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The next evening he discovered that he had to fill an engagement at the residence of the senior member of Rose and Company—the same senior member being power that it society, chiefly by reason of his handsome daughters, of which fact An

handsome daughters, of which fact Annette was fully aware.
For a week or two Max curbed his conversation when with Americe. He was, it
is true, always the same jovial young gentleman, but the girl missed the soft and
tender words of love that he was wont to
pour into her car. At times, too, he anpeared absolutely metanchely, and the
more America attempted to rouse him the
more dejected he appeared to become, until at last she really did grow quite auxlous.

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This sort of thing could not go on for

This sort of thing could not no on for-ever, but it continued until the last night of the two weeks allotted to Max by Mrs. Dupont, when he went to pay his customary visit to Acuette.

He found her alone.
It was precisely 8 o'clock when he knocked at the door of the Spencers' apartments. At 10 o'clock he met Mrs. Dupost in the hallway. His face beam-ed, for he was actually laboring under the delusion that he was the happiest man alive.

alive.
"You are a wise counsellor," he said,
joyfully.

CHAPTER XVI.

Max Brett had indeed secured his prize, but was compelled to at once relimptsh the pleasure of personal possession, for pressing husiness demanded his presence in the for West.

"It is a band world forther.

in the for West.
"It is a hard world, indeed," said he to himself as he took his sent in the train

or he just hangs on at that old eable of himself as he took his seat in the train and prepared for a long ride.

For exactly forty-eight hours the "lightent hing express" pursued its way, without any incident of moment occurring to relieve the monothry of the journey to out friend. On the third day the express was or speed in an evident attempt to recover two lost hours. Through broad, expansive fields, through pastures, through valley and along at a very high rate of expected the time emonothers of the fact that may be a continued to the continued of the fields, through pastures, through valley and along his likes the real his magnitude of the fields, through postures, through valley and along his likes the real his magnitude of the fields, through postures, through valley and along his man watched Mays and noted the training of the fields of

At the next regular station the express At the next regular station the express waited several minutes, and Max seized the opportunity to investigate a little. The man he had seen standing on the roof of the freight car was Henry Richards, or, more properly. Harry Spencer. Brott stepped up to the ticket agent and inquired for the name of the conductor of the last freight train that had gone east. "John Silvertherm," replied the agent, "Hm?" muttered Max, "I suppose you're pretty sure of that? Sorry to trouble you, but who are the brakemen?"

The man with the red hair had followed Max and now moved up close, so as to

Max and now moved up close, so as to hear all. The agent gave Max a list of the hear all. The agent gave Max a list of the names, but his friend's was not among them. Max was about to offer some other suggestion, when the agent spoke again—"Let me see, now; there was another man with a common sort of name, but to save my neck I can't think of it." Here the engineer gave the warning ring of the beil and the conductor shouted "All aboard!" "Was I Bichards." asked Max.
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"All aboard!"

"Was it Richards?" asked Max.

"Yes, that's the name—Henry Richards.
Look, there goes your train."

Brest in his excitement had forgotten all about the train, and so, apparently, had the man with the red hair. Without losing another second. Max ensked after the train, followed by the other.

Brest increased his speed and was soccessful to the extent that he was soon standing on the rear platform of the last car. Parting for breath, he glanced back toward the station, and for the first time became aware of the other dilatory passenger. The man was still remain, but soon gave up the chase—for his hat blew off, and with it a red wig, followed by the red beard, which fell off as if by magic. The man who one left, after the disappearance of these slight "earns."

Max easily recognized as his old chemy. De Watt. De Watts balled, turned around and was soon lost to view.

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It was impossible for Brett to leave the train now. Indeed, he could not break his journey without doing injustice to his comployers. So he quietly southet his sent, and during the hainness of that day housed himself with laying plats for the future.

Among these contemplated projects was a visit to Resestate in the near future.

Max completed his business in San
Franciers by the end of two weeks, and
then found that he could spare a couple

then found that he could spare a couple of days on his homeward journey for a detour to Rossedale.

The sun was staking behind the Rocky Mountains on a close, sultry day in August. A score or so of the "old timers" of Rossedale were scated apon or lounging about the "verandah" in front of Gilliculdy's smoking highly seasoned clay pipes or cipars. The hoys were chiefly discussing the dance that had been held in Gilliculdy's "Anaex" on the previous in Gilliculdy's "Annex" on the previous exening. Rosedale had changed considcreating towards and camper considerably in two years. Where formerly three women held full away, at least three score now divided the honors, and, as one immediate consequence, dancing had come into fushion in the Andy Jackson Gulch.

into fishion in the Andy Jackson Gulch. So eager were the miners for the fun that dances were held even during the heated months of July and August.
"Did you see how Si Bell brightened up when Mary Boyle asked him to dance with her?" said Ted Neale, as he slowly arose from a seat on one of the verandah barries, and shook the islies fram his cluthes.

barreis, and shook the ashes from his clothes.

"No, I didn't, Why should IY sharply replied Dud Sterling, who was somewhat envied as the prospective husband of Mary.

"Well, there's no use in getting mad and acting jealous," retorted Ted. "That poor fellow ain't a going to last long—in fact, he's equal to a dead man right now. I was surprised to see him out and about, for he just hangs on at that old cabin of lis, and most of the time don't trouble notody."

Just then Ted eyed a stranger coming up the street—undoubtielly from the station on the new railroad some three miles distant.
"A stranger, born" he cried. "And he's

he turned off and directed his footsteps toward an old cabin in a clearing, on the door of which he gently rapped.

In answer to a feeble voice, which bade him "come in." Max opened the door and entered. Upon a rickety table was a tallow candle, burning dimly, and an old revolver, and stretched upon a couch was man, with his face turned toward the wall. Brett picked up the candle and approached the prostrate form, whereat he man turned slowly and recognized his

"Max Bre s-at last!" shouled the man

as he tried to raise himself into a sitting posture.

"Yes, Si," replied Max taking one of the bony hands in his grasp, "but don't get excited—you are sick?"

"Yes, one of my land days. But when did you reach the guide, Max?"
"About two hours ago.
"Insky thing you came to-day. I'm pretty nigh a goner, Max. Something tells me this is my last fourt, and I shard be a lot surprised if I'm called on to pass in my chips after to-morrow night."

Here the poor fellow was attacked by a terrible fit of coughing, to which it was partial to listen.

terrible fit of coughing, to which it was inful to listen.
"These that necdicine," he said, its lie ways recovered his breath, "New, Mars, caw up that shot and sit down on it all their listen while I is I you some-

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Max did as he was talden, and S. Bell proceeded.

"I built this here exists after Sarah Browne was numbered. I was kinder dotte as Sarah, see how, and I felt termine as Sarah, see how, and I felt termine to sarah, see him, and the little over the way she was treated. First I thought I'd quit the guileh, but concluded I weather. But I got away from the beys some, by coining up here there had not deem, and admit should I find but a little fin bey carried about any free distribution. I had to the order and broke it upon but unit from the color and broke it upon but unity found a set of green propers. I amit much eff a schedar, as you were known, but I manuaged on figure out to be but on the first one as good true more than once, so I'd toke core at these for him. Lett on a but, Max. Right below toy head, resents."

Max produced the papers, untied the red ape that was around them, and, to his impression to be savesty-two one-thousand delign tends; "Very good," replied Max, "we will get produced in his name, to sakes a number of railroad slock certificates the whole the whole them to home, where more than one awaits your coming." Max produced the papera, untied the red tape that was around them, and, to his utmost astonishment, found them to be swenty-two one-thousand dollar bonds, registered in his name, besides a number of railrond stock certificates the whole aggregating twenty-four thought-like hundred dollars! With them he found is letter signed "De Watts," which be commenced to read. But Silas interrupted: "Are they worth anything, Max Y." "Yes, Si, as you shall find out. You will be well cared for, Si, if there's gratitude in my nature."

"Thanks, my boy-pou're very good-but-but-I guess it's too late for money—to—to—belp me."

CHAPTER XVII.

On the first day that Edward Handford sat in his office after his happy vacation, a messenger announced that one of the trainmen wished to see the president of the road. Handford, supposing the man had some grievance to lay before him ordered him to be admitted. The man entered, clad in the neat uniform adented by brakemen on the road. Though his hands were hinckened and hardened, they were small, while his face hore traces of good breeding and gentle birth, though his eyes were sunken and his cheeks flushed. Handford recognized him in an instant as the hero who averted the catastrophe which so nearly overtook the mail train between Prairice City and Hig Creek.

"Ah, you recognize me, Mr. Handford;" said the man, as Handford grasped him warmly by the hand. "Then I shall doubless secure the favor I am come to ask! I have a story to tell you. I am sick, very sick, although up till now I have been able to get around pretty well. The does tors now tell me I must eness working, and the next thing, I suppose, I shall have to case breathing. Years of fast living in the old days and the sunden change to the hard out-door life, have done their work. I since told you my mane was Henry Richards. That is a name, however, which I assumes to avoid recognition. My actual name is Spencer—Harry

was a lad fellow the most of my lif-an mercip down on the old pay-roll fo-ic wages of sin. I still love Finder, ha-re lest way in which I can prove tha-we is by keeping out of her way, whic-shall surely do. Twice I journeyed t I shall surrely do. Twice I journeyed to England just to catch a glinghee of her and—well, I am glad she is married to a man who will care for her. I hope she will be happy; I trust you will both be very happy. To-day I shall leave the service of your company and head fer Mexico. And now for the favor I would ask of you. You remember once promi-ing to do me a favor? It is this. To her-prove to her-that I did not die th her prove to her that I did not die the disgraceful death that was reported. Try to raise me a little in her estimation. It will not harm you, and the thought of your good word to come will help me out for the rest of my days. So, when I am dead, tell her, if you will, all that you know, and tell her, too, that I never easied to regret how I justly forfested her love, esteem and companionship."

There was a slight pause, which was broken by Spencer.

"Ledward Handford, for Emily's sake you will promise all I have asked?"

"I promise—I swear 0," said Handford.

As their hands unclusped Blandford' mind wandered off as if to gather up the threads of the strange web of croun-stances that had enthalmed in this interview. When he released his thought stances that had calminated in this terries. When he released his thought from their service, Spencer was more. When Spencer is possible, the office of railroad prevident, he descended to street and was soon wending he was ward the legel, happier that he had he dead his mind of what had have being burden. As he walked stour busy their ingifare he suddenly felt a his exiting upon his shoulder, and before had time to turn about, a familiar year speed in his ear. "Harry Someon He arned, startled and alarmed, it was fare tellars, with his old ham. A Brett, For an invaluation to the side ham, and the his about a start fare tellars, with his old ham.

if the state Appearance of all the con-generating the first to sprift, "Brett," said he, "under collinary cor-clinations of shade he said to see you. So it is, I make confess I am sorry that he have not today. Many of my ne-coles and this last speech if said demand.

"Not to-day, not to-day," answered Spencer as he embeavered to overcome his sensitions. "Take me to a place where we shall be absolutely nine."

So they turned into the Palmer House, where May seemed a patter parter, and, when the door was closed, lived soil. "Harry, I have seemed in false world in a search for your though in doing so I merely continued the good work which your sister, how my sefe, commenced years ago. Now that you have materialized, I think you owe it to all of us, not to mention yourself, to stay here and afford us the opportunity to set you on your fort."

Thanks, my boy—year're very good—but—but—but—I guess it's too late for money—to—to—help me."

Even then the poor fellow was once more overtaken by one of his coughing spells, which left him terribly exhausted, and when Max returned to Gillicandy's, about midnight, he carried word to the boys that aid Si Reli was no more.

Except for the death of the faithful Silas, Max felt extremely gratified with the result of his visit to Rosedale. He was morally certain that De Watts had buried the bonds, and the letter which he had found wrapped up with them furnished him with valuable information and evidence to be used at some future occasion. He returned to Chicago, converted his bonds into cash, bought and furnished a pleasant bame, said—

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"Cowardies simply invites the libraries of the rule was to receive burnish with a clab or revelver there would be lots fewer in the business. If more were willing to take a little chance of being hurt burgiars wouldn't tak chances with them. No men are more careful of their bides than burglars and their courage amounts only to reliance on the wealness of huma mature. Think of the cowardir which allows two or three men to ho up two or three does men in a rail way train. A little grit would en able them to overthrow the highway men in a minute, but each one afraid to lead, and they submit sheep. The profession under land this. After two or three cases a jumping on the train robbers—even a the risk of some layary or even deal there would be no more train roo beries. But people submit, and th business goes on. Bravery of burg-lars is both."

Marchal Adury, of Macon, Ma, ha Marshal Addres of Stacon, Mo., and decided that to avoid all doubts in the cases of men arrows in his town for drunkenness, they will bereafter have to walk a chill-line sixty feet long in the station house before a picked com-nuttee of good vitues. Wabbling will



The beautiful big library do you, dear, for the child's Christians I should. Was it not Christians Eve and was there it a child in the house? In the bow window stood that the house? In the box window stood. "Oh I that's Engy I is not a sometimes for the Sarak to expend white the house? In the box window stood. "Oh I that's Engy I is not a sometimes." The housest in the bow window stood.

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Why, what fintlery from one's own little gut said the vision storpour and plus my a kiss romewhere most Rowern's forshead, "Well, good night, little me, we are late, for this

you, rifes, and you can have it on this listle inide," said Sally. "Sally, dal you ever see any of those

tible orphans? That I did May There's little Katle Shannon, an orphena and it's of ion I look in on the lamb,"

Dowens set thinking. "Ye am'r carn' fit for a bird, Miss," conenstrated the girl.

No. I'm thenking about them. Sally. Do you think they have a Christians

they mostly needs close. That money, the 'Christians fund,' they're calling it is to buy each wan something to wear, an' each of them poor budge way persin spice. That's wind the marrow-bidg fold me."
"Oh, do you know the matten?"

Yes, no a fine young person she is, answered the tanid.

"I never had such a good time," said Howens, "and I shall do that every Christmas,"



NOT ONE WEST EMPTY-HANDED.

"Oh, Miss, whativer will your mither

"Oh. Miss, whativer will your infilier say about all your foline prisents? I dare to think, not at all,"
"I haven't one left, and I'm so giad, so giad! Mot. "I won't care—at least! hope she we it. Sally, do you think by beautiful mather will care?"
"Perhans me my darlin", if you ask her pretty like him.
This was the eginning of Rowena's sharrly work, and though she is now a grown up young woman, there has never passed a Christians Eve that she has not gethered together a little. she has not g thered together a little group of percelulation whom she makes happy betreft Free Press.

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A MIDNIGHT ALARM.

take. Miss, such an idee."

"May I speak to the matrix B."

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board," and, not understanding that i was only the invitation of a child, and she would, with pleasure, send same of the children who were not in "she asked if twenty would be

She asked a still that would do rough, and I said that would be said being a some with all light, while Saily Just should and to that her wan thing I do know.

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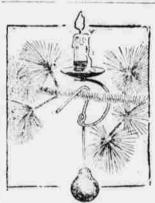
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entin't we have some of them here to which it is a sched. This is necomcoubin't we have some of them here is neight to see my tree?" exclaimed flowens exceedly.

Toweld flow do, Miss. What we would be to indicate the some right of the some theory of the some right of the some right off," and she was half way up the stairs with Fritz bething the few leads to the some is the stairs with Fritz bething the few leads to the some the some some right off." candle, it keeps the latter in an up



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