## THE STORY OF A MINE.

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CHAPTER VIII.



ROSCOMMON. original grant was destroyed by fire. And

men's imitanyo inlent. Admirable as it was, it did not reach to the reproduction of that official sal, which would have been a necesssary appendage to the governor's grant. But there were letters written on stamped paper by Governor Micheltopena to himself, Garcia, and to Miguel, and to Miguel's father, all of which were duly signed by the suga manual and rubrie of Mrs. Governor Macheltorena Carmen de Haro. And then there was "parol" evidence, and plenty of it: witnesses who remembered everything about itnamely, Margel, Miguel and the all-recollecting De Haro; here were details, postical and suggestive; and Dame Quicklyish, as when his late excellency, sitting not "by a sen-coalfire," but with aguardiente and eigarros, had sworn to him, the exacelesiscical Namel, that he should grant, and had granted, Garcia's request, There were clouds of witnesses, conversations, letters and records glib and pat to the oc-In brief, there was nothing wanted but the scal of his execulency. The only copy of that was in the possition of a rival school of remaissant art and the r storation of antiques, then doing business before the land

And yet the claim was rejected! Having lately resonanced two separate chimants to a patent for the same land the land commission became cautions and conservative.

Rescommon was at first ast anded, then indigment, and then warlike he was for an "appede to onsti

With the render's previous knowledge of Rescommen's disposition this may seem somewhat inconsistent, but there are certain natures to whom litigation has all the excitement of gambling, and it should be borne in mind that this was his first lawsuit. So that his lawyer, Mr. Saysumerous Wood, found him in that is discrent nised to which counsel are obliged to hypocratically bring all the sophi tries of their protession. "Of course you have your right to an appeal, but calm your soll, any dear sir, and consider. The eyes was presented strongly, the viden a overwholm ing on our side, but we happened to be fighttag previous do ni as of the land commission tint had been int the majore to mile; so that if Micheltorena had hare it or peared in court and testified to his giving you the grant, it would have made no difference-no tag Washington lawyers to look into this hims if in this sere business, and he reported frauds, sir, frauds, in a majority of the Spanish claims. And why, sir! why! He was bought, sir, bought

-body and soul-by the ring!" "And twhot's the ring," looked his elient

"The ring is-aliem! a combination of unprincipled but wealthy persons to defent the ends of justice."

"And sure, fwhot's the ring to do wid me grant as that thaving Mexican gave me as the collatherals for the board he was owin' me! Eh, must that now!"

"The ring, my dear sir, is the other side, It is-alem! always the other side."

"And why the divel haven't we aring, too? And ain't I payin' ye five hundred dollarsand the divel of ring ye have, at all, at all: Fwhot am I payin' ye fur, ch?"

"That a judicious expenditure of money," began Mr. Wood, "outside of actual distairsements, may not be of infinite service to you I am not prepared to deny-but-

"Look ye, Mr. Sappy West, it's the appale! I want, and the grant I'll have, more betoken as the old woman's har-ent and me own is set | they took out was a fresh count in this gen- known. on it entoirely. Get me the land and PR give eral indictment. Every delay towards this. Mistress Carmen's little room was opposite ye the half of it -and it's a bargain!"

Sure is it be to nor me own. If I've risked only added zest to his struggle. The position of the local struggle is not specially and me provides and me whisly, that cost me of his local this more specialism moves of a tobasso pipe practically for the life. Telling Mess De Harm before I is drawn to the regarded impact held no symmetric finnes of a tobasso pipe practically and inventors. solid good in Prisco, on that there turem's him more strongly than it he had aboutly cloistered secholom, and had seen necessarily the nightness course of Mrs. Plotent, who is

smile, "I suppose that a deal for one half, on encount the part of mankind to get something shelf. They had once or twice met on the is Conchos at little impatiently.) "He's dead, the consideration of friendship, my dear sir, from notion and to acquire the largest resistances, on which occasion That her had Don Royal," "Dear?" "Of a verity—very

"Now it's talking ye are. But whose the felly we're foighten, that's got the rings" "Ah, my doar sir, it's the United States,"

said the lawyer with gravity. "The states! the government is it! And is't that yo're ateaned of? Sure it's the government that I fought in me own countbree, it was the government that draw me to Ameriky, and is it now that I'm goin' back on me

"Your political sentiments do you great credit," began Mr. Wood.

"But fwhea's the government to do wid the

The government, said Mr. Vand significantiv, swill be represented by the district attorney."

"An I who have spain ond"

principles?"

"It is an appeal," said Mr. Wood cowly, "that a new one is to be appointed. I, myself, here half and ambilion that way." Blass of the against counting but not overwise gray eves on his American lawyer.

But he only said, "Ye have, ch?" "Yes," mid Wood, an-woring the look boldly, "and if I had the support of a number of your prominent countrymen, who are so powerful with all parties-men like you, my dear sir looked at each other, and for a moment or ways on the lookout for friend or enemy, two felt a warm, sympathetic, friendly emos-

Depend upon is there is a great deal mora kindly human sympathy between two openly. respectable recognition that you and L dear carb other with our respective virtues.

"And yell not the apparer" "I will."

And he did! And by a singular coincidence. got the district attorneyship also. And with a deed for enc-half of the "Red Hock ranche" in his pocket sent a brother lawyer in court to appear for his elient, the United States, as against himself, Rescommon, Garcia, et al. Wild horses could not have tern him from this noble resolution. pication | with There is an imbseribable delicacy in the legal profession which we literary folk ought to imitate.

alleging that the and destruction to the "Blue Mass Company" who had bought from a paternal and beneficent government lands which didn't belong to It seemed there was a limit to Mess Car- it. The Mexican grant, of course, auto-dated the occupation of the mine by Coucho, Wiles, Pedro, et al., as well as by the "Blue Mass Company," and the solitary partners, Biggs and Thatcher. More than that, it swallowed up their improvements. It made Biggs and Thatcher responsible to Garcia for all the money the grand master of avarice had made out of it. Mr. District Attorney was apparently distressed, but resigned. Messrs, Biggs and Thatcher were really distressed and combative

> And then, to advance a few years in this chronicle, began real litigation with earnestness, vigor, our ago, zeal and belief on the part of Biggs and Thatcher, and technicalities, delay, equivocation and a general Fabian-like policy on the part of Garcia, Roscommon, et al. Of all these tellous pro- or hopeless spinster managed to combine recesses I note but one, which for originality speciability with the hard task of bread getand audacity of conception appears to me to ting. Thatcher's landlady was one of the indicate more clearly the temper and civilizas former class. She had unfortunately surtion of the epoch. A subordinate officer of vivel not only her husband but his property, the district court refused to obey the man- and, living in some deserted chamber, had, date ordering a transcript of the record to be after the fashion of the Italian nobility, let his face. Your contleman born is always as sent up to the United States supreme court. out the rest of the rain. A tendency to It is to be regretted that the name of this dwell upon these facts gave her conversation Ephesian youth, who thus fired the demo of a peenliar significance upon the first of each our constitutional liferties, should have month. Thatcher had noticed this with the been otherwise so unimportant as to sensitiveness of an impoverished gentleman, be confined to the dusty records of But when, a few days after her lodger's sudthat doubtful court of which he was den disappearance, a note came from him a doubtful servitor, and that his daim containing a draft in noble excess of all arto immortality ceased with his double-feed rears and charges, the widow's heart was service. But there still stands on record a lifted, and the rock smitten with the goldenletter by this young; gentleman, arraigning wand gushed beneficence that show in a new the legal wisdom of the hand, which is not en- gown for the winow and a new suit for "Johntirely devoid of amusement or even instruct ny," her son, a new ollcloth in the hall, better tion to young men desirous of obtaining pubs service to the Todgers, and, let us be thinklicity and capital. Howbest, the suprame ful, a kindler consideration for the post little not well refuse. court was obliged to protect itself by product black-eyed pointer from Monterey, then

pled a few months time, dragged, ching, re- until the line of demarcation between it and period of club or nine years. But the strong tor Garcia had remarked that the tright as and pillow cases; but the busain of the period their company to after an the other side, arrested or delayed eject. Mistress Pledgitt, the landlady, could not unlimited license of her absolute freedom why she didn't know why he should blame ment, and so made and sold quicks liver, while resist the desire to acquaint Carmen De Haro from conventional restraint and the indultheir epponents were spending gold, until with her good fortune, "He was always a gence of her child-like impulses. She scentred. They turned and faced each other. The Spanish grant bad a show then nor will it Biggs, sorely his in the interfacing of his are friend of years, my dear, and I know him to the ledges far and wide alone; she dipped conditions for a perfect misunderstanding to my mode.

The conditions are the conditions for a perfect misunderstanding to my mode. henceforward, Royal Thatcher reigned in his tools off by force, and I shall not let her re-

And so, having anticipated the legal record, tame and the red rocks she used to talk about, we will go back to the various human in- and put the Blac Mass mill in the foreground terests that helped to make it up.

various circumstances that led to it. To this my own fair country women. simple mind it was made patent that the adjustment of rights—although made by his to Thatcher's, and once or twice, the doors, there—and a Mexican, too, by his scrape, our profession-technical though they may more fact that there never was nor had been passage of a black-haired and a sturdy, heyany qu'il prospector this immense property——tili little figure in a great blue apron, perched "The divel fly away wid yer profession, that it had fallow to him for a mere song - on a stool before an easel, and on the other "But," continued Thatcher, dropping into unchain, bedad the longes of ye can risk yer pand down the medica be expected to a from passage, vaguely enveloped in the same nices my hated rival, and your lay signre and the mine. I don't know that I have indicated time choult, an American Olympian, in a model? "Chi," said Carmen, with a little "West," said Wood, with an awkward as plainly as I might that universal prefers recking chair, with his feet on the mantel sigh, "it's only poor Concho." "And where and a dollar in hand paid by me, might be turn for the least possible expensioner, but I greeted her with a word or two of respectful dead-murdered by your countrymen." "I question my right to say that Rossommon yet half humorous courtesy-a courtesy see-and you know him?" "He was my was much more reprehensible than has feld which never really offends a true woman, friend." lows.

But it told upon him as it did upon all over whom the spirit of the must humorist. A woman is quick to resugnize dered Con-ho broaded upon all whom the fact that the great and more dangerous ghastly advertisement—outside of an illusavarice afternately flattered and tertured. passions are always serious, and may be ex- trated newspaper-of my property." From his quiet gains in his legitimate cused if in self-respect she is often induced to business, from the fittle capital accuming try if there he not somewhere under the skin lated through industry and economy, he have of this laughing Mercutio the flesh and blood ished thousands on this changer of his fancy, of a Romeo. Thatcher was by mae the rishion of the dead." He grew grizzfed, and ween over his self-imimportance; he had enquesto me try, on mass through its half-humorous aspects and on is a study for myself. Don Royal: I shall to place to reward. The grocery this place he was pleased to place wemen and make you smother." suffered through giving food and led ment children. I mention this fact for the ben fit to cloud of unamperchable witnesses is too the of the more youthful members of any species, land continues cannot the district court, "Mrs. and am satisfied that an unconsidered one Ros," found lesself ducing money. Even the Tender and the complete laying down at the bur failed, there was a party of "Bine Mass" foot of beauty of all strong masculinity is a employes who drank at the opposite forms, cheap Galli is in that is untranslatable to

with which Roscommon had served his case knees to do it. tomers was gone. The towel was no longer used after its perfunctory fasaion; the this that Carmen was in love with Thatcher; counter remained unwiped; the disks of the more critical and analytical feminiae eye

tion for each other, and quirtly shook hands. | inhorn takent for historic misrepresentation closed; there were days days succeeding these | Americano, yet never once connected her inreader, exhibit when we happen to oppose inemissioney was discovered in his states knows how-that he had not opened his door witness, an expert and general historian besgan to decline. He was obliged to be corroborated, and this required a liberation of his fee, With the loss of his credit may a a witness had habits supervened. He was frequently drunk, he lost his position, he lost his house, and Carmen, removed to San Francisco, supported him with her brush

And this brings us on a more to that post y painter and innocent forger whose meson scions not bore such baleful fruit on the barren hillsides of the "Red Rock Encho," and The United States lost! Which meant ruin also to a later blossom of her life, that opened, however, in kindlier sunshine.

CHAPTER IX.

WHAT THE PAIR HAD TO DO ABOUT IT. MENTENNEY HE house that Its yal That her so informally quitted で記事 in his expoline to the promised land of Biggs was our of under-entended dwellings conceived and creeted in the extravagance of the San Francisco

builder's hopes, and occupied finally in his despair. Intended originally as the palace of some incheate California Aladdin, it usually ended as a lodging house in which some helpless widow

turn until she has enught the black moun-

of the picture I shall order." To begin with Rossonimon; To do What is this, little one! Surely, Carmen, pression, it must be remembered that offer. Holy Virgin't is it of a necessity that "Red Rock ranche," yet unquestioned, from brush in thy mouth, and then drop it in thy the hands of Garcia, he was careless, or at lap! Or was it taught thee by the good Sisleast meas, it cous of fraud. It was not until ters at the convent to stride in that boyish he had experienced the intexication of litiga- fushion to the side of thy elders and smatch tion that he felt somehow, that he was a from their hands the missive then wouldst wronged and detrauded man, but with the read? More of this we would know, O Carobstinacy of defrauded men, preferred to ar- men-smallest of brunettes-speak, little one, raign some one fact or individual as the ims even in thine own melodious speech, that I pelling cause of his wrong, rather than the may commend thee and thy rare discretion to

Alas, neither the present chronicler nor "Blue Mass Company" were making money Mistress Plotigitt got any further informaout of a mine which he claimed, and which tion from the prodent Carmen, and must fain right," and combine business with art? That's erty," was not yet adjudged to them. Every dollar speculate upon certain facts that were niready

although it often piques her self-aplemb by the slight assumption of superiority in the ture a defender and protector; weakmost women wearny the winning. and cursed the Rossommon claim over the woman must always look up to the man the Biquor. The calm, me imment indiscremse truly loves even if she has to go down on her

Only the unsculine reader will infer from

Then the lesser and the great r samp claimant of the "Red Rock Rancho" were also paid a compliment to the girl—even in the night poor Carmen cried herself to sleep, re-Garcia comes next. That gentleman's There were days when his room door was her wiened uncle for this good hearted culminated unpleasantly through a de-blanks when he met her as frankly and fective memory; a year or two after he naturally as if he had seen her yesterday, tween them. Women—the best of them—are had sworn in his application for the "Rancho," Indeed, on those days following his flight, the being em acad in another case, some trilling simple-minded Carmen, being aware—heaven ments, which had the effect of throwing the during that period, and fearing sickness, and weight of evidence to the party who had paid dendeath, or perhaps suicide, by her appeals him most, but was instantly detected by the to the hardindy, assisted unwittingly in disweaker party. Garcia's preseminence as a covering his flight and defection. As she was for a few moments as indignant as Mrs. gotten. Pledgitt, it is evident that she had but little sympathy with the delinquent. And besides, hitherto she had known only Conche, himself an ass to have thought them a conher earliest friend, and was true to his fession of original affection. The feminine memory, as against all Americanes, whom reader will, by this time, become satisfied she firmly believed to be his murderers.

> her mind, and went back to her painting-a fancy portrait of the good Patre Junipero Serra, a great missionary, who, happily for the thinks risasly of sign palating, which was carried her wage," as she believed, she beartificially trained in clouds, she disposed of bettles of "James's Prockle Eradicator," and in more to him than air interesting garl—to be and was growing despondent, and had a mobile minds, longing for the good sisters and the blameless lethargy of conventual life, and then-He camet

But not as the prince should come on a white charger, to carry away this cruelly-abused and enchanted damsel. He was sunfarmed, he was bearded like "the pard;" he was a little careless as to his dress and preoccupied in his ways. But his mouth and eyes were the same, and when be repeated in his old frank, half-mischievous way the invitation of his lefter, poor little Carmon could only be itate and blush.

modest as a woman. He ran down steirs and seizing the widowed Plodgitt, said

"You're just killing yourself here. Take a change. Come down to Monterey for a day. livering however, this Earthan across or two with me and bring Miss De Haro with you for company.

The old lady recognized the situation. That her was now a man of vast possibilis fixed on hers with a carrious, half-inquisities. In all maternal daughters of Eye there match maker. It is the last way of reviving

the past. She consented and Carmen De Haro could ing the legislation of his functions out of its dreadfully behind in her room rout. For, to much as That her had previously delivered earthor, as for as the dismantled formers. local fluxers into the larger palm of its own tell the truth, the calls upon Mos it to them, "a trifle rough and mannish." De Haro's scant purse by her une But he made over to them the one tenement offended you?" These various processes of law and equity, ele had lately been frequent, perjury reserved for himself and slept with his men. These various processes of law and separty, the safe having declined in the Montercy mur- or more likely mater the trees. At first Mrs. these several conveniences of equilization, waxen and his strong arm feelde, and faciling widow suffer; and see what he says about sterile patches of chemisal, and came back two people. Thatcher was a and Inden with the spoil of buckeye blessoms, soner Carmen a feminine feeler—if I may be it were, made over his share in trust to his read, "Tell my little neighbor that I shall manzanita berries and laurel. But she would pardoned the expression. Thatcher wanted commids and died. Whereat, from that time come back soon to carry her and her sketching not make a sketch of the Blue Mass company's" mills on a Morenter's projectionsomething that could be afterwards lithegraphed or chromoed with the mills turning out tone of quick-alver through the eners he said gravely. "It was stopid forme to congies of a happy and picture-que assemblage front you here with the property claimed by justice to his later conduct and ex- thou needs not blash at this, thy first grand Royal Thatcher. On the contrary, she made of miners-even to please her padrone, Don the accepted the claim for the thou shouldst stick the wrong end of thy enyed red rock furnace, with the black mountain above it, and the light of a dying camp fire shining upon it, and the dull red excavations in the lodge. But even this did not satisfy her until she had made some alterations, and when she finally brought tree finished study to Don Royal, she looked at him a little defiantly. Thatcher admired honestly, and then criticised a little humorously and dishonestly. "But couldn't you, for a consideration, put up a sign board on that rock with the inscription, "Road to the Blue Mass company's new mills to the the fault of you geniuses. But what's this blanketed figure doing here, lying before the furnace? You neversaw one of my miners. "But, my dear sir, there are some rules in lower lawyer was a personal wrong. The being open, That her had a glimpse across the "That," quoth Mistress Carmen, coolly," was put in to fill up the foreground-I wanted

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"Truity." "Brt" (wickedly), "isn't this a rather

"Ghastly, Don Royal. Look you, he sleeps." "Ay" on Figure do, "mother dend." Cura n et - log here if line ity, "After

They were both recting uncomfortable. been footed by elever but described tricksters, little-locked, because of the modern and posed delicion: he no longer jested with his bess, and weakness alone, stirred the Carmen was shivering. But, being a woman, customers, regardless of quality or station or depths of his tenderness-often, I fear, only and factful, she resovered her head first, with

> And she slipped away, as she thought, out of the subject and his presence. But she was mistaken; in the evening he renewed the conversation. Carmen began to

> tence, not from cowardise or deceit, as the masculine reader would readily later, but from some wonderful feminine instinct that told her to be cautious. But he got from her the fact, to him before unknown, that she was the niece of his mean antagonist, and, being a gentleman, so redoubled his attentions and his courtesy that Mrs. Plodgitt made up

unspoken but most delicate form of attention. solving that she would hereafter east aside necent pennian hip with the deadly foul bestrong acto-collateral facts, swilt of deduction, but vague as children are to the exact statement or recognition of parades. It is hardly necessary to say that Carmon had never thought of connecting any act of hers with the claims of her uncle, and the circumstance of the signature she had totally for-

The musculine reader will now understand Carmen's confusion and blushes, and believe that the dec-oful mine's sole idea was to gain So she dismissed the offer and the man from the affections of That sher. And recilly I don't know who is right.

Novertheless, she painted a sketch for Thatcher-which now adorns the company's integrity of his bones and character, died office in San Francisco, in which the property some hundred years before the Americans is laid out in pleasing geometrical lines, and took possession of California. The picture the rosy promise of the future instinct in was fair but unsalable, and she began to every touch of the briefs. Then, having then much more popular and marketable, come somewhat rold and shy to Thatcher, An unfinished head of San Juan de Bautista, Whereat that gentlemma restoutied his aftentions, seeing only in her presence a certain to a prominent deaggist for \$50, where it did meprise, which converned her more than himpost service as exhibiting the effect of four self. The mess of his enemy meant nothing a pleasant and another sive way revived the protected always-to be feared, never. But memory of the saint. Still, she felt weary even suspicion may be instill usly placed in

Mistress Piodritt, thus early estopped of matchmaking, of course put the blame on her own sex, and went over to the stronger sidethe man's. "It's a great pity gals should be so curious,"

she said, sotto voce, to Thatcher, when Carmen was in one of her sullen moods. "Yet I s'pose it's in her blood. Them Spaniards is always revent "u!-like the Evetalians." Thatcher homestly looked his surprise.

"Why, don't you see, she's thinking how all these lands might have been her uncle's but for you. And instead of trying to be sweet and-" here she stopped to cough "Good God" said Tintcher, in great con-

corn, of never thought of that." He stopped for a mone at, and then added with decision: "I can't believe it; it not like her."

Mrs. P. was paper. She walked away, de-"Well, I hope turn to otherny morese."

That her chuckied, then felt uneasy. When he rext met Carmen she found his gray eyes torial box she had never noticed before. This is the slightest bit of the chaperone and only added facility the fire. Forgetting their relations of host and guest, she was also-Intely rude. Thatcher was quiet but watchful; got the Plodnitt to bedearly, and under cover of showing a mosnlight view of the "Lost Chance Mill," decoyed Carmen out of

"What is the matter, Miss De Hager have I

fairs of ordinary business, might have occu- | ket through excessive and injudicious supply, Pledgitt missed gas and running water, and frames, whose legalty of course he like w, and was the matter. If Den Reval preferred old uncle to "regard" the papers in the "E of Rock trograded, or advanced slowly duclor a absolute verity was so finely drawn that Vic- among which I fear may be mentioned sleets | gentleman in his advanced price and the check point with her arms of Big. and Thatcher held possession, well tell the truth at once and save his soul, mountain air seathed her neural in and her price s-why—the traceutine reader will ob-

have for the next six menths. You see, my dear sir, the government sent out one of its many more, fell in the lists, his check growing be a gentleman that would never let a poor into dark copess and scrambled over the could not have been better arranged between Carmen wanted to get at certain feelings and then fit the facts to them.

"But I am not blanning you. Miss Carmen," your uncle and ecoupled by me, but it was a mistake-not" he added hastily, at was not recled into Weed's off a will have leave for a mistake. You know it and I didn't. You my nice Carmen. Islan is with the enemy," overholded it before you came, and I was too he said thickly. "Look you at this?" glad to overlook it after you were here."

"Of course," said Carmon petrishity, "I am (Mem. She was just fifteen, and uttered this and contioning him a. 19-1 he awful resume of experience just as if it hadn't been taught to her in her craille.

came more enraged.

"Why did you want to take Uncle Victor's property, theur" she asked trinenshantly. "I don't know that it is your uncle's prope-

"You-don't-know! Have you seen the application with Governor Micheltoreme's indersement? Have you heard the wit-

nesses?" she said passionntely. "Signatures may be forged and witnesses tie," and Thatcher quartly.

"What is it you call "forgod?"

tion of ct Duchie Americanos. So be said, with a silvin smile m his knodly eyes "Anybody wicked enough and decorate enough can imitate another's bandwriting. When this i used to benefit fraud we call it "forcery," I beg your pardon-Miss De Haro, relief.

Miss Carmen - what is the matter?" She had suddenly lapsed against a tree, quite helpless, merveless, and with staring | Victor Coresa tyes fixed on his. As yet an embryo woman, inexperienced and ignorant, the sex's instinct | that, so was Mr. Eap mayous West, or sum was potential; she had in one plunge faths sel. omed all that his reason had been years grop-

ing for. That chersaw only that she was prined, that she was helploss; that was enough, "It is Mesor has been a mature to pene a an possible that your unde may have been dewived," he because "many honest men have to see the two other and her anomalist to be men and women.

"Stop" Madre de Dios! Will you stop?" That her for an instant revoiled from the flashing eyes and white face of the little figure that had, with memoring and elemened buly fingers, strode to his side. Hostopped. Where is this application—this forgery fo sho "Show it to me?"

Thatcher felt relieved, and smiled the superior smile of our sex over feminine ignorance. "You could hardly expect me to be trusted with your uncle's vouchers. His papers of course are in the hands of his counsel."

"And when can I leave this placer" she asked passionately.

have go to more was combatt. I have "As you with" a sum of That he is marely

"Granton, Serror," They walked slowly back to he home, Thatefor with a most ulliproverse of least unreasonably afflicted, Corner within Wannahly instinct of being hopef by erabol. No word was spoken must they reached the door, Then Chenen suck ..... is here in family two very, and in a chadding treble, many confi merrily: "Good night, O law Royal, and pleasant dreams. Passa manana,

That ober stood dumbrand action of old at this experience girl. She was his mystelleution instantly. "It is for the old cat?" she whispered, jerking her thumb over her shoulder in the direction of the sleeping Mrs. P. "Great might-got"

He went to give orders for a peon to attend the ladies and their equipage the next day. However to the Miss De Haro gone, with her escort, towards Monterey. And without the Plotgitt.



\*\*We call it forgoey." He could not concern his surprise from the latter lady. She, left alone-a not altogether unavailable victim to the wife of our sexwas embarrassed. But not -- much that she could not say to That here if told you sogone to her uncle . . To tell him all "

'All. Den it, what can she tell him!" roured Thatcher, stung out of his self-control, Nothing, I hope, but she should not," said Mrs. P., and chastely retired.

She was right. Miss Cormen posted to Monterey, running her hope nearly off its legs to do, it, and then went back her beast and escort, saying she would rejoin Mrs. Pledgitt by steamer at San Francisco. Then she went boidly to the law office of Sanonaccous Wood, district attorney and whilem solicitor of her much.

With the majority of musculing Menterey Miss Carmen was known and respectfully admired, despite the intelly contain of her kinsman. Mr. Wood was girl to see her, and awkwardly millant. Miss Carmon was cool Miss Cormen was not aware that anything and business-like; she had some from her Hamble's case. They were lustimate positional, clear memory and weederful thickty of perception she could not be mistaken. The signature of Michelterena was in her own handwriting!

Yet she looked up to the lawyer with a smile. "May I take the papers for an hour

Even an older and betweenan than the district afterney could be drespong hids and that is atle voice. "Certainly

"I will return them in an lone "

She was as good as her word, and within the hour dropped the population of a little congtesy to her uncle's bend adverse, and that night took the stenna - to San Principal

The best morning Veter Cheese, a bedethe worse for the previous prince despution,

It was no amonymest better in Mrs. Phylisthe own newlement if the advesting from of the the only one to be blasted. It's fike you men! fact that the there was bounds by the enemy, "Impossible," said too law dar, "it was only

last west she sent thee she. Fermine, generalities always stagger a Victor blasted, even through his ensamman. That cher said nothing. Carmen beguined cheeks, and majour impatient posture with his hand.

"Besides," added the however could, "she has been here to examine the papers at thy request, and returned the most vosterday." Victor greeped-PAnd you-you-you-cave

"Of course" "After Even the application and the street

"Certainly yourself !-

"Sent her? The smalle own danshner?" shriefed Garcia, "Source baseline trailing the said Chille to the trade the

Mr Word reproduce from the state a part over it with the color that the most part of the late to the late of the transfer of the late of the l with opening it and the contract on the post conf-signature, he had to be to any there

"It is the same," I want will with a sinh of

coff respective," and Mr. Wood started "The papers are all there. You're a had,

And so he was And for the a second

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colors the prior of Don, Royal at his sudden de tore. All of which Most Carmen rerecord in a demune, hitten-like way, but still keps quart y at her work. In due time Don Royal's color was completed; still she had be tre not colorate a cough to not certain a har to her albustly sketch of the ecomb-

Nevertheless, as Don Royal did not return, through excess of business. Mrs. Plodgitt turned an honest penny by lotting his room, temporarily, to two quiet Mexicans, who, but for a beastly habit of eigarrito smoleing which tainted the whole house, were fair enough lodgers. If they failed in unking the ac-