Feinted Mine Blast Causes Tenderfoot to Stage Real Faint

black powder from my gun, saw me, hopped over the log and came for me at railroad speed. I was so surprised by this performance from an animal that I was sure I had killed, that he was half way to me before I started to throw in a fresh cartridge. Then I remembered I had exchanged guns that morning with a friend for the day's hunting and he had my trusty Winchester and had his single-shot Needle gun and the cartridges were all in my bel: And believe me, I had to rustle some to get my gun loaded in time to stop that bear's rush. In fact I had to jump out of the way as he rolled over dead.

days, wild animals were not afraid of men like they are now. Deer would often stand and look and many a hunter was killed and mangled by a bear rushing out upon him from some thicket so quickly he had no time to snatch his gun out from under his arm (same as) had mine that day) and for which piece of carelessness I got a good bawking out from John.

These days bears runs so fast on a man shows up that one has ok quick if he sees them at all.

Leadville was booming then, so we took a vacation from our work and went up there to look it over. Only stayed a couple of weeks on that first trip, then returned to our home to finish cutting the timber on our preemption claim, at which we could make \$5 a day apiece, which was not at all bad in those times.

By that time I was quite a chunk of a boy. Clean living, daily exercise and plenty of all kinds of both tame and wild meat had put flesh

on my bones and toughened my excellence. Many of them could jump straight up, kick a man in the muscles. Before I was 17 I could breast and land on their feet again the scales at 160 pounds and tip was feeling my oats a-plenty. About like a cat. If one was getting the that time the sawmill that bought worst of a scrimmage, he would slip our logs imported 40 lumberjacks down on his back and whirl around from Michigan to work in the mill like a top, all the time fighting and to cut logs. We happened to with his feet, which would make it else about them.

Bing Crosby appears opposite

Marion Davies in the story of a

girl who fell in love with a voice

and followed the owner to Holly-

wood, in the picture "Going Hol-

croons several numbers with

Miss Davies also singing a couple

of times during the course of

the picture. Dances, both ensem-

ble and solo, are executed by the

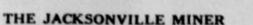
famous Albertina Rasch ballet.

lywood."

opening at the Crater-

Theatre Sunday. Crosby





for the pure fun of fighting and, lish were stung again. I have seen round out his education. So they powder off and the two on top were took him on.

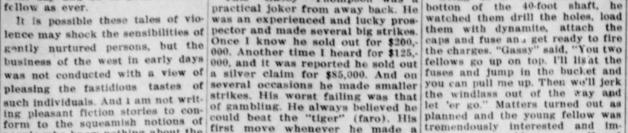
next day and be as glad to see a fellow as ever.

facts that actually occurred.

gun-handling and scrapping came in very handy later on, when in the mining excitements of the west I had to take my own part unaided, against the bullies, claimjumpers and toughs who always were to be found in these new mining camps

in the snow, so he ran the tunnel out into the gulch, timbered it up nicely, threw some mud on the sides and sent for the agent.

The agent came, measured the tunnel, complimented "Gassy his good work, paid him and left. when the snow Next summer. melted, there stood the naked timbers out in the gulch and the Eng-



old west, but am simply stating sale was to hit for a telegraph office and send a wire to New York. I have found that my education locse and 'Gassy' Thompson's com-

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other stake. Up in the high range prospectors egan finding mineral, some very rich, some not so good. But a hole the ground those days that showed any mineral at all could almost always command a good price. English capital entered the country and the prospectors considered the English as their especial dish and wildcatted them to a fare-you-well. A famous character named "Gassy" Thompson took a contract from an pings had been discovered, a few deep gulch where the snow was predicament to them. Said he didn't more. After digging awhile, "Gassy" own, but simply wished to gain the Looking down, he could see the decided it would be easier to dig practical experience that would fuses were just about to set the

Mats. 25c



Going down with them to the This "Gassy" Thompson was a practical joker from away back. He botton of the 40-foot shaft, he of the day before and realizing cerwas an experienced and lucky pros-

Once I know he sold out for \$200, the charges. "Gassy" said, "You two on top and they were throwing cold 000. Another time I heard for \$125,business of the west in early days business of the west in early days 000, and it was reported he sold out was not conducted with a view of a silver claim for \$55,000. And on several occasions he made smaller you can pull me up. Then we'll jerk tenderfeet who come out west looksuch individuals. And 1 am not writ-ing pleasant fiction stories to con-of gambling. He always believed he let 'er go." Matters turned out as "Gassy." "How do you like it?"

Eves. 35c

people who know nothing about the first move whenever he made a tremendously interested and im- sand cartridges, which were used pressed as the blast went off and sometimes for tamping, instead of the shaft mouth spouted flying dynamite. Both looked alike to the something like this: "Hell's broke rocks like a miniature volcano. In the afternoon they cleaned the just a fake. shaft bottom and the young engi-

When he reached New York, the neer was initiated into the mystercrack gamblers of that burg would les of cooking supper and breakbe out in force to meet him and in fast.

a few weeks his money would be Next morning they drilled angone and he would come back to other round of holes and the young the Leadville country to make and fellow saw them heavily loaded and it for town, where he took the first made ready to fire as before.

A young easterner came to Lead-"Gassy" complimented him on ville and told everybody who would the speed he was making in learn-listen that he had been studying to ing the practical side of engineerbe a mining engineer and had ing and asked him if he would like learned everything they could teach to light the fuses himself and let him in the east, and had been told them pull him up. The youngster to come west and finish up his edu- fairly jumped at the chance. So cation with practical experience in "Gassy" instructed him carefully the mines. He repeated this story how to proceed and went on top over and over, till finally someone Fuses all lit, the new beginner hop took pity and told him of two min- ped in the bucket, gave the signal ers who were sinking a shaft on the and they immediately started haul-English company one winter to run hill above town, who would prob-a 300-foot tunnel into a hogback ably take him on. So next day he the bucket stopped, held there by where some good mineral outcrop- climbed up there and the two min- the brake. Glancing up to see what ers turned out to be "Gassy" caused the stoppage, he was horror miles above where we were then. Thompson and his partner. The stricken to see "Gassy" and his right beside this hogback was a young fellow patiently explained his partner fighting. He yelled at the top of his lungs, but they paid no billed up to the depth of 20 feet or care for wages, had money of his attention. Just kept on fighting

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A Kansas man hit his wife over the head with a bridge lamp and