THE LONG PACK

High up among the hills o[illegible] on road that runs through [illegible] pass is a small tavern, and [illegible] the odd title of "The Long [illegible]

"Does that mean a [illegible] cards?" inquired a tra[illegible] at the swinging signbo[illegible] represented the weathe[illegible] of something faintly [illegible] soldier's overgrown kna[illegible]

"No," replied the gr[illegible] lord. "It means a p[illegible] Now-a-days they call [illegible] cases, I believe," pointi[illegible] gage of several convic[illegible] that stood in a corne[illegible] have a good deal of tha[illegible] I try to make the 'reck[illegible] comfortable as possible, [illegible] hard on their fraternity [illegible]

"How was that?"

"Well," said the mou[illegible] who had waited until sh[illegible] buxom matron, had left [illegible] "it [illegible] a very pleasant story [illegible] to tell it sometimes, [illegible] myself that the worst thi[illegible] have in this world is a [illegible] temper. You see, I cam[illegible] soon after the gold feve[illegible] and settled down in the [illegible] valley below here, ranchi[illegible] widower even then, and [illegible] with me from the states [illegible] —a daughter, past seve[illegible] was a pretty girl, if I do [illegible] ing as good as pretty, you [illegible] I was quite wrapped up [illegible] Of course, I was anxious to k[illegible] with me, and if not that, at le[illegible] looked for her to do something be[illegible] to fall in love with a peddler."

"And did she?"

"Yes; you see, in those [illegible] the country was full of young [illegible] who had struck out for the[illegible] and were trying to get a start [illegible] knicknacks around from [illegible] or mining camp to another. [illegible] of them were lively chaps [illegible] and well educated, but I was [illegible] from the states with all t[illegible] tern prejudices, and it almost [illegible] me wild when Nellie told me [illegible] to marry a young fellow who [illegible] his pack through our distr[illegible] good deal oftener than his trade [illegible] to require. So I stormed, [illegible] locked Nellie up for a wee[illegible] word to her lover that I had [illegible] my gun for wildcats and peddlers."

"What did Nellie do?"

"You might have guessed [illegible] anger. One day when I came [illegible] from a cattle sale she was missing. I [illegible] her a couple of days, but [illegible] taken to the tall timber and [illegible] no use. After awhile I got a [illegible] from 'Frisco, and I wrote back sa[illegible] I disowned her, and that he [illegible] keep out of the range of my [illegible]."

"What did you do then?"

"Suffered, mister—just su[illegible] I knew I was wrong, but I'd [illegible] rather than give in. For fo[illegible] I lived like a toad in a rock, [illegible] the whole world. All the pleasa[illegible] was in watching for pedd[illegible] the number I licked and chase[illegible] ranch during that time woul[illegible] you. One evening after a te[illegible] storm, one of the tribe came [illegible] house and asked me for shelter [illegible] night. He was a thin, weak [illegible] follow, with his face covered by [illegible] ragged beard. He carried on [illegible] an enormously long and he[illegible] and seemed so exhausted [illegible] tramp through the mire that [illegible] the heart to do more than o[illegible] off the place."

"That was pretty hard," [illegible] listener.

"I suppose it was. The [illegible] seemed all broke up when he [illegible] wouldn't even give him a [illegible] straw in the stable, and no oth[illegible] within twelve miles. Instead [illegible] claiming, however, he merely [illegible] that I would allow him to [illegible] pack, which he said contained [illegible] of value, under shelter from the [illegible] finally consented to this. So, [illegible] sworn one of his trade shou[illegible] cross my threshold, I carried h[illegible] inside, while its owner limpe[illegible] crawl under some bush or other."

"Didn't you feel mean?"

"Yes; mean and bitter at th[illegible] time, for something about the [illegible] minded me of Nellie's husband [illegible] However I locked and barred [illegible] doors and windows, as usual, fo[illegible] road agents had been aroun[illegible] parts about that time, and had [illegible] up and robbed several ranchers [illegible] as I told you, I was all alone. [illegible] how, I couldn't go to sleep. I [illegible] at his pack sitting up in the corn[illegible] wondered what made it so long. [illegible] watched it I fancied I saw it mo[illegible]

"Saw it move?"

"Exactly. I wouldn't believ[illegible] eyes at first, but after watching [illegible] ly for awhile, I distinctly saw the [illegible] of a hand pressed against the c[illegible] from the inside. Like a flash [illegible] understood the whole thing. [illegible] peddler was one of the road a[illegible] gang, and, knowing I had consid[illegible] money about the house, they [illegible] adopted that plan for smuggli[illegible] of their crew inside the house. [illegible] I had gone to sleep, the follow[illegible] could let in the rest and finish the[illegible] I walked quietly across the room, [illegible] my gun from the antlers, knelt d[illegible] few feet from the pack aimed [illegible] in the center and pulled the trig[illegible]

"Go on," murmured the lis[illegible] with a shudder.

"But the gun didn't go off," [illegible] tinued the landlord, clearing [illegible] throat. "The nipple was rusty [illegible] wouldn't work, so I laid down th[illegible] and got an ax from the kitchen [illegible] had been newly-ground that day. [illegible] when I lifted it over my head, I c[illegible] at upon cleaving that pack, robber[illegible] silk, clear to the floor. Just as I r[illegible] the b[illegible] and braced myself for the b[illegible] I—I saw a ghost."

"Saw a ghost?"

"Yes, s[illegible] The pack opened, [illegible] saw sticking out of its top the [illegible] yellow head, blue eyes and rosy ch[illegible] of my Nellie when she was a litt[illegible] of four. The shock staggered m[illegible] that I sank on my knees. I wipe[illegible] eyes, and wondered if I had not [illegible] crazy. I was almost certain o[illegible] when the ghost stretched out a pa[illegible] chubby white arms, and sai[illegible]

"'Deevenin', dranpa!'"

"Ah!" said the guest, with a [illegible] sigh, "I begin to see. And wha[illegible] you do then?"

"I don't exactly know," said [illegible] landlord, softly, "but if there is a[illegible] thing that will bend a stiff, stubb[illegible] neck quicker than the arms of a li[illegible] child, I'd like to know what it is. [illegible] put the tired little prisoner down [illegible] the fire, opened the door and held [illegible] my arms."

"And the mother—"

"Yes," nodded the landlord, "s[illegible] were took, there and, mister, I gu[illegible] that's the end of my story," and [illegible] old man wiped his eyes. "You m[illegible] excuse me, stranger, but that wa[illegible] was evening, and somehow I hav[illegible] not quite my since."—*Derrick Dodd[illegible] San Francisco Post.*

"I heard a phenomenal bass voice a day or two since," said a local musician to the writer. "It was in the wee sma' hours of the morning, and I was returning home from a dance. I turned into Court st[illegible] Washington, when my attention was attracted by a man singing, apparently at the further end of Tremont row. It was a rich, resonant bass voice, and the man was singing in the upper register. I can tell the pitch of tones by ear, and once during his caroling he reached high F, and no strain was apparent in the tone. It rolled out strong and easy, as if a Whitney were singing. Then the melody progressed downward, until to my astonishment he was sounding low E, and I heard him with perfect distinctness. He must have been two hundred yards away. As we approached, he stopped singing. I saw that he was a negro. He strolled leisurely along, hands in pockets, and seemed to be some laborer either going to or returning from work.

"When I passed him he commenced to sing again, and I stood at the entrance to Pemberton square listening until he turned into Washington street. At that distance his voice was distinct and powerful on low E, and he was apparently far from the limit to his range. Such volume of tone I never heard equaled, even by Scaria, unless the morning air and quiet streets are exceedingly deceptive."—*Boston Globe.*

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The Boy and The Bag.

There are few sights more suggestive of hopeful patience than that of a boy sitting on a bag of wheat that has fallen from his horse. He starts to mill joyously. The great event in the life of a country boy is to be entrusted with a milling expedition. He sleeps very little the night before the journey, so active is his mind concerning the prospective trip. His father helps him on the horse, and he sits on the bag, as proud as a king is on his throne. Every object along the lonely road interests him. He plucks the blooms from the dogwood, and almost falls off when the horse reaches around to bite himself. He rides into the creek to let the horse drink, and spits at the minnows that swim around. After he goes up the bank on the opposite side of the stream, and proceeds on his way along the road, he notices with alarm that the bag is slipping to one side. He sits still further over to make the bag balance, but yet he is not satisfied, for it keeps on sliding to one side, and at last falls off. He cannot restrain his tears, and though he knows that he cannot lift one end of it, yet he tugs at the bag. The old horse snorts, nibbles the grass and lashes the boy across the eyes with his tail. "Whoa, you old fool!" and the disconsolate little fellow weeps afresh. He cannot leave the bag fearful that some one will steal it. He must wait the tardy coming of a passer by. He hears the sound of hoofs and he listens intently, while the swelling buds of his hopes burst into full bloom. He is doomed to disappointment for the horse has no rider. Thunder rumbles in the distance and he will get wet. At last he sees an old negro coming along. His heart beats high with hope. The old negro stops aside and takes a by-path. The boy shouts. The old negro does not hear him. Another hour, that seems an age, draws itself along. He hears a wagon. He is almost wild with joy. The driver, though a surly fellow, lifts the bag up, and the boy, happy and thankful, is rescued just at a time when he does not think he can stand it a moment longer.—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

GLEANINGS.

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ALFRED DECKER.

No. 7382, for the w½ of section 28, tp 2, n [illegible] west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Nelson Hall, [illegible] H. Raley, Sherry F. Robinson, John [illegible] all of Red Cloud, Neb.

S. W. WHITER, Register.

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CHRISTIAN BEHLER.

H'd No. 7117, for the w ½ of section 25, tp 3, north R 11 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Stephen Harris, Lafayette Campbell, Thomas [illegible], Charles K. Pettengill, of Red Cloud, Neb.

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