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(Continued.)
I was afraid there would be a hitch somewhere. Hillhouse showed his despair in his face.

CHAPTER IV.
The Die is Cast.
Abner returned to his chair. He "filled it back on his two rear legs and checked his gait."

Yes, and while I can't be positive, I want to know how many men—no woman to be consulted—I'll plunk today \$5,000 in cold cash by 3 o'clock today may I have the plant?

Hillhouse flushed with eagerness, and then his face became rigid, his lips quivered.

"I was wondering what my wife—"
"Hello! Hello!" Abner rose and turned toward the door.

Hillhouse was quite pale by this time. He walked to a window and looked out on the street.

"That's the talk!" Abner shook hands with him. "I wouldn't buy you out of it wasn't for your good."

"What is this?" he asked nervously.
"Isn't just a receipt for \$10." Abner answered. "I'm a great hand to pass money in any deal."

"That you said you wanted till 3 o'clock," Hillhouse stammered, irresolution stamped on his whole being.

in his house. I don't know. It is wonderful how much cooler a female looks in a business office than she kin over a washbasin or cooking stove.

Mary eyed him curiously as the two turned down the street toward the bank. "What is the matter with you?" she asked.

"How is all right," he said. "He'd make a bangup editor of a paper, wouldn't he? He'd rise like a kite if he had better wind under 'im than he has now, wouldn't he?"

"But he'll be homesick so far off among strangers," Mary sighed gloomily. "That will take all energy and courage out of him. He loves it here. He has often told me that he'd rather live in Darley than in any other place in the world."

"He was in Tarp's store looking at a trunk a few minutes ago," Mary said. "He wanted my advice about it, but I'd as soon have helped him select his coffin. There he is now crossing the street."

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"No, he said he'd look at it again later."

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your ideas in print somehow is like searin' yores'f orate when you are in yore best trim an' everybody else is quiet.

"So while I never talked it even to friends I have always thought I'd like to own a newspaper. I reckon I'd have had one before this, but I was afraid I couldn't run the whole shebang myself."

Mary's eyes were full of tears. She started to speak, but choked up. Howard was deeply moved.

"Cut all that out," Abner said firmly. "You will not only give the Clarion new life, but between us we can build this town up."

"It is a great opportunity," the young man answered, "and I'm going to do my best to prove myself worthy of Uncle Ab's confidence."

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Peking, Jan. 5.—Chinese newspapers are bitter in their criticism of the constant stream of Japanese who are pouring into Harbin.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY NEWS
Petition in Bankruptcy.
Samuel W. Taseh, a jeweler in Danbury, has filed a petition in bankruptcy.

Mad Man Attacks Boy.
Under the delusion that everyone is trying to poison him, Michele Corononi, an Italian resident of Ridgefield, who is employed at the Gilbert & Bennett factory in Georgetown, is at war with the world as a whole.

Hurt in Coasting.
The condition of David Dougherty, the thirteen year old Ridgefield boy brought to the Danbury hospital Thursday with a fractured skull, received in a coasting accident, is reported to be much improved.

Wins \$130,000 Profit.
Deeds filed in Reading, Pa., by New York financial men show how Henry H. Adams of Greenwich, Conn., in a few weeks made the tidy sum of \$130,000.

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