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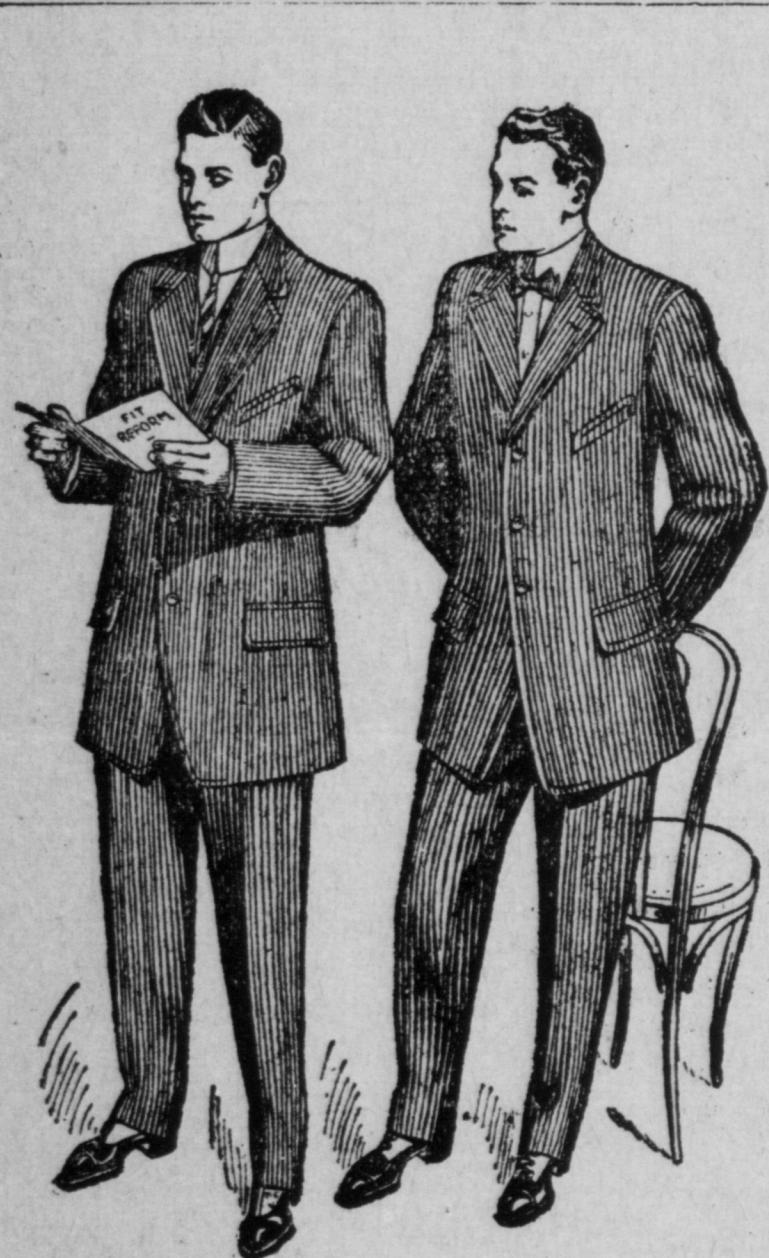
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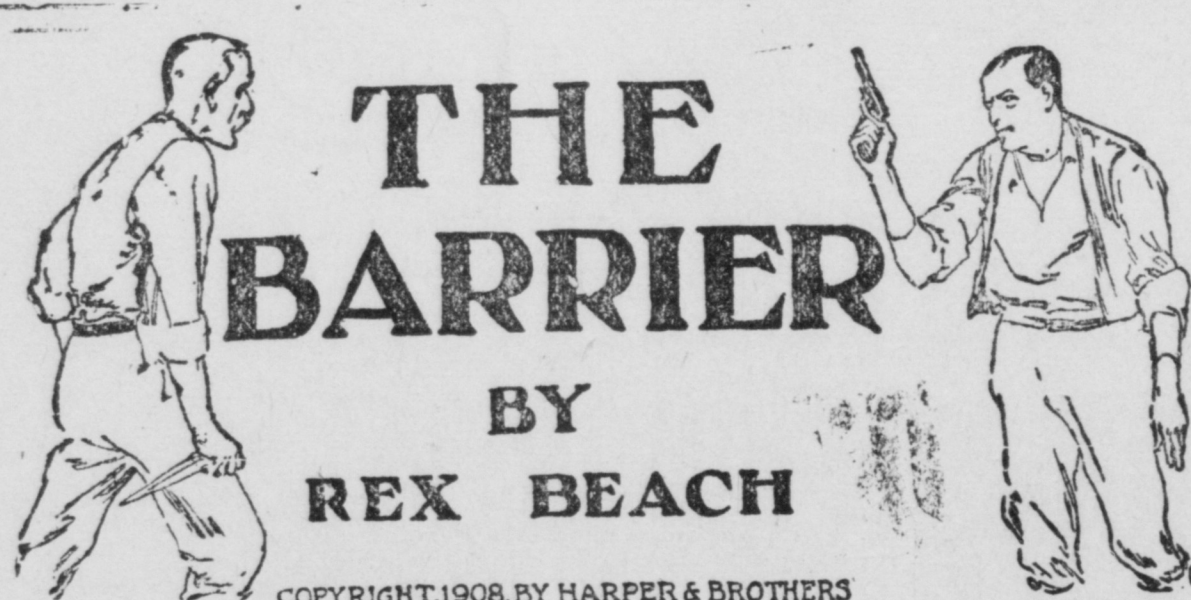
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When they had subordinated their packs and disappeared down the valley Gale held out his hand to the soldier. "Young man, I reckon you and I will be friends."

"Thank you," said Burrell, taking the offer of friendship, which he knew was genuine at last. "I'm in on that," said "No Creek" Lee. "You're all right."

Poleon had been watching Stark's party disappear, but now he turned and addressed the young soldier. "You make some enemies today, m'sieu."

"That's right," agreed Lee. "Ben Stark will never let up on you now."

"Very well. That is his privilege." "You don't savvy what it means to get him down on you," insisted Lee. "He'll frame things up to suit himself, then pick a row with you. He's the quickest man on a trigger in the west, but he won't never make no open play, only just devil the life out of you with little things till you flare up; then he'll down you. That's how he killed the gold commissioner back in British Columbia."

Necia had said little so far, but the look in her eyes repaid the soldier for his undertaking in her behalf and for any mischief that might ensue from it. She came forward and laid her hands upon his.

"Don't worry, daughter," reassured Gale. "There's nothing Stark can do, and whatever happens we're with the lieutenant. He's our kind of people."

Burrell liked this grizzled old fellow with the watchful eyes and was glad now that he could grip his hand and face him squarely with no guilt upon his conscience.

By this time Dorset had finished with their blankets and the four set out for town, but instead of following the others they accepted Necia as guide and chose the trail to Black Bear creek.

The party reached Flambeau on the following day, sufficiently ahead of Stark and his men for Lee to make known his find to his friends, and by sunset the place was depopulated, while a line of men could be seen creeping slowly up the valleys.

Gale found Alluna in charge of the store, but no opportunity of talking alone with her occurred until late in the evening, after Necia had put the two little ones to bed and had followed them wearily. Then he told his squaw. She took the news better than he expected and showed no emotion such as other women would have displayed, even when he told her of the gunshot. Instead she inquired:

"Why did you try it there before all those others?"

"Well, when I heard him talking the wish to kill him was more than I could stand, and it came on me all at once, so that I was made, I suppose."

"Does this man suspect?"

"No."

"Then it is child's play. We will lay a trap."

"No, by heaven!" Gale interrupted her hotly. "I tried that kind of work, and it won't do. I'm no murderer."

"These are only words," said the woman quietly. "To kill your enemy is the law."

When he made no answer the squaw slipped out into the shadows, leaving

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"Except, of course, it might cause a lot of talk at headquarters when it's known what he's done for you and how he done it. I heard something about it down the street this morning, so I'm afraid it will get to St. Michael's and then to his folks."

"I don't understand," said Necia. "He hasn't done anything that any man wouldn't do under the same circumstances."

"No man's got a right to make folks talk about a nice girl," said the corporal, "and the feller that told me about it said he reckoned you two was in love." He hurried along now without offering her a chance to speak.

"Of course that had to be caught up quick; you're too fine a girl for that."

"Too fine?" laughed Necia. "I mean you're too fine and good to let him put you in wrong; just as he's too fine a fellow and got too much ahead of him to make what his people would call a messy alliance."

"Would his people object to—to such a thing?" questioned the girl. They were alone in the store, and so they could talk freely. "I'm just supposing, you know."

"O Lord! Would they object?" Corporal Thomas laughed in a highly artificial manner that made Necia bridle and draw herself up indignantly.

"Go ahead and tell me; I won't be offended," insisted the girl. "You must. I don't know much about such things, for I've lived all my life with men like father and Poleon and the priests at the mission, who treat me just like one of themselves. But somebody will want to marry me some day, I suppose, so I ought to know what is wrong with me." She flushed from the steady thing seemed to fas-

minate the man, for he held it a long while silently. The he spoke:

"For fifteen years I've been a haunted man, with a soul like a dark and dismal garret peopled with bats and varmints that flap and flutter all the time. I used to figure that if I killed this man I'd kill that memory, too, and those flitting, noiseless things would leave me, but the thought of doing it made me afraid every time, so I ran away, which never did no good—you can't outfoot a memory—and I knew not all the while that we'd meet sooner or later. Now that the day is here at last I'm not ready for it. I'd like to run away again if there was any place to run to, but I've followed frontiers till I've seen them disappear one by one. I've retreated till my back is against the circle, and there isn't any further land to go to. All the time I've prayed and planned for this meeting, and yet—I'm undecided."

"Kill him!" said Alluna.

"No! I don't think I can do it—not in cold blood, anyhow. Good night! I'm going to sleep on it." He crossed to the door of his room, but as he went she noted that he slipped the knife and scabbard inside the bosom of his shirt.

#### CHAPTER IX. THE AWAKENING.

EARLY the next morning Corporal Thomas came into the store and found Necia tending it while Gale was out. Ever since the day she had questioned him about Burrell this old man had taken every occasion to talk with the girl, and when he asked her this morning about the reports concerning Lee's strike she told him of her trip and all that had occurred.

"You see, I'm a mine owner now," she concluded. "If it hadn't been a secret I would have told you before I went, so you could have been one of the first."

"I'm going anyhow," he said, "if the lieutenant will let me and if it's not too late."

Then she told him of the trail by Black Bear creek which would save him several hours.

"So that's how you and he made it?" he observed, gazing at her shrewdly. "I supposed you went with your father?"

"Oh, no! We beat him in," she said and fell to laughing at the memory of those hours passed alone with Meade, while her eyes shone and her cheeks glowed.

The corporal saw the look, and it bore out a theory he had formed during the past month, so as he lingered he set about a task that had lain in his mind for some time. As a rule, he was not a careful man in his speech, and the delicacy of this maneuver taxed his ingenuity to the utmost, for he loved the girl and feared to say too much.

"The lieutenant is a smart young fellow," he began, "and it was slick work jumpin' all those claims. It's just like him to befriend a girl like you. I've seen him do it before."

"What?" exclaimed Necia. "Befriend other girls?"

"Or things just like it. He's always doin' favors that get him into trouble."

"This couldn't cause him trouble, could it, outside of Stark's and Runyon's grudge?"

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#### GENERAL NEWS.

As a result of representations made by British shipowners, the Foreign Office, it is stated, is likely to protest against the proposals of the American Government to exempt vessels belonging to the United States from Panama canal tolls.

Sir Frederick Borden announces that the recommendations of General French with reference to the Canadian militia will be carried into operation.

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#### STATISTICS OF THE CHURCH FOR 1910.

The public is indebted to Dr. H. K. Carroll for his annual compilation of the statistics of the Churches of the United States. His fitness for the work is of a high order, and was recognized when he was placed in charge of the government census of Churches in 1890.

From his report for 1910, published in the New York Christian Advocate, we gather some interesting facts.

We learn that the gains of 1910 are not so great as those of 1909. The total increase in membership for the year 1910 was 628,855. The total membership in the United States is 35,332,776. If every 1,000 of the population, including infants and young children, there are 385 communicants or members of some religious body.

Single denominations reported gains, according to Dr. Carroll, as follows: Roman Catholic, 110,000; Disciples of Christ, 89,759; Baptist, South, 49,749; A. M. E. Church, 47,874; Cumberland Presbyterian, 40,000; Lutheran Synodical Conference, 39,755; Baptist, colored, 34,589; Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 32,000 (the net gain for 1910 was over 45,000, as will be shown in the forthcoming Southern Methodist Handbook); Greek Orthodox Church, 30,000; Methodist Episcopal Church, 29,949; Lutheran General Synod, 17,365; Northern Presbyterian, 16,886; Protestant Episcopal, 16,667.

It is an encouraging fact that while the increase in population since 1890 is less than 47 per cent, the increase in membership for the same period is 71 per cent. In 1890 1 in every 3 inhabitants of all ages was a member of some religious body; in 1900 the ratio was 1 in every 2.8; in 1910 it was 1 in every 2.6.

Dr. Carroll notes that the Methodist population for all branches in the United States is larger than that of the Roman Catholic Church. The estimates, accepting as correct the ratio of 2½ adherents to each Methodist member, show that the total of Methodist members and adherents is 23,086,000, or 8,738,973 in excess of the Roman Catholic adherents.

For the reason that the late death of Mrs. Eddy has brought the Christian Scientists to the public attention, some information as to the growth or decline of this body is naturally sought. Yet it is impossible to make an estimate, since no statistics of membership have been given out since 1907. Dr. Carroll says: "The increase in the number of readers and of branch Churches in the last three years is large, and the natural inference would be that there has been a considerable gain in members; but if this is so, it seems strange that information concerning it is withheld.—Christian Advocate (Nashville.)"

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