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ed and Mrs. W. Bennett of book Nja, Kansas, who have been visiting Mrs. Bennett's sister Mrs. J. Dale Graham for the past couple of weeks in town, leave for their homes. First the Rajak

Will Bense's posse packing with Arthur Tuesday. now he is

Get your Studebaker wagon buggies and carriages at Fatherrge & Enfield. Miss Zela Locke

It doesn't take Sherlock Guck the Eskimo detective to ferret out the great truth that Lee Turknett sells ice as cold as the North Pole.

Mr. Cadenhead who lives 30 miles west of Hope went to Roswell through Artesia Tuesday.

FRESH COW FOR SALE—Gives about five gallons of milk a day. E. O. Witmer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dixon went to Roswell Tuesday.

W. H. Nichol, of Gainesville, Texas, who has been visiting J. F. Ragsdale, left for his home Tuesday.

The prickly heat quickly disappears when a little Bylo Talcum powder is applied. We carry it, P. V. Drug Co.

Jumbo Junior the elephant always breaks out. That's because he isn't fenced in with Stewart's Iron fence. See L. Turknett

We have just unloaded a large car of wire, Ellwood and American Fence. Prices Lower than any others

BIG JO LUMBER CO

GRAND LEADERS

Big Semi-Annual Clearing Sale

OF SUMMER GOODS AS FOUND LISTED BELOW

6 - Days Only - 6

Beginning Monday Morning July 8th and Ending Saturday Night July 13th

BAR GAINS, BIG BAR GAINS

Extra-Ordinary Bargains

Bargains that you cant afford to miss, values the like of which was never before offered since you were a resident of the Valley.

This is What You Have Been Waiting For

It is the rule of the Grand Leaders to never carry over goods from one season to another, and as we have decided not to wait until the end of the season your chance to buy good clean reliable merchandise right in the heart of the summer is now, **RIGHT NOW.**

GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY

While it is yours, don't wait and pay more money when by taking advantage of this sale you can supply your wants for the whole summer at a big saving. Read over the items carefully, note what you want to see, come in then and let us show you that when we advertise a thing we do just exactly what we say and have what we advertise.

FIGURED LAWNS

A nice variety of those neat little dots and rings that that are in such big demand this season, also quite an assortment of big flowered designs.

40c lawns, the equal of any 50c goods in town, special sale price only **27 1-2c**

Choice of 35c lawns during sale for **22 12c**

Any 25c lawn in the house for **17 1-2c**

A few pieces at 17 1-2c, choice for **12c**

15c and 16 2-3c lawns will go for **11c**

Shelbyville, Indiana, lawns (a big line of patterns) only **8 1-2c**

Street, at the big school, cut down to **7c**

Lawns, just the thing for a cool cheap dress **5c**

Ladies Shirt Waists

During the hot summer days a lady can hardly have too many waists. If you think you'll be apt to run short, note our reductions, then come in and look 'em over.

All \$5 and \$6 waists will be cut to **\$3.80**

\$4 waists, a few left in wash silk, very stylish and pretty. Sale price **\$2.85**

\$3.50 waists, cut during sale to **\$2.65**

\$3.00 waists, both black and white, cut to **\$2.25**

Second 50 waists, choice for **\$1.75**

All work guaranteed. Department of \$2 waists, choice **\$1.35**

Waists will sell for **\$1.05**

Waists reduced to **75c**

Ladies Skirts

The celebrated Fabian make, the kind that fit everywhere, cost not considered. They must go and these prices will make them move.

Choice of any \$10.00 skirt in the house for **\$6.85**

Our line of \$8.50 skirts will go for **\$5.95**

Any \$7.50 skirt in the house is yours for **\$5.45**

All \$6.00 and \$6.50 skirts reduced to **\$4.40**

4.50 and \$5.00 skirts cut in this sale to **\$3.50**

A few \$3.00 skirts left, your choice **\$1.95**

\$2.25 to \$2.50 skirts will sell next week for **\$1.65**

IF YOU NEED A SKIRT NOW IS THE TIME



White Goods

Everything in white goods will be offered you in this sale, plain lawns, persian lawns, swisses, lingerie, duck, dimity, fancy white dress goods, etc. In everything under the line of white dress goods will be offered you at just 25 per cent less than the regular price.



Clothing For Everybody

Here is where we take down the bars and give you full swing at every stitch of ready to wear clothing in the house. You know the kind of clothes we handle, know how big a stock we carry, know the values we have been giving so its up to you to carry these home at the prices we make for all of next week.

A few 25.00 mens suits price during sale **\$17.50**

Choice 20.00 suits for only **13.75**

Any 17.50 suit in the house for **12.45**

Choice 15.00 suits for one week only **10.50**

12.50 to 13.50 will go for **8.90**

10.00 suits are yours for **7.25**

8.50 suits will sell for **6.40**

6.50 mens suits for only **4.60**

5.00 mens suits for only **3.85**

All mens and youths pants at 1-4 off regular prices.

All youths and childrens suits at 25 per cent discount.

You never did have a better chance to buy clothing.

Ladies Parasols and Sunshades

A few left in colors, and a very nice assortment in black. They all go at big reductions.

All \$3.50 grades cut down to **\$2.50**

All \$3.00 grades will go for **\$2.25**

Your choice of our \$2.50 line for **\$1.90**

Our 2.00 line for \$2.50 line will go for **\$1.50**

Choice of \$1.75 parasols for only **\$1.25**

To close out our \$1.50 line we offer them for **\$1.10**

\$1.25 parasols during sale for **95c**

75c parasols during this sale for **55c**

65c parasols during this sale for **48c**

A few white ones left, and please note the following reductions.

\$3.00 white sunshades cut to **\$1.95**

\$2.50 white sunshades cut to **1.60**

2.00 and \$1.75 sunshades cut to **1.20**

75c childrens parasols cut to **50c**

50c childrens parasols cut to **35c**

25c childrens parasols cut to **18c**

Woolen Dress Goods

Your choice of everything on our shelves at 25 per cent reduction, this means a big saving and you cant afford to let it pass by.

Fans will go at Bargain Prices

LADIES OXFORDS

We are anxious to close out entirely all lines that are not the Queen Quality make so offer you some very liberal reductions on all our \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4 grades. Only a few pairs left at \$4. Take them during sale for \$2.75.

\$2.50 grades, good styles for **\$2.40**

3.00 grades patent and kid for **2.15**

15 per cent reduction on all Queen Quality low shoes.

2.00 white canvas Oxfords **1.55**

1.75 white canvas Oxfords **1.35**

Choice of all 2.50 Oxfords for **2.00**

N. B. No reduction on ladies shoes only as listed above.

Ladies, misses, childrens and infants drop stitch hose all go at cut prices.

Mens and Boys Straw Hats.



A few 5.00 panamas left your choice of these for **3.65.**

2.50 straw hats only **1.60**

2.00 straw hats only **1.25**

1.50 straw hats only **95c**

75c straw hats only **48c**

25c straw hats only **18c**

HOW ABOUT A HAT?

Childrens and infants caps have prices to make them move.

Ladies kid, silk and lisle gloves go in this sale at bargain prices.

Liberal reduction on all muslin underwear.

Belts and Purses

We have certainly had a big trade on purses and belts, notso many left but what remain must go to make room for others coming.

Just one red purse left at 1.75 take it for **1.15**

Choice of all 1.00 purses **75c**

Choice of all 75c purses **45c**

Choice of all 65c purses **40c**

Choice of all 25c purses **17c**

75c belts will go for **48c**

35c belts will go for **22c**

10c wash belts only **5c.**

Choice of all 1.25 purses **90c**

Choice of all 85c purses **50c**

Choice of all 60c purses **35c**

50c belts will go for **35c**

25c belts will go for **18c**

Ladies fancy collars cut to the quick.

Ladies black undershirts at bargain prices.

Laces and Embroideries.

Too many kinds and grades to tell of each kind separate but rest assured that we have a very pretty line, a large assortment to make your selection from and during this sale you can buy what you want and we will deduct 1-4 off the regular price.

Please remember that we are not offering our whole stock at reduced prices, and our sale is on goods only that are mentioned above. We can however save you money on anything you wish to purchase in the dry goods line and a call will convince you that this statement is a fact beyond the least shadow of a doubt.

This Sale is For Cash Only

Remember the dates! Sale begins Monday morning July 8th ends Saturday night July 13th.

Grand Leader

ARTESIA'S POPULAR STORE

ARTESIA ADVOCATE

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

JAMES D. WHELAN, Proprietor.

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The Artesia Advocate is published in the Pecos Valley of New Mexico, in the center of the flowing well district. The wells flow from 500 to 5,000 gallons of pure water per minute. There are hundreds of them and the smallest is sufficient to irrigate 320 acres of fruit trees. Production in this country has only begun. We have inducements to immigrants from any other country offers. Land cheap yet. Come and investigate.

The Tenderfoots Speech

This week we give a synopsis of Will A. Robinson's speech at the festival June 21. It was a great speech; through which the long current of humanitarian philosophy flowed irresistibly. There were a few curious little eddies that swirled back carrying their modicum of flotsom. For instance, "Roosevelt is invariably right in his ultimatums and in his executions."

Evidently the Tenderfoot did not stop to think of the number of "ultimatums" Theodore issued, on all kinds of subjects and, moreover, how many "executions" the President has killed off. Had he done so, he could scarcely have attributed to his chief magistrate the united qualities of infallibility of judgment, mercy of utterance and speciality of personality, as he does in the sentence just quoted.

The statement was, we believe, a somewhat hyperbolic way of saying that he generally approves the policies of President Roosevelt, especially in regard to his dealings with Herbert Hagerman. We hardly believe that Mr. Robinson is a victim of that strange malady, Teddymania, which impels the patient to see consistent policy of profound equity, in contradictory actions apparently prompted only by impulsiveness.

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Well! Well! WELL!!!

Do You Want a Well?

Chapman & Cogdell, expert drillers, 10 years experience, new system of casing, lead seal clinch prevents escape of water. Reference: Crouch well, Rainard well, Nelson well, Jackson well and White well. For particulars see

R. Gesler, Manager and Contractor

A Memorable Day. One of the days we remember with pleasure, as well as with profit to our pocket, is the one on which we became acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless purifiers that cure headache, biliousness, and keep the bowels regular. Sec. at Pecos Valley Drug Store.

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What is worth doing at all is worth doing well. This is the nature of an artesian well so if you want a well made and made well, with the latest improved and best machinery, operated by drillers of 20 years successful experience, you should contract with Mull. Then your well will be made right and nobody "skinned."

In Good Taste.

The following from the associated press dispatches as given in the Kansas City Journal (Rep.) shows the delicacy of our executive:

Atlanta, Ga., June 14.—President Roosevelt spoiled Georgia at the Jamestown exposition for a lot of Georgians who were invited to attend for the purpose of delivering speeches, by crying whenever an orator was about to be introduced, "Cut it short," or "Cut it out."

The president kept up this "cut it out" cry, according to Governor Terrell and others who were present, during the entire day, and in consequence many Georgians have returned with their great orations still fermenting in an undelivered state.

President Roosevelt, according to Governor Terrell, was in a peculiarly strenuous humor when he reached the exposition grounds, the president seemed to be imbued with the idea that if he himself delivered the two speeches he was down for there would be no need for anybody else to speak.

When Commissioner Mitchell, of the Georgia commission, known as "Windy" in Atlanta, rose to introduce Mr. Roosevelt, the latter in a shrill whisper said: "O, cut it out," and that whisper took the wind out of Mitchell.

Governor Terrell himself fared no better, for he encountered the presidential "Cut it short," and reduced his speech to two brief paragraphs. Governor Terrell laughs over the incident, but there are some of the Georgians who are not happy. Among these is John Temple Graves, whose speciality is delivering himself of rounded periods, and no man relishes having his speciality banned by a strident "Cut it short."

Hotel Artesia

J. C. GAGE, Proprietor

Oldest and Best Hotel in City. Terms \$1.50 per day American Plan.

Special Rates By Week or Month

GREAT BIG GUSHER

Butler Brings In Big Well That Flows Lots

This week S. A. Butler brought in a well flowing four feet above an eight inch casing for the X. L. ranch six miles south of Artesia.

Cured Three of the Family With one Bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

"I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and found it to be all claimed for it in the advertisements. Three of the family have used it with good results in summer complaint."—H. E. Howe, publisher of the Press, Highland, Wis. For sale by City Drug Store.

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Lee Turknnett, LOCAL AGENT, ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO. Mr. Turknnett also sells distilled water, sodapop, carbonated gas and ice.

Stray Horse Strayed Thursday night, a medium brown horse, seven years old, weight 1000 pounds, light black tail, brand on right shoulder front hoofs saved. Last seen near west of Cottonwood springs headed towards Artesia. Leave word at Advocate office. Will pay all expense. W. M. Walterscheid.

Your Liver is out of order. You go to bed in a bad humor and get up with a bad taste in your mouth. You want something to stimulate your liver. Just try Herbine, the liver regulator. A positive cure for Constipation, Dyspepsia and all liver complaints. Mrs. F. Ft. Worth, Texas writes: Have used Herbine in my family for years. Words can't express what I think about it. Everybody in my house hold are happy and well, and we owe it to Herbine. Sold by Redford & Mann.

Sunday Dinner at Artesia Hotel. The Artesia, the leading hotel of the city will hereafter give a special Sunday dinner, from 12 to 2 o'clock local time at regular price. Also board and room \$1.50 per day. Meals 35 cents.

Board and room \$7.00 a week or \$25.00 a month.

Did you ever have a vague feeling of unrest—that you wanted something yet could not decide what? If so, next time try one of those soul-satisfying, thirst-destroying, health-producing Egg-Flips served at Pecos Valley Drug Co. They touch the spot.

Take the Postmasters Word For It

Mr. F. M. Hamilton, postmaster at Cherryvale, Ind., keeps also a stock of general merchandise and patent medicines. He says: "Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is standard here in his line. It never fails to give satisfaction and we could hardly afford to be without it." For sale by City Drug Store.

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At Pecos Valley News Office

PIANO TUNING, REGULATING AND REPAIRING

Mrs. F. E. Turner, recommended by the Central School of Piano Tuning of Shelbyville, Indiana, and holds a diploma from this school, kindly solicits your favors. Charge for tuning \$3. Regulating and repairing at reasonable rates.

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Constipation For constipation there is nothing quite so nice as Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They always produce a pleasant movement of the bowels without any disagreeable effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. City Drug Store.

John Majors has been suffering with pneumonia but is recovering.

Work Wanted I am prepared to do plowing or ditching for assessment or crops. M. O. Tuttle Artesia N. M.

Dray Line Low wagon for hauling pianos and household goods. Phone 24. T. T. KUYKENDALL

City Transfer W. J. Williamson, Prop. All kinds of hauling and transfer work. Give me a call.

A Fool For Love BY FRANCIS LYNDÉ

John's reply was conspicuous by its absence.

"I'm going to give Winton a tip if it's the last thing I ever do. They'll rush him like a rat in a corner!" She shook her head and pointed eastward to the mouth of the lateral gulch. Under cover of a clump of brush a man in a wide-brimmed hat and leather breeches was climbing swiftly to the level of the new line, cautiously waving a handkerchief as a peace token. "That is the man who arrested Mr. Winton yesterday. This time he is going to fight on the other side. He'll carry the warning."

"Think so?" said Calvert.

"I am sure of it. Open the window, please. I want to see better."

As yet there was no sign of preparation on the embankment. For the moment the arms of the track force were laid aside, and every man was playing pick or shovel as if his life depended on the amount of earth he could add to the re-forming dump in a given number of minutes.

Winton was in the thick of the pick-and-shovel melee, urging it on, when Biggin ran up.

"Hi!" he shouted. "Fixin' to take another play-day in Carbonate? Lookee down yonder!"

Winton looked and came alive to the possibilities in the turning of a leaf.

"Guns!" he yelled; and at the word of command the tools were flung aside, and the track force, over 200 strong, became an army, not with banners, but well-weaponed withal. Winton snapped out his orders like a martinet major of drill squads.

"Mulcahy, take half the men and go up the grade till you can rake those fellows without hitting the car. Branagan, you take the other half and go down along till you can cross-fire with Mulcahy. Aim low, both of you; and the man who fires before he gets the word from me will break his neck at a rope's end. Fall in!"

"By Jove!" said Adams. "Are you going to resist? That spells felony, doesn't it?"

Winton pointed to the waiting octo-

pod. "I'm going to order the 215 down out of the way; you may go with her if you like."

"I guess not!" quoth the technologist, calmly lighting a fresh cigarette. And then to the water boy, who was acting quartermaster, "Give me a rifle and a cartridge belt, Chunky, and I'll stay here with the boss."

"And where do I come in?" said Biggin, reproachfully.

"You'll stay out, if your head's level. You've done enough now to send you to Canyon City, if anybody cares to take it up. Heavens and earth, man! Do you forget that you are a sworn officer of the law?"

"I ain't a-forgettin' nothing," said Peter, cheerfully, casting himself flat behind a heap of earth on the dump-edge and sighting one section of his hip battery over the breastwork.

Winton pounced upon him, gasping. "Here, you fire-eater! you mustn't shoot!" he protested. "It's only a long bluff, and I'm going to raise the limit so those fellows can't come in. There are ladies in that car!"

"You play your blunn' hand and lemme alone," said the ex-cowboy. "I'm jest goin' to have a little fun with old Bart Deckert walle the sun's a-shinin' in."

It was at this moment, while the sheriff's posse was picking its way gingerly over the loose rock and earth dam formed by the landslide, that the window went up in the Rosemary and Winton saw Virginia. Without meaning to, she gave him his battle-word. While she looked on he would fight to win, and that without violence.

"We are a dozen Winchester to your one, Mr. Deckert, and we shall resist force with force. Order your men back or there will be trouble."

Winton stood out on the edge of the cutting, a solitary figure where a few minutes before the earth had been flying from a hundred shovels.

The sheriff's reply was an order, but not for retreat.

"He's one of the men we want; cover him!" he commanded; and Virginia caught her breath. Was she to see him shot down before her eyes?

Happily the tragedy was only potential. Unless the public occasion appeals strongly to the sympathies or the passions, a picked-up sheriff's posse is not likely to have very good metal in it. Winton was covered by three or four of the guns, pointed awkwardly, and Peter Biggin laughed.

"Don't be no ways nervous," he said in an aside to Winton. "Them professional ventry chumps couldn't hit the side of Pacific Peak."

Winton held his ground, waiting the turn of events and looking on, not without interest, while the sheriff tried to drive his men up a bare slope commanded by 200 rifles to right and left. The attempt was a humiliating failure. Being something less than soldiers trained to do or die, the dupes hung back to a man, hugging the backgrounding shelter of the Rosemary as if they were shackled to the private car by invisible chains.

Virginia, standing at the open window and trembling with excitement, could not forbear a smile. It was too much for the sheriff, the added straw, and his exhortation to his foot-posse burst into caustic profanity. Whereupon Mr. Peter Biggin rose up in his place, took careless aim, and sent a bullet to plow a little furrow in the ice and frozen snow within an inch of deckert's heels.

"Bux-exe me, Bart," he drawled, "but no cuss words don't go in this here high-falootin' show. They pains us extreme."

Under ordinary circumstances the sheriff would have replied to Mr. Biggin's rebuke in a kind. As it was, he ignored Peter Biggin as a person who could be argued with at leisure and turned his attention to Winton.

"Come down!" he bellowed.

Winton laughed. The tide had turned, and he knew it.

"Let me return the invitation. Come up, and you may read your warrants to us all day."

The crisis was past. Deckert withdrew his men, and at Winton's signal the track layers came in and the earth began to fly again.

Virginia sighed her relief, and Besse plucked up courage to go to the window, which she had deserted in the moment of impending battle.

"Oh-h-h! I wish Uncle Somerville would take us away!" she gasped.

"Can't you persuade him, Virginia, dear?"

"I'll try," said Virginia, gravely, foreseeing future tragic situations too terrifying to be witnessed.

"Breakfast is served," announced the waiter as calmly as if the morning meal were the only matter of consequence in a world of happenings.

They gathered about the table, a silent trio, made presently a quartette by the advent of Mrs. Carteret, who, from having her stateroom on the peaceful side of the Rosemary, had just seen nor heard anything of the warlike episode with which the day had begun.

"Having weighty matters to discuss with Sheriff Deckert, Mr. Darrah was late, so late that when he came in Virginia was the only one of the quartette who remained at table. She stayed to pour his coffee and to bespeak peace, knowing full well that the time was unpropitious, but believing that the crisis was its own best excuse.

"Uncle Somerville, can't we win without calling in these horrid men with their guns?" she began, plunging desperately into the midst of things.

A mere shadow of a grim-smile came and went in the Rajah's eyes.

"An unprejudiced outsider might say that the 'horrid men with their guns' were on top of that embankment, my dear—ten to one she'd be remarked." "It was the first time I ever saw Miltch Deckert show the white teeth."

"But I should think we might win

in some other way. What is it you want to do?—specifically, I mean. Make me your ally and see if I can't help you."

Mr. Darrah pushed his plate aside and cleared his throat.

"For business reasons which you—ah—wouldn't understand we can't let the Utah finish this railroad of theirs into Carbonate this winteh."

"So much I have inferred. But Mr. Winton seems to be very determined."

"Mmph! I wish Mr. Callowell had favehed us with someone else—anyone else. That young fellow is a baww fighteh, my dear."

"You mean that another man might make it easier for you?"

"I mean that another man would probably daily along—with outh help—till the snows come."

Virginia had a bright idea, and she advanced it without examining too closely into its ethical part.

"Mr. Winton is working for wages, isn't he?" she asked.

"Of course; big money, at that. His sawt come high."

"Well, why can't you hire him away from the other people. Mr. Callowell might not be so fortunate next time. And it wouldn't be dishonorable in Mr. Winton to resign and take a better place, would it?"

The Rajah sat back in his chair and regarded her thoughtfully. Then a slow smile twitched the huge mustaches and worked its way up to the fierce eyes.

"What is it?" she asked.

"Nothing, my dear—nothing at all. I was just wondering how a woman's—ah—sense of proportions was put together. But your plan has merit. Do I understand that you will faveh me with your help?"

"Why, yes, certainly, if I can," she assented, not without dubiety.

"That is, I'll be nice to Mr. Winton, if that is what you mean."

The saying of it cost her a blush and Mr. Darrah remarked it. But he did not give her time to retract.

"That is precisely what I mean, my dear. We'll begin by having him head to dinner this evening, him and the other young man—what's his name?—Adams."

"But, uncle," she began, in hesitant protest, "what ever will he think?"

"Nevah mind what he thinks. You faveh me, my dear Virginia, by sending him a right pretty invitation. You know how to do those things, and I—why, bless my soul—I've quite forgotten."

Virginia found pen, ink and paper, something doubting—doubting a great deal, if the truth were told—but not knowing how to go about refusing a confederacy which she herself had proposed.

And the upshot of the matter was a dainty note which found its way by the hands of the private car porter to Winton, laboring manfully at his task of repairing the landslide damages; this in the middle of the afternoon, after the sheriff's train had come back to Carbonate and all opposition seemed to have been withdrawn.

"Mr. Somerville's Darrah's," said Mr. John Winton, and Mr. Morton P. Adams and he will be pleased if they will dine with the party in the car Rosemary at seven o'clock.

"Informal."

"Wednesday December the Ninth."

CHAPTER VIII. Adams said "By Jove!" in his most cynical drawl when Winton gave him the dinner-bidding to read; then he laughed.

Winton recovered the dainty note, folding it carefully and putting it in his pocket. He happened to address same as that of "Adams" was the ed from Ope—446 telegram abstract-book. Carter's sending.

"I don't see anything to laugh at," he objected, in the tone of one who does not mean to see.

"No? You must be in fathoms deep, not to be able to multiply such a very evident twice two. First the Rajah sends the sheriff's posse packing with out striking a blow, and now he invites us to dinner. What's the infernal sense?"

"Oh, I don't know as there has to be an inference. Let us say he has seen the error of his way and means to come down gracefully."

"Don't you believe it! Beware of the Greeks bringing gifts. You are going to be hit right where you live this time."

Winton growled his disapproval of any such uncharitable hypothesis.

"You make me exceedingly tired at odd moments, Morty. Why can't you give Mr. Darrah the credit of being what he really is at bottom—a right-hearted Virginia gentleman of the old school?"

"Ye gods and little minnows!—worse and more of it! You don't mean that you are going to accept!" said Adams, aghast.

"Certainly; and so are you. We shall have quite enough of Mr. Man-tal-tal's 'demition grind' up here in this God-forsaken wilderness without scampering our one little chance to forget it for a few social minutes."

There was no more to be said, and the technologist held his peace while Winton scribbled a line of acceptance on a leaf of his note-book and sent it across to the Rosemary by the hand

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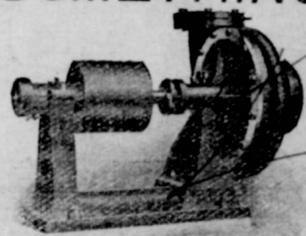
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