

JOHN BURTON

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CHAPTER XIII—Continued.

At the sight of the tall, gaunt, wonderful transformation took place in John Burton. He sprang at the man with the long, dark hair, and the weight of the man's head on his own.

"No ahead and tell me about this," he said abruptly. "You look like an honest man, and it's a waste of time to lie to me. What have you got, and how did you get it?"

"In a matter of fact you John Burton developed the story of the discovery and development of the Salor Mine."

"This may be worth looking into," said the capitalist. "I'll send a report to investigate it and make a report. He rang a bell and a boy responded. "Go and tell Harold Barker I want him," he ordered.

"Until we have arrived at some tentative agreement or understanding, I don't care to have your expert examine this property," said John Burton, when the boy had closed the door.

"Your expert will find one of two things—either that my estimate of the claims is accurate, or that it is not. In the latter event you would drop the matter. If, on the contrary, your expert confirms my estimate, I'll add a definite understanding. In the first case, I'll give you a written agreement to my value, assuming that your expert confirms my statements."

"That sounds like business," roared John Hawkins, a gleam of admiration for an opponent worthy of his attention showing in his eyes. "Make your proposition, and I'll take it, I'm buying. What's your terms?"

"You will assume the payments on the Blake option, which amount to five hundred dollars, and you will pay the interest on the same. In addition to that, you will advance the money necessary for the

and the reputed possessor of a large fortune, he became a society lion, a popular figure, and the target of matrimonial archery.

Blake accepted his honors with dignity and modesty. He was willing to conform to shine in the light of John Burton. He would have endured unmerited disgrace as severely as he were unvan honors.

From the moment when Peter Burton stood with uplifted arms, swarming like ants on the mountain-side. A village sprang up in the valley and clustered about the stony hillside. Churches, gambling houses, stores and saloons contended for patronage. Thousands of pilgrims were stalked out, but many had ceased from her gold sowing when she finished the broad layers of the Salor Mine and its outcroppings.

"Having placed the mining property on a permanent footing, and in charge of competing managers and superintendents, he transferred his headquarters to San Francisco. He made periodical visits to the mines, but he had an office in the old log cabin; orders having been issued not to destroy it under any circumstances.

When Jim Blake received his first installment of a hundred thousand dollars, he gave a dinner in John Burton's honor. He invited his old friends and guests were present. This social function cost Blake a thousand dollars, and ten days after the feast he was "in the money."

"Mining stocks," he explained to John Burton, "I planned on Robert Egan, and they trimmed me. I had a hundred thousand dollars, and gave him advice which was worth more than the money. Blake followed the advice for a year, and he had drawn so heavily against John that he had a balance of

UMBRELLA OLD AS MAN.

Through Rain Shields Are 10,000 Years Old.

"How rich I'd be," said an umbrella salesman, "if I had patented the umbrella."

"You might as well talk," said the man on a swarming or cooking. Umbrellas appear to have existed since the dawn of time. The first Babylon, Nineveh, Nimrod—traces of the umbrella are found. This English deity began to use it about 1700. Shakespeare, with all his genius, had an umbrella to protect him from the rain. It was the first English umbrella maker.

DEFERENCE TO CLOTH WASTED.

Minister Surprised His Host at the Club When He Ordered Drinks.

"I do not care for claret in any style," said a young gentleman. "I have some excellent Hockheimer, ale or porter. May I offer you something to drink?"

"No, thank you," the guest replied. "I do not care for claret in any style. We have some excellent Hockheimer, ale or porter. May I offer you something to drink?"

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6. A small farm of 100 acres, with good building site, four good buildings and 100 acres of timber. Price \$100,000.00.

7. Farm of 100 acres, with good building site, four good buildings and 100 acres of timber. Price \$100,000.00.

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