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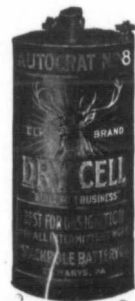
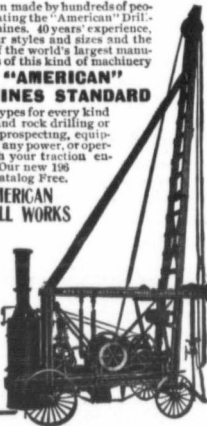
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"I'd ought to have asked him sooner," he commented. "But it's up to me sure, and I reckon I can find 'em."

He did not sleep much that night. Morgan's condition was such that he feared the end at any time. Toward morning, however, he dropped off, to wake with a start at daybreak. A dead hush lay on the camp and for a moment Stanton lay wondering what it was he missed. Then he remembered his companion and realized that the groans had ceased. A glance at the upturned face assured him of the truth. Sometime in the gray of the morning Morgan had "passed on."

That afternoon Stanton, bearded to the eyes, dust-covered, gaunt, weary, and drooping in his saddle, rode up to the Hot Pup saloon, and rolling in to the bar leaned heavily upon it and pronounced the word "whiskey."

Husk Nicols, the proprietor, served him.

"Another," said Stanton, pushing back the empty glass. Again he emptied it in one hot gulp, and slid it back. After the third he smacked his lips, drew his hand across his fiery mustache, and pulled himself up.

"Know a man named Billy Morgan, Husk?" he asked.

"Sure," answered Nicols.

"What about him?"

"Did he live here?" questioned Stanton.

"Well, here as much as anywhere," answered Husk. "Comes in here about once in so often to get somebody to grub-stake him. What about him?"

"He's dead," said Stanton.

"Dead, eh?" commented Nicols.

"Well, there won't be no superabundance o' mournin', I reckon."

"That's what I'm lookin' for," said Stanton. "Where'll I find his wife and kid?"

"Wife and kid!" said Husk. "He wasn't married. Not the Billy Morgan I mean."

"Short man, black hair, good rider, bad eyes close together, ugly mouth—"

"That's him, all right, but he wasn't never married," said Nicols positively. "I've knowed Billy Morgan since he was a young one, and many's the drink he's had over this bar. He ain't got no wife and kid, Dave."

"You know that for certain, Husk?" he asked.

"Dead certain," answered Nicols.

"Gimme one more, Husk," said Stanton, and raised the glass in trembling fingers. "I'm obliged to you, Husk. Here's lookin' at you." He drank it down and hurried out.

"When I'm this way again, I'll be buyin' wine," he remarked to himself as he rode off toward the land-office to file his claim on the Dutchman's Mine.



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double row of teeth near the rear of the concave circle. Where the grain is damp, six rows are necessary. This is all that is usually