
Penny of Top Hill Trail

CHAPTER XVII

"Kurt!"

He looked up with a start. As on that first ride, long ago, his eyes had been fixed on the road ahead.

"Let's talk a bit," she said. "What did you think —"

"I was such a fool," he replied bitterly. "I should have known that you were not what you pretended you were. You must believe me when I tell you that I loved you from the first night we were up here in the hills. I didn't know how great my love was, though, until I knew I had lost you."

"I thought, or tried to think, you should have known I was not a thief," said Pen, with a soft tone in her voice, "but Larry said that only showed what a good actress I am. I told Larry all about it this morning, and he said no self-respecting man would ask a thief