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SQUARED HIMSELF.

I had been riding all day through the stony, uncultivated soil of northern Arizona, had breakfasted at Revival, had dined at Perdition Pass, and had arrived on took the picter and out we went. my tough little sorrel at Peterson City. Peterson City, or Peterson's, as it was us ually called, was in the seventies about the worst apology for a municipality that galloped Bill Murray. I never see a horse e ven Arizona could boast of. On paper so tuckered as Bill's was, and he looked it was attractively laid out, but, to use the words of an inhabitant, "the man what life. But he hadn't; just the opposite. laid it out would make a mighty poor undertaker." Half a dozen, or, at the most ten buildings, if we may so dignify their architecture, stood in the settlement while beyond, on the low hills surrounding the village, a cluster of sheds might be here and there discovered.

the store and post office, was a most atrocious libel on hostelries, having three fall from grace; but I promise it shan't sleeping rooms and another common room for guests, which was at once office, bar, dining-room and kitchen, as well as the help me keep my word.' sleeping room of the proprietor and his

was a six-footer, lean, and with a savage bristling black mu-tache. Moreover, he was a pattern of obedience for husbands. His wife, who was about half his height and twice his breadth, was extremely effusive to her guests-there was another traveler at "The Eagle"-but "Zachary," brought up, for she voiced her orders with no uncertain sound. The combination of sociability and authority, both of which were too pronounced, grated upon my nerves; so, after a meal, called by courtesy supper, I crossed the street and entered | an' pron the post office, which, according to timehonored custom, occupied a corner of the general store.

I found the postmaster and proprietor a genial little man with a short, fiery red place for him, anyway." beard. He was quite ready to talk, and expatiated upon the merits of this barren corner of "Arizony" in a manner that was certainly brave, considering the resources of the land. He was, too, the "oldest inhabitant," and, as he proudly announced "the only man in town that had knowed Bill Murray."

who Mr. Murray might have been.

"Wal, stranger," he replied, "Bill wuz a tough nut; but I reckon Bill wuz about the squarest man that was ever assisted from Arizona to the happy hunting grounds."

This seemed to be the opening of one of those stories, part truth, part fiction, which the natives of the region were so fond of imparting; so, placing my flask at my host's command, I asked for the particulars.

"It was way back in '52," he began, and a dozen of us ranchers had erlected ourselves vigilance committee, and we sorter had our eyes on Bill fer some time when Boston come out."

"Who was Boston?" I queried.

"Wal, that warn't exactly his name, but he was a slip of a lad who'd been sent out fer his health. He cum from New England, and was so darn bookified that we called him 'Boston,' an' the name stuck.

"Boston was about 18, an' didn't weigh 100 pounds, to my thinkin.' Him an' Bill kinder took to each other right off. I rekerlect how Bill gave Jack Powers the alfiredest thrashing he ever had in his life fer laffin' at the kid, 'cause he bawled a little on the quiet over his mother's picter. Wal, stranger, I'm darned if that boy didn't kinder reform Bili in a little while so that we vigilancers didn't consider he needed the looking after that he used ter. Boston an' he made the queerest pals in the territory, but I'm darned if Bill didn't love that boy better'n anything and everything on God's earth. Anyhow, we didn't hev no more trouble from Bill, an' after a spell he an' Boston went over to Crimson creek and we lost sight o' him fer a year or two.

"But one morning Ike Harkins' sorrel mare wa'n't to be found, and what's more the bridle hed been cut, an' that meant 'hoss thief.' It didn't take long to organize a posse and track the mare in the direction of Crimson creek. We hadn't got more'n two miles though when under a hill what should we see but Boston, and I'm darned if that quiet little cuss wa'n't

astride o' that mare. "It didn't take us long fer snake that throat, ever used. kid out'n his saddle. He declared the hoss wuz his; but when Ike pinted out a

YOU NEED any nick over the gambrel o' the left hind leg he jest said kinder perlite : 'All right, gents, you're right an' I'm wrong.

Good mornin';" an' actually started off. Wal, when we explained what we wuz in the habit o' doin' ter hossthiefs, an' how we didn't make no exceptions on anybody's account, he jest swallowed hard a couple o' times, drew up his whole height, an' givin, us a steady look out o' them blue eyes o' his'n, says he; 'All right, gentlemen, go ahead.'

"So we put him on a hoss an' back we toted him ter camp; an' they put him in my tent with four of us outside to watch.

"It's lucky for Boston, stranger, that we lost half an hour huntin' for a barrel; but at last we found one, an' the hardest job that ever I had was when they sent Prices on application-Send us. me into that tent to call Boston. He wasn't prayin', as I expected he might be but he was jest devourin' that picter uv his mother with those harnsome eyes o' his. After I'd told him as best I could, he jest put his hand on my arm an' says he: 'Jim, you always was good ter me. I want yer to see that this picter goes under the sod with me.' I promised, and

"Well, to make a long story short, we'd just boosted Boston up on the barrel when we heard the allfiredest yell, and into camp himself as if he'd been riding to save his

"'Gentlemen,' says he, 'I hate to disturb you, but I'm afraid you'll have to transfer your attention from Boston to me. I'm the man that borrowed that mare, an' the youngster was riding it by

"'Oh, Bill!' says Boston, running up The Eagle Hotel, which stood opposite to him, 'you didn't really steal that mare? "'Yes, young un,' says he, 'I've had a happen again,' an', with the queerest look ssin' over his face, 'these gentlemen 'll

It seems that Bill had wanted a fresh mare for some time; and in spite of Bos-The proprietor, who was also the mayor, ton the old Nick had got into him again an' he crept into camp and got the mare. Boston was going to Murthy's gulch an' starte' before Bill woke up, mounting the first horse that came to hand, and Bill followed him when he woke up, seeing what

"We gave Bill and Boston balf an hour her husband had evidently been well together before we resumed the thread of our proceerings, and when we interrupted 'em Bill sa

> vhen these gentlemen an' I " Bosto our little appointment put finish kee an' slick me up a little, to leave this tent for ', turning to us : 'Gentlemen, I trust theze's 20 hard feelin's.'

> "Boston did as he was told, and in a day or two went east. Argona wa'n't no

I ventured to say that | thought they ought to have tempered justice with mercv in that instance.

"Maybe we had," he returned, "maybe we had, but you don't know what Arizona was in the '50s."

"I'm no parson, stranger, but upon my soul I think that Bill Muray started in As one of the uninitiated, I inquired the next world even. Yes, by thunder,

he squared himself." I told my companion that I thought so, too, and riding away from Peterson's next day I mused on the story that had been told me, realizing that, indeed, as has been said, "the good are half bad and the bad are half good."-Boston Budget.

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