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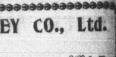
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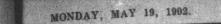
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The string of Peggy's sunbonnet foolish heart of the Blue Cement child seemed in a fair way of taming flagrant abandonment of his trust, either. She had grasped the situahad become untied-so had her right Ridge had gone out to Peggy Baker, it. Yet it had been already familiar- enforced with great seriousness and tion at a glance. It was the hunted had become unusual acci- the little daughter of the blacksmith, ized enough with civilization to in- an admonitory forefinger, she was and the hunters. Suddenly he startshe lies were not an animal ap-duce it to stop in its flight and curdents to a country gift of ten, but as family, notably two elder sisters, in- iously examine the blacksmith's shop- peared less agitated by her reproof had apparently set down outside billiged to put down what she was vincible at picnics and dances, but A shout from the blacksmith and a than by some other distarbance. He when he climbed into the stockade. carrying. This was further compli-cated by the nature of her burden-a as the blue jay that swung before with Mr. Baker and his assistant in cated by the master and a baby gopher them in the dim woods, the squirrel full pursuit. But it quickly distanced barked-a thing he rarely did. Pres- ance. But the weapon was out of -picked up in her walk. It was im- that whisked across their morning them with its long, tireless gallop, possible to wrap them both in her path, or the woodpecker who beat and they were obliged to return to abron without serious peril to one or his tattoo at their midday meal from the forge, lost in wonder and conthe other ; she could not put either the hollow pine above them. She was jecture. For the blacksmith had redown without the chance of its es- part of the nature that kept them cognized it as a stranger to the locoping. "It's like that dreadful rid- young. Her truancies and vagrancies cality, and as a man of oracular prede of the ferryman who had to take concerned them not; she was a law tension had a startling theory to acthe wolf and the sheep in his boat," to herself, like the birds and squir- count for its presence. This he conthe woll and the sheep in the beard I rels. There were bearded lips to hail fided to the editor of the local paper, don't believe anybody was ever so her wherever she went, and a blue or and the next issue contained an editsilly as to want to take a wolf red-shirted arm always stretched out orial paragraph : "Our presage of a silly as to wait out presage of a this-or ye might get hurt." But, looking up, in any perilous path or dangerous severe winter in the higher Sierras half playfully, half seriously,

she beheld the approach of Sam crossing. she peneru the approach of the Her peculiar tastes were an out- valleys has been startlingly confirmi-Blue Cement Lead," and, hailing come of her nature, assisted by her ed ! Mountain wolves have been seen Begged him to hold one of her surroundings. Left a good deal to in Blue Cement Ridge, and cur esaptives. The giant, loathing the herself in her infancy, she made play- teemed - fellow-citizen, Mr. Ephraim little mouse-like ball of fur, chose fellows of animated nature around Baker, yesterday encountered a halfhe shrike. "Hold him by the feet, her, without much reference to se- starved cub entering his premises in for he bites awful," said Peggy, as lectness or fitness, but always with a search of food. Mr. Baker is of the "Bar !" he replied. he bird regarded Sam with the dia- fearlessness that was the result of opinion that the mother of the cub, olically intense frown of his species. her own observations, and unhamper- driven down by stress of weather, the quick resentment which a pal-Then, dropping the gopher uncon- ed by tradition or other children's was in the immediate vicinity." No- pable falsehood always provoked in ernedly in her pocket, she proceeded timidity. She had no superstition thing but the distress of the only reto re-arrange her toilet. The tunnel- regarding the venom of toads, the sponsible mother of the cub-Peggy- miles ! See yoursell huntin' bar ! nan waited patiently until Peggy prison of spiders, or the ear-pener, and loyalty to ber, kept Jack Ryder Ho 1" had secured the nankeen sunbonnet trating capacity of ear-wigs. She had from exposing the absurdity publicly. around her fresh but freckled cheeks, experiences and revelations of her but for weeks the camp fires of Blue and, with a reckless display of yel- own-which she kept sacredly to her- Cement Ridge shook with the sup- trot along !" He laid his hand very low flannel petticoat and stockings self, as children do-and one was in pressed and unhallowed joy of the gently on her head, faced her sunlike peppermint sticks, had double regard to a rattlesnake, partly in- miners, who were in the guilty se- bonnet toward the near highway, notted her shoe-strings viciously, duced, however, by the indiscreet cret.

hen he ventured to speak. "Same old game, Peggy? Thought tioned not to take her bread and most favored of her cherished posses- line home," and turned away. bu got rather discouraged with your milk into the woods, and was told sions was not obliged to be kept seappy family' arter that new owl o' the affecting story of the little girl cret. That one exception was an In- in his history. Whereat Peggy said, ours had gathered 'em in." Peggy's cheeks flushed slightly at snake that partook of her bread and had been procured with great "diffi- jest right ef I set my dog on you. his ungracious allusion to a former milk, and who was ultimately found culty" by a "packer" from an Indian collection of hers, which had totally rapping the head of the snake for disappeared one evening after the in- gorging more than his share and not the "difficulty" was, in plain Eng- and Lo. So she trotted away. Nevroduction of a new member in the "taking a poon' as me do." It is lish, that it had been stolen from ertheless, Lo showed signs of hesitahape of a singularly venerable and needless to say that this incautious the Indians at some peril to the tion. After a few moments Peggy "I could have tamed him too," spirit. She took a bowlful of milk to all appearances, of no recognized aid Peggy, indignantly, "if Ned the haunt of a "rattler," near her breed or outward significance, yet of Myers, who gave him to me, hadn't home, but, without making the pre-teen training him to keep things, and tense of sharing it, generously left the whole to the reptile. After re-tever let on anything about it to me. the whole to the reptile. After rever let on anything about it to me, the whole to the reptile. After re- Whether this was an heriditary trait

utcher bird'-wot they call a 'nine snake. He stopped instantly and reiller'-kills nine birds a day ! Yes. mained motionless without crossing rue ez you live ! Sticks 'em up on the slight barrier. She repeated this corns outside his nest, jest like a experiment on later occasions, until utcher's shop-'till he gets hungry. the reptile understood her. She kept the experience to herself, but one day ve seen 'em !"' "And how do you kalkilate te it was witnessed by a tunnelman. On me him ?" asked Sam. that day Peggy's reputation was "By bein' good to him and lovin' made ! said Peggy, stroking the head From this time henceforth the majthe bird with infinite gentleness. or part of Blue Cement Ridge became That means you've got to do all serious collectors for what was

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and consequent spring floods in the

caution fired Peggy's adventurous stealer's scalp. It was a mongrel to peating this hospitality for three or or the result of a degeneracy no one

and expense by Jack Ryder of the main as a guard outside the stockade hind her. Lone Star Lead, unfortunately escap- which contained her treasures. After The child was more interested than

> ently she thought she discovered the his reach. cause of this in the appearance from the wood of a dozen men armed with guns. They seemed to be strangers; but among them she recognized the deputy sheriff of the settlement. The leader noticed her, and after a word or two with the others the deputy approached her.

"You and Lo had better be scooting home by the high road, outer this-or ve might get hurt." he said. Peggy looked fearlessly at the men

and their guns. "Look ez el you was huntin'"' she

said curiously. "We are !" said the leader.

"Wot you huntin'?" The deputy glanced at the others.

"Bar !" repeated the child with her. "There ain't no bar in ten

The man laughed. "Never you mind, Missy," said the deputy, "you gave the usual parting pull to her

Lo uttered the first growl known who was once regularly visited by a dian dog ! This was also a gift, and with lofty forbearance, "Serve you But force is no argument, and herself hesifated and looked back, spray, "Wot's up ?" The men had spread out under the trees, and were already lost in the

And here an alarming occurrence and again began beating the under-He was a reg'lar game owl !'' "And wot are ye goin' to do with he colonel here," said Sam, indicat-ing under that gallant title the in-ant shrike, who, with his claws heeply imbedded in Sam's finger, was heeply imbedded in Sam's finger, was eeply imbedded in Sam's finger, was a darmed, hot for her own salety not that of her family, but for the exist-nate resisting his transfer to Peggy. When the own salety not that of her family, but for the exist-nate resisting his transfer to Peggy. When the blacksmith's hammer, she to the blacksmith's hammer, she to the simulate the transfer to the blacksmith's hammer, she to the simulate the transfer to the blacksmith's hammer, she to the simulate the transfer to the blacksmith's hammer, she to the reading it to the reading to the to the reading it to the reading to the to the reading it to the reading to the to the read to the tothe to the away. Then recalling a bit of wood-intented for one so young." "That's his nater," said Peggy, and lore once communicated to her intented for one so young." omptly. "Jess wait till I tame by a charcoal burner, she broke a that could gnaw through the stoutest There was the clutter of short wings and desperation in his eyes had gune by a vigilance could gnaw through the stoutest of the stoutest m. Ef he'd been left along o' his spray of the white ash and laid it is, he'd grow up like 'em. He's a before her in the track of the rattle-bared them in anger. It was cring- flashed upon the tria throat of a glazing film of faintness. ing, without being amiable or sub- wood-duck as it swung out of sight "Can you-get me-some water ?" e whispered.

her. A mountain wolf cub, brought longer took him with her to these helplessly beneath him. He stared at sighed a little; her "butcher bird" especially for her from the higher active haunts of civilization, but had her vacantly for a moment and then now lost forever-had been the last Northern Sierras with great trouble taught him on such occasions to re- looked hurriedly into the wood be- to drink from it ! The water seemed to revive hi

"The rattlesnake scared the cowed from the menagerie just as the reading him a severe lecture on this frightened and more curious than ards," he said, with an attempt to smile. "Were there many rattlers " "There wasn't any," said Peggy, a little spicefully, "' 'cept you-a legged rattler !"

compliment. "One-legged you mean," he said, indicating his helpless limb.

"Hand me that gun !" he said,

roughly. But Peggy did not stir. The ligure came more plainly and quite uncol

sciously into full view-an casy shot at that distance. The man uttered a horrible curse

and turned a threatening face on the child. But Peggy had seen some thing like that in animals she had captured. She only said, gravely : "Vit you shoot that gun you'll bring 'em all down on you." "All ?" he demanded.

"Yes ! a dozen folks with guns like rours," said Peggy. "You jest crouch down and lie low.' Don't move ! Watch me."

The man dropped below the stockade. Peggy ran swiftly toward the unsuspecting figure, evidently the leader of the party, but deviated slightly to snatch a tiny spray from a white ash tree. She never knew that in that brief interval the wounded man, after a supreme effort, has possessed himself of his weapon and for a moment had covered her with its deadly muzzle. She ran on learlessly until she saw that she had attracted the attention of the leader, when she stopped and began to wave the white ash wand before her. The leader halted, conferred with someone behind him-who proved to be the deputy sheriff. Stepping out he advanced directly toward Pergy and called sharply :

"I told you to get out of this ! Come, be quick th

"You'd better get out yourself,' said Peggy, waving her ash spray, "and quicker, too." The deputy stopped, staring at the

"Rattlers."

"Where ?"

"Everywhere' round ye-a reg'lar nest of 'em ! That's your way ound 1" She pointed to the right,

The rascal quite grinned at the Peggy's heart relented slightly, "Wet you goin' to do now ?" she said.

"You can't stay in there, you know. It b'longs to me !" She was generous, but practical.

"Were those things I fired out Fours ?' "Yes."

"Mighty rough on med" Peggy was slightly softened. "Kin vou walk ?"

No. "Kin you crawl ?" "Not as far as a rattler."

"Ez far ez that clearin's" 15Yes. 15

"There's a hoss tethered out in that clearin', I kin shift him to this and.1

"You're "white all through," a the man, gravely.

Peggy ran off to the clearing. The borse belonged to Sam Bodell but he had given Peggy permission to ride it whenever she wished. This was equivalent, in Peggy's mind, to sermission to place him where wished. She conner a point nearest the stockade, and thoughtfully, close beside a stun But this took some time, and wi she arrived she found the fu already there, very white and we but still smiling.

"Ye kin turn him loose when you get through with him; he'lt find his way back," said Pergy, "Now 1 must go.15

Without again looking at the m she ran back to the stockade. The she passed until she heard the an of bools crossing the highway in t opposite direction from which suers had crossed, and knew th the lugitive had got away. The took the astonished and still i ess lizard from her pocket, ceeded to restore the br and cages to the empty sto

But she never rea menagerie nor renew ion. People said she l er whim, and that really she tetting too old for such thi hans she was. Hut she as ald enough to reveal her ale last wild animal she had to cindness. Nor was she sure . ersell, until a few years a on commencement day at a school at San Joss, when they ed out to her one of the spectable trustees. But th was once a gambler, man with whom be and was hearly can



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e butcherin' for him ?" said the known as "Peggy's Menagerie," and two of the tunnelmen constructed a nical Sam. Peggy shook her head, disdaining a stockaded inclosure-not half a mile from the blacksmith's cabin, but unrbal reply. "Ye can't bring him up on sugar known to him-for the reception of

d crackers-like a Polly," persist- specimens. For a long time its existence was kept a secret between Peg-Sam. 'Ye ken do anythin' with critters, gy and her loyal friends. Her par-

you ain't aleerd of 'em and love ents, aware of her eccentric tastes " said Peggy, shyly.

aceful-looking horned owl.

le was a reg'lar game owl !"

The tall tunnelman, looking down smaller creatures as lizards, toads, to the depths of Peggy's sunbonnet and tarantulas into their house something in the round, blue which usually escaped from their tin and grave little mouth that cans and boxes and sought refuge in him think so, too. But here the family slippers-had frowned upggy's serious little face took a on her zoological studies. Her mothe of darker concern as her arm er found that her woodland rambles ent down deeper into her pocket, entailed an extraordinary wear and

her eyes got rounder. 'It's-it's-burrered out !" d, breathlessly.

tear of her clothing. A pinafore reshe duced to ribbons by a young fox, and a straw hat swallowed by a moungiant leaped briskly to one tain kid, did not seem to be a nat-

"Hol' on," said Peggy, ab ural incident to an ordinary walk to actedly. With infinite gravity she the schoolhouse. Her sisters thought owed, with her fingers, a seam of her tastes "low," and her familiar skirt down to the hem, popped association with the miners incona quickly under it, and produced, sistent with their own dignity. But th a sigh of relief, the missing go- Peggy went regularly to school, was

a fair scholar in elementary studies "You'll do," said Sam, in fearful (what she knew of natural history, him. It seemed as if his senses were head, his face was anaborh and the miration. "Mebbee you'll make in fact, quite startled her teachers); him. It seemed as if his senses bert heard showed in fact, quite startled her teachers); concentrate in this one faculty. No back roots of his beard showed thin' out o' the Colonel, too. But and being only a teachable child, was matter how unexpected or unfamiliar against the deadly pallor of his skin never took stock in that there owl. allowed some latitude. As for Peggy the itenerary, "Lo, the poor Indian" except where it was actitched by was too durned self-righteous for herself she kept her own faith un -as the men had nicknamed him (in thorns, or where the red apots over decent bird. Now, run along afore shaken ; ber little creed, whose shibsythin' else fetches loose again. So boleth was not "to be alraid" of mind") - always arrived promptly as it painted. His eyes were as in-

He patted the top of the sunbonnet sustained her through reprimand. It was to this singular faculty that as convulsive-as those captured aniwe a little pull to the short brown torn clothing, and, it is to be feared. aid that hung behind her tempting- occasional bites and scratches from periences. One Saturday afternoop with a sudden effort and groan of resist and watched her flutter off th her spoils. He had done so my times before, for the great, and once pearly exposed for the reason already given she no kerchief, stained a dull red, dragged

missive; it was gentle without being past her. But in this single glance affectionate.

yield to Peggy's faith and kindness. tions. There was no mistake now Gradually it seemed to single her out With a despairing little cry to Lo as the one being in this vast white- "The menagerie's broke loose!" she faced and fully clothed .community ran like the wind toward it. She that it could trust. It presently at, cared no longer for the mandate of lowed her to half drag, half lead it the men; the trail she had taken was to and from school, although on the out of their sight, they were proapproach of a stranger it would bite ceeding so slowly and cautiously that she and Lo quickly distanced them in through the rope, or frantically enthe same direction. She would have deavor to efface itself in Peggy's petyet time to reach the stockade and ticoats. It was trying, even to the secure what was left of her treasures child's sweet gravity, to face the ridbefore they came up and drove her icule excited by its appearance on the away. Yet she had to make a long road, and its habit of carrying its circuit to avoid the blacksmith's tail between its legs-at such an inshop and cabin before she saw the flexible curve that, on the authority stockade-lifting its four-foot walls of Sam Bedell, a misstep caused it around an inclosure a dozen feet only through the introduction of such to "turn a back summersault"-was square, in the midst of a manzanita painfully disconcerting. But Peggy thicket. But she could see also endured all this, as she did the broken coops, pens, cages and boxes greater dangers of the High street in lying before it, and stopped once, the settlement, where she had often, even in her grief and indignation, to from under the wheels of carts and the trail-stiffened to stone at her the heels of horses. But this shyness approach. The next moment she was before the roofless walls and then wore off-or rather was eventually lost in the dog's complete and utter stopped-stiffened like the lizard. For absorption in Peggy. His limited in- out of that peaceful ruin which had telligence and imperfect perceptions once held the wild and untamed vagawere excited for her alone. His singu- bonds of earth and sky arose a type larly keen scent detected her when- of savagery and barbariam the shild

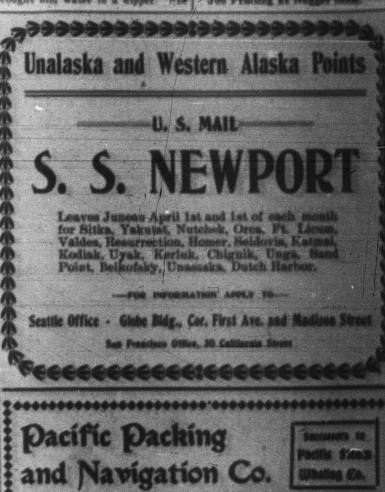
had never before looked upon-the Her passage along a "blind bead and shoulders of a hunted, des-trail," her deviations from the perate man ! ever or how remote she might be. school path, her more distant excur- His head was bare and his hair

sions were all mysteriously known to matted with sweat over his fore sanely bright; his movements were

Peggy recognized one of the latest The stockade was near a spring-Yet almost insensibly it began to and most precious of her acquisi- a necessity for the menagerie. Pressy brought him water in a dipper. Nhe

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