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The editor of the Herald kept steadily at his work, and as time went on judge's?" the bitterness his predecessor's swindle had left in him passed away. But his loneliness and a sense of defeat grew and deepened. When the vistas of the world had opened to his first youth he had not thought to spend his life in such a place as Plattville, but he found imself doing it, and it was no great happiness to him that the Hon. Kedge Halloway of Amo, whom the Herald's opposition to McCune had sent to Washington, came to depend on his influence for renomination, nor did the realization that the editor of the Carlow County Herald had come to be McCune's successor as political dictator produce a perceptibly enlivening effect upon the young man. The years drifted very slowly, and to him it seemed that they went by while he stood far aside and could not even see them move. He did not consider the life he led an exciting one, the other citi-zens of Carlow did i he undertook

a war against the White Caps, denizens of Six Crossroads, seven miles west of Plattville. The natives were much more afraid of the White Caps than he was. They knew more about them and understood them better than

he did. TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON, the following described lands and premon the snake fence staring at the little smoky shadow dance on the white road in the June sunshine. On the contrary, he was occupied with the realization that there had been a man in his class Bounded on the north by land owned at college whose ambition needed no restraint, his promise was so great-in the strong belief of the university, a belief he could not help knowing-and that seven years to a day from his com-

fence i il in Indiana. Down the pike a buggy came creaking toward him, gray with dust, old and frayed like the fat, shaggy gray mare that drew it, her unchecked, despondent head lowering before her, while her incongruous tail waved incessantly, like the banner of a storming granted to Eustebe Hache, that is to say one undivided halt part of Marsh flop of the mare's hoofs nor the sound and one undivided half part of upland of the wheels, so deep was his reverie, till the vehicle was nearly opposite him. The red faced and perspiring driver drew rein, and the journalist looked up and waved a long white

hand to him in greeting. "Howdy' do, Mr. Harkless?" called the man in the buggy. "Soakin' in the weather?" He spoke in shouts, though

neither was hard of hearing. "Yes, just soaking," answered Harkless. "It's such a gypsy day. How is

Mr. Bowlder?" "I'm givin' good satisfaction, thank you, and all at home. She's in town." "Give Mrs. Bowlder my regards," said the journalist, comprehending the

symbolism. "How is Hartley?" The farmer's honest face shaded over for a second. "He's be'n steady ever sence the night you brought him home. six weeks straight. I'm kind of bothered about tomorrow-he wants to come in for show day, and seems if I hadn't any call to say no. I reckon he'll have to take his chance—and us too. Seems more like we'd have to let him, long as we got him not to come in last night for Kedge Halloway's lecture at the courthouse. Say, how'd that lecture strike you? You give Kedge a mighty fine send-off to the audience in your introduction, but I noticed you spoke of him as 'a thinker,' without savin' what

kind. I didn't know you was as cautious a man as that! Of course I know Kedge is honest"-Harkless sighed. "Oh, he's the best we've got. Bowlder."

I presume so, but"- Mr Bowlder broke off suddenly as his eyes opened in surprise, and he exclaimed: "Law, I'd never of expected to see you settin' here today! Why ain't you out at Judge Briscoe's?" This speech seemed to be intended with some humor, for Bowlder accompanied it with the loud laughter of sylvan timidity risking a

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strange lady at the lecture with Minnie

Briscoe and the judge and old Fisbee?" "I'm afraid not, Bowlder." "They couldn't talk about anything else at the postoffice this mornin' and at Tom Martin's. She come yesterday on the afternoon accommodation. You ought to know all about it because when Minnie and her father went to the deepoe they had old Fisbee with 'em, and when the buckboard come through town he was settin' on the back seat with her. That's what stirred the town up so. Nobody could figger it out any way, and nobody got much of a good look at her then except

Judd Bennett. He said she had kind of a new look to her. That's all any of 'em could git out of Judd. He was in a sort of a dreamy state. But Mildy Upton- You know Mildy? She works out at Briscoe's"-

"She come in to the postoffice with the news this lady's name was Sherwood and she lives at Rouen. Miss Tibbs says that wasn't no news-you could tell she was a city lady with both your eyes shut. But Mildy says Fisbee was goin' to stay for supper, and he come to the lecture with 'em and drove off with 'em afterwerds. Sol Tibbs gave he reckoned it was because Fisher was the only man in Carlow that Briscoes thought had read enough books to be smart enough to talk to her, but Miss Seliny says if that was so they'd have got you instead, and so they had to all jest about give it up. Of course everybody got a good look at her at the lecture—they set on the platform right behind you and Halloway, and she did look smart. What got me, though, was mencement this man was sitting on a the way she wore a kind of a little dagger stuck straight through her head. Seemed a good deal of a sacrifice jest

"Yes, I know Mildy."

to make sure your hat was on right. You never see her at all?" "I'm afraid not," answered Harkless absently. "Miss Briscoe stopped me on the way out and told me she had a

"Young man," said Bowlder, "you better go out there right away." He raised the reins and clucked to the gray mare. "Well, she'll be mad I ain't in town for her long ago. Ride in with

sake of my appetite." "Wouldn't encourage it too muchlivin' at the Palace hotel," observed Bowlder. "Sorry you won't ride." He gathered the loose ends of the reins in his hands, leaned far over the dashboard and struck the mare a hearty thwack. The tattered banner of tail jerked indignantly, but she consented to move down the road. Bowlder thrust his big head through the sun curtain behind him and continued the conversation. "See the White Caps ain't got you yet."

"No, not yet," Harkless laughed. "Reckon the boys 'druther you stayed in town after dark," the other called back. "Well, come out and see us if you git any spare time from the judge's." He laughed loudly again in farewell, and the editor waved his hand as Bowlder finally turned his attention forward to the mare. When the flop, flop of her hoofs had died out, Harkless realized that the day was silent no longer; it was verging into evening.

He dropped from the fence and turned his face toward town and supper. He felt the life and light about him, heard the clatter of the blackbirds above him, heard the homing bees hum by, saw the vista of white road and level landscape framed on two sides by the branches of the grove, a vista of infinitely stretching fields of green, lined here and there with woodlands and flat to the horizon line, the village lying in their lap. No roll of meadow, no rise of pasture land, relieved their serenity nor shouldered up from them to be called a hill.

A farm bell rang in the distance, a tinkling coming small and mellow from far away, and at the lonesomeness of that sound he heaved a long, mournful sigh. The next instant he broke into laughter, for another bell rang over the



He stopped to exchange a word.

The first four strokes were given with mechanical regularity, the pride of the custodian who operated the bell being to produce the effect of a clockwork bell, such as he had once heard in the courthouse at Rouen, but the fifth and sixth strokes were halting achievements, as, after 4 o'clock he often lost count in the strain of the effort for precise imitation. There was a pause after the sixth: then a dubious and reluctant stroke, seven; a longer pause, followed by a final ring with desperate decision -eight! Harkless looked at his watch. It was twenty minutes of 6.

As he crossed the courthouse yard to the Palace hotel on his way to supper he stopped to exchange a word with

the bell ringer, who, seated on the steps,

was mopping his brow with an air of hard earned satisfaction. "Good evening, Schofields'," he said.

"You came in strong on the last stroke tonight." "What we need here," responded the bell ringer, "is more public sperrited men. I ain't kickin' on you, Mr. Harkless-no, sir: but we want more men like they got in Rouen. We want men that 'll git Main street paved with block or asphalt; men that 'll put in factories; men that 'll act-not set round like that old fool Martin and laugh and pollywoggle along and make fun of public sperrit, day in, day out.

I reckon I do my best for the city." "Oh, nobody minds old Tom Martin," observed Harkless. "It's only half the | His bare head was curiously malformtime he means anything by what he

"That's just what I hate about him." returned the bell ringer in a tone of high complaint. "You can't never tell which half it is. Look at him now!" The gentleman referred to was standing over in front of the hotel talking to a row of coatless loungers, who sat with their chairs tilted back against the props of the wooden awning that projected over the sidewalk. Their faces were turned toward the courttive whittling had looked up to laugh. Mr. Martin, one of his hands thrust in a pocket of his alpaca coat and the other softly caressing his wiry, gray chin beard, his rusty silk hat tilted forward till the brim almost rested on the bridge of his nose, was addressing them in a one keyed voice, the melancholy whine of which, though not the

words, penetrated to the courthouse As Mr. Martin's eye fell upon the editor, who, having bade the bell ringer good night, was approaching the hotel, he left his languid companions and crossed the street to meet him.

"I was only oratin' on how proud the city ought to be of Schofields'," he said mournfully as they shook hands; "but he looks kind of put out with me." He hooked his arm in that of the young man and detained him for a momen as the supper gong sounded from within the hotel. "Call on the judge tonight?" he asked. "No, thank you. I'll walk in for the

"No. Why?" "I reckon you didn't see that lady with Minnie last night."

"Well, I guess you better go out there, young man. She might not stay here

CHAPTER II. HE Briscoe buckleard rattled along the Castic Santry road, the roans citing a sharp pace as they turned eastward on

the pike toward home. "They'll make the eight miles in three-quarters of an hour," said Judge Briscoe proudly. He turned from his daughter at his side to Miss Sherwood, who sat with Mr. Fisbee behind them, and pointed ahead with his whip. "Just beyond that bend we pass through Six Crossroads."

Miss Sherwood leaned forward eagerly, "What did you mean last night after the lecture," she said to Fishee, when you asked Mr. Martin who was to be with Mr. Harkless?" "Who was watching him," he an-

swered "Watching him? I don't under stand." "Yes; they have shot at him from the woods at night, and"-

"But who watches him?" "The young men of the town. He has a habit of taking long walks after dark, and he is heedless of all remonstrance, so the young men have organized a guard for him, and every evening one of them follows him until he goes to the office to work for the night. It is a different young man each night, and the watcher follows at a distance, so that he does not suspect."

"But how many people know of this arrangement?" "Nearly every one in the county except the Crossroads people, though it is not improbable that they have discov-

"No; he would not allow it to continue. He will not even arm himself." "They follow and watch him night after night, and every one knows and no one tells him? Oh, I must say," cried the girl, "I think these are good people!" The buckboard turned the bend in the

"And has no one told him?"

road, and they entered a squalid settlement built raggedly about a blacksmith shop and a saloon. "I'd hate to have a breakdown here," Briscoe re-

marked quietly. Half a dozen shanties clustered near the forge, a few roofs scattered through the shiftlessly cultivated fields, four or five barns propped by fence rails, some sheds with gaping apertures through which the light glanced from side to side, a squad of thin razorback hogs, now and then werried by gaunt hounds, and some abused looking hens groping about disconsolately in the mire, a wheel, settling into the mud of the middle of the road (there was always abundles of the road (there was always always abundles of the road (there was always abundles of the road (there was always abundles of the road (there was always always always abundles of the road (there was always alw broken topped buggy with a twisted abundant mud here in the driest sum. TORONTO, ONT.

mer); a dim face sneering from a broken window-Six Crossroads was forbidding and forlorn enough by day. The thought of what might issue from it by night was unpleasant, and the legends of the Crossroads, together with an unshapen threat easily fancied in the atmosphere of the place, made Miss Sherwood shiver as though a cold draft had crossed her.

"It is so sinister!" she exclaimed. "And so unspeakably mean! This is where they live, the people that hate him, is it? The White Caps?"

"They call themselves that," replied Briscoe. "Usually White Caps are a vigilance committee in a region where the law isn't enforced. These fellows aren't that kind. They got together to wipe out grudges, and sometimes didn't need any grudge-just made their raids for pure devilment. There's a feud between us and them that goes back into pioneer days, and only a few of us old folks know much about it."

"And he was the first to try to stop "Well, you see, our folks are pretty long suffering," said Briscoe apologetically. "We'd sort of got used to the meanness of the Crossroads. It took

a stranger to stir things up, and he did. He sent eight of them to the penitentiary, some for twenty years." As they passed the saloon a man stepped into the doorway and looked at them. He was coatless and elad in garments worn to the color of dust. ed, higher on one side than on the other, and though the buckboard passed rapidly and at a distance this singular lopsidedness was plainly visible to the occupants, lending an ugly significance to his meager, yellow face. He was tall, lean, hard, powerfully built. He eyed the strangers with affected lan-

guor and then, when they had gone by, broke into sudden loud laughter. "That was Bob Skillett, the worst of the lot," said the judge. "Harkless sent his son and one brother to prison and it nearly broke his heart that he couldn't swear to Rob.

When they were beyond the village and in the open road again Miss Sherwood took a deep breath. "I think I breathe more freely. That was a hid-

eous laugh he sent after us." The judge glanced at his guest's face and chuckled. "I guess we won't frighten you much," he said. "Young lady, I don't believe you'd be afraid of many things, would you? You don't look like it. Besides, the Crossroads isn't Plattville, and the White Caps have been too scared to do anything much except try to get even with the Herald for the last two years-ever since it went for them. They're laying for Harkless partly for revenge and partly because they daren't do anything until he's out of the way."

The girl gave a low cry with a sharp intake of breath. "Ah, one grows tired of this everlasting American patience! Why don't the Plattville people do something before they"-

"It's just as I say," Briscoe answered. "Our folks are sort of used to them. I expect we do about all we can. The boys look after him nights, but the main trouble is that we can't make him understand he ought to be more afraid of them. If he'd lived here all his life he would be. If they get him there'll be trouble of an illegal nature." He broke off suddenly and nodded to a little old man in a buckboard turning off from the road into a farm lane which led up to a trim cottage with a honeysuckle vine by the door. "That's Mrs. Wimby's husband," said the judge in an undert

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