

Hammersley concluded that it was proper to inform these brave men of the situation. He told them that Hertha Lyle was safe and advised them to hury their dead comrade while he returned to escort her into

camp. On the previous night when the trapper had left Bertha concealed in the opening in the rimrocks two of the Indian searching party had come the initial searching party had come so close that she became alarmed for her safety and stole away as quietly as a shadow. She rean found herself safe, however, as the footsteps and low guiterabilite murnurs of the ind-ians indicated that they had passed The following morning every per-son set about to perform his re-spective portion of the compact, on to the north. But she had some difficulty in finding her way back and she had not felt sure of finding the trapper again, who was now diligent ly searching for her, until ahe ran almost into his arms.

Almost into his arms. The trapper had proceeded with her as near his home as he thought was safe and had left her secreted with the admonition not to leave under any circumstances until his return. and proceeded cautiously on fool. While approaching a secret masage that led to his covern, in the early morning, he heard the rifle abots and morning, he heard the riffe shots and immediately assended to the summit of the rimrocks to reconnoirre. When he discovered what had taken place he supposed that a band of cowhoys had taken fodging in his quarters, as was their custom, and that the Ind-fans having attacted the place the white men were defending it to the best of their ability. Having a strategy inter in view

Having a greater object in view than the ordinary warfare with Indians, he signaled both sides to de-sist and while the white men did so out of respect for the trapper's judg ment the Indiana did so because it was the best thing for them to do It was late in the foreneon when

the trapper returned with the young woman. The men had buried their dead comrade in the crude manner of the burial of the desert. They had wrapped his body in his blankets and fortune and the legacy, which con placed it deep in the sands and piled the lava rocks upon the grave to pre-vent the prowling coyotes from dis-intering it. They were sore at heart over the loss of one of their best companions, but the thought of the safety of the nices of the Lord of the Desard and the house of securit The Desert and the honor of escort ing her into his presence, somewhat mitigated the terror of the blow.

Hammersley had a great task be-fore him. To acquaint Lyis, the in-valid father, of his daughter's pro-ence and to bring the daughter to the disfigured father whom she believed was dead, was a trying ordeal for was dead, was a trying ordeal for 50 mek a tender hearted man. Then he felt it incumbent on binaelf to ac-quaint the comboys of the truth of the whole matter—of their employer's guilt, of the presence of the long loct Lyle and of the plans on foot to right the numerous wrongs which had been perpetrated. He had only entered the apartments of the invalid that moreperpetrated apartments of the invalid that more ing hurriedly to explain the cause of the rifle shots from the front of the cavera, and to let him know of the cavera, and to let him know of the saturn and to ascertain his im-While James Lyle was maimed and

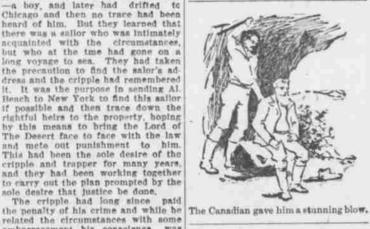
it. It was the purpose in sending Al. Beach to New York to find this sailor while same in body he still possesses if possible a clear brain. And the brain of the confined invalid, when clear, seems by this means to bring the Lord of The Desert face to face with the law.

fore agreed that he should make the Lord of The Desert. When he first trip while one of the other men, Oscar had to abandon hope of recapturing Metzger, should outurn to the Store Hertha Lyle he was for a time at a House, report that all were killed ex-cept himself, and at the same time do is as deep as Indian treachery and is opt himself, and at the same time do is as deep as Indian treachery and little detective work by "pumping" Snake was never known to stop a Lionidas Liggett, the cook at the Stone House, whom it was thought knew end. The Chief knew of the es-more than he had ever divulged. trangement between the Lord of The The third, Julian Byrd, was to re Desert and the trappr and rumor main about the place for an emerginate bad gotten abroad among the Indiana ency, while Hammersley should purt that the Lord of The Desert had comency, while transmersey should put nothing out of the ordinary had transpired. The following merning every per spective portion of the compact, chances at least in getting the re ward for putting her out of the way before the Lord of The Desert learned

Jim Lyle's Story. The cripple had told Hammeraley long before, and had reposited to his daughter, the plot into which he and his brother had entered to defraud the elder brother of his inheritance and of the Lord of The Desert's sub-sequent attempt to pat him out of the way. They had seen an advertise that William Lyle had inherited a the william Lyle had inherited a

to his other war parties to join him there for a few weeks celebration. He these spent their time in various ways; tending the band of horses, a ways; tending the band of horses, a little independent scouling and hunt-ing but mostly in the Indian's favor-ite pastime of lounging about camp. A Christian civilization would make desert.

risted wholly in cash, was ready for delivery upon proof of the identity of the person named. They went to New York and Martin, who somewhat lowing morning. swore to his identity, the agreement being that they should alare the ill cotten gains equally. They remained in New York until communication could be had with the courts of Scotland. The evidence sent was a accurate as to details that the monor was sent without hesitation. During their stay in New York they busied themselves looking up the whore abouts of the defrauded brother, who was a dissolute fellow and who had become a physicai wreck at has accounts. He had mar-ried in New York and had one child —a boy, and later had drifted to



of the Warm Springs band was elated and lost no time in selecting 50 of his bravest men and setting out with them on the warpath. Follet adopted the Warm Springs head dress and, al-though he needed but little painting. he also did this out of an abundance of precaution that the finake warriors

CEAPTER XII. A Compact. When Hammersley entered his home he found three of the cowboys who had started in pursuit of Egon and his band of warriors to recip-ture Bertha Lyle. They had followed the Indians to a point opposite the trapper's abole and had come to his place the night before to secure his nadvice and ansistance. One whose habit it was to stroll about camp in place the night before to secure his advice and essistance. One whose habit it was to stroll about camp in the early mornings with the futal re-sult already known to the reader. Hammeraley concluded that it was remover to inform them they much and had had a coperionce in the information of the reader. Hammeraley concluded that it was remover to inform them they much and had had had the performance in the information of the reader. Hammeraley concluded that it was

nly had 36 men with him now and Dan Follett knew the lay of the ountry as well as any Indian of the lag would be made impossible. For to this burry in a contract the

and get a good start before the fol- hnate that piles one set of workinen While the Snakes felt reasonably gangs of men are working at a dozen resembled the legal seir, swore to the separate contracts, while between rights of William Lyle and James stock with care. The animals were to his identity, the agreement all driven to camp at night and pick-

-a boy, and later had drifted to Chicago and then no trace had been heard of him. But they learned that there was a sallor who was intimately



mules and horses in camp near And Butte, and that there were only about 35 men in charge of them, the lender MEANS SACRI MEANS SACRIFICE OF LIVES.





In the rush of building in the down-own districts of Chicago the element is to the part of the second seco of time in the construction is of vital low to stop work because something or time in the consequence when the question of possibly may fail through the bole and ground rents is considered; where a crush a man's skull. No; the condition set knowled down to me at \$40, and man, firm, or corporation is paying perhaps \$25,000 a year for a ground lease it is necessary that the building shall not be any longer under way "Right there the conditions are all raid." Not the condition having skull. Not the condition was knocked down to me at \$40, and I was wondering if anybody would take it off my hands at half that when the city marshal called on me and taid. reward without question, as the read-reward without question, as the read-than the greatest haste in building ripe for the unexpected to happen-as than the greatest haste in building ripe for the unexpected to happen-as makes unavoidable. But if in this the unexpected always does. Indeed, your

arty at Ash Butts and sent couriers rush of building it should be brought a rivet may full, red-hot, through a Four lot by the head." " home to the builders that a steel struc-ture forced to completion in six months instead of a necessary twelve use there to be an and the structure force to completion in six months instead of a necessary twelve use the builder the other. "Well, it's the only lot in town with a tree on it, and I want to use that

months should offer up a sacrifice of under the other.

a Christian civilization would make such protest that a six months build-ing would be made impossible. For to this hurry in a contract the builders of Chicago credit greater loss pred to say to blazes with the ma

they full; their carelessness largely is that of men who work looking to the further, I wrote to the marshal, and in

other fellow to take care of himself, reply he said: provided he is not of themselves." "Sorry to in Accidents that Happen.

may happen in the work of putting up him." "-Philadelphia Inquirer. floor, formed of loose planking through which hammers, rivets, tongs, bricks, a great building, an accident that broke both legs of a riveter in the new

and one tools and materials of build- Chicago postolice building may be re that phonographic doll natural? called. A heavy derrick had been put up on

the third floor, and in order to anchor of accidents on any building to this the legs of it ropes had been looped haste that sets one set of of workmen above another." said the superintend- on the floor below, and for tightening

them wooden levers were run through the ropes and twisted, shortening the doubled ropes and thus holding the ting others know it. heels of the doirtick firmly to place. due to falling missiles, and just to the One day a riveter working above the extent that one gang of men is plied upon another through a structure, just ropes holding this derrick chanced to look down and saw one of these an to that extent one may expect these missiles in failing to find victims, chor ropes on fire from cinders dropped from a forge above. It was burn Many Trades Wor ing at Once.

above another until perhaps a dozen

ing briskly. The derrick was lifting a "Haste, as it is ordinarily underload at the time, and in order to avoid tood, is not accountable for undue acneeldent it occurred to the riveter that idents. As a rule, men working upon he must put out the fire quickly. Seizbuilding do not work in a rush. Steel ing a column, he dropped down, hand workers do, but they are the exception. over hand, to the next floor and sprang Haste in building means the beginning for the binzing rope just as the strands

HUMOR OF THE WEEK

STORIES TOLD BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Odd, Curious and Laughable Phases of Human Nature Graphically Portrayed by Eminent Word Artists of Our Own Day-A Budget of Fun.

"Which do you think should be more highly esteemed, money or brains?" "Brains," answered Senator Sorghum. "But nowadays the only way a man can convince people that he has brains is to get money."-Washington

A Southing Assurance.

"Are you going to do anything about that little hill that I left with you?" asked the collector gently. "No," answered the man who is hard "you needn't worry. I'm too high principled to resent the insult." Washington Star.





Mr. J .- My little man, I do not keep fowls! Johnnie-Why, papa said you were awfully henpecked!

The Wind Did It.

nuction," snid a drummer, "and in a

" Look here, pard, I want to lease "'What do you mean by head?]

"Another thing making accidents in tree when there's a hanging to be

desert. There was not a tool of it that he had not ridden over time and again, and not a watering place at which he had not camped. He led the Warm Springs warriors to the place in the night time and it was decided to make the raid at midnight decided to make the raid at midnight devidual in individual in individual make; it is the dividual in individual metrics on set of workmen that decided to make the raid at midnight decided to make the raid at midnight is a conduct the basis of the make; it is the dividual in individual metrics on set of workmen that of men who work looking to the that of men who work looking to the

"'Sorry to inform you that your old tree has blowed down and that we now To show how easily the unexpected have to walk a man a mile to hang

Man of It.

Mrs. Wederly (in toy store)-Isn't

Wederly-It certainly is. Even after it gets through talking it can't keep its mouth shut.

Pa Explains. Little Willie-Say, pa, what's ability? Pa-Ability, my son, is the art of knowing how you know without let-

The Family Razor. Briggs-I wonder why Growells and his wife are always quarreling? Diggs-She has corns and he shave himself; that's why.



C use and Effect. "Well, I don't care," sn snapped the golden-haired typewriter boarder, who was getting the worst of the argument. no man ever amounted to anything except through the inituence of some

"I agree with you there," coolly rebined the old inchelor at the foot of the table. "I know a young man who has always been in the small-potato class heretofore, but he recently fell violently in love and now he is the greatest idiot outside a daffy house."

Strictly Business Busy Merchant-Well, air, what do

roti Want? Timid Youth-Y-your daughter's

hand. Busy Merchant-Can't give it to you.

sir. Either take her entire or leave her. We are not doing an installment business.

Feminine Idea. He-The world rarely praises a man until after he dies,

She-Naturally. He-Why naturally? She-Because that's about all the

world can find to praise bim for. Limited Practice.

Myer-The lecturer spoke slowly, almost painfully, as one not accusto to talking.

Gyer-Well, I don't wonder at that. You see, he has been married thirtythree years .- Pittsburg Gazette.

Favorites, "I like dear little bables before they have learned to talk, don't you, Mr. Smythe?

"Indeed, I do. Before they have learned to talk there is no danger of their parents telling you the remarkable things they said."

In Tenement Row. "Miss Mahoole got so proud that she ought a gasoline shtove ruther then go after coal."

"Phwat's th' difference? Don't she have to carry th' can av gasoline?" "X's, but she sez people moight think she owns an automobile."

Affianced.

Grace-She is engaged to two men; one she chose for herself and the other her mother chose for her. Edith-Dear me!

Grace-Yes; she calls them her inended and her superintended, respect-

Her Only Chance



He-My dear Miss Samantha! Here's my hand!

She-Ohl Archie. This is so sudden!

The Feminine Dilemma. Cordelia-It worries me to buy

clothes. Cornelia-Why?

Cordelia-Oh, I can't decide whether to look styllsh and be uncomfortable, or to be comfortable and look dowdy.

Real Summer GirL. "Say, old man, what is a summer girl ?"

"A summer girl is a rack to stretch shirt waists on; inside is a receptacle for lobster saind and ice cream, while outside is an attachment for diamond rings."-Life.

Proof of Affection.

"I don't believe you love me," pouted the bride of a month.

"Not love you, Mabel? Why, you are never out of my thoughts."

"And yet five minutes ago when I came behind you in the chair and put my hands over your eyes you asked: is it?" -PhHadel American.

Whether the vigor intended for the weak points go to the brain or the prostrated invalid concentrates all force upon this organ, or whatever may be the cause, this often proves Hammersley needed counse and, while the daughter was bright and possessed extraordinary intelli-gence for one so young, he decided first to consult the experienced futher, quar

Having provided temporary q ters for the young woman and quested the cowboys to remain un-til he could consult with them on matters of Importance the trapp quietly stole away to the invalid's The consultation lasted eral hours but whon he returned it cid not take loss to been the plans formed. Ho went straight to Bertha and acquainted her with the fact that and acquainted her with the con-ber father still lived, and then conducted her to als presence. The scene that followed is doubtless famillar to the reader's imagination. The trapper left them alone together and returning called the men to-gether and make them acquainfed with the entire situation.

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When these bardy men of the des-ert heard the story of the trapper to say that they were indignant would be putting it mildly. They had never suspected treachery in the myster-tous disappearance of James Lyle and now that the wicked Lord of The Desert had been proven guilty and Lad also conspired to have the child murdered by Old Egan, they were ready to attempt anything. The further fact of their long chase and further fact of their contrade in the cause did not noften their tempers. They would have gone straight to the stone house and deliberately killed Martin Lyle and his colleague, Fol-lett., But Hammersley impressed

them that there was other work more important just at this time. The cowboy of the Oregon desert of those days, like the cowboy of that section today, was a man of intelli-gence. Some of them may have been guilty of some haaty committed of gence. Some of them may have been guilty of some hasty committed of-fense in the east which was the real cause of their presence in this cour-try, but as a rule they were mea of courge, honor and intelligence. The story of James Lyle had opened a way not only to punch Martin Lyle and Follett but also to right the wrongs done other persons. It was built to make the work complete.

wrongs done other persons. It was decided to make the work complete decided to make the work competen-and the cowbays and the trapper then and there entered into a solemn compact to give the matter their un-divided attention until the wrongs were righted.

For many years the trapper had For many years the trapper had been saving his carriags to make a in the Plute camp. They were large-trip to New York and attempt to is in the minority, and of a lease war-carry out the plans of James Lyle. The spirit, but had suffered much He had no other motive than ferret-ing out a great wrong and punishing s great crime, and all of this was in-Old Egan had a large number of

This had been the sole desire of the cripple and trapper for many years. and they had been working together

CHAPTER XIII.

Al Beach

embarrassment his conscience Was

But the part of the story that made tears come to the eyes of Bertha foi-lowed this. On the return of Jim and The Lord of The Desert to their ranch where now stands the great Stons House the brothers grew more distant from each other. Scarcely a civil word ever passed be-tween them and Martin was continued. scarcely a civil word ever passed be tween them and Marin was continual-ly plotting with Dan Follett. One cold winter day while James and Follett were riding the

and Follett were riding the range they took chelter from a snow storm back toward Ash Butte,

"Old Egan has not been sleeping," replied Follett, as he .saw a rich flame of fire rise from the summit of

they took chelter from a snow storm in a cavern in the rimrocks. Uner-pocted to James the Canadian ap-proached him from the rear and gave him a stunning blow across the head with a branding iron which he had carried into the cavern. He ropented the blows until he thought his victim was dead and dumped his body into a crevanse by the wall of the cavern. It was the following day before James Lyle regained consciousness, and the anow and sleet had blown in from ahove almost covering his body. His hands and feet were frozen, but not-

nbove almost covering his body. His hands and feet were frozen, but not withstanding this condition be climbed out of the crevasse and half walking and half-dragging himself, he bad ust passed through a caryon and had entered another plateau. A look out was sent to the top of the rim tor the Frenchman and his brother in eatnest conversation, and heard the French man give the details of his own mur-fer and saw his brother pay him \$500 for the deed. ther and saw his brother pay his one was coming from the southeast and the other was coming from the southeast He went to the stables, procured a southwest and each of these bands

from the storm on the plains,

CHAPTER XIV.

Surprises.

Dan Follett reached the Warm Springs village and found the war-riors of this tribe anxious for a raid

embarrasement his conscionce was now at ease for the part he had laken in the swindle, except that he desired to see the real heirs in possession of their inheritance. But the part of the story that made away in a southerly direction. Out of away in a southerly direction. Out of the south are the real as the story that made away in a southerly direction. Out of the story that made away in a southerly direction the story the story that made away in a southerly direction. Out of the story that made away in a southerly direction to the story the story that made away in a southerly direction the story the story that made away in a southerly direction to the story the story that made away in a southerly direction the story the story that made away in a southerly direction to the story the story that made away in a southerly direction to the story the story that made away in a southerly direction to the story the story that made away in a southerly direction to the story the story that made return to the Warm Springs camp in a

for the half breed knew all of the foreman going through a building may

the boards for wiring the building. or for the conducting of pipes between floors, throws down his tools and says he will quit work if he is to be inter-

cating it as they hurried away. The wary Egan had discovered the route taken by the Warm Springs warriors and had signaled his bands, who were coming to join him accord-ingly, and they were at once put upon the trail of the raiders and Old Egan had already joined the band coming from the southeast in person.

Dan Follett now became the most active man among them.

(To be continued.)

viring, fireproofing, carpentering urned through. This los plastering, bricklaying, plumbing, and tight wound lever, which whizzed perhaps certain lines of finishing, be-fore the structural steel is up to the level of the sixth floor of a sixteenstory building In fact, on an ordi-nary down-town building going up in

rush twenty-five separate trades perience of a foreman that many men have been at work through the struc-"Ordinarily a person familiar with There is an ordinance which requires

the builder to see that the floors in a To the average workman walking skeleton structure should be planked over. So they are, but with a dozen gangs of men working at a dozen lines 200 feet above the pavement, the ele of work on a dozen floors, you may see where the element of chance plays. A height at readily as a person in see a board or two boards or three boards in a floor out of place. He orders that the hole be covered over for the protection of everybody below it. The order sults everybody below. but the man who may have removed fered with in his work. What is the preserving many lives .- Chicago Tribcontractor to do? It is a rush job; he une.

CONVENIENT SHOE FASTENER.

ture at the same time.



AN UPWARD FULL FARTENS THE SHOE.

for when a man is in a hurry, as most and closed. As the fastener is made of men are in this century, he does not spring metal it will allow sufficient want to consume any more of his time movement of the ankle to prevent hind

in dressing than is necessary. In the accompanying drawing is lace or button shoes. John F. Hawkes, shown what is probably the most rapid of Jersey City, N. J., is the inventor.

around, striking the workman across the legs, breaking both of them and throwing him off his feet, twenty feet As to workmen falling, it is the ex-

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lose their nerve on buildings; that some fright or narrow escape so impresses the possibilities of danger upon them that while they may continue to work, and may believe that they are as steady as over, they are really a constant menace to every one about

about the skeleton of a new building, ment of height cuts no figure so far as his nervous system is concerned; he can walk a six-luch beam at that the street can keep to the line of a street car rall. But persons in the street occasionally step into coal holes or trip over obstructions, and to this extent at least the workman on high buildings is not immune from failing. In case of failing nowever, the ordinance he started down hill he linds it com requiring temporary flooring up paratively easy.-Chicago News, through a building is the means of

shoe fastener yet placed on the market, as there is but one motion of the hand necessary to complete the work of securing the edges of the uppers. vantage of this invention is that it can be used in connection with a shoe riginally intended to be secured with ventors? laces, the labor of making the altera-

As illustrated in the drawing, this fastening device consists of a series of projecting studs arranged on either edge of the upper with a telescoping a barytone?" slide arranged to engage the studs and "Neither; I'd draw the edges of the upper toward delphia Bulletin. each other as the actions are expanded. it will be seen that by grasping the outer section of this fastener and giving it an upward pull the inner sections will arrange themselves from the bot-tom to the top of the opening, drawing the edges together as they rise. The two sections are shown in the picture to gether with views of the shoe opene

ing, having in this an advantage over

Waunta Know-Is he very ugly? Goetz Dunn-Well, an ordinary tin type would flatter him.

Probably True, Wabash-I wonder what makes old Gotrox dress so shabbily? Monroe-His pride, my boy Wabash-Why, how's that? Monroe-He's afraid his customers will mistake him for one of his cierks. -Chicago News.

Easy Sledding.

Smith-Poor fellow, he has a hard time getting along, doesn't he? Brown-He did for a while, but since

Old Joke.

Nora-They niver hod a cook before awn only got th' oideas from th' comic papers.

Bridget-How do yez know? Norn-Because she asked if Oi was goin' to entertain th' polacemon in th kitchen.

Yet to Come.

Sandy Pikes-So yer like great in Billy Coalgate-Yep; de man dat in

vents a way to shave widout soap will have my admiration.

A Candid Classification "Would you call his voice a tenor "Neither: I'd call it rocky."-Phila-

- One on the Doctor.

Lawyer-Haven't you been attending old Blankerton for some time? Doctor-Yes. Why? Lawyer-Oh, nothing. Only I see by the paper this morning that he is be youd the reach of medical aid.

Doctor-What! He isn't dead? Lawyer-Oh, no. Bankrupt.

Straight Tip. He (cautionaly)-What would yoursy if I should ask you to be my wife? She (more cautiously)-Why don't you ask me and find out?

The World's Judgment. Give little. It will say you might as well have given nothing.

Give something. They will say it is not enough. Give much. General opinion will de

ide you could well give more

Give all, and the world will say you are a fool-Philadelphia North Amer-

Really Unkind. "Your poem is all right," remarked the editor as he laid down the manu cript, "with the exception of the first and last stanzas."

"But there are only two stanzas!" gasped the visitor with the uncut hair. 'Yes, I know," assented the man be hind the blue pencil, as he proceeded to get busy.

Feminine View of It.

Mrs. Wederly-So you have never not the woman you thought you could narry?

Singlaton-Never Mrs. Wederly-Well, I don't wonder

it that. As a rule, women are hard to please.

Quiet Tip. Politician-There goes a man you hould know. He carries the State of Binois in his pocket. Candidate-Indeed? Who is he?

Politician-A map peddler.

Danger of Falling Up.

A fish, says the veracious fish comnission official, must be careful to keep ts level in the water or it will fall up and break itself. A man falls down, out a fish falls up. These tile fish, for instance, are fitted by nature to swim about with 200 to 200 feet of water over their heads. The interior pressure of their bodies counteracts outer pressure. But if one of them blunders along upward until out of his depth there is sudden upward suction, and the tile fish shoots to the surface, his lungs filled with air to the bursting point, his eyes burst from their sockets and he explodes. It is daugerous for a fish to fall upward.

To Be Consistant.

Deacon Snow-Does I un'erstan', parion, dat yo' opinionate dat Adam wus colored man?

Parson Johnsing-Yo' diagnoss mals views c'reckly, sub. Deacon Snow-Den I s'pose yo' 'low

dat dat apple wus in reality a watabmillion .- Philadelphia Frees.

