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HAMLIN GARLAND

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cusis sadrised the Rocky mountains she


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to see typ
discontent
discontent．
As that day
boy began to burn with a nerv phase of
his ferer his fever．He commenced to count the
hours till he might be able to discern Mogalyon，the great peak of the Ram－
part range，whose fame is worldwide． part range，whose fame is worldwide
Ann experienced her first decided fush of interest as the swinging reeiing
rush of the train brought the great rush of the train brought the great
peak into view，a dim，blue dome peak into rier，a dim，ble dome
against the western sky． At fast，just as the red was paling
out of the esky，the train swung to the left on its southerly corse，ampart range began to stretch and $\pi$ ind away to northrard and soutb
ward，while between the plain and the foothills rolled a tarny sea of sod，
deeply marked with ravines and dot－
ted with pine clad buttes．The range ted with pine clad buttes．The range
greer dimmer as they gazed，and at last
even Lonis was content to sink back even Lonis was content to sink back
in his seat and wait．
＂It in his seat and wait．
＂It st sn＇t a bit as I expected it to be，＂
he sa：d，＂but it is glorious．That pur－ he said，＂but it is glorious．That pur
ple green was wonderful．I＇m going to try t tiget that some time．It isn＇t as
precirituous as the Alps，but it＇s superb
just the same and just think how much just the same，and just think how much
wilde：it was when father came here！＂ ＂T＇n glad you were not disappointed，
boy，＂she replied，laying her hand on boy，＂she replied，laying her his cheek，
his shoulder and caressing
＂but tou need rest．You＇re seeing too ＂but you need rest．You＇re seeing too
The train was now winding down to－
ward $\begin{aligned} & \text { Talley Sy Srings，and only the } \\ & \text { splendid sky line of the range could be }\end{aligned}$ ward Valley Springs，and only the
splendid sky line of the range could be
distinguished as the llghts of the town
began to sparkle out of the obscure㮾晛

The porter，with brush in hand，came
down the aisle．
TThis is Valley Springs，
miss．＂
They were met at the car door by a They were met at the car door by a
big，smiling man in modish summer
dress，while behind bim stood a paie， dress，while behind bim stood a
sweet faced woman in blue．
＂Hello，Don！＂shot．ted Louis．
swete flaced woman in bue．
＂Hello，Don＂＇shoted Louis．
＂Hnello，laddie！How do you do，
An？＂replied Barnett，and as Ann and
her cousin embraced the big man Ann？＂replied Barnett and as Ann and
her cousin embraced the big man
caught Louis by the hand．＂How＇s your muscle，my boy？Got all your
traps？Here，Tom！＇，he called to a晹就管
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CHAPTER II S entrance into the Barnet home cut her off from all con－
tact with life distinctly west－ －

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rifle，a broad rimmed hat，some blan cattleman＇s sadule in the Springs．
＂What claimed as child you are！＂＇Ann ex warming with lore and pride．＂You＇r her side． He looked up at her tenderly．＂You＇re
good to me，Hesper，＂be said fervently surd name．＂
It isn＇t ab
Barnet，seatd．It at his it，＂hele said．
made every arrangement for them．
＂You＇ll be met by old Jones，and when you get there Mrs．Jores will look aft
er you．She＇s a rery good cook，so
don＇t get nerrous when you see her
She＇s not pretty．Raymond will do his
best to entertain you，and when you
come back you＇d better ask Raymond
to put his own horses in the cart and
drive you out．Hell be better company
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mate and the riers and seemed illog
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sheir insor of the mountains and，being nat－
rationly perverse，withleld the expres－
urions of pleasure she might otherwise
sions of

| have nttered，for she was profoundly |
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| movel by what she saw． |
| ＂I nerer cid understand that girl，＂ |
| and |

CHAPTER III．
 $+$ ？ with her：＂
Jeannette stghed．＂That＇s her moth－
ers blood．Shes like her mother in a
hundred ways．Louis is exactls like


