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back to view the remains? All well spans, heigh? That's good?" "I didn't know you were through." explained Thorpe, "and I came to use If I could get a job." "Well, now. I fm. sorry?" eried itad-

"Well, now, I fim sorry!" cried itad-way. "You can turn in and baip, though, if you want to." Though, if you want to." Though greeted the cook and old Jack-non Hines, the only two whom he new, and set to work to the up bun-dies of blackets and to collect azes, provides and thools of all descriptions. That evening the seven dised together of densetion.

mom axished already the atmosphere of desertion. "Not much like old thnest is she?" inspired Radway. "Can't you just shest your eyes and hear Haptiste my, "Hak' here de usup one tan more for ma?" Here de usup one tan more for ma? Here de usup one tan more for ma? Jackson Hines hoked whimsteally down the here board. "Nore room than God made for gene is ireland." was the comment.

was his comment. After suppor they sat outside for a little time to smoke their pipes, chair tilted against the logs of the cabins, but soon the chill of melting mow drove them indoors. The four teameters played seven up in the cook camp by the light of a barn instern, while Thorpe and the cook wrote letters. Thorpe's was to bis sister. "I have been in the hospital for about a mouth." he wrote. "Kothing serious a crack on the boad, which is

serious a crack on the near, which is all right new. But I cannot get home this wornner, nor. I an atraid, can we arrange about the school this year. I am about \$70 shead of where I was hast fall, so you are it is slow business. This sugarest 1 am going into a mill, but the wages for green inher are not

very high there either," and so on. When Miss Heien Thorpe, aged sev inteen, revived this document she stamped her foot simost angely. "Ton'd thisk he was a diy inborer?" abs cried. "Why doesn't try for a cieriship or something in the city where he'd have a chance to use his braine?"

And thus also cause to forling rabel-founty that her brother had been a lit-tle solitah in his choice of an occupa-tion; that he had escribed her inclinations to his own, After Balshing the letter Thorpe lit bis pipe and strolled out late the dark-

eas. Opposite the little office he

ness. Opposite the little office he stopped assessed. Through the narrow window he could see Radway seated in front of the store. He had such down into his choir until he rested on almost the small of his back, his legs were stuck straight out in front of him, his chin rested on his breast, and his two arms itsny futtees at his side, a pipe half failing from the figures of one hand. All the facetious lines had turned to buthos.

"What's the matter with the boss. snyway?" asked Thorpe is a low voice of Jackson Himes when the seven up game was finished. "Rain't ye beard?" inquired the old

name in surpr "Why, so. What?" "Bustel." said the old men senter.

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"Busted." said the old men tionaly. "How? What do you mean?"

"What is say. Ho's busted. That freshert esnucht him too quick. They's more thus a million and a balf logs left in the woods that can't be got out this year, and an his contract calls for a finished job be don't get nothin' for what he's done."

aights with her for eleven days." "No had after effects, I hope?" inulred Thorps. "She died." suid Badway simply.

CHAPTER IX. R ADWAY." said he mddenly, "I need unouey, and I need it bad. I think you ought to pet something out of this job of the M. & D.-not much, but some

thing. Will you give me a share of what I can collect from them ?" "Burd" agreed the jabber readily, with a laugh. "Bure! But you won't

set anything. I'll give you 10 per cent gulek l' "Good enough!" cried Thorpe. "Now, when we get to town I want your pow-

or of attorney and a few figures, after which I will not bother you again." The next day the young man called for the second time at the little red puinted office under the shadow of the mill and for the second time stood be-

fore the bulky power of the junior member of the firm: "Welt, young man, what can I do for you?" asked the latter.

"I have been informed," anid Thorpe without preliminary, "that you intend to pay John Radway nothing for the work done in the Cass branch this er. Is that true?"

Daty studied his autagonist medita tively. "If it is true what is it to you?" he noked at length. "I am acting in Mr. Radway's inter-

out." "You are one of Radway's men ?" WYes.

"In what capacity have you been "Cant hook man," replied Thorpe

briefly. "I see," said Daly slowly. Then suddenly, with an intensity of energy that spartiad Thorps, he cried: "Now, you get out of here! Right off! Quick!"

The young man recognized the com-pelling and autocratic hose addressing er of the crew.

"I shall do nothing of the kind!" is eplied, with a flash of fire.

reprint, with a man of mre. The mill owner leaped to his feet. Thorpe did net wish to bring about an actual scene of violence. He had at-talond his object, which was to fluster the oth "I have Redway's power of attor

sey," he added. Daty sat down, controlled himself with an effort and growled out, "Why

didn't you may so?" "New, I would like to know your position." went on Thorpe. "I am not here to make trouble, but as an assoclate of Mr. Radway I have a right to understand the case. Of course I have his side of the story," he suggested, as though couvinced that a detailing of the other side might change his views.

Daily considered carefully, fixing his Bint blue dyes unswervingly on Therpe's face. Evideotly his scrutiny advised him that the young man was a force to be reckoued with. "It's like this," he said abruptly; "we contracted last fall with this man Radway to put in 5.000,000 fest of our

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any with three million and a half of saw logs, which with the \$4 worth of dded are worth \$21,000." "Hold on!" cried Daly. "We paid Radway \$4. We could have done it ournelves for less."

"You could not have done it for one cont less than four-twenty in that coun-try " seplied Therpo, "as an expert will dith:

"Why did we give it to Radway at four then?" "You saved the expense of a salaried everyer and yourselves some bother," replied Thorps, "Radway could do it for less because, for some strange re-son which you yourself do not under-

stand, a jobber can always log for less than a company." "We could have done it for four." insisted Daty stubbornly. "But get on. What are you driving at? My time's valuable."

"Well, put her at four, then." agreed Thorpe. "That makes your saw logs worth over \$30,000. Of this value Hadway added \$13.000. You have appropriated that much of his without payng him one cent"

Daly seemed amused. "How about the 'million and a half teet of ours be "I'm coming to that. Now for your

tomes. At the stumpage rate your million and a half which Radway 'appropriated' would be only three thou sand. But for the sake of argu we'll take the actual sum you'd have received for naw logs. Even then the million and a half would only have thousand. Deducting this purely theo etical loss Radway has occasione you from the amount he has gained for you. you ure still some four or five and ahead of the game. For that ron paid him nothing."

"That's Redway's lookout." "In justice you should pay him that amount. He is a poor man. He has sank all he owned in this venture. some \$12,000, and he has nothing to live on. Even if you pay him five thou-sand, he has lost considerable, while you have gained."

"How have we gained by this bit of hilanthropy ?" "Because you originally paid in cash

for all that timber on the stugap just \$10,000, and you get from Radway aw logs to the value of \$20,000," repiled Thorpe sharply. "Besides, you still own the million and a hnif which, if you do not care to put them in your self, you can sell for something on the skids.

"Don't you know. young man, the white pine logs on skids will spoil ut-terly in a summer? Worms get into

"I de." replied Thorpe. "unless you bark them, which process will cost you about \$1 s ,thousand. You can find any amount of small purchasers at reduced price. You can sell them easily at \$8. That nets you for your million and a half a little over \$4,000 more. Under the circumstances I do not think that my request for five thousand is exorbitant.

Daly laughed. "You are a shrewd figurer, and your remarks are interest-ing." said he.

Will you give \$5,000?" asked Thorpe "I will not." repiled Daly; then, with andden change of busion: "And now I'll do a little talking. I've listen you just about as long as I'm going to. I have Radway's contract in that anfe, and I live up to it. I'll thank you to go plumb to blazes." That's your last word, is it?" asked

Thorpe, rising. "It is."

"Then." said he slowly and distinctly. "I'll tell you what I'll do. I intend to collect in full the \$4 s thousand for the three millions and a half Mr. Radway has delivered to you. In return Mr. Radway will purchase of you at the stumpage rates of \$2 a thousand the million and a balf he failed to put in. That makes a bill against you if my figuring is correct, of just \$11. 000. You will pay that bill, and I will tell you why. Your contract will be claused in any court as a gambling con-

tract for lack of consid mation. have no legal standing in the world. I

justified in taking a vacation for the purpose of visiting his sister. For the purposes he had in view \$500 would be none too much. The remaining \$500 he bad resolved to invest in his sister's comfort and happiness. He had thought the matter over and had gradually evolved what memod to him an excellent plan. He had already perfected it by correspondence with hira. Renwick. It was, briefly, this: Ha, Thorpe, would at once bire a servant girl, who would make anything but su pervision unnecessary is so amail a household. The remainder of the money he had siready paid for a year's tuition in the seminary of the town. Thus Reien gained her keisure and an opportunity for study and still retained her home in case of reverse. Thorpe found his sister already a

young lady. After the first delight of meeting had passed they sat side by side on the haircioth sofa and took

stock of each other. Helen had developed from the school child to the woman. She was a handsome girl, possessed of a slepder, web I form and deep basel eyes, with the level gaze of her brother, although a figure rather aloof, a face rather im pannive, but with the possibility of pas-sion and emotion and a will to back them.

"Oh. but you're tanaed and-and big!" she cried, kissing her brother. "You've had such a strange winter, haven't you?"

be replied absently. "Things "Yes," came a little better than I thought they were going to toward the last, and I made a little money." "Ob, I'm so glad!" she eried. "Was it

much !" "No, not much." be answered. The

actual figures would have been so much better. "I've made arrangements Carolina. The first intimation the doctor had of the work of with Mrs. Reuwick to hire a servant girl, so you will have all your time free and I've paid a year's tuition for you in the semiluary." "Oh," said the girl, and fell silent.

After a time, "Thank you very much. Harry deau" then, after another interval, "I think I'll go get ready for supper."

Instead of getting ready for supper of Rutherfordton informing the she paced excitedly up and down her 10000

"Oh, why didn't be say what he was about?" she cried to herself. didn't be? Why didn't be?" "Why

under his name. Another party was arrested in Lumberton, charged with the same offence. The days, however, passed in the main pleasurably for them both. They ware foud of one another. The barrier slowly rising between them was not set compated by lack of affection on either wide, but rather by lack of belief in the other's affection. Helen imagined Thorpe's interest in her beunsuspectingly paid to im-postors. One of these slick coming dully more perfunctory. Thorpe fancied his sister cold, unressoning and ungrateful. And yet this was but the vague dust of a cloud. They could not forget that but for each other they were alone in the world. Thorp ayed his departure from day to day. making all the proparations he possi biy could at home. Finally Helen came on him busily

another on an old blind man in unpacking a box which a dray had left Richmond county. All in the name of Dr. Wakefield, whose at the door. He nowound and laid one side a Winchester rifle, a variety of reputation must suffer in consefishing tackle and some other mis queuce. Many of the people nics of the woodsman. Helen was purchasing glasses and eye medicines of these "gentry" are struck by the beauty of the sporting implements. not yet aware of the trick played

"Ob. Harry!" she cried. "Aren't they due? What are you going to do with on them, and blame our townsthem?" man, Dr. Wakefield, for the deceit practiced on them. When

"Going camping." replied Thorpa "When 7"

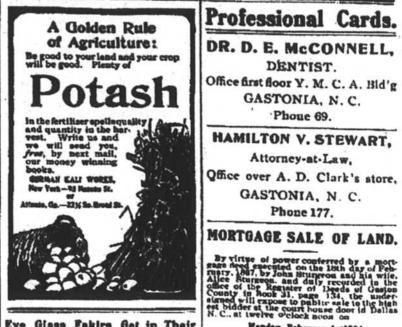
"This summer."

Helen's eyes lit up with a fire of de light. "How ni rou?" she cried. "How nice: May I go with Thorpe shook his bead.

"I'm afraid not, little girl. It's going to be a hard trip a long ways from anywhere. You couldn't stand it."

"I'm sure I could. Try me." "No." replied Thorpe. "I know you couldn't. We'll be sleeping on the ground and going on foot through much extremely dittent country."

"I wish you'd take me somewhere," pursued Helen. "I can't get away this



Eye Glass Fakirs Get in Their

Work.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of this

information that several parties,

claiming to be Dr. Wakefield,

the eye specialist of Charlotte.

the unsuspecting residents of a

score of North Carolina counties

and in several counties in South

these fakirs was conveyed to him

by a letter from the sheriff of

Alexander county telling him

that an impostor was "doing'

the people of his county; this

was followed in a few days by a

message from the chief of police

doctor that a party was working

The doctor has letters from

persons in various parts of the

State, from Hickory in the west

to Maguolia and Rose Hill in

the east, demanding their money back-money they had

rascals sold an old couple two

pairs of glasses for \$50, guaran-teed the glasses to cause

cataracts, that were growing in

their eyes, to disappear. Anoth-

er played the same \$50 trick on

a woman in Iredell, and yet

will the people learn that the

truth is not in the slick-tongued

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of Thaddeus S. White deceased late of Gaston County. N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims agrainst the custer of asid de-cusacd to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the

29th day of Becomber, 1984,

fascals who live by their wits?

Charlotte News, 6th.

Renday, Pohruncy 1st1904,

Nanday, Pebruary 1s11904, the following described tract of land in Nonth Point township adjoining lands of J. H. Cato. Geo. Rend, and others and bounded as follows: "Beginning at a dogwood, John and Kiminor Weils' corner, and runs Sidik 1234 poles to a pile of sponse and pointern. Kiminor Weils' corner; thence NiGE 214 poles to a Spanish onk, Cato's corner: thence with Cato's line NSR 20 poles to a pinse; theroce SiSW 14 poles to a pins on east side of the road, thence SiSW 20 poles to the begin sing.corn taining by estimation three and one-fourth (3M) acres more or less. Terms: Cash ou day of sale. This Jan. 1, 1904. city, tells a News reporter that he has recently received definite have been selling worthless spectacles and "eye drops" to

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

Brivirtue of an order of resale this day made by the Superior Court of Gaston Coun-ty, N. C. in the special procreding entitled Briking Payne and others. Ex Parts. "I will again offer for sale by public aschool to the histoan bidder at the Court House door in Dallas, N. C., at noon, on

Saturday, January 16th, 1904,

In Dallas, N. C., at noon, on Saturday, January 16th, 1904, that certain tract of land situated in Cantonia township, Gange County N. C. about two and a hair utiles. West of Ganzonia N. C. on the Atlanta & Chartonic Art Line Bailway. (Boothern . and Line) solidising the leads of Gripy Jenkins. Thomas Gamble, the Mose Praley place and others, and bounded as follows, viz: beginning at a stake on the Kast side of and Raw State to a stake the state of the Kast side of and Raw State to a state the state of the Kast side of a state to a state on the fast side of and Raw State of the state of the state of a state of the state of the state of a state on the fast side of and Raw State of the base of the fast side of the fast side of the state of t

RE-SALE OF LAND.

By virue of an order of re-sale this day made by the Superior Court of Caston com-ity. N.C. in the aperial proceeding entitled by the Wilson, R. B. Wilson M.T. Wilson R. P. Wilson, and others. R. Parts. we the un-dersigned commissioners will, on

Saturday. the 16th day of January, 1964.

deraigned commissioners will, on Saturday, the 16th day of January, 1994, at 2:30 o'clock p. m, at the front dour of the Gaston Lonn and Trust Company on Main Street, in Gastons, M.C., cell by public acc-tion to the highest bidder the following de-acribed ignd, lynng and being in Glaston county, N.C.; even a strated on the waters of All that tract situated on the waters of All that tract situated on the waters of Crowder's Creek, adjoising the lands of E. L. Wilson, Mrs. C.M. Whitesides and others, gad more particularly described as tollows: Restinging at a stake on the west side of Crowder's Creek, six poles below as frong wood, comer of lands of E. L. Wilson and Mobt. A. Falls, and runs thence MOW as boles to a stake and pointers, thence MOW a poles to a stake and pointers, thence MOW a poles to a stake and pointers, thence MoW & poles to a finks the creek as now ditched for the be-sinne (Stoles to a stake in Crowder's Creek I. Wil-ford channel of Crowder's Creek I. L. Wilson's line, thence N76E with R. L. Wilson's line (Stoles to a stake in Crowder's Creek I. thence up the creek as now ditched to the be-sinning containing S0 acrees more or less. Terms of Sale: One third of purphase mosey cash on day of aale, and nose third (in tweive (12) months from day of aale. (d) ferred payment, to be evidenced by botas bearing interest at the rate of aix (d) per chase price is padd in full, with privilege to purchase rice is padd in full, with privilege to By E. B. Wilson. H. L. WilsON.

or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate pay-H. L. WILSON By R. B. Wilson,



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"That's a queer rig." commented Thorpe. "He's done a lot of valuable work larer. The timber's cut and skidded anyway, and he's delivered a good deal of it to the main drive. The M. & D. outfit get all the advantage of thet."

"They do. my son. When old Daly's "They do, my son. When old Daiy's hand gots near anything it crosspa. I don't know how the old man come to make outh a contract, but he did. Re-with is he's out his expenses and time." The exceptionally early break up of the spring, combined with the fact that swing to the series of incidents and sorting to the series of incidents and sorting and shidding had falles so for bablad, escerist Radway maxwares. He new the relaxing breaking out while do the relaxing breaking out while do to relax were still basiling in the woods. In order to deliver to the mostle of the Case breach the \$400,000

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timber, delivered to the main drive at the month of the Cass branch. In this he was to act independently, except as to the matter of provisi be drew from our yas and was debited with the amount of the same. Is that clear?

"Perfectly." replied Thorpe

"In return we were to pay him, mar-chantable scale. \$4 a thousand. If, however, he failed to put in the whole ob the contract was void." "That's how I understand it," com-

monted Thorpe. "Well?" "Well, be didn't get in the 5.000,000. There's a million and a half hung up in

"But you have in your hands three million, and a half, which under the present arrangement you get free of the charge whetever." "Aud we sught to get it." ceted Daly.

Great gaus! Here we intend to saw this summer and quit. We want to get in every stick of timber we own So as is by able to clear out of bern for good and all at the close of the season. and new this condigned jobber fies us up for a million and a helf."

the to the for a million and a half." "It is exceedingly sumoring." con-celled Thorps, "and it is a good deal of Radwray's foult, I an willing to ad-mit, but it's year fault too." "The be entry," replied Daily, with the storest of encrease. "Too had no business entering take any such contrast. It gave him no show."

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"Well?" "The gray set of the set of the set

call your bluff. Mr. Daly, and I'll dght you from the drop of the hat through every cours in Christendom." "Fight abead." advised Daty sweetly.

who knew parfectly well that Thorpe's law was faulty. As a matter of fact, the young man could have collected grounds, bot neither was on other aware of that.

"Furthermore," pursued Thorpe in addition, "I'll repeat my offer before witnesses, and if I win the first suit I'll sue you for the money we could ave made by purchasing the extra nillion and a hulf before it had a bave m chance to spall."

This statement had its effect, for it forerd an immediate settlement before the plas on the skids should deteriorate Daly lounged back with a little more

"And, lastly." concluded Thorpe, playing his trump card. "the suit from start to finish will be published in every important paper in this country. If you do not believe I have the inthener to do this you are at liberty to ombt the fact."

Daly was cogitating many things. He knew that publicity was the last thing to be desired. Thorpe's state-He knew that publicity was the jast thing to be desired. Thorpe's state-ment had usen made in view of the fact that usuch of the business of a humber firm is done on credit. He thenght that perhaps a rumor of a big suif going signiset the firm might weaken confidence. As a matter of fact, this consideration had no weight whatere with the older man, although the therast of publicity sotually gained for. Therps what he demanded. The humberman foured the older of an in-restignation solely and simply because his firm, like as many others, was e-gaged at the time in stalling govern-ment timber in the upper publicity what is amounted to. Therps's shot is the air his full. "I think we can strange a basis of settlement." Be said family. "He here tisserset." Be said family. "He here tisserset." Be said family. "He here tisserset." as and finally.

"Yary well," and Thorps. "By the way," remarked Daty, " deer's believe I know your mame." "Therm," was the reply. "Well, Mr. Therps." and the im-berman, with cell enger, "If at any the there is corthing within my por-or advantation that you want I'll are that you don't get E." The whole added was faulty compre-sheed for Shath. Radway, granted beyond engersten, watched on Therps advantation of an ormal thermal, and approximate of an ormal thermal, and approximate of an ormal thermal, and approximate of an ormal thermal, and apply the neutral of an thermal, and apply the neutral of an ormal the latter hat

r unless you do. Why don't go samp somewhere nearer home, so I can

Thorpe arose and kissed her tenderly. "I can't, little girl; that's all. We've got our way to make."

She understood that he considered the trip too expensive for them both. At this moment a paper futtered from



Oh, but you're tanned and-and big! he excelulor. She picked it up. A dance showed per a total of figures

"Here is your bill." she said. with

to in her voice, and left the strange etc

"He can spend \$10 on his old guns. "He can't afford to let me leave this but he can't afford to let ma leave this instantial house," she complained to the apple tree, "He can go way off camp-ing nonswhere to have a good thus, but he leaves no evoluting in this miserable little town all seining. I den't care if he is asporting no. He ought to. He's my brother, Oh, I wish i were a mani I wish I were dend!" "Three days inter There left for the marth.

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