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CHAPTER I.

The Log Cabin of the Raton Range.

OVER forty years ago there stood at the entrance of one of the great cañons in the Raton Range, a rude cabin constructed in the simplest style of backwoods architecture: unhewn logs placed together at the ends, after the manner in which children build their corn-cob playhouses in the country, and the interstices "chinked" with mud.

It had only two windows and one door, the latter formed of rough clapboards fastened together with wooden

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pins and hung on hinges of the same material.

The flat roof was composed of similarly roughly riven clapboards which were kept in position by long, heavy oak saplings laid lengthwise on the building at intervals from each other, and over the whole a mass of earth nearly two feet deep was deposited.

The floor of the hut, as in all of the houses of the poor in New Mexico, was the natural earth, and the fireplace a huge affair built diagonally across the corner of the single room, of adobe or sunburnt brick.

Every vestige of that little home in the mountains has long since disappeared: in fact, so nearly has its history been relegated by remorseless time to oblivion, but few inhabitants