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THE LILY OF THE STRATH

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TRACKING THE ROBBER—LYNCH LAW—LETTER PARCHING THE ROBBER—LYNCH LAW—LETTER PARCHING THE STRAIT.

None of the latter remembered to have seen him before, but it was the same shabbily-dressed man who had stealthly watched their proceedings during the afternoon.

He was seated at a table playing with several others, and round them stood a group intensely interested in the proceedings. All the players seemed crestfallen except Murdochson, who played alone for his own side, and whose flushed, triumphant face proclaimed that he was the winning party.

'Have a glass, Jim ?' said one of the outsiders, hotding towards Murdochson as he spoke a goblet full of some steaming liquor.

No; I'll not drink as long as I'm playing, answered the latter, as, with an impulsive jerk, he cast saids the goblet.

'Why not?' called out one of his antagonists, angrily. 'We've been drinking all through the game, and you have been keeping your head cool to have the advantage of us. It's little wonder if you win and we lose.'

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'Yes,' cried Murdochson, boldly. 'I've ande a rule not to drink till I have done laying, and I don't care who knows it.'

Cries of 'Not fair,' and sounds of dissatisation greeted this speech.

'Why is it not fair' demanded Murdochon. 'I don't force you to drink or to play tither; I'm as ready to play with the man rho hasn't tasted, as with him who has.'

'That's a transion slied up challenge, and onathan Bardle, from Old Keutucky, is the ann to accept it,' exclaimed the American, tepping forward to the table, with a lofty wagger. The previous moment he had been lodding a whispered consultation with the ewa and William, and having arranged with hem the plan of operations to be followed, hey retired to a corner where they could ob; erve what went forward, without lifemselves alling under the notice of those at the table. Tremendous applause followed the appearance and speech of the American, and room ras made for him to approach the table. Tremendous applause followed the appearance and speech of the American, and room ras made for him to approach the table. Wall, captain, what's your figure?' denanded Jonathan.

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es sir.'

'Come, Jim, take him up,' shouted one.

'Hasn't got 'the amount,' roared another, ith a loud laugh.

'Has he got it himself?' asked Murdochm, with a sneer.

Jonathan quietly took from his breast a ell-filled pocket book, revealing contents mple enough to cover the figure he had amed, and at its appearance loud exciamaons of applause were raised by the excited ystanders.

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ow Jim, there's your chance,' was shoutut on all iides.
's not every one that carries a stuffed
'e-book,' said Murdochson, 'and I'm not
med to say that I can't cover the stake
paper, but I'll eke it ont with as yellow
gget as ever was turned up in Califor-

These, and many other bantering exclamations, accompanied with peals of laughter, greeted Murdochson's announcement of the possession of a negget. He had not been long at the Mokelumng diggings, but he was well enough known there as an adventurer, who trusted to something else than hard work for his fortune. And ont a few whom he had fleesed in that same gambling estabhad reason to regard him with dislike and aversion. He was, in short, the opposite of a general favorite, and those within the marquee enjoyed amazingly the position into which he was being put by the finerican. His assertion as to having a nugget was treated as a piece of bunkum, but when he pulled out a dirty handkerchief, and unrolled from it, and laid on the table beside the money he had already placed there, a regular beauty, a veritable four pounder of the purest quality, the general astonishment was extreme.

'Snakes and grasshoppers, if that air nug-

stequarty, the general state of the control of the

rdochson started from his seat at their ach, and the moment he looked in their his own blanched visibly, and his arm ashed forward to secure the money and sugget which lay upon the table. In however, he was frustrated by Jona-who was keenly on the watch, and who an exercise of vigorous strength, re-the attempt.

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Brantford to the Penitentiary, a few dage, made an attempt to escape managerd to slip = 'the handcalfs, and then throwing some fine cut tobacco in the eyest of the contable made for the door, therefore the cars were in motion. His galardian, however, grabbed him.

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