









SYNOPSIS

Joe Wilson and Katherine Grant can't carry on his \$30 a week job, so she goes west to teach in a high school and help save up money.

CHAPTER II. THE RANSOM BILL

The scraggly man, vest hanging open over a shirt buttoned at the collar but without a tie, instead of answering, asked Joe a question. "You weren't lettin' any grass grow under your wheels, were you?"

"Camping out." Sheriff Hummell picked up a sheet of paper, face down on his desk, and looked at it closely. He pushed a pack of cigarettes towards Joe. "Smoke?"

Joe appeared suddenly. Sheriff Hummell counted the money in Joe's pocket-book. "Check these bills against the numbers of the ransom banknotes."

something about those kidnapers! Me and the sheriff gave him the works." Bugs Meyers' disobedience of the sheriff's instructions started the ball of rumor to rolling.

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