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TONS OF GOLD.

A Romantic Search for a Hidden Treasure - A Miner Driven Mad and a Terrible Death.

Helen (M. T.) Independent.

A reporter yesterday had a conversation with one of a party of three men who have spent the past summer in searching for the "Lost Cabin," about which there was so much discussion in this Territory several years ago. It was built by a party of four men, who in 1863 made a wonderful discovery of gold at a point supposed to be somewhere near the line between Montana and Wyoming. In less than a week after the discovery was made a party of hostile Indians made a descent on the discoverers and killed all but one of them. The survivor, a man named Thompson, made his appearance in Alder Gulch and set the camp on fire with the intent of the wonderful discovery which he and his companions had made. The discovery was said to consist of a ledge of quartz several feet in width, with streaks of pure gold running through it averaging from one to seven inches wide. The story was marvelous and if the public pulse had not been at that time in a feverish condition on account of the vast quantities of the precious metal then being taken so readily from the placers of Alder Gulch its truth might have been questioned. But under the circumstances no one thought of doubting it for an instant, especially when Thompson exhibited several ragged chunks of gold that had the appearance of having been broken from a mass of the glittering metal, and this Thompson asserted was the case. The camp went wild. A hundred men stood ready and anxious to follow Thompson to the spot if he would only lead them. But Thompson suddenly disappeared, and afterwards news came of his death in the Big Horn country.

A MAD MINER.

"I had been in California several years," said one last searcher to the reporter yesterday, "when, in company with a friend, I visited the State Lunatic asylum. This was last winter. While going through the asylum the warden called our attention to a peculiar case in his charge. It was a man who occupied all his time in drawing rough maps or diagrams on the walls of his cell. These drawings were all alike, and the walls and floor of his cell were covered with them. They were of some mountainous country with a river running through it from the south and a smaller stream putting into the river from the east in about the center of the map. From this point of junction of these two streams a line was drawn due south to a peak, marked "three miles," and thence it continued in a zigzag line in a southerly direction with the length of each straight line marked. At the extreme end of the line a circle was drawn with a cross in the center. As soon as I looked at the crazy map maker I recognized him. It was Thompson. I was subsequently told that after going from Montana to California he had lost all his money and then was taken down with a fever. He was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum, where I found him. He had been there three years.

When he was released from the asylum he was sent to the cell. I examined the maps on the wall and asked Thompson about them. He seemed willing enough to talk about them, however - but concerning his map he would not say a word. On finding that the man was Thompson it immediately occurred to me that the map was intended to show the point at which the "Lost Cabin" was located, and the questions which I asked were propounded with a view to getting a clue. After questioning him unsuccessfully for some time I put my finger on the circle in the map and asked him:

"Is that gold?" His answer was to spring at me in wild rage. I knew from that that I had guessed his secret. We all withdrew from the cell and at the first opportunity I had an interview with one of the physicians of the institution and told him what I knew about Thompson. I also told him that there was little doubt of the existence of the deposit of gold, and that Thompson could lead us to it. The physician had previously informed me that the patient was sometimes in all purposes perfectly sane for weeks, and I now suggested that the next time one of these lucid intervals occurred we should see what we could do with him. The doctor agreed.

HUNTING FOR THE GOLD.

In about two weeks a note was sent to my hotel, informing me that Thompson had entered upon one of his lucid spells. I immediately went up to the asylum. In company with the doctor I entered Thompson's cell and entered into conversation with him. His talk was quite rational, and in the course of a half an hour's interview he appeared to me to get him out of the asylum. This was our chance. The doctor immediately called for him from the asylum if he would show us the way to "that point" - indicating it with his finger on the map. Thompson hesitated for a moment, but presently consented. This was all we wanted. There was no difficulty in getting him out of the asylum. The doctor certified that he was cured, and a discharge soon followed. We immediately started to Montana, whence we intended to proceed to the Big Horn mountains for the purpose of hunting the treasure. We reached Dillon on the 24th of last June, and took the stage to Virginia City. There we outfitted, ostensibly for the National park, and continued on our journey. In a few days we found ourselves in the park and well on our way to the Big Horn mountains, in which Thompson said the gold mine was located. In three more days we reached the Big Horn river and traveled up it to the south. This was on the 15th of June.

Thompson had up to this time acted as naturally sane as we (in addition to the doctor and myself) had brought along one of the asylum attendants. Thompson said that we would be able to reach the gold deposit the next day and we were all wild with excitement. We camped on the night of the 15th in a wild place a few miles from the river. Aside from Thompson we were all very tired and slept soundly. When we arose in the morning Thompson was gone. The excitement had evidently brought on a spasm of insanity, and he had got up during the night and wandered off into the mountains. We hunted for him three days, and finally found him lying, bruised and dead, at the foot of a cliff 1,000 feet high. In his delirium he had plunged over it to a certain death - probably the night that he had fled from camp. We buried him where we found him, and as a search for the treasure would be hopelessly without his assistance we turned back. The doctor and his man I left at Miles City, whence they will probably go east. As for myself, I will make no further search for the Lost Cabin.

ALL TRUE FELLOWS Worthy point to the "HUB PUNCH" An article of such rare and exceeding merit deserves a place on every sideboard.

A DENVER DISEMORA. Rincement of a Romantic Young Society and a Negro.

Society critics in the extreme eastern portion of Denver are at present conversant with a sensational case of miscegenation and elopement which occurred in the city last Monday. The affair, with its sensational features, leaked out yesterday, and was imparted in confidence to a News reporter. The parties to the elopement are a very pretty white girl, the daughter of J. D. Robinson, a well-to-do stock grower, and a big, burly negro named Noah Davis, whose hideousness is said to be a thing of record. Annie Robinson, the "heroine" of the romantic affair, is a pretty blonde, petite and of a most charming disposition. She is an only daughter and the idol of her father's heart. Her great beauty and wonderful vivacity and intelligence gained for her a prominent place in the society in which she moved, and everybody who is acquainted with the facts of her elopement is grieved and saddened. The facts relative to the elopement, as learned by a News reporter, show how strong a misguided love can be. Mr. Robinson is a rather extensive stock grower living in the northwestern suburbs of the city in a pretty villa. His house and its surroundings are substantial and beautiful with every comfort to make them enjoyable. Mr. Robinson's family consists of his wife and daughter Annie. His business consists in the raising of cattle and horses on the state a good deal of the time, and it was on this account that Mr. Robinson employed Davis, wishing to have a trustworthy man to protect his family in his absence. The negro has been living with him ever since he took up his residence in Denver, nearly a year ago, and during all the time he has been so faithful that Mrs. Robinson placed implicit confidence in him. His duties around the house constantly threw him in the way of pretty Miss Robinson, and until his elopement the watchful parents had no reason to suspect the intimacy which really existed between the pair. Miss Robinson, who is about 18 years of age, returned about a year ago from a female college in the east, and has since been living with her parents. On her arrival in Denver she launched into society, and was soon recognized by the circles in which she moved. She had suitors without number, and among them is a certain young lawyer whose suit she seemed to favor most, and it is whispered she even became his fiancee. This young man is almost prostrated by Miss Robinson's hasty step, but he says he will recover her, if it is not too late, from the hands of the hideous negro, and marry her yet.

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