(Continued from 1st Page.) years; and while a robber might be bold enough to attack a solitary

you can manage to sit in a saddle

you can manage to sit in a saddle and ride a few miles?"

"If it must be done, I can do it," said Derwent with a certain grim resolution. "Help me to rise."

It was with a gentleness equal to his strength that the tall, strong stranger assisted him to his feet. Then he called a mozo, who brought Then he called a mozo, who brought Now, senor, if you can manage to up a richly-caparisoned horse of beautiful build and chestnut color.

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complished; but if you are to stay there you must take more brandy."

The deadly faintness that almost "Courage!" said his companion.

"We are over the bad road now;

He took the stimulant willingly, and thankful for the deep Spanish saddle which afforded him some knew that his strength was going

saddle which afforded him some support, they set out.

He perceived, now that he had gathered his senses a little, that the party formed quite a cavalcade. There were six or eight riders, besides himself and the man who, having had to resign his horse to Senor Ormond, walked with a long stride and lithe bearing in advance of them. All with the exception of the stately Irishman, were Mexicans of the purest type, and all seemed to be his attendants.

As they proceeded down the mountain, Derwent looked about for some time in the expectation of finding the hullet siddled hodies.

for some time in the expectation of finding the bullet-riddled bodies of Fernandez, Aranda and the mozos. But, since no sign of them appeared, his wonder increased Castoria is recommended by physicians, over the remarkable fact that they for children teething. It is a purely had apparently not concerned them-selves in the least about his fate. vegetable preparation, its ingredients are published around each bottle. It is plea

"I cannot understand this," he said presently to Senor Ormond.
"It is incredible that my companions should have deliberately abandoned me,"

"If you will tell me who they

incredible "One of them was a man from this part of the country,-Senor

"I know him. Who else?" "A man who accompanied me from Guadalajara to show me a mine. His name is Fernandez. And two mozos."

"I know also-by reputation, the Fernandez of whom you speak. NORTHWEST FARMER. May I ask what mine he brought you to see?"

"The Buena Esperanza. Do you know it?" Yes, replied the other, smiling, "I know the Buena Esperanza. Did you, while there, see or hear

anything of one Senor Berrera?" "I saw him yesterday at the mine. He came and had a flerce altercation with Fernandez. What passed between them I do number of the passed between the passe not know for, unfortunately, I have to the close of little knowledge of Spanish; but I perceived that there was trouble, and I declined to buy the mine. You do not think—" he looked at his companion with a sudden, start-led glance—"that it could have

been Barrera who shot me?" "No," was the decided answer.
"It certainly was not Barrera. He is a man of fiery temper and daunt-less courage, capable of killing and the second of the se less courage, capable of killing an TRIAL BAG "MANITORA HARD" SEED WHEAT FREE EVERY NEW BUBSCRIBER. enemy on sight, without reckoning consequences, but absolutely in-capable of shooting him from an ambush. Besides, what quarrel had he with you.? No, senor, do not even in your thoughts do so great injustice to one who is in all

"I was favorably impressed by him," said Derwent. "But the whole thing is so strange. Why should I have been picked off, and why have my companions made no search for me?"

respects a true gentleman."

"You were probably picked off because you were lingering in the rear of your party—a foolish thing to do, had you been aware of the danger-and so offered an excellent opportunity to the robber. Why ur companions have not returned for you is more than I can answer. I advise you not to trouble yourself further about it now I consider myself fortunate in having found you, and I really think it is fortunate also for you. I am the only English speaking resident of this part of the country, and my hacienda is near at hand, where you can rest and recover your

strength." "You are more than kind," said Derwent. "I put myself entirely in your hands. It was the greatest

in your hands. It was the greatest good fortune that brought you along this road."

"It was a lucky chance, certainly," aid the other, cheerfully, "I have been for several days visiting the outlying ranches of my estate, and am now homeward-bound. Our road turns off at the foot of the mountain, and we will reach Miraflores in about two hours."

Two hours! If he had said two days, Derwent could hardly at that moment have felt more dismay. With the terrible pain of his wound, and the deadly faintness from loss

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of blood, how was he possibly to maintain an erect position in the saddle for that length of time? His companion must have read his thoughts in his paling face, for he

bold enough to attack a solitary traveller, he would consider long before attacking a party. How many were you?"

"Tive,—and well armed."

"The thing is impossible, then. But this is not the time or place to investigate the affair. That must be done later. Meanwhile, the sconer you get medical attendance the better. Do you think you can manage to sit in a saddle

beautiful build and chestnut color.

"I will put you on my own horse," said the gentleman, "because he walks well and will carry you with as little jar as is compatible with any motion."

"You are truly a good Samaritan," said Derwent, gratefully. "May I ask if we are countrymen?"

"Only in tongue, I fancy," answered the other. "I am an Irishman,—Maurice Ormond by name. You are, if I mistake not, an American."

It was hard work,—the hardest, Derwent thought, that he had ever attempted,—but, by the aid of renewed stimulant and desperate resolution, he fought the constantly threatening faintness, endured the pain which momently grew worse, and kept his seat Once or twice he felt himself reeling, but a strong arm was instantly thrown around him and a halt commanded. He never consented to descend from the saddle, for he felt sure that if he did he could not regain it, but, name. You are, if I mistake not, an American."

"Yes: my name is Derwent. I know now," he added, quickly, "why your face has seemed so familiar to me. I saw you the other day in Guadalajara."

"That is likely. I have been there lately. Now, Senor Derwent, make as little effort as possible and let us lift you into your saddle. There,"—as half a dozen ready hands did the work,—"that is accomplished; but if you are to stay,"

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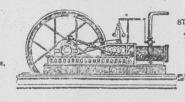
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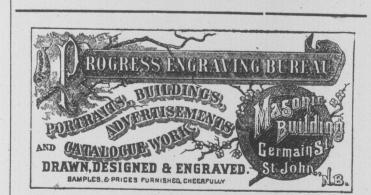
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