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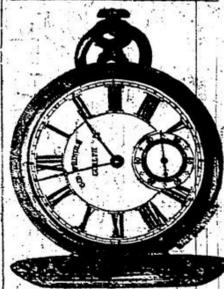
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DO NOT CROWD! This world is broad
enough for you as well as me?
The doors of art are open wide—
The realm of thought is free,
Of all earth's places you are right,
To see the best of us,
Provided that you do not try
To crowd some other man.

What matter, though you scarce can
find
Your pupils of golden ore,
While he can hardly stand to keep
(Haunt) Fame from his door?
Of willing hands and honest hearts
—Also should men be proud
Then give him all the room he needs,
And never try to crowd.

Don't crowd, proud Miss! your dainty
head
Will distort none the less,
Because it comes in contact with
A beggar's tattered dress;
This lovely world is never made
For you and I alone.
A painter has a right to tread
The pathway to a throne.

Don't crowd the good from out your
heart,
By fostering all that's bad;
But give to every virtue its
Due, and that may be had;
Be each day's record such a one
That you may well be proud,
Give each his right, give each his room,
And never try to crowd.

SNAKE AND WOLVES.
I had with me as partner in the
provision and supply business at
Blue Ledge, Arizona, in the year
1859, a man named Watkins. He
was not young, being about fifty-
five, but was one of the best-heart-
ed men I ever saw. Liberal, honest,
straightforward, he was just the
person I wanted; for I was absent
much of my time, and he had full
charge of the Blue Ledge depot.

We had made money, and were
doing a thriving business when the
existence of the Big Wolf Dis-
covery broke out. The miners had
discovered a new field, rich and
profitable; and in a week every-
body was on the rush for Big Wolf
Ledge. I went with the rest, the distance
being about sixty miles from Blue
Ledge. I saw that a depot (or
store) there must do a good busi-
ness, and, retaining my arrangements
that Watkins should go up and take
charge of it.

We loaded up three teams, and
they were ready to start, when the
old man suddenly took a notion
that I must go and see him
properly established. He had a
horror of daylocks and ledgers,
and so I made such arrangements
with our foreman as would let me
off for a week.

There were thirty or forty teams
altogether, with near two hundred
men. Everybody was moving
westward, and every body was mov-
ing westward. Watkins and I were
not left behind, having good horses of our
own; and, as was the universal
custom, we went both well armed.

It was a wild and new world
after we got beyond Yellow Creek,
and the teams had to go slowly.
Game was plentiful; and, so, while
the teams crept along at the rate
of three or four miles an hour, most
of the mounted men had opportu-
nities for trying their rifles. Wat-
kins was a good rider, a fine shot,
and he enjoyed the sport in-
tensely. The third day out, soon
after breaking camp, we struck a
mountainous country, and had
great sport with the wolves. We
finally entered a narrow valley,
Wade's horses suddenly broke
away from him, dashed up a pass
in the left hand range, and was
soon out of sight. He got the
lead of a led horse, mounted, and
he and I started in pursuit. While
we knew that the hostile Apaches
roamed through this district, we
had no fear of meeting them. In
fact, the idea of danger from any
source did not enter our minds.

Spurring up the pass, we got
through the range in a few min-
utes, and came out into a valley
like the one we had left, a small
creek running through it. Half a
mile down we caught sight of the
horse, prancing about as if greatly
pleased. Galloping down, we
caught him, and Watkins had just
changed horses when we were
startled by a voice crying out,
"Hold on, there a moment! We
want to speak to you!"

We were close to the west side
of the range, and, looking up, we
saw eight men—every one of whom
had his rifle pointed down upon a
ledge about fifty feet above us.
"Robbers and cut-throats!" whis-
pered Watkins to me. "Let's
make a dash for it!"

I was just gathering the reins
and bracing for a run, when the
leader of the gang seemed to under-
stand our thoughts, and he called
down, "We have got a dead man at
both of you. If you move one
rod, we'll shoot you both!"

We wore not thirty yards from
the eight rifles, and could almost
touch the color of the eyes looking
along the black barrels. The
charges were set on one against us,
and so we sat on our horses.

"Now, from your saddles," com-
manded the leader, coming up to
within a few feet.

We both alighted, holding our
horses by the bits. The gang all
came up, dropping their rifles and
pulling out their revolvers, and we
were completely surrounded.

"So far, so good," remarked the
leader. "Now pull out those re-
volvers and throw 'em on the grass,
and drop those rifles from your
saddles!"

Watkins whispered to me that
they were going to murder us, and
that we had better lose our lives in
a sharp fight than to tamely sub-
mit. But I looked from one evil
face to another, saw the eight re-
volvers on the cock, and realized that
we should be riddled in a second.

I therefore obeyed the order, and
my partner followed my example.
"That's all right, too," remarked
the leader. "Now let go your
nags, and come over here to the
rocks. Three of you fellows" (to
the men) "take charge of the
horses."

We walked over to the base of
the ledge, and five of the men
grouped around us, still holding
their revolvers ready. The horses
were led down the valley out of
sight; but the men returned in
three or four minutes. The leader
had been looking at us with great
attention, and he finally inquired,
"Don't you men keep a supply
shop at Blue Ledge? Ain't you
Watkins and Bank?"

I replied that he was correct,
and I thought his face softened a
little.

"Well, I thought so," he con-
tinued. "About a year ago, your
folks did a good turn for my old
partner, Jim Johnson, when he
tried to reform and become a miner,
and I am sorry you are not some
one else. We make it a rule to
shoot those who we get hold of
any prisoners; but I'm bound if
we can do it in your cases. When
a man does a good turn for Jim
Smith's friends, it's a good turn for
me, and I'll remember it."

I recollected the circumstance to
which he alluded, and expressed
hopes that he would let us off, pro-
mising him that we would never
lead ourselves to any effort to cap-
ture him. He called the men a
few rods away, and they had a
stormy discussion, all but Smith
being in favor of robbing and mur-
dering us. At last they settled
matters to suit themselves, and
came back, Smith saying:

"I am sorry, but business is busi-
ness, and I'm bound to do what
I can. We shall take what you
have, the you up and then go off
about our business. Your friends
will miss you, come back, and
before you will be released. We shall
take your horses and arms, but
you are both rich, and won't mind
it."

The man had fought hard to save
our lives, and we had no objections
to urge against our being plundered.
We both felt that we had been
very fortunate not to have been
shot down at once.

We handed over our purses
and watches, our knives, tobacco
pouches, pipes, etc., and the fel-
lows took every article. When
they knew we had nothing more,
we were conducted down the valley
about fifteen rods, made a sharp
turn to the left, and were then in
a basin about an acre in extent,
the creek having its rise there. There
was a wild plum-tree standing about
the centre of the basin, and we
were led to it.

"I really hope you won't take it
hard," remarked Smith, as he no-
tioned to the men to produce cords.
"We have got to tie you up to se-
cure ourselves; but your friends
will no doubt arrive before noon,
and then you'll be all right."

We were backed up to the tree,
Watkins on the east and I on the
west side. Standing straight up,
our arms were drawn behind us,
the cords brought forward, and in
three minutes we were as fast as
knots could make us. The cords
were small and stout, and were
drawn so tightly around my wrists
that I had not the least hope of be-
ing able to effect my own release.

"Now, then, gentlemen," said
Smith, removing his hands and bow-
ing, "allow me to bid you good
morning. I am sorry that you
happened to fall into our hands;
but you might have found worse
men than this gang. I am very
much obliged for the little loan
you have so courteously granted—
and—well, good-by. I won't trou-
ble you to shake hands."

The man had such a cool, polite
way that I was forced to smile,
and but for the fact of our horses
going off, it would not have seem-
ed like actual robbery. The fel-
lows were out of sight as soon as

out of the basin, and we could not
see what route they took to get out
of the little valley.

They were no sooner gone than
we began to make an effort to re-
lease ourselves. We pulled, twist-
ed, strained, and worked for half
an hour before we would admit that
the cords would not undo or break.
Then we were forced to confess that
there was no escape for us until our
friends came. When would they
come? This was a question which
caused us much anxiety, especially
after we had stood at the tree for
an hour, and both felt the need of
water.

"I think the chances are again
us," remarked Watkins, who was
suffering much. "The party will
go on until noon, at least, before
missing us, and perhaps until night.
But, if they miss us at noon, they
won't remember just where we left
the valley; and with a dozen pass-
ers through the narrow canyon, it is
impossible to get on, why, they
won't feel inclined to search
much, and might search a day and
not find us."

Younger and more vigorous, I
did not take such a melancholy
view of the situation, and my hope-
ful tones kept my companion up
for two or three hours more. About
noon, when the sun was hottest,
and when I would have given my
share of the Blue Ledge warehouse
and stock for ten drops of water
from the merry little creek five
steps away, Watkins suddenly ex-
claimed, "For Heaven's sake, don't
move your feet! A fearful big
rattlesnake is coming through the
grass towards us!"

The snake came right along up
to within two feet of Watkins, and
then crawled to my side, where the
sun was hottest, and stretched him-
self out at full length on the grass
directly in front of me, not a foot
from my boots. He was the largest
specimen I had ever seen, being
fully eight feet long, and I counted
fifty rattles on his tail. It was a
horrid sight to see the body of a
snake crawling, but I could not
help looking.

In whispers I informed Watkins
of the position of the snake, and
warned him that one move would
send the reptile's fangs into my leg.
A bit of paper had fallen on the
grass, and was lifted now and then
by the light breeze. The snake
snapped itself by striking at the
paper, always hitting it with his
head, holding it "a moment," and
then drawing back. It had been
playing this way for fifteen or twen-
ty minutes, when Watkins's suffur-
ings for water were so great that
he had to groan. His lips had not
closed when the snake coiled up
around his rattles, and moved his
head this way and that, to search
out the promising lead. One day
during the past winter he fell to
rise in the morning as early as
usual. At length his father went into
a room where he lay, and asked him
why he did not get up. He said it
seemed dark yet, and he was wait-
ing for daylight. His father re-
plied, "But the boy not making his
appearance for some time, he returned
and said a second time:

"My son, why don't you get up?"
"He is in daylight?" he asked.
"Yes, long ago," he returned, and
said a second time:

"My son, why don't you get up?"
"He is in daylight?" he asked.
"Yes, long ago," he returned, and
said a second time:

"Then, father," the fellow said,
"I am blind."

At about three o'clock his father
took him to Nashville, to get the benefit
of the medical profession there; but
none of the physicians could do any-
thing for him, and he happily made
experiments on his eyes. Some ladies
in a family of his father's ac-
quaintance sought to cheer him in
his affliction, and one night propos-
ed to him to take the opera, that he
might hear the music and singing.
He went and was delighted.

In the course of the performance
all at once he leaped up, threw
his arms around his father's neck,
and screamed with ecstasy—
"O father! I can see!"

His sight had instantly returned.
And since then he has remained
in full vigor, except that, under ex-
citement there is sometimes a tran-
sient dimness of vision. The case is
one of a remarkable and singular
character.

Couldn't be Bluffed.
A couple of horsemen, coming in
to the city the other day from the
interior, overtook an old man and
his wife seated in the bottom of a
mule cart. Feeling in high spirits,
one of the men called out to
"Hello, uncle, how much will you
take for your wife, old cow?"

"Oh, I dunno," he slowly replied.
"Well, man, your price."
"How much'll you give?" he
asked.

"Ten dollars."
"Take her."
The horseman didn't want to say,
and was gathering up the reins, when
the old woman jumped to the
ground and exclaimed:

"Pass over the ducats, Mister, I
like the old man, and he likes me,
but we are a family who are not
bluffed by no man on horseback."
The "bluffers" got out of the
scramble rising off at full speed—
"Vickaburg Herald."

The Montreal Telegraph Co. have
opened an office at Charlottetown,
County of Peel, Ont.

ing on his courage, the brute sud-
denly made the spring; but I gave
him a kick in the head, which roll-
ed him over and over, and sent him
on howling.

Five minutes after, both wolves
were in front of me, and I believed
my time had come. But they did
not leap. They crawled in on me,
and dashed at my legs. My heavy
boots protected me, and helped me
to defend them. I kicked with one
foot, then the other, and at last
drove them off, though I knew very
well that such attacks would
place me in their power. They ran
off towards the ledge behind me,
and I knew that Watkins timed
me. He could offer no defence,
and would be an easy victim.

I could not shout—speak—I was
helpless to save him. I heard the
brutes growling and snarling, and
directly they both rushed upon him.
The poor man gave a yell as he felt
their teeth, but all was over in a
moment, and they were eating
away at his flesh. I could hear
them tear his clothing, strip off the
flesh, crack the bones, and I nearly
went mad. I believe that I was
going crazy with fear and horror,
when I suddenly heard shouts and
two or three rifle shots. The wolves
paused in their work, growling at
being disturbed. The shouts came
again, and I tried to reply. I open-
ed my mouth but could not even
whisper. I knew that my friends
were searching, but I was powerless
to aid them.

Five minutes passed, and then
up the valley I saw the reflection
of a light. The wolves saw it well,
and rose up and dashed off, one of
them having part of an arm in his
mouth. In a moment I heard a
cry of "Wolves!" three or four
shots, and then came galloping
into the basin.

I was saved, but I was like a
child, being under the care of a doc-
tor and nurse, and afraid even
an evening shadow. Smith and his
gang had followed on after the
party, and in attacking a portion
of it the bandit chief had been mor-
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