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They walked their borses for half an hour, and Dinsdale was beginning to believe the slarms of the night had been exhausted when the gambler swore softly and warned:

"They're coming !" Dinsdale cut in ahead of him, both hand-guns drawn, and sharply said:
"No place for rifles! I'm using

hand-guns. Shoot by the fiesh of them if you can." "I'm sitting in with my derringers

They'll know I'm deeling. And Joe's stirrup rubbed against Dinsdale's. The horses stood motionless, their ears pricked forward to catch the telltale sounds. Dinsdale

suddenly whispered: "No Injun's feet making that racket! White man's boots. Only one man, at that. Keep behind me so we won't e shooting each other."

San Juan fell back. Dinsdale cocked gun and held it half raised. The clattering footsteps drew nearer. The affair took on a new complexion when shrill scream of despair cut the night; and Dinsdale felt the roots of his hair prickling as he pictured the anther spring of a Sloux on the back of the victim. The scream was anwered by a chorus of diabolical owls. Again came the terrified cry, and the gambler exclaimed:

"A woman!" "She must have broken loose from " Dinsdale cried. "Here she He leaped from the saddle, hem!" groped with his hands and threw his rms about a wildly struggling form. "Hush your noise, child." For the gure was very slight. "We're white nd friends," he added.

"Save me! Save me!" she faintly hricked, now clinging to him. "Save ne. or kill me!" "Get ler on to the horse. We must

ide through them," softly warned the He drove his horse alongside Dins-

ale and cried: "III, girl! Keep shut if you want o be saved. You're all right."

The Indians redoubled their ferolous cries as Dinsdale mounted and ulled the girl up after him, much as f she had been a bag of menl. He drew her across the horse behind him and directed:

"Sit straddle! Arms around my waist. My waist, not my neck! All ready, Joe. Let her go!"

The Indians, confident of soon overtaking their victim, were using time and breath in voicing their bloodcurdling cries. They had heard the girl cry out but attached no significance to lt. They never dreamed that succor was at hand for her until they heard the thudding of swift hoofs, and then It was too late for them to take shelter.

For a moment they listened, astounded. Then Dinsdale and the gambler were upon them, both hands of each spitting fire. The first flashes of Dinsdale's heavy guns revealed the posttion of the Indians; then it was over before the red men had had time to

realize it had commenced. With the crashing boom of the big Colts and the murderous bark of the derringers three of the five bucks dropped on the canyon floor and went to talk with the ghosts. The other two managed to crawl to one side, bleeding profusely. Fifty rods up the canyon Dinsdale checked the mad rush of his horse.

"Those shead must have heard our guns. They'll be laying for us," he

From behind them rose the ululating cry of a wolf, a signal of discovery. The cry quavered and abruptly ceased as a wounded warrior reached the maximum of effort.

"That tells the others the whole story. We must be out of this before daylight-and no turning back. Hi, girl, how many were there of them?" The girl mouned hysterically and clutched the speaker's walst more tightly. Dinsdale reached back and pinched her ear, and commanded: "Stop that noise. How many jumped

you?" "They fired from the sky. They killed Belman and his wife. They killed the Stacey brothers. Young Dawley fired back. They dropped from the sky and used chibs. Oh! Oh! Oh! With clubs! Young Dawley. A dozen, like pictures of devils. Out of the black sky almost into our fire."

"Call it thirteen," said Dinsdale to his companion. "Five or six out of it already. Six or seven left! Not enough for brenkfast! Load up and get going, Pete."

snarled the gambler. "A moment. I'm loaded. Stop your noise, girl, or they'll have your scale?" On swept the horses at a gallop. They plunged recklessly down a steep grade, and their riders were blind men because of the yelvet darkness Then appeared a slight suggestion of light ahead, and this when reached became an abrupt turn in the canyon

Rounding it, they beheld the source of the faint illuminations-a rosy bed of coals, with flames licking through the charred embers of two wagons. The ground was strewn with boxes and bales, and the horses had been butchered! But what constituted a more horrible litter were the mutilated

forms within the zone of light. The girl had named four dead men and one woman. Her rescuers count ed nine stark figures, which meant the Belman outfit had been wiped out with the exception of one-the girl.

"Watch sharp!" yelled San Juan, gailoping into the lead with the reins in his teeth and his derringers ready. There was no sign of the enemy on the canvon floor, and the riders devoted their attention to the walls of broken rock now faintly illumined by the fire. Thirty feet up and on the right-hand side something moved and

dislodged pebbles. Instantly Dinsdale threw up a gun and began firing. With the third bul-let a savage rolled down the uneven slope and sprawled grotesquely across a boulder. He wore three feathers of the golden, or war, eagle in his long black hair. The red paint along the median line of the hair was conspicu-

To count coup Dinsdale bent low to one side, and the girl screamed for him not to drag her from the horse. He snatched away the feathers, only to drop them as several bullets whistled about his head,

San Juan Joe was firing at the left hand wall. Rifles bellowed an answer, filling the canyon with crashing echoes. A dead warrior, his head smashed by a heavy derringer bullet, hung over a rock, his hands hanging down as if he were trying to reach the rifle just below him. Then in a few mighty springs the frightened horses turned a bend in the road and leaped into the darkness. Dinsdale felt the girl's arms relaxing. Replacing his belt guns, he reached around and caught her just as she began to topple into the road. He pulled her around in front of him and placed a hand over her heart. She still lived.

After a mile of reckless traveling the men drew rein and listened. There was no sound of pursuit. Then the

gambler said: "It's near here. Can you hear it? Running water on the right. The spring where the Metz family was wiped out. Five men and two women." The girl gave a little shiver and be-

mn to weep. "She's come to her senses," Dinscale announced. "Get some water and perhaps she'll feel better. Are you hurt, girl? And what's your name"

"I sin't hurt! Wish I was dead. I'm Lottle Carl," she mouned. "They dropped down out of the sky and began shooting. The Stacey boys were mending a broken wheel by the fire." "Any of your folks with them?"

gently asked Dinsdale. "None of my folks. I ain't got any. But they was good to me. Only friends I had. Then they dropped out of the sky like big black birds. They fell almost into our fire. The Staceys and the Belmans was killed in a fiffy. Oh !!

"Can you ride behind me now?" nsked Dinsdale.

"Here in front. I'm 'fraid of the dark when I ride behind you. I'd feel them clawing at me."

In this fashion they came to the upper end of the canyon and into the dawn.

Both stared curlously at the one survivor of the massacre. She was slight of physique, thin of face from horror and probably privations. She looked undernourished, and her coarse gown and man's boots did not make for attractiveness. San Juan Joe, however, something of an expert in feminine appraisals, mentally decided that her large gray eyes and wealth of chestnut hair would some day transform her into a beauty.

"How old are you, girl?" he asked. "Seventeen," she answered, studying them with great frankness.

Dinsdale mumbled: "Thought you was a mite of a child, not more than thirteen by the heft of you." "I ain't very hefty," she admitted. "We was Ohio folks. Now they're all

dead. Wish I was with them!" "That's no way to talk," said Dinsdale. "Troubles are all ended. Tell us how you managed to get away from them.

Her lips trembled, but this time she fought down the hysteria and managed to explain:

"They were so sure of me. I was crazy from it all. They got to danc-



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ing. They began hurting the poor. dead bodies. Oh, but that was awful!" She ceased speaking and bit her lips. Again conquering her weakness, she went on:

"It was while they were busy that I started to walk away. I was hoping they'd kill me quick. Before I knew it I was at the turn in the road. Beyond that the light didn't shine. I began running. I guess you know the rest.

"I couldn't run very fast in these," and she thrust forward a boot, "Seems as if they didn't want to catch me at first. They was hooting and laughing as they come after me. That's about all."

"Now I know what 'trouble' the cards meant and who had to cut the deuce," remarked the gambler. They took to an old lodge-pole trail

and followed it to Pleasant valley Beside a spring the men halted and grand manner. produced bacon, bread and coffee. The gambler started to cook the breakfast



She Ineleted on Attending to the

Cooking. but the girl insisted on taking charge of the coffee pot and frying pan, and gravely informed him: "It's for the woman to get the

menis." San Juan stepped back and stared whimsically at Dinsdale. Like an old housewife, weighted with responsibilities, the girl fried the bacon and made the coffee, then fried the brend in the bacon fat. She had been used to hard work. After they had eaten and while she was washing the utensils at the

"What's to be done with her?" Dinsdale frowned and rubbed his jaw, then gave it up. "Time enough to decide that when

spring San Juan murmured:

we get to Deadwood," he said. "Kitty will take care of her," mused the gambler.

"Kitty?" repeated Dinsdale. "Friend of mine. Good friend, too, but it won't do to stick here any longer. We're too near the canyon. The Injuns may be sneaking round

these parts. We must be going." They followed the road toward Custer and frequently passed old prospect holes, dug the year before, and not a few deserted cabins. At midday they rounded a low hill and came in sight of the town, the first to be laid out in the Black hills and now an excellent example of a "bu'sted" boom. In 1875, when white men were taboo in the hills, it had been a magic town, with a main street half a mile long and crowded with business houses and disreputable resorts. Now its merchants and gamblers and its painted women were hunting their profits in

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Deadwood City. There were some nundred and fifty inhabitants, mostly men, in the town, with row after row of dwellings left to the ravages of squirrels and kindred mischief workers.

San Juan took his companions to a hotel, where the girl was given a room while the men ordered dinner. When she rejoined them they nodded approval. Although her pale face and thin features made her look all eyes, there was no ignoring her neatly brushed hair, fine as spun silk. She

glanced shyly at them and said: "I ain't thanked you for what you've

done for me." "Never mention it," said San Juan bowing gallantly. "Now we'll eat." He ushered them into the dining room, pulled out a chair for Lottle Carl and seated her with quite the

The fare was bountiful, and Lottle Carl found that the tragedy had not killed her appetite. They had finished and the gambler was cutting the end from a cigar when a man rushed into the room and hoarsely cried out:

"Wild Bill's been shot! Done to death from behind by that dirty snake of a Jack McCall! D-n him! If Deadwood City ain't stretched his mis'rable weasan' before now it oughter be bu'sted flatter than this town even is."

"But Wild Bill Hickock! Some one got the drop on Wild Bill?" incredu-

ously gasped Dinsdale. "Get the drop, h-1!" howled the newsbearer. "McCall took grubstakes from him. Made off to be everlastingly obliged to him. Then stood behind him white Bill was playing a few cards and shot him through the back of the head. S'pose that skunk would 'a' dared make a move if Wild Bill had had balf a' eve on him? An' at that Bill had a gun pulled clear of the holster an' cocked when they picked him up from the table where he fell, face down."

San Juan sorrowfully lamented. "Wild Bill was white. Too bad, Too bad."

They left the dining room and found that the hotel and town was alive with the news. From the hotel proprietor San Juan bought a roll of blankets for the girl and some cooked food, and hired a horse. When they struck on the corduroy road that led to Deadwood City San Juan was keen to make fast time; but the girl, wearled by her terrible experiences and unused to horseback riding, made haste an impossibility. Dinsdale detected his companion's impatience and suggested that he ride on shead, adding :

"I'll fetch Lottle Carl along." "No; I'll stick along with you two. There's probably some excitement in town over Wild Bill's death, and I'd

like to be there." The travelers passed through fair valleys, richly grassed, that would have delighted the heart of the husbandman. According to Dinsdale's count they crossed Spring creek thirtyone times in traveling a dozen miles. They made their camp on the head waters of this stream, and built a lean-to, or half-faced camp, for the girl. She insisted on attending to the cooking.

Early in the morning, while the valley was still swathed in white fog. they were up and eating and soon on their way. A short ride brought them to Hill City, which interested Dinsdale hugely. There were two hundred log houses, many of them uncompleted,

and not a solltary inhabitant. Dendwood City again was the answer for this wholesale abandonment. Once the citizens heard of the poor man's diggings in the northern gulch they had stampeded as one.

That noon they rode into Rapid City

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