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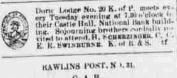
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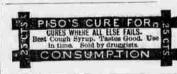
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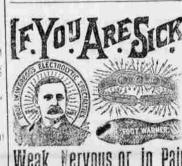
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CHAPTER XX.



The stone fell to the earth. "Were we awake or asleep?" asked Joe, as he rubbed his eyes.

"Very wide awake," answered the "And was it a procession, and did we again."

hear music?" asked Harkins. hear music? asked Harkins.

"Yes. I saw and heard the same kins observed them with a start and thing once in the Rocky mountains, and whispered to himself:

"Well, well, but I do really believe once again in an old ruin in Arizona. I have met several men who have also that my Bess taken a liking to that

will collect wood and build a are to work by." answered its criptals.

His scenning confidence inspired them, and without waiting for a closer inspection of the cliff they headed down the canyon for the tools. Upon reaching the wagons all was quiet, and the quaries of the men regarding the use the range of the range

this way, and to the right, and down and back? A great stone has been set in here and cemented in its place. The work was done so long ago that the cement is as hard as the rock and almost the color of it. One of you begin at that

side, while I take a hand here. Ten ninutes work proved what he had asserted—that a large stone had been fitted to an opening-but the work of drilling out the cement was like drilling into the stone itself. When noon came they had made a consider-ble impression, but fully realized that they had undertaken a laborious task.

The forenoon had passed with those at camp without alarm. The sentinels thought they heard the reports of rifles down the valley, but were not certain. Not an Indian had shown himself, and it was hoped that they had been thrown off the scent and would leave the val-

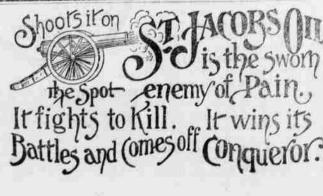
From the first the two girls had been drawn to each other, and Lizzie found a deep sympathizer in Bess. When brought into camp by Harkins the poor gril was in a truly foriorn condition, as may be imagined. While she still labored with the grief which choked her every time she thought of the sad fate of her parents, she had been made very presenta ble in appearance, and more th the wagonmen felt his heart best faster at sight of her sweet, sad face

As the trio returned to camp from their labors up the canyon, Bess beckoned her father uside and said:

· Our friend is wear, talk with you."

"Yes, I want to ask you about my mother," added Lizzie "I am sure I saw father lying on the ground, and have no doubt the reasgades killed him as the first part of their plan. Mother and I both got away,

would be her fate?" "It is hard to say," replied Harkins after reflecting on the matter. "if she got through the night all right she may have found the trail of the wagons in the morning and overtaken the purty We must hope that she dal. It may





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so be that your father was only stunned by the blow, and is ere this all right again and with his friends."
"Do you think there is even the

faintest hope?" she tearfully asked. Thank God for that! I shall almost cease worrying under that hope. And now what of myseif?"

You are to remain with us, of

But for how long?" We cannot even guess. We may head back for civilization in a weekperhaps not for three months. It de-pends on our luck as gold nunters. It "We shall find a cave of dead if not a s more than likely that some of the cave of gold," added Harkins. party to which you belonged will be en-

"God help her-none!" he answered. She was wild with fear when she ran from the wagon, and she would grow

wilder. Before morning came she was a maniac, but I doubt if she lived to see another day. "Indians" gasped Bess.
"No-wolves. At that distance from the mountains a man loaded down with firearms could hardly have kept them off all night. Encourage the girl all you can, but don't hope in your own

heart that there is one chance in a million that she will ever see her mother As the pair stood together apart Har-

seen and heard."

"There is no opening in the cliff," said

Joe as he held the torch sloft: "not a crevice where they came out—not a hole where they went in. We have been fooled by the darkness."

(nat my Bess has taken a liking to that chap! How queer!"

He might more truthfully have said, "How natural," and he might have used the word "love" for "liking." And when the man looked upon the sweet face of the orphan he had so called the man looked. "You and Harkins return to the wagon at the peril of his life, and felt his heart or crowbars, and while you are gone 1 beating faster, he might have discovered will could need to be a second or the second of the will collect wood and build a fire to another queer thing-that somebody else had "taken a liking

crowbars were to be put to were made ing a steady lookout for danger, and light of, as it was deemed best not to ordered that no one was to leave camp raise hopes which might be disap on any pretext till his return. Then the pointed.

erowhers seemed such a grip on the stone that it moved. One united effort the gold, but what will happen then? would heave it out of the opening. It was then that the captain stepped back and sat down and said:

"These outlaws want me to help find the gold, but what will happen then? They won't stickle to shoot me down like a dog. They have no notion of dividing with me. They own the team and will have all the said and the s

and let us prepare ourselves to be disap-

"A cave of some sort."

"And what shall we find in the cave?" asked Harkins. "The shriveled bodies of dead Aztecs. That lost race always buried their dead in caves, and when the place would hold

no more it was walled up. I have helped to open three or four."
"But why go to all this trouble to open a cave of bone and dust?' petulant-

that he may have an outfit in the happy land beyond, so the Aztecs placed the wealth of their dead beside them in these caves. I have seen many ornaments of gold and silver which came

from such caves," "Then let us to work!" exclaimed Joe it was decided to have a tree, and ap-

The bars were imerted on the left countered soon, and who knows what a good news we may receive. You are thrice welcome to all it may be in our his weight on his lever. The stone trembled, moved forward, hung a moment power to do for you."

bled, moved forward, hung a moment
Meanwhile Bess had whisperingly inand then fell to the earth with a heavy Meanwhite Bess had whisperingly in-quired of Joe what chances the mother thad, and an opening appeared into which a horse could almost have walked.

And how fared the renegades? The girl Lizzie had been cut loose from the tree to which she was bound within thirty feet of them so carefully that Harkins had her a quarter of a mile away before she was missed. A rush and a search was made, and no one questioned that she had got off alone. They consoled themselves with the thought that the wild beasts would have her life before morning, and when Bob strolled down the valley it was with the expectation of finding some evidence of

men that Taylor had been kept in ignoronce of her rescue and arrival. Had the renegades known she was in camp they would have shed blood to recapture her. Having no suspicion that she had been seen or heard of, they had no particular animosity against the gold hunt-ers. When Taylor, burning for revenge, wanted to head a raid to steal the horses or attack the camp, Bob met him with the reply:

"They drove you out, and I reckon they did right, but we don't propose to pura our angers to neap you get ones a 'em. We cum yere fur that gold, and to first hard work we do will be to book

they won't trouble us."

Taylor and to be satisfied with that. Its standing among them was not pleasent. His excuses and emplanations did not go down. He was looked upon as a traiter who had received his just deserts, three set out for the scene of their fators pointed.

The captain had a bright fire blazing and began work immediately upon their against the cliff as the men returned, arrival. They had no fear of their fire against the cliff as the men returned, arrival. They had no fear of their fire and in response to their tooks of inquiry being seen or their blows overheard, and and in response to their tooks of inquiry being seen or their blows overheard, and and in response to their tooks of major being seen or their blows overheard, and the very soon realized time of what he might know about the cave of gold. This knowledge imbittered him, and the bour he rode by the camp hidden in the rode by the camp hidden in the bour he rode by the camp hidden in the bo Lie wagon he gritted his teeth and whis- | call.

"Let us take a breathing spell new, and will have all to say."

And then a prepare ourselves to be disapsaw the first sign of treachery in his "What do you think is behind the should die by his hand. It was no idle outh. He had a terrible weapon in store

for an emergency.

CHRISTMAS TREE. Heppaer's Merchants Meet an Organize for the Purpose of Having a Big Time

Christmus. A meeting of the Merchants of Heppner was called to meet at T. W Ayers, is queried Harkins.

"As the Indian of today places the property of the dead warrior beside him for the purpose of discussing the proprie; of baying a Christmas tree and entertainment. The meeting was called to order and Geo Conser made chairman, Elmer Slocum, secretary, and Arthur Minor, treasurer. After some discussion

propriate exercises on Christmas eve, Saturday Dec 21. The following committees were then appointed: On hall, T. W. Ayers, Jr., flower McFacland and W. B. Potter: on music, Homer McFarland, Alvah Pattereon, W. L. Saling, Mrs. Ed. Slocum, Mrs. Homer McFarland, Mrs A M. Slocum and Mrs. S. P. Garrigues. It was afterwards decided that this committee should also act -- program committee to prepare program for the occasion. The sommittee on tree, Frank Gilliam; on decorating ball and tree, T W. Ayers, Sr. J. B. Sperry, S. P. Garrigues. Rev. J. M. Shulse, Rev. M. Bramblet, Rev E. O. Palmer, E G. Slocum, Mrs. H. Mc Farland, Mes. E. R. Bishop, Mrs. C. S. Van Dayn, Mrs A. M. Slocum, Mrs. Geo. Conser, Mrs. P. O. Borg, Miss Laura Muir, Miss Etta Minor and Miss Lizzie Matlock; on distribution of presents, Frank Roberts, Jay Shipley, 'Gene Vaughn, Gid Hatt, Frank Borg, Leslie Well it was for the girl and the wagon- Matlock, Horace Matlock and 'Gene Noole; callers, Geo. Conser and Phili Cohn; mmittee to remove presents from tree, Frank Gilliam, Harry Warren, S. C. Smith, Howard Dodson, W. A. Johnston

and Lone Mathods; donation committee, Mrs. J. B. Sperry, Mrs. T. W. Dauger and Mrs. E. G. Shom It was decided that a copy of the propeedings and lost of committees should be given toe Heppner G z tie and Record for publication. It is requested that the various communities look after their respective duties as soon as convenient.

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