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agreeable. We must reach the shelter of the buttes. Trust your horse to me and stick to the saddle.'

Away, like the wind itself, flew the two horses. They needed no whip or spur to urge them on. They knew from what they were fleeing.

The wind had risen to a mad tempest, and the hot, dry particles of sand cut like hailstones as they were hurled through the air. The horses skirted a deep washout,dashed through the dry arroy, climbed the crumbling bank beyond and struck out over the cactus covered table land.

The earth was blotted out. Land and sky were blent in one reddish gray swirl of sand. The great cottonwoods along the dry water course lay flat to the ground. The straw from the scattered stacks was thick on the wind.

'Thank God! That is the Ten Mile post!' Farnsworth shouted in Janet's ear. 'Have courage! We are close on to the Black Butte!'

Brown Lass stepped in a gopher's hole, stumbled and fell, but Farnsworth caught the girl as the beast went down and flung her across the saddle in front of him, while he dug his spurs deep into the sides of his blowing horse.

Then came a mighty gust that seemed to tear up the very earth. It whirled horse and rider round in a circle. Farnsworth's thoroughbred gave a desperate plunge forward, and the great bulk of the Black Butte was behind them. The baffled wind howled harmlessly by, and the quiet was like heaven.

Farnsworth lifted Janet to the ground and removed the stifling blanket from her head. Brown Lass came up at a reckless pace, whinnying and blown, to join the other horse.

'You are alive,' cried Farnsworth, hoarsely. 'I did not know but I had smothered you! Lean against the rock. The storm is nearly spent. By Jove! It was the worst of its kind I have ever encountered, and I have been out in some bad blows.'

Janet sank upon the ground, faint and dizzy. Farnsworth knelt beside her and chafed her cold hands. The man's virile strength infused itself into her weakness, and life came back to her. She drew her hands from his. He stood up and looked away toward the west, where a streak of light showed behind the black drift of the storm.

'It will clear presently,' he said 'we shall be home to supper.'

Then he went and sat on the stump of a fallen cedar. Janet looked at him through the haze of the storm, and thought that in all her life she had never seen any one so handsome and so masterful. By and by the sun broke out. The wind died utterly. Only the heaped billows of sand told what the storm had been.

The two mounted their horses and road homeward—silent and divided, like total strangers.

A week afterward the great snow storm came. It lasted three days and covered the mountains waist deep. It drifted down into the canyons until the very tree tops were buried.

The transcontinental trains were stalled in the mountain passes. The hungry bears came down to the settlements for food. The jack rabbits froze stiff sitting up in the snow to look for safety. The very buzzards lost their way in the windracked clouds and flew southward.

The hapless cattle and sheep on the exposed range drifted forlornly before the storm and piled up against the merciless wire fences, to be trampled beneath the hoofs of their fellows or to die the lingering death of starvation.

Throughout the storm Constantia had been strangely restless and excited. She walked the floor of her chamber incessantly. She did not sleep, but stretched out her jeweled hands to the mist-hidden mountain peaks and called constantly:

'Carlos! Carlos! Come back to me!'

Janet exerted every effort in her power to quiet her, but in vain.

Constantia only looked at her with blind, uncomprehending eyes, and was deaf to all her loving expostulations. Old Margaret stood helplessly by and wrung her withered hands.

'Heaven save us!' cried the old woman. 'It is the desert madness! It has never left her since—since—Oh, my poor lady! Come away from the window. Come away, dearie, and lie down where you will not see that dreadful mountain where———'

'It was on the desert,' moaned Constantia, 'close up in the shadows of San Otero, just where Eagle Rock juts over. Oh, how hot the sands were! They burned my feet, and the awful blaze of the sun scorched my brain. Then the terrible torrent came rushing down through the canyon and it swept him away! Oh, Carlos, Carlos! come back to me!' Her voice rose to a shriek, and Farnsworth, pale and distraught, came hurriedly into the room.

It was the first time Janet had ever seen him there. He went to Constan-[...]k her two shaking hands [...] he said, soothingly, [...]e and sit here by [...] watch the flames [...]e used to do in [...] wearying Miss [...]elf.' [...] him with [...] Carlos!' [...]d threw

open the window. She leaned far out into the storm, but Farnsworth drew her gently back and closed the heavy shutters.

Janet stole softly from the room. When she returned Constantia slept and Farnsworth was gone.

The snowfall ceased that night, and the next morning the atmosphere had softened wonderfully. The light breeze that floated up from the valley was like an April breath. A thin haze covered the sky. The mountain peaks had drawn so near that it seemed as if one could reach out a hand and touch their sacred foreheads. The rustle of the cedar on the high foothills could be distinctly heard.

Then the wind came.

'It is the chinook!' cried old Margreat, as she hastened to close and bolt the doors. 'God help us! The snow will melt in an hour, and everything living in the valleys will be drowned! just as it was five years ago this very month!'

Farnsworth hastily saddled his horse, and with a half dozen of his men went out on the range to collect the scattered bunches of cattle and bring them to the shelter of the stacks.

Janet caught the spirit of unrest which was abroad over everything.

She went out on the piazza and looked off over the vast outstretching country. The San Otero Canyon was full of swirling vapor tossed madly about by the swiftly rising wind. The mountains lay garish white in the shifting light. The very atmosphere seemed to smoke. The wind, hot and suffocating, roared like thunder in the pine forests.

Suddenly there was a sound, louder and deeper than anything which had preceded it. It shook the earth and dislodged the great stones on the mountain side.

Down the rugged uplift of San Otero a thin, black streak broke through the snow pack. Janet gazed upon it with facinated eyes. The streak widened and spread. It rumbled down the jagged rocks, it leaped high over the precipices and flung great jets of foam out on the air.

'It was water!'

'Old Margaret came rushing out with a face white as the dead.

'God of heaven save us!' she cried. 'The reservoir has burst!'

'The reservoir?' cried Janet, wonderingly.

'The reservoir which was built to hold the melting snows of the San Otero range. The water irrigates the valley and runs the machinery at the mine.'

A man on horseback, wild eyed and bareheaded, dashed up to the house and called out excitedly:

'Where is the master? The dam has been cut and all the water of San Otero is upon us!'

Then he struck his spurs into his horse's side and galloped off to warn the ranchmen down the valley.

Filled with a nameless terror, Janet ran back to Constaintia's room only to find it tenantless.

She alarmed the household with her cries. It was easy to see how Constantia had gone. The tracks made by her light slippers had sunk deep into the soft snow, and they led straight down the incline toward Eagle Rock.

When Margaret saw the direction they had taken she sank back against the wall, pale and trembling.

'It is fate!' she exclaimed, despairingly: 'she will die as Carlos died! Swept to her doom in the waters of the canyon!'

Janet ran past the frightened servants along the path made by Constantia. The melting snow slipped away from beneath her feet. Twice she stumbled and fell, but, unmindful of everything, she ran on until she had gained the brink of the roaring torrent.

The water was rapidly gaining in volume. It tore up trees by the roots and tossed them on its frothy bosom like straws. Great masses of grease wood and cactus came down from the mountains and clogged the stream and divided it into many channels.

The snow melted before the hot breath of the chinook like dew before a summer sun.

Twenty rods down the stream Janet saw a dark object, which in an instant she made out to be Farnswonth's horse, Black Pedro, and he was riderless!

Lifting her eyes to look across the roaring waters, she saw a sight that struck her heart cold with horror. Far out in the flood stood Constantia, balancing herself on a boulder which had washed down from the hills. Her golden hair was loose and floated out behind her; her white hands were lifted above her head, and her high, sweet voice could be distinguished above the roar of the torrent.

'Carlos! Carlos! Come back to me!'

Leaping over the rocks, waist deep in the water, Janet saw Farnsworth, his face white and rigid with determination. He was neaing Constantia—God helping him, he would be in time!

Absorbed in watching, Janet heeded not her own insecure footing. A branch of the stream came stealing along. The earth crumbled at its touch and melted away, and in an instant the girl was up to her neck in water.

Farnsworth had seized Constantia by the arm, and was dragging her through the flood to the shore. It was then that, looking forward, he saw Janet.

'Oh, God!' he cried, hoarsely, 'I cannot save them both!'

'Save her!' cried Janet; 'I—I—'

Then the waters seized her and hurled her down—there was a ringing like a hundred bells in her ears, and the red light before her eyes seemed to pierce her very brain.

In striving to reach Janet, Farnsworth loosed unconsciously his grip on Constantia. She flung up her arms, and with a quick motion of her lithe body she writhed from his grasp.

'Carlos! Carlos!' she cried, and plunged forward. The mad waters rolled on and buried her in their troubled bosom.

When Janet came to herself she was lying high above the flood, in a little hollow beneath a stunted pine, and Farnsworth, with the blood dripping from a cut in his cheek, beside her.

"Where is Constantia?' Janet asked.

'She has gone to meet Carlos,' said Farnsworth, solemnly. 'God rest her weary soul!'

A month had passed since the great flood.

The bruised and sadly disfigured body of poor Constantia had been committed to the earth.

Grizzly Sam, who had cut the dam and brought ruin upon a score of ranchers round about, had been tried for the crime in true western style, and duly hanged by an angry mob. Justice was satisfied.

Janet Brian had quietly arranged her affairs for leaving the ranch, for, of course, now that Constantia was dead, there was no further need of her services. She must go back to Chicago and try the old weary round of looking for work, and no one save herself could ever so remotely guess how much she dreaded the ordeal. She had found a strange, restful happiness at Redwater Ranch, and she was very sad at thought of leaving it.

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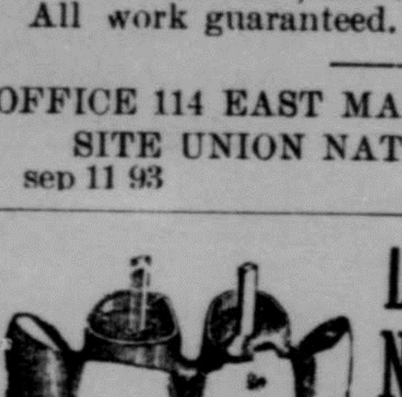
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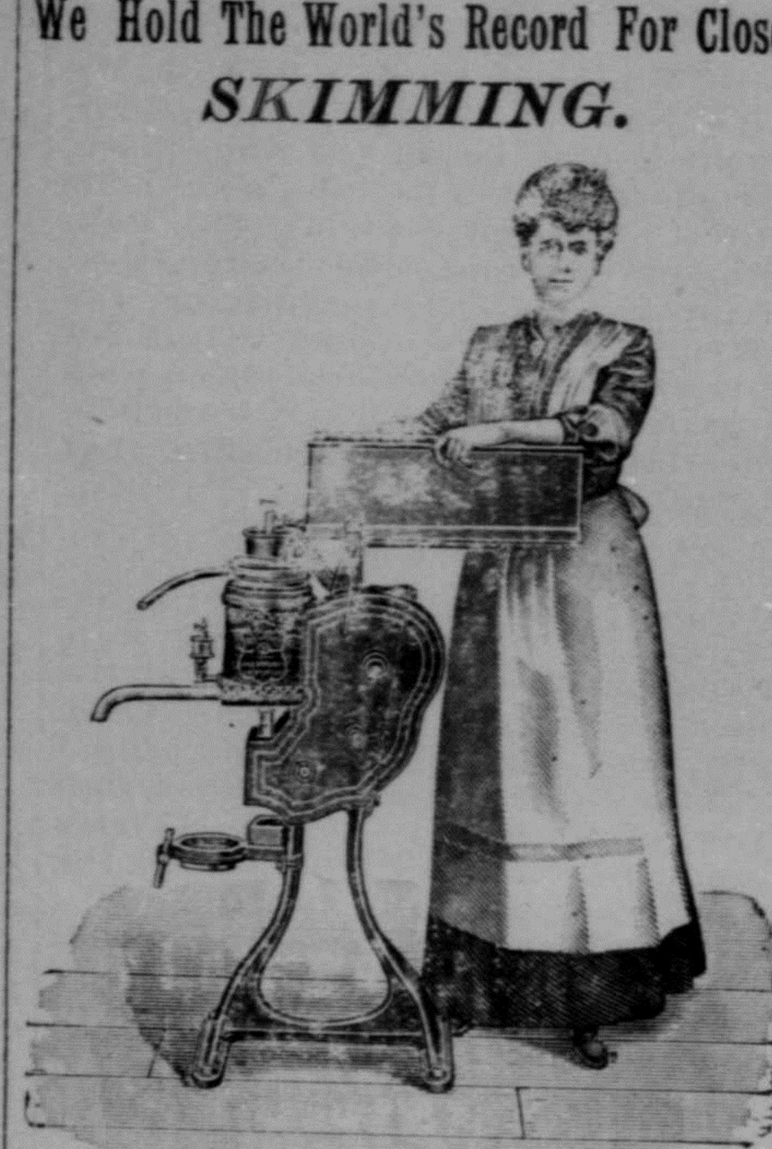
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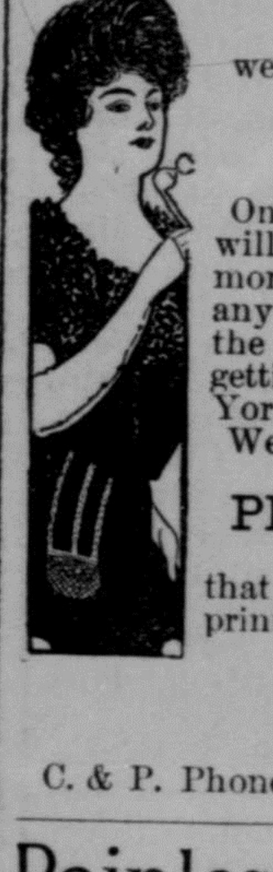
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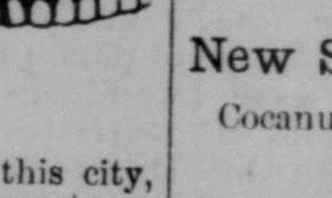
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Union Station	4 35	8 15	10 20	4 20	5 05	6 20
Penna. Ave.	4 39	8 19	10 24	4 24	...	6 24
Fulton Station	4 42	8 22	10 28	4 27	5 10	6 27
Walbrook	4 45	8 27	10 31	4 30	5 13	6 30
Arlington	....	8 34	10 39	4 37	....	6 40
Mt. Hope	....	8 37	10 43	4 41	....	6 43
Howardville	....	8 40	10 46	4 46	....	6 46
Sudbrook Park	...	8 42	10 48	4 48	....	6 48
Pikesville	....	8 44	10 50	4 50	....	6 50
Greenwood	....	....	....	....	....	....
Owings Mills	....	8 53	11 04	4 58	....	7 03
Glyndon	†5 11	9 04	11 14	5 12	....	7 14
Emory Grove	...	....	....	....	....	....
York, ar	...	....	....	....	....	....
Hanover, ar	...	....	....	....	....	....
Gettysburg, ar	...	....	....	...	....	....
Glen Falls	....	9 11	11 21	5 18	....	7 26
Finksburg	...	9 13	11 24	5 20	....	7 29
Carrollton	....	9 28	11 35	5 31	....	7 41
Westminster	5 40	9 45	11 50	5 45	6 05	8 00
Avondale	....	9 50	11 56	5 52	....	8 10
Medford	....	9 53	11 59	5 55	....	8 14
New Windsor	5 52	10 00	12 06	6 05	6 25	8 25
Linwood	....	10 05	12 11	6 10	....	8 35
Union Bridge	6 00	10 10	12 15	6 15	6 35	8 40
Middleburg	....	10 15			6 4[illegible]	
Bruceville	6 07	10 20			6 45	
D. P. Creek	....	10 24			6 49	
Rocky Ridge	....	10 32			6 57	
Emmittsburg	....	....			....	
Loy's	....	10 36			7 01	
Graceham	....	10 40			7 0[illegible]	
Thurmont	6 5[illegible]	10 45			7 10	
Deerfield	....	11 00			7 26	
Sabillasville	....	11 06			7 33	
Blue Ridge Summit	6 49	11 15			7 43	
Highfield	6 50	11 17			7 45	
Buena Vista Springs	....	11 21			7 50	
Pen-Mar	....	....			...	
Blue Mountain	....	....			....	
Edgemont	7 05	11 35			8 05	
Waynesboro, Pa., ar	....	....			....	
Chambersburg, ar	....	....			...	
Shippensburg, ar	....	....			....	
Smithburg	....	11 40			8 10	
Cavetown	....	11 42			8 12	
Chewsville	....	11 48			8 17	
Potomac ave.	....	11 57			8 25	
Hagerstown	7 35	12 02			8 30	
	AM	A M	P M	PM	PM	PM

TRAINS EAST.

STATIONS.	Ac.	Ac	TP	Ac.	WE	FM
	AM	AM	AM	P M	PM	PM
Hagerstown			6 50		2 05	4 05
Potomac ave			6 55		2 10	4 10
Chewsville			7 05		2 18	4 18
Cavetown			7 12		2 25	....
Smithburg			7 15		2 27	4 25
Shippensburg, Pa			....		....	....
Chambersburg, Pa.			....		....	....
Waynesboro, Pa			....		....	....
Edgemont			7 25		2 35	4 35
Blue Mountain			....		....	....
Pen-Mar			....		....	....
Buena Vista Springs			7 38		2 48	....
Highfield			7 40		2 50	4 50
Blue Ridge Summit			7 45		2 55	4 55
Sabillasville			7 52		3 02	5 01
Deerfield			7 56		3 06	....
Thurmont			8 08		3 18	5 17
Graceham			8 11		3 21	....
Loy's			8 15		3 25	....
Emmitsburg			....		....	....
Rocky Ridge			8 20		3 30	5 26
D. P. Creek			8 27		3 37	....
Bruceville			8 35		3 45	5 40
Middleburg			8 38		3 48	....
Union Bridge	5 10	6 20	8 45	12 50	3 55	5 47
Linwood	5 14	6 25	8 49	12 54	4 00	....
New Windsor	5 25	6 30	8 55	12 59	4 06	5 55
Medford	5 39	6 50	‖9 02	1 06	4 14	....
Avondale	5 44	6 55	‖9 05	1 08	4 17	....
Westminster	5 52	7 05	9 15	1 15	4 25	6 10
Carrollton	6 15	7 23	‖9 28	1 30	4 38	....
Finksburg	6 30	7 34	‖9 37	1 41	4 48	....
Glen Falls	6 32	7 37	‖9 38	1 45	4 50	....
Gettysburg	....	....	....	....	....	....
Hanover	....	....	....	....	....	....
York, le	....	....	....	....	....	....
Emory Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....
Glyndon	6 43	7 47	9 46	1 5[illegible]	[illegible]	6 42
Owings' Mills	6 55	....	‖9 54	2 03	-5 10	....
Greenwood	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pikesville	7 02	8 02	‖10 01	2 13	5 18	....
Sudbrook	7 08	8 05	‖10 03	2 16	-5 20	6 57
Howardville	7 10	....	‖10 04	2 18	5 21	....
Mt. Hope	7 13	...	‖10 06	2 20	-5 23	....
Arlington	7 17	....	‖10 09	2 23	-5 29	7 02
Walbrook	7 24	8 17	10 15	2 30	5 35	7 07
Fulton Station	7 30	8 20	10 18	2 33	5 38	7 10
Penna. Avenue	7 32	8 28	....	2 36	5 43	7 12
Union Station	7 37	8 33	10 25	2 40	5 48	7 17
Hillen Station	7 45	8 40	10 30	2 45	5 55	7 25
	AM	AM	A M	P M	PM	PM

‖Stops only to land passengers from points west of Union Bridge.

-Stops only to land passengers from points west of Glyndon.

†To take on passengers for points where it stops west of Union Bridge.

The Owl. Week Days and Sunday.

Leave Hillen 11.15, p. m., Union 11.20, Pa. ave. 11.24, Fulton 11.27, Walbrook 11.30, Arlington 11.37, Mt. Hope 11.40, Howardville 11.43, Sudbrook Park 11.45, Pikesville 11.47, Greenwood 11.48, Owings Mills 11.57, Glyndon 12.09, Emory Grove——Glen Falls 12.16, Finksburg 12.18, Carrollton 12.3[?], Westminster 12.45, Avondale 12.52, New Windsor 1.03, Linwood 1.10, ar. Union Bridge 1.15. Leave Union Bridge 4.30 a. m., Linwood 4.34, New Windsor 4.39, Avondale 4.48, Westminster 4.55, Carrollton 5.11, Finksburg 5.28, Glen Falls 5.3[?], Emory Grove—— Glyndon 5.42, Owings Mills 5.53, Pikesville 6.03, Sudbrook Park 6.06, Howardville 6.08, Mt. Hope 6.12, Arlington 6.16, Walbrook 6.24, Fulton 6.28, Pa. ave., 6.30, Union 6.35, ar. Hillen 6.4[?].

Trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore, daily, except Sunday, at 7.00 a. m. and 9.45 a. m., and 3 15 and 4.10 p. m.

Frederick Division Pennsylvania R. R.—Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville 8.38, 9.36, and 10.40 a. m., 5.00 and 6.50 p. m. Trains for Columbia, Wrightsville, Littlestown and Taneytown leave Bruceville 9.47 a. m. and 3.45 p. m. Trains leave Frederick for Baltimore 7.18 a. m., 3.00 and 4.55 p. m. Trains leave Hanover for Columbia 5.56, 8.20 and 10.46 a. m., and 2.25 and 4.35 p. m. for Littlestown at 8.40 a. m. and 3.5[?] and 9.02 p. m.

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Sunday Trains.

On Sunday trains will leave Hillen Station at 9.30 a. m. and 2.30 p. m., Westminster 11 15 a. m. and 4.15 p. m., arriving at Union Bridge at 11.45 a. m and 4.50 p. m. Leave Union Bridge at 6.10 and 8.30 a. m. and 4.05 p. m. Westminster 6.55 and 8.55 a. m., 4.35 and 6.10 p. m., arriving at Hillen Station at 8.50 and 10.25 a. m. and 6.15 and 7.25 p. m.

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