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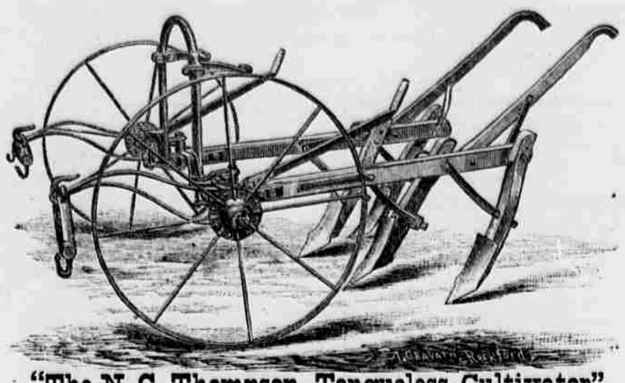

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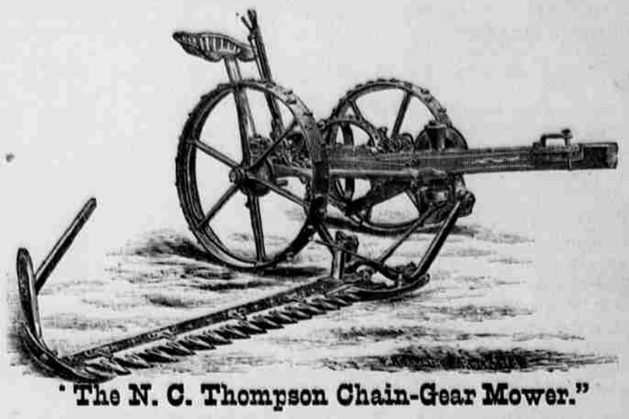

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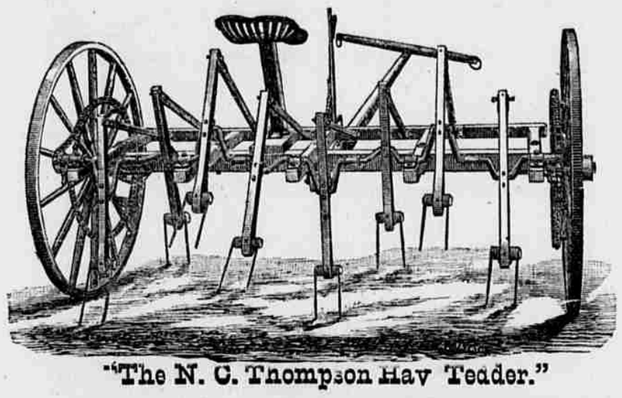

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Almost seeming as if riding
On the fleet wings of the West.

Have I quaffed some magic potion,
Changing me to demigod?
Is not this the very motion
With which Hermes trod old ocean,
When with winged sandals shod?

Ha! It is the joyous feeling
Of unfettered birds I share;
And, like them, my joy revealing,
Bursts of song I would be pealing
Through the wide-resounding air.

Circling, swaying, curving, skimming,
Like a swallow on the wing;
Now you margin deftly trimming,
Now the surface roughly limning,
Onward with a graceful swing.

Tell me not of Lydian breezes,
That to idle dreams invite;
Rude Boreas better pleases,
Whose caress the waters freezes,
And whose rugged kisses bite.

—[Bertha Diemer.

NAN;

A Story of Western Life.

From the San Francisco Bulletin.

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II.

TROUBLE FOR MAN.

The nine days' wonder that Nan's appearance in Centreville created died away in the excitement of new and more stirring events. There was little lack of such in a lively mining camp in the early '50s, and soon, save for the occasional sight of her sweet face in their midst, the episode of the romantic marriage would have been entirely forgotten. She was a favorite in the little place with every one, and many a ungget of unusual sightliness was laid away by some sunburnt miner for Jim's wife—"The sweetest and prettiest girl in California, bless her!" And Jim himself seemed to have awakened to a sense of nobler and better things, and had abandoned much of his former wild and reckless habits. He worked steadily, too, and on the whole Nan's life for those first few months was one of sunshine. Still she had heard enough from chance words dropped here and there to give her an idea what Jim's career had been before her arrival in Centreville, although a certain kindly fear of giving pain had prevented her from hearing the worst, and the name of Yuba Kate had never reached her ears.

But alas for Nan! It was not long before Jim drifted slowly back to his old ways, and with every day new lines of care showed themselves on her young face, and the bloom plainly faded from her cheek. She never complained, but came among them every now and then and always with her quiet gentle smile, and the boldest there had not the courage to speak to her of Jim's waywardness, although her white face and tearful eyes told that her heart was breaking. And so the months sped along to the early winter.

One night as Nan sat watching the huge logs blaze in the wide fireplace a sudden feeling of dread and loneliness came over her that would not be banished at her bidding. At last she could stand it no longer, and thinking in a terrified way that she must find Jim, started up from the fire and throwing a shawl about her, she opened the cabin door and went forth into the darkness in search for him. A quick walk over the crisp snow led her to the door of Golden Nuggett, Jim's usual rendezvous, and, hesitating but a moment, she raised the latch and walked in. To her dying day she never forgot the sight. Men were standing about in groups, talking excitedly. a dozen small fights were going on in different parts of the room, glasses were clinking at the bar and the air was redolent with tobacco smoke and choice profanity. In one corner, with his hands securely bound behind him, stood a tall, brutal-looking man, with an air of sullen defiance; several men with six-shooters were guarding him; the blood rushed down his face from an ugly cut over the eye—evidently made by a flying tumbler. At a table somewhat apart from the throng an animated game of draw-poker, was progressing; among the players was Jim. Hardened, indeed, were the men who could thus coolly pursue their game of hazard while the bleeding victim of the lawless mob lay at their feet. For as Nan pushed forward the crowd in front of her parted, as she beheld a form stretched on the floor with a ghastly wound in the temple.

It was a young and boyish face that was turned up to the light, and beside the silent figure, with one of its lifeless hands clasped in her own, knelt a woman; she was weeping bitterly, and begging him, between her sobs, to speak to her. But he was quite dead.

"'Taint no use, Nell," said one of the men, pulling her aside roughly, "the man's dead, and all your howlin' and screechin' ain't a goin' to bring him back to life."

The unfortunate woman rose with a shriek of such extreme and utter desolation that even those rough hearts were moved.

"Phew! Nell's cutting up rough about Jack's death," said Jim Warner, rising partly from his chair to watch her. As he did so, he saw Nan beyond her with a look of terror on her face. With one bound he was at her side.

"My God, Nannie, this is no place for you!" he cried. It was then that she broke down completely.

"O, come home with me, Jim, come home," she sobbed, and without one glance backward, he put his arm about her and led her from place.

For days after that she was nervous and frightened and ill. Jim, really alarmed about her, worked in sight of the cabin, and for this while his usual haunts saw him not. But his was the soul of the gambler, and he could not free himself from the riveted chains which bound him. And yet he loved her. His passion for her was the supreme one of his life, and the love he bore her no man of his nature ever knows twice. He would have died for her any day were the matter of dying all; as it was, he had not the strength to live for her alone.

The time was now within a few weeks of the Christmas holidays. Clear and cold the silver sickle of a moon looked down upon the snowbound earth and the tall pines rising like giant ghosts in their white draperies.

"You're not going out to-night are you, Jim?" Nan asked as she stepped to the door.

"I'll only be gone a minute, Nannie," he answered, evasively and with something like supplication in his voice; and not waiting for any further expression of opinion he went out.

Nan listened until the sound of his footsteps was lost in the soft snow and then sank with a moan into her chair. She would wait for him, she told herself, striving to dismiss the dismal fancies which pressed upon her; and somewhat tired from the day's work, lulled by the song of the wind about the roof and the monotonous crackling of the wood fire, she fell asleep like a tired child. When she awoke the bright blaze had turned to ashes on the hearth, the clocks was striking the midnight hour, and Jim was not there. Oh! the agony of that moment and the trial of the bitter hours of waiting that followed. Listening, listening for the never-coming footstep; looking, looking with strained eyesight over the snow to see if he was there. She could not sleep; she did not mind the coal, although it was intense. In the watches of that weary night faith died within her, and in her dumb anguish her lips refused to pray. And so she sat until the rising of the cheerless December sun, and with the sunlight Jim came.

He rushed in excitedly; he no sooner saw her sitting there by the window than he began to tell her how rich they were, he showered the gold—his ill-gotten gains—upon her. She should be the first lady in the land; she should wear diamonds; they would go back to their old home, she was his own little Nannie, and they were rich at last! For luck at faro had smiled on him and he had broken the bank.

She rose up then and stood before him with blazing eyes. "Keep your gold—your stolen gold! I would not touch it if I were starving. I hate it and you!" then with a sudden revulsion of feeling the angry light faded from her eyes and murmuring brokenly: "O, Jim, how could you—how could you?" she sank at his feet in merciful oblivion of all about her.

He caught her in his arms; he laid her upon the poor bed; he chafed her cold hands; he begged her by everything sacred to speak to him, to say she forgave him. But the deathlike swoon did not yield, and he thought that he had killed her. And when after many moments—they seemed ages to him—she turned to consciousness, Jim's tears were on her face, his frantic kisses on her lips, and he was telling her that he had killed her, but he loved her better than the whole world.

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The dressing, skate room, ticket office, etc., are all very convenient and commodious. The rink is lighted by the Pilcher electric lamp, and is also provided with gas. Last night there was excellent music, and Mr. Will. H. Daniels, who is wonderfully skillful and graceful, made a very pleasing exhibition of fancy movements. The rink opened under such favorable auspices, and so be under the management of so gentlemanly and efficient a man as W. W. Chapman cannot but prove a popular amusement resort.

Star Actors.

The following are the number of arrests and character of offenses during the month of January, as reported by Chief Field, of the police department:

Intoxication, 19; larceny, 5; obtaining goods under false prrtenses, 1; committing a nuisance, 3; resisting officer, 1; burglary, 5; misdemeanor, 2; keeping house of prostitution, 13; inmate of house of prostitution, 11; disturbing the peace, 5; vagrancy, 6; assault and battery, 3; peddling without license, 1; gambling, 5. Total, 71.

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Wheat—No. 2 spring, 65c; No. 3, 60c; rejected, 45c; good demand.

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Oats—In good demand at 22c.

Hay—4 00@6 00 per ton; 50c per bale.

Rye—40@45c.

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Butter—Plenty and in fair demand at 20c; creamery, 35c.

Eggs—In good demand at 25c per dozen.

Lard—Fairbank's, wholesaling at 11c.

Poultry—Ready sale; dealers are paying for chickens 11c; turkeys, 14c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 40c; onions, 40c; cabbage, none in the market; apples, ready sale at 3 00@3 50 for prime stock.

Flour—City flour, 1 60@4 00.

Brooms—2 95@3 00 per doz.

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