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OVER THE CRESCENT BEND.

[Original.]

The stage driver between Golden Gulch and Quartz City was inclined to be facetious. Beside him sat a quiet little man and on the next seat back were the rest of us, who were outside. Jake, the driver, seemed bent on scaring the little man.

"We're comin' to the most dangerous part of the road, said Jake. "Many's the coach that's gone over and down into the creek fifty feet below. The road turns sharp around, and it slants off a little so's the coach is sure to swing to the edge unless you go slow. Here we are."

There was the turn, sure enough, but instead of slowing up the driver cracked his whip about his horses' ears and went around at good speed. We on the back seat gripped at what we could and held our breaths. The little man folded his arms and bore the ordeal without flinching. After making the descent on the other side of the bend Jake looked back at us and winked, as much as to say, "I'll scare him yet." We would have protested against any more such attempts, but feared that if we showed fear the driver would be incited to still greater recklessness. We therefore held our peace.

The driver persisted in taking the outer wheels of the coach within a foot of the edge at every abyss and would look back at us, winking at the little man, who, however terrified he might have been, managed to keep from showing his terror. Once when one of us—a women—squealed at a lurch on the very verge of a hundred feet of sheer precipice he looked back inquiringly. The woman asked Jake to be more careful, but Jake assured her that he was driving his best and was not responsible for the condition of the road. He did not mend his ways, and when driving rapidly over a place where one wheel was several feet above the other he nearly upset the coach we all joined in a request that he would cease his pranks.

It may be that Jake had a little liquor in him. At any rate, his failure to scare the little man and the effect of his "close shaves" on us irritated him. He grew sulky and kept on driving without respect to our comfort or safety. Stones or ruts or inclines only seemed to move him to shake us to the utmost. We men held our peace, fearing that if we irritated him further he would upset the coach on purpose. An inside passenger poked his head out of the window and snapped:

"What's the matter with the driver? Is he drunk?"

"I'll show you that he's sober enough," Jake snarled, "when we come to the Crescent bend, where there's a straight fall of 1,000 feet.

Jake made the threat in such a malicious tone that we were all in terror at the prospect. The little man beside the driver, though he showed no sign of fear, we believed was more frightened than any of us, for he made no protest. Presently we came to a pitch in the road requiring all a driver's skill and caution, down which Jake plunged without even applying the brake. The women both outside and inside kept up a continued shrieking, and by the time we reached the bottom of the declivity one of those outside fainted. The little man looked around and asked what was the matter. There was a babel of voices some swearing at the driver, some beseeching him, all in a tumult of indignation.

"Do I understand," said the little man, " that you object to this kind of driving?"

There was a universal shout that we did.

"Why didn't you apply to me? Driver, you needn't do any more funny business."

"What kind of a tenderfoot are you," growled Jake, "to interfere with the driver of this coach? Git up!"

The next thing to arrest our attention was the little man holding a revolver nearly as big as himself pressed against Jake's left ear. Jake felt the cold steel and made no movement except to draw rein.

"Is this the Crescent bend we're coming to?" asked the little man.

Jake muttered that it was. When we reached a point near the center of the bend, coming to a tree growing on the very verge of the precipice, the little man in the same soft voice he had used from the first directed Jake to come to a full stop, to tie the reins to the brake handle and to get down from the box. The little man got down after him, keeping the revolver in position, and on reaching the road relieved Jake of a revolver. He then drove the ruffian to the boot of the coach and ordered him to take out a rope.

"What y' goin' to?" asked the terrified Jake.

"I'm going to show you how it feels to dangle over the cliff."

While the little man covered the driver he ordered one of the passengers to fix the rope to an overhanging branch, and, tying the other end to Jake's belt, he drove him at the point of the gun over the abyss. There he swung with 1,000 feet of atmosphere between him and the creek below.

"How does it feel?" asked the little man.

"It makes me feel sick," said Jake, his face white as chalk.

"Does it make you feel repentant?"

"Yes."

"Well, we'll let the horses breathe awhile, and in the meantime I'll consider whether it'll be better to feed you to the birds or take you in."

Jake was kept dangling a full half hour, during which he pleaded that his belt was giving away, then was taken in and drove the rest of the way with the utmost caution.

SUMNER CHILDS.

JUSTICE TO THE CHILDREN.

Parents Make Great Mistake in Refusing to Listen to Infantile Grievances.

A mother's magazine calls attention to the fact that the old adage, "children should be seen and not heard," has little place in the modern systems of child training, and says it is quite right that it is so, especially in the case of the child with a grievance. Children, with all their chattering, are strongly inarticulate when it is a matter of explaining their feelings, and a child may suffer more than the adults around it ever dream over some injustice, real or fancied, which it would probably have difficulty in putting into words. If the parents are continually telling it to "hush up," and "keep still, now!" there is every chance of developing a fairly sulky youngster in time.

In one New York home, where the father takes an active part in the training of the children, as few fathers do in this country, unfortunately, no dispute among the children and no grievance of any of them pass unnoticed, especially if the father is around. No matter what he may be doing, he drops it and instantly opens a kind of informal children's court, getting at the bottom of the trouble by the gentlest of questioning. This takes some of his time, of course, but to those children their father is the ideal of justice, a confidant who never fails them.

Spending Money.

Those who have not much money to spend may get quite as much comfort out of a little, by spending it in a way to do the most good, as a large sum spent carelessly. Don't buy anything just because somebody tells you it is what you want. Be sure, yourself, that it is. If you cannot get just what you want, put what color and joy and hope and comfort you can in your life by buying the next best thing, remembering that, after all the best thing in this world is a healthy, cheerful, optimistic mind, and the ability to make the best of what is within our reach.

Children's Teeth.

The little ones should be early taught to care for the teeth, not only on account of the teeth themselves, but because even a child's mouth loses its charm if it is filled with dirty, bad-smelling teeth. A tooth brush costs anywhere from five to fifty cents, and the five cent ones are good enough to begin with. Let each child have its own, and teach it, after every use of the teeth, to brush them with a little salted water, washing out of the mouth all crumbs or foreign substances. It will pay.

A Startling Motto.

A traveling salesman died very suddenly in Pittsburg. His relatives telegraphed the undertaker to make a wreath; the ribbon should be extra wide, with the inscription, "Rest in peace," on both sides, and if there is room, "We shall meet in heaven." The undertaker was out of town and his new assistant handled the job. It was a startled floral piece which turned up at the funeral. The ribbon was extra wide and bore the inscription, "Rest in peace on both sides, and if there is room we shall meet in heaven."

It does not take wealth to create a home, neither does it take riches to make a girl good to look at, but it takes that indescribable charm of neatness. It is virtue, and if a girl possesses it to a high degree she can surpass many a girl of wealth in style and appearance, and that too on a small income. Every fastidious woman loves dainty things but unless she knows how to take care of them they will not look so long.

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