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The tired men soon slept, all but the sentry and the captive. The sergeant low man then unlocked the chain, and the powerful prisoner rose to his feet. In a whispior the sergeant told him he must secure the native before he attempted to take the horse.

Toward midnight, the chained man turned his face toward the sentry, and motion ed him to draw near. The rough, but kind hearted fellow thought he asked for water, and softly brought him a pannikin which he held to his lips. At the slight motion, the sergeant awoke, and reprimanded the trooper, posting him at a distance from the fire, with orders not to move till his watch had expired. The sergeant returned to his sleep, and again all was still.

After a time the face of the prisoner was once more raised, and with silent lip but earnest expression he begged the sentry to come to him. But the man would not move. He grew angry at the persistence of the prisoner, who ceased not to look toward him, and who at last even ventured to speak in a low voice. At this, the fearful trooper grew alarmed, and sternly ordered him to rest. The sergeant awoke at the word, and shortly after relieved the trooper, seating himself by the fire to watch the remainder of the night.

When the prisoner saw this, with a look of utter weariness, though not of resignation, he at last closed his eyes and sank to rest. Once having yielded to the fatigue which his strong will had hithere mastered, he was unconscious.

the look.

"Listen," he said impressively; "I am not mad. You know there is a reward offered for the discovery of the Vasse collected Mine. I can lead you to the spot!"

There was that in his voice and look that thrilled the sergeant to the marrow. He glanced at the sleeping trooper, and drew closer to the chained man.

"I know where that gold mine lies,"

"I know where that gold mine lies," but snahow hver the swamp tom emptied into the swamp said Moondyne, reading the greedy face, "where tons and shiploads of solid gold are waiting to be carried away. If you help me to be free, I will lead you to the nine."

They mounted their horses, and rode

"where tons and shiploads of solid gold are waiting to be carried away. If you help me to be free, I will lead you to the mine."

The sergeant looked at him in silence. He arose and walked stealthily toward the natives, who were soundly sleeping. To and fro in the firelight, for searly an hour, he paced, revolving the startling proposition. At last he approached the charmed man.

"I have treated you badly, and you hate me;" he said. "How can you prove to me that this is true?"

Moondyne met the suspicious eye steadily. "I have no proof," he said; 'you must take my word. I bell you the tuth. If I do not lead you straight to the mine, I will go back to Fremantle as your prisoner."

Still the sergeant pondered and paced. He was in doubt, and the consquences might be terrible.

"Have you ever known me to lie?" said Moondyne.

The sergeant looked at him, but did not answer.

At length he abruptly asked: "Is it far away?" He was advancing toward a decision.

"We can reach the place in two days, if you give me a horse," swid Moondyne.

"You might escape," said the sergeant.

"I will not; but if you doubt me, keep "I will light with the serging hope in months and the fire con highls they continued on their was the fesh within was tender and juicy. This, with clear water from the iron stone hills, made a rare mest for hungry in the lift has the fesh within was tender and juicy. This, with clear water from the iron stone hills, made a rare mest for hungry men the constitution of the mountains. With a springing hope in

geant.

"I will not; but if you doubt me, keep the chain on my wrist till ! show you the gold."

"And then ?" said the sergeant.

"Then we shall be equals. I will lead you to the mine. You must return, and escape from the country as best you can. by coil irgner?"

Before nightfall they had entered the first circle of hills at the foot of the mountains. With a springing hope in heart, Moondyne led the way into the tortuous passes of the hills; and in a valley is silent as the grave, and as lonely they made their camp for the night.

To be Continued.

Do you agree ?"

Do you'sgree?"

The sergeant's face was white, as he glanced at the sleeping trooper and then at the prisoner.

"I agree," he said; "lie down, and pretend to sleep."

The sergeant had thought out his plan. He would insure his own safety, no matter how the affair turned. Helping a convict to escape was punished with death by the penal law; but he would put another look on the matter. He cantiously waked the trooper.

"Take these natives," he said, "all but the mounted tracker, and go on to Bunbury before me. The wounded men must be doctored at once."

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must be doctored at once."

Without a word, the disciplined trooper shook the drowniness from him, saddled his horse, and mounted. In half an hour they were gone.

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signation, he at last closed his eyes and sank to rest. Once having yielded to the fatigue which his strong will had hithsets mastered, he was unconscious. A deep and dreamless sleep fell on him. The sand was soft round his tired limbs, and for two or three hours the bitterness of his captivity was forgotten.

He awoke suddenly, and, as if he had not slept, felt the iron on his wrists, and knew that he was chained to a tree like a wild best.

The sleep had given him new strength the sergeant watching him. The look between them was long and steady.

"Come here," said the prisoner, in a low tone, si want to speak to you."

Had the gaunt dog beside him spoken, the sergeant could not have been more aim and.

"Come here," repeated Moondyne.

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The sergeant stared at him as if he
had gone mad. The prisoner understood
the look.

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