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CHAPTER XIII. OUT OF THE VALLEY.

Undertaking a Specialty. Larry gave ana glance over the grag retired, and he in turn, stole forward, behind him to see that the scoundrels and creeping from crag to crag, Reep-METALIC AND WOOD below were in perfect unconsciousness ing himself well under cover, thor. nate they would be past. of what was going on upon the moun- oughly made himself master of the tain slope, and then dashed after his bearings of the place, with the result 6 Main Street, BROWNVILLE, NEB. leader; but before they had gone that he soon found that there was no tal.

many yards they stopped, as if spell way by which mules could pass save bound by the sight which met their along by where the enemy watched. AGON & RLACKSMITH HOP eyes, for they had seen Adams sud- On foot they might have climbed denly rush forward and tear down the down from rock to rock, and so gain-WAGON MAKING, Repairing, the muleteer were engaged in a fear- burden here was the only opening. ful struggle upon what seemed to be He was returning when a detached quite a narrow ledge. The mules were stone suddenly rattled down close by halted some distance back, and from him, and he had only time to throw the composed way in which the wo- bimself flat on his face close under a

watch."

men kept their places, it was evident large crag, when he became aware of that the sight was hidden from them the fact that one of the spies was up above him, climbing higher and highby some interposing crag.

It was a dire struggle, but did not er, and looking right over where he last above a minute, during which the lay.

It was a narrow escape, and he lay two men heaved and swaved here and there, till, reaching the edge, they re- for quite half an hour, aware that a mained bent over, trying hard to re- movement on his part must mean be-Paid-up Capital, \$100,000 cover their balance; then they fell trayal of his position. Then he heard and rolled over and over down the the fellow retire whistling, and he 500.000 steep side, to disappear the next mocrept back in safety to their hidingment from their view. place.

The fatigue of the party had been Larry uttered a hoarse cry as they disappeared, and bounded forward, so great that, save the watch, they all closely followed by Dawson. The slept heavily till about ten, when Adams awoke them. Refreshment was way was painful, though, and soon became a climb down to where at last partaken of, and they prepared for they found Adams, looking very pale | their start.

and dazed, sitting upon a fragment of "An' are ye killed, masther dear?" cried Larry, feeling him all over.

"only his head, an' that don't matther on in advance as scout, Larry bearing one great gray lake apparently now MONEY LOANED Dapproved security only. Time Drafts discounta bit." special accommodations granted to deposi valers in GOVERNMENT BONDS. "Not much the matter. I believe," led the first mule.

rock.

said the young man, giving himself a STATE, COUNTY & CITY SECURITIES from Dawson's flask. tved payable on domand, and INTEREST al-d on time certificates of deposit. "And that treacherous scoundrel."

exclaimed Dawson; "he hasn't es-IRECTORS -- Wm. T. Den, B. M. Bailey, M. A. Handley, Frank E. Johnson, H. M. Atkinson, Wm. Frazier. caped ?"

> from which he had crawled. President. Larry sprang down on the instant,

"Sure, yer honor," said Larry, with lence. a cock of his eve, "an' isn't it a bad

haven't got ?" "There get some sleep," said Daw- Adams's heart thumped heavily; but what scemed an age; then, slowly carrying her sister.

son, laughing, "and I'll take the he never hesitated for a moment. He creeping inch by inch as might a ser-Objections were made, but overrul- and on he went, lightly and quickly. over and over again to listen.

One whinny from the mules, one It was cruel work, and he dare not on walking for some distance back,

her fainting load.

get through the task to-night," said would betray them; but they passed yards intervened, and then it was on foot-prints in the sandy dust was fill- enjoy a delicious spring all the year women any afternoon than any two

Dawson ; and the force of his remarks over half the distance in safety. Then all fours that he crept softly away for ed in. There was nothing to fear, round. But it does enjoy in the obscurity of the shadow ahead, another hundred yards.

The sun seemed to come down with Adams could just make out two There was no stones now to wind greater force than ever as the after- watching figures, and, for aught he amongst; he was on the edge of the noon wore on, and Dawson saw from could tell, they might be a couple of broad plain, brilliantly lit by the the calm night and smoked. where he watched a couple of the en- their enemies. He was compelled to moon, and even now he dared not emy come up twice, and take a long believe that they were friends, and rise, but crept away still upon hands Dawson.

look down the valley; but they soon step boldly on, hard as was the task, and knees till he was guite a guarter Three parts of the distance. An- of a mile away. Then he rose and other minute, and if they were fortu- listened.

Not a sound-one strange awful si-What was that? Good Heavens! lence. He looked back; there dim- plaine, or tramping amidst sage stand on, what can you trust? the slightest hitch would now be fa- ly seen, were the rocks of the valley brush; days of blinding dust, scorch- The city has experienced some se

There was a soft rustling noise, as suers were visible; and Dawson stop- there were always the cool, pleasant dents tell of one that occurred before if some one alighting from a mule : ped to think.

and as Adams looked back his heart If those men were clever, they women, and calm rest and refresh- in the ground forty miles in length, seemed to stand still, for he saw that would be able to trace him by his foot- ment strengthening all for the toil of but I rather guess each generation has signal, and the next moment he and ed the plain, but with their beasts of Mary, who rode the last, had leaped prints-perhaps follow those of the the succeeding days. Larry "tuk to added ten miles to the crack. It was down, and had taken his wife in her mules. Anyhow, he could do noth- mules," he said, "as if they had been probably a mile long. In 1868 a series arms, lifted her from her seat on the ing. It would be the natural track, pigs, which they did resimble in their of shocks disturbed the equanimity of last mule but one, and was carrying thought he, bitterly; there was no nature." At all events, the mules the San Franciscans, destroying sevscoundrel now to leave traces of their seemed to like him, and before day eral houses and cracking several more.

To halt now would have been fatal ; route. And perhaps the fellows light every morning they were away But it is fair to state that the destroyto have left his guidance of the first would remain watching for days, again over this "dhry say," as Larry ed and cracked houses were cheap mule as bad. A glance decided him : never thinking they had passed. At called it, Dawson never faltering for a structures, and built on made ground. he knew Mary's strength and he led any rate, there was no help for it; he moment as to his course, but steering No well, substantially constructed on, and in this fashion the train went must join his friends, and try devices direct.

less as states-the mules led by Ad- those who might follow.

silvered train went silently by where, kept up with little exertion to him- and wild gorges with huge rocks piled show their heads. They have discov-

CHAPTER XIV. IN THE DESERT.

son alone upon the vast plain. He had walked on all night in the directhe mule's feet had been covered with yard past-thirty yards past; and, as tion he had indicated; and now he the woolen rug pads. Every arrange- Dawson watched, the mules already halted, weary, choked, and half blindment possible had been made for their were beginning to grow misty-looking ed by the alkall dust that rose in an "Not a bone bruk," he cried, joyfully! safety, and they set off, Dawson going as they trudged on for the silent platn, impalpable powder, and a dread was

> his orders to and fro to Adams, who in the moon-beams. Then there was days and never find the trail of his said Dawson. friends. It should lie, he thought, off a faint yawn and he had but time to

shake, and taking a little whisky down a precipitous ravine-so careful- face, when a man rose from the shad- able that it hay off to the right. ly that hardly a stone was moved. It ow, got up, shook himself, and strode

former mule train ; and at last they had just come. Had he looked toward smoked it out to the very end. Then afther all, any betthar 'an tin."

was what might be termed the path- ghostly-looking, slow-moving train; an hour's halt. It was a pure bright wait till we have explored. When be shaken down easily, and the most sum. It is pluck that wins a hen.

was greater than ever, so strong was what she termed her weakness in with the yellow marigold and other Not two hundred yards to traverse the desire to spring up and run for fainting at such a time, while a faint flowers which, owing to my lack of plan to begin givin' away what ye before they would be level with the life. But he mastered the feeling, blush spread over Mary's cheeks when education in botany, I cannot put a year, or twenty per cent. And on the spot where the desperadoes lay asleep. and lay there perfectly motionless for allusion was made to her bravery in name to. It is comfortably warm in better streets rents are still higher.

the sun, not too warm, and very cool A hot wind had been blowing part in doors or in the shade. And, with are about the same as in the end, at

had been, it had its good points, for,

then, from the desperadoes. EARTHQUAKES. "Only the elements, then, now, which come with considerable regn-Dawson," said Adams, as they sat in larity, and may be considered as a

"There is one more danger," said For it must be a rather disagreeable thing to have the earth under your

"Indeed ! What ?" "Indians !" said the other, laconi- ways, and tumbling buildings about cally, as he lay down to sleep.

Days of journey through alkall When you can't trust the ground you shining in the moonlight, but no pur- ing sun, and parching thirst; but vere shocks. The old Spanish rest-

nights, when their tent set up for the the Yankee came, that made a fissure

building has ever been thrown down by Dawson and Larry, both motion- when he was with them to blind At last the plains were passed, and in the city by a shock as yet. The stony rising ground reached, where fear of these convulsions has had its

ams following one by one, and the "Steer by the moon," he had said there were streams of limpid water, effect upon the architecture of the rear brought up by Mary Adams with to Adams. There' was hope in her and places where rest and shade could city. The first settlers built one or her elster's slight form in her arms. bright face ; and, with an exultant be had in the hottest parts of the day. two stories, three at the most ; but the Hearts beat faster, hearts seemed to cry of joy, he drew a long breath, and Then hill rising upon hill, and moun- later comers have gone over that, and stand still, as the strange gray moon- staried off at a long double, which he tain upon mountain, dark ravines, all over the city very tall buildings

in a heap upon the sand, lay in the self, and rapidly covering the ground. up and hurled about as if by the three ered that a building decently built of some hidious convulsion of nature. and braced will stand any shock that great many more.

Then days of wandering here, and has yet occurred or is likely to. The at last a halt in a wild valley like a new Palace Hotel now being built is Francisco, that they are a fresh, handdeep rift, where the air was pleasant seven very tall stories high.

and cool. After a long rest Dawson Earthquakes are not without their drew out his chart and studied it and uses, however. When the San Franthe surrounding heights; after which ciscan has looked upon the wine all he carefully folded and replaced it. night, and comes home in the morn-"Well ?" said Adams, for the other ing, and weaves unsteadily on the floor of his nuptial chamber, the wife "This should be the Silver Valley," of his bosom remarks :

"Sam'l, what is ever the matter

The answer always is:

violent shocks can damage nothing Roosters, az a class, won't do any

street, 25x40, costing \$3,000, on ground worth \$2,000, rents readily for \$1,000 a

DRY GOODS

had strung himself up for the task, pent, he made his way along, pausing of the day, and, troublesome, as it the exception of a few days in July, retail, I mean. But heavens, how this is as warm as it ever gets here. the women dress here! Kearney and The winters are but a trifle colder. Montgomery streets will show more "Unless you have rest you can not sharp kick' against a loose stone, attempt to rise until quite a hundred it was found that every trace of their So the San Franciscan may be said to handsome and expensively-dressed

streets in America. Not only do they delight in costly fabrics, expensively

made, but they indulge in jewelry to an extent that makes a poor easterner shudder. ; Diamonds and trecious fair offset to thunder and lightning. stones of all kinds are common, and every lady seems to vie with her neighbor as to the number and size feet heaving up and down and sidethat she wears. Aslde from the legitimate business of the city, which is your head, and all sort of thing. not only very large, but very profitable, great fortunes are made here very

suddenly in mining enterprises, and money thus made is always easily spent. I saw one lady last Sundey, In church, who had on her fingers seven diamond rings, to say nothing of her bracelets, ear-drops and brooches, all of which were diamond till you couldn't rest. Then every woman wears a great frope of gold about her neck outside of her outer garments. and the larger the rope the better.

They wear good clothes and expensive jewelry in this city. As fortunes are lost here as quickly as they are made, it is possible that their husbands have purchased these things for them to fall back upon in the event of lisaster.

Imagine a husband coming home to his wife with the remark :

"I'm busted, Jane; strip off them diamonds, for I want them to start again."

That has been cald in San Francisco a great many "times, and will be a

I will say for the women of San some, healthy set, averaging, in point

of beauty, far above any of the cities of the east. Their plated harness helps them, of course, but they would attract attention were they dressed less like the filles of the field.

In my next I shall give my two days' experience in the Chinese quarter of the city. 'PIETRO.

THE READY ROOMER. - Roosters "Sary, my love, the earth's a qua- are the pugilists among birds, and no especial damage. The buildings hens all march oph with the other

dark the whole party of desperadoes. The last mule past-Mary past with her burden-and then, at a sign from Dawson, she was joined by Larry, who, without a word, relieved her of By the time the women were ready Ten yards past danger-twenty

Day broke at last to find Caleb Daw-

upon him that he might wander for

Slowly, step by step, they crept on throw himself flat down upon his to the left; but it was almost as prob- Adams. "Why, I do not see a sign."

"Anyhow, I must have rest," he heard the remark, "I thought it was kin'. I kin hardly stan' up under it." having no sultable shoulder tew strike was as though a ghostly procession out into the moon-light, gazing in thought so he sat down in a clump of to be a glorious place, all shinin'an' In the country the unsteadiness of from, they strike from the heel. was on its way, the phantoms of some the direction from which the fugitives sage brush, filled and lit his pipe, and white in the sun. Why, silver ain't, the earth is not feared, for it can do When a rooster gets whipped, the

Adams pointed down into a rift reached the lower level, where there the plain, he must have seen the dim, he rose, refreshed with his quarter of "Perhaps not," said Dawson. "But are all low and strong, so they cannot rooster, if he ain't half so big or hand-

remained silent.

"This? What, here?" exclaimed with you ?"

"Sure." said Larry to himself as he

