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OR, ZIGZAG'S FULL HAND.

A Romance of Texan Toughs and
Texan Trails.

BY E. A. ST. MOX,

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THREE," "ROOM NO. 69," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER I.

"UP WITH YOUR HANDS!"

SUDDENLY the whistle of the locomotive emitted a series of ear-splitting screeches, and the instant application of the air-brakes and the rasping of the wheels on the rails told the startled passengers that some fearful danger threatened them.

Alarmed exclamations followed, and the people hastily threw up windows and thrust out their heads, while others ran to the platforms of the cars, and, clinging to the guards, leaned far over to one side and peered anxiously ahead to learn the cause of the alarm.

But not one of the exclamations was true:

SEVERAL OF THE ROBBER GANG WHO SAW HIM, LAUGHED UPROARIOUSLY AT THE FIGURE
OLD PELEG CUT AS HE RAN DOWN THE TRACK.