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PROCLAMATION

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Maryland.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen...

CHAPTER 845. AN ACT to amend Section 44, Part VII, of Article 4, title "Sheriffs," of the Constitution of this State...

Section 44. There shall be elected in each county in every second year, one person, resident in said county above the age of twenty-five years...

In the City of Baltimore at the General Election to be held in the year 1915 and every four years thereafter...

He shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified...

In case of vacancy by death or resignation, refusal to serve, or neglect to qualify, or by disqualification or removal from said City, the Mayor shall appoint a person to be Sheriff for the remainder of the term...

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next General Election...

Approved April 16, 1914. Now, therefore, I Phillips Lee Goldsborough, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1, of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland...

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, on the 17th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

PHILLIPS LEE GOLDSBOROUGH, By the Governor: ROBERT P. GRAHAM, Secretary of State.

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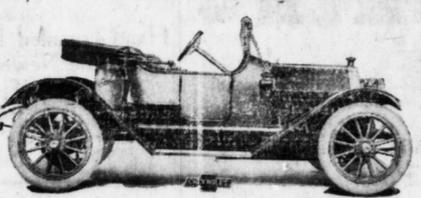
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SAUCE FOR A GANDER

By WILLIAM H. HANBY. (Copyright.)

"I'll be ding busted," asserted Ebenezer, as he trotted through the corn with a gun in one hand and a sweat-stained handkerchief in the other.

"Some of 'em will get bad hurt if I do ketch 'em!" It had been hard enough to guard Elvina alone, but now that he had to watch both the melon patch and the girl he was in a constant sweat of anxiety.

The melon patch was hid away in the corn field three hundred yards from the house, and so far Ebenezer's ingenuity had devised no plan by which he could watch the girl and the melons at the same time.

No sooner was he hid in a bunch of tall weeds where his shotgun commanded the patch than he began to worry about Elvina. He was sure she had seemed anxious for him to get away.

He remembered she had looked out of the kitchen window two or three times, and that he saw dust rising down the road. The more he thought of it the surer he was that she was not that very minute down by the spring talking to that "dratted Harvey."

"Listen! That was their laugh. They had been laughing over getting ahead of him. But just wait."

The Ebenezer would go trotting back to the house, gathering anger and heat, and when he found Elvina singing sweetly as she went about her sweeping and dusting, he said all the abusive things he had intended to say had been caught in the suppurant act of disobedience—talking to Harvey. He always closed with the threat:

"And if you ever do speak to that dratted Harvey as long as you live I'll wallop you within an inch of your life, don't ketch if you are grown!"

No sooner was he fairly comfortable on the porch where he could see the premises free from that "dratted Harvey" than he began to worry about his melons. He could see in his imagination, three or four times five young "gallots" slipping in from the east side.

There was that "whelp of a Dalton," and the Kiley boy, and maybe Tobe Stevesen. They are in the patch now, tramping on the vines, thumping here and there, plugging the big ones, and then, plucking a big one apiece, making off through the timber.

Then he would go trotting back to the melon patch, with his shotgun in his right hand, mopping the sweat from his forehead and bald head with the left, wiving he would fill their "dagdaged holes as full of holes as the top of a pepper box."

About that time a bright idea struck him. Blucher, the bulldog, was useless as a guard for Elvina, for he was her slave, and therefore on friendly terms with Harvey. But why not the dog?

The old man drove a stake in the center of the patch and tied Blucher with a slip knot, which reached to the edge of the corn. By pulling the cord he could release the dog.

The old man experienced a feeling akin to satisfaction as he sat on the porch that evening, fanning himself with a palm-leaf fan, and mopping his bald head with a big blue handkerchief. Blucher's growl could be easily heard at the house, and the dog would most certainly growl if anything went wrong with the melon patch.

That evening Elvina sat by the west window looking out across the meadows beyond the valley, and as the wind lightly blew the soft curls around her face her eyes grew large and sad. She was thinking of him. The old man nether knew nor cared what she thought. She was in the house, where she belonged. That was sufficient.

That George Harvey stopped his work and lingered in the melon patch, his face grew tender and thoughtful as he was thinking of her, the old man knew not. Neither did he care.

Twice he had ordered Harvey off the premises, the last time positively swearing he would shoot him on sight if he ever set foot on the place again.

Ebenezer had no objection to Harvey except that Elvina seemed too fond of his company, and he had no notion of letting Elvina get married. She was entirely too useful on the farm, and nothing except giving up money had Ebenezer so much as giving up something that saved him work.

The plan worked as smooth as a sewing machine in the hands of an agent. Elvina went about, obedient and uncomplaining. Harvey stayed away like the sensible young man he was, and avoided the buckshot.

Solitary and alone the bulldog reined supreme in the melon patch. Ebenezer slept with his head by an open window, anxiously waiting the warning growl. He named over in his mind the various young men and boys that were likely to steal melons, and hoped fervently that he would live to see all of them chewed up.

For several days he debated whether, when the time came, he ought to call the dog off before it killed the thief, or whether he should leave him to his chances, finally deciding on the latter.

About one o'clock Sunday morning an ominous growl awoke the old man. He jumped up and, without waiting to dress, took to the corn on a run.

By the light of a late moon he saw a man skulking along the edge of the patch, thumping a melon here and there.

With a gulp of Berce anticipation Ebenezer pulled the string that untied the dog and barked, "Sic 'em!"

But the brute did not make for the thief; instead, he turned toward the old man.

"Sic 'em, Blucher; sic 'em!" Ebenezer commanded Elvina's father, stepping out into the moonlight and pointing to the thief.

The dog showed his teeth, gave a vicious growl and started for Ebenezer.

There was something wrong, not leastly wrong, but Ebenezer did not have time to reason it out.

It was only 50 yards to the nearest tree, an old oak, but it seemed to the old man it was a Sabbath day's journey.

The vibration of his short bow legs and the whirling motion of his arms cut a swath through the corn like a mowing machine.

The nearest limb was 20 feet, and Ebenezer had not climbed a tree for 30 years, but memory worked fast and he got up, leaving behind only one mouthful of nightshirt.

Ebenezer settled himself on the limb, which creaked threateningly, and jugged the tree while he tried to recover his breath. The bulldog sat down at the foot of the tree and waited.

The morning came. The dog stuck to his post and Ebenezer to his limb. Every time he stirred the limb creaked and the dog looked up and growled.

The sun came up and still the old man hugged the tree. The public road was in plain view not fifty yards away, but in his way was on the off side of the tree.

By nine o'clock the sun—it was dog days—shone directly on his back. This dog seemed content to stay a week.

The old man hated above all things the sun, and very early in the morning he began to call for Elvina. The old lady, Elvina's step-mother, was away, and "drat the girl," she would not hear.

"Get out, you ding busted, confounded cur!" he yelled at the dog. A low, significant growl was the only response.

Another hour passed. He ached from his cramped position, he was dizzy, the sun scorched, and the drops of sweat started from his forehead, trickled down the side of his nose, and finally dropped from his chin. He was holding on with both hands.

But at last hope sprang up. A heavy wagon coming down the road, a dog, a low, significant growl was the only response.

"Dad gart it, there is a female in it!"

While Ebenezer was not overly modest, he did feel that his habiliments were not sufficient for the occasion.

More bushes came, but they were like a net, containing ladies only.

It was one o'clock before a man came along alone. Ebenezer got him to understand, and he rescued the old man by driving off the dog with a club.

They found Blucher tied to a stump near the melon patch.

"Well, I'll be dagdaged!" was the old man's only comment.

Ebenezer stayed in the corn field while the good Samaritan went for his clothes.

"Don't you can't guess what's down the road?" said the neighbor when he returned.

"Dread it, it won't be there long," said the old man, as he began to tug on his clothes.

"It's a weddin' party," continued the neighbor. "You've got the finest son-in-law in the county, and that little girl of yours looks happier than an angel with wings. There's a whole house full of 'em. Got the preacher there, and they are goin' to have a big supper. They're wonderin' where you are."

Ebenezer's jaw dropped and he stood gounded to the spot. For the first time he saw through the plot.

He finished dressing in silence, then said to the neighbor:

"I'm goin' back in about a half hour and tell 'em I'm sick, come to your house, with a slight stroke, but will be around for supper."

Turning, after the neighbor had gone a little ways, Ebenezer called:

"Say, git that dratted Harvey out and tell him I won't say nothin' if he won't."

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Nation. THORN IN ENGINEERS' SIDE "Cucaracha Slide" Has From the First Been the Bane of Builders of the Panama Canal.

It was the "Cucaracha slide" in the Culcra cut at Panama that killed Lieut. Col. Galliard with overwork and overworry—and now, in the final blast with 1,200 pounds of dynamite it has killed, with the fracture of the femur, five men. In addition, 17 men were injured, of whom several may die.

The same "Cucaracha" means "cockroach," and the crawling activity of this monster for has given the American engineers and their French predecessors more trouble than any other part of the canal excavation. From first to last it has offered a constant discouragement of resistance to the steam shovel, bringing tons of clay with a glacier-like movement down into the canal "prism" by night after the work of the hoisting day had removed it. It is as though in revenge for its part it turned upon the workmen in its last throes, to add to the honor roll of those who have laid down their lives that the passage from sea to sea may be accomplished.

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POOR SEED AND LACK OF INOCULATION CAUSE FAILURES.

Use of Nurse Crop is Not Advisable Except on Fields That Are Not to Blow or Wash—Do Not Apply Manure as Top Dressing.

(By V. SHOERMITZ.) The two principal causes of failure in growing alfalfa have been poor preparation of the seed bed and the lack of inoculation. A decided improvement, however, is noticeable in the cultural methods practiced by farmers at the present time, and in practically all cases where new seedlings are being made, some means are taken of securing an inoculation of nitrogen fixing bacteria. Among other important causes of failure are acid soils, light, infertile soils, poorly drained soils, the use of nurse crops, and the use of late seedings, winter killing.

The particular type of soil does not appear to be of much importance, but soils that are shallow by reason of the water table or rock formation near the surface and very light, infertile soils should be avoided. Farmers on light, sandy soils should seed of their best land and may need to take some special means of building up the fertility of the soil. Farmers in the better agricultural sections should seed on their higher land because this land is most in need of improvement; because the alfalfa as a rule is productive on high land and because the soil most productive with corn and other crops is left for the growing of these crops.

Alfalfa should not be seeded after a grass sod but may follow a cultivated or small grain crop. The preparation of the seed bed should be thorough and extend over a period of several weeks, so as to secure a firm and finely pulverized seed bed in which the weeds and weed seeds have been completely eradicated as a possible.

The presence of nitrogen fixing bacteria is of utmost importance in the growing of alfalfa. Both the soil and pure culture methods of inoculation have given good results and one or both should always be used whenever alfalfa is being seeded for the first time in a field.

The use of a nurse crop is not advisable except on fields that are apt to blow or wash and on seed beds that are poorly prepared and are apt to become weedy.

The use of manure in seeding alfalfa is advisable if applied some time before seeding or after the alfalfa has come up and made some little growth. It is not advisable to turn under a heavy application of a quickly prepared seed bed as this tends to hold up the soil and allow it to dry out, or to apply as a top-dressing shortly before seeding, because of the introduction of weed seeds.

WOODEN CRATES FOR CROPS Collapsible Contrivances When Well Made Last for Several Seasons—Occupy Little Room.

About the most handy things on the farm during the time of harvesting potatoes, onions and fruits, are the light wooden crates which are made for handling such crops.

Some of these crates are made so that they are collapsible and 50 or 100 of them can be stored in a small corner when empty, or can be stacked in the light wagon and taken to the field. Well made, they will last many seasons if given ordinary care. They are light and handy, of regular shape; so that many of them will pack closely together without waste room. They are easily filled and emptied, and sit together as very satisfactory as a means of getting produce out of the field to the car, to the cellar, or to patrons in town or at the stores.

Ventilation for Hen House. Poultry houses in which the windows are all placed considerably below the ceiling should have a ventilator at the extreme height of the building to carry away as much of the heat gathering above the windows as possible. It is well to protect such ventilators in such a way as to prevent the rains from blowing into them.

Root and Tubercle Formation in Young Alfalfa Plants—Some Tubercles are About the Size of a Pin Head While Others are Joined Together in Large Clusters.

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