

19th Century Choices

So we've read a few authors, and I want to do a little more. You get to choose a story by the author you've liked the most so far or someone new.

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Western stories:

"Blue Hotel" A card game at a hotel turns into a fight

"Luck of Roaring Camp" A baby is born at a gold miner's camp

"Very Short on Law and Order" ([How to rotate the copy](#))

Wild tales of some wild men--cattle rustling and robberies

"The Long Arm" Mary Wilkins Freeman: an award winning murder mystery from the late 1800s.

"An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" Ambrose Bierce--a Civil War Spy is about to be hanged. What are his last thoughts?

"Parker Adderson, Philosopher" by Ambrose Bierce.--A spy acts brave and philosophical until faced with death

"1,000,000 Pound Note" by Mark Twain--two rich men bet on a man's fate to see if a million dollar bill will save his life.

[“Cannibalism in the Cars”](#) by Mark Twain--a trainful of passengers stranded in a snowstorm create a political process to survive.

[“The Sheriff’s Children”](#) by Charles Chestnutt--a murder in a small town reveals something about the sheriff, his prisoner and life after the civil war.

[“The Lady or the Tiger”](#) by Frank R. Stockton--a young man and a princess want to marry. In order to decide whether to honor the young man’s request--he is not a royal, the king implements an unusual, and definite way to decide.

["The Minister's Black Veil"](#) by Nathaniel Hawthorne. A young Minister appear wearing a black veil over his face. The townspeople puzzle over his meaning and have to deal with this strange situation.

[“The Artist of the Beautiful”](#) by Nathaniel Hawthorne. A blacksmith and a watchmaker both want to marry a young woman. The watch maker is also trying to create a machine that comes to life.

[“Miss Grief”](#) by Constance Fenimore Woolson. A woman approaches a successful writer for advice. He finds her writing inspired. Will he help her find success.

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