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At Grand View a couple of stages met them, and as Ann waited on the platform for Don to secure a carriage she observed that on the seat of each of the coaches two mards sat, negligently nursing rifles which glittered in the sunlight. Soon the whips began to crack, and the coaches rolled away one by one, leaving Barnett to follow in a road wagon which he had hired for their own especial use. -

The sun was sinking to midafternoon, and Mogalyon on the left was in full glory of ermine and saffron. The air was keen and crisp, the sky cloudless, and the road, except for an occasional mudhole, was very good. Barnett remarked, "We ought to pull into Bozle before dark on these roads."

Night came abruptly. A thin gray scum rose swiftly on the western sky and suddenly grayed the brightness of the sun. The world grew instantly stern and cold. The road, after climbing a ridge, descended into a gorge with firs on either side, and when they came out upon the flat meadow to the northwest of Mogalyon only the lights of Skytown could be seen.

At the moment that Don was pointing out the lights two horsemen appeared in front and in the middle of the road.

"Halt!" cried a clear voice. The driver pulled his tired horses to

a stand so energetically that his hands rose above his head. "Is Donnelly Barnett with you?"

asked one of the men as he rode "I'm Barnett. What do you want of me?" asked Don coolly.

"Not a thing," answered the horseman. "That's just it. We have no use for you, and I've been watching to meet you and say that the boys want you to continue your quiet, uneventful life at the Springs." "Who are you?"

"We're a couple of Skytown vedettes. Who is the lady?"

"That doesn't concern you. Go on, driver."

The driver took up the reins, but the voice of the vedette grew sterner, "Stay where you are!" Then, turning to Barnett: "I'm your best friend, Donnelly. The boys understand that you are backing Mackay in his plans, and it isn't safe for you to enter the camp. I advise you to turn around right here and go back."

Ann spoke up: "Please let us go on. Mr. Barnett is taking me in to meet my brother, and I am cold and hun-

There was something thrilling in the calm, clear sweetness of her voice, and the first of the vedettes, pressing nearer, leaned from his saddle to ask: "Who is your brother, lady?"

"His name is Louis Rupert. He is only a boy, and I am going in to care

"Rob Raymond's kid. I know him," replied the vedette. "But I thought he was visiting you in the Springs."

"He was, but he went back to the camp today, and I am very anxious about him." "He's all right, lady, so long as Rob

Raymond has him in hand. You are welcome, but Barnett is on the outside and must stay there." "I decline to acknowledge your au-

thority," responded Barnett, now thoroughly angry.

The horseman laughed softly, irritatingly. "Manners don't go with us at the present time. I must ask you to camp right here or go back to Grand View till I can communicate with the president of the union. If you are here to talk compromise the men will be glad to meet you, but my judgment is that you better retire to Grand View. I will see that this lady gets to her brother."

Ann was not a timid girl, but the thought of riding away into the blackness of the night with these sinister guards made her flesh chill and her perves creep. "Doe't leave me, Don," she whispered.

Barnett stormed at the horsemen. "It is impossible! If I am forced to go back she must go with me. What right have you to interfere in our plans?"

The answer came quickly, coldly, every word telling. "I'll tell you. The boys have learned that you have been chiefly instrumental in pushing the sheriff into another raid, and if trouble comes they'll kill you. It isn't safe for you to be on the hill tomorrow. Now you needn't be afraid to trust the lady to me." The vedette removed his hat. "I am not a man to be feared by wo-

Ann again spoke. "I can't consent to your going into danger for me, Don. Turn back, and I will go on."

"It is madness!" he said in a low voice. "These men are not fit escorts for you. We will both go back and vait-until morning."

Ann's teeth were chattering with cold. "I dread that long drive. We must be almost at our destination."

The two horsemen conferred together, and at last one of them returned to say: "Driver, you may come on until you reach the first cabin at the foot of the hill. There the lady will get out, and you will drive Mr. Barnett back before daylight tomorrow morning." As they drew up before the shanty door the leader of the vedettes rode

forward and said genfly: "Lady, the road from here to the summit is lined with cabins, and no harm can possibly come to you while I have you in charge. Or, if you like, you can stay here till morning; but I would advise you to go on to Mrs. Kelly's. There is no cabin suited to your needs on this side of the Ann, stiff and weary and hungry,

rose in her seat with a sort of desperation. "I will go," she said with trembling voice.

The vedette, dismounting quickly, helped her to the ground, while the second man, leaning low on his horse, entered into a muttered conversation with an unkempt man in the doorway. Barnett argued and insisted on going

on to Kelly's. "Not one step farther!" sternly commanded the vedette. "But you can sleep here till daylight if you wish." Ann interposed. "Don, I beg of you

to go home. I don't want you to go any farther. I am not afraid now. This man will take me to Mrs. Kelly's. I'm sure of it, and Louis will be there by this time, and Mr. Raymond."

"Sure thing, lady. And it isn't latenot more than 7 o'clock. We'll almost get there in time for supper. Can you ride a horse?" "Yes."

"Well, I will put you on my saddle, and I will walk and lead the horse." The light from the doorway fell upon him as he approached her, and the sight of his boyish face reassured her. As Barnett saw her rise to the sad-

dle he burst out: "This is preposterous! You must not go up there. The boy isn't worth it. I'm going with you or fight!" He drew his revolver, but some one caught his hand from behind and twisted the weapon out of his grasp. "Go on, Jack. We'll take care of

him," called the man in the cabin door. As the light of the lamp was left behind and the darkness settled round



"Halt!" cried a clear voice.

her a convulsive terror seized upon the girl. The horse, stumbling over loose rocks in the road, which ran back and forth on the hillside like folds of braid, passed now and again under dark and

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With a whoop the boy rushed from

the cabin and flung his arms around "Oh, Ann, but I'm glad to see you! Where is Cousin Don? Which way did

you come? Rob has gone down to

Bozle to meet you." Ann turned to thank her guide, who was looking at her with undisguised

admiration. plied, with an assumption of grand they are continually getting nipped.

said to Mrs. Kelly. "I must introduce myself first," said run loose in these gardens, and it is the little woman. "I am Mrs. Kelly, their delight to lite letter carriers. I and your guard is Mr. Jack Munro."

ter. It seemed cruel to send him back percentage of dog scars." on that long, cold drive." Munro remained unmoved, "Oh, he'll

stay at Clayson's overnight." Mrs. Kelly put in a word. "I think doesn't take a greater interest in you better come into shelter. You must be cold and hungry. Won't you step inside, Mr. Munro?"

tion, but I've work to do."

tered the pleasant home of the Kellys, he tried." and the terror of the dark ride became a part of the outer world, shut away by the strong, rude door. "Rob has gone down to the stage of-

fice," explained Mrs. Kelly. thought you'd come that way."

Mrs. Kelly put Ann down to some tea and cold meat, and while she was still at the table and in the midst of her story Raymond flung open the door. "Here she is!" he called to some one

behind him, and his white face and glowing eyes testified to his great anx-Ann rose to meet him with a rush of actly. The clock stopped. - Harper's trust and confidence that filled her Bazar.

throat and rendered her wordless, but she held her hand toward him. He seized it. "I was greatly alarmed when I heard that you were coming alone. How did you come? How did

you find the way?" Ann then said, "Your friend Munro met us, turned Don back and piloted

me up the hill." Raymond turned to a big man who stood waiting. "Miss Rupert, this is Matthew Kelly, my mining partner." Ann gave her hand into Kelly's enormous palm with a look of admiration.

have heard Louis speak of you very In the presence of these men Ann lost all sense of fear and weakness. They were possessed of something which

"I am glad to know you, Mr. Kelly. I

Don, loyal as he was, lacked. Raymond's eyes hardly left her face. but she no longer resented his interest. On the contrary, she studied him closely. There was a subtle change in him. He seemed older, gentler, but more manly and handsomer than before.

"It is a rude place for you to live, Miss Rupert," he said, "but there is no danger. The strike has not involved We are as peaceful as a farm

She smiled back into his eyes with more of liking than she had ever ex-"I am not afraid," she replied. "I

am going to find the camp interesting. At any rate, so long as Louis is settled in his determination to be a miner, I must keep him in sight." "It is a great pleasure to have him

with me, and I am glad to be of use to him, for his own sake as well as for what you have come to mean to me." Ann's lashes fell before the glow of his admiring eyes, and with this sign of weakness a flush of resentment again passed over her. "He must not look at me in that way," she complained to herself. When Raymond left the house to

walk back to his own cabin he resented for the first time the presence of Louis. He wished to be alone with the mysterious emotion which had swept back upon him at sight of Ann. He faced the night, out of which every shred of vapor had vanished, and the blue-black vault, blazing with innumerable jetting globes of light, invited There is a proof of what Psychine does. to high thoughts, to serious imaginings.

His duty plainly was to lay hands upon the lad and hustle him back te Valley Springs and so put both brother and sister out of his life; but this was not easy. He argued that she was in no danger and that the change of air would do her good, "She will be interested in the mines," he went on in formless debate with himself. "The scenery is magnificent; and then, of course, she can go down at any time we think wise."

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Letter Carriers' Scars.

postal official, "and I'll show you of tortoise shell depends upon the thick. somewhere or other on the man the ness and size of the plates rather than scar of a dog's teeth. Letter carriers upon the brilliancy of the colors. "It was a great pleasure," he re- hate dogs, and with good reason, for manner. "Introduce me, please," he It is at houses with front gardens that they are troubled most. Dogs myself have two scars on my hand Ann gave him her hand. "I thank and two on my leg. Take a census Mr. Munro, but I think he should have of every trade, and I'll guarantee that allowed Mr. Barnett to come into shel- the letter carriers will lead all in their

> An Artist's Handicap. "What is the reason the public Shakespeare?"

in Shakespeare," answered Mr. Storm-"No, thank you. It is a great tempta- ington Barnes. "The difficulty is that every man in the audience is thinking And so, chilled and hungry, Ann en- of how much better he could do it if

A Big Mosquito.

Mosquitoes grow to great size in Burma. A young Scotchwoman who was making her first visit to that country had heard travelers' tales of the insect pest and was prepared for the worst. When she saw an elephant for the first time she said, "Will you be what's called a muskeetae?"

Duration.

Knicker-How long did the new cook stay? Mrs. Knicker-I couldn't tell exMARINE TURTLES.

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