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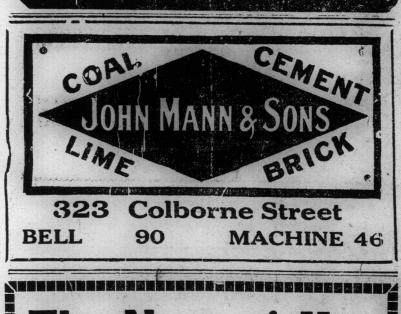
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FIREFLIES.

Meadow People to seek shelter under

"What do you suppose is the trou-ble?" questioned the Meadow People of one another.

enough to tell them why she was cry-

ing. "How could I tell my tears were the meadow, it's

falling down into the meadow, it's so dark here?" sobbed Mistress

Johnny Grasshopper as he scratched his head with one of his feelers.

Grasshopper flew to Dragonfly's home after a long journey in the dark.

"I wonder why she doesn't hop across the sky?" suggested Johnny Grasshopper. "Because she can't hop," chirped Brown Cricket, and the three sat down and laughed at the thought of Mistress Night hopping through the

sky. "I have it !" exclaimed Dragonfly, returning

She thanked the little fireflies for

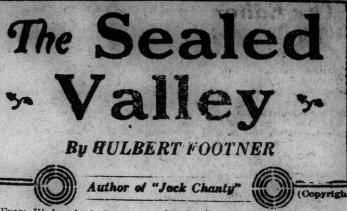
'Something must be done!" cried

"Let's ask Dragonfly to help us," suggested Brown Cricket. So Brown Cricket and Johnny

the leaves and grasses.

Night.

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(From Wednesday's Daily.) Stack and Crusse had joined the group, and the three of them volley-ed questions at Philippe. Jim Sholto-lingered to listen; he gotten for the moment by all the men, sat down beside the trail and hugged his dream, deaf and blind to what was going on around him. Kitty watched him sorely.

Kitty watched him sorely. "It was just like she told." Philippe said; "a long walk through the cave and a pretty valley on the other side. There is no other way the cave in the new solution of the solution of the the cave and a pretty valley on the solution of the other side. There is no other way help for it. to get in. It is Bowl of the Moun- Immediately after supper Kitty tains, all right." Immediately after supper Kitty disapptared within her shelter, and Brown Cricket decided to go and see

"Did you see any gold?" demand-d Joe. "Plenty!" said Philippe: "the objection to Ralph's dragging his bottom of all the little streams are bed to a little distance. If Ralph had vellow with it. I pick up a little, escaped altogether Jim would have clouds it was very dark everywhere. See!" See!" Deen only too well pleased. When Jim's snores began to dis-be brought it forth full of y sllow place the heavy stillness of the for-grains, which he emptied carelessly est Ralph rose and dragged his into Joe's twitching palm. The blankets still farther away. heads of the four white men came Jim had tied him in such a man-terestic and the four white men came of aves nor thet his left own wee fore from the together, and the four pairs of eyes ner that his left arm was free from showed the same insane slitter. "This is the stuff!" crid Joe, rectly in the trail and lay down to

ouring the gold, with a voluptuous wait. It was about nine o'clock. oleasure from palm to palm.' It 'Sweeter than booze, sweet r than ten. ways by me and come dig in it every to make a detour of the other camp. day for the pleasure of the feel and the heft of it!

guess

ing for evidences of darkness with "Can we get it out through the avid eyes. One cannot measure the "It's easy any better than its coming. cave?" asked Jim. "Sure!" said Philippe. oing. It goes and it comes and all "How about the girl?" demanded said.

Thus to Ralph, counting the crawling minutes, it seemed as if the bright sky clung obstinately to its with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each "She is there with her family."

"How many?" bright sky clung obstinately to its with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each brightness, and as if the dim, spa-bright sky clung obstinately to its with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each brightness, and as if the dim, spa-bright sky clung obstinately to its with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each brightness, and as if the dim, spa-bright sky clung obstinately to its with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each brightness, and as if the dim, spa-bright sky clung obstinately to its with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each brightness, and so it is with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each brightness, and so it is with his cousin, the Fireflies. Each brightness is a space of the forest refused to his hand. boys. and four women." "H-m! They could make it awk-ward for us." said Joe, frowning. "They not care for gold," said Philippe with an innocent,stolid air. "Wash a little, and, let it lie. When I tell Nahnya you all here, him feel bad. Him say no use. Him say not

thought he heard the brush of her rays until she had safely sailed over the trays until she had safely sailed over the cloud Sea. fight you. "Let's lose no time!" citedly. "Let's lose no time!" "Come on!" echoed Stack and Crusce Campbell. The desire was ins, now on this side, now that. A citedly. Signa to stir among the pine-need-tes suggested her creeping moccas-ins, now on this side, now that. A lozen times he started to a sitting position, sure he herrd her, only to fall back disappointed. The thought that something might finally prevent her from coming no less strong in Jim Sholto's face. dozen times he started to a sitting position, sure he heard har, only to fall back disappointed. He looked at Kitty uneasily, Philippe hung back. "I paddle half the night!" he said

"I paddle balf the night: he of the with an admirable assumption of the discrupted servant. "I walk all day." "And if you look out of the win disgruntled servant. "I walk all day. Am I a steam-engine? I got eat inisgruntied servant. "I walk all day Am I a steam-engine? I got eat and sleep now." "Sleep!" cried Joe. "Man, there's a fortune waiting for every one of is in there!" "I got sleep, me," Philippe re-peated stubbornly. "The gold is there to-morrow just the same, I zuess." "And if you look out of the win-dow now, you can see them up among the low a breath through the forest and dropped on her knees beside him without his having heard her coming. "His types were well used to the darkness, and he could make her out faintly; her grace it head outlined against a patch of sky overhead, her beated hard to her suess."

It would not be dark until after en. He knew that Nahnya could

He lay in a kind of fever watch

peated stubbornly. "The gold there to-morrow just the same,

"Dann these redskins!" cried "Dann these redskins!" cried be. "They're all alike!" "Go yourself," said Philippe. "The ay is free. Don't Dame me if you li in the hole or get lost."



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