











FARMER JOHN'S SOLILOQUY.

I must as well acknowledge, 'tain't no use o'...

LONE HOLLOW; Or, The Peril of the Penroys.

A Thrilling and Romantic Story of Love and Adventure.

By JAMES M. MERRILL, AUTHOR OF "BOGUS BILL," "FISHER JOE" AND OTHER STORIES.

CHAPTER XXXII.

"Don't put yourself out, doctor," said the Captain...

"It was in California about two years ago that my first scene opens..."

"Then Karl Vandible took from his pocket a letter which had lately come from his aged brother beyond the mountains..."

"The nonchalant expression on the Captain's face changed to nervous agitation as Dr. Colton drew forth a wrinkled envelope..."

"This is nothing to me," growled the Captain, again attempting to rise.

"Open the letter, Dr. Colton proceeded..."

"What is this to me!" demanded Captain Starbright, curtly.

For Karl, Morgan's brother, and of how he had been with him when he died in a lonely cave on the gold range...

"This is false!" "Sit down!" commanded Lura, as the villain attempted to rise...

White now, with cold sweat standing out in great drops, the pseudo Captain was obliged to listen to the remainder of the narrative.

"I have come near to the end of my story," proceeded Dr. Colton, with the utmost gravity.

"Do you deny that you attempted his life?" interrupted the doctor.

"Then, perhaps, you will dare deny these things to another witness?"

"I am not dead, Lawrence Brandon," said the wronged Californian, in a solemn voice.

"Your last attempt upon my life proved as futile as the first, thanks to this brave doctor and his equally brave helper, Lura Joyce."

"From the hour of my regaining consciousness I knew every thing. My head is yet sore, and I am very weak..."

"The last will and testament of Morgan Vandible, which leaves all his property to Karl, his beloved brother..."

"And now," said Karl Vandible, "I have the satisfaction of turning you over to the custody of an officer, Lawrence Brandon."

"I will not be taken alive!" hoarsely uttered the haggard villain.

"I feel that I am not long for this world, Karl."

The voice was faltering and low, and the lips that uttered the words blue and shrunken.

Bodily and mental suffering had done its work. The plunge from the upper story of the great house on that night just a fortnight before had given the man a shock from which he could not recover...

"There is no help for you, Captain—" "Hush! Do not utter that title! It was as false as my life has been..."

"Every thing said against me is true, even to forging the name of your brother to that will. He never would have changed the first one had he not supposed you dead..."

"Then the sinking man gasped, attempted to speak, but failed. A convulsive shudder passed through his frame..."

With his death comes the ending of our story. We have no desire to prolong the narrative. Through the efforts of Lura Joyce, assisted at the last by Dr. Colton, retribution had overtaken the man who had staked his soul in the struggle for a fortune...

Austin Wentword was at once released. The forged will was cast aside and the genuine probated, which was satisfactory to all...

Lawyer Gripes, fearing prosecution for his part in the transaction with Lawrence Brandon, left Stonefield and was seen there no more.

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