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be big medicine and let him live, and

"I was wakan witshasha, mystery man," proudly recited the man called Scissors, "Any one might get to be pejihuta witshasha, a common grass root man, but I was wakan. Before they could cut off my arms I pulled out my little scissors and made a pic-ture of their chief. They thought it was magic. It was magic. None of you fellers ever see it done before, It's an art. Always could do it. can go anywhere in these hills and if the Indians see my scissors they wen't hurt me. Can't remember when !

paper with marvelous rapidity. a most bewildering manner.

paper.

sympathy. He was a slight, washedout looking specimen, and bis face was vacuous. He had all the appearances of one mentally unbalanced. Allen lowered at him wrathfully, un-

decided whether to remain as an accommodation to the artist or to withshout of laughter, and Scissors trium-

and tentatively offering the picture

a hand ou a gun. "Who's laughin' at me?" he demand-

The smiles vanished. Standing in dat to drive it into the simple face. informed Allen :

And he grinned broadly. for both guns, but with a firt of bis hand Dinsdale had him covered and was saying:

smashed in the face." Dinsdale slipped the gun into the holster and informed Allen:

Smash me in the face.' Allen stared at him furiously, out

instinct warned him to be wary. didn't have no call to bu'st into this game, I'm a poor forgitter."

accessors felt called upon to vindi-

"But I'm much obliged to you, stranger. You meant well. Still I don't think Bandy Allen would have burt me. I'm wakan witsbasha, you know. White men as well as the Sloux are finding that out."

With a duck of his head he worked his way through the group and into

The men were eyeing him curiously.



he saw things."

couldn't do it. See here. He whipped out a pair of scissors and a piece of paper, and, squinting at Bandy Allen, began cutting the held the scissors in one position, working the blades, and turning the paper back and forth aud in half-circles in

"The Slour call me Two Knives Talking—each scissors blade is a knife Joe's big tent, in front of which stood eyes widen was the great horned owl to them, you know," he explained in a singsong voice as he whirled the

Dinsdale studied him with much

draw. The mon suddenly raised a phantly held up the result of his skill. It was an exceedingly clever caricature of Allen with the long, ragged hair and bow legs grotesquely accentu-

"Give me four bits for it?" asked Seissors, ruffling his thin yellow hair Roaring an oath, Allen ran his eyes

over the grinning faces and dropped

ed, advacing a few steps. front of Scissors, he drew back his Dinsdale stepped between the two and

"I was laughing, too. I'm laughing

The men scattered. Allen reached

Better keep your hands out of mis Allen controlled his rage, for the muzzle of the forty-four was most con-

"I wasn't goin' to use a gun on th' fool," he grumbled. "He was makin" game of me, an' he oughter be

"Have it that I made game of you.

"I ain't got any fight with you sit, mister. This feller's a nuisance. You

to the door. Dinsdale looked after Mm. Finally he decided: him thoughtfully for a moment, then | L "It won't do. I must have some sort laughed lightly.

cate his art, and loudly protested:

"I've made pictures of lots of men in this town, bigger men than Bandy Allen. They never got mad. When I was with the Sloux I made one of old One Stab, who married Red Cloud's daughter. He was so pleased he gave me a rifle. Lots of men in San Juan Joe's place buy my pictures. Bandy Allen don't want to get uppish with me, or I'll tell Joe,

"Who is he? What is he?" inquired Dinsdale.

A miner informed him "Scissors is a natural fool in everything outside of cutting paper into pletures and talking polite. He blew into the bills right after Custer was wiped out. He was caught on the way by some of Crazy Horse's bucks. Seeing he was foolish they didn't skin him alive offhand. And when they found out what he could do with scissors and paper they took him to be big medicine. He can cut out buffalo, elk, bear, any animal or bird. He can cut out horses on the dead gallop, or a whole

string of men fighting, or anything." "He must have been educated some where before he went foolish," mused Dinsdale. "He talks well. What's

his real name?" "Don't know. He's just Scissors to is, and Two Knives Talking to the injuns. Well, he's lucky in one wayhe don't have to pack any guns in his

And the miner glanced significantly at Dinsdale's two big Colts.

"I have to pack guns, and I can use two at once," Dinsdale informed him, his face hardening. "Some of you fellows get the same habit and there'll be fewer Injun killings."

"An' fewer stage holdups," supplemented a voice from the back of the

"Why, surely, if you know how to use your guns and have sand enough to take a chance," agreed Dinsdale. He waited a few moments to see if others wished to indulge in innuendo,

and as the men remained silent he returned to the street. "Fin doing well," he grimly muttered as he aimlessly wandered down the street. "In town only for a few hours and already I've thrown a gun on a bow-legged scrub-and offered to fight San Juan Joe, although the public doesn't know about that. Reckon I'll drop around and see Joe. I owe him some sport because of the girl. I'll see if I can't put him in a better hu-

CHAPTER IV

Hunting for Action.

For two days Dinsdale walked and rode up and down Dendwood Gulch and made several short trips to outlying places. Most of these diggings were abandoned because of the Indian scare, and the few being worked were under a heavy guard.

Several times he passed San Juan an Indian medicine-pole, but saw nothing of the proprietor. Once he met Kitty the Schemer. It was on the road to Crook City. He was returning to Deadwood, and she was riding north in the company of several men. She flashed him a smile and bowed graciously. He asked himself:

"What is the little cat planning now? Sharp claws." Another encounter, and one that left him in poor spirits, was with Mrs. Colt.

"How's Lottle getting along?" he

asked, genuinely pleased to meet her. "I was thinking of calling next Sunday." She eyed him with disapproval. "We'll say you've had your visit here and now," she told him. "Don't

call at the house to see Lottie Carl till I say so. You and your two guns! "Surely other men wear two guns

in Deadwood," he defended. "Scoundrels do, and men who have an honest right to wear them. Are you a guard on a treasure coach? Guarding any diggings? Going to fight Injuns? As for as I can make out you ain't even a gambler. You ride around, but don't seem keen to be

earning an honest living." "If I don't want to work, that's my can afford to wait till L strike something to suit, that also is my business. I won't bother you, Mrs Colt. So long as you're good to Lottle Carl nothing

else matters." "You talk pert. You've told me to keep my nose out of your business, an expression of fear. But I ain't going to git fired up over that. You're new here. Your way of coming made you known to the whole

town. What you do is noticed. "Lottle Carl is too green to look after berself. I fired a prompt paying boarder yesterday, fired him neck and

baggage, for winking at her. She ain't in any danger in my house, but if you their dust around mighty freelike." alo't the proper sort I'd have my 'How do you know that unless you doubts. The little fool seems to think she belongs to you along of what you Dinscale. done. So we'll wait a bit, young man."

Dinsdale removed his hat and bowed low on leaving her. He walked on, moodly wondering why he cared With that he turned and swaggered because the Colt place was closed to

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of work. If I won't he a merchant or miner I can be a gambler. Gamblers seem to be thought of highly here."

It was late afternoon of the day he had met Mrs. Colt when he passed through the entrance of San Juan Joe's tent. Although it was not the rush hour a considerable number of men were trying their luck at fare,

roulette and monte. For several minutes Dinsdale sought to locate the proprietor, but was unsuccessful. Satisfied he was not in the tent, Dinsdale wandered to the faro layout and placed a few bets, staking greenbacks, to the envy of the other players. He quit the game a hundred dollars winner and without any enthuslasm passed on to a roulette wheel and quickly dropped the gold he had won at faro. He smiled as if pleased when a man exclaimed:

"There goes the greenback man!" He was slowly making for the exit when a shrill voice halted him. He turned to face the grinning Scissors. The fellow had his paper and scissors in hand, but what made Dinsdale's

said Scissors, reaching up a hand to tickle the owl's head. "Howdy-do, Sitting Bull," gravely greeted Dingdale "Chief, this is the young man I was

telling you about. Friend of mine.

Ain't many folks that can tame an owl

"I want you to meet Sitting Bull,"

and have him like Sitting Bull," Scissors proudly informed Dinsdale. "I should say that Is true. No more alarm. trouble with that bow-legged cuss, eh?" Scissors chuckled and idly snipped out the profile of a swarthy Mexican,

big hat and all, and replied: "Allen wouldn't dare bother me here. I have too many friends among the customers. Joe lets me circulate around and pick up a living. He wouldn't take kindly to any man trying games

on me or Sitting Bull. He held the silhouette before the Mexican and raised four fingers. The Mexican gazed with much pleasure at the likeness. The big hat intrigued him, and he handed over four bits and tucked the paper in his shirt. Scissors turned back to the amused Dinsdale and confided:

"That's the way it goes. If Jos knew how much I take in he'd probably ask for a rake-off. Took in most business. If I do want to work, and an ounce today. The night ought to bring it up to two ounces, maybe

> more." "You don't say!" exclaimed Dinsdale. "And what do you do with all your gold?"

Scissors' amiable grin gave place to

"That's telling," he muttered. "Sitting Bull knows, and I know. That's enough to know. And no one else has ine to think about me. They're whispering on the street today that some new men are in town, some that have robbed a railroad train, I don't want those fellows to hear about my savings. Still I hope they are here. They throw

know them by sight?" quickly asked

"Why, road agen's always do, Very liberal. I can always tell when any of them are in here. Why, after the treasure-coach was robbed of twenty-five thousand I got fifteen ounces of dust in one afternoon and night. Think of it! Every time a big haul's made I'm sure of extra good profits !



"They Might Give You Some Lead Im-

stead of Gold," Warned Dinadale. within two nights after it's happened." "But if these gentlemen of the road knew you talked like this they might not like it. They might give you some lead instend of gold," warned Dins-

Scissers' fatueus face showed much "Don't you tell them that I've

mouth shut after this. If any of them hear I've talked and speak to you, you. just say it isn't so." Dinsdale smiled curiously. "So you're taking me for one of

then:" te murmured.

talkell," he begged. "I'll keep my

Scissors became flurried and backed sway from Dinadale as if suddenly afraid of him; but he repeated: "Just tell them it isn't so. Now I must make a picture of 'Horseshoe'

A pause and a sharp glance at Dingdale's expressionless face. "He's very ugly or very good-natured in his drinks. Just now he's good-na-

Webb, over at the monte table."

With a hasty duck of his head, which the big owl seemed to imitate, he sidled his way to the monte table, where Horseshoe Webb was twisting his huge black mustache and smiling amiably. Webb wore a gayly-embroidered buckskin cost and carried an ivery-handled revolver at the front of his belt. From below the skirts of the cost protruded the decorated sheath of a long knife.

Dinsdale shifted his position so that he might study Webb more closely. He, was large and gount of frame, and yet; was very vain. He covered his uncoutby figure with the softest of buckeklass and received his name from a horseshoe of brilliants worn in his neck scarf. And he was inordinately proud of his long black mustache.

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