

CHAPTER VI.

At the Foot of the Rimrocks.

Indians kept moving at a rapid rate hand and placed his right about her their range in search until about 10 o'clock the following walst, morning, when they stopped and them the mule meat was a dainty dish of which they partook with a raven-our appetite, but to the girl from Edin-been waiting in hiding for an opporwhen in fact she had no appetite at savages added to the disgust and hor- once a grapple between giants. ror that surrounded the captive. The whole had seemed like fiction, a hor- Bertha for the success of her unknown rible nightmare to her,

The first night out had been spent had been carefully guarded by the chief dusky sentinels. No fires were kindled during the night and a stillness and quietude pervaded the camp, and this, with the demeanor of the In-dians, showed that they were not only measy but strictly on their

A vigilant watch had been kept over Bertha the whole night long, though yet one point on the rimrocks comshe had been made as comfortable as manded a view in all directions. Up-Indians' ingenuity could provide.

the Indians had intended to obscure their trail. To the right and left stood the towering rimrocks and their trail led through the lava beds. Only those who have attempted to pass projected the flat rimrocks, and these through this section of country can comprehend what is meant in speaking of the lava beds. Huge boulders cated that he was a chief, made the and smaller ones of every description, round rocks, flat rocks, standing upon edge, square rocks and diamondtogether without even its own members becoming lost from one another. Up and down the steep declivities, great pedestal. around the high ridges of boulders and over the beds of shattered rock made the travel difficult and monot-onous, but no trail was left behind. To track the red men to this vast section of the lava beds was to lose them. Here, only courses are followed, and not trails, for it is properly called, "the trailless section of the desert."

On this morning Bertha had been relieved from the cramped position on the animal which had conveyed her, by being freed from the ropes which bound her, but she had been the more closely guarded. Without food for two days and nights and the hardships of a day on the desert, and a day in the lava beds, it would have told on most women, but with the slightest indication of fatigue Bertha looked as firm and defiant as ever. She was a Lyle!

In the middle of the afternoon a halt had been made and a consultation held by the Indians. The main body with most of the animals proceeded .c the southeast, while Chief Egan, with a few of the animals in charge of a dozen of his chosen warriors, took a westerly course and the wily chief took with him his fair captive. The the last object of his trin

him in the immediate vicinity for the mutual recognition. boulders that lay about him, and the smoke from his camp was silhouted was at the foot of the precipice and "I sometimes fear t against the rock walls and mingled asked the old chief if he was entitled and that my monotonous life may ef-

with the clouds above. warrior chief took more interest in exhibited it to the horseman. The sire to strike for vengeance and wait his white captive. He had her quar- latter dismounted and climbed to the until I can strike the most killing ters prepared some distance from the place where the old chief sat. main camp and while he himself.

After a few minutes' conversation, and the visitor seemed to understand guard. At supper time Egan, by ges. climbed the rimrocks together. lucky incident occurred. Even while ing across the plain, old Egan was tendering her a slice of . The two men on the top of the rimmule prepared in the most dainty rocks conversed familiarly. While choicest ones, and in a few moments was speeding among the rocks in beds for existence, had become an worth all the trouble, if your conditions as baggage when accompanied by the sage hen. In a short, time he returned and gallantly dropped the tender bird at her feet, and existence and carried as baggage when accompanied by the sage hen. In a short, time he returned and gallantly dropped the tender bird at her feet, and existence, had become an occurrence of blood of the portion known as baggage when accompanied by the passenger, and only one bleycle will as the strap check and which is at be checked for one passenger. All attended to cause me be checked for one passenger. All attended to the barren rocks and lava sides, your counsel and carried as baggage when accompanied by the exact fac simile of the portion known as the strap check and which is at be checked for one passenger. All attended to the barren rocks and lava sides, your counsel and company are passenger, and only one bleycle will as the strap check and which is at be checked for one passenger. All attended to the barren rocks and lava sides, your counsel and company are passenger, and only one bleycle will as the strap check and which is at the strap check and the strap chec

But of this gallantry Bertha took nature.

Long after nightfall, when all the on the east and its light had fallen would venture upon a deed of daring. There were bluffing looks and grim ship was greater. It was such a night as aroused the smiles from each, but the arrival of "I will only be gone for a few days,"

on guard, to take their leave, and then attempted a conversation by signs and nods with Bertha. Hoping that it might mean her escape she tried to understand him. With this der of Bertha Lyle.

Signs and nods with Bertha. Hoping the rocks below, heretofore unobserved, and took some hopes of getting a grizzly."

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And it happened that at this time the prize money for the murder of Bertha Lyle. encouragement he grew more hold. Taking the woman's scalp, Dan Fol-and approached her more closely. Wo lett climbed down the rocks and foinman's intuition told her at once of ing his men they saluted the Indians

this awful meaning and she rose up in her woman's weakness to defend shelter he worked the more persist-herself against this giant chief, who It is the second night of Bertha's had long been the terror of the desert solitude was complete, so far as the

butchered a mule for dinner. To letic form had glided down the steep partake of the fresh morsels of antiwalls of the rimrocks in the darkness burg mule meat was not tempting, tune time. Rushing forward like a wildcat he seized the wicked old warall. The gluttonous feast of these rior by the throat, and there was at But in spite of the silent prayers of

rescuer and his determined grip on the old chief's throat, the latter gave In a small basin, surrounded by rim-rocks with narrow outlets and these came like a storm to the aid of their a cry that called to their feet the en-

CHAPTER VII.

A Woman's Scalp. It is at another point in the lava on this point stands an Indian. His gered was an immediate warning not Early the following morning another mule was butchered, a hasty breakfast prepared, and the band body. The afterness any not far to trespass against the will of this man of firmness, and his well proportioned form was able to carry out the moved on to the south.

The course during the day lay over above the distant rimrocks. It was a picture for an artist to draw. The course during the day lay over a picture for an artist to draw. The this possessed well proportioned musting the day lay over the carthes are many directions toward the pedestalformed center, at the top of which of William Hammersley, but his ancrowned by the statue-like form of the

view a romantic one indeed.
It was old Egan. He was looking to the west into the very face of the shaped rocks, sinks and crevices, all setting sun. Were it not that he shaped rocks, sinks and crevices, all raised his hand occasionally to shut traveler or stockman, who happened to pass his way, but this did not haphis eagle-like eyes, one would have easily mistaken him for a statue on a

> "If they disappoint me," murmured the Indian in his own tongue, "it will take many more white scalps to pay the penalty," and at the same time he toyed with a scalp of long hair, that of a woman, tossed by the wind at his

> But his mind was soon relieved on



main band proceeded on its way to a rimrocks in the distance, a little designated meeting point, while the north of west, he saw a lone horsechief made this detour to consummate man coming in a swift trot. He began to descend to the same side upon more guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and

most trusted warriors were placed on the Indian language perfectly, they tures, plead with the young woman to visitor rose when they reached the While the terrible experience summit of the rocks and drawing a through which she had gone would thin piece of cloth from his pocket. have taken the appetite of most wo- but which was broad and wide, he men of her age, she was too common waved it above his head until it was sense and matter-of-fact to lose her's caught in the breeze and unfurled like permanently. She was really hungry, a flag. Then other objects were seen but had not reached that state of to emerge from the shadows of the starvation at which she felt as if she could partake of mule meat. But a horses driven by white men were com-

manner from the Indians' standpoint, the reader already knows that one was a warrior close at hand, in attending Chief Egan he has also surmised that to the animals, flushed a sage hen, the other was Dan Follett, which is Bertha, although unacquainted with true. To look upon the countenances of flight with a sign to old Egan that if rauding bandit, bore scars showing the good nature, my preserver, and tax will also check, but at the passenger's ped the tender bird at her feet, and with an expression of pride pointed to mixed with that of the most blood interest in humanity and justice. You is made. A baggageman would rathage through which his bag passed.

no notice. Soon a fire was kindled "If I had not produced the horses,

in his eye. clouds had passed away and the moon been swinging here very soon," re- on a table beside the invalid's bed, crated. A dog is always carried at the had risen above the distant rimrocks piled the chief, pointing to his belt. on the east and its light had fallen upon the camp beneath the rimrocks, old Egan appeared at Bertha's quarters. It was such a night as lovers would walk in civilization. It was "And if I had not proved to you would walk in civilization. It was "You know too well, chief, what we in hobbling about and waiting upon such a night as would thrill the would have done. The Lord of The himself with his stubby hands and

deepest passions in the bosom of the the band of horses caused them to rise marauding chief.

He motioned his warriors, who were old Egan's line his warriors appeared to the truth only be gone for a few days, replied the trapper. "I am going to their feet, and with a shout from visit the trapper are the picture rocks."

I will only be gone for a few days, replied the trapper. "I am going to the idea generally prevailing is that He motioned his warriors, who were old Egan's lips his warriors appeared as I am trying to esteh a mountain be does everything in his power to

Taking the woman's scalp, Dan Pol- same vicinty,

and rode away. The Indians drove the horses into a deep canyon pene-trating the rimrocks, and the stillness of approaching night closed the scene.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Trapper of The Rimrocks. He was known from one end of the desert to the other, as well by the red men as the white. His life was spent in solitude. When the snows of winter began to fly and others fled to captivity, barring the night of her cap-ture. After securing her on the horse at the time of that fearful event, the waist.

Fortunately for humanity a lithe athlope, deer, rabbit and sage hen, so attractively prepared and placed in their trail and many of these same animals found these nice "baits" surrounded by a jagged iron circle that their legs or noses and held them as of the Rimrocks always held their

The Trapper of the Desert was a young man of eight and twenty years. For ten years he had been known upon the desert. While he was a man of peace, yet his keen grey eyes and ter as readily as he would battle alone with the fiercest animals of the beds from that described in the last desert, if the necessity arose. His chapter. While many walls join to- hair was also light and he wore a gether here from different directions, gleam of friendliness upon his face. sunshine away when he become anragged rocks along the earth's sur-face, the walls which converged from

He was known simply by the name cestry and place of birth were as mysterious as the man himself. When Indian, whose gaudy war bonnet indifirst known he was on the desert engaged in trapping, and as he had no ompetitors, he had no enemies. His abode, a crude affair, partly a cave and partly a house in the rimrocks. was always welcome to the weary pen often, as few people traveled that way. He was a friendly host and

looked to the comfort of his guest, but he had little to say and asked but few questions. A guest after leaving his place knew no more of him than when he came, and there was always a feeling on the part of the visitor that no extended conversation was desired. And the wishes of William Hammers-

ley were usually respected.

But the reader shall know more about this trapper of the desert and his abode than the visitors of those days knew. He was not alone, and the compartments which the visitors saw were not all that were possessed and occupied by this man. The small corral made rock in front of the premses and the few traps and skins that hung about the rooms onened to visitors were only small and insignificant in interest compared with what was concealed in the background.

A subterranean passage lead to a larger cave beyond that occupied as the open home of the trapper. A crevasse let in the light from the side and the finest pelts supplied a bed with warm covering and a soft place to lie while others lay upon the floor rugs and hung from the walls to keep out the cold of winter. A perfectly constructed fireplace, connected with the crevasse in the rocks which was utilized as a chimney, supplied the room with warmth in cold weather,

tended him as carefully as a mother

"I sometimes fear that I worry you, to receive his reward. The chief drew feet yours," said the invalid one day At the camp the scarred-faced old from his belt a woman's scalp and to the trapper, "in carrying out my de-



The Home of Hammersley.

On the second night after the at-The latter knew what this meant,

hearts of all people. It was such Desert would have swept it clean of feet in the trapper's absence was a night as the Indian warrior Esan and his tribe!" great, and the lack of his companion-



their conferences, and the rules which die it in, is exercised. they have from time to time adopted. Of course baggage becomes scratched forms are sent into headquarters daily, have had the effect of lessening by and broken, but this is something that and some idea may be had of the num-

mitted to their care.

THE handling and checking of abused railway official. Baggage, it baggage on our big railways, is must be understood to to the railway officials and take the a problem that has offered in thing in the world to pull around, and numerable annoyances and disputes pile in the best of order. There is the closed with a merciless clasp about ever since the first rall was laid in small trunk and the large trunk. There gage goes astray, but under the system the United States. The owner of the is the expensive trunk and the cheap prisoners. The traps of the Trapper traveling trunk has ever been the butt trunk. There is the value, the hand of unlimited sareasm, the victim of bag, the dress suit case and the many exaggerated whiticism, and the "smash- other odds and ends of that which er" has become a monstrous being, in comes under the title of baggage. All paragraph and cartoon, whose sole aim this has to be taken into a car and in life was to wreck, ruin and destroy placed in such a snanner that it will man in charge also enters it on another form, but he goes the man in the stathe property of others. Much has been be easy of access as it is wanted. As firm set chin told those who saw him accomplished, however, during the past a rule the beavy stuff is placed on the that he would face the worst of the decade by the baggagemen's association of the car and the lighter pieces column set aside for that purpose. This that he would face the worst of the decade by the baggagemen's association of the car and the lighter pieces occurs all along the line, and every man tion to remedy the conditions which on top. The greatest care possible, taking charge of the baggage makes a existed years ago, and the result of compatible with the time given to han-

> fully 75 per cent, the troubles which is unavoidable and for which the pub- ber of pieces that are handled in one existed before railways learned how to lic is more to blame than the baggage. day when it is stated that some roads properly look after the baggage com- men. A piece of iron sticking out on have 250 trains daily, carrying from 50 a trunk will certainly get next to an. to 150 pieces of baggage each. In this A first step was to educate the trav- other and scratch it. It is impossible way a record of all baggage is always eling public up to a proper comprehen- to avoid anything like this and the had at headquarters or the divisiona sion of what baggage really is, for the railway companies can not be expected points. ideas some entertain of what constil to supply feather ticks to place be The station or identification check retutes the same have been decidedly pe. tween baggage, as some passengers ferred to above was introduced for the would wish. It is the cheap trunk purpose of avoiding mistakes in the The railway people, however, have which is generally the sufferer in the way of passengers claiming baggage as their ideas on this point, and theirs bands of a railway company. Some their own, when, as a matter of fact, it

ARRIVAL OF A TRAIN-CUSHION FOR THE BAGGAGE TO DROP ON.

other roads.



HOW VALISES ARE CHECKED.

race, was a villain from choice and by look as anxiously to the day of reckthan two or three bicycles. Dogs are
oning as yourself." also checked, but a charge, the same and with woman's culinary knowledge Egan, what would have been the reshe soon prepared and ate a meal of suit?" inquired Follett, with a twinkle and the capture of Bertha Lyle, the baggage, is made. A dog, however, which she was in much need. t apper brought in a large supply of will not be checked unless provided "More pale face scalps would have prepared provisions and placed them with a strong collar and chain or is owner's risk.

The railway companies also carry in the baggage cars dead bodies, but these are always accompanied by a full fare ticket from the point of shipand ment to destination.

The popular idea of how the average baggageman handles the property of the traveling public is one which their cantive were making for the same vicinty.

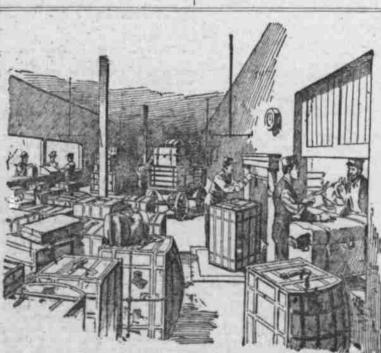
on the trucks in unloading baggage dollars. All the railway companies in from the cars. It has proved a good America carry free 150 pounds, but

The system of checking baggage tance. When there is over 150 pounds is pretty much the same on all an excess baggage check is issued. the large roads and at the Chi- These differ, the same as the local and

tion that last year on two roads in America 7,000,000 pieces of baggage were carried, and out of this lot there were only three pieces which could not are the ideas that carry. Railway people buy a trunk for \$1.50 and ex- be located. In the course of a year, companies, according to the law, are pect it to stand the same wear and however, a raffway company has a con-The chief and his small band were which the horseman was approaching, a gigantic form with powerful phytaking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and some guarded than ever. Upon the bed lay an invalid. Once compelled to carry, and will carry, the tear as the best trunk manufactured, siderable amount of unclaimed packmore guarded than ever. Realizing taking care to examine his bow and sique and muscle, he was now emacted that his mission was a secret one, and quiver, tomahawk, and scalping knife lated to almost a skeleton. His limbs necessary for their journey. Rallway intended to be checked. It gets the charging for storage has made the travto avoid falling into traps, he traveled to see that all were intact. Seating had been frozen and his hands and companies check trunks, vallses, satch corners ripped off and is a general cling public take a little more interest through a more obscure country than himself upon a boulder that jetted feet were mere crisps, though he still els, leather hat boxes and medium boxes source of amoyance. Then there is in their belongings. A piece of bag-day deepen about not leaving any trail behind. That night he camped at the foot of That night he c a high wall in the shadow of the pro- latter came within hailing distance a prepared morsels from the table and when done up in canvas and roped, dollars on them when they come to always kept a year before it is put unjecting rimrocks. No eye could see familiar salute from each showed the fed him with his own hands, and at sailors' and immigrants' bags, travel make a claim from the railway com- der the auctioneer's hammer to be dispany whose employe has been so cruel posed of to the highest bidder. as put it out of business. In this con- Contracts on all tickets read that the nection it may be stated that one rail- railway companies do not assume liaroad baggage department has intro- bility except for wearing apparel, and duced a heavily padded mat for use then only for the sum of one hundred

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