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The buekboord jarred Billy Butier at every nit in the road. It wosn't cosy for o thirteen. yeor-ald to hold onto the rough, rowhide reins, but o lot depended on this trip. Dod Sutler wos in bed, with fever, and neoded medicine $c:$ well es foodytuffs. forming land in the Ergle Basin was fertile but it wos thity miles from the aeorest town. It wos saviege like the Butlers' that wos pushing the Western borden towords the Pocifs, Oceen

Blily wiped the perspiration out of his eyes. and pottad the five dollars sown to his pocket Let's see, he was supposed to get flour talt pork. . borley poregoric and . . . and . oh, yes, daposit a dollar in the bonk. Billy wos wary gretsful when he sow the two-story fremo houses of the town.

He hitchod the two geidings in front of Sorney's Drygoods, and burried Inside. Billy did not like to buy groceries from Berney because he aiways smelled of whikey and he mistroolad hls hined boy. Jed. Blly wes looding the flour when a familoe voice soid. "Ha" Bily furned and foend young Jed.
"Hi, Jedl" grinasd Billy. Beccust neighbors ware not plentiful in the West. Jed wos Bily's beet (es woll as only) friand.
"Did you get your naw Winchester?" asked Jed, sagerly.
"Now. Not yet. Paw's boen stek. I gotto hury bock with his medicine."
"Thers's gosno be a horso coce tanightl" exclaimed Jed. "Could you stoy on' ses itp"

Brlly shook his hoad. "Can't. Paw's slick. I'm going over to the benk now."
"Octh, Sllily, I'm som serry about yaur fothar." There was genulen concern in the boy's foce os hes spochat. He remambered. with pleosure, the infrequent tript to silly's heme. The toll, row-boned mae wha was never too Ired to listan and onvwer a boy't eoger quesIfon filled him wilh odmiration. He wos a mine of infarmetion about berds and wild antrola and his storles of wild Ife and their ways hespt the boys antranced

Jed wos fond of him oli right. Perhops is was bocouse Jad, on orphan, longed for affection and he received larle pt it from his boss, Borney.

Now led seid o reluctont goodbye to stily who hurried over to the bonk.
"What did you da, young fello? Strike o bononzo? chuckiad the ieliar.
"Put it in my falture's occount," soid Milly, jobarly.

At the peecine momont the clerk reoched for the dolior, the front door whirled open ond three nosked mon, holding guns, rashed in.
"We don't want any killing," growled one of the men "So don't anybody move."

The three desperadoes aconped up the money ond ran for the door. But, in fheir haste, onn accidentolly knocked the maste off the leoder. He pulled it bock in plocs before onyone-axoept silly-10w his fact. Almoit as quickly as they hod came, they were gane.

Billy sllpped oway befors the sheriff come, and sfarted the buckboard towards the form. He wosal a low officer. It wasn't his job to cotch crooks. Thot's what the sherlf wos fort Bosides, Jod was his friend and why should he moke mere troubla for him?
titlly got os lar an Willow Crest bofon he knew he hod to turn back. The mon whose mosk hed slipped vas-liorriy-Jedth bont.

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A fully rown bask ell sametimes weigh as mach $\varepsilon_{2} 1,000$ paunds, and is iea feet is lnagth The great intlers of the squat butl all, which may liave as marls as a 5 -foot mreail casfly distaguidh hem froso the doet, which has smullet, mare ilender antiers, and the moore, which has great, thathaped paltes in the eenter of hir ontlers. In thi sprang the male elir uses hus horns to fight fierce battles with otier male ellk for leaderslap of large bands.

The body colot of the wapen in Higla sreyphe brown but has hend and neck are very diatk brown. This colormig scaber it easier for the oft to conscral lanaself in the farested country in which the thei Cotomtion ahro bipse the elk to conoesl hat young ones frum dinger. Whion the young are barn, in the late gribt they ate covered with whate spots which iete ke blocchen of sumblught floterng through the tenver: When the joung alk lies down on brown phace peadles ot any othar dari- forket lloos, he biends to perfectls with the Lackgeound, that dien be eannot be sten even from very close range.


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