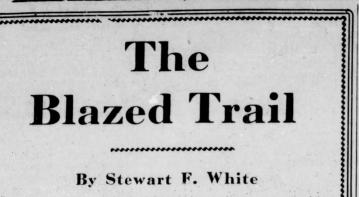
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But why not?" she persisted. 'You ought to know."

Who would have done any different? If you had a brother and discov-ered that he had-appropriatedmost of all the money of a concern of which you were president, wouldn't you think it your duty to have him arrested?"

"No!" cried Thorpe, suddenly excited. "Never! If he was my brother, I'd help him, even if he'd committed murder !" "We differ there," replied the girl

coldly. "I consider that Uncle Amos was a strong man who did his duty as he saw it, in spite of his feelings. That he had father arrested is nothing against him in my eyes. And his wanting us to come to him, seems to me

very generous. I am going to write to "You will do nothing of the kind," commanded Thorpe sternly. "Amos Thorpe is an unscrupulous man who

became unscrupulously rich. He deliberately used our father as a tool, and then destroyed him. I consider that anyone of our family who would have anything to do with him is a traitor !" The girl did not reply.

Next morning Thorpe felt uneasily repentant for his strong language. After all the igrl did lead a monotonus and he could not blame her for rebelling against it from time to time. Her remarks had been born of the rebellion; they had meant nothing in themselves. He could not doubt for a moment her loyalty to the family. But he did not tell her so. That is not the way of men of his stamp, Rather he cast about to see what he

InJin Charley had, during the winter

embroidering with beads and porcu-

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at once conceived the idea of giving

them to his sister. To this end he had

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and an open guarrel ensued. "I will not be dictated to by you, Mrs. Renwick," said Helen, "and I don't intend to have you interfere in any way with my family affairs."

"They won't stand much investiga-tion," replied Mrs. Renwick, goaded out of her placidity.

Thorpe entered to hear the last two speeches. He said nothing, but that night he wrote to Wallace Carpenter for a thousand dollars. Every stroke of the pen hurt him. But of course Helen could not stay here now

"And to think, just to think that he let that woman insult me so, and didn't say a word!" creid Helen to herself.

Her method would have been to have acted irrevocably on the spot, and sought ways and means afterwards. Thorpe's however, was to perfect all his plans before making the first step.

Wallace Carpenter was not in town. Before the letter had followed him to his new address, and the answer had returned, a week had passed. Of course the money was gladly put at Thorpe's disposal. The latter at once

interviewed his sister. "Helen," he said, "I have made arrangements for some money. What would you like to do this summer?" She raised her head and looked at him with clear, bright gaze. If he could so easily raise the money, why had he not done so before? He knew how much she wanted it. Her happiness did not count. Only when his quixotic ideas of family honor were attacked did he bestir himself. "I am going to Uncle Amos," she

replied, distinctly, 'What?" asked Thorpe incredulous-

just past, occupied odd moments in For answer she pointed to a letter lying open on the table. Thorpe took

pine quills a wonderfull suit of soft buckskin gauntlets, a shirt of the same it and read: My dear Neice: hide. They were beautifuly worked, and Thorpe, on receiving them, had

"Both Mrs. Thorpe and myself more than rejoice that time and reflection have removed that, I must confess natural prejudice which the unfortunate family affair, to which I will not allude, raised in your mind against us. As we said long ago, our home is yours when you may wish to make it so. You state your present readiness to come immediate. Unless

as a sort of belted blouse. As has been you wire to the contrary, we shall expect you next Tuesday evening on the four-forty train. I shall be at the Central Station myself to meet you Probably fifty dollars could not have If your brother is now with you, I hould be pleased to see him also, and Thorpe tendered this as a peaceoffering. Not understanding women in

will be most happy to give him a position with the firm.' "Aff. your uncle,

Amos Thorpe.

"New York, June 6, 1883. thought he had bought the things; and On finishing the last paragraph the eader crumpled the letter and threw she was still sore from the pinch of overty she had touched the evening reader crut Nothing will exasperate a it into the grate. woman more than to be presented am sorry you did that Helen.' said he, "but I don't blame you, and with something expensive for which it can't be helped. We won't need she does not particularly care, after being denied, on the ground of econto take advantage of his 'kind offer' omy something she wants very much. now.

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years and then-"

She laughed with a hard little note f scorn. "Helen," said Thorpe with new nergy, "I forbid you to have anything to do with Amos Thorpe. I think a scoundrel and a sneak.

"I shall do as I please," she re-blied crossing her hands behind her. Thorpe's eyes darkened.

"We have talked this over a great nany times," he warned, "and you've always agreed with me. Remember, u owe something to the family.' "Most of the family seem to owe something,"she replied with a flip-pant laugh. "I'm sure I didn't choose

he family. If I had I'd picked out a oetter one!" The flippancy was only a weapon which she used unconsciously, blindly in her struggle. The man could not know this. His face hardened, and his voice grew cold.

You may take your choice. Helen," he said formally. "If you go into the household of Amos Thorpe, if you deliberately prefer your comfort o your honor, we will have nothing

ore in common.' They faced each other with the cool, deadly glance of the race, familiar in appearance, but so unlike

"I, too, offer you a home, such as it rather to injure you than get anyis," repeated the man. "Choose."

oubted. But worst of all, Thorpe's mind could see no possibility of an explan-ation. If she could not see of her own accord how much he loved her surely it was a hopeless task to attempt an explanation through mere words. If, after all ,she was capable of misconceiving the entire set of his motives during the past two years, expostulation would be futile. In his thoughts of her he fell into a great spiritual dumbers. Never, even in this moments of most theoretical imaginings, did he see himself setting before her fully and calmly the hopes and ambitions of which she had been the

nainspring. And before a reconciliation, many such rehearsals must take place in the secret recesses of a man's Thorpe did not cry out, nor confide n a friend, nor do anything even so mild as pacing the floor. The only outward and visible sign a close observer might have noted was a cerain dumb pain lurking in the depths

of his eyes like those of a wounded squirrel. He was hurt, but did not uninderstand. He suffered 'in utter silence, but without anger. This is at once the noblest and the most path-

etic of human suffering. At first the spring of his life seem-ed broken. He did not care for money; and at present disappointment had numbed his interest in the game. It eemed hardly worth the candle. Then in a few days, after his thoughts had ceased to dwell constantly on the one subject, he began o look about him mentally. Beneath

is other interests he still felt constantly a dull ache, something unpleasant, uncomfortable. Strangely enough it was almost identical in quaity with the uneasiness that always inderlay his surface-thoughts when he was worried about some detail of his business. Unconsciously,-again as in aroused. In lack of other object on D. people stole about a section of which to expend itself, Thorpe's the Government pine upon that rivfighting spirit turned with energy to he subject of the lawsuit.

Under the unwonted stress of the osychological condition just described, he thought at white heat. His ideas were clear, and followed each other quickly almost feverishly. After his sister left the Renwicks,

Thorpe himself went to Detroit, where he interviewed at once Northrop the brilliant young lawyer, whom the firm had engaged to defend its case

"Im afraid we have no show,' he replied to Thorpe's question. "You see you fellows were on the wrong side of the fence in trying to enforce the law yourselves. Of course you may well say that justice was all on your side. That does not count. The only recourse recognized for inustice lies in the law courts. I'm afraid you are due to lose your case."

"Well," said Thorpe, "they can't prove much damage." "I don't expect that they will be able to procure a very heavy judge-ment," replied Northrop. "The facts II shall be able to adduce will cut lown damages. But the costs will be

very heavy. "Yes," agreed Thorpe. "And," then pursued Northrop with

a dry smile, "they practically own Sherman. You may be in for con-ty if any, held by them. tempt of court-at their instigation. As I understand it, they are trying

thing out of it themselves."



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er, and I dont believe they've ever bought the land it stood on. In fact I don't believe they suspect that any-one knows they've been stealing. How would it do, if I were to buy that section at the Land Office ,and threaten o sue them for the value of the pine hat originally stood on it?"

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Amenzo J. Herrick, late of the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, Gentleman, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Chap. 121 and amending acts that all persons having any claim against the estate of the said Amenzo J. Her-rick, deceased, who died on or about the 11th day of October, A. D. 1921, at the said Town of Aylmer, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administrator of the estate of said deceased, on or before the

29th day of December A. D., 1921, their names, addresses and descriptions with full particulars of their claims duly

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ty if any, held by them. And further take notice that immediately after the fifteenth day of December 1921 the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the estate teen forties constituting the section of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which he shall then have

WILLIAM CAVAN BROWN.

RYERSON FREDRICK MINERS,

burg, Ontario.

The lawyer's eyes glimmered behind the lenses of his pince-nez; but, with the caution of the professional man he made no other sign of satisfact-

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"It would do very well indeed," he eplied, "but you'd have to prove they did the cutting, and you'll have to pay experts to estimate the probable amount of the timber. Have you the

lescription of the section?" "No," responded Thorpe, "but I can get it; and I can pick up witnesses rom the woodsmen as to the cutting. "The more the better. It is rather asy to discredit the testimony of one or two. How much, on a broad guess would you estimate the timber to ome to?"

"There ought to be about eight or en million," guessed Thorpe, after an instant's silence, "worth in the stump anywhere from sixteen to twenty thousand dollars. It would cost me only eight hundred to buy it."

"Do so, by all means. Get your douments and evidence all in shape, and let me have them. I'll see that the suit is discontinued then. Will you sue them?"

"No, I think not," replied Thorpe. "I'll just hold it back as sort of club o keep them in line."

The next day he took the train north. He had something definite and irgent to do, and, as always with practical affairs demanding attention and resource, he threw himself wholesouled into the accomplishment of it. By the time he had bought the six-

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"I intend to do so, however," re-Thorpe stared after her in astonishplied the girl coldly. That afternoon the latter estimable

"What do you mean?"

"I mean," she cried, "that I am sick of waiting on your good plea-sure. I waited, and slaved, and stood unbearable things for two years. I did the folds. it cheerfully. And in return I don't get a civil word, not a decent explan-

ation, not even a-caress," she fairly sobbed out the last word. "I can't stand it any longer. I have tried and tried and tried, and then when I've come to you for the littlest word of encouragement, you have pecked at

me with those stingy little kisses, and have told me I was young and ought to finish my education! You put me in uncongenial surroundings, and go off into the woods camping yourself. You refuse money enough to live in a three-dollar boarding-house and you buy expensive rifles and fishing tackle for yourself. You can't af-ford to send me away somewhere for

the summer, but you bring me back gew-gaws you have happened to fancy, worth a month's board in the country. You haven't a cent when it is a question of what I wart; but you raise money quick enough when your old family is insulted. Isn't it my family too? And then you blame me because, after waiting in vain two years for you to do something, I start out to do the best I can for myself. I'm not of age; but you're not my guardian! During this long speech Thorpe had

en," re replied almost sternly. am through !"

"It's a little hard," said Thorpe, ardently to lay aside the cloak of

At the mention of the home which means were so quickly forthming when Thorpe, not she, con-

sidered it needful, the girl's eyes flashed. She stopped and dragged violently from beneath the bed a flat steamer trunk, the lid of which she threw open. A dress lay on the bed.

With a fine dramatic gesture she folded the garment and laid it in the bottom of the trunk. Then she knelt, and without vouchsafing another glence at her brother standing rigid by the door, she began feverishly to ararnge

The choice was made. He turned and went out.

CHAPTER XXXIV

With Thorpe there could be no halfway measure. He saw that the rupture with his sister had been final, and the thrust attained him in one of his few unprotected points. It was not as though he felt either himself or his sister consciously in the wrong. He acquitted her of all fault, except as to the deadly one of misreading and misunderstanding. The fact argued not a perversion but a lack in her character. She was other than he had thought her.

As for himself, he had schemed worked, lived only for her. He had come to her from the battle expecting rest and refreshment. world he had shown the hard, unyielding front of the emotional; he had looked ever keenly outward; he had braced his muscles in the constant tension of endeavor. So much the more reason why, in the hearts of the few he loved, he, the man of action should find repose; the man of stern-ness should discover that absolute peace of the spirit in which not the

stood motionless, growing paler and paler. Like most noble natures when absolutely in the right, he was incapabsolutely in the right, he was incap-able of defending himself against mis-the full symapthy which will underunderstandings. He was too wounded; stand and not mistake for weakness. "You know that is not true, Hel- refusing where he would rather have Instead of this, he was forced into

given; into denying where he would "It is true!" she asserted. "and I rather have assented; and finally into commanding where he longed most

passing his hand wearily before his authority. His motives were misread; eyes, "to work hard this way for his intentions misjudged; his love

"That's it," nodded Thorpe "In other words, it's a case for com-

"Just what I wanted to get said Thorpe with satisfaction. "Now answer me a question. Suppose a man injures Government or State or whose claim he shall not have reand by trepass. The land is afterwards ceived notice at the time of distribbought by another party. Has the lat-

ter any claim for damage against the trepasser? Understand me, the purchaser bought after the trepass was committed.'

"Certainly," answered Northrop without hestitation. "Provided suit is brought within six years of time the repass was committed.

Administrator, Tillsonburg, Ont. "Good! Now see here. These M. & 12-1-8-15-22

theft, and spent a week with the Marquette expert in looking over the notice, and that he will not be liable round, he had fallen into the swing for the said estate or any portion thereof so distributed, to any person of work again. His experience still iched; but dully.

Only now he possessed no interests outside of those in the new country; no affections save the half-protect-Dated this 24th day of November ing good-natured comradeship with Wallace, the mutual self-reliant respect that subsisted between Shearer and himself, and the dumb. Solicitor for Adminstrator, Tillsunreasoning dogliking he shared with Injin Charley. His eye became clearer and steadier; his methods more simple

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