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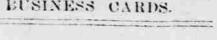
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On a distant prairie, at nightfall, a way-worn and worthy traveler was overtaken by a snow storm. When the first few flakes came softly dropping down, he looked cagerly around in the hope of discerning a place of shelter; but none was to be seen; only the trackless waste of lling lands, and far-off hills in the irection whither he was going-se ar off that he feared he should ever reach them. With the dearture of light the snow began fallg faster, the wind blew keener, e road over the prairie was soon dden from view, and the traveler It that he was lost on the trackless aste, without a star to guide him ross the dangerous country.

"This is terrible !" said he, aloud. fear much I shall never come to ons, or at least the shelter of a 11 1 freeze, and be no nearer help. That a fool I was to leave the river le and cross the prairie just for the ke of a few miles more or less ourney. No matter; I must even attle it out now, Heaven helping." And battle it out he did, most aufully. He drew his cap down ver his ears and brow, and his fur ing his hands deeper into his pockets,

after an hour's rapid walking, he suddenly paused. "How do I know whither I am

fire; the flames leaped right joyfully up the chimney, and the green for again and again the strong hand log sizzled and cracked in the heat of the robber thrust her back. wind was howling drearily, and the a minute," said the man, putting Milly quickly brought ropes at her

"How strange! Who can this be at our door in this wild night ?" with the heat. she said to herself, as she rose and went into the little entry. ruffian. "Hurry, or the child dies.

The rapping was repeated. "Who is there ?" she asked.

"For Heaven's sake, let me in ; touching her rudely with his foot; "you have not told me where the I am freezing to death !" was the money is."

"Who are you? and how came you in this lonely place on such an she said, pointing to the closet. evening as this?"

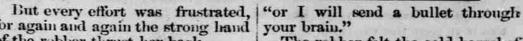
'I am a traveler, from below; I lost my way and am dying with cold. For pity's sake let me in or I shall perish!"

Milly hesitated. She was alone, and it was three miles to the nearwith the golden coin, and threw the est neighbor's. What should she come and stood beside her.

"O save me-save me! I am are I should find human habita- her hearing. There was a heavy have other business with you." fall against the sill, and then low ck. Now, I may go in a circle moans. Her woman nature could Milly, eyeing the man with suspistand no more; true to the incion. stincts of her being she unbarred the door and threw it open. A closely to take it. muffied figure reeled by her into the room, and shutting the door she followed. On reaching the fire- touch the poor little thing. Now, frontiers of the West do they mete place, the stranger threw off his dis- sir," she continued, almost choking out justice to offenders against propguise, and stood erect and strong, with excitement, "what is it?" After erty and life. without a sign of inconvenience having laid the pretty infant on its from the effects of the weather. downy place of rest, she stood erect in bills were found on the person of Milly retreated from him in amaze- and waited the reply. ment; but recovering herself, and putting the best face on the matter, the man. she tremulously addressed the man: "I am sorry, sir, you are so cold. It is a bitter night to be abroad. Will you not sit by the fire ?" you that you should kill me?"

> The man made no response, but you know you have seen me, and hundred were presented to Milly, stooping over ran his finger through you will know me again." And he in the consideration of what she the blaze, then he turned and stared advanced upon her. at her with a look which made her | "O, sir, let me live. Have you mainder was divided around. blood run cold. A bright thought not done enough to take my huscame into her mind. She would band's money, without depriving thriving town, and one of the finest pretend there were others in the him of his wife too? I will never residences in the place is that where house, for she shready felt afraid of say one word against you if you dwells Milly Dean and her husband. the man, and bitterly regretted hav- will only spare me, only spare me !" ing admitted him. "Would you like to see some of hands and looked imploringly at the men folks, sir ?" she inquired, him. "if so I will call them from their beds,"

And she pushed a chair forward.



The robber felt the cold barrel of like things of life. Out doors, the "See, its clothes will be on fire in a pistol at his ear, and obeyed. snow falling heavily; but Milly the helpless innocent closer to the rescuer's request, and the robber carel not, for it only made the fire flames. The mother looked into was bound hand and foot.

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There came a rapping at the of heartless determination. She be- the new comer said, "that overtook came aware that the cotton gar- me with a snow storm on the praiments of the child were smoking rie, ank forced me an hour ago to take refuge in your smoke-house, "How shall it be ?" asked the nearly dead with cold."

Milly acknowledged the truth of the remark, and she knelt and "Come," exclaimed the man, thanked her Father in heaven for her deliverance.

The next day Milly's husband came home, and when he had been told all, he remarked: "This fellow was in the tavern at the vil-The man found the box, placed it lage the day I sold my produce. It on the table, and opened it, saying: will teach me a lesson-never let "So far, so well. It is nearly all strangers know when money is gold. I will pocket it with your plenty with me, lest they be temptleave or without your leave, just as ed to crime, and bring ruin on me you please." He filled his pockets and mine."

That day some sixty or seventy empty box into the fire. Then he men gathered at the house of Mr. Dean. The robber was recognized "Put the baby in the cradle," he as a notorious horse thief who had said, "if you wish to save its life. I long infested the neighborhood. There was a summary trial, and "What do you mean?" cried then in dogged silence the wretch who would have burned a harmless infant and murdered a faithful and "Let me have it,' he said, trying gentle mother, submitted to his inevitable fate. A rudely-constructed "No, no, I will put the baby in gallows and a stout rope ended his the cradle myself. You shall not existence. So on the thinly settled

About seventeen hundred dollars the robber, besides the gold he had "I am going to kill you!" said taken from Mrs. Dean. As there were no claimants for the bills, at "Kill me ?" she exclaimed, her the suggestion of the stranger, face growing pale with terror. "Kill whose life had been saved from the me! What have I ever done to fury of the winter storm by the shelter he found in the smoke-house, "Nothing, nothing my dear, only a thousand dollars of the seventeen

passed through, and the re-On that very spot there is now a A SERMON TO COURTIERS,-A reformed pastor at Amsterdam a century ago, who was famous for boldness and humor, being once at the Hague, was greatly importuned by the wits about the court of the Stadtholder to preach the next Sunday. He finally consented, on condition that they should all attend piece, snatched her husbands loaded the officer of Queen Candace, he make yourself easy on that score rifle from the hook on which it announced the following plan of hung, cocked and presented it at discourse ? "I find in this narrathe breast of the robber. Her mo- tive four subjects of astonishment tions were so rapid, that before he which go on increasing the one upon could prevent it, her finger had the other. 1. A courtier who read the Scriptures. 2. A courtier who an explosion. But with equal readi- acknowledged his ignorance, which ness the man had stepped aside, the is more surprising still. 3. A courball passing over his head, and the tier who asks his inferior to instruct Milly sprang into the entry and next instant his gripe was on her him, which must cause a redoubled surprise. 4. And that this surprise may reach its climax, a courtier who WATERING TEAMS .- Joseph Harris says: How many times a day does the ploughman or driver of a team in the harvest field slake his thirst? Does it not occur to him that the horses or oxen, which have been severely taxed with labor, and have possibly been profusely sweating under the hot sun, are in as great need of quenching thirst as he is? When animals are kept toolong from water they will certainly take more than is proper for them, and many a fit of colic is occasioned thereby. The practice of watering, at least once between feeds in the morning and again in the afternoon, should be regularly followed, and if fifteen minutes is thereby lost to the plow, it will be more than made up in the renewed vigor with which the team will take hold on its return.

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ass and a light I should not fear, as and a light I should not fear, or I could resist the effect of cold "O save me-save me! I am ong enough to reach the hills, and dying!" were the words, that met

offar up over his mouth, and thrustpressed on through the yielding snow. The gloom increased, the wind came sharper, and through his heavy clothes the traveler began to feel the effects of the cold. His feet grew numb, his arms chilled, and

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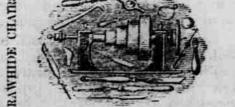
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going ?" he exclaimed. "Perhaps I have already turned aside from the straight line, and am wandering on the verge of destruction. O, that I could shake off this drowsy feeling that is stealing over me! I know what it is-the precursor of a rest in this cold winding sheet of snow. Great Heaven, I am freezing to death !" he shrieked, bounding forward with renewed energy. "Action-action-action is life, and life is too sweet to lose yet!"

He hurried along with springing motion, stamping his feet vigorously at every step, and swinging his arms REALESTATEA INSURANCE AGENT, to keep the blood in circulation. Yet with all his efforts, he knew that the angel of death was folding his white wings silently but surely around him.

"Despair?" no !" he cried, "not while the memory of my loved wife and dear children is left to me. will struggle on for your sakes, and fight the storm-fiend to the last ex-

tremity. O, just Heaven, for the sake of the innocent ones whose only stay is my right arm-help me to resist-help me to triumph !"

At this moment he plunged into a hollow, and his feet strode over ice, and he heard the voice of a streamlet singing of life and action beneath its icy crust. At the same time the smell of wood smoke saluted his nostrils.

"O, Thou who reignest above," he ejaculated. "I thank Thee that Thou hast heard my prayer ! Help is near me."

He reeled heavily onward through the blinding snow, and saw just before him a low shed ; one more struggle, and he fell against it. In an instant he divined its character. With a last desperate effort he found the door, threw it open, and rushing in, flung himself at full length upon the floor, knowing only that he was in an atmosphere reeking with the fumes of bacon, and warm with smoke which rose from a pan of smothered coals in the center of the place. It was a settler's rude smoke-

house, left to care for itself through refuge in the desert of snow.

In a large log cabin in the valley of the streamlet, Milly Dean sat alone. Her husband had gone to a distant town, and the young wife tell me where the money is" was left with her baby. Accustomed

The man laughed hoarsely, and replied :

"Milly Dean, for that I believe is your name, you cannot deceive me. Milly. But the instinct of self-pres-You are all alone. I took ervation was strong upon her. She and take no offence; and giving as particular care to ascertain that be | evaded him, flew to the chimney. | his text the account of Philip and fore I came. So you may as well and do as I bid you."

"Do as you bid me ?" exclaimed Milly, in terror ; "what do you want of me ?"

"I want that twelve hundred dollars in gold your hushand received for his produce two days ago. You probably know where it is."

would have fled, but the stranger throat. caught her by the wrist, and dragged her roughly back.

man," he said. "You will find it a trick worth two of that." most convenient to make a clean breast of it at once. It will be better for you.".

Milly strove to release her arm. The rough treatment she received aroused her temper, and indignation overcame all other feelings.

go, or I will call for help," she cried.

"Call you fool," said the brutal fellow, "and much good it may do you. Keep yourself still and tell me where the money is." "I will not !" she exclaimed, her

eyes flashing fire.

"You will not," he then replied ; 'we shall see."

He released her wrist so violently that she reeled half way across the room. Then he seized that sleeping infant from its cradle, and held it at the long winter's night, and the arm's length almost to the blazing traveler's grateful heart sent up a fire, so that the terrified moth-tribute to Heaven for this place of cr expected to see its little garments catch the flame. "Get out of the way," cried the door, and striking at the stranger with a buric built of the Massachusetts State prison says? "Eight out of ten come here

to the solitude she felt safe, and sat shrieked Milly, endeavoring to reach hair. in contentment before the blazing ' the little one, "let me have my baby,"

I have no time to waste here."

"In a box on the upper shelf,"

As she spoke she clasped her

"I am sorry that I camnot safely grant your request," he responded. "There is no help for it, so come alone out of doors.

He reached out his hand to grasp pressed the trigger and there was

"I will teach you to handle arms," he said. "You would have killed is converted." "You cannot escape me, young wo- me, would you? I will show you " Mercy, mercy," cried the terrified woman.

"There is no mercy for you," he ejaculated. He dragged her into the entry and flung open the door. "Out with you into the snow."

"Hold! what is this?" exclaimed "Let me go, you scoundrel, let me a deep-toned voice. " Unhand that woman, you scoundrel"

A powerful man stood in the doorway. He dealt the robber a blow between the eyes which struck him back into the entry. His grasp on Milly was relinquished, and she fell to the floor.

"O, sir," she cried to the new comer, "save me! This man has robbed us, and would murder me that I would not tell of it."

"Fear not madam, he shall not harm you," responded the stranger. "Fellow, surrender yourself!"

bowie knife. Giving back a few steps, the stranger seized the robber Speak out quick, or hear your baby by the collar, whirled him around shrick with pain. I will burn it to and threw him on his face in the death before your eyes if you do not snow. The robber struggled, but the stranger knelt heavily on the "Monster, give me my child," small of his back and grasped his

"Lie, still," said the stranger,

learning a trade. Young men get the notion that it is not genteel to learn a trade ; they idle away their time, get into saloons, acquire the habit of drinking, and then gambling, and then they are ready for auy crime."

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