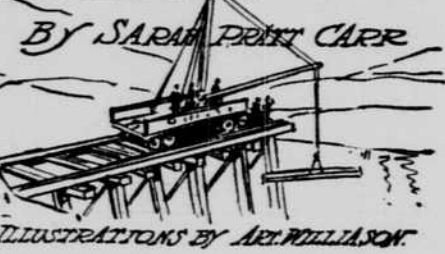


# THE IRON WAY

A TALE OF THE BUILDERS OF THE WEST.



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## SYNOPSIS.

The story opens during a trip of the "Overland Mail" through the Rocky mountains. "Uncle Billy" Dodge, stage driver, Alfred Vincent, a young man, and Phineas Cadwallader, introduced. They come across the remains of a massacre. Later at Anthony's station the redskins have carried their destructive work there also. Stella Anthony, daughter of Anthony, keeps the station, and the redskins have carried their destructive work there also. Stella Anthony, daughter of Anthony, keeps the station, and the redskins have carried their destructive work there also. Stella Anthony, daughter of Anthony, keeps the station, and the redskins have carried their destructive work there also.

up into the hotel brilliance. Stella alighted after the others; yet she heard Miss Hamilton's graceful thanks to Alfred, saw the lingering handshake, the appeal in her eye, while she leaned upon her uncle's arm.

CHAPTER XVII.  
The Little Woman in Blue.  
Sally B.'s ready skill soon had the ankle rubbed to comparative ease. She prescribed bed; but Miss Hamilton declared for the banquet even if she must be carried there, and gladly accepted Stella's offer of help with the dressing.

Miss Hamilton's lingerie was hardly less costly and dainty than my lady's of to-day. White silk hose and satin slippers; multiplied skirts more lace than cambric; the combination of lace and blue silk tissue that was the filmy little gown—with careful hands Stella unpacked and laid them, a snowy heap, on the bed.

CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.  
"Why don't you buy abroad?"  
"Our franchise forbids that; and American foundries can't make it fast enough. What we do buy is so long getting here! Twenty thousand miles! That's a sail for you. And the gales, and wrecks! By George! I wish it was quicker and safer."

The toilet went slowly. Stella had been taught a decent respect for the human body; and her innate love of beauty and order had blossomed into an honest personal neatness. But such complicated hair-dressing, such caressing of eyebrow and lash; such critical attention to hands and nails; the bathing, hot and cold; the rubbing and patting of cheek and arm, be-



"You May Come for Me in Five Minutes."

fore lotion, powder, and a wee touch of rouge went on; the examinations at each stage with hand glass and mirror, Stella holding one of the lamps which she continually adjusted to new angles of reflection—this was an amazing revelation to her of Eve-old feminine adoration at the altar of self-adornment.

She noticed proudly that he wore his clothes with an accustomed ease, saw also that he was the only man in the room who could fitly escort the dainty woman who floated by his side, a summer cloud in her filmy white draperies.

splendid!" she exclaimed as they came under the lamp.  
"Don't she, ma?" echoed Viola, heartily.  
"Say, honey, them tiger lilies suits you; an' I'd never 'a' thought it. They got colors in 'em like yo' hair an' eyes, shore's yo' born. Then they're kinder secret an' powerful lookin', like they could do things to all the other flowers."  
"What an odd idea!" Stella said wonderingly.  
"Is it? Well nobody won't git their secrets a-studyin' of their looks; no more will they your'n, Stella. Your face gits secretar an' elegantar every day." Sally B. never paused for a word. It might not be the right one, but her meaning carried, as the message of the master in spite of poor instrument and blundering fingers.  
The band was playing as they entered.  
Stella's quick eye noted with sudden aversion the three reserved chairs, and the absence of Alfred and Miss Hamilton. "Let me sit on this side with you and Viola, won't you, Miss Sally?" she asked softly.  
"But there's no seat on this side, chicken." Sally B.'s whisper was far audible.  
A gentleman rose at once and offered his arm, which Stella accepted to save further confusion. She was rosy with embarrassment, though no other hint of it showed in her stately walk around the long table. And Sally B. watched delightedly the following of admiring eyes.  
Stella was hardly seated when Miss Hamilton entered, leaning on Alfred's arm in the dependent style of the time.  
Miss Hamilton had timed her coming to that awkward instant common to banquets, when all await some incomprehensible delay, and when any diversion is welcome. She walked slowly down the long room, Miss Hamilton's step and movements so perfectly artful that they seemed artless—young women were so trained then.  
A hum of admiration went round. Stella had not before seen Alfred in evening dress. The night he wore Romeo's velvet and laces he was more splendid; but this conventional dress, finely displaying his slim figure, belonged to a world she knew not.

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## WHERE SHE HAD THE BULGE.

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When the radiant two were alone Stella saw Miss Hamilton's animation fade in a breath; saw her pale and tremble and lift a pathetic little face to Alfred. And Stella marvelled at the heroism that had kept the girl keyed so long to her role. However artificial Miss Hamilton's manner might have been before, Stella recognized the significance of the dropped mask. Here was perfect honesty, and the sweet appeal of pain courageously borne. How could Alfred resist it, or her trust in him, her beauty, all the subtle intimateness of the moment?  
"Oh, Mr. Vincent, I've nearly died this last hour," she said unsteadily. "Won't you please find Uncle Charley as soon as you can?"  
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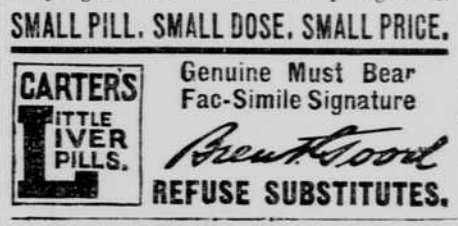


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"My boy," said the novelist, "it is very bad for you to smoke that coarse black twist. You will make yourself old before your time."  
And so he went on till he had delivered a long and what he believed to be a telling lecture. A day or two later the youth left without giving notice, and shortly afterward Mr. Barrie brought some friends to his flat. Promising them a special treat, he

