WICKLY'S WOODS

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CHAPTER V. The depth of the wide ravine and the phenomenal height of the great trees of this primeval forest of Indiana, together constituted an inclosure so high walled as to shut out all sights, save

itself and patches of sky, black veined with the great oak limbs, and mottled With bunches of green leaves.

The moist, cool sides of the long 'hol-

and the dense canopy of overhanging leaves, layer above layer, had prevented the two explorers from feeling to any noticeable degree the stifling heat and "unbreatheableness" of the atmos-phere, as Mr. Mason put it.

Now that they had reached the very areat of the "ridge," and come upon a apat of "open" ground, perhaps two or three acres in extent, in which there were from some unknown cause but a few large oak trees widely scattered, they were auddenly aware that they could run no longer, and both walked silently and languidly toward the large round tom new quite conspicuous. At the door they paused, looked in each other's faces, and inughed.

'I'm afraid you are an alarmist, Mr. Mason. See! Not a drop of rain has fallen yet. And there is not even the most distant mutter of thunder, although that cloud is black enough as to its wings, and but isn't it breaking up before it can reach us? Noe what a light space right in the middle of the cloud. You can almost see the blue sky through

Now I know you are an alarmist." She booked round at Mr. Mason, and ans positive that he had not heard her. With his yellow straw hat pulled hard down upon his brown-gray tocks worn decidedly too long, she thought-he was his rather heavy, broad chin thrust forward in the attitude that is interpreted tween you and the worst." to mean determined resistance or florce attack.

His face was pale, or the darkness made it seem coloriess, and his blue eyes. were widely opened as if to take is the whole scope and meaning of the heavens without in the least aftering that pose of determined resistance.

Looking at him thus, there came upon Linay Wickly a new and strange sense of great dread of something she had no notion what—and with it a compensating sense of reliance in the strong, determined, defiant man before her.

He even seemed in that instant to be revealed to her in a totally new and imglare from the strange, swift cloud that was now coming down upon them from the west, with a frightful relocity the wall. faintly indicated in the sprays of grayish ashen vapor that flow before it like great gray birds fluttering in a wild, whin agony of terror.

Mason turned sublenly and ran into the tent, and in a moment came backing out and dragging a confused mass of her, and drew back a little way. bravy two-inch rope and canvas tarpaulin after him.

"Help me with these," he said in a law, close voice; "take this end of the repe and get it out of the tangle, if you

He dropped it at her feet, and once more plunging into the tent, came out backward again, carrying this time a beavy sledge and a mass of large ironringed tent pins.

Carrying these with him, dropping a ple here and there, as he run a little way down the eastern slope of the hill, saw that he stopped at a pile of the

to glow in her mind, and she rook the end of the cable and dragged it, unconing from its taugle like the dun gray are mi of the storm, down coward him.

He was already swinging the great sledge as a child would which a top hamdriving the long, stout stakes deep into the firm clay with psenderous strokes above heavy sound reverberated up and flown the many converging ravines like the beating of the wings of the storm wood He turn breast.

Even in the silent horror of anticipashe would not fail to note the practical skill and precision of the man. She waw him seize stake after stake exactly at the right point with his reined and muscular left hand just below the trearing that encircled the head of the pia then with one light tap of the sledge the stake was standing situated smartly outward, the strong man with a fierce, even vengeful book in his face, was acarding back whirling the heavy hammer in wide. perpendicular circles, bringing it down with a force that soon want the ironed Then a step would being him to another pin and so the became stop out from our second switze gavets drive bogie

Now, help me with this rope, Miss Lines." he said in the rapid, absorbed person that indicates intrace mental serious

She did not ark what she must do, as at other times she certainly would; but als seemed to be able to take her direcfrom the glances of his girroring name he he moved with surprison republic and strength, drawing the heavy cable is mysterious knots about pin after pin. moves of the streets a pairway of the street rope across the opening of the shallow pit whose bineish looking floor she could ee eight feet below the edge. Then the christen was repolly drawn two chirds of the way across the hole and functioned the tying of many small cords recessi-

in close set eyelics along its edge. "Now," he said, after taking one rapid cause at all the surrounding, "we have tope all that can be done by human foreeight in such an emergency as this. The the worth of us. But if not-

He council speaking. She coupt up to his side and rock his arm is wherea, the souther examines refregula has steam and confusates of her med of protection and her belief that he afterded it.

his pointed to the widening control, cloud, his opening as aymmetrically round as if made with all the elaborate apparethe heatstelled to modern civil engineer

Across the opening searce the lower search in the new, white little church, edge than the nipper, and erretching is a save and excepting a down godiess lock horizontal line from our to run of the of fifteen to twenty years, who came eniths heavens, few what seeked must galloping up like a troop of wild Indiana.

like an innumerable flock of wild pigeons uch as used to fly twice in a year across the whole western continent in an almost unbroken line.

"What is it? What are they?" she asked, in a terror of curious wonder. A vast low-noted roar began to make most twigs of the tallest poplars, the

broad leaves began to be whirled about in a growing fury. "Look! look!" he said, pointing to the edge of the wood. "There is the answer to your question."

the hills tremble. High up in the top-

As he spoke a cloud of brown, dead leaves seemed to rise up from the edge of the furest like a mighty covey of whirring qualis frightened at the ap-proach of the buutsmen of the upper air, and flew away to the hills for enfe-Then, too, the air was filled with green leaves. Little twigs of poplar and oak, and pieces of the iron-like covering of the shellbark, dropped about them.

Lower bent the trees, as if preparing for a mighty leap, an attack upon all the harshest powers of sound, and then the whole universe seemed smitten with one roaring, stunning crash that filled all space with the darkness of flying leaves and twigs, and branches, and dust, and stinging gravel, and the crushing, and rending, and splintering of mighty trees.

Shouting something in her ear that she was utterly unable to distinguish, he seized her about the waist and literally dropped her into the pit below the Sapping and beating tarpaulis. In an insinnt he was at her side, and here his shrillest tones could be distinguished even in the awful roar of the cyclone, and the

redoubling crash of splintering trees "Keep up against this side of the pit! standing with face slightly upturned and It is safest here! Don't try to move, no matter what happens! I will stand be-

She knew that he took her in his arms and pressing her to his breast, held her mmovable against the side of the firm clay wall with her whole figure almost welded into his own. She knew it, but she made no protest. She saw that this was the very extremity of devotion and courageous self-interposition against au ninent and appalling death.

She thought of it as with crash after crash great trees thundered down to the celing, resonnding earth, whipping their smaller topmost branches down upon tarpaulin and taut cable petting, with stun-ning report like the crackle of rifes in the roar of artillery. One great splintered oaken branch tore through the turpanim and pinned it against the opposite side of the pit at the very bottom of

Then there came a mighty dash of falling waters, and the fury of the cycast. She did not realise that the awful peril was over, until he gently and almost stealthily unclasped his arms from about

"I will get up and see if I can draw the tarpaulin far enough over to keep the rain out," he said goutly as he reached up and drew himself along the sturdy oakon branch that the storm had hurled upon them in its rage at their escape. Presently he came back. "I couldn't move it an inch," he said, with a faint smalle. "But the rain will be practically over in half an hour, and I think our curvers of refuge will not be deluged by that time.

Nevertheless they were compelled to abandon their cavern of refuge, as he had named it-some minutes before the reshish yellow clay that indicated the rain had entirely ceased. Again he climb-location of one of the pits. ed up, and fring down upon the unbroken both her hands in his own.

> "See how apparent extla work out for our good," he said lenghingly. evelope had not harled this ragged out insh into our cavers, I should be compelled to make a rope ladder for you. As it is, you can walk up it with my There, put your heet upon that little sang. It's as hard as iron and will support twice your weight. Now, let me take you, so. There: You are once more above ground, and safe. Look around you and judge of the awful flore of a real cyclene, and the saving grace of pit that I seems you was not dug for neighbor, although furtimately she fell into it at the right moment."

"Or was cost late it he my leaders abe said with an effect at garery. And then seeing the sudden shadow upon his face, she hastened to say . "Love at this path through the forest. Mr. Mased. Bliefy tree out down as if he the blows of some titunic at. Nothing but the similar axplings and dwarfed bushes consisting. Acresity, I may see straight down into the Argue-cred village of Sandtown. And if I can see clearly, there "So keitle been a read lifted off."

"Not The storm burged over that portion of the river bellow-a le probably from the opposite kinds allebeas just in the edge of year property. Mos Liny, Look! Youder are your Argus eyed villagers trooping up here to Look! Youder are your make sourch for on. You see what an interest they take in you. I believe that is your father in the lead there-picking his way through the debrie of the storm. Wave your handkerchief! Or does he see on already? Well, I will resign you to him while I undertake a tedious bust after my rest and a certain heavy cheet of valuable instruments that must be somewhere in the ruins. I will see yes. and make comparisons of montal noise. this evening or re-smerow afternoon, Miss Sorry for the spollation of that Lines. profty dress and levely hat? But I did

He was gone before she could even bogie to form a fitting reply. Hours afestimated by Rosered Sources and Synamics Sandjown redenses, in not thanking him in some fitting phrass.

CHAPTER VI.

On the moreow there was the congregation at Mesni Sten as senal, to hear that air foller" lecture on some everyday theme, when the regular prescher was not there, and what happened two Sundays out of the four or five in such WHISTON,

After a little waiting energicity was

and sat in their saddles or rode about under the long, drooping limbs of the sparsely growing beeches that cast their cool, quiet Sunday shadows over Mount Elon Church,

Even they ceased their ordinary occupation of switching each other's horses to make them jump, and knocking off each other's hats to compel the unfortunate hatless to dismount in order to recover that portion of his Sunday attire.

In fact, all this "wild set" of boys who came here from a distant neighborhood paused in their gambols when it whispered about that "the new preacher" was not only absent from his post, but absent from all the purlieus of Sandtown.

At first there was much speculation and many various opinions as to the probable whereabouts of Mr. Mason. He had gone away from his work on several other occasions, it is true, but never before had he gone without teiling 'Coonrod" Redden just where he was going and precisely when he would be back.

Linny Wickly was greatly annoyed at this unforescen impediment in the way of the prompt amends that she had so fully contemplated making on that very day. She remembered now that she had always treated Mr. Mason a little brusquely, even maybe patronizingly, when she wasn't teasing him.

This she knew, grew out of her vast respect, and even reverence, for his amployer which feeling she was compelled last to confess, had its origin and whole growth in the mystery with which Prof. Huntley chose to surround him-

She had been driven to think of him as so earnestly devoted to the one noble calling of patiently wringing out Earth the secrets of the ages, for the instruction and elevation of mankind, that he could find no time, even if such a man could have the inclination, to mingle with the common people of the vil-

And taking another view, was not Mr Will Mason himself, responsible for Prof. Huntley's decidedly distant attitude toward all the people of Sandtown? Had not Mr. Mason deliberately misrepresented her father's family to Prof. Hunt-

If he had told his employer that the Wicklys were educated people, and far above their surroundings in all mental acquirements-if he had said to him what he had said to her on yesterday afternoon, only, when she had been unusually respectful and considerate toward him?

If he had done this, would not Prof. Huntley have sought and obtained an introduction-an undertaking so easily achieved in Sandtown? And then! Well then, candidly she would have done her very best to interest and impress him.

For she might as well confess to herself now as to evade self-questionings, as she had done for a month past, Lizzy Wickly was in love with Prof. Huntley!

Naw do not sneer at the notion of this really capable young woman being in love with a man she had not seen. Have any of us, who have loved and loved again, had so much the advantage of this remantic young woman? Have we really seen the people we have loved?

On the other hand, have we not been ore effectually prevented from seeing them than if a more few thousands of yards of green summer woods lay per petually between them and us? Have ot all of us awaked from the trance of love to find that our fingers had been caressing asinine ears? And is not this the meaning of the Midsummer Night's

(To be continued)

********** A SONG OF COURAGE. ************

There are times when the mind must be called away from present danger or anxiety, and not allowed even to contemplate the serious and deeper good sense and pluck on the part of a shipped weekly into English ports, young lady who was ship-wrecked. Afteringing an average of two shillings few months ago a most gallant fight per package. He states further that,

the Partie. blicking stramship until those on board turist. had concreted the famous

When the life-busts were isnuched that therk and storing morning, the tous, drive three wire nails from the women and children were retrorized inside, three inches from the bottom. in the face of the threatening tragedy. In one boat a roice was lifted inprayer, and the sound of weeping was board above the our of the waters. Some one mised the song, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and with frembling lips the fear-dased company boxed. The prayer and the hymn combined to dropen the merbid gloom, and the last note of the sacred aveg died in a chorus of sobs.

Then, strong and clear, a cheery voice made all all up and listen.

"What is the matter with you peo ple?" It said. "We've not going to die. The fire is growing smaller. We shall all be in our broks in an hour. If to hang the bag on. Make a bole pen must sing sing 'Redella' ?

haunty popular song, and in a few me- on side of harm, hang up the frain, means to the amazonisan of themselves fasten bag to it, and you are ready to and the wonder of the workers abound shavel in the grain. the measure, every one in the boats was singing "Sedella."

From that it was an easy step to other airs of a lively nature, and long before the boats were recalled their accupants were almost enjoying the and fourteen pounds of hay every movedly of their stern situation.

The Pacific Steamship Company decorated with gold and silver medals the capitaln and men who risked their lives to save the ship and personapres. They also presented a token to the bim all be will eat of a stream-rooked being two rich. Secure bealthy and Singing Bedella."

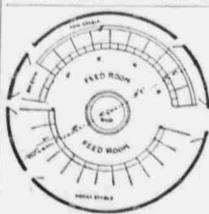
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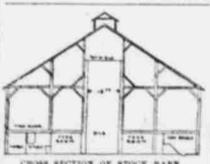
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Circular Stock Barn. The accompanying ground floor and ross section plans are for a circular barn 72 feet in diameter. The basement walls are of concrete, 8 feet high and 12 inches thick. The posts of the superstructure are 16 feet high. The frame can all be constructed by splicing 2-inch planking. The basement provides room for 20 cows, 16 horses and one box stall. Other box stalls may be built near the allo, which oc-



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

cuples the space in the center of the building. The silo is 12 feet in diameter inside, and 35 feet high. The wall of the silo is 18 inches thick for the bottom, and one foot thick the remaining 27 feet. The jog in the sile walls provides a rest for the joists of the barn floor. The sile will hold sufficient corn silage for 20 cows for about 170 days. The small squares shown in the ground floor plan in the feed room in front of the cows indicute the position of the purline posts. The horse stable carries the remaining purline posts. If a sile is not desired, the center of the basement could be used for a root house, which might be made 20 feet across. A rectangular



CHOSS SECTION OF STOCK BARN

barn of the same capacity as this one could be built more cheaply.

Tomatoes Sold in England. Consul Stephens asserts that duraspects of an emergency. The San log last August, there were one hunfor life in a storm at see took place in although the American tomato is recognized as the equal of any other, if When the Queen, with two hundred not superior to it, yet the American some aboard, was about thirty miles product is not to be found in the Engof Tilinmook, fre was discovered to lish markets but that the whole The affect cuties. A heavy gale was amount imported conses from France blowing at the time, and the situation and Italy. Here is a broad hint to seemed hepeless. Captain Cousens the American farmer for his surplus first put the women and children, and semmer crop, and perhaps to the all other passengers who were not able shippers of early vegetables in the to assist in lighting fire, this life. South, who might send, with great leads, and innucled them in the profit, some of their early spring vegecomps of experienced men. These tables, particularly the tomato, to the boots remained under the ice of the London market.-American Agricul-

> Simple Bag Holder. Take a firsin. Take out the bot-



MONTH BAR BOLDER

three inches from top large enough to The young woman then scarted the bang on sail, then drive sail in post

Experimental feeding in the United States army has resulted to establishing the following ration of frenge for horses: Twelve pounds of onts day, with a salted bran much twice a week. This may be the best way to feed an army horse, but a shipper who wants to put a high stepper in condition for the market usually feeds mixture made up of one part cracked He who has lost confidence can less and one-half part whole fixneed. An planting, Give clean thorough cultiexperienced feeder mays this ration, ration,

with bay, will transform a thin borse into a fat, sleek, high-lifed one, quick-

The farm land sales in McLean county, Illinois, on Wednesday numbered 165, the average price was \$135 an' acre, and the amount of money involved was \$640,000, as against \$497,-000 a year before and \$346,000 two years before.

The rising prices of land in the lillnois corn beit thus shown are typical of a change of attitude toward investments that is going on all over the United States.

The time was when the great maority of the American people regarded and as the most desirable of investments. Of course, this belief was largely due to the fact that forms of investment now familiar did not then been obscured by the more brilliant at- was to strike the first blow. tractions of corporation securities and which is now reasserting itself.

Of course, most of these purchases Tripell, arrived in New York. of land in this Illinois county were made by men who intend personally against the city of San Domingo. to work the farms. But undoubtedly some of them were made by men who are not now farmers and may never be-men who are active in business been with Commodore Barron at the and the professions. Such men are bembardment of Tripoli, marched his buying productive farms because they men to Cairo, where he awept all befeel that no other investment is so fore him and collected troops, camela,

A man may be crowded out of his Libyan desert for Derne, and rubed profession, his mercantile ventures may fall from causes wholly beyond his control, the corporations in which he has invested money may pass dividends and default on their bonds. But the returns from good land are as certain as the return of seed time and barvest.

Through business depressions and financial panies and political revolutions the land is always there and always yielding its fruits to labor. It is the aurest form of investment because t is the foundation of all wealth -Chicago Inter Ocean.

Take Care of the Farm Team. The farm team during the busy scason should be taken care of properly. When taking a drive to town don't rush the farm borses. If the causing much damage to property. farmer is without a driving team or borse, he should not forget that fast flesh and is a hard strain on the work years, the slave population remaining horses. It pays to keep the harness stationary. adjusted, oiled and made pliable at all times to prevent sore shoulders and galls. Keep it so adjusted as to fit the horse it is intended for. Not only should the barness be adjusted properly, but the farm implements as well. See to it that the clevis and whiftletrees are doing their work at a proper angle and that all implements are be. duties on imported goods. ing run smoothly so as to reduce the

draft as much as possible. When a hot day's work is over, it French lines to Sevastopol. is a good plan to wash the parts covered by the harness, especially the Hungary, the country having been in Francisco Call gives an instance of dred thousand packages of tomatoes that they are kept clean; if there is One hundred and fifty thousand perdirt lodged in the hoofs remove it, and sons were out of employment in Liverkeep the feet looking clean.

The above suggestions, if earried out, will have much to do in keeping was presented to Congress. the work team comfortable and in getting the most out of them.

Farm Notes. You cannot keep the place too clean. Forty Years Ago. A little kerosene will brighten a

It is the solids in a cow's milk that determines her value. A good time to prune trees is just

after they have leaved out. In breeding be careful not to drop ntility points to get standard.

red to run the incubator in the house? given up." Cockle is said to be poisonous. Too. much of it is apt to kill the fewig.

The value of the manure depends more upon the feed thun upon the ani. prohibiting officers or attaches of the Plant rarly garden track only to

ground in first-class condition and well fertilized. Spring cleaning should apply to the preparing to execusiv Richmond. barn and cellur as well as to the

record of the bouse Give hoose plants as much light as possible during the day and darkness with a lower temperature at night.

Scatter wood ashes in the orchard; they contain the properties most needed to make bealthy trees and good

Any attempt to grow something that is not well adapted to the sail increases the cost of production and lessens the profit.

Tree roots extend as far as the limbs extend and sometimes fmther. on this account mayure should be mentioned broadcast.

The greater the variety of good grasses in the pasture, the better for the thrift of the stock that freds An repecial advantage with mixed grasses is that they give a hoper season of pasture.

In order to grow small fruits soccessfully, it is essential to have a fertile soil. There is little danger of its vigerous plants. He careful not to alcorn, one part of cats, two parts bran low the roots to become dry in trans-



One Hundred Years Ago.

The first Trappist monks arrived in Lexington, Ky.

William Hull was appointed the first governor of Michigan

Twelve ships of the line were sompieted in Spain for sea duty.

Napoleon started on his second jeurexist. But it was partly due to a new acress the Alps into Italy. War sound instinct whose workings have was inevitable, and Bonaparte's policy Commodore Preble, who so galfantly

commanded the American fleet at French troops began the march

Italian ports were ordered closed to Hoglish ships.

General William Eaton, who had and stores for his journey across the the American flag over that etty.

Seventy-five Years Ago.

Grants of land were being made in India to Europeans who would settle in the country.

The Russian government decreed that all Jesuits entering the country were to be select and sent to Riberta. An extensive scheme of forgery was detected in Bengul, India. A great fire occurred at Bergen, Nor-

Civil was was raging in Venezuela. The first one cent daily newspaper n the United States was immed in Philadelphia.

Great freshets caused the river Dan-

way, and 200 houses were destroyed.

ube to rise over twenty-three feet, It was announced that the white and Hottentot population at the Cape of driving on the road means a loss of Good Hope had doubled in twenty five

lifty Years Ago. Nicholas I., Emperor of Russis, died,

aged 50 years. Several men were killed in a slot in saloon in New York City.

The House passed a bill reducing the

The Russians, after a battle of three bours, were driven back from the Executious occurred almost daily in

shoulders and back, with cold sait an unsettled state since a war with Austria.

pool.

The sword worn by General Jackson

The Calcurta railroad opened for passenger traffic.

Gold dropped to 19016 in New York, a fall of five points, on the news of the Wilmington occupation. It was reported that Lee had gone

South to operate against Sherman, leaving Joe Johnson in command at Richmond. Governor Vance, of North Carolina, issued a war proviamation "that the

Does the insurance policy permit struggle for freedom shall never be The \$000,000,000 loan bill massed the

United States Senate. President Lincoln signed the law army or navy from interfering with

the elections in the several States. Much excitement was caused in the North by reports that Lee's army was

Thirty Years Ago.

London reported that European troops had been withdrawn from Yokinhama. French correspondence to American

newspapers declared that the prospect of a constitutional government la France was imminent The presidential electure bill, presiding that no State could be disfrun-

chised without the joint approval of both bruses, passed the Senate. The force bill was being fought over in the House, the habons corpus clause

being especially condemned by Repub-The United States Senate passed the civil rights bill and the House ap- 44

proceed the force bill. The House adopted the so-called "Lenistana compositions' resolutions. The United States Senate passed Colorado and New Mexico annexation pilit, with amendments conditioning

their effect. Investy Years Ago.

President-elect Cleveland and party encomentationally left Albany for Wash-