

Old Joe's Grubstake

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Old Joe Cunill was a picturesque figure of life in Sauger's Pass, although the townspeople were not greatly impressed with the quaint side of the old man's character. To them it was an old story, once both comical and pathetic, but now grown stale from frequent reading.

Ever since the founding of Sauger's Pass, Old Joe had figured in the history of the little mountain settlement, at first as a pioneer owner of the first stamp mill, and afterward, through the sharp vicissitudes of a miner's life, he had slipped down to his present position of the forlorn but ever-hopeful fortune seeker, his sole possessions a lanky mule, a rifle and a meager prospecting outfit. With this stock in trade, he was wont to set out on his expeditions through Siskiyou county, often traveling as far south as Redding, and sometimes washing out two or three dollars a week in gold, on the banks of the Sacramento, where it rushes through the narrow mountain canyons.

As it happened this year Old Joe Cunill had varied his usual program by remaining all winter and well into the summer in Sauger's, and it was not until one morning in July that he and his mule were seen in marching order, slowly making their way down the country road toward the south.

Three men sitting on the veranda of the Shasta house, were discussing a new mining boom.

Suddenly one of them slapped his knee, and brought his chair down with a thud on the floor.

"Say, boys, I've got an idea that'll give us some fun and set up the ancient prospector in the highest heaven of joy. Let's grubstake him!"

Loud bursts of laughter greeted the proposition, but after a little, the hushness of the joke began to appeal strongly to these prominent citizens of Sauger's.

An hour later, the bewildered old man plodded, in a daze, beside his pack mule, with the pleasant recollection of a hearty meal, and the amazing reality of three brilliant twenty-dollar gold pieces clanking their shining sides against each other in his pocket.

The grubstake was kept a secret between the three partners of Old Joe, who amused themselves by mysterious allusions to a wonderfully rich new syndicate, but no amount of argument could persuade them to reveal more than this. The rumor grew that the mill owner, the storekeeper and the hotel man had had a quiet tip on a big thing, and the town was prepared for the announcement that the syndicate had bought out the place, or that monster improvements were to be introduced at Sauger's. But they were totally unprepared for the announcement which burst upon the little town toward the last of October.

The postmaster received word from his brother-in-law, Charley Mason, who farmed between Shasta and Redding, that old Joe Cunill had struck "pay dirt!" The portion of the letter concerning Joe's fortunes ran as follows:

"Big piece of news for Sauger's! Spread it around. Old Joe has made his strike at last. He's in it this time, sure, got another fellow's claim cheap. Didn't pay for the assay, but experts say it's the sure thing. Better make a little fuss over the old fellow, 'welcome home,' etc. It was all quite sudden. Let me know how to get home. I'm going down to S. F. tomorrow.

Forgot to say Joe leaves on the 11:30 train Thursday morn'g.

The news spread like wildfire through Sauger's, and in less than an hour after the letter was read, everybody knew the story of the three dollar eagles and their sequel. The three men who had grubstaked the successful miner were the most surprised of all. A reception committee was appointed to welcome the lucky miner.

On Thursday morning Sauger's rose early and decorated the buildings on Main street with garlands of spruce and fir, and cotton flags left over from the last Fourth of July celebration.

Half an hour before train time, the platform of the little railway station was crowded with expectant Saugerites. All the folks of the past six months were revived to white away the long moments before the train was due, but no joke was as potent to bring a laugh as the idea of the entire town of Sauger's Pass turning out to honor the arrival of Old Joe Cunill, whom three months before, the very dogs had not considered worth a bark.

An echoing whistle from far down the canyon at last brought silence, and the crowd made way for the reception committee.

As the engine came within fifty feet of the station, the crowd stepped around a curve, ram-

bled over the bridge, and stopped, puffing impatiently. Sauger's held its breath.

At last a familiar figure was seen to descend from the high steps. "All aboard!" shouted the conductor, signaling the engineer.

As the engine began to gather momentum slowly, in puff jerks, for the upgrade run, there was spilled from the second day coach an accumulation of females of assorted sizes, which piled up in a heap on the cinder path beside the track, then rose, one by one, and meekly tagged the steps of Joseph Cunill, capitalist.

The train crept out of sight around the curve, but Sauger's did not know it. The brass band was silent, and the reception committee stood stock still, and stared stupidly. The committee, at last, regained its presence of mind, and stepped up to Old Joe, but Sauger's guest of honor was timidly making for the trail behind the station, Isaac Pendleton stopped him. "Here, Joe, old fellow, you ain't goin' to give us the cold shoulder, are you? What you in such a hurry for?"

Old Joe glanced nervously at the storekeeper, then at the unusual crowd. His face turned ashen, he clutched at his wrinkled throat. "You ain't goin' to make me swing for it, air ye?" he plean committee.

The reception committee laughed. "It's turned his head, sure."

"No, Joe," Mr. Pendleton replied, "this isn't Judge Lynch's party, though all the other prominent officials are out to honor you. Come on to the 'bus and tell us all about it." But Joe fell to trembling so that he could scarcely stand.

"Ask—ask her; she'll tell ye," he stammered, pointing behind him. The gaze of the crowd was transferred to the aggregation of females, which presented a shrinking front to the public eye. The oldest, of about 45 summers, unkempt and forlorn-eyed, gathered the youngest, aged two, to her breast, grouped around her the remaining seven, ranging from 18 down, and cast her eyes on the ground in frightened confusion. The old miner braced himself, and turned bravely toward the crowd. "Well, ye see, Mr. Pendleton," he said, keeping his eye on the mild-faced storekeeper, "it was something like this. I was prospecting in"—a smile went the rounds of the crowd—"an' that night the mule died, an' I was peggin' along afoot, kinder lonesome, an' I come across, down the creek, a woman and eight kids what their husband and father had died a week before, and she'd been doin' odd jobs 'round the diggin' and was clean beat out an' lonely-like. Well, when I come along, she jest cried, she was so glad to see me, 'cause I looked like her old dad, an' the children called me grandpap. An' she was goin' to pull up stakes an' make tracks for the poor farm. So I sez: 'Come along with me to the parson's, the one what peddles his gospel talk through the minin' country,' sez I, 'because there didn't seem to be nothin' else to do, sez I, 'an' she didn't have no peccator. An' I thought mebbe ye wouldn't be terrible put out, gentleman, if I used the rest of the money to come back to Sauger's an' set up Mely an' the children."

The crowd was very quiet. "But what about your pile, Joe?" asked Spandling after a moment. "How much, and where did you make the strike?"

"Strike?" repeated Joe in bewilderment. "I didn't make none this time, 'less Mely's the strike."

A groan ran through the multitude, disappointment was pictured on a hundred faces, some looked fairly menacing. It was not often that Sauger's bestirred itself as it had for this occasion which had ended so absurdly. They would be a butt for the ridicule of the whole county.

Suddenly, the hotel man stepped up to the woman and spoke to her in a low tone. "Thee he scared the crowd. 'Boys, you're scared the poor critters to death, with the tender feelin' for Charley Mason glarin' out of your eyes. The reception committee will be responsible for the drawin' up of a testimonial to that gentleman; you leave that to us. But we're a pack of fools, just the same, not to see that this is the biggest joke in California, bigger than the Barneess's strike. If Old Joe didn't bring back nine times more than we expected, then I'm crazy. Whoever heard of a claim that payed out such nuggets as these here?" pointing to the eight young women. "I find," he continued, "that this estimable lady, Mrs. Joseph Cunill, is a past master at the wash tub. What do you say to setting her up in 'The Grubstake Laundry,' and requesting that heathen clothes-destroyer, Chin Lee, to seek another sheep-ranger?"

Sauger's gave a lusty roar. Clark had touched a vulnerable spot. Every man who wore a collar clutched its ragged edges with one hand, and threw his hat in the air with the other.

The 'bus was filled with guests on its way to town. The imported band was not equal to the 'bus, but Old Joe and his progeny rode in state.

Shasta house quite the tune of "A Ho Town To-Night."

Use for Monday. An alloy that sparks when struck, not only wicks—was a covery of Aeneas, consists of iron, steel, or other of the incandescent sparks is four.

How to Clean Tinware. Stains and discolorations on tinware can be removed by dipping a damp cloth in common soda and rubbing briskly. Then wash thoroughly and wipe dry.

TO PREPARE POTTED FOODS.

European Ideas That Are Now Being Adopted Here.

Potted foods are among the valuable additions to the storeroom closet that Americans are just beginning to appreciate. These potted foods, which must not be confused with the commercially unad foods, are largely used in France and England at hunting breakfasts or for the picnic hamper.

The food selected, mushrooms, fish, game, meats and vegetables of all kinds, is simply cooked as if for immediate service, seasoned palatably, then packed lightly in jars and covered with a sauce in which there is plenty of butter. It is to be eaten within 24 hours, this is all that is needed. If to be kept several days, a layer of clarified butter or melted suet, quarter of an inch thick, is poured over the top after pressing into jars.

RECIPE FOR INDIA RELISH. Recommended to Those Who Are Fond of a High Seasoning.

Those who like high seasoning are very fond of India relish. It can easily be put up.

Two quarts of green tomatoes are taken with a small head of cabbage, six onions and 12 green peppers. One cupful of salt is sprinkled over them, and the mixture is allowed to stand for 24 hours.

It is then drained and put into a porcelain-lined kettle and barely covered with vinegar.

To this add half a cupful of mustard seed, a teaspoonful of celery seed and half a cupful of sugar.

It is cooked for five minutes, removed from the fire, and one tablespoon of English mustard is added.

If you care for sweet pickles, it is better that you should add a whole cup of sugar rather than a half cup.

Keep all the kitchen utensils in one place and a small one at that. It will save time and steps.

Don't throw away your scraps of velvet. They can be used as cleaners for all sorts of things.

Alcohol and whitening make a good silver polish and is excellent for polishing plate glass or mirrors.

Olive oil will remove tar stains from dress goods. Wash afterward with white soap and tepid water.

New lamp wicks, if boiled in vinegar and thoroughly dried before using, will not smell bad when burning.

A weak solution of turpentine poured down the water pipes once a week will drive the water bugs away.

Rub the white spots made by wet or hot dishes on your polished tables with spirits of camphor. It will remove them.

A teaspoonful of butter put into the water in which vegetables are boiling will prevent them from bubbling over.

Tomatoes Stuffed with Anchovies. Select nicely-shaped tomatoes of equal size. Peel them and scoop out as much of the inside as possible without destroying their shape. Purchase Italian anchovies in oil, allowing two or three to each tomato, according to its size. Wipe the fish dry with a soft cloth and rub off all the skin. Then split through the middle and remove the middle bones. Cut an equal quantity of hard-boiled eggs and a little tarragon, also chopped, and moisten the whole with French dressing. Stuff the tomatoes with the mixture and place each on tender green lettuce leaves with the opened side down. Pour a spoonful of mayonnaise dressing over each and serve cold.

Fried Smelts. Dress the smelts, wash and wipe dry, dust with salt and pepper, and roll in sifted bread crumbs; now dip in an egg beaten with two tablespoons of cold water, covering the fish completely with the egg; then drain and again roll in crumbs; pass the tails through the mouths of the fish and fasten each with a wooden toothpick, thus forming rings. Dip a frying basket in fat heated to a degree to brown a crumb of bread in 60 seconds; lift from fat and set to fry about five smelts at one time. Cook about three minutes. Drain on soft paper. Serve on a folded napkin with a garnish of parsley and slices of lemon.

Curled Eggs. Ingredients: Six eggs, two teaspoonful of curry powder, a pint and a half of gravy, flour, and butter. Method: Mix the curry powder to a paste with a little cold gravy, then put it into the remainder of the gravy and boil for an hour or more, thicken with flour and butter. Boil the eggs hard, cut them in slices, put them in the curry, let them warm for five minutes or until quite hot. Serve very hot.

Mock Olives. Two quarts of green plums, 1 1/2 tablespoon mustard, 2 1/2 tablespoon of salt, two quarts of vinegar. Place plums in stone jar with mustard seed. Turn vinegar in kettle, bring to a boil. Pour over plums boiling hot. Cover closely. Next day drain off the vinegar, bring again to a boil. Pour over plums. When cold place in olive bottles. Can't tell them from real olives.

in the Laundry. If hooks and eyes have rusted any garment, cover the rust stains with salt, squeeze lemon juice over it and lay in the sun for half an hour. If not entirely removed, repeat the treatment. Then rinse well in cold water. If there is scorch on a white garment soak in lukewarm water, squeeze lemon juice over it, put on a layer of salt and spread in the sun to bleach.

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RAISED FROM SICK BED.

After All Hope Had Vanished.

Mrs. J. H. Bennett, 59 Fountain St., Gardiner, Me., says: "My back used to trouble me so severely that at last I had to give up. I took to my bed and stayed there four months, suffering intense pain, dizziness, headache and inflammation of the bladder. Though without hope, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and in three months was completely cured. The trouble has never returned."

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HE REMEMBERED.



"And did your uncle remember you in his will?"

"Well, he remembered me, all right, but that was why he didn't mention me in it."

Arrange for Pure Milk. Chicago has a medical cow. She was bought by a woman health department inspector. Dr. Caroline Hedger, to produce pure milk for desperately sick babies in a crowded tenement district, and, according to reports, this latest Chicago experiment in municipal ownership has been a great success. "I purchased the cow for the department," said Dr. Hedger. "I told Commissioner Evans I needed a cow to save the lives of the sick babies out my way, and he told me to buy one; so I did. Some friends of mine are taking care of her, milking her and taking the milk direct to the sick infants. It doesn't go through a dozen hands before it reaches the babies. We get enough milk to supply the babies of 14 families."

Temporarily Indisposed. One of the workers in a Chinese mission in Philadelphia became interested in two Chinamen who, she found, owned a flourishing laundry business in her own home neighborhood. She looked in once in awhile to see how things were going with them, and one morning found Sam smiling and cheerful, as usual, but John was missing.

"Where is John this morning?" she asked.

"Oh," answered Sam amiably, "Christian gentleman hit him in the head with a brick, and he all same in hospital."

A Keen Nose. Grandmother—Why is the baby so happy?

Nurse—Oh, his mother and father are coming.

Grandmother—I don't see them!

Nurse—Nor I, ma'am. But the child's nose is very keen. He smells the automobile, ma'am!—Harper's Weekly.

It. An itching trouble is not necessarily a dangerous one, but certainly a most disagreeable affliction. No matter the age, if you itch—it cures you. Hunt's Cure is "It." Absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of itching known. First application relieves.

It Would Seem So. "Beauty is only skin deep," remarked the party with the quotation habit.

"And if some portraits of handsome women are accurate," rejoined the peevish person, "beauty is quite a distance outside the cuticle."

"SPOHN'S." This is the name of the greatest of all remedies for Distemper, Pink Eye, Heaves, and the like among all ages of horses. Sold by Druggists, Harness Makers, or sent to the manufacturers, \$3.00 and \$1.00 a bottle. Agents wanted. Send for free book. Spohn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

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Reason. He that will not reason is a bigot; he that cannot reason is a fool; and he that dares not reason is a slave.—Henry Drummond.

Hicks' Caprine Cures Nervousness. Whether tired out, worried, sleepless or what not. It quiets and refreshes brain and nerves. It is liquid and pleasant to take. Trial bottle 25c—regular size 50c and 80c at druggists.

Occasionally a man is so suspicious that he imagines you are trying to poison his dog every time you throw him a bone.

LICE IN POULTRY

Borax Spray a Safe Preventive—Simple, Cheap, Harmless to Fowls.

"20 Mule Team" Borax was a good thing to rid poultry of lice. I had used so much infamable Lice killers that my Poultry houses were regular fire traps. I gave my S. C. W. Lephorn house a good spraying just two months ago. Since I have caught several hens and I found no lice. I am rid of lice and shall continue to use "20 Mule Team" Borax as a spray, also as a wash.

(Signed) MRS. B. R. BUFFHAM, Roswell, New Mexico.

NAME WAS A COMPROMISE.

Explanation of Remarkable Cognomen of Nevada Town.

A Nevada man having extensive mining claims in the goldfield region tells of a lucky strike that was made last year near Carson City, a strike that proved to be a such promise that a goodly sized camp immediately sprang up around it.

The two principal mine owners were, respectively, an Irishman and a Jew, and as a compliment to these leading citizens the camp decided to leave to them the honor of a suitable name upon the new community.

There followed many conferences between the two, none of which resulted in an agreement. The Irishman stood out for a name that would suggest his native isle, while the Jew was just as insistent, on his part, for a name that should be suggestive of the chosen people. This deadlock continued so long that the rest of the camp grew restless, indignantly insisted that there should be compromise. So the new camp was called "Tippecanoe."—Lippincott's.

NASTY.

He—You are getting on me. She—Am I swimming gracefully? He—Um—yes. All except your face.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system, curing it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do to you is not to be paid for. Hunt's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hunt's Catarrh Cure, be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Testimonials Free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hunt's Family Pills for constipation.

Was Used to It. On a very hot Sunday morning James was required to accompany his father to church.

That was contrary to his inclination. "Father," said he, "why need people go to church when it is so hot?"

"My son," his father replied, "Satan is around as much in hot weather as at any time."

"Oh," said the boy, "but Satan does not mind hot weather!"

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson* in Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Blackwell's. Ma Twaddles—Well, here's a "Napoleon of Wall street," who's a well named.

Pa Twaddles—How's that? Ma Twaddles—He's spending his last days on the island.—Cleveland Leader.

His Job. "Yes, he doesn't do anything but pick up pins all the time."

"Well, well, that's a queer superstition."

"Not at all. It's an occupation. He's employed in a bowling alley."

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Same Feeling. "And haven't you ever taken a ride in an automobile?" asked the man with the new machine, plinly.

"No," replied the plain person, "but I fell out of a third-story window once."

Truly a Sad Case. The Butler—"What makes the missus in such a bad humor this morning?"

The Maid—Some woman told her a secret last night, and she's forgotten it.—Stray Stories.

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WOMAN'S BACKACHE

First Thespian—When I was playing in Kansas City and getting my 200 a night—

Second Dittie—Hold on, there, Monty; make that five!

First Thespian—No, Jack; upon my honor—200 a night regular. Eggs are cheap there.

immunity. Satan had just ordered more coal thrown on the fire.

"By Tumblins!" he cursed, "but that last arrival is a tough proposition. The more I try to roast him the more he smiles!"

He called the chief stoker. "Well, what luck?" asked Satan. The stoker shook his head.

"He's still smiling," he answered. "Where's he from?" cried old Nick, out of patience.

"New York. He used to be a baseball umpire in—"

"Sulphurous serpents! Why didn't you say so before? Take him down; we can't leave him."—Bohemian Magazines.

Youthful Criminals. Two little boys were standing on the street corner, when another well-dressed little boy passed on his way to the drug store to buy candy.

"Let's take his penny away from him," one had boy suggested to the other.

"No," replied his wicked companion, "it's best to wait until he goes in and buys his chocolate with it, and then we'll steal the chocolate. Won't the use of that extra work?"

Where Others Failed. In the spring of five or six years ago I was afflicted with a kind of eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed but the trouble has not returned.

MRS. KATE HOWARD, Little Rock, Ark.

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"She feels sure of it."

"Why, in the name of goodness?"

"Because when he gets up at night to get a drink he never fails to look over the fire escape."

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