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THE LAST LOVER.

Bend of cattle lowing,
Weary of society so,
Wrapped down with mighty sorrow,
The cause I fain would know,
Dear Dorothy!

In the universe so wide not
Thy dump like on my row
Shall bring me peace at not, [sic]
I fain would have it now,
Sweet Dorothy!

And the love shall last forever,
And thy sweetness sleep,
Be true and, my fever,
But cease, you come today,
My Dorothy!

—Harper's Bazar.

BATTLE WITH A MAD COW.

A Baton Mountain Hunter's Tale of the Worst Shot on Record.

One afternoon while at Baton mountain I went down to the ridge between the Bel river and the Calleeto to look for deer. I spotted one's running, and being alone—for I was less than a mile from camp—I hung it in the branch of a pine tree, and after cutting its throat and performing some other attentions to it, making its giblets by the gentle aid of venison starved to pre serve a party to pack the carcass to camp.

A seventy pound deer is an trivial package in a rough country, and I had no intention of carrying it myself.

While so returning I was walking down a little valley, the damp bottom of which was free from trees and just springing, in the cool, clear rays of the April sun, so short grass.

Some ten yards I beheld an old cow, unmarked by a shorns and whose fiery eye betokened the insanity which occasions starving cattle. She was marked with one ear nick—a swallow fork in each ear—and I concluded to drive her up to camp, where was fodder and food, and with three or four days of that I thought she would pull through to grass.

But I never had a chance to put my benevolence into effect. The moment she espied me she danced out in an uncertain and staggering way, fairly bristling with rage.

I watched her, supposing it would come to nothing more serious than an attempt to bluff, which failing, she would retire along quite enough. I was mistaken.

Raising herself on her four weak legs she charged with lowered head. I still expected a bluff, but she came on to within fifteen feet, staggering and scambling, at considerable speed and fairly after with bloody intentions. I searched off my hat somewhere and sent it sailing into her face. The only effect was to bring her head up a little and almost nothing of her heading gait.

As I fully realized that the old she-villain meant business I dashed into sage, and pulling back the hammer of the Sharp rifle I carried resolved to have her through her addle head and correct her disposition to quietude for all time.

Matters were coming too fast to allow me to take any aim, and I banged away with the Sharp as it lay in my hands.

The report was not more than feel from the muzzle of the rifle, but how I missed her is more than I can tell. But I did.

As it was she was so close as to appear to palter the smoke of the gun and hatter it along in her frontlet, and realizing I had missed I just had time to escape her horns by a quick twist, getting, indeed, a smart jab from her shoulder even then.

It took a tenth part of a second to put another cartridge into the rifle, and I pointed with lessened satisfaction that it would be my turn now, so I had no idea of making a second miss of it.

Of course I unadvisedly counted on her turning and charging me again. To my surprise, however, she kept straight on up the slight and pine covered hill to and the crests and never paused even to cast a thought behind at me.

I mentioned an impulse to pump a bullet into her anyhow, and no one having sustained injury, called it barter a drop.

The irony of fate was shown in finding this old cow who had escaped my bullet by a mistake, dead with her calf, in a blizzard which struck the hills two days after.

The existence of this calf hid over on the divide, and my being directly between the infant and the old cow when she saw me, was no doubt the whole cause of the war.

I left the two stark in their drift of snow, and took no account to their wrongs appreciated by the howard and the raven, who that day furnished their wide wings in three skies.—Kansas City Star.

Keeping the Scalp Clean.

Combing with a fine tooth comb and washing the scalp every day are practices which induce scalp disease and create dandruff. The fine comb should be used only occasionally, and that not enough to irritate the skin. The head should be washed carefully with soap and water at least once a week, and if one is working in places where there is a great deal of dust in the air the person should be washed through with shower. Too much water stops up the oil glands of the scalp, and makes the hand dry and harsh.

Pressure induces and dandruff follows. If in spite of all this the scalp is still too dry an occasional application of a little hair oil or vaseline will be found, but nature as a rule supplies sufficient oil for all needful purposes. Water and oil applied freely to the hair make a dirty and unwholesome head of hair, and it should be avoided as much as possible.—Yakima Herald.

Economical Speculation.

A young man called upon a retired school teacher not long ago to consult him about acquiring French. He wished to learn the language, but could not afford to take lessons of a regular teacher, and asked what books would be suitable to enable him to acquire a reading knowledge of French.

The old pedagogue fitted him out with a simple book for translation, a vocabulary and a grammar, and left him to work out the problem for himself. A few weeks later they met again.

"How are you getting on with your French?" asked the teacher.

"Oh, first rate! Rip roar! Why, yesterday I translated two whole pages of that book you told me to buy. I got the meaning perfectly, and had a lot of French words left over!"—Youth's Companion.

Color Called by Electricity.

One of the latest inventions in connection with the electric light is a street call. Several clubs and hotels in London have already been supplied with this useful commodity. Two lamps are suspended outside the building, one red and the other green, and by pressing a button in the entrance hall one or other of the lamps can be lit at will. The red light calls a four wheeler, and the green a hansom.—New York Telegram.

The Bright Side of Farming.

There is a way to accomplish every possible result in this life if one has only the patience and skill to find it out. Often, too, the skill is born of patient endeavor. Bear this in mind.

A striking illustration of the truth of these sayings is shown in a Connecticut farm at New Canaan. The land consisted mostly of rocky hillsides, with bowlders intended all over the surface. These had to be dug out by hand before any crop would grow there. The large meat and grain interests of the country long since went to the far west. It would be madness for a New England farmer to attempt grain farming in competition with the west. Yet here on these stony hillsides, with no good market very convenient, with the much abused middleman even keener scented than he is in the west, two partners, brothers, have already laid up a competency and are realizing a fortune.

How did they do it? They accomplish it by thoroughly understanding what they can do with their land. Their father began the business before them by starting a nursery. He saw that something must be done, or his farm would be added to the long list of abandoned New England farms. So he began slowly and cautiously changing his farming to fruit and forest tree raising. There are now 350 acres in nursery, all thriving and paying well. But it is watched and tended as carefully as if it were a rich man's orchid house, and improved methods and stock are adopted as fast as they are known to be reliable. The partners say that their paying crops are two—nursery stock and summer boarders. The farm now contains 500 acres, and it is all run on the way to promote the interests of the two paying crops. In order that there may be no waste, and that the most may be got out of every foot of land, 200 pigs are reared annually and dairy cows are kept. Bushes there are for work fifteen horses and six oxen. Thirty men are employed and boarded on the place. Nearly everything produced on this model farm is consumed on the place—except the nursery trees.

The soil of the Connecticut farm was as unpromising as soil could be, and the market for the little that could be raised on it was not much better. Yet here are two men who are making every comfort their own needs, and are accumulating money solely through the use of their brains. They studied the situation carefully, adapted their products to the demand and came out on top. What they did in Connecticut other agriculturists can do almost anywhere else in the Union. The farmer has had reason to complain of hard times, but let him remember, above all things, that the Lord helps those who help themselves. If the crops he has always raised are a drug in the market then he can do as the Connecticut men did, produce other things that are in demand. Hopes will arise it, and seeing accident will always point the way to the thing that will be successful. It will give the rose. It did this in the case of the New Canaan paying staples.

The leading business methods of the two brothers were stated by them to a correspondent of The Rural New Yorker to be as follows:

The success of this farm is no accident. It is based upon certain well defined principles which the young men of today may well study. Here they are:

1. Make or raise crops adapted to sell, market, labor and tastes of the owners.

2. A product system. Hard work turned of hard work. Plans thought before work begins are attained.

3. Every waste utilized. Rind, labor and time all "save something."

4. Organization. The possibility of doing business enough to avoid all the middleman's profits.

5. A natural growth. Always moving forward, but never getting too far ahead of work.

"Blood will tell" is a philosophical observation rarely exemplified in case of the descendants of Daniel Boone. One of these, Chevalier Daniel Boone, enrolled by the sultan of Turkey, has just returned to America after years of wandering in many lands—Europe, Asia and Africa. He brings with him for exhibition a number of trained lions, every one of which he caught and tamed with his own hands. In the manner his mighty ancestor, the old original Daniel Boone, fought with bears, Indians and wildcats in the unbroken forests of Kentucky. Mention has lately been made of another descendant of Boone, a great grandson, Thomas F. Warner, who died in Kansas City. The pioneering blood was strong in Mr. Warner, too. He was profoundly interested in the development of northern Missouri and identified with it most of his life. He started the first packet line on the Mississippi river. One other enterprise he pioneered, too, and that was the great overland stage route so closely connected with the name of Ben Holladay. Warner was one of the projectors of this route, and lived to see in its stead three lines of railway across the continent.

A learned rabbi says of his people: "We are of the Hebrew race, and some of us would rather be called Hebrews than Jews. But we will yet make the word 'Jew' shine in the United States." Good for you, Hebrew!

Edward Park, a college graduate, died in the Territory adjacent at the age of 102. What good is it to be a college graduate or even to live a century if this is to be the end? But it was whisky that blighted the career of Park.

Robert Louis Stevenson will make his permanent home, apparently, in the far South Sea islands he has described so charmingly. He writes: "If more days are granted to me they shall be passed where I have found life most pleasant and man most interesting." Think of such an inclination against civilization! Away off there where there are neither daily newspapers, doctors, telephones, trust nor trusters, neither colleges nor caucus, he dares to write that he has found man the most interesting. If it is so, he, a civilized white man, ought to be ashamed to tell it.

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