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mashing of crockery, etc. re

DR. DOBBINS' EXPERIENCE.

The most terrible experience of all on
was that of W. J. Dobbins and family, gr
who lived in a two-story brick build- lo
ing a few hundred yards along the tw
Gibson canyon road. There was stop-
ping in the house last night Mr. and
Mrs. Dobbins, Sr., who had their room q
on the lower floor. On the top floor T
were their two sons and also Miss Lou sc
Dobbins, Mrs. A. J. Dobbins, a visitor w
named Miss Portia Hill and two little it
tots, grandchildren of W. J. Dobbins. T
Dr. Dobbins' story is as follows: C

"I was awoke by the sound of the w
clock falling off the mantel. It was w
then 2:55. Everything was shaking j
violently, as if giant hands were try-
ing to push the building over. I
aroused my wife and told her to run w
out of doors. Then the bricks and w
timbers began to fall and I rushed up- tl
stairs. I first went into the room of t
my daughter-in-law, and found her d
stunned. A portion of the brick wall P
having fallen in on her. I shouted b
for help and my two sons came in and v
commenced to pull the debris off her. n
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UNDER TWO FEET OF PLASTER.

"I then made for my daughter's v
room and broke open the door. She r
was sleeping with Miss Hill, and as a d
sound came from them I felt greatly y
alarmed. I looked upwards and saw a
the ceiling had fallen and the roof was y
split. There was a gap of six feet o
through which the starlight came in, b
and I saw that the forms of the two F
girls were buried beneath two feet of
brick and plaster I called out and as
they did not answer I yelled for help. =
I wanted to attract the attention of
the men living in the outhouses, and
in the meantime I set to work to pull
the bricks and stuff off the girls and
my hands were torn and bleeding
when help arrived. We soon saw the
hand of one of the girls sticking up
through the bricks. It was Miss Hill's
and she worked the fingers as if urg-
ing us to hurry. When sufficient of
the debris had been removed we could
see they had pulled the bed clothes
over their faces in alarm when the
first shock came. We soon tugged
the clothes off their heads and were
gratified to find that, while partially
stunned and somewhat bruised, they
were not seriously injured. They
have all been under the doctor's care
to day, and are feeling as well as can
be expected.

My little grandchildren had a won-
derful escape. The little boy and girl
were asleep together in one bed, and
the earthquake loosened a section of
the ceiling, which fell without split-
ting up and rested with one end on
the woodwork at the head of the bed,
then forming a shield over them.
Bricks and timber still kept falling,
but the little ones beneath were un-
harmd when we reached them."

It is almost needless to say that the
Dobbins family do not occupy their
dwelling to night. The old people are
at the Exchange Hotel and the rest
of the family are at the son's house.