THE GREAT K.E.A

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CHAPTER XV.—Continued.

How it would have ended I don't know, but as they sprang off the car platform Miss Cullen came out on it. and stood there, one hand holding on to the doorway, as if she needed support, and the other covering her heart. It was too far for me to see her face, but the whole attitude expressed such suffering that it was terrible to see. What was more, her position put her might not devery shot the cowbors might not devery shot the cowbors might not have sloped them I would have done so, the ince that was impossible, I cried:

"Mr. Camp, I'll surrender the letters,"

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"Hold on, boys," shouted Baldwin;
"wait till we get the property he stole." And, coming through the crowd, he threw the noose off my neck.

"Don't shoot, Mr. Cullen," I yelled, as my friends halted and raised their riffes, and, fortunately, the cowboys had opened up enough to let them hear me and see that I was free of

hear me and section the rope.

Excorted by Camp, Baldwin and the cowboys, I walked toward them. On the way Baldwin said, in a low voice, "Deliver the letters, and we'll tell the boys there has been a mistake. Otherwise..."

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When we came up to the five, I
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called to them that I had agreed to
surrender the letters. While I was
saying it, Miss Cullen Joined them,
and it was curious to see how respectfully the cowboys took off their hats
and fell back.
"You are quite right," Mr. Cullen
called. "Give them the letters at
once."

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"Oh, do, Mr. Gordon." said Madge, still white and breathless with emotion. "The money is nothing. Durit think—" It was all she could say. I felt pretty small, but with Camp and Baldwin, now reinforced by Judge Wilson, I went to the station, ordered the agent to open the safe, took out the three letters, and handed them to Mr. Camp, realizing how poor Madge must have felt on Hance's trail. It was a pretty big take down to my pride, I tell you, and made all the worse by the way the three gloated over the letters and over our defeat. "We've taught you a lesson, young the proxies were all right." Succeeded them into his pocket. "And we'll teach you another one after to-day's election."
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Just as he concluded, we heard outside the fart note of a bugle, and as it sounded "By fours, column left," my heart gave a big jump and the blood came rushing to my face. Camp, Baldwin and Wilson broke for the door, but I got there first, and prevented their escape. They tried to force their way through but I hadn't blocked and interfered at football for nothing, and they might as well have tried to break through the Sierras. Discovering this, Camp whipped out his gun, and told me to let them out. Beling used to the West, I recognized the goodness of the argument and stepped cut on the platform, giving them free passages. But the twenty them free passages, But the twenty a good of caraliry swinging a circle



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"Give me those letters," the captain interrupted, round the station, and we had barely reached the platform when the bugle sounded "Halt," quickly followed by "Forward left." As the ranks wheeled and closed up as a solid line about us. I could have cheered with delight. There was a moment's dramatic hush, it is which we could all heart the breathing of the winded horses, and then came the clatter of aword and spure, as an officer sprang from his saddle. "I want Richard Gordon," the officer called. I responded, "At your service, and badly in need of yours, Captain Sing-off."

er."
"Hope the delay hasn't spoilt
things," said the captain. "We had a
cursed fool of a guide, who took the
wrong trail and ran us into Limestone

Canon, where we had to camp for th

night."

I explained the situation as quickly as I could, and the captain's eyes gleamed. "In have given a bad quarter to have got here ten minutes sooner and ridden my men over those scoundrels," he muttered. "I saw them scatter as we rode up, and if I'd known what they deen doing we'd have them scatter as we rode up, and if I'd known what they deen doing we'd walked over the work." Then he walked over the work of the the

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A Gloomy Goodby.

A' that point my importance ceased. Apparently seeing that the game was up, Air. Camp after in the morning the seed of the company of the company of the camp at the camp and up, and

Of the interview which took place inside 218, I can speak only at second-hand, and the world knows about az well as I how the contest was com-promised by the K. & A. being turned over to the Missouri Western, the ter-ritory in Southern California being divided between the California Cen-tral and the Great Southern, and a traffle arrangement agreed upon that satisfied the G. S. That afternoon a Missouri Western board for the K. & Job for Judge Kennedy.

About seven or eight years ago, Missouri Western board for the K. & A. is own on when he employee of the city of New of Missouri Western board for the K. & A. is own my report of the holdings up went in, he had the expense of the city in turn elected Mr. Culturn and the pleasure of reading it. I closed it in with a request for instructions, but I never received any, and that ended the matter. I turned over the letters to the special agent at Figstaff, and if yet proper is summering in each place of the matter. I turned over the letters to the special agent at Figstaff, and if yet proper is summering in each place of the matter. I turned over the letters to the special agent at Figstaff, and if yet proper is summering in each place of the special agent at Figstaff, and if yet proper is summering in each place of the special agent at Figstaff, and if yet proper is summering in each place of the proper in the proper is summering in each place of the pla

which by this deal had become one of the largest railroad systems in the world and the largest railroad systems in the world and the largest railroad systems in the world and the largest railroad and the largest railroad and the largest railroad and the position long, for within two years I was offered the presidency of the Chicago & St. Paul, and I think that was won on merit. Whether or not, I hold the position still, and have made my road earn and pay dividends right through the panic.

All this is getting away ahead of events, however. The election delayed us so that we couldn't couple on to No. 4 that afternoon, and consequently we had to lie that night at Ash Forks. I made the officers my excess for keeping them away from carcess for keeping them away from pany to the bittercate of the good contained the component of the fter giving them a good breakfast



I made believe not to see it. about six o'clock we shook hi the bugle sounded, and off they For the first time I understood h fellow disappointed in love come enlist.

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Call it Quits.

"Mabel," said Archibald, "now that we are engaged we should have no secrets from each other, should we, dear?"

"No," said Mabel, after she had assured herself that her mother was not listening in the next room.

"Well, then," he continued, "do please tell me just how old you are."

"With pleasure," said Mabel. "But first, Archiballed, please tell me just how much you get a week."

Archiball pondered. His mind ran ahead into the future.

"Torgive me, Mabel," he responded, "it was none of my business to ask."

Bed Hale, and Kettledows.

Red Hair and Kettledrums.

"What is the connection between red-haired men and kettledrums."

"Well, you needn't laugh," she went on a bit warmly as her companion smiled. "T've been coming to the opera for the past dozen years, and it's like the red-haired girl and the white horse—you never see one without the horse—you never see one without the

other.
"There seems to be some psychological principle involved. Only the men with red or auburn hair have a genius for the instruments. You watch and see if it's not so."—New York, Sun.

Limit to His Jurisdiction.
Judge Johnson, a retired judge of
the district of Blackstone, was elected selectman of the town. The town
appropriated money each year for concreting a certain amount of sidewalks,
the abutters to pay half the cost of
the work.

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One day the judge became involved in an argument with one of the abutters, and losing his temper told him to "go to b—1."

"So to h—1."
"Say, judge, ain't you going out of ur jurisdiction? I thought Worster was as far as you could send y one," the abutter replied.—Boston any one Herald.

Job for Judge Kennedy.

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About seven or eight years ago,
when the employes of the city of Newton, Mass., were compelled to become
clitzens under the civil service act,
many applications for papers were
made to Judge Kenndy of the local
court.

DOG TROUBLES RAILROAD. DUTY OF THE SWITCHMAN. ABOUT FLOOR COVERINGS.

Likes Woolly West, Escapes from Car and Avoids Capture for Long

Managing the Intricate System Which Controls an Ele-vated Junction,

Likes Weelly West, Lesepes from Case and Avolds Capture for Long Time.

One how-legged pup, with a lengthy pedigree and an adventurous spirit, has been the cause of more gray hairs to the baggage mea, telegraph operation of the baggage mea, telegraph operation in terrier, owned by Lynn Batton of the hairs of the Batton of the Union Fredictions upon past sins. The animal in question is a 11,000 prize Boston in terrier, owned by Lynn Button of the case of Bos Schmaling. Train baggage master, and started on the way to the coast. Beling from Boston, His Barkleis was intensely interested in charge of Bos Schmaling. Train stopped at Cheyenne be set with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of possible with the life of the car with every expression of animate of the car with the life of the frontier. That started the trouble and the

Is allway Employes of Baden Served with Hot Drink by the Companies.

During the last summer and winter the officials of the Baden railroads inaugurated the practice of serving hot confect to their employes at the expense of the management of the railroads of alcoholic drinks has materially decreased as a result of the practice and the efficiency of the workmen has increased. It has been observed that the employes have performed their various duties more choservilly adhamated the employes and the efficiency of the workmen in the various and have been more faithful in the discharge of the same.

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This practice of serving hot collecture the railroad officials have decided to serve hot nonalcoholic drinks to the employes on all the Baden railroads during the present winter.

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Denim May Be Used to Cover Center of Worn Carpet—Rugs of Home-Make.

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It is real economy to cover the floor of two or more rooms with the same kind of carpet, then when they become worn through the center the best part can be put together to make one carpet.

Many housekeepers use a large quare of denim in the middle of the room when the floor is covered with a thin carpet, or with one that is badly worn. It saves the carpet wonder-fully, and is made by sewing several wildless of denim together. Be sure a denim together. Be sure a denim that will go well with the same that the

have the carpet bails worse into rug-instead of the old-fashloned rag car-pets.

The rugs look very neat and pretty
it they have a solid middle of some plain color with a contrasting border.

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White and faded cotton pieces can be colored any of the bright shades with the diamond dyes for cotton and the faded woolen pieces with the dyes for wool. The woven-rugs are much easier to make than any other-home-made rug, all that is needed is to cut the rags evenly, see and wind them into balls, and for a few cents a yard the carpet weaver will do the rest.— Prairie Parmer.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

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If alum is added to the paste used in covering those with paper or for scrapbooks moths or mice will not invade them.

Ink and fruit stains may be reimoved from white linens and cottons by sooking them for a few hours in kerosene, then washing in hot water.

Allow a shorter raising for bread to be cooked by steam, since the dough will rise during the cooking because of the lower temperature employed.

To can free a moth-infested closet of the result of the cooking here in the cooking because of the lower temperature and eggs, by our ing hot harras and eggs, to or in pan set upon hot bricks in our or in pan set upon hot bricks in our or in pan set upon hot bricks in the closest. Shut the door as soon as the vinegar hisses upon the heated surface of the pan and don't open again that day.

In shaking blankets care must always be taken to catch them about a foot from the selvedge, otherwise a risk is run of

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In shaking blankers care must always be taken fo catch them about a foot from the selvedge, otherwise a risk is run of tearing them.

Skewer baked fish with thin silces of sait pork or bacon. Fresh fish will be improved in flavor if fried in fat used previously for the same purpose.

Coffee and tea stains, if rubbed with butter and afterward washed in hot scopenies, will come out, leaving the scopenies, will come out, leaving the suspense, will come out, leaving the suspense of the same purpose.

To have one's kitchen free from smoke or odor when frying _riddle cakes try adding one teaspoonful of melical lard to the batter and do not greene the griddle. If you suspect that pickles have been colored with copper, you can satisfy yourself with a very simple test. Put some pieces of the pickle into a vial containing a mixture of equal parts of animonia and water. If there is any containing a mixture of equal parts of animonia and water. If there is any containing a mixture of equal parts of animonia and water. If there is any containing a mixture of equal parts of animonia and water. If there is any containing a mixture of equal parts of animonia and water. If there is any containing a fixed property of the p

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One cupful rice, one quart milli, one tablespoonful chopped parley, yolts of four eggs, sait and pepper to taste. Wash well the rice, put on to boil in Wash well the rice, put on to boil in control of the rice of the

Bread Pudding. Bread Pudding.
Use two cups of stale bread
crumbed, two cups milk, one cup
flour, one cup sugar, one cup ravins,
a tablespoenful of melted bater,
three egrs, two small teaspoonful
baking powder and a half teaspoonful
each of commen slisples and clores.
Boll for two hours is a well-buttered
moid. Serve with meringue and drops
of currant jelly on top.

Sweet Petate Pritters.
A plat of het misched sweet potatoes, two eggs, a captul of Bour, into
which has been afferd a teaspoontial
of baking powder, salt and enough
milk to make a batter. Drop the batter, a tablespoential at vs. time, in
deep fat, smoking het, and cook to a
light brown. Tomate sauce may be
served with the fritters.

Sign of Health.
Rapid growth of the finger nails is sign of good health.