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on the golden shores of the Pacific.

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[Written for the TIDINGS.] vards from the village, to meet the across the trail in their rear. Cock and Not a gan was fired, not an arrow flown, come nearer and nearer, the very win-SCRAP OF TRUE HISTORY. company; they would not talk the Jar- present your arms but don't fire : as the dusky forms of the Indians disdows rattled, and a loose blind kept time to the warlike music of the temgon, which every one of the party un- come !" appeared among the green foliage of

party of sixteen young men left the savage in his native tongue. A half Sixteen rifles and double-barreled shot- beyond. Willamette Valley to try their fortunes hours parley ensued, during which guns were bearing on the crowd of Inin the gold mines of California. Ten time the guides pretended to interpret dians not over ten feet distant termined that the party return to of the number were immigrants of the what was said, assuring the party that before they comprehended the camp, and proceed to Rogue River by previous year, and six were of those the Indians were all friendly and de- meaning of the movement. Then came the main California trail, where rewho were then called "old settlers." sired to go with them to where the gold a scene of the wildest excitement cruits could be had from other com-Those who were entitled to the honor- was to be found, which, according to among the savages. From their actions panies of miners, and then proceed to able title of "old settlers" at that time their story, was now only about a mile it was evident that they were enraged prospect for diggings which were still

The party referred to was as bold and children.

and adventurous a set of Young Amer-this is a scrap of true history I will taking the lead, across a piece of volvers that hung in the belts of many hours of the night, fatigued, hungry, I drew back the bolt and flang open \$40,000,000, of which more than half give the names of several of the mem- bottom land about half a mile in width of the miners; and as well did the and with nerves unstrung, but not the door.

It was in the Spring of 1851 that a derstood, but communicated with the In an instant the order was executed. the alders and into the deeper forest After a short consultation it was de-

were the pioneers of former years, distant. After a few minutes' consul- at their chief for permitting himself believed to exist near the month of reaching back to the time when the tation it was determined to proceed to be out-generaled, and a portion Jamp-off Joe. It was now near sunfirst ox-team brought its living freight and the party boldly entered the were anxious to begin the fray even set, and acting upon the decision from the Mississippi Valley to settle rancherie. Bat few Indians were to under the changed state of affairs. formed the party began their weary

After a short halt the march was Well he understood the deadly effect some miles to avoid. John's rancherie this unseasonable hour, out of pity for resumed, the two guides and the In- of a volley from those sixteen frown- and reached their destination in small me. "They think I am asleep," I said, ter-houses, public worship, the pawn-

pest. It had been a happy, restful day, but it was closing in daranees and auxiety. How lonely I was, and this

feeling was to be mine for the rest of my life. Fred was married, home would be home no longer with a stran-Allie was soon to be married. I was npreasonable, I knew I was, but that did not prevent my feeling wretched and miserable. Thinking such wicked. rebeliious thoughts, I fell asleep, to be awakened at a late hour by a low growl from Philip, and, at the same instant, a lond knock at the front door. The be seen, and they were chiefly women But the risk was to great for the dar- march of eighteen or twenty miles tempest had passed, and I thought my ing and aferwards famous chief to take. back to camp. They made a detour of sister and her escort had returned at

PARIS.

Sir Charles Dilke has just made an address on Paris, interesting to those who have to deal with a municipal muddle. Paris, it seems, now has above 1.900,000 people, among whom are 21,000 Jews and 41,000 Protestants. It has only 75,000 houses, as 850,000 apartments or Lodgements are in its ger as its mistress. All the glory and high, huge houses. London, twice as beauty of my quiet life was to be large, has over 700,000 separate houses. snatched from me at one swoop, for The whole city covers thirty square miles. Now, the government of this consists of a Perfect and a Perfect of Police, both named by the President of France, twenty Mayors over twenty wards and eighty-six Aldermen or Legislators. Only half the houses have water introduced, but the street hydrant system is very complete. There are 4,000 police, 6,000 poor relief officers, and 3 000 registered prostitutes out of 50,000 at large. The five slaugh-

The acknowledged leader of the party of willows. But a short distance had fatal to many of their number, for it which they had passed. After recountwas William Messer Smith, now a resi- the party proceeded when an Indian, was not possible to avoid all of the fifty ing their adventure to their comrades oath, caught me rudely by the arm. Council, or Alderman, elected by camdent of Linn County; that is "Bill hitherto unscen, stepped into the trail arrows and gun shots that would be who had remained at camp. Messer" was regarded as a sort of d.re- and joined the company; soon another, exchanged for their fire. Again Bill With no roof to shut out God's devil who feared nothing and thorough- then a third, appeared on the scene, Messer's coolness and sagacity were bright and spangled firmament from ly understood the difficulties and dan- and before half the distance across the equal to the emergency. Addressing their closing eyes, they lay down, gers of frontier life. The remaining bottom had been traversed at least fifty himself to one of the treacherous members of the party now living and of the wildest, wickedest looking guides, who were now armed and fully Of loved ones in the dear old some known to the writer are John Montieth, savages that ever danced around a identified with the band, he told him Walter Ketchum, Samuel Althouse, I. reeking scalp were mingled in among in Chinook that if John would take his cternal mountains environing their D. Miller, Jerry Driggs and Joseph the party. The expression of their men away the miners would not fire, Earl, of Linn County, and Dr. Hoover, faces was fierce, but they were all un- but if he did not they would, and many on of Roseburg, Douglas County. There armed, hence their appearance created both sides must die. This was commay be one or two others still on this surprise rather than slarm smong the manicated to John who in turn made side of Lethe's cold stream, but most gold-seckers. of those, unmentioned have already Bill Messer said nothing, but from which Bill Messer promptly declined. tested the problem of the "great un- his quick glauce slong the line and Both parties were still standing with

knowu." favor of going with the Indians.

bers who are still residing in this State. and covered with wild rye and clumps miners realize that to fire would be dispirited by the fearful ordeal through

the manner in which he carried his arms presented : the Indians had all

The party rendezvoused at Santiam rifle it was evident to those who become silent except the gaide and City, in Liun County, and on the 11th studied his face and actions that he an- chief and not a word had been uttered day of March they broke camp and ticipated trouble ; but no word of by a man among the miners except the starred with the pale, fragrant flowers learned to love the sweet, girlish face charges fer all dat we eat in de honse, started south, bound to no particular alarm escaped his tightly compressed now acknowledged leader. destination, and only having in view lips. Several of the younger members A half hour elapsed and the some rich placer where the glittering of the party were endeavoring to start situation was still unchanged. The dast could be collected in the greatest a conversation in Chinock with some fearful suspense was telling on the quantity. No incident worthy of men- of the reticent savages, while others nerves of some of the miners, who intion broke the monotony of their were cracking jokes upon the uncouth sisted on either beginning the fight or journey until they came to the crossing and not very elaborate apparel worn by retreating. But a word from the leadof Jump-off Joe. There their camp them. About two - thirds of the er decided the case and silence again ashamed of the words as soon as utwas visited by two Indians, who could distance across the bottom bad been prevailed. Then it was that Bill Messpeak the Jargon, and who claimed to attained when the leading Indian ser gave the chief his ultimatum. With be Umpquas; they professed to be stepped a few fect out of the trail and an expression of determination which very friendly and to be in fear of the retarned with a bow already strung the savage leader and his braves could Rogue River Indians, whom, they said, and a quiver filled with flint-pointed not fail to read he told the guide that were their enemies. They also stated arrows. A few rods further and he would give the Indians the time it that they had been down Jump-off-Joe another did the same, then another and would take him to count one handred, to where it emptied into Rogue River, another, each one returning with a to go; that if they were not gone when and that they had found rich gold dig- ready strung bow and bundle of vil- he ceased counting the miners would ging there. In proof of this they ex lianous looking arrows, or a loaded gun fire. This the guide explained to the hibited a number of nuggets, varying of the old Hudson Bay pattern. The chief, while Bill Messer began slowly from one-fourth of an ounce to twenty situation was becoming alarming, but counting in the Chinook language. dollars in weight, which they said they not a word was uttered by one of the Fifty, sixty, seventy fell in measured had found at the point referred to. party, yet all eyes were watching Bill accents from his lips, now white as This story caused a great excitement Messer with expressions of anxiety marble but firm as those of a statue, among the less experienced members which told plainer than words that yet not the sign of a movement was of the party, and a spirited argument every man comprehended the fact-a made by the Indians. Eighty, eighty- bounded to my side in an alarming at once arose as to the propriety of crisis was at hand. The Indians had one, eighty two, broke the terrible si- manner. He showed his white teeth following these Indian guides to their by this time succeeded in separating lence, and still the chief and his band threateningly to unoffending, terrified new discovery. At length it was put the party one from another by stepping of warriors stood like a group of bronze Alice, but rested his great head on my the dog's name, is old and blind, but evening. In the lecture-room you will to a vote whether or not a part of the in between them, without any apparent images, glowering into the muzzles of company should go and investigate the motive, until each of the sixteen miners the miners' guns. The suspense was facts in the case. A majority voted in was sandwiched betwen four well almost beyond human endurance, and armed savages.

At this juncture another party of And now came the time for the fron- ble was the tension upon the nerves of eight or ten men arrived at camp; they tier leader, Bill Messer, to act. Well some of the men.

were also from the Willamette, and of he knew that a hasty word or action on Ninety ! was spoken in the same cold ever, and I became quite attached to the same adventurous class of, spirits the part of a single member of the unchanged tone, but perhaps a little him. I could think of no name to have been a Frenchman, Philippe Le could the women, and on the main as those whom they overteek. At party would be the signal for the In-once they entered into the spirit of the dians to begin the work of slaughter Messer glanced along the line of miners: which he would answer, until I chanced Bon, an engineer of roads and bridges, be got a cup of delicions, good milk

the same proposition to the miners,

a glance along the line told how terri-

"To skep perchance to dre m"

three thousand miles beyond the wild bivonae.

## [Concluded next week.] REPAIR CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR A WOMAN'S ADVENTURE.

It seems but yesterday that he came to me, the dog, I mean. Allie and I were sitting in the cool portico, the They told me that I fainted when it sunshine flecked the floor and the

vest, our dear, only brother angrily, "that this is the last vest I feelings. I yielded submissively to her up, an' struck er balunce, he say !" shall make for poor Fred, by any kind care, for I was as helpless in my means! Elleu will never make one for him, I am sure! What he ever saw tered, for Ellen Warrener was a very good girl ; but, you see, I did not want Fred to marry any one. "She is very amiable," said Alice.

" O, yes, of course, and I am not. My path is marked out for me, an un- among the pillows of my chair. The his borde an' clos." lovely old maid in my brother's family ! dog was sent for; and, by and by, We were so happy !" and my foolish when I was stronger, I became actears fell on Fred's wedding vest. "You will have me left,"Helen !"

exclaimed poor Allie, in distress. gold on her shapely hand and shock my head mournfally. I am afraid.

"Yes," I replied, wiping my eves, "and a brother is a brother till he marries a - " but the sentence was never finished. There was a stir name, Philip - Philip Warrener. He and the example is well worthy the atamong the shrabbery, a low growl, and was a scholar and a bachelor, wealthy tention of philanthrophists in this great, black, Newfoundland dog knee, wagging his tail, and looking up my twin girlies twine fresh wreaths find three hundred persons listening to in my face with eyes that were full of honesty and goodness.

No one knew the dog or claimed him ; it was a quiet country village in which we dwelt, and it was almost a mystery from whence he came. He persisted in his sudden attachment to me, how-

The dog at my side raised himself to his full height : standing on his hind legs he towered far above me, and without a sound, sprang at the man's throat. Then came a fearful struggle; they rolled over and over on the floor like two human beings, the dog showing more intelligence than the man.

The noble dog was victor, and, without harming him he held him on the floor in one position until morning came, and with it the help I walked a long, weary mile to obtain.

Philip undoubtedly saved my life. for the prisoner proved to be a danger- | edgikatid."

ous villain long wanted by the State. weakness as a child, but I could not

One day I questioned my sister Alice. | said." "He has found an owner," she replied,

with an odd look.

into tears and sinking weakly back hire him ober agin ter saw wood fer

had lost the dog. He returned to find the valued animal. Strangely enough,

heads beside his, grown grav with age. E. Hathorne, in Portland Transcript.

THE INVENTOR OF GAS LIGHTS.

The inventor of gas lights is said to

"Yes, here I am," said a rough voice, on plaster, fuel, wine, flour and meal. is the octroi or gate duty, levied chiefly "an' 1'il teach yer to step on yer Lodgings al o pay tax. Sir Charles betters," and the brute, with a fearful Dilke proposes to have the General ulative voting of all the citizens, and these to choose the Perfect or Great Mayor, and to break up the system of sub-cities with separate Councils.

> AMOS' BOOK-KEEPER. - We asked Amos, sava the Atlantic Constitution. how his boy was getting on at school. "Pieg take dat boy. I dene tuck him

'way from that school !" "Why, what for?"

"Uh, oh ! he wuz gittin' mos' too smart down dar wid dat book larnin'. 'Twon't do fer some niggers ter be too.

"Why not. Amos?"

"Well, sah, jess take dat boy, fripwas all over and A lie and Paul got stance. I put dat boy ter keep books woodbine cast dancing, leafy shadows home; after it followed a long and fer me 'bout de sellin' ob de garden athwart the brightness. The air was tedious illness through which my track dis Summer. Well, sah, he jess laden with the sweetness of the honey-suckle, and the great syringa was care. How I had wronged her ! I de track dat I tuck out de gardin', and I was putting the last stitches in Fred's almost as well as Fred himself. She an' den credit hisself wid de little was so honest, unselfish and kind that 'mounts dat I let him hab 'long at odd "I don't suppose," said I, half I was heartily ashamed of my former 'casions, an' den he go an' add dem all "And how did you come out?"

"Come ont? 'Fore de Good Marster, sublue the thoughts that crowded my I didn't come out at all! Dat boy in that doll faced creature to love is feeble brain. I missed something; at done struck me for 'bout thutty-fibe more than I can imagine." I was last I remembered, it was Philip, was dollers, 'sides his wages as do bookhe dead? did the wretch kill him? keepah - now dat's what de figgers

"Well, what did you do?"

"I jess burn up dat book right dar, "I want to see him," I said, bursting an' den scharged de book-keepah au

" You did?"

"Yes, sah, I did dat! Why, Boss, quaiated with his master, a fice looking | ef dat boy hed kep dat book on me tell gentleman of forty, with hair and beard now he'd done own dat hous' an' gyarof snowy white, and contrasting strange | din patch an' bin' chargin' me an' bia For an answer, I touched the band of ly with the youthfulness of his face ole mammy fer bed an' bred! I tell and form. He was Ellen's half brother, yer dis hyar book-larnin' is ranin' dis and, while on a visit to his stepmother, | young breed ob niggers, 'tis shore !"

> COFFEE PALACES .- In London "Cof-I had called the dog by his master's fee Palaces" are being established. and eccentric, yet I have never regret- country. The coffee palaces are inted that the dog or his master claimed | tended for resorts for the working me for their own, to love and protect, classes, and consist of an immense even unto death. Fritz, for such was building, all brilliant with light in the aroand his neck, and nestle their curly a miscellaneous entertainment. In another room men are smoking and talkwith a beautiful childlike devotion of ing, reading the newspapers and writwhich he is well worthy .- Mrs. S. P. ing; in another playing billiards; still another, all sorts of games-cards. draughts, chess-whatever they please. for mere harmless amusement. There are reading, conversation and music-

er, Bill Messer, gave it as his opinion out:

that these Indians were not trust- "Boys let's all stop and take a drink began their retreat, still keeping their came for Allie; they were acknowledged pitch, and pyroligneous acid; but his worthy, but said he would accompany of this good water." by the Indian guides.

the junction of Jump-off-Joe with gave his order :

once they entered into the spirit of the dians to begin the work of slaughter Messer glanced along the line of miners; sprang to me with such a burst of wild for the purpose of illumination, the enterprise on hand, and several of their for which they had so well organized. how well was that glance under- joy, that I thought be recognized it as gases dist. Hed during the combastion members volunteered to go with the Being in advance he quietly stopped stood! A slight, scarcely perceptible his own, and called him by it. of wood. He labored for a long time in a joint, with potatoes and bread, for prospecting party. And now came a at a small stream of water which trick- movement of the row of guns could serious discussion among those who led across the trail from a spring near just be noticed, but nothing more. for a time. They were coming back coulided his discovery to the Institute. felt assurred that the Indians were de- by and in a cheerful and apparently The chief now for the first time after when "honeymoon" was over, but I In September, 1800, he took out a patcoys sent out to lead unsuspecting careless manner, but in a voice loud the threatening count began, attered a dreaded the coming of a stranger to our ent, and in 1801 he published a memoir miners into an ambuscade. Our lead- enough to be heard by all he called single exclamation "Ugh !" Slowly

the boys if they were determined to In a few seconds the party was to- face was turned, but backward, still go. Others said the same, and gether, but surrounded by a cordon of back they moved, like spectres silent, the result was, a company of sixteen dusky demons waiting only for an order gloomy and intent on nothing but was quite true. I was not. Tying my established at Havre his first thermo- proved to be extremely pretty and no men, all well armed, started the next from their leader to begin to impale getting away from what they knew, if a sundown beneath my chin in a good lamps; but the gas which he obtained, less intelligent. Soon after her arrival, morning for the new diggings reported their intended victims upon their fight began, must be a mutual slaugh- hard knot, I locked the doors, and being a mixture of carbaretted bydro she took it into her head to study poisoned arrows. In the same quiet ter yard.

rye grass, waist high, before the In-Rogne River. There they came upon "Boys," said he, "these devils mean dians could reach a cover of balm and an Indian rancherie of about fifty to slaughter us ; we must get in their alder trees which lined the margin of huts, and, as was afterwards learned, rear and then we will have an even the creek. Almost the whole distance fell, over what appeared to be a bundle Le Bon. In 1804, one Winsor patented she soon succeeded in acquiring the here was the headquarters of John, chance with them. We must act quick was made without a word or a change of rags, lying directly in our path, in and claimed the credit of lighting by language, and numbers of the females the great chief of the Rogue Rivers. and not let them know we are fright- in the positions they held when the a little grove of hemlocks and pines gas; in 1805 several shops in Birming- came to the English shop. Oue day The company immediately halted and ened, or we will be killed to a man. retreat began. When about seventydemanded of the guides the meaning Now let no man falter or show the five yards distant several of the miners and swore in a way that proved it to be Mardock ; among those who used this cle ordered by his principal wife. of being lead into such a place. The white feather or, by the Eternal, if he asked to be permitted to fire, as they a living man. I called the dog away new light was Watt, the inventor of She never returned, and when her treacherous villians replied that they gets out of this scrape alive, we will then had the Indians at advantage, but and hastened home, as the raindrops the steam engine. In 1816 the first aunt went in search of her, she received were lost, and immediately began par- hang him. When I walk out of the Bill Messer forbade it and most of the lying with a stalwart Indian who came crowd of Indians every man follow party favored keeping their leader's present, so I tried to wait patiently for really of French origin, was applied in the foarth wi'e of the heir apparent to: on horse-back, ome two hundred me and let us form a line two deep plighted faith with the sayage chief. them. The heavy thunder seemed to France.

til they came within about a mile of not the slighest excitement, Bill Messer traversed in this way through the wild mantle of clouds and haze, but there an insupportable odor, and the result ladies would naturally prefer to make

came hurrying down.

Fred married and took his wife to the attempt to perfect his crude inven-Quebec, so Allie and I were left slone tion, and it was not until 1799 that he heard in every part of the palace, and pleasant, peaceful home. I was so containing the result of his researches. selfish, I wanted Fred all to myself! Le Bon commenced by distilling wood, and as with one accord the Indians One afternoon young Paul Waldron in order to obtain from it gas, oil,

guns and arrows presented. Not a lovers. He wished to carry her out to work indicated the possibility of ob A few years ago an Eaglishwoman. his mother's to take tea and spend the taining gas by distillation from fatty named Tompkins, who kept a shop at evening. I assured them I was not substances. From 1799 to 1802, Le Pera, summoned from England to aid afraid with my faithful Philip, which Bon made numerous experiments. He her in her business a young niece, who strolled away into the woods, with gen and oxide of carbon, and but im. Tarkish, representing to her aunt that Philip for protector and companion. perfectly freed from its impurities, such knowledge would be of great ad-

> was an ominour stillness that foretold was that but little favor was shown to their purchases where they could be a tempest. We took a long walk, but the new discovery ; the inventor died, understood without the aid of an inthe heavy peals of thunder accelerated ruined by his experiments. The English terpreter. As the young girl was at our steps, and I stumbled and almost soon put in practice the crude ideas of orce clever, ambitious and industrious. back of our own house. Philip growled | ham were illuminated by gas manufac- the pretty niece went to the harem of fiercely, and the bundle of rags cursed thred by the process of Winsor and Prince Murad to take home some arti-Paul and Alice could not return at was not until 1818 that this invention, young lady herself, who had become

large dinner-plate of beef or mutton off five pence. Music and laughter are one feels that life is worth living when men women and girls and youths can come away from a hard day's labor and meet thus for rest, refreshment, and the education that such beneficial associations inevitably lead to.

HOW A GIRL GOT INTO THE HAREM .-Everything went well with them un- manner and in a voice that betrayed A full hundred yards had to be The hills were wrapped in a fleecy gave only a feeble 1 ght and involved vantage to their trade, as the Tarkish nse was made of gas in London, and it a cool message of farewell from the

the throne.