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so greatly," he had quickly added, loathe to offend.

But he mistook the light in his brother's eyes; it was a twinkle, not a flash. Robert Maitland laughed, laughed with what his brother conceived to be indecorous boisterousness.

"How little you know of the bone and sinew of this country, Steve," he exclaimed presently. Robert Maitland could not comprehend how it irritated his stately brother to be called "Steve." Nobody ever spoke of him but as Stephen Maitland. "But Lord, I don't blame you," continued the westerner. "Any man whose vision is barred by a foothill couldn't be expected to know much of the main range and what's beyond."

"There isn't any danger of my falling in love with anybody," said Enid at last, with all the confidence of two triumphant social seasons. "I think I must be immune even to dukes," she said gaily.

"I referred to worthy young Americans of—" began her father who, to do him justice, was so satisfied with his own position that no foreign title dazzled him in the least degree.

"Rittenhouse Square," out in Robert Maitland with amused sarcasm. "Well, Enid, you seem to have run the gamut of the east pretty thoroughly; come out and spend the summer with me in Colorado. My Denver house is open to you; we have a ranch amid the foothills, or if you are game we can break away from civilization entirely and find some unexplored, unknown canon in the heart of the mountains and camp there. We'll get back to nature, which seems to be impossible in Philadelphia, and you will see things and learn things that you will never see or learn anywhere else. It'll do you good, too; from what I hear, you have been going the pace and those cheeks of yours are a little too pale for so splendid a girl; you look too tired under the eyes for youth and beauty."

"I believe I am not very fit," said the girl, "and if father will permit—" "Of course, of course," said Stephen Maitland, "you are your own mistress anyway, and having no mother—" Enid's mother had died in her infancy—"I suppose that I could not interfere or object if I wished to, but no marrying or giving in marriage. Remember that."

"Nonsense, father," answered the young woman lightly. "I am not anxious to assume the bonds of wedlock."

"Well, that settles it," said Robert Maitland. "We'll give you a royal good time. I must run up to New York and Boston for a few days, but I shall be back in a week and I can pick you up then."

"What is the house in Denver; is it er—may I ask, provided with all modern conveniences and—" began the elder Maitland nervously.

Robert Maitland laughed. "What do you take us for, Steve; do you ever read the western newspapers?"

"I confess that I have not given much thought to the west since I studied geography and—the Philadelphia papers have been thought sufficient for the family since—"

"Good Lord," exclaimed Maitland. "The house cost half a million dollars, if you must know it, and if there is anything that modern science can contribute to comfort and luxury that isn't in it, I don't know what it is. Shall it be the house in Denver, or the ranch, or a real camp in the wilds, Enid?"

"First the house in Denver," said Enid, "and then the ranch and then the mountains."

"Right-O; that shall be the program."

"Will my daughter's life be perfectly safe from the cowboys, Indians and desperadoes?"

"Quite safe," answered Robert, with deep gravity. "The cowboys no longer shoot up the city and it has been years since the Indians have held up even a trolley car. The only real desperado in my acquaintance is the mildest gentle old stage driver in the west."

"Do you keep up an acquaintance with men of that class still?" asked his brother in great surprise.

"You know I was sheriff in a border county for a number of years and—"

"But you must surely have withdrawn from all such society now."

"Out west," said Robert Maitland, "when we know a man and like him, when we have slept by him on the plains, ridden with him through the mountains, fought with him against some border terror, some bad man thirsting to kill, we don't forget him, we don't cut his acquaintance, and it doesn't make any difference whether the one or the other of us is rich or poor. I have friends who can't frame a grammatical sentence, who habitually eat with their knives, yet who are absolutely devoted to me and I to them. The man is the thing out there." He smiled and turned to Enid. "Always excepting the su-

premacy of woman, he added.

"How fascinating," exclaimed the girl. "I want to go there right away."

And this was the train of events which wrought the change. Behold the young lady astride of a horse for the first time in her life in a divided skirt, that fashion prevalent elsewhere not having been accepted by the best equestriennes of Philadelphia. She was riding ahead of a lumbering mountain wagon surrounded by other riders, which was loaded with baggage, drawn by four sturdy broncos and followed by a number of obstinate little burros at present unincumbered with packs which would be used when they got further from civilization and the way was no longer practicable for anything on wheels.

Miss Enid Maitland was clad in a way that would have caused her father a stroke of apoplexy if he could have

(To be Continued)

THE HEIGHT OF MAN

Measurements Show That Average Stature Remains the Same

It appeared from the results of scientific measurements made in France that the average stature of man is neither increasing nor decreasing. The skeletons of the men who inhabited France at a period when Europe was the home of bears, elephants, rhinoceros, hyenas, and reindeer, are of nearly the same size as those of the French people today. Yet the surroundings amid which these early men lived were remarkably different from those enjoyed by their successors. The best abodes were caves, and to hold possession of them they had to wage warfare upon such fierce beasts as the safer-toothed tiger and the cave bear. Without our modern weapons it would seem that they should have possessed superior bodily powers, but there is, it is said, no evidence that they did. They had human cunning, however, which always prevails over brute strength.

Later came the ancestors of the Gauls and Franks, and they seemed to have slightly exceeded the cave men in stature, and also to have been a trifle taller than their modern descendants.

One interesting fact shown by the measurements is that there has been a perceptible gain in the stature of women as compared with that of men since the days of the tiger fighters in France.

EATEN BY A BEAR

A Half-starved Polar Bear Invaded an Eskimo Village

Dillon Wallace, an Arctic explorer, went to Labrador, to place a bronze tablet at the head waters of the Susan River, where his companion, Leonidas Hubbard, died of starvation in 1903. He succeeded in finding the camp, but could not erect the tablet as it had fallen out of his canoe to the bottom of the Beaver River. Not to be outdone, however, he laboriously chiseled upon a rock; "Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., Intrepid Explorer and Practical Christian, Died Here October 18, 1903."

At an Eskimo village called Nartakuk he found the Eskimos astir over a tragedy. An elderly man named Korah, who had come to the village with his 15-year-old son Jonas to spend the night, woke up in the morning to find a big Polar bear standing over the half-eaten body of his son. The Eskimos went after the bear and killed it. When its body was examined it was found to be half-starved. Its attack on Jonas created great surprise, as no one could remember a Polar bear being driven by hunger to come down to a village and kill anyone to eat.

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The Industry in the Province Is Yet in Its Infancy

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