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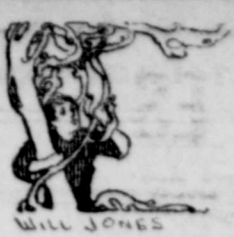
While he was about it the author of the famous proverb—"An ounce of preventative is worth a pound of cure"—ought to have worked up something equally as good about conservation. No, we weren't even thinking about Ballinger and Pinchot, says the Missouri Ruralist. It is mud-muddy roads, stirred into a mush and worked into a muck-laginous putty—

AGRICULTURE IN NEW ENGLAND.

The popular belief that New England farms had in a deserted waste is untrue, says the much-talked-of abandoned farms that are commonly pictured as lying idle with bare fields growing up in weeds, are not to be found. Neither has been remarkably quick to start reforestation. In traveling through the New England states one can not fail to note the large area of woodland as compared to the improved farm land, and the census figures of 1909 show that only 29 per cent of New Hampshire is improved land, which means that the other 71 per cent is practically all in forest.

WESTERN NEBRASKA CROPS.

Nebraska Experiment Station Issues Bulletin on Work.
Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—The Nebraska experiment station has just issued Bulletin No. 117 on "Growing Crops in Western Nebraska." This bulletin gives the results of crop production at the North Platte sub-station during the past seven years, together with the records of precipitation at North Platte for the past thirty-six years, and a discussion of methods of farming for dry land.



Daddy's Bedtime Story
The Hatchet From The Clouds.

"Up, Up, He Climbed"
"YOUNGSTERS," said daddy one evening to Evelyn and Jack, "here is a story about something which is supposed to have happened many, many years ago. It is about a farmer who went up into the clouds and came back again to the earth."

Throughout the state, the acreage of tillable land is very small, and the tillable land on each farm is usually made up of small irregular fields, making extensive cultivation of large areas impossible. The average farmer of that section has three-fourths of his capital in real estate, including permanent improvements, and one-fourth in equipment.

PUCCINI WAS WELL GULLED

How the Famous Composer Came to Be Quoted as Attacking His Own Opera of Tosca.
Sig. Puccini, the composer of The Girl of the Golden West, was responding in excellent French to a toast on music.

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Southern Convict With One More Day to Serve Seized Opportunity For Attempt at Escape.
The craving for freedom is so strong among prisoners that they will often throw away their chances of pardon for the sake of its temporary gratification.

BLAME EGGPLANT AND STORK

How the People of Constantinople Account for the Frequent Fires in That City.
Constantinople is noted for its many and destructively fires, which the fatal Turk regards as something that can't be helped, but which probably other nations do not accept with equal calmness.

Church While You Wait.

Mrs. Martha S. Trimble is a minister of a church at Gary, Ind., and recently she superintended the building of a new church that went up like magic. The first stake was driven at 1:30 o'clock and at 2 the floor was being laid.

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ELIZABETH'S BIG BOY

By MARIA CRAWFORD

"I never believed Elizabeth really loved him, so I am not surprised to hear of her broken engagement. How did it happen?" Aunt Martha Bradner laid down her embroidery and looked over her glasses at the girl. "You're right, Teresa," she said, slowly. "Elizabeth never loved Jim Martin. They just drifted into an engagement. She thought she was hurt the other day, but it was only wounded pride, and I knew the best thing possible had happened to her. Time, after all, is a sure surgeon; his knife may cut slowly, but it always goes deep enough to take out the sting."

"That little matter at the dance? I certainly enjoyed that night. I think I gave the doctor a turn he won't forget soon." "I broke my engagement with him the next morning, Jack. He thought that he could say or do anything and my word, once given, would protect him. Real love has no sting in it and I have come to the conclusion that I have been cheating myself by a false belief."



"I Wouldn't Hurt Anybody Unjustly."

tried to take care of her, you would have hoped that Elizabeth saw with our eyes just as we did. I am glad she turned him down, but how did she do it? She is always so afraid of hurting somebody. "He came here the morning after that dance and asked her to go on a country call with him and I was dumbfounded when she thanked him and said she couldn't go. I didn't know what had happened at the dance and when he began to argue and apologize I left the room. Elizabeth cried so when she told me about it afterward that I don't think I quite understood. What did Jim say to her?"

"A crowd of us was standing with Elizabeth on the side gallery of the clubhouse, cooling off between dances, when Doctor Martin appeared on the scene with the Howell girl. He very carelessly asked Elizabeth for her dance card and after scratching his name off two places remarked that Miss Howell had just promised him those dances. 'I didn't hesitate about taking them back, Elizabeth,' he said, 'for you know we'll have to dance together for the rest of our lives anyway.' Just then Jack Dunbar leaped off the balcony railing, and with a rather unbecoming air, said: 'That's good, Doc. You've saved Miss Elizabeth and me from being abominably rude, for we were expecting to go rowing on the lake during those very dances.' I could have hugged him for it, Aunt Martha, and then he went on to tell Doctor Martin that since he had come 2,000 miles to see Elizabeth she had given him permission to take her home in his car and that they would leave early, for he knew just a 'duck of an inn' where they could get supper and he wanted her all to himself for a little while. Elizabeth took her cue immediately and they went off together to the boat-house."

"What did Jim say?" "Not a word. His face was a study, looked as if something had fattened it out suddenly and I'll wager he didn't enjoy those dances." "It takes something like that to make men like Jim realize they love a girl. He has been here repeatedly and telephoned a dozen times, but Elizabeth seems to have turned completely against him this time. Here she comes now."

Elizabeth said, and then fell to crying at sight of the dear friendly face. When Teresa would have stopped her, Aunt Martha said: "No, let her cry, dear, it will do her good. Tears for a woman are like steam in a boiler, if there wasn't some outlet, child, something would have to blow up."

"Run, Elizabeth," cried Teresa excitedly a few minutes later, catching sight of a broad-shouldered fellow swinging up the path, "run, wash your eyes and put some powder on your nose for there comes Jack Dunbar in here with a big box. I hope to goodness it's candy."

The young people stayed to supper Elizabeth's Aunt Martha insisting that she needed some youth and laughter. Later the dear designing old lady felt satisfied when she heard Elizabeth's voice ring out merrily and observed that she was beginning to seem herself again. When Teresa had declared it was time for old folks to be "abed," she had had enough excitement for one evening, Elizabeth and the young artist sat down on the vine-covered porch and looked out over the old-fashioned flower garden where the moon had mysteriously touched the blossoms with her silver brush.

"It was good of you to help me out the other evening, Jack. I have wanted to thank you ever since then, but somehow I couldn't bring myself to the point." "That little matter at the dance? I certainly enjoyed that night. I think I gave the doctor a turn he won't forget soon."

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"I went away," you remember, to college and never came back until last summer. I wanted to succeed and bring that success to you."

"We are all so proud, Jack, of your wonderful picture and the great name that you have made for yourself." "I wanted to bring that success to you, and when I came last summer and found that you were engaged to Doctor Martin I packed right up and left. I am going to Japan next month to stay a year and work. I wish that you would go with me, dear. I have the right to ask you now, for all through the years I have always been your big boy, Elizabeth, and you have been my inspiration and my dream."

"But what would people say, Jack?" He stood up and lifted her to her feet before him. "They would say that when you were ill last year, you learned to depend on Martin, and that for a time you believed it was love. You see, I have already heard what I feel must be the truth. Don't you believe that you can learn to love me? Are you going to let the world's opinion stand between me and my great happiness, for I am selfish, dear, in this. I want you if you are willing to come to me."

"You used to carry me when I was little, big boy. Now I've grown heavier and I may be a burden." "In that case I'm willing to risk it," he said, looking down into her face, touched by the silver brush of the moon, and Elizabeth, yielding, felt from the strength of his arms that she had found the heart home for her love and life.

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Dr. Franz, the parish doctor of Riedau, having discovered a case of typhoid fever, informed the sanitary authorities. Mayor and municipality had threatened that he would repent if he did not suppress the case.

The town was prepared to receive several regiments of Hussars and promised itself a rich harvest from the maneuvers. The municipality gave the physician notice to quit.

He complained to the board of physicians, which decided that Franz had done his duty and must be allowed to remain parish doctor at Riedau. The people boycotted him. When anybody fell ill the patient was transported to a neighboring town at the expense of the municipality.

He married about a year ago, and when his wife was about to become a mother no nurse would attend to her. The doctor had to buy a cow and get meat, vegetables and groceries by mail. His windows were smashed about once a week, and all the small indignities that a lot of spiteful women are capable of were vented upon his young wife.

The board of physicians decided that no doctor should accept the post of parish doctor at Riedau and that the doctors in neighboring cities must not treat patients from that town.

Months of anxiety and nervous excitement undermined the doctor's health, and he died of heart failure.

FILIPINOS AS MOONSHINERS

Military and Civil Authorities Unable to Suppress the Growing Traffic in Deadly Native Liquor.

They manufacture a liquor in the mountains of the Philippines which is more deadly in its effects than the outlawed product of the moonshine stills of Kentucky. Neither the military nor the civil authorities have been able to suppress the growing traffic. Filipino lawbreakers defy the government. They sell native liquor direct to the soldiers.

In his report on the subject, Brigadier General K. D. Potts, commanding the department of Luzon, says native liquor in "bootlegged" from the il-

legal still direct to the military posts and sold under cover of the night to the men in the ranks.

"A majority of the cases by the inferior courts and a considerable number of those tried by general court martial are directly traceable to the use of native liquors," says General Potts. "One who has never seen the effect of even a small quantity of native liquor upon a young American unaccustomed to its use can form no judgment as to the seriousness of the situation now presented, a situation beyond the control of the military and civil authorities."

Sousa's Humor Averted a Panic.

The art of successful "gagging" is generally left to the lot of the comedian, but Mr. Sousa on one occasion utilized this method of getting out of an awkward situation with great success. The incident took place not long ago in St. Louis, where Mr. Sousa was conducting his band before an audience of over 12,000 people. Suddenly the lights in the hall failed, and the huge building was left in complete darkness. The audience began to move uneasily in their seats and a panic was imminent, but the marching was equal to the occasion. Coolly tapping with his baton, Sousa gave a signal and immediately the band began to play "O Dear, What Can the Matter Be?"—to be followed in a few minutes after by the equally well-known melody, "Walt Till the Clouds Roll By." The humor of the situation and the smart manner in which Sousa had turned it to account immediately struck the audience, and with restored confidence they retained their seats until the lights had been restored.

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Most Important Office.

Mrs. C. H. McMahon has been appointed chairman of the program committee for the biennial meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held in San Francisco, probably in June. Mrs. McMahon lives in Salt Lake City and will no doubt keep up to the standard set by Mrs. Philip Carpenter for the Cincinnati meeting.

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Among the documents and manuscripts taken by the Peilliot Mission of France from a cave in Chinese Turkestan, where they had lain during ten centuries, is a curious manuscript recorded by the French Academy of Sciences. The manuscript is in one of the oldest known Hebrew texts. It is a prayer formed of passages taken from the Psalms and from the prophets, written in beautiful square Hebrew, with a very rudimentary system of vocalization. Evidently the manuscript was carried on the person of the man who owned it. Hebrew scholars believe that the document dates from the eighth or ninth century of the Christian era; and that it belonged to a pious Jewish merchant of Arabia. No such paper was known in Arabia in either the eighth or the ninth century, therefore it is supposed that the manuscript was transcribed for its owner when he was in China, where such paper was to be found.—Harper's Weekly.

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