

FRAUDS IN A WALE OF MAY.

Friends in Watch Cases. According to an article in the Cincinnati Commercial, a fifty-one pound stone was recently found in that city secreted in a...

THE GIRL AT THE HALFWAY HOUSE

A STORY OF THE PLAINS BY E. HOUGH, AUTHOR OF THE STORY OF THE COWBOY

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

Yet huge and menacing as he stood, the figure opposed to him was still more formidable. Juan the mozo over-

to defend his head. On the instant his arm was beaten down. It fell helpless at his side, the axe only hanging to his hand by means of the loop passed around the wrist.



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and went down headlong. A murmur arose from the Indians, who thought at first that their leader's blow had proved fatal.

Juan the mozo stood almost motionless, his own club half raised, the great muscles of his arm now showing under the brown skin as he clinched hard the tiny stem of the weapon.

White Calf pursued his rapid tactics for some moments, and a dozen times sped a blow which still fell short.

cry of pain, and Juan sprang back, pressing his hand against his side, where blood came from between his fingers.

The man pursued by a foe looks about him quickly for that weapon nearest to his own hand. The dread of steel drove Juan to bethink himself of a weapon.

CHAPTER XII.

What the Hand Had to Do. In this wide, new world of the West there were but few artificial needs, and the differentiation of industries was alike impossible and undesired.

as himself perforce practiced a half-dozen crafts and suffered therefrom neither in his own esteem nor that of those about him.

In all the arts of making one's self comfortable in a womanless and hence a homeless land both Franklin and Battersleigh, experienced campaigners as they were, found themselves much aided by the counsel of Curly, the self-reliant native of the soil who was Franklin's first acquaintance in that land.

One morning Franklin, thinking to have an additional buffalo robe for the coming winter, and knowing no manner in which he could get the hide tanned except through his own efforts, set about to do this work for himself, ignorant of the extent of his task, and relying upon Curly for advice as to the procedure.

"You might get Juan to tan you all one or two," said Curly. "He kin tan ez good ez ary Injun ever was."

"Oh, him?" said Curly. "Why, he's all right. He's just been layin' 'round a little, like a dog that's been cut up some in a wolf fight, but he's all right now."

"Them Cheyennes was plenty hot at us fer comin' in on their huntin' grounds," said Curly, "an' they shore had it in fer us. I don't think it was what their chief said to them that kep' them back from jumpin' us, ater the fight was over."

"I'm sorry for them," said Franklin, thoughtfully. "Just think, we are taking away from these people everything in the world they had. They were happy as we are—happier, perhaps—and they had their little ambitions, the same as we have ours."

"You're a funny sort o' feller, Cap," said Curly, "but if you're goin' to tan that hide you'd better finish peggin' it out, an' get to work on it."

Watches Slower at Night. "You know that the vital energies are at lower ebb at night than in the daytime," said an old watchmaker.

"You know a good watchmaker always wants several days in which to regulate a timepiece. That is because the only way to regulate it properly is to compare it with a chronometer at the same hour every day."

"The man to whom I was apprenticed told me this, and I thought the idea absurd. We were working late one night, and he called my attention to a lot of watches we had regulated and ready to deliver."

"The fact is you can regulate a watch to make exactly twenty-four hours a day, but you can't persuade it to make just sixty minutes in each of the twenty-four hours. Why this is no one can tell."

Quite Different. "Did papa have any money when you married him?" "No, dear."

"How did you come to make such a sorry blunder?" "You mustn't call it a blunder, child. You know your father has plenty of money now. Besides, I would do the same thing again."

"Then why are you making such a fuss because I want to marry a poor young man?" "Arabella, if you can't talk sense, don't talk at all!"—Chicago Tribune.

Moribund English Parish. The parish council of Topcraft, in Norfolk, Eng., has the notable distinction of not having incurred any expenditure whatever during the past year.



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To Wash China Silk Dresses. China silk dresses may be quite successfully washed. Remove all spots with benzine. Then wash in warm soapsuds, rubbing between the hands, rinse through several waters. Use Ivory Soap and do not rub the soap on the dress. Wring as dry as possible, wrap in a sheet or clean cotton cloth and, when partially dry, iron.

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