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## W. D. Camber, The Boy and the Prodigal

Continued from last week.

He paused and looked at Artie. "All right, sir."

The stranger's voice dropped. "It concerns the prodigal."

"Yes, sir."

.. There are reasons why I want him watch-

"I don't care for the reasons, sir." "Good. They will come later. I want you to follow him tomorrow. Keep out of his sight, but don't let him get out of yours. I am going away early in the morning. I

will return as soon as posible." "To morrow sir?"

"Yes, but not before afternoon. There are papers I must secure at Springfield. There are men I must meet. I am leaving this trust in your hands, my boy."

"I'll do my best, sir."

"I'm sure of that. The prodigal may go to the place where you have seen him. He will look for something there. no doubt. Watch him. He may prepare to go away. Watch him."

He glanced at the boy. "I understand, sir. And when am I to

tell you all about it?" "If there is anything that you think I

should know as scon as possible, leave a note for me here at the house." "Yes,." said the boy. "You'll tell me

what it all means afterward, wont you, sir?" "Yes, yes, and you'll find it a fine storyif the ending proves all right. He reached out his hand. "Good night, partner."

The man sat on the porch for some time after he finished his cigar.

"Good night."

Then he stepped down and walked away in the darkness. He was gone a half hour or more. When he came back he paused on

"He's there, all right," he muttered.

"He won't make any attempt to get away before to-morrow." He yawned heavily, "You've worried me for two years, my man," he growled, "but your worrying hours are nearly ended,

He crossed the porch and softly entered the house.

When the boy arose the next morning the stranger had gone. He was on his way to the county seat. A good horse drawing a light wagon was taking him over the hills at as fast a rate as could be expected for a seventeen-mile drive.

At 2 o'clock he was back at the cottage. He returned behind a team of fine horses and in the wagon with him were three strange

He found a note written by the boy.

He read it aloud to the men:

"Sir, I watched the prodygal like you said, and he didn't see me. He has borrowed Seth Cutter's life waggon and is going somewhere. He wuz down in the gorge lookin' around and brot out a bag that was pretty heavy. He seemed scart about it an' dragged it to the barn as quick as he sood. A little wile ago-at noon-he come over to our housean' I slipt around an' got ahead of him-an' he said, 'Ware is that fellow?' An' I said, 'Gone away.' He left an' sed he seen him go. An' he sed when he cums back give him my complemen's. An' he had his gun with him. That's all. From Artie."

The man looked up. "He's off, sheriff," he quickly said. "Which way?"

The stoutest man in the party reflected moment.

"The chances are he'll make a bluff at going toward Springfield, the nearest point on of course but finished round the crown by the railroad. But he's pretty sure to try to get into the Bascom woods. That's the hid Woodville pike. Where do you suppose the boy is?"

"He's tumbled into a great game, that's

sure," said the stout man. "Been working on this two years, you say?"

"Just two years. Started in the day after the express robbery."

"Our detective agency took the case Aug ust 25, 1907," said the fourth man of the party. I put Brett on it the same day. It has been a merry chase for hlm."

"How much was taken?" the sheriff asked "Twenty-seven thousand dollars," replied

the manager. "An' you think this fellow still has the

money?" "I am sure of it," replied the young de

tective. "I could have nabbed him long ago, but I wanted to find where he had hidden for quite colors after I'd stopped being a his plunder."

"An' he held up the train alone, ch?"

"Yes and shot the messenger,"

"Pretty bad man, eh." "No doubt of it."

"The horses, urged on by the driver, drew the wagon along at a lively pace, and

the men rode on in silence. "Now, Joe," said the sheriff presently bureau. In the seclusion of her bare locked April, and that potacoes cannot be mailed "take the cross road right beyond the white room she would pull open the drawer and

the woods. Steady at the turn.

The ruse worked well. As the party worked back into the turupike they saw a horse and wagon far ahead. And on the seat were two passengers.

The driver of the team urged his horses and the distances between the two vehicles lessened.

The driver ahead was lashing his horse, They could see the whip rise and fall, But the posse gained more and more rapid

And now they were close enough to see that the man's companion was a boy, and a great g'int of sunshine resting on its polishd barrel showed them the gun lying across he seat.

"Surrender!" the sheriff.

The man dropped the reins and with a wild oath whirled about and stooped for the

But the boy was too quick for him. He snatched away the weapon and flung it far into the bushes. With a scream of rage the man struck him down, a pistol cracked, there was a wild rush of struggling men and all was over.

When the boy came to himself he was ly. ing on the lounge in his grandmother's siting room, and his bead throbbed, and there was the smell of liniment in the air.

Two men were bending over him. One of them he knew. He looked up with a faint

"Yes, dear boy."

His friend's voice sounded far away, "Did-did you get the prodigal?"

"Yes, dear boy, he's out there in the wag gon with the sheriff."

The boy tried to nod.

"When I saw he was going away. I asked him if I might ride a piece. You told me not to lose sight of him.'

The Young man looked at his manager. "It was a lucky thing for us that you didn't dear boy. But there, you will soon be well again-it was only a bad bump that the prodigal gave you. And now I want you to put out your hand to Mr Van Cleve here. He is the manager of our western agency and he feels very gratified to you-and ba something to tell you."

The older man smiled down at the boy. Then he looked around.

I want your grandmother to hear this, too he said. "The express company offered \$4,000 for the recovery of the money stolen and by my recommendation-will be placed to the credit of a boy called Arthur Howard -to be expended for his eduaction, if that meets with the approval of his guardians."

There was a little silence. Then the boy slowly smiled.

That, s'doing pretty well for a amatoor de tective, ain't if?" he faintly asked.

The end.

BROWN STRAW AND YELLOW SATING

A retired Philadelphia shopkeeper once testified that no customer was quite so ex acting as a Quaker lady buying her exquisite best. Whole heartedly as the Quakeress may accept the Friends' prohibition of gay color and fashionable cut, the innocent vanity of woman is by no means necessarily discarded along with fripperies. Nor do all Friends accept those prohibitions, at least in youth, with entire submissiveness.

A lady of Quaker parentage once confessed to a young friend the bitterest tragedy of her childhood. The day she was sent to school for the first time she wore a severely Ettle brown frock and a brown hat to match-a hat with neither ribbon, flower nor feather, band of the same crown straw in a différent and more fanceful weave.

It has passed muster with her mother; but We'll keep on the state road until we hit the the schoolmistress was a Quakeress of more austere and old fashioned type. She sam moned the new, shy, frightened pupil to her "He's right on the job somewhere," said side. produced a pair of scissore, ruthlessly Artie's friend, "That's a great boy, sheriff." ripped of the offending decoration, and

placed it in the child's hand. "Take that furbelow home to thy mother," she bade her, gently but with chills firmness "and tell her that thee canst not wear it to my school."

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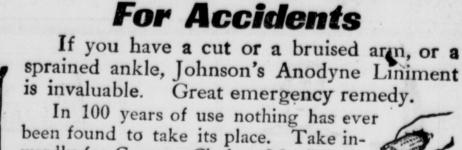
"But by the time I had grown up and married out of meeting, and could have worn all the fancy plaits and gay satins that I want them any more. And as for parading about in a yellow gown-I would rather have

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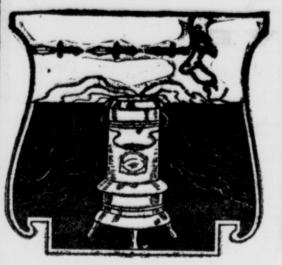
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