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he told her.

bleeding much now, because you are lying still, but it has been bleeding pret-ty freely. It's just a flesh wound, real-

"It means death—that's all it means. I don't care on my own account—"
"Then don't care on mine, either."

All at once her hand went up and car-essed his face. "Hold me, Bill, won't

you36" she asked. "Hold me in your arms."

The man's arms tightened around her He lowered his lips close to hers.

told him. "No one but you."

Only once during the night did Bill

leave her—to cover the crack of the door and build up the fire. When he returned, her warm little flood of kisses was as if he had been absent for weary

But her thoughts had been busy, even n this moment. All at once she drew

Bill, will you listen to me a minute?" she asked.

"Listen! I'll listen to every word—"

"I think I know the way—at least z
fighting chance—to life and safety."

XXVIII.

"E VERYTHING depends first," Virginia said, "whether or not you

can crawl through the little window to

the cabin.'
Bill remembered his experience in the

smoke-filled hut and he kissed her, whispering that would be easy. "The next thing—are Harold's snow-shoes in this room?"

"So it this room."
"So it depends on Harold, does it? I believe his snowshoes are here. Harold left rather hurrledly—and I don't think

he took them."
"What everything depends on-is get-

"What everything depends on—is getting out. The longer we stay here, without food, the more certain death is. I know I can't walk and you can't see. Bill, Harold 's waiting, right now—probably in the little cabin where he sleeps—for a chance to get those shoes. He's helpless without them. As soon as it gets light enough for him to see, I want you to go out the cabin door. Turn at once into the brush at your right, so he can't shoot you with the rifle. Then come around to the side of the cabin and re-enter through the win-

abin and re-enter through the win

he'll come—not only to get his snow-shoes, but to gloat over me. I know him now! I can't understand why ididn't know him before. And then—we've got to take him by surprise."

"And then—?"
Oulekly with four monds.

Quickly, with few words, she told him

he rest of her plot.
Harold walked into the trap set by

In less than a minute he was bound

"My God, what are you going to do

XXIX.

when Haroid had been thoroughly coved and his full instructions given him, the thongs had been put about his ankles and removed from his wrists, and he was permitted to do the packing.

That proceedure was exceedingly sim-le; all available blankets were piled on he sled and made into a bed for Vir-

ginia, and the axe, candles, and such cooking utensils as were needed were packed in front. And then they had a

ert but decisive interview with Har-

old.

"I won't go—I'll die first." he cried to Virginia. "Besides, you don't dare to use force on me: you don't know the way and Bill can't see. You know if you kill me you'll die yourself."

"Fair enough."" Virginia replied sweetly. "But take just this little word of advice. Bill and I were all reconciled to dying when we thought of you—and we won't mind it now if we're sure you are going along. And Bill will tell you are going along.

are going along. And Bill will tell you that I can shoot straight. Perhaps you learned that fact last night."

to leap or run.

They lengthened the thong that tied his ankles together, giving him room for a full walking step, but not enough

over Clearwater, Bill and his

irginia

The moment he thinks you are gone,

his ear close to her lips.

The battle was short thereafter. Har-old was never a match for Bill. The old was never a match for Bill. The latter's hard fists lashed into his face, blow after blow with grim reports in the silence. Harold's resistance ceased; told her. "You remember—of course—" his body quivered and lay still. Re-membering Virginia. Bill leaped to his She looked down at the little stain of

feet.
But Harold was not quite unconscious. But one impulse was left—to escape; and dumbly he crawled to the

No weapon remained in his hand. "Till get you yet, you devil!" he screamed, almost incoherently., "Till lay in wait and kill you—you can't get away!"

And out he staggered.

"Virginia," Bill called "Wa-you?"

The took his warm hand and rested it against the wound. Someway, it comforted her. "Close to the top of the shoulder, then," he commented. "But there's nothing I can do—it's not a wound I can dress. It's cleaner now than anything."

From the dark, far end of the cabin he heard the answer—a voice low and tremulous such as is sometimes heard from the lips of a sick child. "Here I am Bill," she replied. "I'm hit with a stray shot."

With. The only thing is to lie still—so it won't bleed."
"Do you think I'll die?" she asked him quietly.
"I don't think the wound is serious in itself—if we could get you down to a stray shot."

XXVII.

BILL groped his way to Virginia's side.

His hands told him she was lying huddled against the wall, a slight, pauddled against the wall, a slight, panetic figure that broke the heart within the man. He knelt beside her, then

felt for a match.

But before he struck the match, he remembered his foe without; he would be quick to fire through the window if a light showed him his target. Even now he might be crouched in the snow, his rifle in his arms, waiting for just this chance. Bill snatched a blanket from the cot. shielded them with it, and lighted the

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Virginia

"I'm coming for my snowshoes, Virginia," he told her. "Then I'm going to go away." He tried to draw his battered, bloody lips into a smile.

"Come in and get them," she replied. Her voice was low and lifeless. Harold stepped through the door. And then she uttered a curious cry.

"Now!" she called sharply. There was no time for Harold to dart back, even to be alarmed. A mighty force descended upon his body.

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to me?" he asked.
"Why, Harold, you are to be our little truck horse," Virginia replied, as she handed Bill more thongs. "You are going to pull the sled and show the way down into Bradleyburg." WHEN the down came full and bright

ives thorough individual instruction party were ready to start.

When Harold had been thoroughly

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his wrists.

Then they slipped the thong of the

chance we have."
She smiled at him.

gave the word for Harold to start. At the end of three bitter days, Bill ronson stood once more on the hill that looked down upon Bradleyburg. The twilight was growing in the glen more."

Bill already it had cast shadows

It had been cruel hardship, the three days' journey. But fortune had played them well in this—they had found the food Vosper abandoned.

Virginia where the apple of the spirit for the hill.

They saw the church spire, tall and



"MY GOD, WHAT ARE YOU GOING

by mud and water, and lashed them to, still on the sled it had had every chance

to heal. Bill's sight had grown steadily betsled across his shoulders and under his ter as the days had passed; already arms like the loops of a kyack. They the Spirits of Mercy had permitted him,

chance we have."

She smiled at him. "At least, Bill, we'll have done everything we could. Good-by, little cabin—where I found happiness. Some time, perhaps, we'll come back to you!"

The man bent and kissed her, and he had gladly consented to take Harold the hardle the company's business next be lodged in prison to face a charge of attempted murder—a crime that in the company's business next season.

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per marveled, when he had got his ferath. "We've been mournin' you for from him. The McCormicks agreed five

beneath; already it had cast shadows in Virginia's eyes. She sat beside him broad snowshoe track the half-mile far-

od Vosper abandoned.
Virginia was on the rapid road toghostly in the twilight, and Bill's strong ward recovery from her wound. It had arms pressed the girl close. She understood and smiled happily

"Of course, Bill," she told him.
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dead—for months."

"Drowned—not a bit of it," Virginia answered gayly. "And don't mourn any has announced that after that time he

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