

AN ECHO.

The sound of a young girl singing, And passing down the stair, With a rustle of gowns, clinging, And a voice untouched by care—

A MIDNIGHT STRUGGLE.

Twenty years have elapsed since this event happened, but I never shall forget it. Bill Sutton and I had been working as partners on a mining claim on the banks of Lake Owen.

There were stragglers about the mines who would not hesitate to murder a miner for his gold, if it was known that he had any in his possession.

On the day of which I am about to make particular mention, I was in our cabin after a hard day's work under a scorching sun.

I dropped the bag of gold dust, and raising my eyes in the direction of the window I saw a man's face pressed close to the glass.

I immediately rushed to the door and opened it but was only in time to catch a glimpse of the man's form as he disappeared in the thick foliage which surrounded the cabin.

I knew pursuit was useless, as darkness was fast approaching. With evil forebodings as to the result of the discovery of the villain, when I believed him to be returned to the cabin, and found Bill Sutton there before me.

"What is the meaning of this?" he asked, as I entered pointing to the open bag of gold dust on the floor. I explained to him what had transpired during his absence.

"Tom," he said, gravely, when I had finished, "the end of this has not come yet. While that villain knows that we have such a large amount of gold in our possession our lives are not safe.

"That is my belief," I said. "I did not like the look of his face. It had a murderous look about it, and I think the owner of it would be capable of committing any crime."

"If he comes here we will give him a warm reception," said Bill, as he carefully reloaded his revolver.

That night we retired with our revolvers under our pillows, but we were not molested, and everything passed off in the same manner as did the whole week following.

I watched him until his form was hidden from view in the forest and then entered the cabin. Darkness soon came on, and after having seen the door shut I could not sleep.

he carried a dark lantern, while in the other was a long, murderous looking knife. My revolver and knife were under my pillow. I strove to grasp them, but my hand seemed paralyzed.

He entered, closed the door noiselessly, and crept on tiptoe toward me, keeping the knife as if firmly clutched.

Now was my chance. Far better to die fighting than be murdered without raising a hand in my own defense. With a weapon in my hand I would have a chance for life.

Startled by the noise the villain turned quickly about. With a yell of defiance I jumped out of the bed and rushed upon him knife in hand.

After several vain efforts to force my knife from his hand, he began to lose all control of himself. By a quick movement on my part I succeeded in turning his knife aside.

With a yell of rage he sprang upon me and before I had time to leap aside and evade him he had struck my knife from my grasp and hurled it to the other side of the cabin.

With almost herculean strength he bore me to the floor and, placing his knee upon my breast, he held me down so that I was powerless.

"I shuddered as he raised the knife high above his head ready to plunge it into my breast, and began to think of the past. I tried to utter the prayers my mother taught me when a boy, but I could not.

The knife began to descend, and I shut my eyes to hide from sight the horrible spectacle. Ah! what was that? The doorway was darkened for a moment.

When I returned to consciousness Bill Sutton and half a dozen sturdy miners were bending over me. Bill was bathing my forehead.

When about fifteen miles from the cabin he had met the supply wagon on the way to the mines, and as he had no other business in Stubville but to obtain supplies he returned with the wagon to the miners' headquarters.

Uncle Mose happened to visit the lumb, when he heard his name called and found Sam Johnson was one of the inmates of a cell.

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The knives clashed together with terrific force, each of us straining every nerve to break the other's guard and drive his knife into the other's bosom.

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THE SICK AND WOUNDED

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