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How Greenhorn Got Its Name-A Model Love Letter.

GOLDEN EAGLE MINE, Dec. 12, '97. EDITOR CHRONICLE:

In my last letter to THE CHRONICLE I

There is something pathetic in a deserted mining camp, especially a deserted placer camp. The old workings look desolate and forbidding, and here and there a forlorn, but determined bush and there a forlore, but determined bush are look desolate and forbidding and here who pens these lines loves you; lores and there a forlore, but determined bush ards me, now own away that the look ards me, and here, poor though we may be, we will at least the gate to give you welcome, and there, poor though we may be, we will at least the gate to give you welcome, and there, poor though we may be, we will at least the gate to give you welcome, and there are look desolate and forbidding and here. of the few lockless miners who got caught beneath a falling bank, or succumbed to an extended dose of hog meat, bad bread and beans. The rough cabins have rotted, the roofs become sway-backed or failen in, the paths down to the spring near by are overgrown, and the white boulders gleam like they were indeed the skeleton of the old camp, left to bleach uncared, for and unburied by those who washed from them their golden store. Such a town is Robinsonville, though in the past year the searchers after quartz have put np a few new cabins, and living beings now take the place of the long-time ghosts, if ghosts they were, who stalked, blue-shirted and be-whiskered, through the silent by-waye.

What a history was made when these old camps were still alive with the hum of the hydraulic, the click of pick and the stordy ring of the sledge hammer. What romances have been woven by the hardy delvers after gold. What motive power of love has driven pick and shovel. What blue-eyed "sweetheart" in the states has moved the dauntless young miner to labor from daylight to dusk, to face the inclement weather, and to feel it not, warmed by the knowledge that way back across the plains some loved one waited the day of his return, pawhat was to be when Fortune smiled and the gray gravel yielded up reluctantly its stingy horde of gold. What dreams of a night; what idle fancies of a day, conceived in the God given hope that springs forever in the breast-and alas! in most cases, withers like any other blossom, whether of the field or heart, from the cruel blasts of icy disappointment.

chinking of one of the old Robinsonville cabins. It bore neither date nor signature, but the writing was that of a girl, and it was undoubtedly written to the occupant of that cabin, who, so the story goes, now rests under a hig pine tree a few rods distant therefrom. I found myself wondering if that letter was ever answered; if its author ever knew what became of her "dear boy," and whether she yet waits patiently for FOULTRY, some word from him whose lips grew FISH AND GAME. dumb and fingers moveless at Robinsonville thirty years ago. It is not likely. I may be dreaming, a miner's dream, but if so it is a modern one. I fancy, somehow, that some other fellow, who stayed back East and looked after the pigs and chickens on the old farm, is the grandfather of her grandchildren, and Thone 12. Third and Washington Sts 324 m

that they, poor little deare, do not now, and never will, realize how near they came to being litle Greenhorners. It was, perhaps, best for all concerned, for he at least died with a sublime faith in his best girl and the knowledge, or be-Per meh. lief at least, that he was going to strike it rich in a few days and go home to old Missonri, corn bread and hom'ny, possum and sweet potatoes, and his best

> I was going to give you that letter in full, but I fear your space will not permit now that I have rambled through nearly a column to say nothing. As 1 have said, it bore neither date nor signature, but began:

AT HOME, MONDAY.

My Own DEAR BOY:
Of what crime do I stand accused that you punish me with the cruel penalty of ellence? What eln of commission or stated that why this section was called the Greenhorn was unknown. I was mistaken. In early days there was an old fellow came out to the old camp of Robinsonville, representing himself as a miner. His experience in mining had been acquired in digging potatoes in Missouri, or prying a waren from the Missouri, or prying a wagon from the abysmal depths of mud on the Pike county highways. He was given employment and sent down a thirty-foot For five long months I have not heard. shaft to put in a blast. After considerable time the managed to get a three-cornered hole drilled into the rock and the powder securely tamped therein. He was slow of speech, and when everything was ready he sung out to be hauled up. He had been given a fifty-has become a miser, whose only thought thing was ready he sung out to be hauled up. He had been given a fifty-foot coil of fuse, so that he could cut off as much as was required. As the boys at the windlass started to haul him out, he drawled out "Haul me up slow so I can unwind the fuse." He was going to use it all. This was only one of a long series of like bright thoughts on his part, and the nick-name of Greenborn had not loved. Why then destroy the part, and the nick-name of Greenborn had not loved. Why then destroy the was saddled onto him, and finally as he worked all over the camp it came to be This poor holy may exist but existence. worked all over the camp it came to be applied to the district, and the mountain.

This poor body may exist, but existence is not life. Oh! my own dear boy, abandon your dreams of wealth. Throw down the golden castles that encumber your mind. Come back to me, and here, or bit of weeds finds place for its rootlets and grows solitary and listless. Out of sye! blessed in its suddenness, to the the pay-streak at some convenient spot lingering starvation of heart and soul is a little cemetery holding the remains and mind that your ellence inflicts. forture me no longer with the thumbscrews of silence or the rack of neglect.

But this subject is getting pathetic, and I find my eyes growing moist and my throat dry. There is whole lots more of that letter, but I don't desire to give every girl in The Dalles the doggastad sentimentalities, because if I did I should indeed be A GREENHORN.

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