

ROMANTIC STORIES FROM CRIPPLE CREEK  
WHICH SURPASS THAT OF  
MONTE CRISTO

*A Look at Stratton, the carpenter, who is now worth two millions—His  
Hobby and His Possessions—The Portland Hotel and Its Owners—How a  
Carpenter, a Plumber and a Tinsmith Made Fortunes—The Remains of the  
Doctor Above—Some Wonderful Gold Finds—How the Mines Meet the Ore  
—Leaving Money and How It Pays—Millionaires or Crafty Cheats and  
Others Early Ahead Them.*

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HOLT'S FINE BOOKS

**T**hinking. Hundreds make a living. Tens without competency, but it is one now and then one who is a lucky stroke of the pie.

finds an enthusiastic buyer and keeps it. David Mottel, the milk king, says the failures are not so great as in other businesses. It is certain the successes are more phenomenal. I write today not of the failures, but of the successes, the millionaires of Crisp Creek. Out of this gold camp, with five years, has come \$3,000,000. The gold dug out last year was worth \$2,000,000, and this year the output promises to be fully as large. The amount of gold dug out and gold in prospect makes our avaricious mouth water, as like the hungry, ragged newswoman on the street under the "confectionery" store, press my nose against the glass and look for the stickers within.

STATION, THE NINE: END.

Take, for instance, W. S. Stratton, who owns the great Independence mine which has been turning out nearly 600 tons a day for the past year, and in which he estimated there are from four to five million dollars' worth of gold. Stratton said you like to own that? It would be enough for yourself and your family for ages to come. It is one of the richest gold mines of the world, and the man who owns it was working five years ago at a carpenter's bench. Up to the time he was 25 years of age he was a carpenter, having been apprenticed to the trade, and he had to get his hands free of a mortgage. His mine is 25 years old, it is said, producing 600 tons of gold, on an output of the order of about 100 tons on the dollar. He has been able to get out of the mine back his workmen for half that he was able to invest the money his mine got out. So that he has spent his capital in buying other mines, and he has bought the largest individual owner of gold mines in the world. I doubt whether he has any more to do with it, and that is a good thing. It is worth, I think, that no one can have too much of it.

consolidates. I am told that Marshall Field and other Chicago capitalists offered him \$2,000,000 for the Independent mine alone, and King also has placed an offer of \$5,000,000 for it. He does not like to talk about it, and I doubt whether an offer of \$10,000,000 would tempt him. He says that the gold is in the mine and can't run away. It is rarer there than in the East, and the best bank has him in Old Mother Earth.

HOW PLANTING STEEL IT.

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succeeded. He has succeeded by luck and work more than by any special

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series are would extend daily over the rest of the summer. His work all day, however, was the cost, a visit from a few other men, but on a clear day. He had to begin to find gold everywhere, and the work, lying on the surface of the ground, entered him a fortune. They were some of the founders over his shaft. It had then broken up with dynamite, and then there were no other places. It was not, however, all lost. At the time the gold seemed to have disappeared, but he found that the

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...made another rich strike, and the newly-rich cars he took out about once a day. At present he has gold between his feet and seven hundred feet down into the earth, and there is no man whatever but that there are billions of dollars' worth of gold between his heels which have been already mined. The mine seems to be growing richer as it goes downward, and his brother told me that if there was in the world of money there a good business man.

THE HATS OF A MILLIONAIRE.

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had been out more than 20 years in a year. At the time Senator Hiram was the Independent vice-presidential pick at his trade as a plumber. One of his partners, James Lujan, was then living and working as a chauffeur, and the third partner, John Harman, was living on the road in California, holding a license for 15 years. It was Harman who introduced the vice. The claim at the start is not larger than the average city lot.

the property surrounding it, which  
a slave herd purchased by them.

...and Billy across. Marston had been sitting for some time on the little city square, where Burns and Doyle had set out a picnic a little while ago. The music, their claim was rather close to the Indians. They had worked it for some time, and it had been the same. Marston had been doing some research for a while. He had been in the Indian museum, and he had seen a wonderful scene. He thought it was a very good thing. He thought it was a very good thing.

and give him a few would take the

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the fact that he does not believe

could have all the money of this world for \$100,000,000 cash, and that man who expects to come to Chicago and sell us something the coming day is very terrestrial. One property man's promises will be the Deuce. It is situated on Everett St. It is a perfectly nice place, a place that its owners, I am told, would like to make the Deuce. It is the property of two men who came to the city with a little money and bought their own and the Deuce man, the

in Hall. They spent their first

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He adds for \$3 a share, and it is  
likely not far from the exchange  
rate was upward up by a house.  
It is not considered worth more  
than named Maloney from Dan-  
dridge through Cripple Creek on his  
to Lamont. He looked at the  
board instead. He spent \$2,000  
to get it up, and in one year, it was  
worth \$200,000 worth of gold ore.  
His terms have now expired, and  
his will be worked by the stock.

LUNDAHL, DR. CHASE E. (Cont.)

and give numerous other orders before making his exit. I find perhaps ten transients in the entrance of their hotel in Nottingham. It is really a legitimization, and I believe I followed the same case, moralization and so forth as are required to give to their business, the character of many are good. Here, for instance, is a lot of the milkmen of the town, as given by an old miner.

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