In the Mine Together.

Sixteen months of hard tunneling, and he had reached the bonanza. As he stood gloating over the richest ore his eyes had ever feasted on he became conscious of a presence, and turning saw the tall form of "Long Brown," the gambler.

He was about to speak, when a dull rumble was borne in on their ears, and a tremor shook the earth, as pieces of loosened rock fell at their feet.

Both knew what it meant. Brown went back a few rods with his lantern, and returned with a blanched face.

"We are shut in by a cave, and it may take days to dig us out!" After a pause he continued:

"How long will your provisions last?"

"Four days—for one."

"Then I'll be the one."

The click of his weapon sounded through the drift as he covered his old enemy.

"Have you a pack of cards?" said the other quietly. "If so, let's play a game of draw with the gun for the stakes."

They gazed in each other's eyes for a few moments.

Brown had never taken advantage of mortal man. He would not do it now. He produced a pack of cards from his pocket. He always carried them.

"Cut." "Deal."

The gambler drew three cards; so did the miner.

"Queens."

"Aces."

The gambler looked a second at his opponent's hand as it was laid down. "You win," he said quietly, and lifted the weapon.

"Click, click. Bang!"

His body lurched forward sprawling over the cards after the smothered report. The miner, with a look of horror on his face, lifted the lantern and held it over the body. As he shook his sleeve four cards fluttered down on the prostrate figure.

"It was a close shave," he said, "but I downed him!"—Sam Davis in Short Stories.

Wires Along a Trolley Line.

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An Experience with Snow.

"Talking about snow," remarked Archibald Lennox at the Laclede, "reminds me of an experience I had with 'the beautiful' up in Vermont. I went up into the Green mountains to spend the holidays with a gentleman who had the distinguished honor to command my regiment during the war. On the evening of my arrival a heavy snowstorm set in. The house sat in a cozy valley hemmed in by hills. Before morning the wind rose, the snow began to drift, and by daylight everything but the high brick chimney was completely buried. Talk about the darkness that overspread Egypt! It wasn't a marker to the inside of that farmhouse.

"We had plenty of provisions, and were not long in running a tunnel to the woodpile and barn. Then we dug our way up to daylight. The snow had blown down from the hills and almost filled the little valley. The weather turned piercing cold, and for more than a month the family emulated the cave dwellers. A flight of snow steps, over which water had been poured and allowed to freeze, furnished egress to the upper world."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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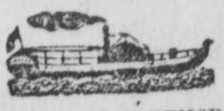
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