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A STARTLING STORY.

"What a beautiful young woman! And yet her hair is white as snow." "And her complexion fresh as is a child's. Strange, is it not?"

Thus two loungers on a hotel porch. But they did not know the history of that snowy hair.

From the time Harry Wells fell in love with Mamie Clausen at church socials until their marriage at the First Presbyterian church, the entire community gave minute consideration to their affairs

The marriage was in every way a suitable one. Harry was educated at Princeton, and although he had at one time the reputation of being wild, he had sobered down

Gradually Harry picked up business, and finally, through his father, he became trustee for some minor heirs. They were an odd lot of children, with a half-crazy mother, and no end of coal lands and mining investments.

One August afternoon Harry had an unexpected summons to go to Scranton about a suit connected with the minor heirs. He had recently sold some of their property, and had been making vigorous collections, which left in his hands about forty-five hundred dollars.

"Where will I keep it, Harry? Between the mattresses?" "Just like a woman! No. But I declare I don't know where to tell you. The most insecure place apparently is often the most secure.

"All right, dear, we won't let the tramps have a drink even, and I'll take care of the money, you may be sure."

Harry had his wife good-bye, and Mamie gave up the picnic. At the end of two days she received a telegram from him, saying he had been detained, and telling her to get some one to stay with her for two days, when he would be at home.

that he was detained until the next day. Her friend went home, and in place of Harry came a third telegram, and so every day for ten days he was expected home, and every day came a disappointing telegram.

The afternoon of the tenth day was a hot, murky after-noon. Mamie had gone up stairs to take a nap and refresh before dressing to meet Harry, who was expected home after the longest absence he had ever made from her.

"Yes," said the fellow, "when that time comes your mistress will have another ironing-table, helping you, instead of wearing her Sunday clothes every day."

"An' spoilin' everything for me to do over. I think I see her. I've work enough to do," answered honest Sarah, not indisposed to have a chat over her work.

"I suppose my girl told you that I will be a great kindness if you will leave as soon as possible."

"Madam, it's no use talking. You can't send a fellow out in such a storm," said the tramp as the three stood on the porch watching the storm.

"I'm sorry, but I've no place for you."

"What in a house like this! It's a pity there isn't a cranny for a stowaway. I was walking around it, waiting for the girl, and it seems to me it ought to hold 3 people."

"I will keep you on one condition," she said. "There is a loft to the house, a sort of garret, which is very comfortable. It is closed with a trap-door, and you may sleep on the lounge there if you will allow us to lock the door on the outside."

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and maid went to bed and, although worried and anxious, went to sleep. After midnight Mamie found herself awake and a bright light shining in the room.

The storm had cleared away at last. She got up, unable to compose herself immediately, and went to the window. The moon was shining brightly.

"The tramp? No. Sarah, the key, the key of the attic." She flew up the stairs, unlocked the padlock and opened the trap.

"Here is my husband's rifle. It is loaded." "Hist! Where are they going to break in?" The steps came boldly on the piazza to the front door.

"Don't faint, madam; there is work yet to do," said the tramp. Mamie caught hold of the rail for support, and then went into the room.

"Aha!" said the tramp, curiously, holding the light up and peer-

ing into the dead man's face, "he's fixed. Shot through the head." Mamie advanced and gazed at the white face, across which a thin, thread-like stream of blood was trickling. She fell back with a wild shriek.

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