kanger Raiph and when he had con-cluded his recital, the latter grasped his

his blood has washed out the cowardly blow he gave me last night. I don't know you, except that you are a true, catnest man; but I'd, rather have you ornest man. but I'd rather have you all me in hunting down Bespard and recovering the girl line than all the yighness in the settlement.

Then it is a compact?" asked Darrel

TO BE COSTISTED !

Then and Now. A magazine published in Philadel-phia in 1818 gave the following as an item of news: "In the course of the twelve months of 1817, 12,000 wagons passed the Allegheny Mountains from Philadelphia and Baltimore, each with from four to six horses, carrying from thirty-five to forty hundred weight The cost of carriage was about \$7 per hundred-weight, in some cases as high as \$10, to Philadelphia. The aggr-gate sum paid for the conveyance or goods exceeded \$1,500,000." To move a ton of height between Pittsburg and I hiladelphia, therefore, cost not less than \$140, and took probably two weeks' time. In 1886, the average amount received by the Pennsylvania road for the carriage of freight was three-quarters of one cent per ton per mile. The distance from Philadel-phia to Pittsburg is 385 miles, so that phia to l'ittsburg is 385 miles, so that the ton which cost \$140 in 1817 was exerted in 1886 for \$2.87. At the former time the workingman in Phila-delishia had to pay \$14 for moving a barrel of flour from Pittsbugh, against twenty-eight cents now. The Littatwenty-eight cents now. The l'itta-burg consumer paid 87 freight upon every 100 pounds of dry goods brought from Philadelphia, while 100 pounds is now hauled in two days at a cost of fourteen cents, -- Scientific Ameri

Inter-Do you mean to say Mand is going to marry that ugly, fat old man who took her out to supper just now? Laura -That's what everybody says. "What a bister pill he must be:" "No. he's sugar coated. He is a wealthy confectioner."

All Kinds and Colors, From the Pink Two-Center to the Lordly One Hundred-Bollar Stamp-How They Are Turned Out by the Washington Bureau.

Uncle Sam makes and issues in the course of a year postage and other stamps to the number of more than four billions. The exact number for the last year of which record is ob-tainable, says the New York World, was 4,243,289,261. It is hard for the human mind to realize the magnitude human mind to realize the magnitude of a sum as great as four billions. A better idea, probably, can be obtained of the size of the stamp output for a year by the statement that if they were pasted together, end for end, the strip thus obtained would encircle the earth





PRINTING INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS

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"Barrel Green," he said, in tones hus by with emotion, "you have done me a resal to end.

"Barrel Green," he said, in tones hus by with emotion, "you have done me a resal to end.

All of the stamps used by the United States are printed at Washington it I tam her father's oldest friend, and her own; while her enemies—they are numerous and desperats. There's a fortime beyond it, and Dyke Besport is determined to secure it?

"Has shall not if I can prevent funders and the enthusiasm of courage and the promptures of love in Barrel's bandsome fare it think I understand your lines. Tracey has captured your heart as she did mine when she was a baby girl. What is it, friend Darrel'. Do we abandon the fortune and the girl to that renegate and as a superment. This preparation of the game and the girl to that renegate and as a superment. This preparation of the fortune and the girl to that renegate and as a superment of the promptures of love in Darrel's bandsome fare to this in the stamp saking. The Bureau makes the plates from which the stamps are she was a baby girl. What is it, friend Darrel'? Do we abandon the fortune and the girl to that renegate and as a superment of the paper and the sink are purchased in open narket. This preparation of the paper and the sink are purchased in open narket. This preparation of the paper should be supported by the United States are painted to end.

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postage stamps

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dusted then purely hygienia principles, for the benefit of the several billions of people who annually lick postage stamps.

In this operation has addressed as a seven has a second as the tropical attraceptory family believed above, the machinery doing the inling and press, and the repurel, and for cooking proposes attacks of carbon are used. Which are solidly pedialics, who have their wares about the streets—Atlantical the difference of the second and the streets about the streets—Atlantical the streets and the streets about the streets—Atlantical the streets are consistent and the streets about the streets.

press and the other to remove the The sheets of stamps are now ready | ne Few 1000 Miles in Seventy-like Hours to be gammed, perforated and divided.
After the ink has been dried and the sizets present flat they are sent to verse side of the stamp. It is done was made in seventy five hours gatematically, so that there is no or less than they boars of actu waste and no surplus of muchage upon now part of the sheet. The muchage is composed of garens and dexterine, mixed in stipulated quantities and al-solutely harmless.

When the sheets are coated with mucilage they pass upon an endless chain through a steam chest about sivily feet long, where they are sub-A STAND ENGRAVER. Sected to a temperature of about 135 degrees, coming out after several min-The operation of the manufacture of utes thoroughly dried. Then they go postage stamps through the several to a hydraulic press to be pressed that, branches is an exceedingly interesting laving become warped in the steam one to follow. A small army of men wheat. The sheets a care labilist week

and young women, skilled artisans, are employed in the work, and the great real brick building on the banks of the Potomae under the shadow of the Washington monument is a busy beet live for eight hours in the day.

The first stem in the manufacture of postage and revenue stamps is the making of the plates from which they are to be principal. The plate for the ord, sary two-cent stamp of everyday are to be principal. The plate for the ord, sary two-cent stamp of everyday are is a sheet of steel fwenty-one inches by about thritteen inches. The engraver uses a sheet of soft steelupon which he engraves the design of four hundred stamps.

The custody of these plates, together with others, is confided to one man.

Every afternoon the plates must be corrected a stamp is toru off it must be of Chicago.

stamps are examined and counted. This is an immense apartment, filled with long tables, at which several scores of long tables, at which several scores of young women are working. Filed upon the tables in front of them are stacks of ten dollar, fifty dollar or one hundred dollar fifth, government bonds and sheets of stamps. A ruse thing sound has the winsper of the wind through a thousand trees fills the room, as the counters rapidly turn the stills and sheets, krepany a mount tub upon the runder, while their eyes, trained to the utmost vigilance, seek out imperfections in the printing.

I saw one young woman at work

I saw one young woman at work counting and examining the stumps whose record was from ten them and to twelve thousand sheets a day. Her fingers assembly

the scott.

The man I saw at the depet?"
The same."

The same of the size of t

First Effort to Put Beinders to Use in America.

The right to the KU diffice has been the means of establishing a notel transportation line at Circle City. Alaska. Twenty study backs have been selected from the United States Government reinders here at Teller's Station and has now on their way to Station and are now on their way to the mining district. This is the first



practical commercial service of the civilize I American; heretofore the Eskimo dog has been used in all expedi-tions through the Klondike country. That the counter possesses tremend-ous advantages over the Lisking dog is illustrated in the matter of their re-

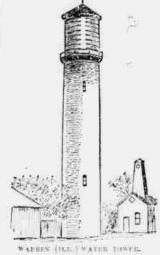
PRINCE OF PIGEONS

and Holds the World's Record Pedro, the great homing pigest high broke the world's record for another room, where another gang hardle then The gamming machine is a simple apparatus which distributes an even flow of unrelage upon the reverse side of the stamp. It is done



A HIGH WATER TOWER. Is 102 Feet High and Has a Capacity of 2000 Galleus.

The towns of the plain districts are forced to resort to various expedients to obtain a sultable pressure for the distribution of their water supply. At Warren, Ill., the water supply is dis-tributed according to the Lagineering News, from a water tower of masoury, 102 feet high from the water table to the bottom of the table. The masoury the bottom of the tank. The massury is founded on solid rock about twelve or thirteen feet below the water table. At the level of the water table the walls are four feet thick, and from this they decrease with a uniform taper to a thickness of two feet at the top. The masonry is of limestone laid in cement mortar. The tank is made of red Louisiana cypress and is twenty-four



feet high and twenty-one feet its dismater, with a capacity of 2000 malons mater, with a capacity of 2000 malons. The standpape which supplies the water to the mains is ten inches in diameter and is come test with the bottom of the tank with an expansion.

joint and a balance of or valve. This salve automatically shall self the water when the table is full.

Water is pumped to the tover from a deep well lecated in the briefs power-house about sixty feet away. This well is about 800 foot deep. The water is lifted from the asil to the top of the tower without relambling. Eventually the water will be discharged into a reservoir, where it will be handled by another many for the service, but in the meastine a very fair pressure is head direct for a the tank, which is elevated some forty or affry feet above the larger part of the

A COUNTESS CREATES A STIR.

She Declares That Dancing Has Degen-erated Into a Graceless Homp. The Countess of Ancaster, who has created a great stir in the fashionable world of London by her declaration that dancing has degenerated into a graceless romp, is the wife of Lord Willoughby de Eresby, the Baron of Aveland. The Conuters' daughter,



jor-General Sir Henry Ewart, the Queen's equerry. This fact and the very high social position of the Coun-tess herself, give more than ordinary importance to ber opinions upon mat-ters concerning society, and dancing is certainly one of these

Many common expressions are of legitimate purentage, although most people believe that they spring uplike Torey. The puniting craft, for instance, originate I say all very popular sayings. Take the case of a maxwire is four of soits. In a handwho is 'cont of soits' the a band-composition printing stills the word.' 'sorts' applies to the letters and marks which is all the other types case, but which is the one-fly miss-ing. A man who, is the days before the coming of horage rachines, found has been box less into a contract box desolute a contract box ent of the contract box ent of the contract box ent of the contract box ent. ity his profining de editarity was usude known, and by his impair of committee to this day is the men wan as out of sorts known, whether he is a banker or a policeman. Change Ke

Chattel Stavers in Mississi,

According to avoid have in St. Lonis, a man may be sold at authors to the highest teal-less for a term of six months' service for document by wife and fating to suppose her. It has his to be applied in the case of a confirmed leafer, and an amount most of his sale is posted on the four does of the City Court Box of Charges document.

Crude petroleum is an excellent remedy for rhequation.