LONG JAKE'S TRIP HOME.

CHAPTER I.

ed upon him with the dawning day, when a heavy driving shower beat ined, the truth grew gradually sharper and clearer, and piece by piece he beered, with blurred outline, in his mem-Friday he had ridden into the township from his hut beyond Razorback, rne, the publican: he was quite sure of and John Byrne, the publican, had ward. plainly intimated that the end of the spirituous tether which that cheque had secured was arrived at; alas! he was was a nebulous void. Thus the knowcave deep in the mountains, forcing its infinite difficulty and feeble vexation Byrne's. of spirit, that he fully realized and appreciated all that had gone on.

At last, however, he was in the sadfrom head to heel. A small fresh-collegs absurdly long in proportion to the all his strength, staggered with rest of him, and that the shape of a sole individuality; and as for surname, It was never dreamed that he had one, parrot Flat or in the surrounding ranges.

"Well?" shouted John Byrne from shanty, as Jake rode around from the yard. "So you're off, eh? And when shall we see you again? Not for another six months, I s'pose.-So long." John Byne spoke sadly, yet with the consoling certainty with which one Jake was one of his regular sources of and handsome as he was you would never have taken him for a shark and hoarse, monotonous, maddening dirge. a robber. On the contrary-though Then anon the dead face of the man these terms, I assure you, would have was thrust before his disordered visibeen none too hard for him-you would probably have discovered in him a type it no longer, but tore himself from the of rugged, solid, horest manhood. At bunk, and roamed through the night, all events everybody else did-at first sight.

incoherent in reply, and flung a sulky helped to cool and clear the poor be- have never occasioned anyone any- grieved you and caused you pain." anda, who, having been drinking at his expense since Friday returned it with an interest not dissociated from satire. Then he was off at a brisk canter, sitting, as some one unkindly observed, Carry Tire Tape, Chewing Gum, Postage "like a sack of coals;" and, though sitting close, swaying in the saddle every few strides in clear indication that his balance was as yet imperfect.

Tenements, whether wood or canvas were few enough at King-parrot Flat; a punture and held fast by tire tape, but what there were lay wide apart has saved many a weary step. divided by clumps of gum and belts of wattle and wild fern; so that the town- stoutest and "stickiest" tire tape ever ship, which could have been set down | made. in three or four acres just as well, extended from end to end nearly a mile. As Jake passed close in front of the rim is a walk to the nearest rail- gerous in the dark. Good-bye, be dow. er side of the road, higher up, he was Don't try to mend a No. 10 puncture did not want to go; who could force 'How would you like a sleighingplayfully hooted by a second—natural—with a No. 2 plug. It's time and pa- her? What right had they to drag her party, Elsie? But come, Lott, are long to be had so dear- you ready? We are all going to his newspaper and broke into a cackle thus rode home.

Construction and other available relation to have a lot of debts you can't pay?

Construct the house, laid down the corridor with the state of the house, laid down the corridor with the house, laid down the corridor with the house, laid down the ho -whom he took for an Australian John Neither broken toothpicks nor match- watch in his hand and stood by the her. Gilpin-thundered past. And little es makes su cessful piugs. Don't be- stove. Martha Byrne, driving back the cows lieve the man who told you he mended line but his area said: "I did not ever their over the over the over their over their over their over their over the overtical the over the impish grimace in his very path, that Long Jake turned in his saddle with a kept in place, even if the rider has no She rose, took her cloak out of the more savage look upon John Byrne's cement by tying it tightly and inflat- closet and a few things out of the child than he had hurled back at the ing it after it is tied in position. grown men. Even the cows stood still to regard him with blank astonish- trees grow, and who do not chew gum ed around the room, and again '1 canment, as he clattered through their from the trace and mond the resin not" trembled upon her lips. Suddenly midst. There was only one house left with that pretentious than any other in the township. It was the new store, lately opened by new arrivals in the colony; the bold venture of a young immi- porous, and if used, will require many grant couple, and so far held in sup- applications of a pump to the tire. reme contempt by the broad spirits of King-parrot Flat. Mrs. Truscott- postage stamps, and plugs whenever woman. the township said unanimously-might you are going out of sight of a repair be a fine young woman; they weren't shop. You can probably get water and so sure about that however; but one thing they were sure about-she I would have to get rid of those confounded

of 'rot' with bush-horses! King-parrot | Flat thought it all an excellent joke, Long Jake had been indulging in his though one which-as men of 'savvy'

ly about. Now the road to Razorback twisted abruptly round the corner of this Trusto the veranda and soaked him where cott's store; and after passing the store, he lay like a log. As the day advanc- Jake would be alike beyond the township and range of those arrows of ridicule to which an unsteady rider presents a gratuitous target. He theregan to patch together those fragments fore made no attempt to check his pace of the past few days which still ling- as he swept round close to the picket red-haired, freckled creature, with fence in front of Truscott's veranda. Had he done so, he might have heard ory. Yet, though his head ached again and understood the bounding thuds of a -perhaps from the mental effort, per- bucking horse, close at hand, before he piest hours were when she played the haps from other exciting causes—of the fore it was too late to prevent a colligreater part of the time he was able sion; for Truscott had mounted a vicito recall absolutely nothing. It was on ous young brute that was at that moment bucking furiously. As it was, before either rider could utter a cry, the horses met Jake was thrown clean and and, as a matter of course parted with far; and as ground and sky whirled that thirty-pound cheque to John By- before him, the last thing he saw was the young horse reared, as it seemed. into the dark-blue vault overheadthat. It was now Tuesday afternoon trembling in the balance-falling back-

Jake was only half-stunned by the fall, but he was more than half-sobered. In an instant he had picked himself up. The colt was just rising to equally sure of this. But the interim its legs, apparently no worse; his own ed playing. mare was cantering awkwardly away, ledge that he had been four days drunk the reins; and on the ground, close to with her near foreleg thrust through stole slowly into the blunted sense of the stockyard rail, lay a heap of gray Long Jake, as day steals into some flannel and white moleskin and quiv- man's deep voice apologetically asked ering flesh. At sight o fthis alcohol seemed to reassert its sway in Jake's laboured way through gap, rift, and brain; it reeled; and he was hardly more miliar voice. crevice. But it was not until it came conscious of what followed than of what to tell took place around him while he was larged to the discount of the place around him while he was larged to the discount of the place around him while he was larged to the place around him while he was larged to the discount of the place around him while he was larged to the larged to the larged to the place around him while he was larged to the large

more to his sober senses. He was on the mare, and was riding swiftly back dle, sitting tight with thigh and knee, to the hut. Then, for the second time the upper part of him huddled into a that day, Long Jake tried to piece toball. Not much of a man to look at, gether what had happened. But now at any time; no grace of feature or of with fearful vividness; How he had form; not even a really good seat in crept timidly up to the thing that lay eh?" the saddle. Nothing of any account so still, touched it, and started back; lifted an arm, and let it drop heavily. How he had taken the warm, yet lifeored face; crooked beard, turning gray; less body in his arms, and, exerting yet realize that it was he. round to the veranda, where a shriekbow. They called him Long Jake; for upon him. How, in spite of the mading, laughing maniac had rushed out his ill-apportioned length was the man's woman, he had borne in his burden and laid it down as gently as might be. How, very soon, a noisy rabble rusheither in this little township of King- as clearly as he could, and promised to return to the township if wanted; and not reappear at the castle withwas then suffered to break away. All out you. as in a dream.

ing pastureland beyond Razorback, near the stove. when darkness fell over all things, and "Only on a visit of a few days, the white dead gum-trees towered like Elsie. Mother must see you. She could -that night, Long Jake lay tossing on herself; she is not strong yet, his bunk, and making sure that this was very ill in the spring. So they sent time, at last, delirium tremens had fair- me.' augurs the return of summer while ing her cold rays through the open door watching the falling leaves. For Long of the hut, cast a ghostly white shadow on the sandy floor-a gleaming income-had been for years. To look out of the surrounding blackness, and itz." it John Byrne as he stood there in taking the hideous shape of a coffin; sis red shirt and cabbage-tree hat, tall and outside, the young saplings were nodding their heads like funeral on; and anon the frantic face of the thing?" half-dressed as he was, among the pale corpses of trees, until the morning dew | would not be a Hegebach. Obstinacy | feeling. Your old aunt meant no harm; upon his uncovered head, and the morn- is in the blood." Jake muttered son thing profane but ing breeze upon his fevered temples,

To Be Continued.

TIRE HINTS.

Stamps, and Plugs.

A puncture has been successfully sealed by a postage stamp and tire tape. Chewing gum, carefully spread over

Instances are on record where a cy- ly bought? She was still sitting there breakfast with Moritz to-day, Eiself in front of the house, laid down clist without any other available re- when Moritz returned. He looked sie."

Wheelmen who live where the pine satchel. She again stood still, glanc-

Court plaster, assisted by tire tape, Beate. will last for a time over a puncture. Some kinds of court plaster are quite latter.

Moral-Carry tire tape, chewing gum, sand on the way.

CHAPTER XX.-(Continued.) She let the paper fall. Had she not written too bitterly? The words had periodical spree. The fact first dawn- -they could not help feeling strong- flowed involuntarily from her pen. She

> Miss Brown was playing the violin in the next room; she seemed very melancholy that day; she had begun | rest." with "Home, sweet home."

The English governess was a tall, eyes in which constantly lay an violin in the twilight, and Elsie, closing her eyes and listening to the strains, dreamed of another hand which wielded the bow in such a masterly style, of tones which were infinitely more sweet and tender, and the tears started to her eyes.

.Some one stumbled up the stairs; who could it be? Probably the lamp was not burning in the hall; someone town. passed her door; the footsteps were those of a man. Someone knocked at

"Come in," she heard Miss Brown say, immediately afterward followed by an embarrassed "dear me," while a for some information. It was a

doubtfully.

you? In this Egyptian darkness one cannot see one's hand before one's eyes. go up? Ah, my girl, you did not expect me,

That was Moritz's voice. They en- stretched arms. tered Elsie's small room; she could not

then looked into his face.

"Yes, it is I'!' He took off his cloak and extended both hands. "What does he want, you will wonder! He has saying at length, "Does it not smell of come to fetch you, you run-away! I dare

She snook her head and raised her But that night, when safely back at | tearful eyes to his. He smiled and seatthe veranda that fronted his grog- his shepherd's hut, away on the slop- ed himself comfortably in a chair

risen sceptres on the side of the range not travel or she would have come

"Aunt wrote to me, some time ago," said Elsie. "And you replied, I know."

Elsie blushed. "I could not do otherwise, Mor-

"Mother asks nothing of you, Elsie, but to come; you will be at liberty to leave at any moment."

"I do not know, Moritz, if I can-" "You can, Elsie. Dress yourself warmly and come.' "What, Moritz, without saying any-

"I spent an hour conferring with

Sister Beate-all is settled. "I do not like to go, said she.

so it is-my father, your mother and laid the bunch of violets upon you. Yes, Moritz you too, and you were bed. always so kind! Let me remain, ah, let me remain!' He laughed.

"You dear, silly, little girl," said he encircling her waist with his arm. "so a message for you; but dress yourself was the first to propose that I should celebrated liquor. I will return in fif-

lips, but his eyes said: "I did not ex- their way downstairs.

chest of drawers and put them in journey, shaking hands with Sister

"God bless you, Elizabeth," said the "I shall come back soon, Sister

"If God wills,' said the gentle little It was snowing.

"Did you wrap up warmly, child?" asked Moritz tenderly.

through the window. She felt weakly Suddenly the music ceased,

submissive, and in consequence miser- approached and a voice cried, "Elsie Winning Her Way | Submissive, and in consequence miser- approached and a voice able. Moritz perceived it, and tried to this is indeed happiness." In the adjoining room

"I know nothing new," he began. Aunt Ratenow drew near the por-"The Rosts are very gay and have a tieres, raised them for a moment and great deal of company. Frau Annie looked through them. Then she turnsurpasses everyone in elegance of en- ed to Hegebach, nodding her head tertainments and toilettes; Lili is on gravely, she gave him her hand. Tick. the point of becoming engaged-so she tack, said the clock; not a word writes my wife. It is an old love-af- was to be heard in the outer room, gathered the letters together again, fair; my father-in-law up to this only once there was the saund of time opposed her wishes. Her lover sobs. has passed his medical examination at "Well, come forth, children p Heidelberg, and she, who always cried Moritz, at length, growing im, seemed so frivolous, has managed the patient.

> Elsie raised her eyes, but said nothing; she was still more wretch- upon Hegebach's neck.

"And Hegebach has carried out his given me-you are so kind-much too plan. Will you permit me to smoke kind to me! pression of homesickness. Her hap- a little, Elsie? Thank you very much. He has an adopted son. Is it too warm here for you, Elsie?"

"Yes, please open the window." "Mother had to lend a hand," continued; "he would otherwise not have been successful; now he seems quite contented.'

"I am glad," said she. They were the first words she had

spoken. "Very soon he intends celebrating the event. You can imagine, Elsie, that he is again the talk of the

Yes, indeed! And she, too, probably; and she had been so silly as to go Chemical Method of Insuring their con with Moritz! She wrapped herself more the door next to hers; the violinist ceas- closely in her mantle, drew her veil over her face and leaned her head back upon the cushions. She was vexed with

destination, the more nervous she

"Elsie, my dear child, where are asleep and so was his mother, but Aunt months, and it occasionally happens Lott was waiting upstairs; would she that an egg of the '96 model gets mixed

staircase, and in Aunt Lott's doorway prietor. The inventor of the new mestood a beloved little form with out- thod believes that his eggs will do more

Lott, folding the girl in her em- explanation of his new invention, but "Is it you, Moritz?" With trembl- brace. "How nice that you are he alleges that it has been thoroughly ing fingers she lighted the lamp and here! now everything will be all tested and found satisfactory.

How she did chatter, the dear, old lady; how she urged warm tea upon her, and how silently Elsie sat there, violets?"

"You only think so, Elsie; it is the perfume of remembrance-yes, yes, know what that is!"

Then Aunt Lott insisted that Elsie retire; she must be bright in the I have a plan for making a fortune in morning, she looked so pale and- Elsie lay in her bed and glanced around the room; the fire was still burning in the stove; there stood the trunk and there the doll's house. Involuntarily she felt at home. Dreams and reality began to struggle one with another, and she fell asleep.

It was broad daylight when she awoke; the san was shining brightly there, lease or charter one of the biginto her room. It surely did smell of gest glaciers shave it smooth, for about violets! She opened and closed her eyes a mile back from the ocean-the ocean several times; she could not trust being the jond at the foot of the slide,

Frau von Ratenow sat upon the edge of the bed, looking very solemn, a large bunch of violets in her

"Good morning, lazy Elsie." "Oh, aunt, forgive me," stammered ty cents for-Elsie in confusion.

"I am glad that you have come, my gial, and now give me your hand. There "Of course not," he replied, "or you is to be no more obstinacy, and no illyou must have known that. Now thing but sorrow and vexation since I With those words she drew the girl

have been born-unintentionally, but tenderly to her, patted her cheek and "They are from Hegebach, Elsie."

said she. Elsie turned pale. "Yes, they are, Elsie! And I have

offered to come, but Frieda insisted sible that they could have prepared these baths are used as a preventive, another blow for her-no - Moritz one should be taken on each of seven A leaky valve is quite beyond the teen minutes yet, and in the meantime, son—it was probably to make atone- simple that if no Russian or Turkish fied? Cry if you want to; you have fif- had told her that he had an adopted consecutive days. This remedy is so

away from the peace she had so dear- you ready? We are all going to

Hegebach presents his compliments-of course, I mean Hegebachc Senior,-Hegebach, Junior, does not yet dare-he once promised your father to Eddy, Chief Commissioner of Railways

But it was not necessary.

In the adjoining room all was still

They came in response to his call,

and a child, radiant with happiness fell "Cousin," she sobbed, "you have for-

"I had nothing to forgive, my child." said he tenderly. "How can I prove my gratitude,

cousin?" "By coming to Bennewitz very soon; it is so lonesome there."

"She would not listen to me-confess it, Elsie," said Bernardi, drawing her from Hegebach's arms to his breast. " She said she was only a poor girll"

NONSPOILABLE EGGS.

A chemist has announced that he has discovered a method of treating eggs so that they will not spoil, and he as-The train rushed on, and Moritz serts that in the future drinks in slept. The nearer they drew to their which eggs are used will be mixed with grew. It seemed to her like a dream eggs chemically insured. Eggs have when she found herself in the car- been manufactured by artificial means lying helpless and insensate at John her hand pressed to her throbbing perfume of which Frieda was so fond. It all of the small soda water stands ly all of the small soda water stands Finally she stood in the hall, half- that may be found through the thickdazed, while Moritz excused Frieda for ly populated east side district serve

with a "96 phosphate, with results that She ascended the wide, carpeted are disastrous to the soda water prothan the police to keep peace during "Ah, thank God, Elsie, my dar- the summer months in those so la water ling, that you have come!" cried Aunt districts. Thus far he has made no

> ANOTHER GLITTERING SCHEME. Capitalist-Well, sir, what can I do for you?

Inventor (who has been waiting an hour and a half for admittance)-I will occupy your time only a few minutes. one season with the outlay of only a little money. Everybody recognizes the fact that the rush to Alaska and the Klondike region next spring and summer will be tremendous. Every man, woman and child, who goes there will have some money to spend. Very good. Now, mark me. My scheme is to start a "shoot the chutes" company up then she started from her of course-haul, your boats up to the starting point by a simple endless chain arrangement, load them with passengers, who will be standing in line waiting for a thrilling ride down this grand chute provided by nature, and will cheerfully pay the trife of fif-

Capitalist, (to office boy)-James show this man out.

CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA.

There is a very simple method of curing both hydrophobia and that form of epilepsy which is so frequently mistaken for it, which cure is known as the Buisson treatment, and is effected by forcing the poison through the pores of the skin by profuse perspiration. In cases where convulsions have already you know about that too? Well, to quickly; I will go to Aunt Lott in the a vapor bath, with temperature from 127 degrees to 140 degrees Fahrenheit, With an anxiously throbbing heart, and remain there until all symptoms of and must fetch you. Aunt Lott indeed the girl dressed herself. It was impos- hydrophobia have disappeared. Where bath can be had it is quite possible to The best remedy for a side cut along a light, for those stairs are danthe latter pointing toward the win-She entered Aunt Lott's cosy room. gain the desired result in any room by ed oil stove, on which is a pan of hot "Just nice for a sleigh-ride," said water, and having wrapped all in blankets, allowing the patient to sweat out the poison.

est blue eyes, then he took his and walked down the corridor with Grabgrind-I know of only one thing

And what is that? To have a lot of debts you can't make other people pay.

provide for you, to guard and protect in New South Wales, who rose from you, and ne will keep his word. As you a clerkship in the London and Northrefused him, he hopes that he will western to the highest attainable posimeet with your approval in proposing tion in the railway world, will be interthat you become his daughter-in- ested in the details of his death brought law. Why, child, do not be so ab- by the last Australian mail. He had surd. What ails you? Hold her, Aunt been engaged on a prolonged tour of inspertion over the Government rail-Elsie ways of his colony, and had decided to leaned semi-unconsciously upon the go north into Queensland with his wife shoulder of the old lady who had to recuperate. But when he reached just opened the door leading into the the Gresham Hotel, Bris ane, he was suddenly stricken down and died after NATIONAL FLOWERS.

National flowers have been adopted in various countries as follows: Greece, the colony could know anything about horses; as if a new chum in the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the colony could know anything about horses! And he had a fatter with her or the coupe so quickly.

It is a good train," said Moritz, as they started, "it only takes five hours; at eleven o'clock we shall be at which her high the pay as it never did before. Mr. Eddy's name was freely mentioned in connection with the manyth her part of the pay as it never did before. Mr. Eddy's name was freely mentioned in connection with the manyth her part of the pay as it never did before. Mr. Eddy's name was freely mentioned in connection with the manyth her part of the pay as it never did before. Mr. Eddy's name was freely mentioned in connection with the manyth her part of the pay as it never did before. Mr. Eddy's name was freely mentioned in connection with the many mentioned "Elsie! "Elsie! You always were so a very brief illness. He had been sufinfinite bliss !- no, it (could not mentioned in connection with the management of the South-eastern railvay steps three years ago.

Idon't profess to ther into a brick wa bors, but it really re dinary degree of inte that my nephew Ger in love with little When two young sexes living in diffe accept invitations to on six successive ev persuade me in a h is due entirely to The Creswells we

was a significant fa constantly sending sionaire with little I wasn't therefore prised the other eve arrived at the Will hear the Creswells laughed in my sleev mind the sudden e

nephew, had shown

Hotel Albemarle for

Willards when he f were friends of the I don't pretend t things are managed other it happened my nephew sat next dinner that evenin I was a discreet

server of what too Although I am mys bachelor, and consequ in the art of detect which indicate the e der passions in other sion I saw quite end as to how the land looked at his neigh always demurely ca his gaze happened whereshe would ste him out of the corne little Amy certainly

It has always app the course of tri smoothly enough by way in which loves to the fulfilment of That Gerald was

ordinary run of lot I soon had cause to Amy Creswell had that very evening. happy inspiration of writer of this simpl ended in their per ment. It was all of tain Captain Lachm ald didn't happen t had been for some ed attention to M

That young lady d button for the man she not unnaturally tempt on Gerald's to her intimacy wi word for it, if you woman into another

abuse that other me If my nephew ht the world, he would such a blunder; bu old heads on to yo when a youthful hea fluence of a youthfu its turn is subject to fluence of the tend really no tellin tions may arise. A pass that before din these two young per in as pretty a little

could well wish to Ci course, neither for an instant that had heard a word o their conversation low tones, and to had been listening tion to the voluble formidable lady on who was laying dow subject of the exter chise to women; bu of an acquaintance appropriately termes one acquires the val riving on the conve person while one's

mainly occupied wi is going on elsewh "You are perfectly well," said Gerald business to say who gentleman who appr particular friend of sider my remarks as with this he turned neighbor, May Wals ed to chatter with degree of animation

Poor little Miss C moment placed at a however much she n retaliate it was ra for her to attempt fealous by comme with me; but there body else available a a woman is capable she is angry, with really likes, and, to ment, little Amy, a make the experimen

I laughed in my mere child, whom short frocks, opened upon me; but I con best to help the situ somely and I really fied when presently Gerald's animated Miss Walshe was be and that he was cast mistakable surprise my direction.

That sort of thin quite young again. tone to become disti "Ah. my dear M mured, with a well si old bachelors miss a What would I not git