

CHAPTER XXXII.

The Diamond Treasure Revealed

BALDY and Loraine established right in the midst of the now prosperous Loraine Valley a partnership for the handling of the livestock business and the extensive land subdivisions. The forty acre tracts which they had plotted out by the hundreds were sold to actual settlers, many of whom were brought out from the city by "Slim" or Baldy, as we once more know him. These people were selected specially. In connection with their commercial lines they also set up (in operation from the same office) a department of "diamond treasure", which spirit had been spread zealously abroad by Lanice, the same being closely adhered to by the people. The country was at that time but sparsely settled, and it was quite an arduous undertaking for anyone to visit every home personally; but thousands of people were scattered in all directions up and down the valley and over the plain now, and these men found ample scope to deliver and set in motion the treasure on a larger scale.

Loraine took charge of the treasure extension from his office, while Baldy practised the combina-