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TO THE PUBLIC.

In view of the many inquiries that have been most naturally made during the past week, it becomes our duty to make a frank statement to the public.

Because of the fact that a number of persons are interested in the AMERICAN SENTINEL and job printing office; for the protection of all these interests the undersigned were by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, appointed Receivers, and will continue the publication of the AMERICAN SENTINEL and all the work of the office, under the same business and editorial management that existed before the death of Mrs. E. J. Rippard.

So far as the interests of the public are concerned there is no change whatever in the conduct of the office, and we solicit the continued patronage of subscribers and advertisers, assuring them that they will receive as in the past, faithful and efficient service.

E. O. GRIMES, Jr.,
W. L. SEABROOK,
Receivers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF Valuable Real Estate,

In and near Westminster, Carroll County, Md.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the last will and testament of Henrietta A. Krouse, deceased, and an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, the undersigned executor of Henrietta A. Krouse, deceased, will sell at Public Auction, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, 8th OF SEPTEMBER, 1906,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., promptly, all the following described four parcels of ground with improvements thereon, situate within the corporate limits of the City of Westminster; one lot and improvements and two unimproved lots, near the City of Westminster, to-wit:

1st. All that lot of ground containing 3¼ Acres, more or less, situate at the extreme East end of said city, fronting on East Main street 650 feet, and part of said lot running back to Webster street, improved by a Two-story Log Weatherboarded Dwelling House, with back building, containing ten rooms and front hall, porch front and back, with water in kitchen; smokehouse, washhouse, cornhouse, stable and hog pen. This lot contains a large number of fruit trees, consisting of pear, apple, cherries, peaches, grapes, etc. This is one of the most beautifully located and most desirable lots in the City of Westminster for building purposes.

2nd. All that lot fronting on Main street 50 feet and running back 163½ feet, adjoining properties of Miss Furlong and The Geo. W. Albaugh Real Estate & Brokerage Co. The improvements on this lot consist of a Two-story Frame Weatherboarded Dwelling House, containing six rooms, hall and side porch, hog pen and small chicken house, with water in the kitchen. This house is in good condition having been recently repaired, papered and painted.

3rd. All that lot situated and fronting on East Main street in said city 30 feet, and running back to an alley in the rear; improved by Two Weatherboarded Buildings, suitable for Dwellings or Stores, each house containing 4 roons; also a wash house and stable. There is water in both of these houses and a number of apple and pear trees and grapes on the lot.

4th. All that lot situated on the corner of Webster and York streets, at the East End of said city, containing 8175 Square Feet of Land, more or less, improved by Two-story Weatherboarded Dwelling House containing four rooms and a side porch; also a hog pen. This lot contains a number of apple, pear, plum and cherry trees. This is a very desirable little property and very conveniently located.

5th. All that lot containing about Half an Acre of Land, more or less, on the Gorsuch road, about a quarter of a mile from West minster, adjoining properties of Jeremiah Starner and Howard Shipley; improved by a small Weatherboarded House, containing 4 rooms. This lot contains cherry, apple and pear trees and grapes.

6th. All that lot containing 3 Acres, 3 Roods and 12 Square Perches of Land, more or less, on the Gorsuch road, about a quarter of a mile from the City of Westminster, adjoining properties of Howard Shipley, Jacob J. Basler and others; unimproved. This lot is in good state of cultivation. The growing crops are reserved, not to be sold with the lot.

7th. All that lot containing 3 Acres of Land, more or less, unimproved, on Court street extended, adjoining properties of Geo. W. Albaugh, B. F. Shriver & Co., and others. This is a very valuable lot and well located.

All the above properties were owned and possessed by the said Henrietta A. Krouse at the time of her death and those in the city of Westminster, except the first named lot, are at present under rent, and possession will be given April 1st, 1907, the purchasers to draw the rents from and after ratification of sale.

Any person desiring to look at or examine any of the above described properties can do so by calling on the executor, or Oliver P. Yingling, at the late residence of the said Henrietta A. Krouse, on East Main street, in said city.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash upon the day of sale or on the ratification of said sale by the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, and the residue in two equal payments of six and twelve months from the day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers; the credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by notes of purchaser or purchasers, with approved security.

BENJAMIN F. CROUSE,
Executor.

Roberts & Crouse, Attorneys.
aug 17 4t Phineas A. Gorsuch, Auct.

NO. 4267 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Hattie Hopkins, et al, plaintiffs, vs. Grafton Penn, et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 15th day of August, A. D. 1906, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, in equity, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., Trustee appointed by a decree of this court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 17th day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Md., once in each of three successive weeks, before the 1 th day of September next. The report states the amount of sale to be $350.00.

DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
au 17 3t DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the Active and Retired Members of Westminster Fire Engine and Hose Company No 1, of Westminster, Maryland, in accordance with Article 9, Section 2 of the Constitution of said Company, that at the next regular meeting of the Company, on Wednesday, September 6th, 1906, at 8 o'clock P. M., action will be taken looking to the sale of a portion of the Company's land about 4 feet 8 inches by 20 feet one inch, adjoining the land of H. H. Harbaugh, on East Main street, in Westminster, Md.

JOHN M. ROBERTS, President.
J. PEARRE WANTZ, Secretary. au 4 4t

NO. 4299 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Agnes V. Nickerson, et al., plaintiffs, vs. Albert Shipley, et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 22nd day of August, A. D. 1906, that the account of the Auditor filed in this cause be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

True copy.—Test:
au 24 2t DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, at 11 a. m., of 5 good Horses, 1 Colt, 5 milch Cows, 2 Sows, Boar, 4 Hogs, 4 Shoats, 5 Wagons, Harness, Binder, 2 Mowers, Threshing Machine, &c., Household and Kitchen Furniture, and many other articles, by the Administrators of Samuel A. Haines, deceased, on the road leading from Warfieldsburg to Dennings.

JACOB A. HAINES,
NATHAN H. HAINES,
DAVID B. HAINES,
aug 24 2t Administrators.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
Westminster, August 6th, 1906.

In pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, passed at January Session, 1888, I hereby give the following Notice to Taxpayers:

This is to give notice that the County Commissioners of Carroll county have made their annual levy on the assessable property of said county, for State and County Taxes for the year nineteen hundred and six, and that all persons or incorporate institutions that shall pay their County Taxes on or before the first day of September, next, shall be entitled to a deduction of two per centum on the amount of said taxes. On State taxes a deduction of five per centum will be allowed if paid on or before the first day of September; and if paid on or before the first day of October, next, a deduction of four per centum; and if paid on or before the first day of November, next, a deduction of three per centum; that said taxes will be in arrears on the first day of January, next, and bear interest from that date; that all persons or incorporate institutions failing to pay their State and County Taxes before the same shall be in arrears, will render the property and estate of such delinquent liable to be sold for the prompt payment of said taxes.

FRANCIS L. HANN,
au 10 4t County Treasurer.

SPECIAL REAL ESTATE OFFERINGS FOR SALE.

No. 1. A beautiful Country Place, one of the best and most attractive in Western Md., located within one and a half miles of Westminster on the Baltimore Pike, known as the "Burt Farm," about 60 acres of improved farming land, buildings well located, in fine condition, with every modern convenience.

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No. 3. An excellent dairy farm of 75 acres, with good buildings, and convenient to the Railroad, within one and one half miles of Westminster; an excellent orchard and a very fine spring of water at the buildings.

No. 4. A small farm of about 12 acres, near Westminster, fertile and highly improved, both soil and buildings, suitable for trucking or poultry farm.

No. 5. A good farm of 130 acres, with about 50 acres in timber, fertile and improved, located about two miles from Manchester, and eight from Westminster, in the Bachman Valley District, suitable for general farming and dairy purposes.

No. 6. A fine residence located on Fair Ground Hill, adjoining the city limits, a modern house of nine rooms, city water, good garden and orchard, about one half acre of ground. The buildings are in good condition.

I have besides the above properties a number of other farms, lots, and town residences for sale, and to any one interested in properties would be glad to give full particulars if you apply.

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Real Estate Agent, Westminster, Md.
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF ONE OF THE MOST
VALUABLE FARMS IN BACHMAN'S VALLEY,
CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, in equity, passed in cause No. 4296 equity, wherein John D. Bachman and others are plaintiffs and Bertie M. Bachman and others are defendants, the undersigned Trustee will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5th,

1 06, at 1 o'clock, P. M., all that Valuable Farm of which William Bachman died seized and possessed containing

111¼ Acres

of Land, more or less, situate in Westminster district, in Bachman's Valley, and adjoining the lands of Jonas Bachman, Frank Menchey, William G. Warehime, Geo. T. Stonesifer and others, and improved with a large three-story

Brick House

and Large Bank Barn.

About 25 Acres of this land is in fine growing TIMBER, and all the other land is fine producing, with abundant Fruit Trees and Water in each field.

This farm is situate near Bachman's Church in one of the most fertile valleys and most desirable neighborhoods in the county.

For further information apply to Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney, or the undersigned Trustee.

TERMS OF SALE;—One-third cash upon the day of sale, or on the ratification of said sale by the Court, and the residue in two equal payments, the one to be paid in one year and the other in two years from day of sale, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser, credit payments to bear interest from day of sale and to be secured by notes of purchaser, with approved security.

JOHN D. BACHMAN,
Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney. Trustee.
Wm. Warner. Auctioneer.
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE,
In Westminster District, Carroll County, Maryland.

By virtue of the decree passed August 10th, 1906, in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, wherein Annie E. Black and others are complainants and Charles E. Black and others are defendants, and known as No. 4304 Equity on the docket of said court, the undersigned trustee, appointed by said decree, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises situated about one mile north west of the City of Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1906,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that valuable farm of which the late Levi Black died seized and possessed, containing

147 ACRES OF LAND, more or less,

situated on and near the road leading from the City of Westminster to Taneytowe, now known as the Meadow Branch Turnpike, improved with a two story Log Dwelling, weatherboarded, containing six rooms; Summer Kitchen, Bank Barn, with Corn Crib attached; Carriage House, Hog Pen, Wood Shed, Spring House and Grain Shed. The spring house has a stream of running water through it at all times, there are two wells of excellent water on this farm, both with good pumps, one near the dwelling house and the other at the barn. A stream of excellent water runs through the entire farm, about twelve acres is wood land, the fences are in good condition and the land is very productive.

There is an Orchard of young growing fruit trees, consisting of apple, peach and pear trees and an abundance of grapes, blackberries, raspberries and currants. The buildings are all located near the turnpike road which is in first class condition for travel the year round and it is only one mile to Westminster, the property is very convenient to churches, schools and stores.

The purchaser will be given possession of the property April 1st, 1907.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by the court; and the residue in two equal payments of one and two years from the day of sale, the credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Trustee.
Roberts & Crouse, Solicitors.
J. Thos. Roop, Auctioneer. au 10 4t

ADMINISTRATORS' SALE OF VALUABLE
LEASEHOLD PROPERTY!
In the City of Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned administrators of Grove A. Shipley, deceased, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises herein described, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1906,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following properties in the following order:

(1.) All that Leasehold Property containing 3 ROODS AND 3 PERCHES OF LAND, more or less, improved with

2 Frame Buildings,

situate on the south side of John street, extending back to the W. M. R. R., and adjoining the property of P. Thos. Babylon and the vacant lot of Jos. B. Boyle, being the same property described in a lease from Geo. E. Hoppe et al., administrators, to Grove A. Shipley and recorded among the land records of Carroll county, in Liber G. A. M. No. 63, folio 324. The ground rent on this property is $8.80 per annum.

(2.) All that Leasehold Property known as

The Montour House,

fronting 60 feet on West Main street and running back 198 feet to an alley. This Hotel Property is situate in the most desirable part of the city, No. 61 West Main street. The ground rent thereof is $18.00 per year. John H. Six, the proprietor of the Montour House, holds a lease from Grove A. Shipley for this property which expires April 1, 1909, therefore possession cannot be given to purchaser until April 1, 1909, but the monthly rent will be payable to the purchaser from the ratification of sale.

After the sale of the Montour House the undersigned administrators will offer for sale, at the Montour House, as follows:

10 Shares of the Capital Stock of the Citizens' Water and Power Company of Westminster, Md.

16 Shares of the Capital Stock of the Land Improvement, Loan and Manufacturing Company of Westminster.

5 Shares of the Capital Stock of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Westminster.

Also the following Goods and Chattels: 1 Manhattan Gaming Table, 1 Cook Stove, several Beds, lot of Tables and Chairs, 1 Wagon, 1 Buggy, 1 Cart, lot of Lumber and other articles which will be exhibited on day of sale.

For further information apply to Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney, or either of the undersigned administrators.

Terms of Sale of the Leasehold Property.—One-third cash upon the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the Orphans' court, and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in 6 months and the other in 12 months from day of sale, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser, the credit payments to be secured by notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from day of sale. A credit of 6 months on all sums of $5.00 and upwards will be given on all other property.

ELIAS G. SHIPLEY,
GEO. ALFRED SHIPLEY,
Administrators.
Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney,
au 24 4t Elias N. Davis, Auct.

Dr. J. W. Helm, New Windsor, Md.
Surgeon Dentist.

THE OLD CHURCH.

What an image of peace and rest
Is this little church among its graves!
All is so quiet; the troubled breast,
The wounded spirit, the heart oppressed,
Here may find the repose it craves.

See how the ivy climbs and expands
Over this humble hermitage,
And seems to caress with its little hands
The rough, gray stones as a child that stands
Caressing the wrinkled cheeks of age.

Here would I stay and let the world
With its distant thunder roar and roll;
Storms do not rend the sail that is furled,
Nor like a dead leaf, tossed and whirled
In an eddy of wind, is the anchored soul.

—H. W. Longfellow.

DEN OF THE GREY WOLF.

By Charles C. D. Roberts, in the Cosmopolitan.

We were dropping smoothly down the swift current of the Tobique river late on a September afternoon. My paddle rested idly across the bow of the canoe. I lay back, in dreamy comfort against an improvised cushion of sweet ferns, while my guide, an old hunter and trapper named Maxim, sitting erect in the stern, did no more work than was absolutely needful for the steering of our stealthy craft. Presently, we saw what had for years been a most unusual appearance on the Tobique. It was a red deer, which went bounding through the underbrush, and vanished in a thicket of yellowing birches.

'So the deer are coming back to New Brunswick!' I remarked.

As my guide was not one to fling away speech unnecessarily, he said nothing. From his silence I gathered that he did not regard my remark as one requiring contradiction.

Presently, without turning my head, which would have been a useless exertion, I murmurmered: 'Is it true that the wolves are following the deer back, after an absence of nearly fifty years?'

'Fifty years!' exclaimed Maxim, in a tone of intense disdain.

As he said no more, I repeated in some surprise: 'Yes, fifty years! What of it?'

'How old would you take me for, now?' inquired Maxim.

Indolently, I shifted my position so that I could put my arm over the cross-bar on which I was leaning. I turned my head and scrutinized my companion's leathern visage.

Maxim was a curious and interesting character. Of good old Colonial stock, and equipped in youth with an excellent education, he had found himself, in early manhood, at odds with society and the requirements of civilized life. Perhaps, through some remote ancestor, there had crept into his veins a streak of Indian or other wandering blood. At any rate, the wilderness had drawn him with a spell that overcame all counter attractions. He drifted to the remotest backwoods, and there devoted himself to hunting and trapping. Never entering the settlements, except to purchase supplies, or sell his furs, he had spent the best years of his life in a solitude almost unbroken. Yet the few amateur hunters and fishermen who occasionally penetrated his haunt, and sought his skillful services, found that seclusion had failed to make him morose. He was kindly, and not uncompanionable; and, though in appearance one of the roughest of his adopted class, he preserved, to a marked degree, the speech and accent of his early days.

'I should guess,' I said, at length, 'that you were somewhere between fifty and sixty.'

Maxim gave two or three mighty surges on his paddle, which made the canoe dart forward like a trout, while I waited to learn the relevance of his question.

'Sixty next Easter!' said he. 'And now, as for wolves. I had a little scrimmage with two of e'm, right hereabouts, and that since the gray began to show up in my hair. That's not fifty years ago, by a long chalk!'

At this point a murderous roaring began to make itself heard on the still air, and before I could ask any more questions about the wolves, Maxim exclaimed:

'We can't go through the 'Narrows' to-night. Not light enough, with this head of water. Better camp right here!'

'Agreed!' said I; and we slid gently up alongside of a projecting log. Presently we had the tent pitched on a bit of dry, soft sward, that sloped ever so little toward the waterside. Behind the tent was a thicket of spruce that sheltered us from the night-wind of autumn, and in front laughed softly the river, as it hurried along its shining trail beneath the full moon, to bury itself in the chasms of the dark hill-range which separated it from its sovereign stream, the wide St. John.

After supper, when the camp-fire was blazing cheerfully, Maxim told me about the wolves.

'Well,' said he, in a reminscent [illegible] 'it was in those hills yonder, [illegible] nigh the Narrows, I struck the [illegible]es. I knew there was a good [illegible]y of them 'round, that winter, as [illegible]ome across lots of their tracks. [illegible]re was a bounty, then, of fifteen [illegible]rs on a wolf's snout,—that was [illegible]ty years ago,—and I was keeping [illegible]yes pretty well peeled. My look- [illegible]as all in vain however, till, along one afternoon, I caught sight of one of the skulking vermin dodging behind some bushes, not far from here, but on the other side of the river. It was only a snap shot I got at the beast; but I wounded it, and you'd better believe I lost no time following up the trail. By the way he bled, I could see that he was hard hit.

'He led me away up, nigh the top of the mountain, then took a sharp turn to the river; and pretty soon I came out onto a little, level place, a sort of high platform, in front of a big, bare slope of rock. In the foot of that rock there was a hole, just about big enough for a man to crawl into on his hands and knees, and into that hole led the trail of my wolf.

''Got him, fast enough!' said I to myself; 'but how to get at him, there's the rub!' As I stood there, considering, another wolf slid by me, like a long, grey shadow, and sneaked into the den. Without putting the gun to my shoulder, I gave him a shot, which fetched him in the hindquarters, as he disappeared.

'That's good for thirty dollars,' said I to myself, loading up again, and hoping some more would come along.

'They didn't come; so, pretty soon, I gave them up, and went and examined the hole. I could see that it narrowed down rapidly, and I hardly knew what to do. I wanted that thirty dollars; but I didn't want to crawl into that little dark hole after it, with maybe a couple of yet lively wolves waiting at the other end to receive me.'

'Why didn't you leave them there, and go back for them next day? By that time, if they were really hard-hit, you'd have found them dead enough!' was my comment.

'There wouldn't have been much of them left for me by the morrow,' said Maxim. 'I knew well enough the other wolves would scent the blood and come along, and help themselves to snouts and all in the night. So, by-and-by, I made up my mind to crawl in, and risk it. Standing my gun up against the rock, and taking my knife in my right hand, I started in!'

'Ugh!' said I, 'it makes me shiver to think of it!'

'It was nasty,' assented Maxim; 'but then I counted on one of the vermin, at least, being dead; and I didn't think there'd be much fight left in the other. But that hole narrowed down mighty sudden; and the first thing I knew, I had to crawl flat on my stomach to get along at all. And presently I found it tight squeezing even that way. Of course I held my right hand, with the knife in it, well to the front, ready to protect my head and face.

'Just as the hole got so tight for me that I was about concluding to give up the job, I heard a terrific snarl right in my ear, and a wolf jumped onto me. His fangs got me right in the jaw,—you can see the scars here now,—and I thought I was about fixed. But I slashed out desperately with my big knife, and caught my assailant somewhere with a deadly thrust. He yelped, and sprang out of the way.

'I felt the blood streaming over my face, and knew I was badly bitten. I'd had enough of this enterprise; but when I tried to back out the way I had come, I found I couldn't work it. When it dawned upon me that I was stuck in that trap, a cold sweat broke out all over me. I was stuck, and no mistake. Then I wriggled a little further in,—and, at this, the wolf was onto me again. This time my face escaped, and his fangs went into my shoulder; but the next moment my knife blade found his throat and down he came in a heap. Then I lay still a bit, to get my breath and consider the situation. The one thing clear was, that I had got myself into a tight place; and I began to wriggle for all I was worth, in order to get out of it.

'After twisting, and tugging, and straining, for perhaps ten solid minutes, I was forced to acknowledge to myself that I had not gained one inch. Then I made up my mind that my only hope lay in squeezing myself all the way in. Once inside the cave, I thought, it would be comparatively easy work to wriggle out head first. In this direction I gained a few inches,—perhaps a foot, or more; and, by this time, I felt so exhausted that I wanted to lie still and take a sleep, which, I knew, of course, would be madness.

'Intending to rest but a moment, I must, nevertheless, have fallen into a doze. How long I lay thus, I don't know; but it must have been getting well along past sundown when I was awakened by a sound that brought my heart into my throat, and made every hair stand on end. It was the howl of a wolf outside!'

I interrupted the story at this point with an involuntary 'Ah-h-h!'

'Yes,' said Maxim, acknowledging my sympathy. 'I could face any number of the vermin, and not lose hold of myself; but the idea of them coming along behind, and eating me gradually, feet first, was too much. I think that, for a minute or two, I must have been clean crazy. At any rate I found strength enough in that minute or two, to force my way right on, and into the cave, without knowing how I did it. And I found afterwords that the struggle had peeled off, not only most of my clothes, but lots of the flesh on my hips and shoulders as well.

'As soon as I realized that I was inside the den, I felt round for the two dead wolves, and stuffed them, head first, into the hole I had just come through. They filled it pretty snugly; and then I seated myself on their hindlegs to hold them solid, and hunted for a match.

'In the rags of my clothes I had a pocket left' and, fortunately, there were some matches in it. Lighting one, I perceived, in the sudden flare, that I was in a little cave, about four feet high and maybe seven or eight feet square. The floor of it was dry sand, and there were bones lying about.

'Presently, in the tunnel behind me, sounded a snarl that seemed to come right against my backbone, and I jumped about a foot. Then I grabbed hold of the dead wolves, and hung onto them for all I was worth, for I could feel something dragging at one of them. You see, my experience in the hole had shaken my nerves pretty badly. If I'd been just myself, I should have cleared the way, and let my assailants in, killing them, one by one, with my knife, as they crawled through. As it was, however, I gave a yell that scared the brute in the tunnel, so that he backed out in a hurry, and then I heard two or three of them howling outside. But it encouraged me a good deal to see what an effect my voice produced.

'Pretty soon one of the wolves creeps back, sniffing, sniffing, into the hole; and as soon as he discovered that it was only dead wolves that were stopping the way, he began to gnaw. It was a sickening sound he made, gnawing that way. After standing it as long as I could, I put my face down between the bodies, and gave another yell. How it echoed in that little place! And how quick that wolf backed out again! For all the misery and anxiety I was in, I couldn't help laughing to myself, there in the dark, wondering what the brute would think it was.

'I tried this game on half a dozen times, very successfully; but after that the wolves ceased to mind it. One would come and gnaw for a while then another would give him a nip in the rear, squeeze past, and take his place. I soon began to fear my uniqne barricade would be all eaten away before morning, and I cast about in my mind for some other means of diverting the hungry animals' attention.

'At length a brilliant idea struck me. I lit a match, and thrust it into the hole, right under the cannibals' noses. That gave them a big surprise, I can tell you. They backed out in a great hurry, and sniffed about and howled a good deal, before they ventured in again. As long as those matches held out, I had no trouble; and the wolves just kept howling outside the hole, not daring to come in after their victuals while there were such mysterious goings-on within the cave.

'By-and-by, however, like all good things, the matches came to an end. Then presently in came the wolves, and soon they were gnawing away harder than ever. I was thinking that before long, I would have to fight it out with the crowd, after all. And then it occurred to me that I might as well begin right off. Lying flat down, I thrust my right hand, with the knife in it, blade up, as far as I could reach out into the hole, but underneath the dead wolves. Than I gave two or three tremendous sweeping slashes.

'One of the brutes must have caught it pretty stiff. He yelped and snarled hideously, and got outside for all he was worth. Then, for a minute or two, the whole lot howled and yelped in chorus. They must have been discussing the various mysteries of the cave, and concluded that these were too dangerous to be explored any further; for, presently, all was silent, and by an occasional yelp in the distance, I knew that the animals had betaken themselves elsewhere. I know it was a crazy thing to do, but, just as soon as I'd made up my mind the wolves were gone, I dropped to sleep, right across the entrance of the den.

'When I awoke, I was so stiff, and my wounds pained so, that I could hardly move. But I knew I had to brace up, and get out of that before another night should come.

I pulled away the bodies, and saw it was broad daylight. I took my knife and chipped away for a long while at the walls and roof of the tunnel, finding the rock very soft and crumbly. Then I crawled out, but with pain and difficulty enough. I pointed straight for the setttements, and by the time I got there I was more dead than alive. But I managed to lug along with me what there was left of those wolf-snouts, together with the tails; and I got the thirty dollars, after all.'

'As Maxim finished his story, the roar of the Narrows, long unheeded, fell again upon my ear, with a distinctness almost startling, and a loon cried mockingly from a hidden lakelet. Maxim rose, and replenished the sinking fire. Then we rolled ourselves into our blankets.

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