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although he was not aware of it, he had already taken the first step toward failing desperately in love with Susan Meade.

He had seen her for the first time in his life while walking slowly along a trail that led across the cattle range of western Texas. Hearing a woman's screams, he had turned off to the east a few yards where he had found Miss Meade in great distress.

11441. trying to get a choice water lily, she had lost her balance and tumbled into the water. She had quickly regained her footing, but the bank was so high and steep that she could not ascend it. So, drenched from head to foot, and standing in water waist deep, she was compelled to wait for some one to come to her rescue. When two long hours had passed, and she had called, time and again, without attracting notice, she lost hope and began to wonder if she would have to spend the night there. or whether it was not possible that she might remain there until she died of starvation. Just as she had succoeded in conjuring up the very gloom-

pearance. I am not cruel enough to take any notice of that. Isn't there some other service I could render you? Can't I see you to your home?"

"I thank you, but I prefer to go alone." "Then I'll bid you good day."

"Good day."

As Joe continued on his way he recalled her features, and the more he thought of her the more eagerly he

long up to the mach with as and | One bird "But I can't go to the ranch. I'm in a great hurry. I am going to get a doctor for a man who's badly hurt."

The cowboy grinned dryly. "Ob, the man ain't hurt yit," he said, but he will be pretty soon, and

when he is, he won't need no doctor. Doctors ain't no use to hoss thieves when once we git our hands on 'em." "Horse thieves! What are you-

why you are mad!" 'Talkin' 'bout you. That happens to be our horse you are riding, and as you didn't buy him it stands to rea-

was you stole him." "But I did nothing of the kind. It's

And then Martin told how he came to have the horse in his possession, but the cowboys only shook their heads and smiled incredulously. "You can tell that to the boas when we get to the ranch," one of them said. "Mebby he'll believe it. Mebby so."

Joe perforce accompanied the cow-boys to the ranch. There they were met by the owner, a young man of good appearance, and to him Joe told his story, hoping it would be believed. However, when he had finished, the other slowly shook his head and replied:

"You tell a very plausible story, but I am a little afraid to believe it. I am fearful I can't do anything for you, but I will think it over. In the meantime we will hold you. Go into that room there."

Martin went into the room indicated and sat down in a dejected attitude. It was bad enough for a young man of irreproachable character to be suspected of such a crime as horse-stealing, but that was nothing compared to the prospect of being hung to the nearest tree. He had not been in Texas long, being only there for an outing, but he knew that a horse thief, and sometimes those who were merely suspected of the crime, were summar-ily dealt with there. He had been sitting so for a long time when suddenly a woman's voice broke a deathlike stillness, and he

broke a deathlike stillness, and he raised his head to listen.

"Oh, Rob," she cried, "I have just had the greatest experience! It would have been perfectly lovely under other circumstances."

"It must have been lovely anyway, judging by your appearance. You look as though you'd been wallowing in a

pord." "I have. Not wallowing, exactly, but I fell in, and the handsomest. sweetest young man came along and pulled me out. Oh, dear! I wish I could know him." Rob was silent and thoughtful for a

little while, then he said: "Would you know the man, sister;

if you were to see him again?" "Of course. But I shall never see

him. More's the pity." "Did he have a horse?"

"Not then. But I saw a man give him one, or sell it to him, or something, directly after he left me. But why do you ask that?"

Robert Meade, the owner of the ranch, took his sister to Martin, and, of course, she recognized him at a glance. Then Meade understood the whole situation. The horse thief, finding himself too hard pressed by the cowboys, put Martin in possession of the horse to throw the suspicion on him.

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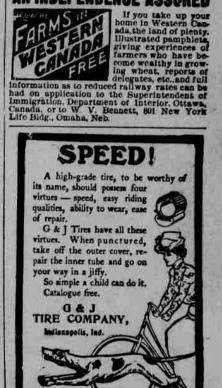
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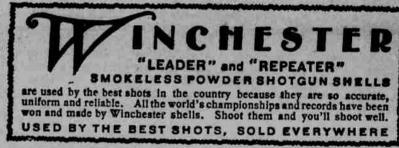
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Joe Appeared on the Bank.

lest of prospects, and was having a hard struggle to keep back her tears, Joe Martin appeared on the bank

her. looked up at him with mingled of joy, shame and anger. It rful to know that a rescuer was at hand, but she was too womanly to rget for an instant the sad speciacie presented in her drenched condi-and the faint trace of a smile saw on his lips angered her. shing down toward her he commanded her to give him her hands, and she hesitatingly obeyed, and the tent be drew her up to his

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might know him. "But it can never be," he said to himself, "for tomorrow I leave for my

home, back East." "Perhaps I shall meet him again," she said to herself, "for one can never tell what may happen."

She was right. One can never tell what may happen. Joe discovered the truth of those words sconer than might have been expected. And he discovered it in a way not to be readily forgotten.

He had gone but a short distance when he met a man on horseback. The man had been riding hard, for his horse was wet with sweat and was well blown. "Are you going to town, stranger?"

he called eagerly, bringing his horse

to a stop. "I am," Joe replied. "Why?" "I thought you might be willing to do me a favor," the other answered quickly.

"Certainly. What is it?"

"My brother has just been severely hurt and must have the attentions of a doctor at once. There is no one with him and I hats to leave him alone, so I thought if you would just take my horse and ride to town you could send the doctor out."

It all seemed reasonable enough to Joe, so he consented to the arrange-

"Just leave the horse at a stable there," the man added, "and tell the doctor that it's at HI Blenkins he's wanted."

"All right," Joe replied, swinging himself into the saddle, as soon as the other had vacated it.

"And remember that there's no time to waste," the man said, "for it is a matter of life and death."

It was a matter of life and death. but in a different way to that which Joe suspected. He understood something of this, however, when ten min-utes later he rode full tilt into a gang of cowboys and found himself stopped with a dozen pistols pointed at his bend.

While he sat staring amazedly at the cowboys, wondering what their con-duct meant, one of their number remarked dryly:

"Pow'ful 'commodatin' of you to come right to us, young feller, 'stead o' havin' us chase you all over the prairie. Saves us a heap o' trouble. Don't 'pear lack it shows much good judgment on yo' part, though." "What do you mean?" Martin man-

aged to gamp. "What are you talking

"Ob, nothin' particlar. You jest go



of all their friends and relatives. There's only one certain way of keeping clean inside so as to prevent disease and that is to take CASCARETS. Perfect disinfectant and bowel strengtheners. All diseases are

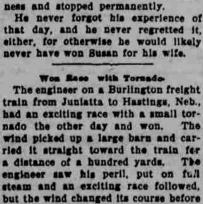


DEATH begins in the bowels. It's the unclean

places that breed infectious epidemics. and it's the unclean body-unclean inside-that "catches" the disease. A person whose stomach and bowels are kept clean and whose liver is lively, and blood pure, is safe against yellow fever, or any other of the dreadful diseases that desolate our beautiful land. Some of the cleanest people outside are filthiest inside, and they are the ones who not only "catch" the infections, but endanger the lives

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reaching the track.

Mune Inherite \$300.000. Mrs. Ethel Castello, a nurse in the family of J. H. Bostwick of Kalamasoo, Mich., has received a letter bearing the news that by the death of her late husband's uncle she will receive a legacy of \$300,000. The uncle was Martines del Pino Castello, a wealthy diamond merchant of Honduras. He had also given \$200,000 to charitable institutions.

A Hugo White Affair.

An odd hat just turned out by an artistic milliner was a huge white affair, with a very slight indication of a crown, bordered with a wreath of blue ribbon loops, and having hydran-gens, a pet flower of fashion, under the bring.