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## LONG JIV, THE TIE-SPLITTER. the crackling flames. "Follow me, pards,

or agonizing position can be conceived for a human being than to be compassed blinding smoke. His comrades were not around by fire, every avenue of escape slow to follow him. barred by the devouring element, and barred by the devouring element, and party which was beating out the fire from nothing ahead but the horrible certainty the bottom of the canon up the slope of being reasted alive, more or less slow-came upon one of those little open areas, ly according to the nature of the sur-or blue patches, which occur at intervals roundings. One generally associates the among the chaparral, they encounted a idea of the most fatal and hopeless conidea of the most fatal and hopeless con-flagrations with buildings; but fraught as and blackened body of Indian Meg, the burning of a large hotel or theatre lying face down upon the ground, may be with desperate situation, there every vestige of scanty clothing burned every vestige of scanty clothing burned awayr Besides her stood Long Jim, his are occasional instances in the free air are occasional instances in the free air face the color of charcos), not a hair of hisbeard or on his scalp left, his shirt which may match any fiery ordeal ever and overalls in blackened tatters, his bounded by four walls. Nor have we to boots yellow and cracked, his hands and look so far as the broad plains of Texas blistered to a jelly, but nevertheless holding Meg's baby, which smiled meror its adjacent territories for instances rily upon the surrounding group.

"I was too late," said Long Jim, in explies situations which, while they may lack the grandeur of dramatic breadth of the prairie fire, with its herds of fleeing buffaloes, its lesgues of blazing grasses, and its desperate horsemen, nevertheless involve conditions of terror and peril comparable, within circumscribed limits, to those evoked by the red

demon of the prairle. The north of the Gualola river, which divides Sonoms from Mendecino county, is one of the principal logging centers of the state. The high blufts overhanging the stream on elther side merge, in their turn into steep slopes, reaching back into interior altitudes covered with red wood forests, and in many places rendered almost impassible by thick undergrowth or brush known in the vernacular by the generic term chaparral.

One sultry afternoon, not many sum-mers ago, the lodgers and mill hands in Harmon's mills were taking their cus-tomary noontide hour of rest before resuming work. The mill and cabins where the men live are built upon some more than usually level bench land shelving from the river bank, while above and beyond the country slopes away into canons and mountain ranges more or less denuded of timber in proportion to their accessibility, and here and there, coverd in tracts sometimes of many bundred and chaparral through which the wayarer has to work a slow and tortuous passage, keeping in view the general lamps or masses of brush as best he can. Now and again bare patches of a few wilderness of chaparral; but these are the

exceptions, and not the rule. "Mighty hot day," remarked Tom Briggs, as he got up from his reclining position, in which he, with half a dozen more of the mill-hands, was in the habit of taking his after dinner "lay-off" on the shady side of the dining shanty 'Goin' to hev a purty tough time shakin' them blg logs outen Little Creek canyon, guess. Mout's well hitch up them bulls an' be done with it, though," he added philosophically, knocking the ashes out of his pipe and stretching him-

self preparatory to taking his departure "Seems to me this heat ain't natural," put in Long Jim, the tie-splitter.

'There's a sort o' atifie in the air, too, that don't seem to smell right." "Look up yar!" exclaimed Humpy Dick, pointing up the slope in fron; 'd'ye see that glimmer in the air? I'll bet the left for "

et that's fire." The words had scarcely left his mouth when annother logger joined the group. "Boys," he said hurriedly, "Little

the canen. The bank was almost denuded of trees, but thickly covered with brush, through which the flames were now running riot, but steadily mov-ing onward and upward. Sud-denly an exclamation from Humpy Dick caused the party to look in the direction towards which he pointed. There, not

reach of the advancing flames. "I swar!" cried Tom Briggs, "that's Indian Meg. An' she's got her baby with her. Been a berryin', sure, and ! We will leave those questions to be an got caught afore she cud get out.' Meg

"Keep up the canon, Meg! shouted Long Jim, making a speaking trumpet of his hands. "It's yer on'y chance. Ye'll never get ou. o' the way of ye try to mount the hill." hear the advice given her by the woodthe best of their way through the chaparral, above the track of the flames, or whether she considered that the safer course lay in getting to a position; like theirs, above the fire, it was impossible to tell. The only thing certain was that the poor creature, who was madly trying to steer her way through and around the compact masses of brush wherever op-portunity offered, would never be able to reach a point of safety by following a di-agonal coupled with an uphill course. Had she kept straight up the canyon, trusting to the woodcraft of the loggers to ead the fismes, she might possibly held her own in the race for life; but as it wrs, with every yard she progressed the fiames were steadily and surely gaining

By this time, by almost superhuman exertions, the loggers had gained a point nearly abreast of the front line of the advancing fiery column. Half a mile beow them, at the bottom of the canon, they saw and halled another party of their comrades, who were preparing to fire the chapparral in front of the mass already burnt—employing the old tactics of stopping the fire by depriving it of fuel, at the same time keeping the newly fired brush well in hand, by putting it out after it had run a few yards. Less than two huntred yards below them was poor Indian Meg, now dazed and blinded by the

heavy, rolling, dense blue smoke from the burning brush scarcely fifty pards behind her, hugging her baby to her breast, and rushing aimlessly hither and thither among the masses of chaparral she could no longer see her way out of, patrol Main street from Sixteenth venue but atill untiling in her almost super- to Broadway. human efforts to escape. "Durn me if I kin stand that!" shouted Long Jim with an oath, making a Broadway, and the latter to take orntral

some fifty feet

the fire. Burn the suff right shead o' It is doubtful whether a more terrible ye. Let the hull durned canon go to blazes." And so saying, the woodman disappeared with a abound among the

A quarter of an hour later, when the

planation, "to save the poor critter. The flames hed passed over her afore I come. Thar she wuz, jest as ye see her now, but the papoose was below her, an' she died keeping off the smoke from its little

so rowful spectacle.

lungs,'

It was only an Indian rquaw burned and an Indian baby saved; it was only a handful of rough woodmen engaged in ighting a few hundred acres of burning brush upon a Mendocino hillside; but it may be doubted whether the maternal instinct could have been more forcibly exhibited by any representative of the more civilized races, or whether more disinterested herofsm could have been shown in fire or battle than on this occasion by simple logger of the Gualala in an effort to save an Indian woman and her baby.

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Young Phillips has His Jaw Squarely Broken,

Charles Phillips, son of R. V. Phillips, was scuffling with some young fellow Saturday night, and received a blow on acres in extent, with dense shrub growth the side of the face, which seemed to have knocked one of his teeth out of place. He worried along with it all night, and lirection he desires to travel in, and tried to get the tooth out himself, but pushing his way between or around the had to give it up, and yesterday morning he went into Dr. West's office to have reds in extent break the monotony of the found that it was not the tooth which had been loosened, but that the jaw had been broken, the fracture being straight between two of his teeth. Dr. Hanchett was called on to fix up the injury, and young Phillips will have to take his food brough a straw or a quill for a time, his jaw being set in plaster parts to keep it still while the bone is setting. The one who struck the blow is said to be Bill Wyceff.

#### WHERE IS HE?

Fred Spetman Mysteriously Disap pears from Home.

The strange disappearance of Mr. Free Spetman, who lives in Mills county, near Belgi the line of this county, has caused much commotion and great anxiety among his friends and relatives in this city. He left his home Thursday noon, without saying anything of his plans or purposes, and was last seen near the banks of the Missouri river near the K. C. railway track. It is feared that he has fallen into the fallen from the fallen fro Creek Canon's afire. Ef suthin ain't done mighty quick, we'll lose a terrible pile o' wood, to say nothin o' the stanin' it is feared that he has fallen into the pile o' wood, to say nothin o the stand timber of she spreads to the back river, or that he has fallen into the river, or that he was foully dealt with, but it is all conjecture, and the friends who are hunting everythroughout its length and breadth. Parties were speedily organized and set off in different directions to "h ad off" the when he left the house he had on a pair in different directions to "had on what had on a pair fire and arrest its progress at all the strategic points in the neighborhood. Tom Briggs, the bull-whacker, Long Jim, the tie-splitter, and Humpy D.ck, day care of age, and has had his left hand the members of one the logger, formed the members of one amputated just above the wrist. Any party that started up the right bank of information of his wheresbouts will be

> A Soldier for SheriT. To the Editor of the BER.

Spetman, of this city.

NEOLA, Iowa, Sept, 19 .- What is all this enthusiasm over the prospective can. Notice! five hundred yards shead of them, but didacy of Phil Armour for sheriff about? lower down the slope, could be seen the What is the matter with Sheriff Guittar thinly clad figure of an Indian girl, with something in her arms, frantically trying to make her way up the steep side of the canen to a point which would be out of soldier and the time has come that his services for his country have been forgotten or that they went for naught?

swered at the ballot box. It etrikes me SARPY COUNTY FATS. that if the republican party in Pottawat-tamie county think that Mr. Guittar has already been sufficiently rewarded (which I think he has) with lucrative office, they should retire him. But you will say Whether it was that the girl did not what then? I say, then look the boys over who were the blue in the darkest men, who were now themselves making days this nation ever experienced, viz. From 1861 to 1865, and will there find among then plenty of splendid material for the shriev among them alty of this our glorious Pottawattamie county, whose population to a great extent is made up of old veterans who dared to do or die. They are the men I

say frankly who are first entitled. Re-publican or democrat, it matters not, but more especially from the soldier party, (meaning the republican party, of course.) Head lines-points political and who will be the nominee! amount to nothing. The old soldiers do not yet consider that an odium surrounds them on account of previous service for their country, and I think that I voice the sentiments of the soldiery in this county when I say, give us a soldler candidate and we will elect him.

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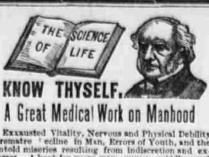
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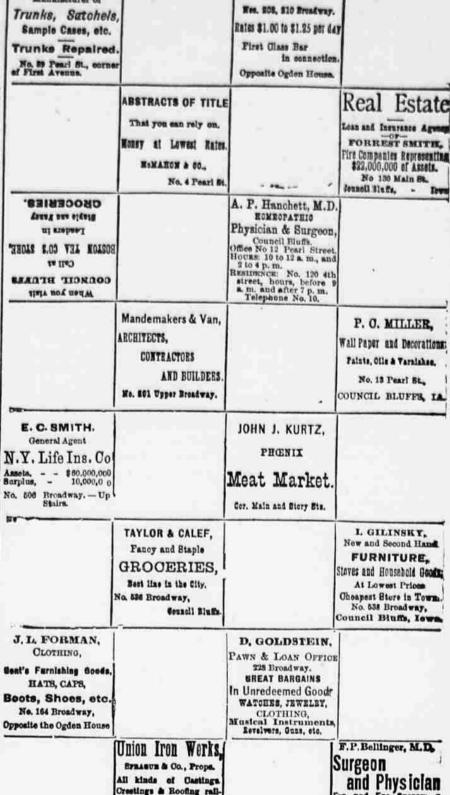


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