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# The Scoundrel

From the Youth's Conpanion.

morning, I overtook two men on foot, who halted as I came up. One of them spoke to me:

Van Sickle's ?"

was hard; the eyes furtive. The long rope; then took my saddle and shoes of the two men were worn, bridle to the house, the door of which strong that I determined to saddle their clothes dusty and travel stain- was unfastened. ed. It was not a good sign that praire unmounted.

sight it from the next rise." The other man, a swarthy Mexican, did not look up or speak. I

rode and left them. was sitting on the verandah. He filled and lighted my pipe. was a New England gentleman who

talking. The two footmen I had passed keep it shut. seated themselves on the edge of the I was sleepy. I chose to make my effective resistance.

as Mr. Keswick took out his gold the thunder crashing about me, fell watch to note the time.

At dinner the two tramps ate ravthe cook, regarded them with obvious an instant. disfavor. After dinner they asked for employment on the ranch. Joe that no men were wanted. Later, he held it, threw it open. privately remarked to me:

'n spy, 'n steal. You see, sah, dey eyes and partly hid his face; but I hab no hoss, no beddin', no gun, no saw at once that it was the man nuffin'. Dey's boun' to git 'em all whom I had named "The Scounsome wha', and dey'll git 'em wha' drel." dey kin. We ain't fur outfittin' no such trash heah. We fill dey bellies surlily. and we gib um mighty willin' good-

Shortly after dinner Mr. Keswick broke from him : saddled his horse and rode away to visit a ranch twenty miles distant.

The two men loitered about a little, and then sneaked away in the direction Mr. Keswick had taken.

Later in the afternoon I rode out in search of a horse that had stray. ed. I did not find the animal, and got further away than I had intended. I suddenly became aware that it was sundown and that I was a dozen miles from the home ranch.

As I was about to turn back, a riderless horse ran up on the ridge sight. Little as I liked their looks, is described in a letter in the Bultibeyond me, and stopped a moment I could hardly refuse them shelter, more Manufacturer's Record as bewith head and tail in air. I saw and stepped back, saying," You can ing of the pineapple family. It that it was Mr. Keswick's horse. come in." The animal seemed frightened. It looked about a moment looked up on a shelf. The men entered with

halted. After all, he might only der his black brows. The other seat- sisting upon a diversifying of indushave had an experience, not uncom- ed himself on the edge of the lower tries. Here are three valuable and mon with unpracticed riders, and bunk and looked sullenly about. restless horse. If this was all, his their manners changed. plight was uncomfortable, but not serious. It meant nothing worse for the trails and location of ranches, him than a night in the open air and the Scoundrel began to grow ugand a few jokes from the ranchmen ly and bantering. This temper on

at his expense. seemed likely to be my own portion. men were "sizing me up," and I I was now at least fifteen miles from | wished that I had my pistel. home, off the trail, and the night nearest sheep station of Van Sickle's had some disturbing thoughts of

me to the station. There was no curled up on the floor. Both lay light in the frame shanty, and the quiet and seemed, by their stillness Hacks, Cradles, Safes, Tables, Picture Cord and Nails, Rugs, Mats empty corrals showed me that the and their heavy breathing, to have We recommend Electric Bitters for comfort, better accommodation and shepherds had taken their flocks to gone to sleep. another range. As their absence I lay with eyes half closed, wishmeant for me a night without sup- ing for the morning. I saw that the per or bed, I was at first minded to candle would not last much longer, make for the home ranch, although and I had a strange dread of the

season being at hand, I knew that it my horse. He whinnied at my aphad set in for a wet night.

I did not like the man. His face ing him free to feed to the end of a back into the camp.

Within, it was pitch dark. I struck the home ranch. they were traveling on the open a match as I stepped inside. To my I turned back to the shanty. The "A mile," I answered? "you'll candle. I lighted this and looked should have caused me to hesitate; about me.

furnished, save for two bunks, one and stooped to pick it up. above the other, and a wooden stool. A sensation of red light suddenly At the home ranch Mr. Keswick On the later I seated my self, and filled my eyes, and I next found

was spending some time in the coun- soon, for the rain was now coming a heavy blow from behind. The two try in search of a ranch location. I down in sheets, with much thunder tramps had flung themselves on me sat down by him, and we fell to and lightning. The door blew open, and were tying my elbows behind and, in all respects, participating and I braced a board against it to my back.

presently came up to the ranch and By the time my pipe was finished and half stunned, I could make no veranda, saying nothing, but noting bed on the floor rather than in everything about them. The man either of the bunks. My saddle servwho had addressed me on the trail ed for a pillow, and I lay down I mentally named "The Scoundrel." with my saddle-blanket rolled about I saw his eye give a sudden gleam me, I soon grew drowsy, and, with

I was aroused by a pushing at th enously and silently. Black Joe, door, and started up fully awake in

"Who's there?" I called.

The pushing ceased. I heard low knew the foreman was looking for voices without. I walked to the door, extra hands, but he said, shortly, and, knocking aside the board that

The storm had cleared, and I say "Dem triflin' fellers don' want a man standing near the doorway. work. Dey's lookin' fur to loaf roun', His hat was pulled down over his

"Whose camp is this?" he asked.

"Van Sickle's," I answered.

"Ain't we off that cussed place

ing himself and asked in a different are making.

"Got anything to eat?"

"There is nothing in the camp." "That's a likely story," he broke o' the wet, anyway."

can, who had so far kept out of duras, that is said to be of value. It

back-and then ran off at full speed. hesitation. looking suspiciously Thinking that some accident had about them. The Mexican crouched that of any other tropical plant." befallen the rider, I rode in the di- against the wall and held his head rection from which the horse had low, so that I saw little of his face, come. I kept on until it was too but I could catch the flash of his dark to search further, and then eyes as he glanced slantingly up un- States. We are all constantly inbeen left afoot on the prairie by a When they saw that I was alone vated in the South, two of which we

They asked some questions about his part carried an ominous signifi-A night on the prairie, in fact, cance. I felt plainly that the two

We were not a happy company. ranch. To this I determined to go. their own. However, we all prepar-

my horse was tired. The elements dark. I grew restless, and finally NOTES OF TRAVEL IN EUROPE. decided the matter for me. A drop got up and went to the deor. The of rain fell on my hand, and others men started and rustled at my movetapped on my hat brim. The sky ment, but nothing was said. I step-IDING homeward late in the had become black, and, the rainy ped outside and across the grass to proach and raised his head. I pat-There was nothing for me but to ted him, and stood awhile with my lish, we had the keener relish for the "I say, pard, how fur shead is stay where I was. I hurridly pick- hand on his shoulder. The longer eted my horse on the prairie, leav- I stood, the less I felt like going

> My antipathy to the men was so my horse immediately and ride to come together in a glorious cause,

pleasure, my eye fell on a half burned | candle was not burning, a fact which but entering, I groped my way over The interior was bare and un- to the corner where my saddle lay,

myself on my face on the floor, I had sought shelter none too where I had fallen, struck down by brethren, of whom there were six or

Caught wholly at a disadvantage

TO BE CONTINUED.

It is suggested in one of our best weekly exchanges, the Asheville Argonaut, that devotes unusual space to North Carolina industries, that ramie be cultivated by the farmers such a relation as between himself of the State. It is said to be a fibrous plant of unusual value, and is not difficult to cultivate. It is attracting much attention among sci- other-and not a single time did entific men, and in New England its observe that any of our Southern cultivation is being stimulated by a delegates were forced into situations stock company that offers advant- that that their tastes or "raising" ages, of course from a business con- need have taken decided offence at sideration. It is importing the fibre If I found myself at any time more largely and is anxious to create a intimately associated, by stress of market. To that it wishes to induce Southern planters to experi-than I was accustomed to be at ment with ramie. The Argonaut home, a slight exercise of diplomacy

"If true, as stated, that 1,500 lbs. the status, he or I changing place can be raised to the acre, with three and conditions, he getting where he cuttings, and the fibre worth five could feel easier and more at home He started, and an exclamation cents a pound, it is evident the crop will be a most profitable one."

In Pittsburg, Charleston, New Orleans and perhaps other places, ex-He stopped as if fearful of betray- periments with this fibrous growth

It would be wise for North Caroliha farmers to take this matter in hand at an early day. The Alliance might experiment. It might also out and again suddenly checked his take other fibrous products in hand speech. "I reckon we'll come in out such as are experimented with in other sections. There a is fibre known As he said "we" I saw the Mexi- as "istle," a product of British Honyields a singularly strong fibe that is I lighted the candle and set it used for cordage. We learn that a 'leading authority regards this fibre as probably more valuable than

There is in Yucatan a fibre known as "sissil bemp." It is valuable and believed to be adapted to the Gulf important plants that may be cultimay suppose are adapted to the climate and soil of parts of North Carolina. The cultivation of them should begin next year.-Wilmington Mes-

### Eupepsy.

This is what you ought to have, n fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching able traveling companions and was for it daily, and mourning because glad to count them as personal was dark. But I knew I could not I thoroughly distrusted my ill-fa- they find it not. Thousands upon friends. I will add also that the rebe more than five miles from the vored companions; they evidently thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that they may obtain this boon. negro delegates as traveling com-And yet it may be had by all. We panions were uninterruptedly pleas-Iknew the general lay of the coun- ed for sleep. The Scoundrel rolled guarantee that Electric Bitters, if ant. try, and an hour's riding brought into the lower bunk: the Mexican used according to directions and the use persisted in, will bring you Good Digestion and oust the demon Dyspepsia and install instead Eupepsy. Stomach and Kidneys. Sold at 50c Wilmington to Shelby, on the Caroand \$1 per bottle by Doctorr W. M. Fowlkes & Co., druggests.

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delegations-in outside appearance, but were disappointed; only a limited number of our party-although arrangements had been previously made for the whole party-could secure rooms; the hotel management, in spite of all previous arrangements. even "lock arms" for a promenade had suddenly yielded to the exewith the colored brother-between gency of the Shah of Persia's visit them at all times it might be said which had crowded the city with that "all is serene and the goose people, and had filled all the avail hangs high." Indeed if the curious able 100ms besides. At least such Southerner, not accustomed to such was the explanation made to the sights, sought to find out upon great majority of our party who which side the truculence or toadywere thus disappointed, yet some ism rested, he was apt to conclude were disposed to criticise sharply the Yankee had it, and not the nethe gentleman who had charge of argro. It is well to add that the avranging before-hand for the whole erage Northerner referred to was of delegation, thinking he had been rethe species grown in New England, miss in the discharge of his assumed for really the New Yorker and office. At all odds I found that I Northwestern man are so nearly like must "join the great majority" in a Southerners that you seem to forget that they fall at all under the desigwe were, for the nonce, "foot-loose" nation of "Yankee." It is the New in the great city of London, not England brother that should wear knowing where to get our grub and the appellation distinctively; it fits find our lodging. It would seem him precisely in all of its signifisomewhat paradoxical to say that cance. Far be it from me to write such a place as London could be so as I have above in any spirit of macrowded as to make it difficult to selevolence; such is not the case for. cure hotel or any other accommodabarring the idiosyncracies on the tions, but I know this: I saw more negro question, especially in matters of social taste, I found them to be people there than I saw anywhere else, especially along Rotten Row gentlemanly, courteous, and very when the Persian monarch with his models of proper conduct. I found suite, accompanied by the Prince of among them some of the most desir-Wales and his suite, were passing in ing in cog.] procession. And further, it required diligent inquiry for several hours on lation betwixt the Southerners and the part of many of our party, before they found suitable and comfortable lodgment. Four of us Carolinians, Blair, Goodwin, Davis and In railroad facilities, comforts of myself, at last got comfortably fixed travel, &c., this country is far ahead at the Holborn-Viaduct Hotel, in a

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Every one who comes to Kansas City from Kansas these days has his own particular stock of stories to tell about the wonderful crops in that State. Among the Sunflower pilgrims who landed in the city on Saturday was Charley Barrett, the good looking and talkative traveling passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific. He had spent four or five days in Southern Kansas, and his mouth was going at the rate of 500 revolutions per minute about crops, when he was flagged by a Times man on Main street.

"Wheat!" he exclaimed, "you never saw the like! The farmers down in Southern Kansas had to rent the public roads to get room enough to stack the wheat. Wasn't room enough in the fields to hold the stacks. I saw one-

"How is the fruit crop?" "Fruit! You never saw the like! Apples as big as cannon balls growing in clusters as big as haystacks. saw one apple that——'

"Don't the trees break down?" "Trees! You never saw the like! The farmers plant sorghum in the orchards and the stalks grew up ike telegraph poles and supported the limbs I saw one stalk of sorghum that was two feet---'

"How is the broom corn crop?" "Broom corn! You never saw the like! There hasn't been a down with his three companions cloudy day for a month. Can't cloud up. The broom corn grew so high that it kept the clouds swept off the face of the sky as clean as a new floor. They will have to cut the corn down if it gets too dry. Some of the broom corn stalks are so high that--' "How is the corn crop?"

"Corn! You never saw the like! Down in the Neoshe and Fall river and Arkansas bottoms the corn is as high as a house. They use stepladders to gather roasting ears." "Aren't step-ladders pretty ex-

pensive?" "Expensive! Well, I should say so, but that isn't the worst of it. The trouble is that the children climb up into the corn stalks to hunt for eagles' nests and sometimes fall out and kill themselves. Fourteen funerals in one county last week from that cause. I attended all of them. That is why I am so sad. And, mind you, the corn is not more than half grown. A man at Arkansas City has invented a machine which he calls "The Solar Corn Harvester and Child Protector." It is inflated with gas like a balloon and floats. over the corn tops, and the occupants reach down and cut off theears of corn with a calvary sabre. Every Kansas farmer has a calvary sabre, and ---'

"Do they make much cider in

Kansas?" "Cider! You never saw the like! Oceans of it! Most of the farmers in Crowley county have filled their cisterns with cider. A proposition was made a few days since to the water works company of Arkansas City to supply the town with cider through the mains, but the company was compelled to decline because they were afraid the cider would rust the pumps. They were sorry, but they said they would have to continue to furnish water, although it cost more. I saw one farmer who

"How is the potato crop?"
"Potatoes! You never saw the like! A man in Sedwick county dug a potato the other day that was spell of disappointment, and here so big he used the cavity it grew in for a cellar. I saw one potato that

> "The people must be happy over their big crops?"

"Happy! You never saw the like! I know men in the Arkansas Valley who were too poor this time last year to flag a bread wagon, and now they have pies three times a day. One fellow that---' But the reporter just at this point

had a pressing engagement elsewhere.-Kansas City Times. [The "Charley Barrett" referred to above is supposed to have been the editor of the Chatham Record travel-

### Cashier One Day, Thief the Next.

Louisville, Ky., October 3.—Geo. Kuhn, who surrendered to the police here on Sunday last, and acknowledged that he had stolen \$600 from his employess in New York, left for that city yesterday in charge of an officer. Kuhn, who is but 23 years of age, was a clerk in a large packing house in New York, and a few months ago was promoted to the position of eashier. The first day after his promotion he took all the money he could get his hands on and ran away. He became penniless here and gave himself up,