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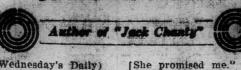
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By HULBERT FOOTNER



(From Wednesday's Daily)

"Always I think if I could be friends with a white woman we could talk. And to-day the river such a good-looking neighbor I bring you to me, so I think it is like want—"

"She promised me."

"But Dick and I will be gone then," grumbled Bill. "If we've got such a good-looking neighbor I bring you to me, so I think it is like want—"

bring you to me, so I think it is like magic! And my tongue, she shoot the rapids of talk! I am sorry I scare you!"

"You don't scare me â bit!" protested Kitty. "I like to have you talk to me. I'll talk to you, too. Tell me about the white man," she said shyly, "the one you liked."

Nahnya was startled. For an instant the old walled look darkened her face.

"I not say I like any white man," she said quickly. "I not want any man."

Kitty hung her head a little.
"That's what we say," she murmured with a burst of shy candor; "but how true is it?"

The dark fled out of Nahnya's face. She turned a pair of won-drougly soft ever an Witti. "You and the greens of Milburn gulch were freshly polished and gilded.

Inside the shack the cherry-color-ed embers glowed on the greets and such a little want—"

Kitty hung her head a little.

The Granted Prayer.

Kitty was froning clothes in the kitchen of the living shack. She and her father had been alone in camp for four days. It had rained in the interim and the greens of Milburn gulch were freshly polished and gilded.

and clung to her, and broke into a silent, shaken weeping. Broken whispers of confession reached the white woman's ear.

"I never have a friend— Always She applied he inside of me I am alone. I think I with prim lips. am marked out to be alone— My "I am a fool! heart hurt me like any woman's heart- But always I must make out I don't care about anything!"

An hour later they heard a hail from far up the river. Kitty leaped up in great excitement. Nahnya an-swered the hail. She had the river-

man's trick of sending the voice to a Bye and bye they came flying around the bend, father and sons paddling like men possessed, and momentarily raising hoarse, anxious cries. Nahnya tore off a branch of leaves and, putting it into Kitty's hands, urged her down to the beach to wave it.

She started around the ironing board to investigate. At the same moment the doorway was darkened by the figure of a strange man—a piteous, ghastly, unkempt travesty of manhood.

For a moment he wavered there, then pitched headlong to Kitty's feet. One arm reached toward her

leaves and, putting it into Kitty's hands, urged her down to the beach to wave it.

At the sight of her safe on dry land the three men sent up tremendous shouts of joy and relief. Nahnya retired up on the bank.

They landed, and Kitty was in stantly locked in her father's arms. Dick collapsed in the boat, while Bill's legs caved under him on the beach. Both boys wept unashamed. "We heard the rapids," Bill blubbered. "We thought we were just too late!"

They quickly recovered.

Kitty had presently to submit to their bear-hugs, and again to her father's embrace. All four talked at once, and foolishly laughed. Kitty was abashed by their transports. Never had she seen her men so

Afterward questions began to fly.
"How did you drift off without knowing it?"

"Why didn't you scramble ashore
and let the boat go?"
"How did you get ashore here
without a paddle or anything?"
"Who is with you?"
"Who is with you?"

"Why, she's gone!" cried Bill suddenly.

It was true.

They looked around in vain. During the excitement of the men's landing the dark girl had stolen unobserved to the other dugout. It lay a little down-stream, and partly screened by some bushes.

Putting off and keeping close to

Kitty's face fell like a child's.

steal away like this!"

"It's just like them," said Dick!
"always mysterious."
"You're not very grateful," said
Kitty at the point of tears. "I tell
you she saved my life."

"You haven't told us anything
yet," said her father. "Who is
she?"
"Annie Crossfox."
"It's just like them," said Dick!
"Did you see him come?" he asked.

Kitty shook her head.
"H-m!" said Jim. "With all this
vast empty land to shoose from, he
stumbles on us. Look, his mocaasins
are worn clean through!"

(Continued in Friday's Daily!)

"Annie Crossfox."
"I had a look at her," said Bill.
"She's mighty good-looking. Don't
see why she couldn't wait to receive
our thanks."

Kitty looking at him sharply saw

kitty, looking at him sharply, saw the untoward eager light in his dark eyes an dbecame suddenly thought-ful. A reason for Nahnya's abrupt departure occurred to her.

"She will bring the boat back to our camp," she said quietly. "Just as soon as she can get her own boat.

The dark fled out of Nahnya's face. She turned a pair of wondrously soft eyes on Kitty. "You are lonely up here!" she said. "I know what lonely is!"

Kitty's eyes grew large and bright with tears. She nodded.

"I wanted a friend, too," she said very low. "Some one to talk to, like you. The boys are good to me, but they treat me like a baby. I wanted a woman friend. I haven't talked to a woman in a year and a half!"

Nahnya sprang to her knees, and unconsciously clasping her hands to her breast, leaned toward Kitty. "I will be your friend—always!" she said with trembling eagerness. "If you want me!" she added with wistful humility.

Kitty's 'answer was to fling her areas and women now.

"Annie knows much more"—thus a silled the shack the cherry-color-ed embers glowed on the grate, and a blue gingham dress was falling into crisp and immaculate folds as it was turned on the ironing-board. The door steod open and a single big fly buzzed in and out over the sill, as if he couldn't make up his mind whether he preferred sunshine or shadow.

While Kitty propelled the iron she thought a girl's thoughts, which alight on a subject as delicately as butterflies and as lightly sheer away. Since she had beheld the capter light in Bill's eyes at the sight of the dark girl a fluttering disquiet winged in Kitty's mind. She was thinking of men and women now.

"Annie knows much more"—thus

Kitty's answer was to fling her arms around Nahnya's neck.
Nahnya recoiled in a kind of terror. "You—you kissed me!" she Hut why do I want to know what is

faltered. "Me!"

"I'll do it again!" cried Kitty.

"And again! And again! I think you are just sweet!"

With an odd little cry the dark girl hid her face on Kitty's shoulder man to be too good, really. Just a man to be too good, really. Just a man to be too good, really. Just a man to be too good, really. spice of danger and uncertainty."
Kitty blushed and looked around her guiltily, as if this dreadful thought might have been overheard.
She applied herself to her ironing

> "I am a fool!" she thought. "Annie is wise. I wish she would come."
> Kitty's thoughts were broken in upon by the sound of a footstep outside the shack. Something heavy and unfamiliar in the fall of it caused her to call out sharply: "Is that

There was no answer She started around the ironing-

Help me to turn him over, lass."
he said quietly.
The face that was revealed, with its sunken, bearded cheeks and painfully drawn lips, seemed aged to Kitty. The eyes were closed. Jim lowered his head to listen at the man's breast.
"Hedives," said he succinctly.
"Dislocated shoulder — starvation.

"Dislocated shoulder — starvation. Give me your sharpest knife to cut away this sleeve. Get a pillow for his head. Put water on the stove."

Kitty flew to obey the various ord.

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"Without a word of good-bye!" she said.

"She's taken our hest boat," said Jim Sholto, frowning.

"She lost her own in the rapids saving me," said Kitty with quick indignation.

Jim hastered to mollify her.

"That's all right," he said. "But to steal away like this!" said Diek! have way.

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