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father had been killed by Indiana there while be hunted and prospected "away back when Missouri an' Arkan- in the neighboring mountains. He gave saw belonged to the French," to use his name as "George Herron," and as his own inngunge.

smoke of a neighbor's cabin he became in advance, Mrs. Taylor and Lena possessed with the iden that the comtry was getting to be too thickly settled and correspondingly unhealthy. and he bundled his family into one of those huge wagons known as "a prairie schroner" and moved further west.

This he persisted in doing until one day he found himself under the shadow of the Bocky Mountains, and he woke up to the fact that his wife was a broken-down eld woman and his Lena and carlous specimens of ores, daughter Lens and his son Tom "about which he examined with his microas big as they was ever goin' to get to be."

Young Tom Taylor had not inherited the gypsy love of change that had distinguished his ancestors. He was a sturdy, sensible fellow and wanted to settle down on a farm, where his mothor could live better than she had been doing, and where Lens could have a chance to know more about books, which she had learned to read in some unaccountable way, and of which she was very fond.

And so Ell Taylor in his 50th year settled down to the cultivation of a farm not far from what is now Canyon City, but which was then a cluster of cabins where prospectors rested before going over the mountains to South There.

Here Eli Taylor and young Tom worked with so much success that within a few years they had a comfortable house and outbuildings, a dozen cows and as many horses, and, greatest of all evidences of prosperity. money laid by for a rainy day.

Lena Taylor, though miles away from the nearest neighbor, was not destined to remain unknown and unappreciated. The fame of her thrift and her beauty was discussed about the campfires of prospectors in the mountains. Many of them had gone a day's journey out of their way to see her, and the general opinion was that the man who made a successful "claim" to her hand would have, by all odds, the finest piece of property in the territory.

It has been said that poverty and suffering are the greatest tests of character, but we are inclined to think that it requires a stronger, nobler nature to withstand a change in the face of sud den prosperity than to meet reversals with philosophy.

easnerous, and with Ell Taylor, was f his prosperity vatilshed his inborn dislike for settled communities. It was he who carried all the farm produce to Canyon City and purchased there such supplies as were needed by his thrifty Intally Had he confined his purchases to these supplies all would have been well, but, unfortunately, he had a panion, who was known as "Lawyer chance to gratify his taste for strong Roggs," "but I reckon the best way is drink, and he yielded to it till the passion became his master.

TLI TAYLOR was a typical he was not "an original mountaineer." frontlersman. His father had came to the valley in which the Taylor been a pioneer and his grand- farm was situated and asked to board he offered \$8 a week for the accommo-Whepever Ell Taylor could see the dation and showed a willingness to pay agreed to take him in.

George Herron was a handsome and rather a melancholy young man-such a one as must appeal powerfully to the virgin heart and lofty imagination of the frontier girl.

He was away a great deal-often for nights at a time, and when he returned he but seldom brought game, though he always had strange wild flowers for scope and acids.

Love is largely a matter of association; it is not, therefore, to be wondered at that Lena grew to watch the mountain trall for the coming of the young hunter, nor that the light of gladness left her expressive face whenever she saw him disappearing in the rocky heights above the valley.

Of late Mart Estel had taken to visiting the valley, but it chanced that he never came there except when George Herron was away.

Ell Taylor had ceased going to Canyon City; indeed, he seemed to have lost all interest in the farm, in his family, and in himself.

Lena and her mother tried to cheer him, and Tom worked harder than ever to make up for his father's losses, but still Eli went about like a man whose heart was broken.

The reason for this melancholy was at length made manifest. One day Mart Estel, accompanied by a stout, florid man of 40 who looked much like himself, came to the farm and held a long consultation with Ell Taylor.

"I have kept it all from my children," said Ell Taylor to Estel and his com-



sworn that he owns this farm and the stock; if he has sworn to what ain't true, why, all Mr. Estel has to do is to apply to the officers of the law in Denver and have him arrested for swindling and perjury."

On hearing this Ell Taylor groaned and his wife covered her face with her thin hands.

"I have no more to say about it," said Tom, going to the door, "only thisthat the man who arrests my father will undertake a life job, and the man who carries out our little property must do so by force."

After Tom had gone Lens asked: "Mr. Estel, can't you give us time to pay you? Father got only arm at your place. He was not a drunhard por a gambler before we came here."

"And I didn't make him one or the other." said Estel. "But I told him before what I tell you now-that is, that you can say one word that'll free kins from debt and make yourself rich."

forced calmpess. "Be my wife," said Estel, reaching

out his hand. Lena drew back and the color fied

unconventional, so that she spoke her piece. Before completing the work on mind without any thought of the consequences.

"Marry you?" she said. "How could I do so when I do not love you?"

"But you will learn to love me," said Estel

"That matters not," she said, with spirit, "you have my answer."

"But I will not take 'no' for an answer. Think over what I have said, and in one week I shall return; should you then refuse me I shall take what is mine."

With this ultimatum Estel and his friend left.

Ell Taylor and his wife tried to make Lena see that it would be to the advantage of all if she accepted Estel's

proposal, but she firmly replied: "I am ready to die to save either my father or my mother, but it is too much to ask me to sell my soul."

Tom stoutly took his sister's side, and when George Herron returned, which he did that evening, they told him all that had happened and asked his advice.

"I can help you by giving you the noney," replied the young hunter, "but my belief is that these fellows are thieves and are playing a bluff game; if so, I think Tom and I can match them."

"It's this young Herron that Lena's in love with," said Ell Taylor to his wife. "If it wasn't for him she'd have Estel and we could keep the place. I won't have him about here no longer. In his blunt way the old man told George Herron to leave, frankly explaining the reason, and George said

in reply: "If I cannot help you, Mr. Taylor, I will not stay in your way."

The next evening, after a long talk with Lena and her brother, the young hunter shouldered his rifle and went away, and Ell Taylor felt that his a diminutive specimen about an inch property would be now secure, in which and a half in length. He fished this out event he compromised with his selfish- and handed it over. Throwing him a ness by promising himself that he silver half dollar and telling him to Woodard, Clarke& Co., PORTLAND, OR would never get drunk nor gamble kep the change, the editor took this again.

GLOVE MANUFACTURE

Fifteen Million Dollars Invested in This Industry, Not a Century Old.

"The art of glove-making, once followed exclusively by women, is now pursued largely by mon," writes Frank H. Vizetelly In the Woman's Home Companion.

"This is due chiefly to the introduction of machinery, used to-day for sewing and pressing the seams, and to improved means for drafting patterns which were formerly of paper or wood. Then the glover, laying his pattern on the leather, would mark it in outline with a lead pencil and cut it out with shears. The glove, which was sewu by hand and the seams pounded, then went through the process of pressing This was done by placing it between two boards, on which the glove-maker sat while making another pair. In the manufacture of the modern glove the operator, having cut the leather, folds "What is that?" asked Lenn. with it over so that the back is larger than the front. Then be makes three cuts through the doubled pieces, so that it may produce the back and front for the four fingers. Next an ovoid hole her face. Her simple life had made her is cut for the insertion of the thumb the first and fourth fingers long strips, or guassets, are sown on the inner side; but in the second and third fingers gus sets are sewn on both sides. After ward small diamond-shaped pieces are cut, fitted and sewn at the interdigital folds or base of the fingers. The ornamental embroidery is then stitched on the back, the buttons or fasteners fitted, and the wrists hemmed; then the giove is finished. In the sewing a toothed vise or cisup is used to regulate the size of the stitches. Glove-workers are divided into three classes; Those who seam the fingers and put in the thumb are called the makers; those who hem the edges at the wrist, welters, and those who embraider the back, pointers. The average earnings of all classes is only two dollars a day. In our own country no less than \$15,000,000 is in- ever seen an foot in his own jurislis vested in the glave industry, which first tion. settled in Gloversville, New York, in 1809. At this time the skins used were those of deer received by traders in exchange for tim. Rough mittens were the first product of this settlement, and the first load of gloves that went to Boston was forwarded in 1825."

High-Priced Fish.

At a certain season in the year-usualy about the first of October-It is the custom of the commissioners who have charge of the great parks in Chicago to permit fishing in the artificial lakes at certain hours in the morning, the fishermen in all eases being required to use the boats that are kept for hire. This is to prevent the banks from being thronged with gangs of hoodiums.

Early one October morning the editor of one of the great Chleago dailies appeared at a West Side park with a friend, both equipped with fishing outtits of the most approved pattern. They secured a bont, and then the editor inquired if there were any live minnows on hand.

The keeper of the boat-house inspected his balt bucket and found just one, minnow, climbed into the boat, and

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Trifling That Costs.

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A new system of sewers under con struction in the city of Mexico has or casloped a contract for 10,000,00 brick being made with a native firm.



At length the dreaded day came, and rowed out to the middle of the with it Estel, Roggs and a number of where he fished for half an hour withmen they had brought to take posses out result. slon of the place.

"That is impossible." "Why so?" "Because I love another." "Who is he?"

The saloons of the frontler at that time were open gambling dens, "run" by sharpers who plundered without remorse the men they had first made drunk.

One of these places was kept by a man named "Mart" Estel, who had the coveted reputation of wealth and the unenviable reputation of a desperado who had killed a number of men. He always denied being rich, and when questioned about his shooting exploits said the distracted man. he would lay his hand on his hip and say, with a chilling laugh:

"You can bet that when Mart Estel finds himself in a tight box he knows how to fix the lock that will let him out."

Estel's saloon become a favorite resort with Eli Taylor, and he not only got drunk there, but the news reached debt. his family that he had fallen into the habit of gambling. The latter report was confirmed by the fact that he no longer accounted for the money he had got from the sale of his produce.

Lena and her brother begged their father to keep away from Canyon City. but, unheeding them and blind to the tears of his invalid wife, he persisted In the course.

And now the son and daughter, who had been so enger to secure a permanent home, expressed an anxiety to move further into the wilderness, but their father became stubborn, saying: "You made me settle down here and

here I'll stay."

When matters were nearing their worst a young man, dressed in the garb of a hunter, but with a refinement of manner that copvinced Lena that held in his hand, "your father has here

"TOU HAVE MY ANSWER," SAID LENA.

to have them in and make a clean breast of it."

"Yes; they might as well know it first as last," said Estel, "and more particularly Lena, for she's got it in her power to square the account." "How so?" asked EH.

"Didn't I tell you how when last you was down, and didn't you promise to speak to her about it?" asked Estel. "I wasn't myself then. I've forgot all about it, and I wish I could forget that I ever came to this settlement,"

"Have your family in and let us talk it over," said Lawyer Roggs, as he drew some papers from his pocket.

Mrs. Taylor, Lena and Tom were called in, and Mart Estel, without any preliminaries, went on to tell how for a year or more Ell Taylor had been

getting deeper and deeper into his

"I loaned money and did all I could for Mr. Taylor," said Estel, "and at last, seeing that he could not pay me, I took a mortgage on the farm and the stock. The mortgage is due, and if Mr. Taylor or none of the family ain't able to take it up I'll sell the place or I'll take it for what's due me.

"I don't know anything about law," said Tom Taylor, "and I don't want to know, but I've tried, and so have mother and Lena, to work hard and make a living up to this time. Father had no right to morigage the farm and the stock, for they are more of my making than of his, and I do not propose to let any man interfere with my rights."

"Ah, my young friend," said Lawyer Roggs, opening one of the papers he

mined than before, for she positively refused to speak to Estel in the house. "Will you speak to me outside?" he

asked. "Yes; on the bridge over Quicksand Creek," she replied. This was the the day. bridge on the road leading from the farm to Canyon City, and the stream me two hundred dollars a pound." which it spanned was filled with the quicksand that makes traveling in that region such a terror.

Fearing some harm, Estel's friends followed at a distance, and the moment he stood on the bridge with Lena they saw a young man in hunter's garb apthis young man cry out: "We meet at inst, Belman!"

Estel seemed frozen with terror; after a few seconds he laid his hand in Western Europe. Instead of a horse on the bridge railing and leaped over, his object being escape, 12t he found himself in the remorseless grasp of the quicksands.

"That wretch," said George Herron,

pointing to the stream, "murdered and With their champion gone Roggs and tryside. his companions had no further interest in his case. Eli Taylor was never troubled again. He changed his habits and made over his farm to his son, though he thinks that his son-in-law, George Herron, is quite as fine a fellow as Tom .- New York Ledger.

The Cause.

Askins-What has caused the change in Maj. Stiff's appearance of late? He used to look like one born to command. Grimshaw-He is married now, and has made the discovery that he wasn't bern for any such purpose,-Puck.

At the end of that time he hauled in They found Lenn even more deter- his line, looked carefully at the minnow, took a pencil and note-book from his pocket, did a little figuring, and returned to the shore.

"What did you get?" he was asked, when he appeared at the office later in

"One fish," he replied, "and it cost This, it is believed, is the highest price ever paid for live fish in Chicago.

The Camel as a Plow Horse. Count Skorzewski, a wealthy land owner in the province of Posen, Germany, to the amazement of his rustic pear at the other end. They heard neighbors, has introduced a novel departure on his Czerniejewoel estates, which stands a fair chance of being widely imitated in agricultural districts or ox or a camel is yoked to the plow, and the experiment has proved successful beyond the count's most sanguine expectations. The camel, inured to Roggs and others ran up only to see hardships and privations, does double Estel or "Belman," for these were the work of a pair of horses, is exceedhardships and privations, does double only a few of his names, disappearing. Ingly tractable and can be kept in good condition-for a camel-on a comparatively small quantity of inferior fodder. robbed my father two years ago in The "Skorzewski quadrupeds," as the Salt Lake City. 1 have been looking peasants of Posen facetiously call the for him ever since, but I hold you to inborious intruders, were soon accliwitness that he died by his own act." matized, and are the envy of the coun-

Eho Knew Him.

"Do you know any one in these parts?" queried a lawyer of one Mrs. Shultz, who was a witness in a trial at Pratt. Mrs. Shultz dropped her eyes, plucked nervously at her shawl for a moment, and then, blushing, responded; "Sheriff Keyes over there used to be my beau before either of us were married." Whereupon the court hammered vigorously to bring the audience to order .- Kansas City Journal.

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