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"No, Walson, I never was in it. My note to you was absolutely genuine. I had little doubt that I had come to the end of my career when I perceived the comewhat einister figure of the late Professor Moriarty standing upon the narrow pathway which led to safety. I read an inexorable purpose in his knew what had become of me. gray eyes. I exchanged some remarks with him, therefore, and obtained his courtcous permission to write the short note which you afterward received. I bett it with my cigarette box and my stick, and I walked along the pathway. Moriarty still at my heels. When I reached the end I stood at bay. He drew no weapon, but he rushed at me and threw his long arms around me. He knew that his own game was up and was only anxious to revenge himself upon me. We tottered together upon the brink of the fall. I have some knowledge, however, of baritsu, or the Japanese system of wrestling, which has more than once been very useful to me. I slipped through his grip, and he with a horrible scream kicked madly for a form seconds and clawed the air with both this hands. But for all his efforts he could not get his balance, and over he went. With my face over the brink I saw him fall for a long way. Then he struck a rock, bounded off and splashed into the water."

I listened with amazement to this explanation, which Holmes delivered between the puffs of his cigarette.

"But the tracks!" I cried. "I saw with my own eyes that two went down the path and none returned."

"It came about in this way. The instant that the professor had disappeared it struck me what a really extraordinarily lucky chance fate had placed in my way. I knew that Mortarty was not the only man who had sworn my death. There were at least three others whose desire for vengeance upon me would only be increased by the death of their leader. They were all most dangerous men. One or other would certainly get me. On the other hand, if all the world was convinced that I was dead they would take liberties, these men; they would soon lay themselves open, and sooner or later 1 could destroy them. Then it would be time for me to announce that I was still in the land of the living. So rapidly does the brain act that I believe I had thought this all out before Professor Moriarty had reached the bottom of the Reichenbach fall.

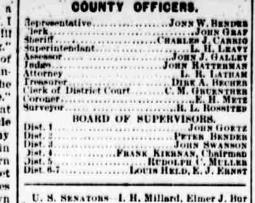
"I stood up and examined the rocky wall behind me. In your picturesque account of the matter, which I read with great interest some months later. you assert that the wall was sheer. That was not literally true. A few small footbolds presented themselves, and there was some indication of a ledge. The cliff is so high that to climb it all was an obvious impossibility, and it was equally impossible to make my way along the wet path without leaving some tracks. I might, it is true, have reversed my boots, as I have done on similar occasions, but the sight of three sets of tracks in one direction would certainly have suggested a deception. On the whole, then, it was best that I should risk the climb. It was not a pleasant business, Watson. The fall roared beneath me. 1 am not a fanciful person, but I give you my word that I seemed to hear Moriarty's voice screaming at me out of the abyss. A mistake would have been fatal. More than once as tufts of grass came out in my hand or my foot slipped in the wet notches of the rock I thought that I was gone. But I struggled upward, and at last I reached a ledge several feet deep and covered with soft green moss, where I could lie un-I was stretched when you, my dear Watson, and all your following were investigating in the most sympathetic and inefficient manner the circumstances of my death. "At last, when you had all formed your inevitable and totally erroneous conclusions, you departed for the hotel, and I was left alone. I had imagined that I had reached the end of my adventures, but a very unexpected occurrence showed me that there were sur prises still in store for me. A huge rock, falling from above, boomed past me, struck the path and bounded over into the chasm. For an instant l thought that it was an accident, but a moment later, looking up, I saw a man's head against the darkening sky and another stone struck the very ledge upon which I was stretched within a foot of my head. Of course the meaning of this was obvious. Moriarty had not been alone. A confeder ate-and even that one glance had told me how dangerous a man that confederate was-had kept guard while the professor had attacked me. From a distance, unseen by me, he had been a witness of his friend's death and of my escape. He had waited, and then, making his way around to the top of the cliff, he had endeavored to succeed where his comrade had failed. "I did not take long to think about it, Watson. Again I saw that grim face the tall, spare figure and the keen, enlook over the cliff, and I knew that it was the precursor of another stone. I scrambled down on to the path. I don't think I could have done it in cold difficult than getting up. But I had no "Work is the best antidote to sorrow, time to think of the danger, for an-

ful conclusion will in itself justify a men's life on this planet." In vain, I logged him to tell me more, "You will our and set enough before morning." he massered "Watave three years of the past to discuss. Let that suffice unif half must 0, when we start upon the notable adventure of the empty house." It was indeed like old times when at

that hour I found myself seated beside him in a hansom, my revolver in my pocket and the thrill of adventure in my heart. Holmes was cold and stern and silent. As the gleam of the street lamps flashed upon his austere features I saw that his brows were drawn down in thought and his thin lips compressed. I knew not what wild beasts we were about to hunt down in the dark jungle of criminal London, but I was well assured from the bearing of this master huntsman that the adventure was a most grave one, while the sardonle stalle which occasionally broke through his ascetic gloom boded little good for the object of our quest.

I had imagined that we were bound for Baker street, but Holmes stopped the cub at the corner of Cavendish square 1 observed that as he stepped out he gave a most cearching glance to right and left and at every subsequent street corner he took the utmost pains to assure that he was not followed. Our route was certainly a singular one. Holmes' knowledge of the byways of London was extraordinary, and on this occusion be passed rapidly and with an assured step through a network of mews and staldes the very existence of which I had never known. We emerged at last into a small road lined with old, gloomy houses which led us into Manchester street and so to Blandford street. Here he turned swiftly down a narrow passage, passed through a wooden gate into a deserted yard and then opened with a key the back door of a house. We entered together, and he closed it behind us.

The place was pitch dark, but it was evident to me that it was an empty house. Our feet creaked and crackled over the bare planking, and my outfor two years in Tibet, therefore, and stretched hand touched a wall from amused myself by visiting Lassa and which the paper was hanging in ribspending some days with the head bons. Holmes' cold, thin fingers closed lama. You may have read of the rearound my wrist and led me forward markable explorations of a Norwegian down a long hall until I dimly saw the named Sigerson, but I am sure that it murky fan light over the door. Here never occurred to you that you were Holmes turned suddenly to the right, receiving news of your friend. I then passed through Persia, looked in at and we found ourselves in a large, Meeca and paid a short but interesting square, empty room, heavily shadowed visit to the khallfa at Khartum, the re- in the corners, but faintly lit in the sults of which I have communicated center from the lights of the street beto the foreign office. Returning to Fond. There was no lamp near, and



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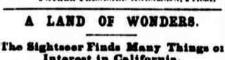
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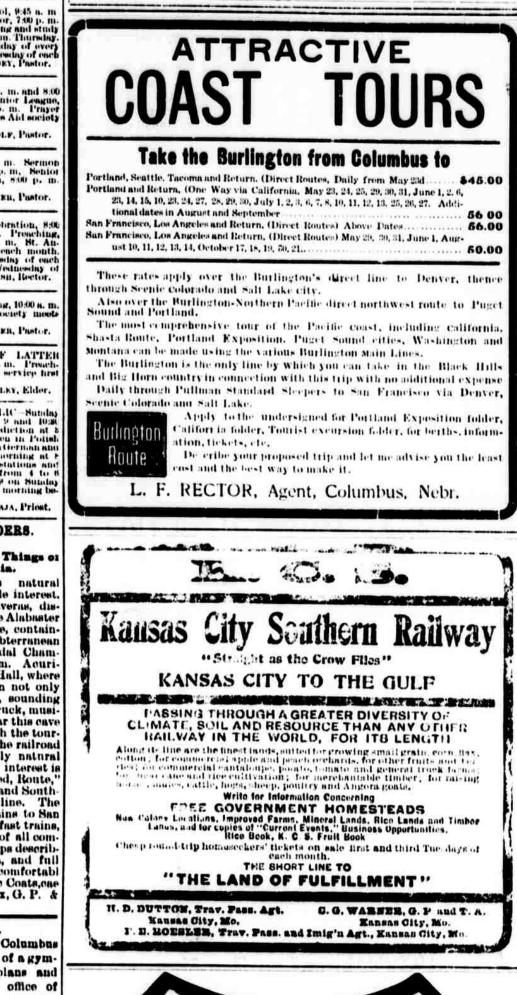
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er Mycroft. I owe you many apologies, my dear Watson, but it was all important that it should be thought I was dead, and it is quite certain that you would not have written as convincing an account of my unhappy end had you not yourself thought that it was true. Several times during the last three years I have taken up my pen to write to you, but always I feared lest your affectionate regard for me should tempt you to some indiscretion which would betray my search. For that reason 1 turned away from you this evening when you upset my books, for I was in danger at the time, and any show of surprise and emotion upon your part might have drawn attention to my identity and led to the most deplorable and irreparable results. As to Mycroft, I had to confide in him in order to obtain the money which I needed. The course of events in London did not run so well as I had hoped, for the trial of the Moriarty gang left two of its most dangerous members, my own most vindictive enemies, at liberty. I traveled

SHERLOCK HOLMES WAS STANDING SMILING AT ME.

France, I spent some months in a research into the coal far derivatives, which I conducted in a laboratory at Montpellier, in the south of France, Having concluded this to my satisfaction and learning that only one of my enemies was now left in London, I was about to return when my movements were hastened by the news of this very remarkable Park lane mystery, which not only appealed to me by its own merits, but which seemed to offer some most peculiar personal opportunities. I came over at once to London, called tu my own person at Baker street, threw Mrs. Andson into violent hysteries and found that Mycroft had preserved my rooms and my papers exact. ly as they had niways been. So it was, my dear Watson, that at 2 o'clock to day I found myself in my old armchair in my own old room and only wishing that I could have seen my old he has so often adorned."

Such was the remarkable narrative to which I listened on that April evening, a narrative which would have been utterly incredible to me had it not

again. In some manner he had learned of my own sad bereavement. and his sympathy was shown in his blood. It was a hundred times more manner rather than in his words. my dear Watson," said he, "and I have MAX, G. P. & T. A. U. P. B. R. CO., June 1st to Sept 30th. other stone sang past me as I hung by a plece of work for us both tonight Omaha, Nobr., on receipt of four cents my hands from the edge of the ledge. which if we can bring it to a success- postage.

the window was thick with dust, so that we could only just discern each other's figures within. My companion put his hand upon my shoulder and his lips close to my car.

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"Surely that is Baker street," I answered, staring through the dim window

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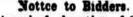
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