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A man and a woman approached him. Harkins had been attacked by about a as seven right after me for two or three dozen Indiana soon after eating their miles." noonday meel, and that while Harkins

Bess knew nothing of her bereavement that Taylor alone had seen Indians. None of the others had seen the slightest cause for alarm. In repeating his story Taylor got it badly mixed, and when he listening to every detail with tearless him from out of the darkness.

eyes, she answered:

I shall not believe it until I see his dead "But are you doubting my words,

"If the Indians killed him his body will be lying where it fell," she answered. "You can find the spot againyou must find it. We cannot go now, as night is coming ou, but we shall go in the morning. If the wild beasts have spared his body, I want it for Christian barial. If they have not, I want what

bones they may leave." "What did you fire at today?" asked him. Wake the captain, and after that did you fire at today?" asked him. Wake the captain, and after that did you fire at today?" asked him. Wake the captain, and after that did you fire at today?" proved by the blacking on his finger thrust into the bore that it had been recently discharged. "I-I fired on the Injuns, of course,"

stammered Taylor. "On, you did! We thought you said you had your gun on your back and was climbing up a mass of rock to get a look around?

"I-Pve got to lie down and think it over and quiet my nerves. I've had such a close call that I'm rattled and can't remember just how it all was." As Taylor flung himself down the

men gathered in a group to discuss his story. There was something queer about it, but as no one knew of his feeling against Harkins there was no key to his actions. Bess sought to furnish one by "I know this man hated father, and I

that he had an ill will. If father is dead, he had something to do with it!" "Hush, child!" camponed the captain rest, "said Harkins, "and must be stord the train. "Your father and Taylor tended to first. Then you shall have the story."

It is an awful charge to bring against a He quietly awoke Bess, made a brief man-that of betraying a commute.

done this he shall?-"I will shoot him with my own hand!" sternly replied the captain "Let every-thing rest till be awakes. It may have been as he says-that fright and exhaus-

tion may have upon into." "But he must guide us to the spot in certainty is not proof. the morning." persisted Joe. "I shall insist upon that, even if we

lave to leave the camp alone," added have had a strong motive," said the cap-"It shall be so," replied the captain. "We shall know all in the morning."

Bess retreated to the wagon, rent with conflicting emotions and prostrated by grief and doubt, and the men went about

Night came down Taylor had hidden his face under his

ABSOLUTELY PURE over the thought that he now sione pos sessed the secret of the cave of gold. But he was troubled that he had not told a better story. Before firing the shot he had planned just how he would act and what he would say. The fear which

> a very lame story.
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> Many a man who has planned a crime has thought it all over and prepared himself at every point only to realize after its commission that he left loop-

guilt always brings had upset him and caused him to halt and hesitate and tell

holes in his armor of defense.

It was long after dark before Taylor rose up. He had then settled on a story from which he would not vary. He told it to the men, and he told it with such apparent sincerity that some of them believed him, while none disputed. Bess had come forward to hear it, as was her right. When he had finished there was a long, painful silence, broken at last by

the girl, who said:
"If this story be true you have done only what another might do so strated. We shall know tomorrow. You can find the place again, and you will lead us there.

"1-1 was dreadfully turned around, and I might not be able to find the exact spot," replied Taylor. "You must!" answered Bess, "My father's bones must not lie unburied!

His death shall not go unavenged!"
"Well, I'll try, and if we all lose our scalps in the effort I cannot be held re-Taylor entered the camp about mid-sponsible. I'm sure there's an Indian afternoon, hatless and apparently in camp not far from that spot, and it's a great distress from having come at such wonder to me we haven't been attacked a rapid pace. He reported that he and since I came in. There were as many

The men, and especially Joe, had had been shot down he had miraculously looked to see the girl break down under kins escaped the deadly bullets and dashed the strain, but she did not. She fought "i

Two of the prospectors had returned.

but two others were still out. Before waiting to question Taylor or hear his whole story the camp prepared for defense, and it was only after an hour had. Midnight came and all was questioned by which series were went on gard at that hour, and an hour later, as all his senses were keenly alert, he heard a whistle. No Indian would make use of such a signal. There were no white men in the neighbour was a large transferred by the corte of some hird. passed away that any one questioned the near presence of Indians.

There were no white men in the neighborhood. Was it the note of some bird of night?

There it came again-a whistle of in mith the captain and others began to question Taylor. About this time the other party came in, and it transpired prospector or hunter who had lost himself during the day, Joe answered the

It came again and nearer. Now he heard footsteps and a moment attempted to console the girl, who stood later a man and a woman approached "Halt! Who is it?" challenged the

"Harkins!" was the reply. "Great heavens!" whispered Joe as pair came to a halt before him.

"Yes, it is Harkins, and here is a poor girl I rescued from a camp of white ren- to ride away the captain kindly said: egades up the valley. I've got lots to tell. Has Taylor come in?" Yes, and he reported you killed by

the Indians."

"He sought my life himself, but quiet. If he is asleep do not arouse him. Wake the captain, and after we story to tell."



The captain was himself on guard on

could see it every time he looked at us. the other side of the camp, and he quick-Why he did I do not know, but I know ly came up to find out what the confu-"This girl is suffering for food and

explanation, and after Lizzie had been "But he told two or three different | provided with food the two girls sought stories about it," answered Joe, "and the wagon and Harkins sat down with the captain and Joe to tell his story. While certain in his own mind that Taylor had fired upon hum, there was no proof. Neither of his listeners doubted that assassingtion had been intended but unless Taylor broke down and con-

fessed it what could they do? Moral "And what makes the thing more strange to me is the fact that he must

"And we can't guess it," added Joe. Then Harkins told them of the deathbed revelation of the old hunter, and the motive was plain. Taylor was determined to possess the secret alone. He told them of the renegades and their errand—of the girl be had rescued and their duties without a word to each other about Taylor's story, but all hesitated to believe him guilty of the heinons erime of taking the life of a comrade.

Night came down All felt that there was something wrong gig, and yet only the two men and Bess

knew of the arrivals. 'The first thing is to dispose of Tay

or what should be done. "The men will soon be astir, and Harkins had best lie low for a couple of hours. As soon as breakfast is over 1 shall ask Taylor to head a party to the place he

described. Let us see what he will do." Harkins sought one of the wagons, and when the men roused up, one after another, not one had a suspicion that

as for an expedition, and, walking up other than W. F. Forwood, formerly to Taylor, she said:

"I am ready. We are to find and re-cover my father's body today." "Yes, I will send two men with you."

added the captain.

"!—I can't go—not this morning!" respected family. So far as the Gazette knows, Mr. Forwood has always borne almost too sick to sit up."

"Do you still say that the Indians shot my father down?" demanded Bess.

him myself?" 'How many Indians did you count?" 'All of ten.' 'How did they attack you?" *Fired a volley at us and then began

You are sure they velled?" Sure! They kept it up half an hour."
'It was odd that I heard no other sound but the single report of your

rifiel" said a voice behind Taylor, and he wheeled about to find Harkins confronting him,

lessly from side to side and trembled as with a chill. "It is not the dead come back," said Harkins, "but the living. Your bullet only grazed my arm. I fell into a guich just as you fired upon me. There were

no indians there!" Taylor looked from man to man. Each face was hard set and vengeful.
"You are all agin me!" he finally "Yon've got mad at me and

want to drive me away! Why should I want to take Harkius life?" the empty shell to prove it," said Har- the latter took advantage of the fact and

for the camp. He had been pursued up to within rifle shot of the wagons, and the pretended great fear lest the camp would be immediately attacked.

Midnight came and all was quiet.

In the long to the hope that the indians, stammered Taylor, but for father still lived, though he might be wounded and a prisoner.

Midnight came and all was quiet. said the captain to Taylor in a flinty voice. "The man who murders a com-

rade must die bimself!" "1-1 didn't murder him!"
"No, you did not, but the man who attempts murder must be punished. You must go! In one hour you must be out of camp, and should you return you

To turn a man out in that locality was giving him up to a hundred perils, if not to certain death, but Taylor eagerly caught at the opportunity.
"I'll willingly go," he replied. "Indeed I don't want to stay. You are all agin me and I couldn't be easy here. I

will be fired upon!"

can take all my traps, I reckon?" "Certainly. ing utensils. These articles were up and strapped to his horse and he was given food enough to last him a week. His "truck" had been stored in the rear "But this does beat me. And that is end of a wagon owned by another, and you, Harkins, and alive!" end of a wagon owned by another, and his going simply decreased the strength

of the party one man. As he was ready law we all live by. Harkins had the right to shoot you the minute he entered the camp.

"Yes, I reckon be had, though be made a big mistake in accusing me. 'I hope you'll keep clear of Indians ad meet with good lack. And If And IT

Even Harkins conoud the sentiment

nd with a wave of his hand Taylor was

off. He rode straight up the valley, and

And II

as he went he smiled grimly and chnckled to himself: "It's your turn this morning. Tomrow it may be mine. Yesterday I thought I had to kill but one. Today I'm planning to wipe out the whole pack. Not one of you shall leave this

Half a mile to the east a bend in the valley hid him from view. He rode on for about a mile, and then discovering a small valley leading off at right angles he entered it, followed it up for forty rods and then dismounted and prepared

to camp. "As for Indians," he mused, as be looked about him, "I don't think there are any left in the hills. They have all gone forward to fight off the rush, and before summer is over the rush carried every redskin out of the

He threw the spade and pick aside in He threw the spade and pick aside in disgust as he unpacked and growled:
"I shan't want ye—leastwise for digging out gold—fill get it easier. Five unless the other side of campis the ravine, and up that ravine is the cave of gold. I'll have my hands on the stuff before tomerow night if it is there, and then let the wagon train look out! It's death

Meanwhile the camp had a visitor.

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tion that a resident of Heppner had been secused of embezzlement, and also exanything unusual had occurred during pressed a hope that it was not true. the night Breakfast was prepared and Since that time we have thoroughly ineaten, and the captain and Joe, who vestigated the matter and find that it is were watching Taylor very closely, saw by his demeanor that he was restless Sheriff Noble that the party has not made and ill at ease. He seemed to have lost his appetite, and he glanced around him been apprehended, his present whereaas if expecting some sudden danger.

Bessie came from the wagon equipped bouts being unknown. This man is none manager of the Portland Sheep and Woolgrowing Company. Mr. Forwood is very well known in this vicinity, having married into a wellknown and highly

This company commenced operations in Morrow county during the past sum-'De l? Of course I do! You all seem mer, and was composed of C. L. Reed, to be agin me. Do you think I killed Mrs. Taibot and W. F. Forwood, each of whom was to put in \$5,000, though neither Mrs. Talbot nor Mr. Reed put in the whole amount, and they claim that Mr. Forwood did not put in anything. Let this be as it may, the company bought a bunch of sheep, secured range, hay, etc., preparatory for a suc-

cessful venture in the sheep business. About Nov. 1st the sheep were sold to Jas. Jones and the proceeds deposited in the First National Bank of Heppner. The man's amazement and terror were a short time afterwards Mr. Forwood pitiful. He essayed to speak, but the drew out the funds by telegraph through words would not come. He looked help-the First National Bank of Portland, the First National Bank of Portland, in all about \$3500. The partners immediately got out a warrant for the arrest of Forwood, but at last accounts it and not been served, as his present place of retirement is unknown.

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