

WASHINGTON CRITIC THE HOODOO OF PINE GULCH.

BY PATIENCE STAPLETON. From the Spirit of the Times. Bill Carlisle says it's spoiled with a V an o, but, as I'm writin' this story, it will be run accordin' to my idee of the word an' its general acceptance in the camp. I'm known in the Gulch as Cap'n, for I went down the Grand in a punt once on a bet; they was four hours bringin' me to, and the water I took in my system then has set me agin it as a beverage ever since.

in '79, as full of crime as Missouri under the James boys. When there was nuthin' else goin' on they run in the ghosts of the corpses to slow music an' red and blue lights, with his throat cut, come in regular to banquets. Like some of this Gulch, the old man, Mac, both, could see things when there was nuthin' there. This was a case of 'em. Then there was three of the toughest old fellows, brewin' pizen in a soap kettle an' prophesyin'.

him give Atkins Miller his money back an' take his ticket away from him. "That's a little tippin', Cheyenne," says I. "Eh Miller is a little fall, maybe he'd sell sales, an' done no harm. I'll pay big odds he'll be the only one as kin stand the play."

way to my home without a word, an' for, Merm, would a took in a coyote of he asked her to. Two days later the stage waited for a passenger who come up along the road with Marm, Cheyenne, an' me was partners in sendin' the gal to his aunt in Chicago to be made a schoolmarm.

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