miles to the place the road crossed

"Killed?" cried Burton, horrified.

"Gone; swept away, disappeared

completely. The stream is wide and

course, but no trace whatever remain-

ed except one seat cushion that had

might have stranded; but in that

pieces almost at once. It was of very

"What a tragedy!" cried Burton

Davenport shut his lips grimly and

"But there is this to say: The pres-

"That's just it!" cried Davenport.

"You can copy your other battery,"

CHAPTER XXIII.

Simmins Writes a Note

Unnoticed, a lank figure had cross-

ed the meadow from the road and now

"Hullo, folks," said he, casting

"I'm the stage driver between

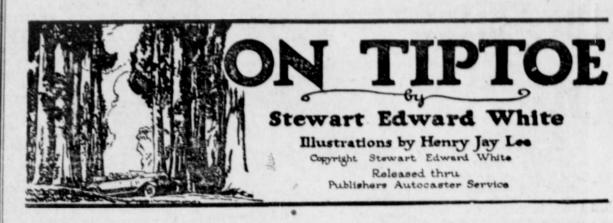
Eureka and Tecolote," he volunteered,

anything to do with this."

appeared among them.

she pointed out.

light vonstruction."



CHAPTER XXII.

And Rapscallion Does His Stuff

By the campfire Grimstead strained his ears to catch the last sounds of Gardiner's departure. Things were going very well. They always did go well, he had found, when directed masterfully.

Burton, as he had forseen, did not stir in her tent. She was young and slept soundly, especially in the first part of the night.

After awhile he threw away his cigar, stretched and arose. First he leaned over Davenport for a moment, listening to his rather stertorous breathing. Then he sauncered to the young man by force. big redwood at whose base the kitchen had been made.

Here he deliberately unknotted a short piece of line that had been used to suspend a shading bit of canvas, and with it returned toward the sleeper. He was thoroughly satisfied, and was humming a little tune.

In his brief absence another had added himself to the scene. Rapscallion had shared the tent with Burton. Now, however, urged by some vague restlessness, some telepathic uneasiness, some trickle from the current young man. searching out a channel of his doggy mind, he had deserted the warm and grateful nest and had come forth to sit by his master.

Grimstead paid him no attention; ing.

experiences with humans had always aroused him. been courteous. Also he was, of course, thoroughly familiar with Grim- are you doing here?"

Now, however, he arose to stiff legs, telling. his eyes blazing, the coarse hair of The narrative finished, he rose, to "but I don't see no way of gettin' his back and neck erect, his lips his feet, fumbled in his pack, drew snarled back. Grimstead paused.

"Here, Rap, you old fool!" he ad- strapped to his belt. monished in a low voice. "What ails you?"

And again stepped forward. Instantly Rapscallion uttered two

sharp and challenging barks.

mind had received the impression the lawyers right away." that, unexplainedly and for the first He was methodically bestowing time, the proximity of this large hu- small necessities in a rucksack. tight, say as much as he could about by, dear.' it, and, in extremity to do his utmost.

vance he bobbed forward and back a moment. few inches as though propelled by a

These things impressed Grimstead be rash, will you?" just so far as to cause him to pick up a heavy, club-shaped billet of wood, fought at 15 pounds!

At this moment Burton appeared and a game of get there first." from the tent.

"Dad!" she cried, "what are you away. doing with that club and that rope? I'll keep him quiet!"

Her first sleepy thought was that he cried back. the dog's barking had awakened Grimstead and exasperated him to the education had been coming on, made point of canicide.

however, her eyes widened with ter- getic over his tardiness. ror. Davenport's immobility amid all

undetered by Rapscallion, fell on her a small quantity of provisions.

knees at his side.

But by this time Burton had assured fresh in her mind! herself that Larry was living and unhurt, and rose slowly to her feet. Her fishing tackle had been taken conbrow puckered in thought.

"You've drugged him!" she decided at last. She pondered for a moment imperative gesture to Simmins of

more, then raised her head. "The engine has stopped-you have stolen the car!" she cried in sudden enlightment. A deep scorn rose to the surface of her eyes. "And now you were going to tie him! You're afraid

of what he might do!" On the passing of the danger of hysterics Grimstead became himself again, this was too big a matter to threw down the rucksack with a slam, permit of sentiment. He spoke brus- then turned to Burton. quely.

'This is not a woman's business, Eurton," said he, "and you must not the Deep Barranca on a trestle. Part interfere. No harm is intended to of the trestle had been carried out by your young man. Indeed, I am saving the flood. Gardiner had driven the him from himself, and in the future car off into the abyss." he will thank me for making him a rich man instead of permitting him to ruin himself by foolishness."

"He will never thank you; and I will swift and fast. I climbed down, of never forgive you!" she cried passionately.

He shrugged his shoulders. Women been thrown clear. I followed down always got over those things. Still, the stream on the chance that the car a slight change in minor tactics seemed desirable. It would no longer be force of water it probably broke to possible or desirable to restrain the

"I leave him to you," he told Burton. "Tiy to get some common sense into 'Poor Ross Gardiner!" him-if it's possible. But be sure to tell him one thing: That his interests let this pass. After a decent moment are going to be scrupulously protected. or so Burton ventured a comment. He'll get every cent that is coming

He disappeared down the meadow. is gone, the whole scheme headed off. Burton looked after him, her bosom You can build another battery!" heaving with emotions too deep to reply. Then in a passion of mingled loyalty and anger she fell on her the sort. All my notebooks of formknees again beside the unconscious

CHAPTER XXII. Gone!

Nothing further happened now until shortly after sunrise the next morn-

but, cord in hand, advanced upon the Then Burton, who had fallen into sleeper. Now the queer thing happen- an uneasy slumber after some hours of futile watching to see that dear Rapscallion was the most friendly Larry did not die of an overdose withof dogs, ever polite and eager, whose cut her knowing it, awoke and

"What is it, dear, he cried. "What

Her story dd not take long in the

forth a revolver and holster, which he

"What are you going to do?" she asked anxiously.

"I'm going to follow the car."

"You can't hope to catch it afoot-" "The chance is very slim," he The sleeper did not stir; no sound acknowledged, "but it's the only came from the tent. Grimstead step- chance, and it should be taken. Luck might play with us. The car might Now Rapscallion did not know what get stalled. Who knows? And in any it was all about. Only his simple dog case I've got to get on the wires to

man meant trouble to Master; and his "Please have Simmins take care of simple dog code told him to stick my other things," he requested. "Good-

He opened his arms and she crept As Grimstead continued to ad- into them. They clung together for a

"Be careful," she begged. "You must come back to me. Don't-don't

"You mean the gun? No; I'm not a weapon that plainly outgunned the going forth to slay. That's just in the armament of a little red-dog who remote case I need a convincing argument. This is a lawyer game now,

> He kissed her again and strode "Come back to me soon!" she

called after him. "The soonest ever!"

After his departure Burton, whose herself some coffee. About two hours As her mind cleared and focussed, later Simmins appeared, very apolo-

The absence of the little car Burton this noise, Grimstead's day attire; had expected; but she was at first puzzled to hear that the extra cook-She dashed forward to Larry, and ing utensils had disappeared; as also

Then she realized that her father "What have you done?" What have was hiding out, and Burton had a you done?" she cried terror-stricken, shrewd suspicion that he would con-"Nothing-nothing at all-he's per- tinue hiding out. Even a pirate chief, fectly all right!" cried Grimstead, if not tender feelings, at least love of whose one idea was to reassure her mental ease, and Burton realized that before she lost control of herself. He's even this stern parent might be just not hurt. He'll be as well as ever in as wel satisfied if he did not have to face his child while things were too

Simmins report that Grimstead's

firmed her opinion. As they entered camp she made an warning that she should not speak.

"You and I will probably have to wait here some days," she said, and told him what had occurred. Shortly after noon they were as

tonished to see Davenport returning Burton ran to meet him with a cry of mingled gladness and curiosity. Larry strode to the fireside and

"I followed the car for six or

Say, she must have made some crash when she came down!"

"She did," replied Burton, An idea was forming in her brain. "Are you going back to Eureka?" she inquired "Sure. Only place to go."

"Have you got room for two?" "I got only the United States mails aboard. What's the idea?'

"Our car is broken," she explained rapidly. "If you will wait 10 minutes, /we'll be ready.'

"Lots of time." rejoined the stage driver, and sauntered over to engage the excellent Simmins.

"It is the only thing!" she urged Larry, as soon as the other was out of hearing. Can't you see it? We cannot stay here. Don't you see it?" she implored,

"I want to get out before he gets back," replied Larry bluntly. "You're right; I'll go.'

"I'm going with you," she said steadily

"What! You cannot do that!" "You are going to need me; I

know," she insisted, "it is part of my wisdom, as you call it." The hunted, hurt look in his face softened.

"Come," he cried, almost exultantly There must be people who marry people up here! The world and its power and its troubles can go hang!" the stage driver. "Ready when you are.

garage."

ent problem is solved. The agreement But Simmins, at the thought of being left alone with a marooned and exasperated Pirate Chief, lost all his pose and poise and became thoroughly "I'm not sure I can do anything of human.

"Oh, Miss Burton!" he cried. "Don't leave me here all alone." ulae were in that car, every scrap of paper I had in the world that had

"Afraid of the woods, Simmins?" asked Larry mischievously.

"Yes, sir," rejoined Simmins, "I am afraid of the woods; and I am afraid of Mr. Grimstead."

Larry glanced at Burton, who nod-

"All right; come along," he agreed. "One moment, sir," begged Simmins. He produced a pad and pencil and wrote thereon.

curious eye about him. "Campin' for "I don't want to pry; but if that fun or get stuck yere by the storm?" note is to Grimstead-" suggested "Caught by the storm," replied Davenport. "It is only my resignation, sir,"

replied Simmins. "You are right," said Davenport

tree's got the road blocked for keeps. procedure for a young lady cloping. pressure is the carrying on with the Should she also leave some sort of written communication?"

"I took the liberty of explaining in my note that I was leaving to enter your service, sir, and that of Miss Burton; and is intended to send garage man immediately," answered Simmins.

"You relieve my mind, Simmins," murmured Larry, and hastened to join Burton and the stage driver. She looked at him with pleased surprise "Good!" she cried. "You're more like yourself!"

"It's Simmins!" Larry exploded with suppressed laughter. "He's a joy and a jewel and he's untwisted me from all my knots. Dear never must we lose Simmins! We'll pawn the family jewels before we let him go.'

The little party, carrying the few pieces of baggage, and followed solewnly by Rapscallion, crossed the meadow to where waited the stage.

Ten minutes later Grimstead, who had heard the racket made when the long vehicle backed and filled in turning around, came curiously to se what was happening. He found himseif alone with the wrecks he had made.

Across the episode now slowly the dark curtains closed. A great vision expense. had been given one man; a vision "All abroard!" called Davenport to that in its due and proper time will fied check in the amount of \$500.00. lift from mankind one of its greatest right to reject any and all bids. pressures. But that time had not yet "Simmins," you take care of things, arrived. When thus it too evidently We will send some one out from a appeared that from the gift would come strife, not freedom, then the

through now. That there redwood "What would you consider the proper great Invisible Intelligence, whose wisdom of our little world, in sadness reached forth their hands. From the soul of that man the vision was erased. Of all its breadth and greatness remained only one thing; an idea for this. But sometime, in the remote future, somewhere, to some soul the vision will come again.

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