

Nomawnime sise Honry Bruce wrike $\mathbf{x}$ ． Henry Bruce walke1 rapithy nway th

 yye beat genily down upon the erf mooen woonilegh．At reveve，rawben ylaneoced hore Frueg raunty outhendid in the thatom ＂A Ano onishth for a ride．＂he mald．puff．
 ＂Noll enough tor them eit caroen ＂Tarter that wort of timusement．＂



 mons＂ill the tent of my parity in a car myyn roplied，the acommodatits Min omro and buck now and then，ea yov
 Herotiond Q Qthooter from hit belt and
 allocking of the 1
Brace lookeded carionaly at the man be Somed to havenomething hpon hit mind anying the long ritat from tho madale－ Ho rode at a owingsting yullop through
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3 Mogntefal tranatton trom the fover moght to Hilo exirlit o woune of mpenend
 mive form


嫼Brace，at once noting the condition of
no medonbtable captain，
turned lite the redonbtabie captain，turned him
horren anite and endeavored to pane him
withont without replying，but Foraker，percelv
ing his intent，put apura to his gray and
cannoned ing his intent，put spurs to his gray and
cannoned into him with a force thas


 he neck of hin horse in an nggreessive
Way He Emphanized hifs remarke with
hin heavy riding whit．＂You tnsulted
me tonight．I want you to undthitan Im a Went Poin＇r and a damned sight
too good company for any girl you or
ny other tenderfoot eahhorts to You hear mer＇he demanded with drunk－
on dter
 nor atyio en on，and hero wasnt any
occalion for you to be odamned eschi－
alve．＂ With an mien，leaning over hiting andirle of giving very im．
portant advice，＂You want to be dev＇linh portant nivico，yor wan yo
careffil yong feller or youl
velf fito trouble－mind that．＂ ＂Etigning bacider his horree an if about to ride
＂Tryin to get away＂sald the captatin With a seeer，attempting to intercept
him by koeping his gray in front of him with whipand spur－＂tryin to got awny， young feller，you can＇t do that undititan ${ }^{\text {niu }}$
done with you I want you to und But here Braceatruck Buekzhot
and attempted to dash by him Iy and attempted to doanh by him．
Tho captain uaw his intent，and atri ing his apura into his horse made an ef
fort to stop him a meond time by run－ ning into him．The eflort proved futile Encknhot had already got under way rose to his stirrupe and as Brace
him otruck hame heany riding whip，aummoning to the e？ Cort all the atrength he could muater．
The blow made Bruce reel in his and dle．For a moment he feared he mhould
be unseated．The next，whoeling horse about，he danhed aguinot Foraker
closing with him in A mounted atruggle elosing with
tor tho whip．
Ao the horaes came together Bruce hand suddenly and caught tho ominous
gitter of a rovolver in the moon．He had barely the to tright of the the saddle when the weapon wase Ared，
the bullet whintling close above his
head．Clearly the time for temporizing
 ofdal．In an instant Bruce had draw
his own platol，and as the captain raise Tho two weapono exploded almultane
ounly－the fach from his ont any－the fachon from exploded hitmultane opponent＇s
ro
olve almont blinding B福 8解




 Hion，Bruce romeng to hid juetice of hith mo ton，bruce roen to
mantering foeling of awe．As he ovtood
gasing down at the dead man，and the gnaing down at the dead man，and the
eyee os intely opened upon him in hate eyees os intely opened upon him in hate
starod blankly up into his，ho tottered
and felt faint．White ea win the and felt faint．White as was the facoo
the dead，his own was yet whiter and
took on a ghasly exproasion in the eold gray light that seemed suddenly to poe ly sbont him and．Bracegased racant－
morning．A faint Aush was vit vible that It was no sense of gailt，but the alck



 ＂How＇s thetr＂jacolated Mosely，turn－
ng again to Bruce ne the latter repeated His intention of giving himmelf up．
You＇re thinkin of coming along with Yource thinkin of coming along with
Ireckon
w＇ve got about all we $k i n$ alt care of today，＂winking craftily a
take
the deputies．＂LLem，heros he deputies．＂Lem，hero＇s s big oon－
tract to hande，and it＇s pretty grod and ract to handie，and it＇o protty good anc
ree country ail around abont here．My
yes aoter failing me ater yes sorter failin me after leat night uusiness and my hearin beln ongattin，
dontt know es 1 hev nany knowledge of hon know es hev ny knowledge of rond． 1 reckon，ef 1 ahould ever get th
hear of any nech encounter，it might be
necenoary fur me to take some metho ， necenary fur me to take some action，but
es the case stands jest now，ye see，ru not aware thet anything out of the or＇nar In apite of the

## eption of the event of the early morn

 riving himself up，urging that phis wa the bent and most honorable way o learing himself from tho imputation ooul play．To this the genial fully opposed the folly of any one＇s put．
ing himseef in the cluteheo of the law ing himself in the clutchee of the law
for fliling his adversary in
and nd the rink of exposing himself to the
infuriated noldiery at the poot，whe Would naturally feel a partionn recent
ment at the death of their cilief．
Finding at len

 od not under arrees．Bruce was aboo
to roply when
him that he whe rideong dampod apon hat he might bo suapeoted of havipg

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 or the rent of this trip．The prate al． my priconere，underatands of litwont Inther Jerrold much，I reckon III at
ach．the nimal far your partickier ben

## Chapter XI．

 The event of the San Marcus ball hadnot proved entirely satisfactory to Cyn－ his，nor her atay with Mise Bertha Mav nurned to unalloyed doilight．She re
sallas ranch with a very decided feeling of disappointment．Per
Paps the behavior of Alcides on the even－ aps the brchavior of Alcides on the evon－－
ing in question sensibly aggravated thio
tate of mini． tateof mind．
The door had hardly closed on the de－
parting Foraker when the old man pre－ parting Foraker when the old man pre－ atccuished Maverick household and ez．
citedly announced bias intention of taking iuv daughter home with him that very
night．In vinin Cynthia pleaded fatigue， de Cond ditg Aleidee the hospitalitiles of hi
Wiling gad urged that it wo too lite －

＂And who was itr asked Alcides
breathleasely．
Buck Jerrold glanced agnin at of the ranch with clasped hands ton intelligence．
＂I don＇t know nothin about the matte
myen myelf one way or tother，＂responded
Buck，turning his eyee inward as if to
escape the imputation of wis escapp the imputation of being respon－
sible for what he was about to commuint
cate，＂but Ridge Ratron cate，＂but Ridge Bartram said thet the
man they hed was ridin Buckethot，an thet he had confessed to hevin shot For enrly this mormin．＂＂But who was＂Cynthia broke tit tmpatiently．
＂Henry，Bruce，＂eutid Jerrold quietly．
There was a dead silence There was a dead silence．Dallas and later Cynthia rose to her feet，white ae
the neighboring wall， into the hoige．In the hush that fol
lowed ther restiess，old ruan was the firat to spenk．
and when he did wo it was in tones of ex． ＂Wail，dern my okin，ef thet young
teller don＇t deserve the thanks of the en－ tire county＂ho oxclaimed，alapping hio
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Buck Jerrold emented with lee am
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