

When it was built the country round

ages those who lived in the house

old Dutch house on the Hackensack

A cow was pasturing near by, and Lem Harrison stouned and looked coming across the turf was a young came she sang in a rich soprano voica Lem Harrison watched her, spell

bound, convinced that once more be had wandered from Good Luck trail. The girl saw him and, startled, stood for a moment quite motionless. he approached her, removing his hat, "Good morning." he said difficiently. "I'm looking for Good Luck guich, but

I'm afraid I've missed my way: Per

"Yes," he said.

"It isn't used much now. We use the west trail. It leads down through opening."

She. pointed. a rounded arm and appointment, and the girl seeme quick to recognize that he was tron

"Perhaps you came to see my fa inim no news of the fortune he had the veranda, where an elderly man

seek gold -L didn't expect to find any one here."

"My father obtained this place years ago. He took a fancy to it and staked few years ago he decided that he would like to spend his declining years up here on the mountain, and so we sold our little vineyard below. There are only two of us, father and I."

"You must be lonesome." he said, wondering.

"We are But it is beautiful, and once a week we go down to Pledville, and there are books and magazines b keep one busy I suppose you came from the east?

"I know I look like a Yankce." he ad argued with himself at night when he and you will laugh when you hear why

ging in the earth, as his father put it When Henry Robson lost his wife he wearing out his eyesight translating. There still stands on the Hackensack was left with one sou. Louis, fourteen

tical mold regarding the production toothache, corn salves and solution nearly two centuries, a fine specimen and accumulation of wealth, the chief for the itch." his father 'fell ill and of the homesteads built by the early end of man. Having made a fortune, soon became convinced that he had no Dutch settlers in America It was for-this ambition was succeeded by a shui-long to live. Calling Edith to him, he ty years old when the Revolutionary iar object. He would bring up his son to the what she already knew-that war opened, and its original owner had to take his place at the head of the she was his heir. then long passed away.

great manufacturing concern of which "I won't have it, papa. she said he was the principal owner and manbusidess at that age when young men The old man was greatly pleased al were in terror of other depredations. enter upon a university career, but he this ingenuous and unselfish statement A, recent investigation of a historical did not insist upon this, arguing that especially since he knew of his wife's society has revealed an ingenious conwhile what a boy learned at college desire that he should cut off his son intrivance whereby if besleged by savwas mostly worthless he lived there in favor of her daughter. a community which was a preparation "Louis," continued Edith. "has shown might make their escape.

for the larger world which he was more common sense than you, papa later to enter. He basn't a business hair in his head chief command of the American armies But before Louis was prepared to and you could never make one growhis first duties were at Boston, then enter college his father married again, there. He'll make a reputation in the New York city, then New Jersey His second wife was a widow with a profession he has chosen that we shall While operating in the latter field the daughter eleven years old or three all be proud of. See if he doesn't." years younger than her stepbrother. N. "A reputation for digging up dead lay between him and Manhattan Isooner had the marriage taken place persons who should be suffered to reliand on ground belonging to neither main in their graves. However, PhiBritish nor Americans The homostead than the wife began to study how she could divert her husband's fortune think over what you say, and maybe was at the time occupied by John Oldfrom Louis to her daughter. She could I'll make a will leaving the bulk of the ershaw, an aristocratic Englishman only think of it, however, for her hus estate to Louis, providing for you lib who had turned what means he had band was bent on his fortune passing erally at the same time. But if you into cash and emigrated to America. from his hands to those of his son. really wish me to do so you'd better His family consisted of a wife and She worried her daughter with her not mention it to your mother. One two children, the latter having been schemes till the poor child was quite reason that influences me is that if porn in America. The mother was ill worn out with them. It was "Edith. leave it all to you she will manage is suited to the rule life of a new counwhy did you go to bed last night withfor you, and if Louis should need any try and lived in the hope of some day of it he won't get it not from her. "" returning to England." Both slie and out kissing your father good night?" or "You naughty child, to speak as After awhile Mr. Robson's condition her husband were bitter Tories, but saucily to your father as you did towas such that Edith wrote Louis that their children, who had never been in day! You deserve that he should leave

if he wished to see his father alive he the mother country, sympathized se-had better come home. Louis returned cretly with the patriot cause. They you nothing in his will." The girl-knew well that this referthe day of his father's death. In an in Were a young man. Edgar, aged twenme to the will was the apphar of the terview between the two Robson at 15 1wo, and a daughter. Anne. aged whole-matter; and since she was too mitted that he had been wrong in the nineteen

matter_of_his son's career, and Louis One, evening tieneral Hower com young to think in a moreonary way of the future whe did not enter juto her mother's plaus. But by not doing so she unintentionally beloed the matter. for her stepfather saw through her Mr. Robson's death Louis was suffer rising ground beyond on a tour of reing a remorseful feeling, untural under connoissance and at nightfall stopped mother's plan from the first, and it was plain to him that Edith was disturbed by it. Moreover, he took naturally to the child, who was of a lovely disposihe got out of bed and, throwing on a ters, he suffered himself to be persuad dressing gown, started to go downstairs ed to remnin all night, with his attend. tion, and when Louis went away to boarding school she, in a measure. to the dining room for some refresh ants, and was entertained by Mr Old dropped into his place with her father ment that he hoped would induce slum ershaw Then came that which tended to ber As he left his room he saw al bring about Mrs. Robson's schemes fash of light at the other end of the hall Louis developed testes antagonistic to business. Instead of being interested. in the mechanic arts he must needs become infatuated with those people who lived a couple of thousand years agothe Greeks and Romans-whom most children wish had never lived at all. Louis' tastes can also to languages, and in the Latin and the Greek he read about Roman conquests and Athenian intellectual triumphs. The boy had not been long in college when his knowledge of Greek and Latin literature was the talk of the students and

her a slip of paper, he begged her to inscriptions on bricks three or fourriver, in New Jersey, after weathering hide him Anne glanced at the paper down the narrow trail over which he girl of about twenty. In one hand she years old. Robson was of a very prace thousand years old, reading cures for the political and at mospheric storms of saw that it bore an introduction from had been trudging with tired, blistered swung a shining milk pail, and as she her brother and beckoned Travers to feet.

follow her "I don't know why they call this The meal for the traveler had been Good Luck trail;" he muttered, "un prepared and Mr. Oldershaw was open ing a bottle of wine with which to regate his guest when a clatter of luck if you get back alive. I can't horses' hoofs was heard without, and think of any other reason."

a dozen British troopers rode up to the He wiped the perspiration from his "Your fortune belongs to Louis and about it was infested by indians. They house. An officer dismounted, came heated face, settled the pack on his ager. He preferred that Louis should not to me at all except such amount a stole a son of the owner, and so long in and asked Mr Oldershaw if a citibent back and resumed the steady. I'm afraid I've mussed my was at the house. Oldershaw said that he Sierras. Somewhere far above him, this is Good Luck camp. That is had and thought he had gone to make had and thought he had gone to make to for a rough piece of paper he carried in at any moment. The officer asked if Oldershaw was a loyal subject of paper he carried showing a row of pearly teeth in a life of the state of collections and the state of collections of the state of th the king or a rebel and when assured of gold dust. Lem Harrison's Uncle say you came up Good Luck trail?"

When Washington was called to the that he was the former told him that Poter had been a forty-niner and he was harboring a spy of General among the first to reach the California Washington's who had been to New goldeelds. He had written letters York and was carrying information of home of a wonderful fortune he had the valleys to Piedville. There is the amassed and told in detail how the the British forces.

The house was at once surrounded precious dust was contained in stout showed where, facing the house, was that the spy might not escape, and in boxes and the whole hoard cached a wide opening, giving a panoramic Oldershaw went through the interior in this guily until his search for riches view of mountains and valleys and looking for him. Neither Travers nor was ended. Then he would gather up tiny villages scattered at their foet. Anne could for some time be found, all his treasure and take it down to Lem's face was haggard with dis but presently Oldershaw met the lat Sam Francisco. ter coming through a hall on the Months after that had come news of ground floor.

his death in San Francisco, almost bled about something. "Where is the stranger?" he asked. penniless. His widow, who went west "The stranger' Why, isn't he with to bring back his remains, could ob ther?" she suggested, pointing toward 5ou?

We must find him. He's a written about and the only clew to sat regarding them curiously, "No. spy of the rebel Washington.".... It was with difficulty that Anne was among his clething. This she gave to anybody was here. I thought Good to maintain her equanimity, but Lem Harrison's father, who in turn able to maintain her equanimity, but lem Harrison's father, who in turn Luck guich was as wild as it was sixty her father was so eager to catch bequeathed it to his son as a curiosity. years ago, when my uncle came here to Travers that he was not as observant But Lom possessed the same spirit as he would have been otherwise. Di of adventure that had prompted his recting her to help hunt for the spy Fucle Peter to fare forth in search of

he ran bles to report to the omcer fortune, and after the death of his parents he, too, had turned his face to that the young man had disappeared. Anne Oldshow had at times wonder the golden west, and tucked inside his expressed a regret that he had not at manding at New York with certain el at a certain part of the flooring in pocket was the map made by his Un-least tried to fulfill his father's desire. Refuters of his staff, rode out over the the basement, or cellar, the wood of cle Peter sixty years before. For sev The night after this interview and jersey flats between the city and the which seemed to have taken on a differat years Lem led a varied life on the Mr. Robson's death Louis was suffer rising ground beyond on a tour of re- forent color from the rest. She had plains.

spoken to her brother of it, and one He had been cattleman and pros the circumstances, but not warrantee at the Oldershaw mansion Too late day they had examined it together pector and trackwalker for the rallby the facts Not being able to sleep in the day to return to his headquar- Edgar found a way to lift this bit of road, but the lare of gold drew him flooring The two descended into sover farther westward until his feet subsellar and entered a passageway had crossed the line into California at the end of which they came to two and he had at last set forth on a defiwooden gates. like those of a canal nite expedition in search of the gold Buring the evening he and his host lock, though but five or six feet in dust concealed by his uncle. ant over a bottle of port wine, and the height and two or three in width "If he took it down to Frisco with

Thinking that burglars were in the general, warmed by the juice of the Through seams in these gates water him why did he make the map?" he mitted, suiling. "I'm from the ent house, he went cautiously toward it grape, became confidential as to his trickled By continuous finshes he was guided plans for gaining an advantage over This tunnel had been built by the made his lonely camp. "Seems as if I came to Good Luck guich." to a rootn his father had used for an General Washington Above the apart original, owner of the house, after he he might-have found-more gold-after - "L shall be glad to hear all about h,"

office. Through the crack made by the ment in which they sat was Anne-Old had tost his son as a means of escape he hid that first lot and so he left it she said pleasantly. "Suppose you so door being partly open he saw his step orshaw's bedroom. Though the timber from Indians the categories in the clay and blew it in . I don't like to have milked the ave. will have will have the discorred with the table that be have the days was the more siturable than how training have the discorred with the sub think, that I have been deceiving my. Uncertaint, and then you can tell us the source of the sub think, that I have been deceiving my. Uncertaint, and then you can tell us through papers Hi a fin tox she had use was an more aurable that news family hid become divided on the sub limit, that is hard to be and it was rough flow and not so carefully ject of toyalty to King George and it self all these years and that when I about it. We are very fond of usitors that she appropriated, but evidently selected in the floor of Anne's rough occurred to Edgar that this passage get all self all these years and that when I about it. We are very fond of usitors occurred to Edgar that this passage for he be disappointed. Who knows but here in Good Luck gulch." Lem left her reluctantly and went us satisfied. Hearing a slight ceiling of the room below was a crack had heard the stories of troubles with somebody elso has found it years to the log house, where he made the she gave up the search, and seeing Anne, who had gone to bed, but not to the indians that the former occupants back? Pahaw! I won't think any acquaintance of Henry Blair, the fa that she was about to come out of the stering, volces below, was de had suffered. He told his sister to thing more about it till iget there."

murprise of the professors.

All this was disappointing to Mr. Robson. He regarded the Greeks and Romans as absolutely dead and unpro ductive. The Roman forum was to him simply a show for Americans and only valuable for the liras taken in as gate money. But even this he considered wasted because it was being used for further excavations. He regretted that the barbarians who had demolished Rome had not made a wilderness of it so that its site might have beenlost forever. Constantinople he though might have become valuable on account of its location had not the Turks rone in and spolled it for a center of Bosporus might have become as important as the Chicago river.

"But, papa." Edith would say, "just think-the ancients called the Boston rus the Helfespont, and Leander swam. it to visit Hero."

"Spoken like the dear little girl you asked. are," was the reply to this. "You are at an age, when girls are much, better fitted to discern a romance than a site for a real estate speculation."

A crisis came in the family when Louis was graduated. An expedition from it a paper" was to be sent out by his aims mater "One like this?" to dig for the site of an ancient city. and he was invited to be a member of the party. His father, who had been plain,"

walting for four years to begin to pre-

pedition, his expenses being paid from morning."

purpose. His father offered to give and, opening it, read: should have full control.

"Father." said Louis. "I always con moments, then continued: sidered you a practical man." "So I am. but you are a dreamer."

"At any rate, I have seuse enough to

er than Herculaneum: ing with the provisions of the will.

room, Louis retreated. matter. In the roam Mrs. Robson had hear a plan the general was stating to mained as he had left it. visited was a desk. His father had her father for capturing a large Ameri. When young Travers as

long ago showed him a drawer opened can force then located near Trenton by a secret spring and told him that indeed, the Britisher's reconnoissance he kept there any paper of impor- was on business connected with the tance he feared might be lost or projected exploit.

stolen. Louis determined to open this The next morning Anne related what drawer and see if it contained any she had heard to her brother. He took thing of moment. As he approached a very different view of the matter the room he perceived a light in it from that of his sister lie was desir-Drawing near, he looked in and saw ous that General Washington should his stepsister. Edith, hunting through be warned, but was deterred from betrade. Had it not been for this the the tin box. Not finding what she traying his father's guest by giving the wanted, she went to the desk, pressed information. Love of country, howev

a spring, opened a drawer and took er, triumphed over other considerations. out a document. She was about to and he determined to carry it to Gencome out when she started at seeing eral Washington, whose hendquarters Louis. at the time were in the Ford mansion

"What does this mean. Edic?" he at Morristown.-Letting his sister into the secret of his intended move and "What mean?" she said, her bosom telling his parents that he was going

heaving to New York to see a friend, he set out "An hour ago I was coming down- on foot. On reaching the town he asstairs to get a biscuit and I saw your cended the incline west of it and arriv-mother ransacking that box. She took ed at a tavern in Orange, which was

then a stopping place for postboys traveling between Morristown and Ho-"Tes. And now I see you taking boken. There he secured a horse, pass-

another from my father's desk. Ex-led over the heights lying west of the town and in a couple of hours rode up

"The paper mother took from the to Washington's headquarters. He was pare his son to take his place in his box is a will your father made when received by Colonei Alexander Hamilbusiness, was furious. Edith placated you went abroad, disinheriting you ion of the staff and immediately introblin as best she could, holding out the and leaving all his property to me. duced to the commander in chief. hope that Louis would tire of hunting A week before he died I begged him Upon receipt of the information he for old bones, fint arrowheads, pot to leave the bulk of his property to brought Washington gave orders which tery and trinkets buried fifty feet un-you, merely providing for my comfort. would block his enemy's game and serground, but Mr. Robson knew that He consented to do so and made this asked Edgar ()idershaw what he could such tastes instead of improving the will, telling me of the drawer in his do to reciprocate the favor he had re-

It was not long after this that Wash-

New York, learn what he could and re- deed, it had never been solved until missed it? --that he marry his stepsister; Edith, provided she consents.

"now that the Robson company under again he saw in the girl's blushes that which he might travel. Among other Anne married Travers, and they occu-it was there that he must look for which to unravel the beautiful story my management would be buried deep there would be no difficulty in comply things Oldershaw told Travers that if pied the mansion on the Hackensack Good Luck galeh. The air was softwar of love of which they had just found

he needed aid and comfort to apply- for many years.

sirous of learning what the general say nothing about it, for the present Lem Harrison beguiled his lonely To his sympathetic car he related the Belleving that his stepmother's might have to say to her father. So at any rate, till he could explore it fur way with occasional monologues, As story of Peter Harrison's golden treas, search had some connection with his she arose from her bed and, slipping on ther. But before he could do so the he mounted higher into the rare upper up and the long years of anticipation, father's disposition of his property. A warm wrapper, put her ear to the colored that had taken him to Morris air of the mountains he felt a great ex-Louis thought a long while over the hole in the floor. She was enabled to town had occurred and the matter re hilarnton. In the distance were snow- played the map, and together the two, enpoed peaks, and about him there men studied its faded lines.

When young Travers asked Anne to were young pines that glistened in the Then they went out and measured the him she at once thought of this sunlight. He suffed the fresh air and the distances marked on the map. "If place, known only to herself and her whistled cheerily." place, known only to herself and her whistled cheerly.

brother. She led him down a pair of According to his map he had another clared Mr. Blair excitedly. "Wait a stairs Together they lifted the trap mile to travel before he would reach moment until I get a crowbar." and he went into the passageway the entrance to the guich that was his Presently he returned, and together There could be nothing better calcuing out. He had crossed and recrossed a they beaved and strained and finally inded to draw two young persons of op crooked stream that intitled the trail pried up the flat rock from its bed, dis posite sex together with magnetic ra with little runlets, and he recognized closing closely packed earth under the pility than this situation. Before the it as the stream described by his uncle heavy weight.

trap was lowered a look passed be and from whose waters had been wash. Flora Blair called them in to break tween them that annulled their individ ed the precious gold. In Good Luck fast just then, and during the most ual natures and made them one. Afteriguichi this stream had it's greatest Lem's story was repeated to her ina pressure of hands the trap was per breadth. mitted to fall, and a few moments later Three-guarters of a mile farther and "Isn't it perfectly lovely to have such

Anne met her father in the ball Anne met her father in the ball just as the sun was setting he knew a romantic thing happen in Good Luck It was manifest to the troopers that that he was nearing his goal. The guich?" she cried. "Hurry up, father the spy was hiding somewhere in the pines had thinned out, and he had i'm just dying to see if there really is house, so they maintained their watch reached an eminence where he could treasure under that flat rock." without and hunted within. Fortu-look back over the trail and see it drop. The three of them uncovered the

without and duffice within rotation back over the trail and see it drop the closely packed tin boxes. It was a pected. As soon as she left him he mountain side. threaded his way through the passage "If I don't find it," he muttered grim rusted can and showed the golden dust to the gates. Seeing a chink above it, "I'll give this trail a new name. It placed there sixty years before by he managed to raise himself to it and won't with multiplace." he managed to raise himself to it and smell mighty sulphurous!" and his daughter should each have a saw the river, its surface about a foot He wouldn't go on any farther that share of the treasure, as it had been set and a haif below the roof of the tunnel night. He made camp then and there safely guarded on their property for If he could open the gates he might get so that he might look upon the guich many years. out and escape. The tunnel would only by the early sunlight. The sun had "If you hadn't staked this claim

be filled to within eighteen inches of dropped beyond the distant peaks, and some other man would have come bere, its top. and he need not be drowned, there came the refreshing coolness of and found the gold," he assured them, He tried to open the gates, but could a California night. and at last he prevailed upon them to not do so 1____ A red bar of light across his eyes accept each a small portion of the cers It was not till the next morning that awoke him to a new day-the day of fortable fortune he had found.

Anne dared visit the captive, when she his life. This arrival at Good Luck His brief stop lengthened into a visit, slipped away with some food. Travers guich was the culmination of his fa- and his visit stretched into a long asked her if she could get him a crow ther's dreams and his own boyish stay. One evening he told them about investigator only tended to ruin him desk and directing me to put it there, reived at his bands. The young man, bar or a large iron poker, or, better still hopes. Now he was thirty-three and his long and wearisome trip up the "Such persons," he averred, "are born Fearing-mamma, would try to inter feeling loath to return to his father's a saw. She brought him a saw and aft the treasure might be still uncovered. Irall and how he had declared that if with their heels in the alr instead of fere in the matter of these wills. I roof, begged the general to secure him er a brief interview left bim, and be Breakfast was a brief meal, and, with be did not find the treasure be would their heads and branch out toward the came to take away the one she has a commission in the army, and, his re-center of the earth." Then I concluded to take this one out quest having been granted, he openly through a wooden bar that held them sumed his journey, silent; tense he re-took sides with the particle. He of the did not find the trail. The new of hiding and give it to you tomorrow took sides with the particle.

through a wooden bar that held them sumed his journey, silent; tense with After Mr. Blair had gone in Lem linshut. When nearly finished he decid suppressed excitement. The plues dis- gered on the veranda near Flora's chair. ed to wait till dark, when he opened appeared to give way to wind blown the college fund appropriated for the Louis took the paper from her hands ington, being desirous of information the gates and the water flowed in, and cotton woods and ragged rocks, and gold I never could have called it any "Even if I hadn't found a grain of as to the enemy's forces in New York, after it had found its level he swam then the trail dipped down toward the thing but Good Luck trail," he said purpose fils latter overed to give and opening it read. him-an enormous salary if instead he i. Henry Robson, being of sound mind, sent a young man. Lieutenant Harold out under a starlit sky. By morning he west, He had passed over the summit, simply. "It ied me straight to the would enter his factory and as soon as erty, real and personal, to my son, Louis the had learned how to manage it he Robson, on condition-Louis stopped reading for a lew was to proceed in citizen's-dress to tery of Travers' disappearance. In was off the right trail, "Where had he night the passed inside the house.

Flora sat there alone, her cheeks flushturn. Before he departed the general recent explorations led to the discovery A half hour later he found it again ed and her eyes shining. She was glad called upon Lieutenant Oldershaw to of the tunnel. After the war Older and saw that the stream wound around he had not said more just then, for When he looked from the paper instruct Travers as to the routes by shaw and his wife went to England the mountain from the west side, and there was all the rest of their lives in

and cleaver, here, with a mellowness the thread.