

TOWNSHIP THIRTY-NINE

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Driven from home by adverse winds of trouble and distress,

I sought for work and home and friends within the wilderness;

- And leaving with a heavy heart my boyhood's home behind
- I made a start to take my part in Township Thirty-Nine.
- I walked a weary journey of thirtyseven miles
- Through forests dark and gloomy, o'er lakes with lonely isles-
- Along through many a motley growth of spruce and fir and pine,---
- The journey past I reached at last the town of Thirty Nine.
- 'Tis situated in a vale with overarching hills,
- The Buffalo stream does wind between and all the valley fills
- With mirth and music when the song of bird and bee combine
- With gentle breeze through swaying trees in Township Thirty-Nine.
- But January's bitter blast and winter's chilling snow
- The beauteous mountains overcast and all the vale below,
- An ominous chill of coming ill both vague and undefined
- Seemed to o'erspread above my head in Township Thirty-Nine,
- It proved to be a sign of ill, for sickness soon broke out
- And in their beds with aching heads she crew were put to rout,
- And Death his hand placed on one man and said : "This one is mine,"
- Without delay he'll go away from Township Thirty-Nine."
- And cold and dead he laid in bed until a box was made
- And his remains by tender hands inside of it was laid,
- And each up-drew for final view until they saw the sign,
- His lifeless clay to take away from Township Twenty-Nine.
- But grief and woe don't have much show in rough uncultured minds, 'Tis soon thrown off with jest and
- scoff as clouds before the winds :--And work resumed when those who'd roomed
- The camp's rude walls behind Could get about and then go out
- through Township Thirty-Nine.



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But I could not so easily the scene get off my mind, For of the few among the crew he was most good and kind Among a rough cold-hearted crew whose influence was malign, And quick to tease and slow to please in Township Thirty-Nine.

Scarce three months passed when I at last met with an accident-My only hand one night was caught a finger bruised and bent I took away on the next day for fear I'd leave behind The rest of me beneath some tree in Township Thirty-Nine.

- To Extracts and to Tanneries I vowed to bid adieu,
- And with my pack upon my back to roam the country through; -But, once again in toil and pair, 'mid scenes and men unkind

A short sojourn I take forlorn in Township Thirty-Nine. (Part second in next issue.)

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