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the happiness which for a lifetime he Bank of Savings it transpired that "there is some one entitled to \$142;had craved-this was the man who the ragged rich man had engaged a 000. Where is he ?" left his useless wealth behind him deposit box on the 26th of April. when, a few months ago, he was President Bartell of the bank ac- from a Cincinnati woman who happlaced in a cot at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles,

His fortune has gone a-begging un- ed. til now. A big legal battle will be

grief and still beat mechanically on hand. is evidenced in the unusual and romantic story which Charles Hill, tramp millionaire, wove silently into the warp and woof of a loveless existence, day by day, year by year. They were the most desolate of

They were the loneliest of counting and the fotal figures amdays. years.

ounted to \$140,000.

and spoke no more.

Charles Hill's life in the roseate way apparel, there was the sum of \$142;- before the proper authorities. that passion dawns when one is 000 for disposal. But who were the young and the future an enticing legal heirs, and where ? Failing to pathway illumined by its radiance. stricken in the darkness of despair, under a shadow that was nevermore stranger's confidence. The accumuto be lifted.

sometimes love and lose, by a sweet- hold upon existence weakening, his heart's perfidy, to become cynical and mind turned indifferently from the prejudiced thereafter, but by the empty riches in the vault, and from hand of Death, which removes an idol his emptier heart came the only cry without destroying an ideal-which that he was ever heard to utter : yet cannot dim the sacred halo of a one ! No relatives or friends in all tives nor friends. fond memory.

The girl who was to have been his wife became the bride of death on their wedding day.

Between the grave in Ohio where, of death. apparent cause. kneeling, Charles Hill bade a final farewell to the love of his youth, to the cot in the Los Angeles hospital,

was always an enigma to those with whom he came into occasional business contact. Of social ties he had with none. He was in the world but not Entries in the book dated from 1889. Isolated even among his felof it. lows, touching elbows with mankind, yet never revealing himself to any Under this, and extending across the one excepting as the demands of pages, were columns of figures. commercial association necessitated, he drifted here and there, keeping his the numerals above. Several pages own counsel, avoiding attention; a mysterious man, but not a morose one; uncommunicative, yet not un- Texas being oftenest written. kindly; heart-broken man who could not forget his sorrow, and to whom time, the great comforter, brought and solemnity that the cipher was a

In Charles Hill's tattered clothing was probably at the head of some no healing halm. the public administrator who- took gang of crooks and had come by his

charge of his estate found greenbacks money dishonestly. But the detec-He also found a key to a sale de- What proved to be the real one was to the amount of \$2,000.

companied the administrator to the pened to, pick up the paper; Mrs. vault and the box was formally open- Margaret A. Roberts, wife of a place Hill came back to Troy, to find painter living on East Court street. that his affianced bride had died of a She claims the fortune left by Chas. malignant fever at dawn. each done up in white cloth covered Hill in cash, as well as all property

the heart of man may break with ceipts" was written in a large, firm on behaff of her widowed mother. Hill's half-brother supported three brothers and a sister. Mrs. stricken man at the funeral and Roberts says that Hill was her fath- shortly after he disappeared.

They were paper of quite different er's half brother. Millard Tyree, a value. Each package contained a well-known Cincinnati attorney, has thick bundle of crisp, crinkley; new been working on the case since Mrs. greenbauks. The president and the Roberts recognized the photograph of administrator did a little careful her uncle published in connection tramp, disowning home, occupation with the news of his death. Attorney Tyee will shortly make a journey to With the \$2,000 found in the ragged Los Angeles to lay his client's proofs

According to the laws of California, Hill's estate will remain in the hards of the public administrator locate any such, the old man's wealth would in law eventually revert to the for seven years. At the expiration out of Charles Hill's life, leaving State of California. At the hospital of that time, if the lawful heirs have not established their claim, it passes into the hands of 1,500,000 heirs-the people of the state. lation of wealth had been his only

Letters by the hundred are being interest in life, and when he felt his received by the officials, from all over the country, the usual crop of "claimants" having sprung up to quarrel over the old man's moneythe poor, rich old man who to the last maintained that he had no rela-"I have no one to care for me-no

The resemblance between his photo-Then hesturned his face to the wall graph and a photograph of Mrs. Roberts' father is so marked as to carry conviction to strangers that some tie There was no specific explanation of blood must have existed between the two men. Mrs. Roberts says "Old age" was the only that Hill, her father's missing half-Several weeks, passed, and a Los brother, was born in Edinboro, Scot-Angeles detective discovered what he land, November 22, 1818. That thought was a thread that, being would make him eighty-four, just the reticent man known as Charles Hill ravel the mystery of Charles Hill's supposed age of Charles Hill, who life. Among the latter's belongings

Hill's own father, according to was found a small notebook filled Mrs. Roberts' story, died in Scotindecipherable hieroglyphics. land, and his widow, Elizabeth Hill, married Mrs. Roberts' grandfather, little son, whom they named Hiram P. Norris. Two are dead. The re-At the top of each page, in the middle, the year was written backward. P. Norris, Jr., the family, including Charles Hill, Norris' stepson, came Footnotes on the pages referred to to America. They finally located at were covered with, the names of towns all over the United States, brothers.

Hill was a bright, happy boy, but After considerable scrutiny the deat twenty-one a great sorrow, sometective announced with perspicacity what like that of the ill-starred poet Edgar Allen Poe, made his heart one child each. record of dark doings, and that Hill "grow ashen and sober, as the leaves he became a restless wanderer in Kansas City, Mo.; Denver, Col.; tive had hold of the wrong thread. found quite by accident. A Los An-

reality a millionaire whose money any of them as a depositor, he made tan Hospital. "Somewhere in the foundation for the realization of this could purchase neither the rest nor a surprising discovery. At the Union world," said the correspondent, dreams. He secured a position and The answer came to the question heart, of the first money earned and his plans for an early wedding. On

the day the marriage was to take Over the girlish form he pledged with wrapping paper on which "Re- left by him in other form elsewhere, himself to be thenceforth a recluse.

original locators the next spring. Hill's stepfather died and his halfchildren growing before Hill returned catch a steamer for the outside. But fall goods at Mrs. Lueders'. brother married and had a family of boat to a point where they could He was apparently a they met with an accident and the to Troy. chided him for his carelessness, Hill he heard of the drowning and decid-

made Hill's supposed fortune the subject of many a joke. The half-brothers when boys in

school invented a cipher, by means of which it came.

which they communicated and laid Chris went broke here during the mischievous plans during school hours. When the notes were intercepted nothing could be made of them by the teacher, so that the lads reveled in their fun unmolested. This childish cipher was revived by Hill on his second visit to Troy, when he began to keep a diary which

he carried in his vest pocket. This is the second link in Mrs. Roberts' chain of evidence, the photographic resemblance being the first. Hiram P. Norris, the half-brother, was born in Edinboro, Scotland, November 29, 1829. He died in Troy, Ohio, during the latter+part of 1895. His wife, Phoebe Anne Norris, still lives at Troy, with one unmarried daughter, Jennie, and a son, Charles Seven children were born to Hiram maining children, who will share

Charles Hill's wealth if the relation ship is proven, are James Norris, Troy, Ohio, where Charles Hill and Indianapolis; William Norris, Troy, Hiram P. Norris were brought up as Ohio; Mrs. Maragret A. Roberts; Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jennie and Charles Norris, who live with their mother at Troy. James; William

and Maragret are married and have The missing man wrote to the Northat were withering and sere," and ris family at various times from

search of forgetfulness. Ambitious many different points in Texas and and brave, Charles Hill had boasted from Fan Francisco. The last letter to his sweetheart in the country came from San Francisco saying he town of Troy of the great fortufe he had made a lucky speculation in mining venture.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1902.

Quartz in Valdez.

The party of Swedes started from

the head of Cook Inlet in a small

whole party was drowned.

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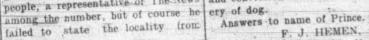
winter and in order to go to the property this year he was compelled gold quartz strike on the headwaters to accept a grub stake which he had the Matanuska have been circulat- little trouble in securing. He, in ing around town the past week but company with Dick Windemuller, started over the gladier this spring cannot be traced to anything definite. and nothing has been heard of them the rich quartz is like many of the since, except, the report which was tales which have been circulated in sending out location notices for re-It is said that a party of But no one seems to know Swedes from Cook inlet were proscord. anything further and the interior pecting on, the Matanuska a couple mail, by which it was expected the i seasons ago when they made the notices would be sent, failed to discovery of some phenomenally rich bring them . Whether any such ledge They staked what they exists in this section of Alaska as is wanted and started to go out for the claimed is left for the reader to dewinter. They met Chris Hansen, termine, but it is a fact that the The season was too late for Chris to party was 'drowned in Cook Inlet go to the property that year and he and that they had samples of rich decided to wait and return with the

Hansen.

Ladies' new walking skirts, dress skirts, underwear, and all kinds of



When Hansen returned to the Infet Stolen Sunday, June 8th, one malwould take his little niece, Margaret ed to return to the property alone. amute dog, very dark grey, white Norris, now Mrs. Margaret A. Rob- But some of the people of Cook In- breast, light chops, light grey stripe erts, on his knee and say .. "Don't let had heard of the strike and been running from point of nose up beyou lose faith in me, little one ! Be shown samples of the ore and when tween eyes, front legs white, hind o Chris started out he was closely fol- feet white, extreme tip of tail white, lot of money. It is worthless to me lowed so did not go to the property. belly light color, always carries tail. Last fall he came to Valdez, He curled over back or left side, nose laughed at such statements coming had in his possession a piece of very small like a fox or coon. I will from a man practically in rags and white quartz literally covered with pay the above reward for any inforpeople, a representative of The News and conviction of the thief and recov-



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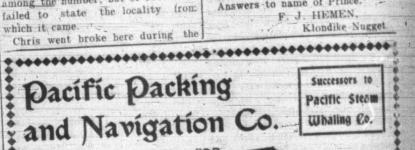
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