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BY FRANK H. SWEET.

the dingy little room at the end of the long black building. dubbed office, and walked briskly to the door of the foundry divi-He had come down from the city that morning and was going back by the afternoon train. He took out

his watch. "Longmore," he called. "Mr. Long-

more! A strongly built young man emerged from the grimy interior. Brayton ooked at him speculatively. "You will have this lot out by 4

'clock, Longmore, I think you said?"

ie interrogated. "Yes, sir." "Well, you may draw the fires then and have the men begin clearing up shall not be down again."

In spite of its mask of iron black. Longmore's face expressed incredulous surprise.

"You don't mean close the furnace, sir?"

"I mean just that," calmly, "I have been experimenting two years and losing money right along. The ore is too poor in quality for profitable working I shall be sorry to lose your services, but all my other furnaces are fully supplied with managers and foremen. Of course," thoughtfully, "if you should care to commence again as an

ordinary workman, we might"-"I do not wish to leave here," broke in Longmore impetuously, "and, if you'll excuse me, I think you are making a big mistake in closing the furnace. It will pay well in time. My experiments'

"Yes, things have improved since you took charge," interrupted Brayton, but you have not been able to eliminate the loss." He took a letter from his pocket, which he unfolded and passed to Longmore. It read:

T. H. Brayton: Dear Sir-We shall have to make a bear Sir-We shall have to make the heavy reduction in price allowed for your Brand Furnace output. Though better than previous shipment, it is still very poor and much inferior to what we are getting elsewhere, or even from your other furnaces. Thus far we have been able to use it in limited quantities in certain kinds of work, but new processes are being introduced into many furnaces which improve the quality of the output, and of course we must use the best pro-curable in order to meet competition. We are sorry, but as friends we would advise the closing of Brand's furnace.

"Your agents are mistaken about the quality of our ore," Longmore said firmly as he passed the letter back. We have a published record here of the output of other furnaces, and twelve - yes, slx - months ago the average quality was no better than Brand's. You must remember that 1 have had charge only three months and that I had all the real practical work to demonstrate from my theoretical knowledge. In six months we



THOSE WILLING TO WORK FOR ME MA

STEP PORWARD. can bave Brand's furnace yielding as good quality as the average. If you will let me have six months-or even three-I feel sure that I can prove to

you that I am right." Brayton shook his head. "I can understand your enthusiasm, Longmore, he answered. "I was that way at your age, but iron is a plain, hard, practical business, and this is your first command, so to speak." He looked at his watch once more. "Twenty minutes to train time. Suppose we walk back to the office and wait until we hear the whistle. Of course I shall try to sell, but frankly I do not expect to find either customers or lessees. I would be gtad to lease for a nominal sum, though, just to have somebody here; but, of course, no one would care to operate the furnace at a

"If I could"- began Longmore. Then he stopped abruptly. He was going to say if he could raise the money, but he could not, so what was the use of thinking about it? He added instead, "If I could have charge here, there would be a profit inside of three months.

Brayton's eyes twinkled, and an odd look came into them. "You'd like to take the plant your-

self if you had the money," he said abruptly. "How much would you require to carry the furnace on to what you believe would be expense making? If I lent you \$10,000, would it be suf-

RAYTON, owner, stepped from | Longmore was on his feet, his eyes wide and looking grotesque in their rims of iron black.

"You don't mean this, Mr. Brayton," he gasped. "I have no means, no security, not even my college expenses paid yet. Then there's".

"I've seen your work," coolly, "and am ready to lend you the money until the 1st of January. Unless you bring the output to a profit by that time, however, I will try to sell. Do you want It?"

"Of course, if you're willing, though"-

"There's the train whistle," interrupted Brayton, rising from his chair and starting toward the door. "You may draw on me for the money as you need it up to \$10,000, no more. Ander," as the train curved in sight around a hill and slowed toward the platform, "remember our compact. There's to be no correspondence whatever between you and Helen until you are fully able to support a wife."

Longmore watched him board the train with conflicting emotions, then

went back to the office. First he wrote to Mr. Brayton, offering him one-half of the profits after he had brought the furnace to a paying basis, in the meantime incurring all expenses of running work and improvements himself. That done, he called the men and made them acquainted with the change.

"Mr. Brayton had arranged for you to leave Saturday night," he said, "and to stop work altogether. However, 1 am going to run the furnace myself awhile experimentally, but will close the foundry. I shall require only fifty men, and they must be willing to work hard and accept long hours. We will begin at daylight instead of at 7, as we have been doing, and will have one hour for the noon meal and rest and then work until dark, but I will pay you \$3 instead of the \$2 you have been receiving. It will be hard work, of course, but I will ask no one to work any harder than I do myself, and I will add that I do not want any except trustworthy men who will do as well by me when I am absent as when I am with them. Those who feel they can meet these conditions and are willing to work for me may step forward."

Several of the more energetic men were talking among themselves Longmore's eyes swept over them and over the rest of the group, singling out a face here and there that he thought looked promising. Presently he went among them, with a few ear nest, persuasive words here and there, and in the end he hired fifty men who promised to work as he desired.

Monday morning he and two of the men descended into the furnace to make some changes. When they came out Longmore went to the mine to see how the work of getting out ore was progressing. As he approached the mouth of the

mine he listened for the sounds of Soon after he went to the mouth of the work, but could only hear the regular furnace, where the men were throwing strokes of a single pick. Then as he turned a spur he saw the reason. Three of the men were lying on the ground in front of the opening, apparently asleep; two were tossing pebbles at each other, and the rest were lying

about in various attitudes of ease. "Got the furnace job done?" asked a stalwart young fellow as he rose. yawning.

"Yes. Why are you not at work?" "Got tired an' thought we'd rest a spell. 'Sides, one of the men 'lowed there wa'n't much show for our gettin' paid an' that ye had only what ye'd earned as boss. I s'pose it's all right, though," lazily, "an' if ye say 'tis we'll start in ag'in after we lie a

spell." "Yes," quietly, "the money part is all right. Who is that working in the

mine?" "Billy Brooks," contemptuously. 'That man 'll wear out an' drop down dead 'fore he knows, an' nobody 'li be to blame 'cept himself an' mebbe the man who drives him on to such work. The fellow's a crank an' don't know any more'n to do jest what he's told.

But Longmore had passed on. Ten minutes later he came back. The men were stretching themselves

preparatory to resuming work. "Now you can come to the office and get your pay," he said briskly. "There will be less than half a day coming to you, for Brooks says you rested two hours or more this forenoon and that you have been here about two hours now. I shall pay you for just the time

you work." "Oh, we don't want any pay yet if it's all right," answered the young man sullenly. "But it's been threequarters of a day. Folks have to rest, an' if Billy Brooks don't look out he'll"-

"Stop right there," requested Longmore, with a sudden ring in his voice. 'Mr. Brooks will be your foreman after this, in my absence, and will keep an exact account of the time you work."

"Foreman!" angrily. "Billy Brooks!" Why, he don't know any more about minin' than I do. I'd make a better foreman any day."

"Perhaps, but Mr. Brooks seems to have been the only man faithful to my interests so far, and he will be my foreman, with an advance in wages. Now you may come and get your money, or you can go back to work, just ns you choose."

He went on toward the office with-

out again looking toward them. The men hesitated a moment; then three of them followed him. The rest re-turned to the mine. After that there was little trouble with them so long as they were not left by themselves. The next few days he passed for the

most part at the mouth of the furnace, helping and overlooking the ore as it was poured in, but in spite of his care and watchfulness the result was not satisfactory, and the newly made plg fron was carried round and cast back into the furnace, to be once more melted. Again and again was this done, and, though the results were often improvements on the preceding ones, they were not what he hoped and was striving for.

So he worked and experimented, the loaned capital growing smaller and smaller, until at last he began to discharge the more shiftless of the men. At the end of November his working force had dwindled to ten men and himself and his money to less than \$100. During the last few weeks but little time had been given to sleep. Through the day he worked with the men-silent, watchful, untiring-and most of the nights were given to study and the devising of new experiments. Something was lacking, some little point which he had missed. Perhaps it was in the ore, perhaps in the furnace, possibly somewhere else, only he had missed it, and yet the secret was hovering at his very finger tips; he was sure of that,

The ten men remaining to him were the pick of the neighborhood, in whom he was every day growing to repose more confidence. They were all hard working and tried to meet his wishes, and in a way they were beginning to understand that he was passing through a crisis of his life. One evening after an unusually hard day, as Longmore almost staggered toward his office, Brooks followed him, laying a detaining hand upon his shoulder.

"Look here, Mr. Longmore," he said anxlously, "you just leave that office alone tonight an' go into your room to bed. You're runnin' yourself out. An' -an'," hesitating a little, "if you don't mind, me an' the men have been talkin' about you some lately. We've been workin' pretty stiddy an' ain't a bit hard up now, so if it'll be any-any easier you might let our pay lie over a month or two. We don't mind, an' "-Longmore swung round and grasped

his hand. "Thank you for this, Mr. Brooks," he exclaimed, his eyes moistening. "You don't know how I appreciate it just now. Tell the men so. But I shall pot take advantage of your friendship. It has been something of a strain with me lately, I don't mind admitting that, but another day or two will decide the matter one way or the other. I was up all last night, working and thinking, and am going to make one last trial, a bolder one. I sent my last \$50 away this morning, and the things will be here on the train tomorrow morning. The next day will decide whether we keep on or close and whether-But good night. Be on hand at daybreak. I shall work in the office to night, but after this will sleep."

in ore, the package under his arm. All day he worked there with them, feverishly, but the next day when he went below to watch the result, when the molten iron was released, he was calm, But as he watched a strange light began to glow in his eyes. As soon as the bars were sufficiently cool he took several of them to the station plat-

The next morning he was on the lit-

tle platform when the train came and

took his package straight to the office.

ton. Then he went to the office and wrote a long letter, and it lacked but two days of the year's end. The 1st of January the letter was answered by Brayton in person. His face seemed unusually excited as he

form, addressing them to Mr. Bray-

swung to the platform even before the train stopped. "Are those bars fair samples?" he

demanded.

"Yes, sir." "Well, well! I'd never bave believed it-never in this world. They're the finest I ever saw and mean a fortune. But I can't accept your proposition, Longmore, to take over the plant with you again as fore-man. No, no! We'll run it half and half, my capital against your discovery and services. And we'll increase the capacity and the working force to 300 men. You'll want a superintendent now, Longmore, and foremen for the different departments. You'd better hire them at once."

"They're already at hand, sir, men on whom I can depend and who will make our interests their own."

"Good! That's the kind we want. Now let's go to the office and consider plans for the increase. Why," ex-plosively, "it's a fortune and the most unbelievable thing I ever heard of. Then we'll run up home and see Hcien, She'll be giad, and-er-I won't say another word."

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