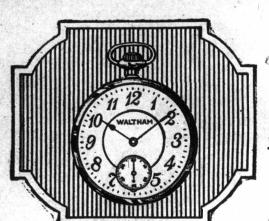
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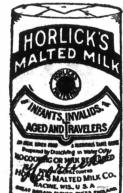
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AROLINE shaded her dark eyes with her brown hands, and gazed long and earnestly down the winding mountain road. In the walnut tree by the well a blue jay fluttered, scolding raucously as, like a flying blue flower, he flitted

from bough to bough. The small house perched upon the mountain side, the stubby cornfield behind it, the road, the wooded heights beyond, wavered in the hot streaming sunlight of the early autumn afternoon.

The road stretched vacantly into the far distance; dad's slouchy figure failed to appear. Caroline crossed over behind the well, waved a friendly hand to the scolding blue jay, and climbed the worn all this kin' o' business. Yo' know I did. fence half buried in golden-rod which I been aimin' to take yo' 'way with me houseld her small dance in She fellowed aver since I knowed we' level are in the fellowed aver since I knowed we' level are in the fellowed aver since I knowed we' level are in the fellowed aver since I knowed we' level are in the fellowed aver since I knowed we' level are in the fellowed aver since I knowed we' level are in the fellowed aver since I knowed we'll be the fellowed are in the fellowed aver since I knowed we'll be the fellowed aver since I knowed we'll be the fellowed aver since I knowed we'll be the fellowed aver since I knowed with the fellowed aver since I knowed a friendly hand to the to go 'way with me an' have done with the fellowed aver since I know a fellowe bounded her small domain. She followed ever since I knowed yo' loved me."
the path running like a ragged yellowCaroline looked at him vacantly. "D' brown ribbon through the mountain woods, her pink sunbonnet and red calico dress a flaming bit of color against the universal green density.
She moved with the lithe, tireless grace

of an Indian, keeping up her easy swinging stride for some miles until she had reached a ledge of rock overhanging a deep and narrow gorge. Looking down, she caught a glimpse of swirling brown mountain water racing over its rocky bed; its steady rushing sent upward an Long Trail. insistent silvery whisper full of tinkling

Caroline's shrill, far-reaching call receiving no answer, she dropped down upon a flat rock, her hands folded in her lap, and waited.

The sunlight flickered brokenly through the trees and a breeze, sweet with the mountain's breath, swept her cheek caressingly. She took off her sun-bonnet and leaned her head against the tree by which she sat. In the dreamy solitude her dark beauty softened into musing tenderness. She knew he would come presently, tall and strong and splendid, his rifle across his shoulder, his blue eyes full of passion and tenderness, his stern face mild and smiling—for her. Lost in pleasing day dreams, her dark head with its hanging braids dropped forward, her eyes closed.

She was roused by the sound of a gunshot in the woods on the other side of the gorge, and leaped to her feet. every nerve alive and alert, turning her head with the stealthy grace of a panther. A pull of white smoke rose, hung lazily in the air, and melted away. Something heavy fell in the bushes, although the sound was deadened by the thick underbrush and the musical murmur of the water in the gorge.

After an interval a man emerged from behind the trees on the other side, and faced her, rifle in hand. "Hit's me."

"Hit's yo'," she returned quietly. "What'd yo' shoot at?" He dropped his gun to the earth, muzzle up, and stood leaning on it.

"Ca'line, yo' know I love yo', honeychile? "Yo' say so." assented the girl, her dark eyes fixed upon his with piercing

intensity. "Yo' know I do," said he quickly. "Ef f didn't, yo' reckon I'd run the risk o' a bullet, meetin' yo here? Yo' know I love yo'! Now I want yo' to sw'ar yo'

love me, too. Sw'ar hit, Ca'line!" "I ain't one to go back on my word," said the girl with fierce earnestness. "I tole yo' I did, an' I do. I love yo'. Yore people kill mine, an' mine kill yore's. But I love yo'! What'd yo' hit when yo' fired?"

"He was watchin' fo' me. I got sight o' his gun when he moved, an' I shotfust. Hit was him or me, Ca'line-an' 'twas him went down."
"Who?" she cried in a shrill whisper.

Her face had gone deathly white, her eves were wide and terrified. He looked from his gun to her, helplessly.

"I saw his face when he jumped-an' fell, he said. "An'-hit was yo' dad, Ca'line.'

Caroline gave a choking cry, putting up her hands as if to ward off what had already come upon her. She had not been unaware of its possibility. It had been one of her risks, but with the

optimism of youth she had thought it but a remote one. Now that it had actually befallen her, she was unprepared.

"Dad!" she shrilled. "An', O my Lawd Gawd! hit's yo' what killed him! Yo'!' "Hit was him or me," said Rollins desperately. "Ef I'd 'a' waited. I fired to save myself, 'thout knowin', Ca'line."

Her slim young body swayed to and fro, precariously near the edge; she wrung her hands, but without the relief of tears.

"Yo' know thah's bad blood atween us-all, Ca'line. Thah's always been bad blood—Gawd A'mighty knows why. 'Tain't none o' my willin'. I wanted yo'

yo' know thah's none o' we-all lef', 'cept me?" she asked mournfully.

His fine bronzed face turned white. "Hit was him or me," he said sternly. "Ef yo' don't b'lieve that, I'd as lief go with the sheriff."

She shook her head with quick negation. Her sense of justice told her that he had but acted in self-defense, that only the fact that he had drawn first had saved him and sent the dad on the



"She listened intently for a moment."

"Yo' bullet oughter hit me' stead o' him," she said huskily. "Yo're a Rollins. I knowed hit; an' yet I met yo'—an'

"Hit's right an' good for us to love each other, Ca'line," he said passionately. "Them that comes atween us is sinni Gawd A'mighty made us for each other, an' I'm plum right in claimin' my own." He came to the brink of the dividing chasm and lifted his pleading face.

"Ca'line! come 'way with me, an' let's leave these murderin' ways behin' us. Come out West, Ca'line, whah we kin work in the open 'thout fear o' a bullet in the back. Gawd knows I never meant nor wanted to kill him, Ca'line. I ain't one for spillin' blood, nohow. I wanter foller the ways that young preacher feller talked 'bout las' spring, an' I want yo' to foller 'em with me. I ain't goin' nowhah 'thout yo'. Say yo'll come, Ca'line, darlin'."

"An'-an'-the dad-" she whispered

fearfully. "Is he—"
"Sho'. Thah's no hope, Ca'line. He's gone a'ready. Went 'thout a struggle," he answered regretfully.

"Dad's friends'll know 'twas a Rollins done hit, an' they'll be after yo'," she said, after a long pause full of painful thought. "An' I'm sho' wearyin' for peace." she said wearily. "Wearyin' for peace!"

"An' yo'll come, Ca'line?" he asked

eagerly. \*"Thah's blood atween yo' an' me," said Caroline somberly. "But I'll meet yo' tonight, an' I'll go with yo'. Gawd forgive me ef I ain't doin' right, but He's jest got to know I can't stan' hit no mo'! I can't stan' hit no mo'!"

"An' yore mar?" he asked hesitatingly.

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