



**OF THE**  
**TALE OF THE PLAINS**  
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**SYNOPSIS.**

Jack Keith, a Virginian, now a herder of savages, is by a wagon train full of gals and boys who are to be sent to the west. When the train reaches the plains, he is introduced to a woman named Fairbairn. She is attracted to him and he to her. They are married. Keith is arrested at Carson City, Nevada, and is taken to the Territory. He is released by the attorney-general, who is a friend of his. Keith is released by the attorney-general, who is a friend of his. Keith is released by the attorney-general, who is a friend of his.

before the war. The antagonism existing between him and this gambler is personal, private, deadly, not a matter for any others—outliers—to meddle with. He could wait here, and permit Fairbairn to be made captive; he could watch him ride unaccompanied into the power of those armed men, and then turn him over to the law to be dealt with. The very thought nauseated him. That would be a coward's act, leaving a stain never to be eradicated. No, he must meet this man himself. He would meet him as he came—eye and before he spoke any word of love. To hope, in the course, his duty, and met Fairbairn face to face.

"Jack," the latter said earnestly, "I read the note over your shoulder, and of course I know what you mean to do. A Southern gentleman could not choose otherwise. But I've come here to beg you to let me have the chance."

"What?" interrupted and curious. "What greater claim on that fellow's life have you than I?"

The judge makes the doctor grudge the plaintiff's shoulder. "It's for Christ's sake," he explained brokenly. "She was the one he tried to run away with. You—your name, I've got."

"Sure, I know," shaking the other off, yet not roughly. "That happened to me. Miss Walter he took, and so this is my job, Fairbairn. Besides, I've got another score to settle with him. He wanted little time upon prepara-

tion. Where could he be, the man he sought in the heart of the solitude? Surely he should be here by now if he had left the water-hole at dusk. Could he see the longer route, south to the Park? The possibility of such a thing scared through him like a hot iron, driving the dullness from his brain, the lethargy from his limbs. God! Fate could never play such a sly trick as that! The man must have been delayed; he failed to leave camp early—somewhere ahead, yonder where the blue haze marked the union of sand and sky, he was surely counting, left half dead, and drooping in the saddle.

Again Keith rose to his stirrups, rubbing the mist out of his eyes that he might see clearer, and started ahead. "What was that about yonder?" a shadow? A spot dancing before his tortured vision? or a moving, a shadow, that he could not be sure, yet he straightened up expectantly, shading his eyes. It moved, grew larger, darker, more real—yet how it crawled, crawled, crawled to ward him, a crawling, crawling, crawling, shadow, that he could not be sure, yet he straightened up expectantly, shading his eyes. It moved, grew larger, darker, more real—yet how it crawled, crawled, crawled to ward him, a crawling, crawling, crawling, shadow, that he could not be sure, yet he straightened up expectantly, shading his eyes.

"The hours passed, the sun sinking down to a wale; the last dim blur of the cat-paws along the fork was disappeared, and the rider swayed in the saddle, the dead blackness of sky all about him, the stars of the desert twinkling in his brain. Yet he had not forgotten his errand—grinding constantly from lethargy to alertness, his eyes fixed on the horizon, keenly marking the shifting shadow across the sands, taking advantage of every shift to give him water step, rising in his stirrups to scan the leagues of desolation ahead. Twice he drew his revolver from put its death, tested it, and

Heavy Luggage. Every tramp squares and squares with a heavy bag or suit case in your hand—the weight apparently increasing as you move forward. It is tiring and decidedly uncomfortable, isn't it? People who have experienced this will surely call down blessings upon the heads of the inventor of the rat-tan or straw bags and suit cases. They have so little weight that the cost is so slight that every globe-trotter would do well to take some along. They are small case, necessary and where the luggage must be carried by hand should invest in one of these sensible luggage bags.

Eagle Nest in Western New York. An eagle's nest, in the Davis farm in the town of Somerset, Niagara county, on the shores of Lake Ontario. Two American eagles have made their headquarters at the Davis farm, but never until this season did they nest, and so they were eagerly watched. The nest was built in a hollow oak tree. The eagles are carefully guarded by the old birds and a few hunters. The nest was built in a hollow oak tree. The eagles are carefully guarded by the old birds and a few hunters.

Painting With a Sponge. An artist whose work in water color is described in the Studio says that he uses a sponge for certain sweeping effects of light and shade on the dresses, for example, a sponge, if not within the narrow limitations prescribed, but as an individual means of painting. He sometimes jolts three pieces of the water color board together to make the pictures shiver like to produce in this medium.

It Was "Lovely" Cheese. A young married woman in Cherry Valley asked the police salesman if he had good cheese. "We have some lovely cheese," was the smiling answer. "Is it Swiss?" she asked. "No, it's lovely," she corrected. "Why not 'lovely' cheese?" "Because—'lovely' should be a word for only something that is alive." "Well," he said, "I stick to lovely."—Cherryvale (Kan.) Journal.

No Time Wasted. Olaf Larson, working in a millinery factory, was taken to the elevator shaft and fell down five stories with a load of boxes. Horror-stricken, the other employees rushed out to help him, but he had picked himself unharmed out of the rubbish. "Can do boys mad!" he whispered caustically. "I was not hurt a bit, except for nails anyway."—Success Magazine.

At Last. A well-known clergyman, called to other duties, says a writer in the Western Christianian that he preached his last sermon before the installation of his successor. The local clergyman, in announcing the order of service, said: "The Rev. Dr. Larson, a member of the church, will read the prayer by Rev. Hans; solo and quartette, 'Hushed at Length'."

Shipwreck Safer. It is getting so that it is safer to be shipwrecked on an ocean than it is to be a passenger on the Atlantic tonnage.—St. Louis Herald.

**CHAPTER XXXVI.**  
**The Duel in the Desert.**  
Keith rode straight forward into the sand, and up the opposite bank. He wanted to be alone, to think, to decide definitely upon what he ought to do. However, according to the schedule just read, must have left Laredo early the day before; this night he would be camped at the water-hole; with darkness he expected to resume his lonely journey across the desert to the Salt Fork. For years Keith had lived a primitive life, but he had not the least thought had grown petty. His code of honor was that of the border, tinged by that of the South

**INDIANS OF ALASKA ARE RAPIDLY DECREASING IN NUMBERS.**  
**AID OF CONGRESS IS ASKED.**  
**Dr. Foster's Report Shows That Disease Prevails Widespreadly, It is Making Great Progress Among the Natives of the Northwest Territory.**

Washington.—The national bureau of education has asked Congress for an appropriation of \$70,000 for additional medical work among the natives of Alaska. Even since the Indians of the western Chukotka stopped going to the war path philanthropists have been at work among them, seeking to decrease the death rate and to make a more permanent settlement. The squaws and papposes observe the white man's safeguard against disease. The result has been that the Indians within the United States proper are increasing in numbers.

The Alaska Indians, however, are in a pitiful condition notwithstanding the efforts of the bureau of education which is charged with the work there, to aid them in every way. Alaska is a long way off and the condition of the natives is such that it is difficult for the residents of the United States so strongly as does that of the Indians who are the doorstep. It is said, however, that the Indians are to be made alive to their responsibilities and that the condition of the Alaska tribes will be materially bettered.

Dr. M. H. Foster, past assistant surgeon of the United States army, and military hospital surgeon, has recently returned from Alaska, where he was sent to make a survey of the health conditions of the natives and to make reports to the department of the interior. He reports that the condition of the natives is such that it is difficult for the residents of the United States so strongly as does that of the Indians who are the doorstep. It is said, however, that the Indians are to be made alive to their responsibilities and that the condition of the Alaska tribes will be materially bettered.

**POPULATION INCREASE.**  
In the report of the bureau of education it is said that no Indians at all will be left in Alaska in sixty or seventy years unless the government at once takes vigorous measures to cure disease among them. Dr. Foster in discussing the decrease in the native population says:  
"Owing to the small lack of vital statistics in this country such as this, the exact facts on which to base an opinion have never been available and it is therefore impossible to make any accurate conjecture. At Sitka accurate records have been kept by the churches, and they show that for a period of ten years the population of Alaska has decreased 25 per cent. The annual birth rate has been 72.3 per thousand and the annual death rate 85.4 per thousand. During this period, the population of Alaska has decreased 29 per cent. There were 29 more deaths than births."

"The returns of the United States census bureau show that in the last 10 years the population of Alaska has increased 14 per cent. The total Indian population approximately equal to 14 per cent, or 14 per cent of the total population of Alaska. This is very close to the rates as figured at Sitka, and they may be taken as indicating fairly correctly the rates for the whole of Alaska. The population of the United States varies from 7 or 8 per thousand to 35 per thousand, depending upon the locality. An average of the United States population approximately equal to 14 per cent, or 14 per cent of the total population of Alaska. This is very close to the rates as figured at Sitka, and they may be taken as indicating fairly correctly the rates for the whole of Alaska.

**MADE FERTILE BY COLD WEATHER.**  
The recent intense cold has driven many packs of wolves out of the high-flying forests of the Fitzroy mountains. A number of cattle and other domestic animals have fallen a prey to their depredations. One village near the town of Garm was the remarkable spectacle of a fight in a garden between a bear, who had come to the village to look for something to eat, and a number of wolves who had come for the same purpose. The bear defended himself stoutly with his claws and teeth, but he was finally forced to take refuge up a tree, where he was shot by a village sportsman. The bear was given up the steps. A farmer at Vesozod saw a wolf put his head through the half-open door of the room in which he had been confined. The wolf's mind being slammed the door, to catch the animal's neck between door and doorstep, and killed it with a hammer. The bear was then carried to the authorities are arranging a drive on a large scale, by which it is hoped to clear the inhabited country of the wolves.

**To Supplement Natural Tresses.**  
A new German invention for supplementing natural tresses is hair made of artificial silk, which has the texture of the natural hair, and is the exact color of natural hair, no matter how difficult the shade may be. This new silk hair is created by an extremely rapid process. It is clean, to be given with, and may be washed at any time as easily as any other kind of hair. It is made in a great variety of body, and when made into tails and transformations, holds much better than real hair. It is glossy, and the substance of the hair, and of the loose hair switches, and when once curled keeps the curl much better than ordinary hair does.

**A Bad Outlook.**  
"No, I can't get up enough courage to ask old Patterson for his daughter," said a young man to a friend.  
"Because I'm a builder of absolutely fireproof buildings and he is a fire insurance agent."

**HERE I FAILED TO HELP**  
**Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Mrs. Green's Health—Her Own Statement.**

Covington, Mo.—"Your medicine has done me more good than all the doctor's medicines. At bed every day, I had to get up four days because of hemorrhages, and my back was so sore I could hardly walk. I have been taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and now I can stay up all day and work. I think it is the best medicine on earth for women."  
—Mrs. JENNIE GREEN, Covington, Mo.

**How Mrs. Cline Avoided Operation.**  
Brownsville, Ind.—"I can say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done me more good than anything else. One doctor said it must be operated for, but for a serious disease, and that nothing could help me but an operation. I had hemorrhages and at times could not get any medicine to stop them. I got in such a weak condition that I would have died if I had not got relief soon. Several women who had taken your Compound told me to try it, and I did and found it to be the right medicine to build up the system and overcome female troubles. I am now in great deal better health than I ever expected to be, so I think I ought to thank you for it."—Mrs. O. M. CLINE, S. Main St., Brownsville, Ind.

**Great Northern Ry Makes Low Fares West**  
Colonist Tickets on sale daily March 23 to April 15.  
The Great Northern Railway will place in effect on March 23, a special fare for West Coast fare of \$31.00, from Chicago to points in the Great Northwest, and continue same daily until April 15th.  
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