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LINE.

4. Franklin, Nash, Johnston, BY GEORGE FREDERIC PARSONS. Chatham, Randolph, Wake and

5. Granville, Person, Durbam, Orange, Alamance, Caswell, Rock-6. Auson, Brunswick, Columbus,

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Birgo-I wish you would try cohol left, but you might breath on

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might light upon a bonanza if he tom:

the lay of the country.

and the army, and being smart and had last been heard from, she gains possible. intelligent, she pushed her way un- ed information which at least seem

ment in the secret service. What seemed probable that he had stayed no definite track. The keen air of clustered around the wounded man. her daties were at this time it would for a time in the high Sierra. He autumn had succeeded the sammer "Where did I hit him ?" was her not be easy to say, but, probably. might even have taken up a claim heat, but no rain had yet fallen, first question. Then her womanly she did a little scouting, a little spy in that region ; though, if he had when one day Mollie took her place instincts came to the surface, and ing, and so forth. She never obe done that, and had made a bare as an inside passenger on the stage as her eye cought the reddened tained any prominence or notoriety, living, there was no reason why he which ran through Gold Hill and glass, she shivered, turned pale, and HEN circumstances seemed and was never taken prisoner, or, so should have stopped writing to her. stopped at a number of smaller kuelt beside the conquered highto compel the separation of far as is known, even suspected. She It may be thought strange that mining camps or villages. The road waysman, who fay breathing pains John Black and his young had a very pleasant, frank address, Mellie did not suspect Jack of infis was rough and hilly, the scenery fully. His face was still covered wife Mollie, neither of them and her comely face prepossessed delity to her, but somehow such a scarred and rendered unsightly by with his rade mask of sacking. believed that the parting would be the Confederates and helped her suspicion did not enter her head. the ravages of hydraulic mining, "Take off that thing and give him for a long time. John had found greatly. During this period, Mollie Perhaps her knowledge of his char-7. Cabarrus, Davidson, Davie, what looked like a good opening in naturally toughened a good deal, acter assured her on that point. Per-Iredell, Montgomery, Rowan, Stan- Nevada, and as he had apparently She learned to take care of herself, haps the depth and strength of her ley, Yadkin, Lincoln and Catawba, exhausted his luck at the East, his for one thing. She learned not to affection cast out fear. However it 8. Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Cald- wife did not oppose his determina_ be afraid of violence, wounds, or was, jealousy never approached her gorges and over hills, up which the was now worn and distorted by dis. well, Cleveland, Gaston, Mitchell, tion to follow the advice of Horace even death. She could ride or drive and in all the imaginings with passnagers toiled on foot, while the sipation and pain. Mollie glanced Watauga, Wilkes, Alexander, For Greeley. Mollie was to go to ter between the lines without fearing which she sought to explain her parents, who had a livelihood on a the lawless guerrillas who infested husband's silence, some mistortone panting horses, its leathern cut- ap air of startled surprise and somewhat stony Connecticut farm, such neutral ground. It was an ex occurred to him, and preventing tings flapping as it rolled from side drawing an air of horror. As she Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Madi- and both fully expected that in a citing and fascinating life, and she him from writing, was invariably son, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Tran- year at most Jack would be in a po- followed it with some enthusiasm, the loyal conclusion reached. As sition to send tor her and they taking pride in her craft and cool- the term of his silence lengthened. would be able to make a home on uess. Through all, however, Mollie moreover, her faith did not decline.

some alcohol on this coat and see if the Pacific slope, They parted in Black, who loved her husband, and Only she said to her own heart how Mrs. Bingo-There isn't any al- been fought to the bitter end, and he, looked forward to reunion with which sealed his lips so long.

concluded, before they met again. him, and to that end economized in But a time came when Mollie There was nothing much out of every possible way. Women do this Black felt that she must no longer die of which a small stream ran, his eyes. the common in this experience. The much oftener than men. They are delay the opening of her quest. In we authorize our advertised druggist to sell you Dr. King's New Discovery for case of John Black is a thoroughly more unselfish and more self-sacri- truth she had shrunk from it a litconsumption, coughs and colds, upou this condition. If you are afflicted with La a good follow which conceptly indulgence and not colden there are not prone to selfcondition: If you are amicted with La a good fellow-which generally indulgence, and not seldom they are perfect faith in her own intentions. day somewhat darkened the little verge of the great transition one is What if she were unable to find valley, to directions, giving it a fair trial, and ex- means a self-indulgent fellow. He very persevering and patient, Mollie worked and saved steadily Jack? What if, notwithstanding was excellent "company," sociables bottle and have your money refunded. We was excellent "company," sociables Mollie worked and saved steadily Jack? What if, notwithstanding make this offer because of the wonderful gay, bright and attractive. In a until the end of the War, when she all interior reassurruces, news of his mining towp such a man naturally found herself in possession of a sum death should encounter her ? She ing last season's epidemic. Have heard of mining town such a man naturally found herself in possession of a sum death should encounter her ? She no case in which it failed. Try it. Trial and almost inevitably gravitates to of money small in itself, but large did not often yield to such dark the saloon. It is the only stage enough, she thought, to take her to thoughts, but when they came they upon which he can exhibit himself. the Pacific coost, find her Jack, and stimulated, while making her trem-Thnre all his entertaining qualities secure for both of them a new be ble, and as she was a woman of shine brightest. There he finds con- ginning at something. She had action, she resolved to put away all saw a figure so disguised with gun- at his side. He did not know who genial souls. There, too, he acquires heard nothing from her husband for hesitation. She did not attempt to uy sacks as to be unrecognizable, had shot him. But Mollie could habits which are fatal to success in four years now, and could not be deceive herself as to the difficuties building a double-barrel shot-gun not keep the secret. ure that his silence was not that of of the quest. She even foresaw the upon the driver. The experience death. But she never admitted to possibility that Jack might have John Black was full of good resoherself that this could be possible; changed his name. She knew that pessengers, and it had become a Whether John Black was capable utions, and he loved his pretty Molfor did she not love him, and had this was frequently done on the part of the unwritten code in these of grasping ber meaning, it is, perlie perhaps as well as such a man she not been waiting all these years Pacific coast, particularly when regions to offer no resistance to haps, impossible to say, but he nodcan love anything besides the gratifor him, and was it not logically men had got into trouble of one ication of his appetites. No one necessary that she should find him k nd or another, and if he had re. would have said that he was vicious and that they should resume their sorted to such a disguise, it would on the driver and passengers. In wite was just as natural as the rest. or without principle. He was not a old broken life? So Mollie made be doubly hard to trace bim. Then, hard drinker. He did not care much her preparations, gathered what in- again, she could not conceal form or cards. He had not the gambler's formation she could, and set out for herself that, in going about asking and would "shoot to kill" with un- drop it over her shoulder. She emperament; only the foundation California by the Isthmus route. for and describing bim, she might of his character was selfishness,and Meanwhile, John Black had been be doing him an ili turn; for though his defect was in itself sufficient to going steadily downward. He was she would not allow even to herself determine his destiny. Present enoyment always outweighed future not one of those colossal aggrega- the possibility that he might have tions of egoism that achieve the fallen under the ban of the law, it benefits of every kind with him, and most impressive material successes, was entirely supposable that he the consequence was that he lived for the hour and from hand to The true money-maker, though oft- might have got into some mining month. At first be devoted himself en selfish to the core, has the sagae difficulties which would require to business. He was employed in a ity to perceive that his ends can on concealment for a time. All these general store and there was plenty ly be gained by resolute self repress considerations necesitated the greatof work. Presently, an opportunity sion and sacrifice in the early stag. est tact and caution in the prosecurule. es of his career. He works incese tion of her search. offered to secure an interest in the santly, denies himself, refuses all Nevertheless, she was not dismaystore, and as he had saved a little indulgence, bends all his energies to ed or disconraged. With maps of money he was able to take advants age of it. Then the speculating the fortherance of his main purpose. the region before her, she planned mania begau to spread, and the Men like John Black, on the other a series of tours through the mining whole coast was flooded with the hand, are too weak to put them - counties; and being careful to dress selves under any such discipline, in the most unpretentious and restock of problematical mining properties, of which ninestenths had not They, like savages, are uninfluenced tiring way she set out, sometimes been opened. John Black did not by the possibilities of the future, riding in the local stages, sometimes go deeply into such investments, but The present alone interests and hiring a buggy, putting up at just enough to absorb his legitimate moves them. So John Black grew wretched mountain taverna, endurearnings and so keep him from ad- feebler and less stable every month, ing all manner of discomforts and vancing. In fact, he never did get and though feverishly eager for fors privations, scorched by the sun and any farther. At the end of the first une, could not endure any steady half-smothered by the red dust; sear he was barely holding his own, toil or submit to any monotonous exposed sometimes to the insuits of sire to escape plandes was naturally for it at the present prices, without and could send his wife nothing but duty. Little by httle the veneer of drunken men, still oftener embar- great, for she had with her the paying any interest on the money, hopes and imaginings. At the end civilization was wearing off him, rassed by the effusive and honest larger part of her little capital. but the man who don't have the of the second year his moderate in- and the instincts and tendencies of hospitality of miners who looked Now, to protect herself in her wan- wheat or any equivalent, can't borvestments had forced him to part savagery were asserting themselves, upon the fair-faced traveller with a derings, she had always carried a row the money, no matter how much with his interest in the store and to Already he had tir d of the life of a sort of rough, chivalrous rapture, pistol, which weapon she had learn- money per capita there may be in go clerking again. At the end of prospecter. Already he had habit- For weeks and months the quest ed to use with sufficient dexterity circulation; nor could be get it if the third year he had turned his usted bimself to loafing about the went on, and all this time nothing during her experience as a scout. the government printed it by the back oh trade and was embarked in bar-rooms and to playing cards in was learned. The descriptions of It now occurred to her that, her cord and loaned it at 2 per cent. the precarious occupation of pros- working hours, without shame. Jack seemed to be the descriptions presence being evidently unknown You can't get something for nothpecting. Then he wrote that New Sometimes, too, he drank more than of so many other people. Dozens to the highwayman, an opportunity ing unless you beat your creditors.

vada was "petering out," and he was good for himself, and he no lon- of fa'se clews were put in her hands, offered to turn the tables on him. thought of going to California, ger felt degraded in his own eyes and when she had followed them up If he was really alone and she could There was plenty gold yet in the when he came out of a debauch. He and discovered their illusiveness, bring him down, the stage would be high Sierra, he said, and a man had fallen far and was near the oot she would feel desperately tired, saved, and it did not occur to her Yet she did not give way; did not that the experiment was particularkept his eyes open and understood Mollie Black, arrived at San Fran- complain much even when alone : ly dangerous. The road-agent was sisco, was not long in realizing that was buoyed up with the hope and busily occupied in taking up invol-Soon after the War began; and it would be quite useless for her to expectation of years bygone; and untary contributions from the sofrom that time John Black ceased stay in the big city. Her husband pressed forward upon the weary berslaced row of disgusted passengto write, while Mollie had enough to might be there, but even if so, she search with a courage and persis- ers, when a puff of white smoke think of in other directions. In could never hope to find him in that tence not always paralleled among floated from one of the stage-winquick succession, her parents died, crowd. However, she had one of men. It was a trying and a pro- dows, an echoing crash was heard, The farm was motgaged, and she those inexplicable impressions which tracted ordeal. Even the purely and the robber clapped one hand to could not manage it herself, so she come to women alone, and this im- physical features of the situation his back, half turned, staggered and let it go, and looked about for some pression told her that Jack was in were full of anoyance a d vexation. fell at full length. Instantly, the way of earning her living. She had the interior-in the nountains some. Want of sleep, want of fit food, want scene changed. The motionless a consin in one of the departments where, Before yeilding altogether of comfortable conveyances, espec- line of victims broke up. The at Washington, and he tovited her to this inner voice, however, she bally want of woman's companions dropped gun of the prostrate robto pay him a visit. While at the spent some time in making inqui- ship, exposure to all kinds of weath ber was seized and pointed at his capital, sho was thrown among peo- ries, and by judiciously following his er, everything seemed combined to own head, and menarationa were ple connected with the government tracts up to the point at which he render her undertaking as hard as being made to bind him and place bim in the stage for conveyance to

late Liborn

Three months had passed since the nearest jail, when the heroine til she interested influential persons ed to make it certain that he had she began to explore the mountain of the adventure stepped out of the and in the end obtained employ- gone to California in 1861. It counties, and she had come upon stage and app cached the group which had cut down the red bluffs, air !" she cried. Strangely enough, torn away the surface soil and left nobody had thought of this before. huge gaps and depressions all ars. They removed the mask, disclosing ound. The road wound among a face that had been handsome, but creaking stage dragged after the at it, first indifferently, then with to side. The one woman passenger, gazed, all the color died from her Mollie herself, was privileged to re- cheeks. The man lay meanwhile main on board ; and as she was fat- with closed eyes, his breath coming igued from her incessant journeying, more heavily every moment. Sudshe was glad to keep her seat. The denly, a voice, so full of agony that Cocaine used for painless ex- you can get some of the spots out. 1855, and the war had broken out, who had far more character than great the misfortune must have been stage, alter slowly surmonnting a all who heard it shuddlered, was steep hill, slid with lurches down heard, in a strained whisper : "John into a narrow valley, down the mid Black !" And the dying man opened

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crossed by a wooden bridge. A few "Mollie, is that you ?" he murmut. irees made a shade at the entrance ed, faintly, and without showing past all that, and then, too, the dy-

As the driver, walking his horses, ing have visions which confuse their er tered the shadow of the trees, a notions of the real and the ideal, hoarse voice was heard shou ing: At that supreme moment, it may "Halt! Throw up your hands!" and have seemed natural to him that the horses were instantly brought Mollie, of whom, through all his to a standstil. Peering anxiously weakness and moral decay, he had from the windows, the passengers always thought lovingly, should be

"Oh, John," she sobbed, "it was I was not unfamilear to most of the | who did it !"

"road-agents." In the first place ded feebly, as though he understood the robbers always had "the drop" all, and as though being shot by his the second place, it was understood and whispering: "Kiss me, Mollie !" that the robbers "mean: business," he managed to raise one arm and faling promptitude i their orders stooped and kissed him, moaning the while. As she drew her lingerwere not instantly obeyed. So when ing lips away, that ashen pallor there was no special express mesknown so well to all who have watch senger with the stage, the command, ed by the bedsides of the dying "Throw down that box ! '-referring stole over his face, and his band slid to Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express box heavily from her neck. The pass -was responded to as a matter of sengers, who stood around, deeply moved, raised Mollie to her feet, as course; and when the passengers one of them drew a covering over were ordered to step out and stand the white, placid face. As she look. in a line with their hands up, no ed up, the gathering night dropped one thought of remonstrating, as a its dark folds over the little valley and over his life. Her search iwas at an end. She had found her hus-

Besides, even when only one

"road-agent" was visible, it was impossible to tell how many more might be hidden in the bush with guns leveled on the stage, and so in the present instance the operation of stage robbery proceeded smoothiy. When all the male passengers had alighted, however, Mol- the earth in shape of gold, or he Black waited a moment, and as whether it is a representative dolthe robber seemed to think he had lar printed by Uncle Sam. If a man everybody before him, she conclud- has 1,000 bushels of No. 1 hard ed to stay where she was. H+r de- wheat, he can get 800 hard dollars

band. As an exchange very truly says, a little common sense and practical experience in business teaches a man that it takes pork, potatoes, or other produce, a full dollar's worth to get a dollar, whether that dollar be dug out of the bowls of

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