SPECTRAL GOLD.

TREASURE AFTER WHICH WEST-ERN MINERS SEEK.

Dead Inmates-A Denver Tradition and the Man Who Told it-Large Mines

Which Exist, But Are Never Found

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When Denver was in its infancy there staggered into it one day a woe-begone lost gold mines. It is an interesti human entered a gold camp.

showered upon him at once, the wretched | tion in truth. man said his name was Archibald Hutmine said to exist there. They had pushed for days deep and deeper into a veritable terra incognita. In their possession venturers. was a map, through the assistance of ure, and reach it they did, so the man buried pirate gold. Miles of coast averred, just as winter closed in around in the vain search for the treasures of party built a cabin at the mouth of the mine and tried to hold out till spring. One by one they sickened and died, leaving the narrator alone when the change came. He did not attempt to bury the spots of the bleak New England coast dead, but left them in the cabin when he were made the hiding places for vast dead into Denver.

Briefly, such was the story the starveling told. He only wanted a little strength. he said, to go back and locate the mine. alongshore" with a thrilling interest. True, he had not the map, but he was | Captain Kidd's spectral gold has called sure that he could lead a party to it. He forth a good deal of manual labor under and drew for a number of eager men a mountains of the far West have their duplicate of the map from memory. The Lost gold legends as well as the Eastern coasts. gold hunter did not recover his strength. miner to doom, and although never Several days after his appearance in found the camp is seldom without some Denver he grew delirious and died. Breath had hardly left his body ere a lot of men were off after the Lost Cabin mine. They had the man's narrative and the rough map to guide them.

guest became legendary, and at last their names were forgotten. But the name, deeper and deeper into a terra incognita, of men would start off on a mysterious | silent majority? mission. The camps that had known them never knew them again. The story of the starving wretch had sunk deeper | Crops of Fruit Raised in What is Poputhan anybody dreamed of, and the lost mine, faced with a cabin full of dead men's bones, had become the most fatal of all the gold allurements of the far gion, despite the dryness of its climate and West. It has never been found to this day, and its spectral gold lies just be- oasis, where the combination of the two eleyond the fingers of those who have died | ments of sun and water has produced mar-

on its trail. repositories of innumerable mines of waters, and at times there is a superabun- not take me long to fall asleep and stories told around the fires of the gold is increasing very rapidly, there being no fewer than forty-three oases in the Oued-Rir. camps discount the marvelous narratives | which, after a period of thirty years, has of the Arabian Nights. Hundreds of 13,000 inhabitants, 520 palm trees in men have died on these spectral trails, bearing—that is, which have been planted more than seven years; 120,000 trees between upon a rich placer which will become a Laghouat and Oued-Mizi and those of Veryready to listen to any kind of a narra- trees, and those of Figuig 140,000; while tive. A legend does just as well as ac- all shepherds or merchants, cultivates times with companions as eager as himself, but oftentimes alone. Very often he fruit trees. Sout, with a population of 15,000, comes not back to tell the story of failure, has 150,000 palm trees of the choicest kind, for failure it always is. The perils that rious oases of Ouargla have over 400,000 lurk in the unknown region into which palm trees and 100,000 fruit trees. All these he plunges, Indians, the grizzly, hunger, the cultivation of tobacco, vegetables, corn cold, and a thousand other dangers, keep | the vine, and other things grown beneat his lips from breaking to other dupes who | the shelter of the palm trees, and of the

come after him the story of spectral gold. That lost mines do exist there is no doubt; but they are never found. For tives and partly by the French, though the years men have sought for the old mines be believed; their old owners took great specially in the Oued-Rir; the result showing that Europeans can withstand the clipains to conceal them, and modern mate of this region, especially as they do search is proof of their success. It is not work themselves, but merely supering the treasure and the shafts filled up, thus | workmen. concealing for all time their location. As I have said, the lost mines of New Mexico have allured hundreds of adventurers, just as the gold-tiled houses drew De Soto deeper into the forest labyrinth, and they are as lost to-day as they were

hunters more than one story of these spectral mines. Your bearded, bronzed and rough-shirted gold seeker is credulous and, generally, superstitious. He or Cayenne, was the subject of negotiations never turns a deaf ear to any story con- between the two governments as far back as nected with gold. He will quit a paying 1841, when both engaged to respect its in claim and turn his face toward an unknown region just because a rumor of Guigues, paid a visit and brought back with wonderful placers has reached camp. A him the name dirty Indian who has strolled in, a savage houses and a population of 150 persons. with deception looking out of his eyes, M. Guigues had discovered Counani.

It is generally conceded that an Indian is not the most truthful of human crea- first president or the founder of a dynasty M. Guigues resisted the temptation; but of for a purpose. Miners who have been discover a suitable person for this exalted lured from camps by Indian stories of position. After the lapse of a certain time rich gold fields have been found in outof-the-way places with their skulls cloven, Journal, of Paris, a candidate not only and their bodies stripped of everything eligible for the honor, but willing to accept it.

M. Jules Gros has now been proclaimed by valuable. The "untutored savage" knows the people of Counani their first presidentthe white man's greed for the precious for no true Frenchman, of course, would metal, and his well-coined story of spec- think of becoming a king; and as the Bratral gold is enough to bring about a zilian government has acquiesced in this vol-

tragedy which is never avenged. camp in the Upper Big Horn mountains | French money is already current in Counani. with a plausible story. He had, he said, There are Roman Catholic churches at the while hunting, discovered a place where three villages of Counani, Cachipour and nuggets almost pure could be had for the picking up. To substantiate his tale he Journal Official is to be started, with M. Louis exhibited some specimens that threw the Boisset, another Parisian journalist as editor: ment. The like of them had never been for himself, is to be prime minister. seen before. The Indian was besought | said that 500 Parisian families have expresse to lead the camp to the spot, but he pre- their desire to emigrate to this miniature tended to decline. This only increased republic which emulates the fame of San horses and firearms could not move till further experience shows what is likely the savage. He said that an evil to be the ruture of this state. spirit guarded the gold field, and that no one but an Indian was allowed to enter it. One night the redskin stole from the camp. He was followed. A number of eager men trailed him with the keen- United States and Canada of \$8,317,500, ness and pertinacity of sleuth-hounds. Daylight found them still on the Indian's been about \$7,000,000. The total losses for chains. Each group, when counted and wet, afforded a pitiable, but a very ludi-

little band. The gold hunters fought with desperation, but the dusky devils

One of the whites, badly wounded and overlooked when the red victors went over the field, made his way back to camp. A horrid sight presented itself. The Strange Story of a Lost Cabin and its Dead bodies lay everywhere. Then, and not until then, did the truth illuminate his mind. The lone Indian had only played his part. The story of the gold country had divided the camp. Spectre gold had done its work, and the man's eagerness to become rich at one swoop

had scored another savage victory. stranger who commanded instant and theme. There is about it that which enuniversal attention. He appeared to be | chains one's attention and holds him to | It is situated at about one meter below the | yards had crumbled down. on the verge of starvation. He was gaunt the close. I own that I have lost more and wild-eyed; his beard was long and towns over these narratives of wealth matted, his hair was in the same con- that does not exist, or if it exists will dition; his garments hung in threads never gladden the eyes of man. Every deep, flow at a distance of a few hundred They had, in the nick of time, built from his skeleton-like figure. Never be- gold country bristles with spectral mines | yards from the city gate. On either side | temporary wall across the city gate; it fore had a similar object calling itself which have proven fatal ignis fatuui to of the river large dykes protect the land was but loosely made of earth and a few countless scores of wealth hunters. Mining camps have been depopulated by wild

ton, and when he had gathered a little these rumors spring. It is enough to and holding it there till he got assistance broken part of the dyke, filling the gap shop of the world are her stores of iron strength, thanks to the provisions set be- know that they have an existence wherever the miner has built his shanty and unfore him, he told a startling story. He packed his mule. The trails to them are was the last survivor of a party of pros- strewn with the bones of as brave men pectors who had been lured into the as ever shouldered a pick or staked off a mountains by a tale of a marvelous gold claim. Their thirst for wealth has led them on and on after some Lost Cabin mine, until they perished miserably, and helped to swell the army of missing ad-

Somewhat in keeping with the stories which they expected to reach the treas- of lost gold mines are the narratives of have been explored with pick and shovel . It was a terrible winter. The Kidd and Blackbeard. If those doughty buccaneers ever buried any of their illgotten spoil it has never come to light, and the continued search of the credulous keeps alive an interest in spectral gold. It is believed by some that certain deserted it to drag himself at last almost | treasures by the redoubtable Kidd, who plundered without mercy,

As he sailed, as he sailed. Legends have invested some of the most beautiful nooks of "Cape Cod and described the way as well as he could, a watery moon, or by lantern light. The person who knows "just where they are." They always lie ready to yield their treasure with little labor; they have been abandoned years before by their discoverers, who deserted them just when they were about to give up their secret. Such Weeks and months passed away, and is the usual story. Is it a wonder that the Denverites did not return. Their men break camp and go off on these wild trails; that they desert their comrades and face unseen dangers, stealing away "Lost Cabin mine," was not permitted to led on by the fiend of spectral gold to die. Every now and then little parties join at last, unseen and unwept, the T. C. HARBAUGH.

GARDENS OF THE SAHARA.

larly Supposed to be a Desert. The Sahara, it is well known, is not everywhere synonymous with desert, and that rethe general aridity of its surface, possesses many a well-cultivated and thickly-inhabited vels in the way of vegetation. The Lower The mountains of the far West are the Sahara is an immense basin of artesian and hundreds more will perish on them. one and seven years old, and 100,000 fruit It is a dream of the gold hunter to alight | trees, while the value of the dates grown each year averages \$500,000. The oases Comstock or a Led Horse claim. He is | ville and Ain-Safia have 100,000 palm tual discovery. He is off in a jiffy, some- 200,000. Zab, together with the Sahara grow 900,000 palm trees and 500,000 raising of ostriches, which, it is considered Cape, have been arrived at partly by the naworked by the Spaniards who found til within the last ten years. They began by their way into New Mexico. Some of buying oases and gardens in the Zab and the these mines produced fabulous amounts | Oued-Rir, and after that they set to work to of gold, if New Mexican chronicles can form fresh oases in the region of Bishra, and said that when the mines ceased to be tend the labor of the natives, who are de worked the workmen were killed among scribed as being very tractable and skillful

AN IMPORTED PRESIDENT. A Paris Newspaper Man Made Ruler of the

State of Counani. The new State of Independent Guiana, or Counani, has come into existence in a manner more suggestive of a passage from one of Jules Verne's tales than as an episode of contemporary history. This territory, lying on the borders of Brazil and French Guiana, is often enough to stampede a whole set- people of that place had also found out from When he prevaricates it is usually his departure he promised to do his best to untary decision of its little neighbor, it is not An Indian once appeared in a gold likely that M. Grevy will raise any objections. beholders into a state of feverish excite- while, needless to add, M. Guigues, whose Entreaties and offers of Remo; but they are not to be allowed to go

> A Month's Losses. The New York Commercial Bulletin's fire record for August shows a total loss in the

HOLLAND DYKES.

MOW THE WATER IS KEPT FROM DELUGING THAT LAND.

A Familiar Scene in That Country of Heavy Fogs-Railways and Roads Built Along These Embankments - Citizens Awakened in the Night by Cannon Shots.

My business once called me to a little town in a southern province of Holland, level of the sea on the banks of a mighty In response to a thousand queries stories of riches which have no founda- who has seen them the story of a ramparts and the dyke, was pressing schoolboy preventing an inundation by hard against it. The officers gave us no It would be difficult to tell from whence | stopping a hole in a dyke with his finger | time to rest; presently we stood on the appears ridiculous. These dykes are so

Barrier and the same of the sa

I knew it placed me in one of the groups.
I felt uncomfortable, for I was lightly dressed and did not know whether there water off the pavement, and I noticed was any danger ahead. But, then, the some old ladies spanking their children, people around me appeared to have no fear. A few, with true Dutch calmness, a new suit of clothes, and coming home as any. Everything was done orderly for such inundations happen frequently and with as little noise as possible. Soon | and this was but a little one, they told took the lead, and off we went. On the the water. In some very low parts of the way I learned that a rise of the water had | country the people keep suits of oilcloth weakened a portion of the dyke, then in ready for the emergency, while in every repair; it had sunk little by little, giving town or village situated near a riverwhich had been a fortress, and parts of its | way to the constant pressure of the water, and in Holland most towns are—a cannon huge earthen ramparts are still standing. and at last a portion of more than fifty is constantly kept ready loaded to give

Though there were women and chil- thinks it necessary. dren among us, we kept up a fast pace. river, which is formed by the Rhine and Soon we reached the ramparts, where the Meuse, and whose waters, broad and the water stood already over a foot high. cross-beams, and the water, which alagainst inundations. To any one ready covered the land between the with earth and stones. Happily the and coal; the system of land monopoly, The form erect, the blood aright water was calm, though a steady breeze which is the corner-stone of her aristohighways-in fact, in Holland all the rail- breakdown. We were in the water to



on dykes because the land is low and at Squads of soldiers, nothing but their many places so marshy that it cannot were working in a matter-of-fact way. dyke, and to a person sailing on the river hardly anything but the chimneys

and the steeples are visible. It had been a busy day for me and a tiresome one. When night came it did bridge, though hardly audible through the noise of the engine and the cries of passengers and officers. There-boom! "What's that? A cannon shot?" awoke, surprised. It was the same oldfashioned bed-room, but surely the noise

last hour of the voyage, standing upon water was quiet again, nothing sidered orthodox by their political econthe deck of the ocean steamer, among a more was visible of the dandy but his omists. great number of fellow-passengers, who silk hat, while I was almost scared at were as eager as I to set foot ashore of beholding in his place a woman, who, to be freer in her motions, had actually How an English Laborer was Fined for the beloved home. We were entering lifted her petticoats over her head, and the dock; sailors ran to and fro; a shower | was already covering the stones with of commands fell from the captain's earth in a manner which showed that she had been there before. Every now and then a relief-party was ordered into the water, while others climbed to the top of had heard in my dream was not fancied. and a cheer was given to greet them. The whole town seemed to be in an up- There they came, in sloops and canoes, ten, twenty, hundred, more and more, ple running up and down, talking and which covered the river in its whole



crying: "There must be a fire some width. The yacht club and the col-

where!" I jumped out of bed and began legians of the neighboring city had walking along the road, worked those two dressing, but had hardly done so when manned their boats at the news of the fingers constantly. I have often observed the church bells began ringing. Then, disaster, and now came in a body to our this trait, and once was able to give the alarm again a cannon shot—another one, two, assistance. Brave fellows they were, just as the lad I had watched was about and well disciplined. In an instant they three. I rushed out of the room, down had left their crafts, and, in their light pocket.—Dublin Freeman. the stairs. Meeting a waiter I asked him rowing-suits, jumped into the water. what had happened. "Why, sir, don't With their assistance the gap in the you hear the guns? The dyke is broken" dyke was soon filled, little canals American silver dollar and half-dollars of the -and away he ran. Coming down- were dug to let the water flow off stairs, I saw the street crowded with the land before the ramparts, and at like 20,000 of the dollars were coined; but people. Policemen ran up and down, daybreak the civilians were beating little alarm-gongs. The bells lowed to go home, only the soldiers were still ringing, while in the sol- being retained to finish the work. On 1804 dollars which are now in well-known diers' barracks they were beating the the way back to the town you could see collections. They are valued at \$2,000 each. drums. Officers were busily dividing the people wringing the water out of their people in groups of 100 each, and clothes, while none had as hard work to providing them with spades, sledge- reach home as the peasant girls, who, with hammers, wheelbarrows, ropes and their several petticoats and crinolines all

were quietly smoking their pipes, and without much more than a hat and a many women, and even boys and girls, handkerchief. In the morning everywere there, carrying spade or ax as well body was at his daily work again, our group was ready; a squad of soldiers | me, there having been no wind to raise the alarm as soon as the mayor of the place

> A DECAYING WORKSHOP. How the Manufacturing Interests of Eng-

land are Lessening. other countries for necessary supplies of raw material, abstention from import d facilities to all parts of the world tions are continually going on. devoted an article to the subject, Italy and to enter into partnership with | Give new supply to mother's breast; Italians." The growth of native manu-

to 18,000 spindles, and the number is so spinners have to fear not alone that the own market, "but also gain to a considerable extent the market of China." The Japanese are now manufacturing not only cotton fabrics, but silk dress goods brass wares. In fact, "the manufacture in the European style of almost every article required for personal or household use is being engaged in by home

What makes this development of native industrial competition particularly severe is the general adoption of the probear heavy burdens without being Groups of laborers were digging as tective policy the world over. Even so low that the tops of the houses are dry farm, instead of on the banks of an with the movement in spite of warnings but little higher than the protecting overflowing river. Close to me, a young as to the burdens imposed upon condandy, whom the alarm-bells seemed to sumers by thus restricting the supply of have called away from a dancing-party, cheap British goods. They reply that stood with a pickax in his hand, while the interests of consumers cannot be sen the tails of his dress-suit were floating | arated from those of producers and manbehind him, giving him the appearance ufacturers, and that it is better for the of riding on the surface of the water. general interest of the community that Suddenly a load of stones was thrown home industry shall be developed even spectral wealth. Some of the fabulous dance; but the number of cultivated tracts is increasing very rapidly there being no to America; fancied myself, in the very lifted me off my feet. When the know that such doctrines are not con- By welcome sure and safe relief,

Keeping a Vicious Brute.

costs.—Dublin Freeman.

ladies hat in hand, and said to the mother: "Madame, will you insure the success of my voyage by kindly seating yourself in my car Mamma, feeling flattered, readily con-sented, but hardly had she taken her seat An hour and a half later the balloon in Engheim, when Garnier wired to

PICKPOCKETS.

Unfailing Signs by Which These Gentry May be Discovered. remember reading Houdin's Memoirs some twenty years ago, in which that wonof many of his successes. He had been early the habit of taking in every trifle. He also pockets. He said a pickpocket was trained and he warned us to beware of a man who insert his two first fingers into a lady's

There is something curious about the coinage of 1804. In that year something al- is a singular fact, as is now known, that not

> In Juvenile Natural History Class. Professor-Thomas, how many toed is a

DAN DORE.

The business of England is to import raw materials, work them up into manufactured goods and export the finished product. Her natural advantages for main- The lively pulse, the beaming eye taining the function of being the workbroad and massive that they are used for rather increased the possibility of a large cratic system of government, tends To thrill, to startle and delight. to restrict the energies of her population to mechanical pursuits, thus insuring an abundant supply of cheap labor. Being dependent upon ties is her obvious policy; the protection of the government to industrial interests is, however, extended by means of an elaborate and generous system of subsidies for the development of shipping Moreover, the foreign policy of the government has always for its object the advancement of British trade. To that Then "what," the mournful victims end wars of conquest and all sorts of interferences in the affairs of weak na-The commercial supremacy of Great May all our craving needs supply? Britain is so firmly established that she keeps well ahead of competitors in supply, but the development of home industries is at present causing her great un-The London Times recently which it was stated that the effect of protective duties levied by Italy had been such that "several eminent British firms have found it advisable to transfer some of their capital and skill to North

factures in Japan is also referred to. There | Give energy an added zest; are now twenty-one cotton mills in that country, ranging in capacity from 2,000 | Purge all the humors which depress; rapidly increasing that English cotton | And end the throes of nervousness. Japanese may be able to supply their Dloom, ruddy bloom of health once carpets and rugs, glassware, copper and Will Liebig's Malt Extract restore.

An active energy incite In weak and failing appetite, And end that restless discontent strengthened. The town I was in is quietly as if they were working on a England's own colonies have fallen in With all-sufficient nourishment. In throes of pain which may perplex And terrify the gentler sex, off the dyke. Down they came with a at the risk of enhanced prices. It is poor To end their suffering and grief

At Solihull Police Court, near Birmingham, England, John Bonner, a laborer, was summoned for keeping a savage dog without having it under proper control. Police Constable Rayen stated that on the day in questhe dyke, cold, wet all over and weary. | tion he saw the defendant's dog, a common About an hour had passed, when a cry lurcher, in the street. Numerous complaints was raised: "The students! The vacht | had been made about the dog, which was a club?" For a moment all hands rested | perfect terror to the neighborhood, and defendant was keeping it for some poachers Defendant-The dog's all right until people roar. In the hotel, too, I heard the peo- rowing with all their might their crafts, some one had given him a quart of beer, and Mr. Chattock-Do you mean to say that The wondrous blessing you have the dog gets drunk?

Defendant-Yes, sir. People are always making him drunk. He's very fond of a Dr. Kimbell-(to the defendant)-Are you in the habit of giving the dog beer? Defendant-No, sir; but people in the public house are, for it always makes him like to The bench ordered the defendant to keep the dog under proper control, and to pay the

AN AERONAUT'S FRIENDSHIP.

How a Young French Officer Outwitted His Prospective Mother-in-law. Garnier, the French aeronaut, was about to make his ascent from the Champ de Mars. When all the preparations were complete Lieutenant Ronset, an old friend of the balloonist, came up and whispered into his ear: 'My sweetheart is here, but unfortunatel could only get to speak with her alone for a minute the happiness of my whole life Garnier smiled his assent, approached the

his friend: "Mamma safe aground: gone to lawyer to bring an action; hope you have made good use of your time."—New York Mercury.

pied by Mr. Tucker, at Cowick Barton, near Exeter, the workmen at the beginning of this week came upon a stone coffin containing | And in these to write properly all forms bones. Further exploration revealed more bones in a stone-walled grave lying in the immediate neighborhood; some tiles, the remains of a leaden chalice, and a coin. derful manipulator told the public the secret | is thought that the workmen have brought to light the site of the old Priory Chapel of Order. The priory was founded by the Courtenay family, and passed at the time of hands of the Russells, by whom it appears have been demolished. The remains in coffin are considered to be those of one of the Courtenays. The coffin itself, the position of which is supposed to mark the site of the work. It is ten inches deep inside and two feet outside measurement, two feet six inches wide at the head, and nineteen inches at the foot, and of some material like Portland stone. The cover, made of one solid block the upper side. On the news of the discover being spread, crowds of people made the

A party of Japanese have bought 400 acres land in the foothills near Campo Seco oad?
Thomas (interrogatively—to gain time)— | Calaveras county, Cal., and they propose to irrigate through a mining ditch from the trail. All at once wild whoops sounded on every side, and from the rocky wilderness scores of savages came down on the nest strong the first eight months of 1887 are \$85,245,600, armed, was marched off to the river. I crowded with men drying themselves, to downich they mostly used gin and water.

Tree-toad.

You have evidently neglected your lesson. It is said that Japanese have experimented officer put a spade in my hand, and before downich they mostly used gin and water.

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