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Jerry - This may be of interest
to you. Keep it. I have a copy.
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PACKER THE MAN EATER

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A madley of truth, poetry, and Colorado history.

Times were hard in Littleton, Colorado, after the panic of 1893. Silver mines were shut down, miners roamed the streets, merchants went bankrupt. My father, once affluent, was ~~among~~ ruined ~~the many who got caught~~ in the financial crash. Worse still, he was in bad health--an asthmatic, and unable to work. At last in ~~desperation~~ ^{DESPAIR} he left us in the fine home built in prosperous days, and went forth to seek health and fortune elsewhere.

With four children to support, the youngest five, about the year 1896 mother decided to put our large home to some practical use and take in boarders. One of these boarders, a pleasant, enderly man whose name was Packer, had cut quite a figure in early-day Colorado history. At one time he had been sentenced to prison--for life! But---

While on a prospecting trip with five other men the party got snowed in at a remote place in the Rockies. The following spring Packer alone appeared in Lama Back, a small mining community, to report that his partners had perished. Then Packer disappeared.

A few weeks later another man came along with the ghastly news that only a few miles away he had stumbled upon the scattered remains of five men who had apparently been killed and eaten.

