the laming of Red Butte Western

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the same averily. "I can forgive that more easily than I can forgive that the protested. "Rut I let't a deskind of an outdoker."

"Herbert, you mean? He as a good boy, a nice boy and perfectly harmless foul?" His him immensely when you can to know him better."

"Tou like him?" he outerled.

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Prove it, if you can, but you can't" am proving it day by day, or tra-to. I didn't want to come but you

decline to take any such bideous onabbility," she intighed lightly, then, with calculated malices ward. If you were only as brave on the clever! Why can't you be no and strike back now and then?" tribe back at the woman I fore? not guile down to that, I hope, if I was once too covardly to the face."

e that! Why won't you let

cast?"

Sause you must not forget. LieTwo weeks are-only two weeks
one of the Angels-er-peacemakood up in his piece and shot at
What I did made me understand
had gained nothing in a year."
of at you?" she echeed, and now
light have discovered a note of
oncern in her tone if his ear and
attuned to, hear it. "Tell me
it. Who was it? And why did
not at you?"

Coverigns, 1910, by Charles Sorthsor's Soan.

"Still you came. Why? Were you
curious?"

"Why should I be curious, and what
thout—the Red desert! I've seen
Jesorn before.

"I thought you might be curious to
case what disposition the Red desert
was maining of such a future as I am."

Ladgerwood's rurusal was apployable
but firm.

"I am very sorry, Cousin Jassica."

It was Judson, and, having seen him ast tolling away man tashion at the



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change it, you know, for I am the sum man whom you held up to scorn the day we peried—it you will prome he I'll tell you that for weeks I have gone about with my life to my hands, knowing it. It hasn't required may preat amount of courage, it merely comes along in the line of my pialin duty to the company. It's one of the failings I draw my salary for!

"Tou heven't told me why this desperate wanted to kill you—why you are in such a deep see of trouble out would here you if I have time to tell it. And I haven't time, because that is williams' whistle for the Angels yas!

"It's had risen and was helping the companion to her feet whim lies through an upland valley of cattle you know that we dine to the interval is the car door to say; "Oh, you are out nece, are you, the feet you know that we dine to the known of the representation of the representation of the feet whim lies through an upland valley of cattle for you know that we dine to the last the way over this route, are for a few miles through an upland valley of cattle for you know that we dine to the last the way over this route, are for a few miles through an upland valley of cattle for you know that we dine to the the last the government, and among the came is the government, and among the came is more town that was applicable.

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"Herbert, you mean? He is a good boy, a nice boy and perfectly turmless. Lou'd like him immensely when you comes to know him better."

"You like him?" he queried.
"How can you ask when you have gut rain of the other man?"
I fagerwood turned in his chaif and all you have to do is to say blundly. "Blesnor, I had my punishment over a year ago, and I have been hopins you would let it sunfer all was hard semant, to been you without being compatied to stand by and see another man win you. Can't you under stand that?"

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"Whatever made you come out here. The way to the family, and the right of was purple over tight, and the subject to ask a question of her the crows here in the crows have the was not be membered to the survey with his cap pulled over tilk every to the survey survey.

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accruing therefrom.

Lidgerwood tooked at his watch. Lidgerwood tooked at his watch. If Grady should not be gone too tong he might be able to work through the pile of correspondence and get a way on the evening passenger, and when the stemographer came back the work was attacked with that end in view. But after an hour's rapid dictating a long drawn whistle signal announced the incoming of the train he was trying to make and warned him that the race against time had failed.

"It's no use; we'll have to make two bites of it." he said to Grady, and then he left his desk to go downstales for a breathing moment and a cup of

of the date of the state of the

goarseit. It was more the that Ruby Guich operator who quit in a quarrel with McCloskey a week or two Apo. What is his name—Sheffield?

Judson bastened down the platform to satisfy himself, and Lidgerwood mounted the stait to his office. Graffy was still pounding the keys of the typewriter on the batch of letters given him in the busy hours following his cotury from supper, and the superintendent turned his back upon the clicking setlyttles and went to stand at the window, from which he could took down apon the platform with the waiting passenger train drawn up beside it. Heefing the cheering lights in the side-tracked Naulia, he fell to thinking of Elonnor, opening the does of conscious thought to her and saying to himself that she was never more than a single stap beyond the threshold of that door. Looking ectuals to the Madia, he knew how why be find hesitated so long before deciding to po on the night trip to Timanyoni park. But he could still resolve that there should not be a repetition of the old tragedy of the moth and the candle. It was well that at the very outset a duty call has come to enames, and it was also well that he

nearness, and it was also well that he had decided not to disregard it.

The train conductor's "All aboard" shouted on the platform just below his window drew his attention from the Nadis and the distracting thought of Riespor's genruess. Train 205 was ready to resume its westward flight, and the incomptive bell was clanging

and the locemetive bell was clanging musically.

At the critical moment when the train was fairly in motion Lincerwood any Hallock this time—spring from the shadow of a baggage truck and whip up the step of the smoker, and a scant half second inter he saw Judson race

of fileanor's property that was king him rurn his back for a mo-at upon the waiting special train.

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ass for while we want. Did you make

the president's party, or course, but it was not very commodious compared with the Nadia. Moreover, he was going on a business trip, and at the end of it he would have to leave them for an hour or two, maybe longer. Moreover, again, if they got tired they would have to sleep as they could, though possibly his stateroom in the service car might be made to accommodate the three young women. All this he said, noting and believing that him Brewster would not only refuse to go berself, but would promptly veto an unchaperoned exquision.

But this was one time when his dis-

pers.
"See, now, how fatally easy it is for one to promise more—ch, so very much more—than one has any idea of performing," murmured the president's daughter, dropping out to walk beside the victim when the party trooped down the iong platform of the Crow's Nest to the service car, and when he did not reply, "Please don't be grumpy."

half second fater he asw Judson race across the wide platform and throw himself like a self propelled projectile against and through the closing doors of the vestibute at the forward and of the seleper.

Judson's dash and his capture of the outroing train were easily accounted for he had seen Hallock. But where was Hallock going? Langurwood was still asking himself the question half abstractedly when he crossed to his deak and touched the buzzer push, which su moned an operator from the dispatcher's room.

"Wire Mr. Tennington Flemister, care of Goodloe, at Little Butte, that I am coming but with my car and should be with him by 11 oclock. Then call up the yard offices and tell Matthews to let me have the car and angle by 8:30 sharp." he directed.

The operator made a note of the order and went out, and the supertnenders sake let us make it final. There are settled himself in his desk chaft for another hours hard work with the stenographer. At twenty five minutes past 8 he heard the wheel grinding of the un coming service car, and the weary shorthand man snapped a rub ber band upon the hores of the final letter.

Bidding good night to Grady, the

and been tampered with "
"Nothing that you could tahoot he had shop man by. One of the out safety chains—the one on the

Lidgerwood said what he might without being too crudely inhospitable. Else car was entirely at the sarvice of

But this was one time when his dis-tantly related kinswoman disappointed him. Mrs. Brewster, capied by her daughter yielded a reloctant consent, going to the one door to tell Lidger-wood that she would hold him respon-sible for the safe return of the trip-

commission.

Along the westers side of the triangle, with lattle Butte station for the pain of divergence from the main time rim the new spar, built to accommodate Flemister effect he had due through the hill and ousted the right ful owner of the true Ware Sliver rela and had transferred his lattle hamlet and his plant, or the wealth part of both, to the western slope of the botte at this point no more than a mirror wide expanding the eastern and western guiches.

Train 205, with extenginess Judson apparently sound salesp in one of the restward seats of the day face, wes on time when it reached lattle faither. A moment later Judson had fet this self slightly not the fear westbule of the day coach and was as slightly opening the folding doors of the vertibule itself.

Hanging off by the handwalls, are the engines heading hypers now and he made ready to jump if the need should arise, picking the place at the track side as the train faither showed him the ground. As the speed was checked Indeon say where he was acceptable to see Freedsch at his formore and warded was a checked Indeon say what he was acceptable to see Freedsch at his formore and warded swiftle away ap the disused track of the old spin. Judgen's turn came a moment inter, and when his end of the day coach dickned past the switch stand be, too, dropped to the ground and, waiting only made he could zollow without being detected.

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Left side. Yeak—was lacee. But it couldn't have burn anything if it had been taken off. We sin't runnis on surely chains these days.

"Entory chains these days."

"Recken it was been to do that?"

"God only knows what man manne."

"God only knows what man manne these things, Andy. Hold on a minute hefore you give Williams the word to go." Then he turned to young Jelleries who had come out on the car plaiform to light a cigarette. "Will you said these these chains and Jelleries gave the superintendent in them of the two news and any lefters gave the superintendent in them of the two news and any lefters gave the superintendent in them of the two news and any lefters gave the superintendent in them of the two news and any lefters was beilliantly lighted, and there were sounds amiliar mough to Judson to mark it as the wire sounds and there were sounds and the color of the two new and any superior to the forest and began to climb the ringe, going straight up, as nearly as Judson could determine. The entermine of the trade of the trade of the trade of the were sound and the color of the strate

"Yes. I shall have to anticipate the Angels gossip a little by telling you that we are in the midal of a pretty bitter inter fight. That is why people go gunning for me I can't take you and your triends gree the road to night."

"Why not?" she inquired.

"Because it may not be entirely sel.

"Nonsensel" she figured back. "What could happen to us on a little excursion like this?"

sined exhausts of the high speed steam and in which a great at the first angine driving the generators.

"Low," he ejaculated under allowers, "if that engine ain't a dead, match for the old 216 pullin's a grade it don't want a cent! Denois cylinder set on the quarter and choo-chools' like it ought to have a pair of steel ralls under it. If I had time I'd go down you sel.

But unhappily there was no time to make the could happen to us on a little excursion like this?" bites of 11." he said to Grany, and there he left his desk to go downstalls for a breathing moment and a cup of coffee.

Train 201, the train Flemister had suggested that he might take, was just pulling in from the long cun across the desert when he reached the foot of the shales. The other work when he reached the foot of the shales. The other work what work with the shales that means of reaching Little Butts and the wheel grinding matter; it merely mean that he would be obliged to order out the service eat and go special, if he should finally decide to act apput Flemister's suggestion.

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