SAVED BY A SLEUTE.

BY WILLIAM C. PATTEN. The cumbersome mountain stage had come to a dead halt at the road-agent's command. The driver sat silent be- satisfaction? asked her tormentor. 'It neath the threatening muzzle of a never- was well known that your parents forced quivering rifle. The male passengers, you to marry him against your wishes. three in number, had been compelled to step down from the coach and stand you shamefully. He died suddenly in line with upraised hands, not daring under suspicious circumstances. An to move for fear of instant death at the autopsy disclosed the startling fact he hands of one of the five masked men. had been poisoned. Suspicion pointed But within the coach, cowering fearful- to you, and your flight followed, quite

The chief of the road-agents, a tall, dashing-appearing fellow, uttered an exclamation of amazement and joy as

Of money and influence that you have not been hunted down and brought to punishment ere this.'

The woman reeled and would have his eyes fell upon the fair passenger's fallen had he not caught and assisted

'Nona Ray!' he cried. 'Is it possible?' at him, with eyes in the depths of which shone a look of mingled fear and long as I am here to protect you. I

This meeting is as unexpected as it is have found you at last. My darling, I pleasant.

Then the woman spoke, and her voice had a haughty, defiant ring. 'How dare you address me in this man- the robber chief!'

The man uttered a soft whistle of your own neck in a noose,' was the 'Do not know me, eh?' he laughed. 'I think you will know me when you

der to make sure that his act was unobserved by the other passengers, he swiftly lifted his mask, revealing a and will do everything in my power to dark, handsome, yet sinister face. ark, handsome, yet sinister face.

Uttering a gasping cry of 'Obed full of joy.

The future will be full of joy.

Marks!' the woman swooned. When 'I must leave you now,' he continuwas once more swaying and rumbling over the rocky trail. One of the three passengers, a small man who wore glasses, was bending over her chaing

she murmured. were held up by robbers back in the ling. canyon, and one of them frightened you

'Yes, I remember,' she said slowly. 'He came to the door-Obed Marks!' her keenly through his glasses.

'What did you say?' he asked. 'Oh, nothing, nothing!' she protested, a little wildly. 'I have not yet re- and she whispered :covered from the shock.'

During the rest of the journey to

At the Flat the woman stopped at the only hotel, and was at once shown to a room. Once within this private apartment, she threw herself upon the bed in a paroxysm of constitution to the camp with dull, heavy eyes which saw nothing. She did not perceive the comely wone may be approximately a paroxysm of constitutions. ment, she threw herself upon the bed in a paroxysm of anguish, sobbing and moaning as if her heart would break. For nearly an hour she wept and moaned, at times muttering brokenly:—

The was aroused by a sharp rap upon the door. With throbbing rap upon the door.

world! I am doomed-doomed!" 'Henry,' and with that name on her

lips, fell asleep. More than an hour later a soft knockHow came you here? ing at the door aroused her. She sprang

'It is I, Obed Marks,' was the cautious reply. 'Open the door.'

'No, I will not! Go away! For own ears. God's sake, don't come here to torture 'Open this door, Nona Ray, or it will

be the worse for you! came sternly her hands in anguish! 'Would to God from beyond the portal.

the road-agents, now unmasked, step- A stony calmness seemed to come over ped softly into the room, and bowed her. with mocking politeness to its fair occu-'Good-afternoon, Mrs. Ray,' he said,

lighted to see you, as I believe I informed you once before to-day.' 'Why do you come here? What do sufferings.' you want?' she demanded, still remaining standing.

He closed the door carefully before replying. Then he said :-'I came to see you, of course, though quite brief. You gave me the slip three years ago and I have been search ing for you ever since. My surprise to open the door and delight were unbounded when I saw you on the stage to-day. You are the glasses and who had been a past the glasses and who had been How came you to find your way to this senger on the stage, entered the room. remote mining camp?

'You have no right to question me!' she flashed, with a touch of defiance. 'Oh, very well!' with a slight sneer. Then I will tell you why you came.

You expet the most Herry Countries and the same to most the same Then I will tell you why you came. You came to meet Henry Graystone, the young superintendent of the True Lead Mine. You have been corresponding with him since he met you in Denver, a year ago. He has written asking you to be his wife. You have not promised, but have surrendered in your own heart, else why are you here? Does Henry Graystone know that you are a murderess? 'Far from it,' was the quick reply. If have come to tell you of the arrest foyour worst foe, and the murderer of your worst

whose house he was then stopping. His object was to obtain pessession of yourself. When suspicion turned upon you he aided you to fly thinking that in some distant part of the country he could join you and force you to marry him through fear of exposure. 'Horrified by the magnitude of the crime, the man to whom he made the confession betrayed him, but when the officers came to search for the criminal transfer of the transfer of the confession betrayed him, but when the officers came to search for the criminal transfer of the transfer of

years ago, in an eastern city, you poil it was found that he had vanished. was sent out to hunt him down, and at was vent told him that you only sent Have you told him that you only escaped justice by flight, being aided by one Obed Marks, Belmont Ray's former friend, but then desperately in love with you, murderess though you were? You have never told him these things.

Think you his love would not turn to

abhorrence did he know the truth?' 'As God is my judge, I did not murder Belmont Ray!' gasped the tortured

woman. 'Can you prove that to the world's It is also well known that he abused ly in a corner, was a handsome young woman who had not been compelled to party. You may thank your friends of money and influence that you have

her to a chair. 'Your nerves are wonderfully weak The woman did not reply. She still just now, Nona,' he said, softly; 'but cowered in the corner, staring fixedly you need not be alarmed. All the ofaided you to escape before, and you 'Mrs. Ray, I am delighted to see gave me the slip. For three years I you,' declared the tall road-agent. have searched diligently for you, and

love you and you must become my wife! 'Never!' she cried, starting up. 'Leave this room, Obed Marks, or I 'I do not know you, sir,' she said will call for help and denounce you as 'The moment you do you will put

calm reply. As she sank back in the chair, he spoke smoothly and rapidly: 'You must listen to sense, Nona. Give up this Henry Graystone; forget Then, after glancing over his shoul-

she recovered consciousness the stage ed; 'but to-morrow I will come for your

ton's Flat,' was the quiet reply. 'We And now I will go. Adieu, my dar-

Bowing low he left the room. Beinto a swoon. They have relieved us hind him he left a desperate, despairof our loose change and allowed by to ing woman. Springing up, she paced the room in a very frenzy of agony, wringing her hands wildly, but uttering no sound. Finally her nerves be-The small man started and gazed at came quieter, and she sat down by the window to gaze blankly out upon the collection of huts which composed the mining camp. Her lips moved slowly

'I must escape! I will go away from Sutton's Flat she remained very tacitum, persistently evading the small man's attempts to draw her into conversation. In her eyes there seemed to lurk a scared, haunted look.

God, yet it was wicked of me to think of linking my life with his. Oh, Henry! I have lost you forever, and you are

be mine? But I thought he was dead was in the room, and had caught her In a moment a strong, manly fellow —I saw a notice of Obed Marks' death hands in his, attempting to draw her in an Eastern paper. Oh, this sad, sad toward him. She saw his face, and, Once or twice she whispered softly, panting and trembling before him. uttering one cry, sprang away to stand

'Ida, my darling!' he cried, 'What does this meah? What has happened?

'I am not Ida Kingdon!' she replied a her bosom.

Who is there? she called, choking-look or a word from you. I am false!

false! false! The man was amazed. He stared a her as if doubting the evidence of his

'What do you say?' he asked. 'Are you demented?' 'No! no!' she sobbed; again wringing

She dared not disobey. Like a She swayed unsteadily and he frightened child she crept forward and sprang forward to catch her, but sudunfastened the door. The tall chief of denly recovering, she waved him back.

'Mr. Graystone,' she said, slowly, 'you must listen to what I have to tell in softly modulated tones. 'I am dethough it kills me to do so. I have given up all hopes of anything in this life, and desire to be released from my

A knock sounded on the door, and a voice from beyond called-'Will you permit me to come in? have news for Mrs. Ray-joyful news!'

necessity compels me to make my visit Joyful news! What could bring joy to 'Come in!' she cried, feeling unable

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