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### A GIRL IN A **THOUSAND**

"Mr. Rex King, New York Tead aloud. Evidently he was not much surprised, though he unconsciously edged a little farther away from the cowboy rustler. "I am pleased to meet you, Monsieur King".

King."
"Just what you were wishing for, eh?

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After luncheon the two friends separated, having various personal engagements to keep.

Rex no longer doubted his mood—the fact that an unprincipled schemer, an adventurer, in truth, like the count, had spread his snares to entrap the beautiful American girl, served to stimulate his natural aggressiveness, and he was now grimly determined to force the fighting, no matter at what cost.

In the first place, he had a curiosity to gaze upon this same Count Rudolf, of whom he had heard and read so much, for his escapades had formed many a juicy morsel for the scandal-loving continental press, though the fact that he had blood ties with the occupant of the Austrian throne had prevented decent people from ostracizing him, smoothing over his most notorious pranks.

Some inquiry gave Rex the information he desired, and about the middle of the afternoon he was gracified by having pointed out to him the objects of his solicitude.

Well, the count was all Bridgewater had said; handsome as an Apollo, with a certain dare-devil character lurking about him, a sort of Fra Diavolo bravado that, among most women, appeared to advantage.

Somehow, Rex gave a sigh of relief.

It was not because the count seemed to be a less determined antogonist than he had anticipated, but simply from his innate conviction that Madge Moore was too bright and sensible a New York girl to be deceived by so flagrant a sin.

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saw, to cultivate the acquaintance of
this dueling Austrian, who had brought
down quite a unmber of men in affairs
of honor, and to irritate him if need be.
Deep down in his hear't he believed the
count could not be so valorous after
all, for a truly brave man would never
stoop so low as to plan such a scurvy
game, and place the girl he wooed in
danger, simply to pose as a hero in her
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Then, again, he remembered what Bridgewater had told about him, and wondered if he could possibly carry out so exalted an idea of a Western rough rider, accustomed to swinging up against desperadoes and cattle thieves, and shooting from the hip.

It was worth the trial at least; possibly he might, in a measure, thus convince the count that he could never expect to stand up before such an exponent of American grit, who occupied a class by himself, and the game be thus won by default.

So he walked toward his man.

It was in the lobby of the Carlton Hotel, and others were coming and going.

The count saw him advance, and the count saw him advance, and the finest pistol shot in the States, according to the veracious Bridgewater, so coolly asked the pleasure of an exchange of shots at such range as to make it murder.

"You are very kind, monsieur, In Interest and the abounding exhilaration of meeting half a score of dare-devils all at one time, and fighting to the death?"

Rex said this as coolly as though speaking of guinea pigs. The count started and looked at his companion with sudden interest, as though it had dawned upon his mind just then that, after all, he might not be the object of hero worship he had supposed—that his prestige was in danger of being eclipsed. "Ah! indeed, monsieur, I must confess that pleasure has never been granted me. Parbleau! Am I to understand that you have passed through such an ordeal and live?"

"You are very kind, monsieur, I prestly end to cally led moto of colly engaged and that one time, larter all, and to indust the completion certain plans I have now in mind, I may oblige you. Besides, it is so very peculiar this request; never was what he said, in the most delightful of his engaging ways.

"Oh! that might soon be remedied. I could give you a slap in the face, you would challenge, we might take a cab to some quiet place, if such can be found outside London, and then settle the matter of curiosity."

The sang-froid with which this was apoken made Count Rudolf stare.

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that pleasure has never been grained me. Parbleaut: Am I to understand that you have passed through such an ordeal and live?"

"You see I am here, count — such things are not of infrequent occurrence, in my country."

"But, sacre! in this especial case, tell me, did none of these gentlemen escape!"

"On my honor, none. Let me see, six fell before my revolver, three with the bowie knife, and the last, I think, I brought down with—a—the jawbone of an ass, after Samson's style of old, that article falling luckily to my hand. The Austrian, having reached the limit of his French expletives, turned to his native tongue to continue the volley that expressed his surprise.

"And were you not wounded, morsist into ribbons, at least, my clowes were, and it took me seven weeks in a hospital to recover. But miners and cowboys all expect such things in the course of their adventurous careers."

Rex, since he was in for a yarn, considered it the part of wisdom to pile the agony on heavy—evidently the Austrian was wallowing the bait, hook and all, with great gusto.

So, with slight encouragement, he marated several other imaginary encounters, which he tracted as trifling faffairs, hardly worth mentioning; and glancing, and his manner indicated that, while he might have minor doubts, he had been deeply impressed with these amazvarne.

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"Monsieur King, I have no quarrel with you—I do not even wish to have anything to do with you. I am a gentleman, a member of Austria's aristocracy, not far removed from the throne. Any lady whom I condescend to marry may feel honored. That is all, monsieur. As I have a very pressing engagement just now, I beg that you will excuse mea. Some other time, monsieur, I promise to oblige you; let it be revolvers, swords—or, sacre! even the jaw bone of an ass!"

He bowed and retreated, something after the fashion of a crab, sideways, so that he might manage to keep a wary eye upon his rival, for he had an uneasy feeling that Rex, who kept his hands carelessly in his pockets, might open fire upon him without removing them; indeed, he had read that this was the favorite manner of taking a dreaded enemy by surprise, practiced extensively out in wild America.

It was only with difficulty that Rex could control his risibles until the doughty count had managed to effect a masterly retreat.

When the Austrian had jumped into a hansom at the curb, and was driven off to keep the imaginary engagement that served as a nexcuse for his leaving the other, Rex chuckled as might a man who had enjoyed a pretty good joke.

"Upon my word, I never knew before chance after perforating the said lover with a sword or bullet; but stex himself made no mean comparison, and with the halo of such extraordinary deeds hanging about his head, he doubtless appeared in the light of an ogre to Count Rudolf.

By degrees, that astute ndividual had come to suspect the identity of his acquaintance, and after Rex had related how he had, as the sheriff of the county, alone and single-handed, squelched an incipient revolution, checked a big jail delivery, and landed the ringleaders behind the bars, the count remarked, eagerly:

erly: "Ha! then you are an American, n'sieur?"
"Certainly—such affairs could not cossibly happen in any other country," replied Rex, coolly, offering the count a

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western methods."

"By Jove! It was as good as a circus,' said a voice near by, and, behold,
Bridgewater issued forth from be'i'nd a
pillar, which had easily concealed his

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### SENATE VACANCIES.

Death of Senator Bernier Makes Night Riders Attempt to Kill the Fourth.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.-There are now four Sen storal vaciences to be filled, namely, two i Nova Scotia, one in Ontario, and one in Man toba. In Nova Scotia the vaciences are ove a year standing. In Optario the vacancy was caused by the death of Senator Merner last caused by the death of Senator Merner last summer, and in Manitoba the death of Sena ator Bernier last week made the fourth va-cancy in the Upper Chamber. It is unlikely that any appointments to fill the vacancies will be made until just prior to the open-ing of Parliament. In Nova Scotia Mr. H. J. Logan, ex-M. P.

Severe Fighting in Persia. Teheran, Jan. 3.—Serious disturbances have occurred at Ispahan, which lies 210 mile south of Teheran. Bakhtlari tribesmen hav

#### SAVED OTHERS. But Porter at Meriden, Conn., Was

Killed Himself. Meriden, Conn., Jan. 3.-Risking his life

serveen. Conn., Jaa. 3.—Risking his life to save those of Mrs. Philip Gauthier and her child, who were on the tracks, Michael Donlon ran in front of the New York-Boston express over the New York, New Haven & Haverford Railroad at the station here yestgrday and rescued both, but was fatally hurt himself. Mrs. Gauthier and her child eccaped practically unhurt. The platform was thronged with people who were waiting for the incoming express.

Unexpectedly the child slipped away from Unexpectedly the child slipped away from its mother and ran out on the tracks. Mrs. Gauthler sprang after the child. Donlon saw the act and in a single bound separated the mother and child, throwing each in an opposite direction clear of the engine. Donlon could not get out of the way and was struck. He died last night.

badly that he never recovered from his inpuries.

The body of George Plastow, a farmhand in Vaughan township, missing for two weeks, has been found in a field. Beath was due to exposure. Fifty dollars he had is missing.

Word was received in Toronto yesterday that Mrs. Fred. G. Cox. of Glen Road, Rosedale, died suddenly of heart failure in Chicago on Saturday morning.

### SHOT AT HIM.

Attorney-General.

Union City, Tenn. Jan. 2.—An attempt was research tanwell, who has been active in the presecution of the night riders now on trial here for the murder of Captain Rankin. He was followed from the depot by a man, who shot at him twice as he neared his home. Union City is not well lighted, and as the man ran, after firing the shots, the Attorney-General could not identify him.

The defence rested its case in the night rider trials this afternoon and the State becan its rebuttal testimony, which will be well as the state of the country of the country of the state of the country of the

Finer triats this atternoon and the State kan its rebuttal testimony, which will be c cluded Monday. The most startling story the day was that of Mrs. Bud Morris, w of a witness, who swore he had been pres at the murder of Captain Rankin and at the murder of Captain Rankin and had recognized some of the accused. Mrs. Morris had been on the stand yeeteday and had sworn that her husband was at home the night of the murder. To-day she took the stand again and stated that she had perjured herself yesterday because night riders had threatened her, and had further told her that her husband would be hanged unless she swore he was at home.

When court adjourned, Mrs. Morris, accommanied by her husband and baby, under the protection of six soidlers, left for Dresden, Weakly County, where she will live in future. She was in such terror of her life that she did not even wait to get her other two children or her personal effects.

#### NEW YEAR'S FIGHT.

Charles Stonley Dies at Halifax From His Injuries.

Halifax, Jan. 3.—Chas. Stonley, a stevedore Halifax, Jan. 3.—Chas. Stonley, a stevedore, aged 32, died to-day in the hospital as the result of a fight on New Year's Day, and Wm. Lawler, aged 29, and Lewis Shea, aged 21, of Windsor, are held on the charge of manualther. All had been drinking and a fight occurred in which the two men are alleged to have attacked Stonley, and beat him so badly that he never recovered from his inpuries.

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