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CHAPTER AM.

The Indians were very thorough in their work of destruction, and thanks to the looting of Rolt's store-house they had plenty of ammunition to spare, but at last even they were sat-

The cherry patch looked like a field after a Manitoban hail storm, and there could have been little doubt in the Chilcoten's minds that anything that had sheltered in it was as d ad as Julius Caesar. But being Indians the firing ceased a sound of chep- Pull them other traps, cain't you." ping began, and Rolt who should have *******

down, and before the sound of its fall lying bar of cloud and the light fal had died away, they saw the top of so suddenly that Al noticed it. pairs, Cement Curbing or another lean slowly over, hang for a Culvert Tile, see . . . spray of shattered boughs and pine

Three fell in all, and still the chop-George Whitmore ping went on. Then for the first time after dark." Rolt noticed what looked like a great saw log just outside the line of the Every Woman pine trees, lying parallel with that line, and as he noticed it two more came to join it.

There was no doubt that they came: | sure.' he saw them emerge slowly, like some footless monsters, moving sideways

"Ah, here they come! They're gettin' down to business at last. That's more like Cree fightin'! I wouldn't have thought that they knowed so much," muttered Al. But at first Rolt, who had not Al's

experience, did not understand, and the sight of those three great pine logs creeping down abreast, apparently by their own volition, was very From time to time a rifle spat redly

from the timber, but for the most part the slow progress of the logs down the sloping prairie was made in absolute silence. The sun creeping across the heavens seemed to move faster than they did.

"We've got to get them other two over this side," said Al. "We can't stop them," pointing to the logs, "and when they get here there'll be a blanked hot time in the cherry patch."

"Can we spare them? Won't the Indians sneak round from behind?" "Not likely, and if they do we've got to risk it, I guess they'll wipe us out this time," with which cheering remark he crept away, returning with

"I've left the other galloot where he was," he explained. "He ain't any account as a rifle shot, but he's so plum scared that he'll make a pretty smart looking man. Hulloh! What's got that log?"

The centre log had reached the spot where Al's hat lay, and as it pas ed over it, possibly one of the hands youd their camp?" which propelled the log reached for the slope of the prairie increased sud- the whole lot of them to get to it." denly, and this particular log had been trimmed too fine. By nature it had they won't expect us, and it's the per cent. greater than is needed to and heavy, and the men who had trimmed it had taken all the limbs off close to the trunk.

The result was that though it had crawled as slowly as its companions up to this point, as soon as it felt the sharper incline it began to turn over more freely, each revolution giving additional impetus, until it was obviously rolling.

Already it was twenty feet ahead of its companions, and then for a moment a brown hand showed above it. I's rifle came to his shoulder, but he vas too slow; the hand disappeared before he could press the trigger.

man fired, but the arm, broken at the light faded and an owl hooted. wrist, had fallen behind the log, beback about them sitters." But Rolt it. Even he was excited at last.

did not even smile. His lips were thin now and set, and his eyes were glued to that log, whilst he held his rifle as men hold their guns at the he told them afterwards at the ranch, pigeon traps at Hurlingham. If the covering party in the timber standing still."

had been able to hit a haystack at seven hundred yards, the fate of Al in the excitement of the moment both men stood up, every thought intent lessly past them.

Four men however desperate cannot Al as a motor-car passes a bus. hold a green pine tree from behind The others held on for one more log, than the second and third strings severe competition. breathing space, and then the log are behind the winner in the quarter. broke clean away from them, rolling As Rolt reached the log a group of to adjust themselves to the new conmerrily down the hill, whilst three figures rose from the sage brush. ditions, for the rate of wages in Canbrush in the vain hope of hiding from through it for some fifty yards unlaborers than on the cost of living. Three thousand were given laborers than on the cost of living. The farmers of the West will not find making cost linings. Mr. Clockern's lets invigorate the stomach and making cost linings. the white men's withering volley. seen, but concealment being no longer The farmers of the West will not find making coat linings. Mr. Cleghorn's yards with an arm swinging helpless-ly from his shoulder as he ran, and do not know Indians. Those who

"Outer to me, Boss." shouted A. pumping up another cartridge, "bull to | you," he added, regretfully, before he could fire again, as his fellow-creatur

collapsed in a heap and lay still. Men fighting for their lives have n sentiment, and perhaps Al never ha much at any tim. The sight of bl had roused all his fighting instincts and for the momint he was as reckl s as he was pitiless.

"Oh shoot, and be blanked!" cried, as half a dozen bullets humthe elected to run no risks. When med past him. "It's cur turn now

But the other traps were not pulled known better, imagined that the cold- Whilst the centre log was b traying blooded brutes were going to feed be- its masters, the two outside logs had fore picking up their birds, but he come to a standstill, and so, in spite o misjudged them. An Indian is suffi- Al's gibes and the bullets with which ciently cold-blooded, but not on the he made chips of them fly, they r. hunting trail or the war path. Then mained, great black bars on the he thinks a great deal less of his bel'y prairie, three hundred yards from th than does a white man under similar cherry patch, whilst the Novemb r sun crawled down towards the her ANYONE ONE NEEDING | Before long a great tree crashed | zon. Suddenly it dipped into a 'o'

"We've got to hurry, Boss," he a d moment, and then disappear in a sinking into his place by Rolt's sid and shaking a spray of blood off his hand where a bullet had skinned it. "We cain't let them fellows stay ther

"What are we going to do to pr vent it? We have lost our horse "That's so; but if we stay here wa" be roasted as soon as it's to dark shoot. They'll fire the bush on u-

"Well, what is your plan?" asked Gun's Drug Store. Rolt, wearily. He was a brave man but the fight against such odds, as he now realized that they had again: them, seemed to him hopeless. Only the boyish spirits of such dare-devil as the old frontier ma could remain unbroken under su h a

"I ain't got no plan," he dra v'ed 'at least no plan to speak of, b t a Scripture saying seems to me to com in mighty handy: 'Do unto others the same as they'd do unto you,' only do it quicker . Now those Johnnies are calculating to rush us as soon as gets good and dark. We've got to rush them first.' "All right."

act yet. We've got to play this game according to Hoyle, with all the frills as belongs to it. Fust there's slow music from the orchestra, then the light grows kinder dim and uncer tain, then the ghost appears. See?"

Rolt did see, and he never saw half-hour in his long life so trying a that during which he and the other three men crouched, like sprinters, waiting for the start, whilst the silen logs lay motionless in front of them and one by one the outlines of the prairie grew indistinct, the separa tree tops merged into each other, and

"They might try to get back to the timber," whispered Al, "and come on all together later on. If they do you mind the scarlet pine?"

the derelict "Stetson" which had been that's it. We've got to make for that." come to the millers of Minneapolis the old man's pride. At the same time | "But we should have to go through and other places, it can and will be "That's so, but it's the only way as

grown absolutely round, it was a white short cut to supper. Are you scared mill the wheat of this country. Canpine and young, and therefore smooth to try it? Maybe the folk at the ranch adian wheat can be imported and want us as bad as I want my tucker." "You choose your time and I'll fol- reducing the demand for or price of

scared as you'll lose your way."

was only too probable, but there were other lives to be considered, more precious to him than his own. "Do you think I am a kid or a tcheetchako, Al?" he said, angrily. "All right; I guess you ain't, if it

comes to that; but keep your hair on as long as they'll let you. Mine fel "Look out, Rolt," he cried. "They almighty loose, I can tell you," and cain't hold it! It's got away with then silence fell upon them as they hem! If they cain't stop it, they're | waited, whilst the dark came quickly our meat, sure," and he stood up reck- as it does in northern lands. First the essly to get a better chance with his | bar of brown cloud turned to fiery crimson, then the crimson died to Faster and faster came the log, and orange, that faded, and for a space the igain a hand showed, and this time an pines came out hard and clear cut arm and shoulder with it, and the old against a pale green sky, and then the

"That's the signal. They're going fore his bullet chipped the bark of it. back," whispered Al. "Are you "Bully for you, Rolt. I take it all ready?" and his voice had a shake in Before Rolt could reply the old man

> "Come on," he cried, and then, as "I'm blessed if I didn't think I was

"Though he had grown too heavy for running long distances, Rolt had her surplus products in competition and Rolt would have been sealed, for in his time been a famous university with the products of European country the excitement of the moment been in his time been a famous university tries but when as has been shown sprinter, and the long strain of wait- tries, but when, as has been shown ing had worked upon his nerves, until frequently before, she will have to ing for it 60 cents per foot. A protecupon their pray, utterly regardless of they were like coiled springs. When the leaden bees which hummed have they were like coiled springs. When the leaden bees which hummed have they were like coiled springs. When they were like coiled springs. When they were like coiled springs. When they were like coiled springs. the release came he bounded forward be a very different proposition. Al- Gresson kid did not go to 72 cents per as he had done when he was the first ready a surprising amount of foreign foot. It dropped to 45 cents, and then And then the expected happened, string for his alma mater, and passed produce is imported into the country

the prairies into his lungs. The tro: ble is that most of the men who take back these stories of Ind.an prowes don't know anything about fir t- 1 s: athletes; den't know what it m. an to come to London the wonder of you country and find yourself a very moderate second-class in town; and moreover, the raconteurs, being for the most part authorities on whiskey have no personal standard to j dg by. They themselves think them selves men. The boys would call them obsolete machines past forty and

fit only for wasting good fuel. But Rolt's muscles had been ker hard by an out-door life, and he still five wars on the right side forty, so this feet seemed to d your the distance, and in spite of th efforts the shadowy figures of th ndians grew plainer, until one turned

to face the terror panting at his shoul der. He had hardly time to see th fierce white face. The ear h its if seemed to rise up and strike him, and he knew no more.

Years after he was known as Billy Brokenjaw. He was more lucky than the big Chilcoten just ahead of him. The hand which struck the senses out of Billy, gripped and clawed at the nape of the next man's neck. For a dozen paces it seemed doubtful whe ther white rage or red terror would win in that race for life, but the clawing fingers bent at last, and the Indians shock of black hair, being coarse and strong as a horse's mane, the grip of those fingers held, and the wo men rolled over together, like fox and hound in the final worry.

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fell with Rolt's bullet between his To their credit, in spite of his pace, at home, nor can he make up for the Protection worth while? J. G. Clegshoulders and Al's through his thigh Toma and Al were not much farther loss in the foreign markets, for there horn, of England, manufactured linbefore he had gone a dozen paces. behind Rolt when he sprang at the he will be subjected to an even more ings for coats and employed in his It will take some years for wages

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tion of the farmers of all these other there is the case of men's gloves. The largest English manufacturer of gloves lost 80 per cent. of his business with the United States when a duty was put on this item. What was the result? Before the tariff was enacted these gloves sold for \$1.25 a pair. Afterwards the price was \$1 for the same glove. Pearl buttons were imported into the United States in immense quantities. A protective tariff sissippi hummed with the industry of many pearl button factories. whole industry was transported to the United States and the shells which lay for generations valueless were turned into articles of commerce. And the price dropped below what it was before the tariff was put on. Canada is entering upon her industrial career. Such lessons as these from the United States are Illuminating.

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