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ROBIN A TALE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HILLS



"Yes, I'll wed you, Robin, and may my dead father's spirit guide me!" As she spoke, the girl slipped one of her small cold hands into her companion's brawny one.

Standing thus, they made a strange picture and one not devoid of pathos, the cold, uncompromising New England forming the background.

"Yes, Robin," she answered, and to gether they walked some distance toward down the rough, uneven, side hill path, Hepsy just a little in advance.

"Hepsy, my lass, will ye say that again, please?" he asked tremulously. He had been living over his mind her words, and it seemed but a moment since she had spoken them.

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and he hastened home earlier than usual to tell Hepsy about it and to offer to take her that evening. He was with the thought of giving her pleasure, that he did not notice the small foot print in the fresh snow on the door-stone and leading down the path.



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Just then a gust of wind blew the door open and on the night air the shrill cry of a crow was heard.

"Where's Hepsy, where's your wumma, asked the leader, tremulously. Robin staggered back, 'Where's where?' he repeated.

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A Quack Shoots His Employer and is Threatened with Lynching—Murder the Result of an Old Feud—Reports of Other Crimes.

QUINT, Ill., April 23.—Adams county was thrown into a whirl of excitement to-day by a cold-blooded murder which was perpetrated at 10 o'clock yesterday morning on the farm of John Aaron, about twelve miles east of this city.

Instead of answering the "doctor" pulled a revolver and fired at the son, the shot striking him in the neck, severing the jugular vein, and producing death shortly after.

That Talk Will Be Reached Sunday—Probable Outcome of the Trouble. ENCAMPMENT ON DRY CREEK RIVER, Wyo. (via courier to Douglas), April 23.—Troops and cattlemen are almost played out by the march and the last two days' progress has been slower than earlier in the week.

There are ten main lines of railway centering in London. Of these 2,310 suburban trains run in and out daily, and there are only 100 main-line trains about 410. In 1889 the ten lines carried 400,000,000 suburban passengers.

The Trans-American railroad has been completed from London to Ambaca, 160 miles in the interior. It is the only railroad in operation in equatorial Africa, and it is the only one with workmen, and daily trains are run over the line.

Barber received a telegram last night from the Governor of Missouri saying that it had come to his knowledge that the cattlemen's difficulty, and his former Missourians now residing in Wyoming are threatened with mob violence. He begs that Gov. Barber will use his influence to the end that there may be given a fair trial if they have been guilty of violating the laws. Gov. Hogg of Texas addressed to Gov. Barber a like communication.

General Bussey Visited. WASHINGTON, April 23.—Gen. Bussey, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, appeared before the House Special Pension Office Investigating committee Friday to answer the charges made against him by Gen. Dugan. Gen. Bussey said he had failed at New Orleans, owing \$120,000, and settled at 25 cents on the dollar, and in less than twelve months he paid 100 cents on the dollar on all confidential debts.

There is No Noiseless Powder. Hiram Maxim, the inventor of the electrician, says it is a mistake to suppose that the discharge of a rifle loaded with smokeless powder is noiseless. There is, in fact, no such thing as noiseless powder. The report from the discharge of smokeless powder is much sharper and higher pitched than that from black or ordinary gunpowder; it cannot, however, be heard anything like so far away. The recoil of the piece is much less, also, with smokeless powder.

NEBRASKA.

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES. A Railway employes club has been organized at Ravenna. Chadron has enough Keeley graduates to form a club.

The Northeastern Nebraska Press association meets at South Sioux City the first Monday in May. A republican club composed entirely of farmers has been organized in Elk precinct, Nuckolls county.

Canals which will furnish water for 400,000 acres of land are under construction in Cheyenne county. W. S. McCluhan, son of an old resident of Morse Bluff, sustained fatal injuries by falling from a wagon.

The Grand Army of the Republic at Davenport will build a two-story hall, the ground floor to be used as a town hall. Mrs. Rebecca Benedict of Silver Creek believes she is one of the heirs to \$62,000,000 left by the Corbets at Harlem, N. Y.

As a result of the recent revival meetings at Wayne, the Methodist church has received over sixty persons as probationary members. The Boyard Transcript publishes a picture of a curious formation, Chimney Rock, which rises 600 feet high, five miles south of Bayard.

The Norfolk Beet Sugar company made contracts for 200 acres more of sugar beets, making in all 600 acres to be raised in and about Platte County. The German Lutheran school teachers of northeastern Nebraska held a conference in Norfolk for the purpose of discussing topics in connection with their work.

Thirty electric arc lights will illuminate the streets of Beatrice the coming three years, and the city gets light at the extreme low rate of \$8 per light per month. The Cortland Herald says the next legislature should formulate and adopt laws which make it compulsory on counties and townships to keep the roads in good condition.

The canal bridge five miles east of Elm Creek gave way, precipitating George Meilinger of Kearney and a loaded wagon into the stream. He escaped uninjured. An old man in Lincoln, who has carried the mail between the depot and postoffice for some time, was killed the other day by falling under the cars. He was 71 years old.

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