

A MOUNTAIN IDYL.



USAN STEBBINS was by all odds the best looking girl on Grassy Lick, without being remarkably beautiful; for beauty is not a noticeable characteristic of mountain women, old or young, and how she had ever come to marry Lem Skaggs was a wonder to me, for Lem was by all odds the homeliest man on the Lick, and homeliness is a characteristic of mountain men. I knew Lem quite well, and when I asked my question he blushed and grinned.

"She was tucked by my good looks," he laughed. "Didn't you court her pretty hard?" "Did I?" and he drew a long breath as of relief at the thought of its being over. "Well, I should say I did. Why, I come mighty nigh mortgagin' the farm to git her things she didn't seem to want when I give 'em to her."



"YOU AIN'T LYIN' NOW, LEM?" "Good evenin'," says I, not offerin' to stop. "Good evenin'," says she, "Pears to me you're in a powerful hurry."

"If you want me to stay, why don't you say so?" says I, gettin' ugly. "I reckon you kin of you want to," says she, mighty pecky. "'Susan,' says I, 'what's the use uv foolin'?" "Foolin' about what?" says she. "About me and you," says I. "I ain't a foolin'," says she. "You air," says I, "and you know it."

"No, you jist go down thar," says she. "Thar's whar you started fer."

"You oughter know, Susan," says I, serious, "that I was jist a-foolin'," and I could feel the gate a-givin' way and shettin' and then givin' way ag'in."

"What about Mary?" says she, standin' thar before me lookin' sweet-er 'n peaches and roses. "Hang Mary," says I, clean forgittin' my manners, and I reach out both hands for Susan.

The Passing of Bryan. We note in a few southern cucco newspapers certain outbursts of flabby jubilation over what the editors are pleased to call the "passing of Bryan."

Has there been a "passing of Bryan"? Does Mr. Bryan stand lower to-day in the esteem, confidence, and affection of the democratic masses than he did on the day before election last November?

Nothing in the career of this extraordinary young man is astounding as his present relation to and influence over party organization of which last July he was made the candidate and representative. When at the Chicago convention, he first sprung into prominence; when, elevated in an instant to dazzling altitudes and environed with the inexplicable magic of popular enthusiasm, he seemed almost a demi-god; even then he was a less wonderful product of political evolution than he is today.

A Strong Woman. How a Prominent Veteran's Wife Acquired Great Strength—What Determination Will Do. From the Times-Sun, Denver, Col.

Anyone who having seen Mrs. W. R. Mattox, of Pueblo, Colorado, one year ago, should see her again to-day, would be sure to notice the change in her appearance, and their greeting would be "How well you are looking."

But the republicans made up for their weakness in argument by their strength in votes. And the trust had its way. And the "forgotten man" is still forgotten.—New York World.

Everybody Says So. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system.

Will It Be Bryan in 1900. The defeat of Mr. Bryan last year was in its effects a victory. In the first place, it was a victory over Clevelandism in the democratic party. It had the effect of permanently separating the gold wing from the silver wing of the democracy.

Quite a little stir is going on in the medical circles and among the doctors generally throughout the eastern portion of the state over the recovery and cure of Rev. B. E. Newton of Louisville, Nebraska. He could find no medical help at home and was slowly yielding to the merciless power of disease.

The Trust Gets "Its Own." The Senate Friday voted to take not less than \$53,241,000 out of the pockets of the American people and present it to the sugar trust.

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