THE WALWAISON ENERALD.

"Eh ? said Uncle Venalbe. "Youwant-to-get-marrie 1?"

"If you don't mind, sir," said Verbens, drooping her pretty head, while a Sloch lim the lining of a pink sea shell crept over her face.

"But what nonsense that is." said Mr. Venable, shutting his cabinet drawers leaning back in his chair and looking it Verbeus with eye like gim iets. "Who is the young man?"

"Please, uncle, it's Fritz," whispered Verbean half inclined to run away and hide herself.

"Fritz!" roared Mr. Venable. "That farmer fellow ?"

"He's a farmer." admitted Verbena "but he owns his own farm, sir, and his mother is very anxious for me to came there, because".

"Oh. Ecan imagine that!" said Mr with a sneer. "You, a Ven able, talking about marrying a farmer nent. You, the heiress of Malmaison emerald!

You that might take any place in society that you wish when once the value of the gym is known, to talk of allying yourself to a clodhopper like that who to a clodhopper like that, who an't know an opal from a moon-

Verbena burst into tears.

"He isn't a clothopper," said she. "And I wish there wasn't any such thing as the Malmaison emerald."

Mr. Venable transfixed his niece through his spectacles with a glare that might have paralyzed her.

Silence, miss!" said he; "do you know it is on the reputation of the Malmaison emerald that the Venables will go down to fame? The Empress Josephine

"I don't care for the Empress Jose phine," said Verbena, who, having drawn the sword, was now minded to cast the scabbard away. "And I'm not rait it was sell ma in 1850, at Vienna. particular about fame, and I don't suppose I shall be a Venable forever"-

This sort of talk won't do, Verbens," said the old gentleman, solemnthe heart.)

"Where would society be if every one refused to hear the responsibilities and shoulder the cares of his station? You the courts of Europe. I pay Capt. Venare not merely my niece, Verbena. You are the representative-the last surviving representative-of the Venables. To you in my will is left the guardianship of the emerald"-

'I'm sick ot hearing of it," vehemently protested Verbena.

"And," went on Mr. Venable, "I de sire you to give up all idea of marrying this young man. It's entirely out of the question -entirely.

"But what is this about the Malmai-

ad way, when he found Verbens crying by the sitting room window a few hours later. Her blue eyes gem put the artificial imitation to sparkled through their vell of tears.

"You don't mean," said she, "that you have never heard of the famous Malmaison emerald ?"

"That's my meaning exactly," admitted Fritz. "Do consider in my behalf that I've only been here orus stone from a real one and have much still to learn.'

waist with his arm. "The only way in to be envied. If him. Margaret were which we can guard against this com single I'd enter the lists myself." "Margaret has a younger. aister, May plication of ills is"every whist as good [modesty forbids, "Yes, Fritz ?" but truth to the narrative commands! "To get married while Mr. Venerabl

shily returned my friend.

Margaret would like to see you."

say that? Introduce me and see.

"Well we were introdeed and found

we had not a few similar tastes. When I

saw it was growing into something more

than friendship on his part I tried to

prevent it, but in vain. His will was

stronger than mine. His was a deep,

A Miner's Queer Bequest.

The other day we met on Kearney

street an old time Washoe acquaint-

unce called Jem Briggs, whose usually

well worn miner's appearance was on

this occasion replaced by a gorgeous

display of velvet vest, check pants, red

scarf and ponderous watch chain, while

"So I have," said Jem, and then as

oss, though. My partner, Ned Bimber

-you remember Ned-has gone up the

teen years together. Well, about six

months after that Ned got a good

gravel claim up on the Feather, where

they've been turning the river bed, and

he struck it rich-cleaned up nigh on

"And how were you getting on ?" "Oh! clean broke. Working up at

Gold Hill for \$3 a day. Well I was

kinder sneakin' glad to learn of Ned's

luck, for all we were outs; but the next

thing I heard was that he'd been killed

by the bank caving in on him. He

lived just long enough to make his will.

Well, the lawyers wrote as how Ned

to \$250,000 in ten months."

was wont to show.

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is gone.' "Oh, Fritz! I woulden't dare openly defy him like that. He has been very

go d to me," fluttered Vertena. "I'll be good to you, too, my darling."

"Nonsense, Fri'z! You're spoiling my hair. Do stop, Fritz!" protested the girl

"Then promise me, Verbena." "No, I'll promise nothing."

At the lapidaries' convention there was a stormy session that year. Herr Heidelgrun was there, a stuffy, dried stronger than mine. His was a deep, quiet, but all-pervading love. There was no getting away from it. And when he asked me to grant him the one thing he needed to really make a home, I did not refuse. But the joke of it all is, I am not at all like my sis-ter, nor did my friend say 'like,' but as wood " up old man, of great age and stil great arrogance, who had apparently come out of his spider web in Vienna for the sole purpose of discomfiting all he antiquaries of the western conti-

"De Malmaigon emeralt!" said Herr Heidelgrun. "Dat ish a mistak . Vat you call one big lie. It occupies all your time to chase dese lie and den uail him down. 1 haf the Malmaison emeralt in mine collection."

"How can that be," said Mr. Venable choking with rage, while Mr. Twistle ton stood by ready to espouse his friend's cause, "when here it is-the

very stone itself " his honest and simple face shone above He opened the velvet casket which these evidences of prosperity with the contained the drop of green fire. It placid contentment of a full harvest blinked at the circle of eager faces moon above it like a baleful eye. Herr Heid-"He'lo, Jem," we said; "glad to see eigrun laughed a shrill cackle of deyou looking so prosperous. Must have

struck it rich recently." "Dat de Malmaison en eralt ?" said he. "O how easy are some folks hoodhis tanned face saddened a little he winked! A ferry good imitation, 1 continued, "but I had a mighty tough grant. O, yes, J can tell you all about him. But de genuine Malmoison eme-

shaft." by one Capr. Giles Venable" "Dead, eh ?" ("Verbens's father," thought Mr. "Yes; I'll tell you how it was. You Venable, with a start and a sinking of see Ned and I had a guarrel about two

years ago. Don't matter now what it "For de grasious Empress Augusta was all about. Mebbe Ned was wrong, who was den making de collection for and mebbe I was, but all the same a necklace which should outshine all neither of us would back downcoupl'er fools, you'll say, and so we eble 3,000 floring for him, and I engage were, and the upshot was that we partmy best workmen to make him an imied, and agreed never to speak to each tation Malmaison emeralt which shall other again. deceive ze very jeweler himself. 1 "And didn't you?" tink I make my fortune, but I am "No, sir; more shame for us, as we had been pards, thick and thin, for fif-

wrong. De captain he pockets his florins and he rides away. De gracious mpress she change her mind. She get ired of emeralts, and she tinks she will haf pearls. But I know dere will some day be market for de Malmaison meralt. I keep him; I haf him yet Here he is, and here is ze letter from are emerald?" saked Fritz Elcombe, in Capt. Giles Venable which proves his genuineness. Eh? Are you to be satisfy?" And the green blaze of the real

> shame at once. Mr. Venable came home without waiting for the adjournment of the lapidaries' convention. He did not bring Mr. Twistleton with him.

was worth just about \$220,000, and the "A man who couldn't even

AVERY'S START IN LIFE.

She is coming here to visit next week, kept busy in my father's store, by terms the surface. attending school and working out my "This old fashioned whim can hardly "I shall be glad to know her if she is "I doubt it. You will be as abrupt prise of my father and his wife, who think " and as impenetrable as ever, though in consequence gave me but slight "'Did she say so? Did Margaret

ately started west. 'rain, near the great Rockies, there was o whim.' a delay caused by the wreck of a freight train, and I, fresh from the lecture of engineering, was able to make some one of the solid looking passengers who was also traveling west. I found he

ing to secure employment as civil engineer in some railway company, and then strike for the mines

I found I was talking to a practical civil engineer, who had been in the employ of the Union Pacific railway when it was being built, and he related anecdote after anecdote of the early days plains.

On the limbs of a certain tree he had in the breeze. There he had witnessed a railroad construction gang, consisting of three hundred men, imprison a to raise my share of the money on my contractor in a railroad tie pen and keep him in the hot sun, on bread and checks

Parks Fort was celebrated as the cene of the Parks massacre; the three Parks brothers found dead in their "dugout," while a dead Indian pony and pools of gore on the ground outside showed how dearly they had sold their lives.

As we sat in the smoking car that evening Mr. Thompson told me many a tale of camp life, and fim shed his sketches by a thrilling tale of how he made his fortune.

"I had," he said, "done very well at my profession as civil engineer, and ing.

after some years took to mining to make a speedy fortune. I worked hard only to find that I had planted all my savings, some fifteen thousand dollar in wild cat mines and barren prospect holes. About this time I received my

little inheritance and was made guardian to my young sister. Her small fund, two thousand dollars, I invested in small tenement houses carefully secured to herself, and I, having an opportunity to buy a cattle ranch at about half its value, entered upon the cattleman's business and tried to forget that fortunes are sometimes made at mining, fearing lest I be tempted and lose all I had again.

"However, I found I was considered o be quite an authority on mining natters and engineering, report, with its usual accuracy, investing me with in imaginary fortune made at those pursuits, and I was often consulted by mateurs and looked up to as an authority upon those topics.

sats had been run and connected by a winze. From the bottom of the shaft a grift had been carried some twenty letter I wrote my be Making my fortune at mining had feet to the south. Here some fine ore been the waking dream of my not very had neen exposed. Having thoroughly happy boyhood in which I had been explored all the workings we came to

at all like,' with more interest than he mathematics at odd hours until 1 was serve your pu pose, Frank,' said 1: 'you able to enter college, where 1 took the need a steam hoister for that depth of a roll of matter. The pert engineering course, much to the sur- shaft and quality of ore, I should by the

help; but I persevered, and by a hard lies. If I had steam to depend on I'd struggle won my degree, and immedi- ask no odds of a Gould, for that mine is a sure bonanza; but it costs all it's A tent is so we While yet on the outward bound | worth right here to hoist that ore with

room of a master mind in the science few hours of daylight in looking for suggestions which proved of practical prospect generally. Supper fare was a value, and attracted the attention of repetition of dinner fare, as was the break fast next morning.

he was interested in my history, and I before my mental vision, for I knew of soon told him who and what I was, and parties who would take hold of the enwhat I hoped to accomplish, first hop terprise if the outlook for a rich find was favorable.

as the train rattled over the boundless terms that would satisfy this claim and leave him a share in the mine. I talked

my paper back for my interest in the mine in case I wished to close out during the year.

judge in case of tight times. "We put in steam hoisting works and built a wagon road. The Mascot rached to a bed of fine a barely paid expenses. One day we the skin, and each of the would strike rich ore to blast through is connected with the new bardy paid expenses. One day we

barren rock tomorrow. Time was pass- The slightest contact of a "Judge Stirman was plunging into felt most distinctly by the many speculations and was reported to though the hairs them be making a mint of money, but times sensible. They stand on

ent for me. "How d'ye do Thompson. Some one must go into the field, as I want to run a line through Muggin's Gulch to through a covert of wood Remero, in the San Luis county. We want to freight out the coal and ore of of these long hairs. that region, and so does the Aspen and Midland. Now, we must be in a head of them, and must have some one who will succeed. I am authorized to make terms with you, and if you will select your party and go right to where we are prepared to push the Mascot just the

than to be made engine the D. and R. G. railway son's Creek canyon, at fi and be able to take stor son's pet, the Mascot m Use of Pussy's W The long hairs on the are organs of touch. 1 with any surrounding of

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Theta Pi fraternity has a f

sort at Lake Chautaqua

"Yes, sir; that is where the trouble

"It was too late for me to think of returning that night, so we spent the com mining timber, water, and then at the

"Certain golden dream were floating

"Frank Colton confided his exact position to me on our way back. He has to sell within the next two weeks or lose his mine as he had taken a lease on the property for £3,000. Ilis creditors were extremely anxious to secure the mine, so Frank would accept any

the matter over with Judge Stirman, een a victim of Judge Lynch swinging and old friend, the railway superintendent, and he proposed that we should together buy the mine. 1 was

real estate. In three months' time the judge would buy up my notes, and water, until he had signed their pay would sign an agreement to give me

> "In order to raise the sum I needed] put a mortgage on my sister's property proving a bonanza, is now much increased in value, and on Gorton in Independent. now much increased in value, and on my ranch, feeling secure in doing so, as

I was assured of being released by the

"Well, listen," said Verbena, erving, half angry. "It's a famous un-

"Oh it is is it?"

"And it used to belong to the Em-press Josephina." "Did it, indeed?"

"And she wore it in those days

"Hence the name, ch ?" "I suppose so. And Queen Hortense

gave it to some one who sold it to body size, and it was finally given to one of the Venables who was a surgoon in the English army by a dying rout in Hinds had been able to tander kind offices and so it has come down to us. It real-

ly is a wonderful stone "I should suppose so," politely in-

"They say," went on Verbena, cis kept it in the little iron when the afe let into the guest chamber wall, wheever slept there used to dream of a beautiful, and faced lady, who walked up and down in a marble terrace under the trees and wrung her hands. That of to dream of a

"Of course," still more inco

"And my uncle declares that the tene is always dim and of whom the anniversary of the indy's death comes around," fur-Verbens.

"Les, that is exceedingly characters Mr. E. dy probable.

"My ungh has been offered a great of of meeter for the geen," said Ver-me, with a sigh, "and I wish to good "d gill it. But he won't. And of is were, he wants me to marry a who, next to b M. Is the

sputtered Venable, "and calls himself a judge of ems! Verbena, come here." Verbena came accordingly, with the teapot in one hand and a pan of hot graham muffins, fresh from the oven in the other.

"I've got something to tell you," said Mr. Venable. "Yes, unch," murmured Ver

her little heart giving an ominous throb under the cluster of roses she WORK

"The Malmaison emerald is a-hum bug!" said Mr. Venable distinctly. "On uncle!"

"And Caleb Twistleton is a chariater ad an adventurer." And he proc ed to impart to his niece the revelation of Herr Heidelgrun, "Your father, my dear," said he, "has wrecked the family fortune and broken my heart. Henceforth I will give up the

study of gome. I'll do tion, such as it is to the M aseum. It may serve as a nu for something greater in time. And I'll devote myself to roses. They can't mitate flowers! And, Verbena". "Yes, uncies

"You may marry young Eleombe, if rou choose. After this, Twistletca "Thank you, uncle," said Verbens emuraly.-True Flag.

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ished Mother_"What his? You my you have accepting and you have se, over and over again, that ever he called you we -"I t Daugster propose."

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distant cousins of his'n-they had all come out from the east when they eard of Ned's find-and the same amount to ma, mind you, just as though we hadn't quarreled. But Ned allers was a 'centric sort of cuss, and the will provided that none of us should get the money if we attended the funeral He didn't want anybody at the funeral but just the undertaker. The will said

had 'lived lonely, and he wanted to be buried lonely." be buried lonely.' Them's just the words, and I felt they were intended for me, sure. The disposition of the rest of the estate-about \$200,000-was provided for in another codicil, to be pened the day after the funeral, but we all supposed it was donated to a haritable object, for Ned hadn't any kin 'ceptin' the cousins.

"Of course you stayed away from the uneral ?

"That's just the point. Somehow fait so miserable and downheartedrou are Ned was the onliest partner I ever had-that I determined to go and me him sent down on his last cage any-

way, money or no money, and I did." "And the cousins?"

"None of 'em went. Fact is they were so disgusted at the 'divy' that they cleared out down to Trisco to see at branking the will. So I was the ily mourner at the funeral My friends all thought I was fit for the eracy house, to throw away the \$5,000 like that-well, I just could't help it. It turned out, though, to be the best lead I ever struck." "How was that 7"

"Why the next day when the main will was opened we found that it really gave the entire balance of the clean up hickever of us four disobeyed the ion for the \$5,000 be ou see I came in for the whole lump ts. 80 at like a knife. And de you know en sulla liade I acris s'aug as euro I Med put up the whole job a pers-'cance he knowed I'd be

Usber (in fashionable church) a look at that stranger down the new style eest \$80, if a cent. St

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"One day Frank Colton, who had een my first instrument man in enincering days, but was now a miner. ame to me with a bit of ore, which he handed to me with the question, 'What do you think of that, Mn Thompson ?

"It is the floest bit of one I have seen ince I came to Colerado," I replied, with enthusiasm. "Where did you get

"From the Mascot mines. Lown the hole and this is a sample of what I have struck."

"If there is more of the same sineral and enough of it, you are in for a fortune. I wish you luck my boy,' and I. "Yes, but I need money to go on with. Come out and see what it looks like in the bed.

"The next morning Frank and I mounted a couple of bronchos and set I sold out a cool hundred thousand forth. Some six or seven miles from worth of shares, cash down, and am town we turned off abraptly to the still a stockholder. right, followed a narrow trail up a I drew a deep breath when Mr. short guich across a narrow 1 ittle park Thompson finished his story. and sunk

"Here is my cabin, and yonder is the self. mine,' said Frank, pointing to a windlass over a hole in the ground some two hundred feet distant. 'But let us humbly, have some grub before we go further. | "Well my boy, I don't mind telling Walk in and make yourself at ho

"The interior of the cabin was dark, dirty and forbidding, and uninviting as a place of hun an abode. There was one pane of giass set into the wall for Egiting the domicile, and a good big freplace. A rough table, two or three energies and some rate berths fastened to the wall completed the furniture. Help yourself to pot lack, per aid Frank. Fat moon, but biscuit and untrimmed black colles surved on in dishes made a most and untrimum tin dishes made a meal for a hangry an, quickly served and hastily esten "After ner we went out and inad the mine We inve investigated the of one on the de d down the ladder in the stat The main that was over a langof hast deep. Abs depth of fa ty at and again at vighty feet org a-

you can hold your shares intact and have the pay of construction engineer to the new lines. Can you go?"

"'In three hours if I can pick out my own surveying party, and have the pay maranteed to them that will secure them,' said I.

"'Agreed. Quick work to beat an other line and to secure the right of way is the measure to win, Mr. Thomp-

"Here was luck. I could redeem my property and that of my sister, which would be in a bad way should I not to know some of our least live, and still keep my shares in the belong to them, and still live, and still keep my shares in the Mascot mine, 1 gladly took the field: and hard as I worked I won, and in securing the right of way for the D. & R. G. attracted the attention of many | ters of graduate members of the stockholders of the railroad. nities are maintained it

"As my year was nearly up, and the shares would have to go on the market to save my own and my sister's dition. Alpha Deita Pa property, you may guess how close a shave I ran for my all, as I never could Manhattan chapter of the have redeemed the property had the mine failed. But she did not fail, and

lin. The D. K. E. order graduate club in the Ca up a narrow winding canyon, and over my pride or hesitation, and boldly the crest of a hill. Nostled among the this city, with a fine clu excellent restaurant. Several of the clubs do s immb'e, for a green college lad like my houses, but rent quarters

good many papers derds "Give me a chance, Mr. Thompson associations printed in in know of The Palm, d Let me prove myself," said 1 most Omoga; the Chi Phi Qu Delty Knapp : Epsilon Qu

you that that was a cute, and to me a new and meat trick you displayed in making that turn around that amash up yesteniny. And if you have a mind to come with me to Carbondale I might find a place there on a logging gang at \$60 per month and found. test your college learning there; and if you handle your men well, and de as well as I am sure you can do,

will soon find an advancessent, as the D. and R. G. are building new lines out of new mines and cool time. I want to get clear of all sering work, as I want to travel. or of all engin L. Mr. Th

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