SUICIDE OF A CLUBMAN

John C. Hayes Ends His Life in the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Tragedy Said to Have Begun With the Alienation of a Woman's Affection—Victim of Self-Destruction a Broker in Woolens—A Letter Addressed to the Coroner.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—John C. Hayes, a well-known clubman and broker in woolens, son of Gen. John Hayes, committed suicide at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel early this morning. His death is the climax in a tragedy which is said to have begun with the alienation of another man's wife.

Hayes was named as a co-respondent in a divorce suit brought by Frederick G. Hinkle. He afterward married Mrs. Hinkle, and Hinkle secured a judgment of $20,000 against him for alienation of affections. Hayes went to jail rather than pay the judgment. Being broken in fortune, he ended his existence, leaving his life insurance to the woman he married.

There is deep mystery in the case yet to be solved. The suicide left four letters—one addressed to his wife, one to Hinkle, one to L. H. Ross, chief engineer in the United States Navy, and one to the coroner.

This is the first suicide in the history of the Waldorf-Astoria.

Hayes shot himself shortly after midnight. He was a graduate of West Point Military Academy.

In the letter addressed to the coroner Hayes wrote that he was in hard luck, without friends, and thought it was best for all he loved to kill himself, as he had two life insurance policies for $2,000 each. When Mrs. Hayes was notified of her husband's death she went into hysterics. She said that she could not understand why he had done such a thing, as he had a good place and was in receipt of an income from his father's estate, besides a sufficient salary.

Besides the letters found on the body there was a testimonial signed by various army officers stating that the suicide was a man of good character and sterling honesty.

SHIPS FOR A SYNDICATE.

Two Great Steamers to Be Built at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 18.—Slips are being gotten ready at Sparrows Point for the two great steamers which are under contract to be built by the Maryland Steel Company. It is learned that the steamers are for a syndicate represented by Kidder, Peabody & Co., the Boston banking house, but whether they represent an established transportation line or a new one to go into business is yet undeveloped.

The plans so far as are indicated by the extensive preparations going on at Sparrows Point show that the ships will each be about 505 feet long. They will be cargo steamers of the most advanced type, with twin screws, and capable of making twelve knots when loaded with 11,200 tons of cargo. They will be fifty-eight feet beam and forty feet depth of hold. The construction will be steel throughout and it will take over a year to complete them.

A special despatch from Boston says: "Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Co. have confirmed the report from Baltimore that they have ordered from the Maryland Steel Company two freight steamships of between 11,000 and 12,000 tons cargo capacity each. They will be the largest tramp steamships afloat. They, it is understood, will not be operated on a line between Boston and England, but will be for service all over the world, and go wherever there is the best paying cargo. The form of securities which will be issued has not been definitely decided upon, but either a stock company will be formed or trustees will run the vessels. In either event securities will be issued within a few months. Meanwhile all financial arrangements will be made by an underwriting syndicate, as other people will be associated with Kidder, Peabody & Co. More than $1,500,000 is involved in the enterprise."

THE JERSEY GRAPE CROP.

Harvest an Abundant One and Wine Presses at Work.

EGG HARBOR CITY, N. J., Sept. 18.—The harvesting of the abundant grape crop in this vicinity has begun. The weather and lack of grape rot made this the largest crop in ten years. Farmers and owners of vineyards were compelled to put up extra braces to prevent the vines from falling and breaking with the weight of the fruit. Bunches weighing one and two pounds are not rare.

Winemakers are running their wine presses day and night. It is estimated by a well-known wine grower that about half a million gallons of the red juice will be pressed out of the abundant harvest.

SCHOONER ON THE ROCKS.

Three-Masted Vessel Going to Pieces in Long Island Sound.

CLINTON, Conn., Sept. 18.—A large three-masted schooner went ashore this morning about daybreak near Grove Beach, just below Hammannessett Point, on Long Island Sound. The wind beat fiercely about her, and indications were that she would go to pieces on the rocks.

A large rescuing party went to her relief. The name of the vessel could not be learned.

LOCKJAW FOLLOWS A BLOW.

Boy's Mother Says He Was Hit on the Head With a Bolt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Joseph Beagan, seventeen years old, of 250 Railroad Avenue, Jersey City, was taken to St. Francis Hospital on September 3 suffering from a contused wound on the head.

On Saturday lockjaw set in and the physicians say Beagan cannot live. His mother says he was struck on the head with an iron bolt by a companion with whom he had quarrelled, but she has as yet made no complaint against the lad, and the police have taken no action in the matter.

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AT THE THEATRES.

The National—"Mam'selle 'Awkins."

An inconsequential trifle, with some familiar jokes, a number of extremely tuneful melodies, a quartette of good comedians, and a host of dashing chorus girls, is "Mam'selle 'Awkins," the musical comedy which was seen at the National last night. The libretto is by Richard Carle, a comedian, with a handy scrap-book and a somewhat remarkable memory, while the music is furnished by Alfred E. Aarons, principally known as a New York theatrical manager. As a performance of the lighter kind, in which nothing is expected beyond the usual array of chorus girls to add life and color to the ensembles while the comedians labor to manufacture laughs and the introduction of some songs and choruses, "Mam'selle 'Awkins" may be said to be a very entertaining and diverting offering. The programme names Etienne Girardot, Harry Kelly, E. S. Abeles, Snitz Edwards, Olive Wallace, Georgia Carhart, and Carolyn Hustis Graves as the principal performers. Elfie Fay, formerly a member of the Bijou stock company, is only a member of the chorus, but by her energetic dancing scores one of the real hits of the piece.

Chase's New Grand—Polite Vaudeville.

There is a pleasant variation from the ordinary bill at the Grand this week, where a goodly portion of the entertainment is furnished by the famous Banda Rossa of Italy. This aggregation is one of the best ever heard locally, the reed section being notable for its excellence. The selections are made with admirable judgment, and pleased all who heard them yesterday afternoon and evening. The programmes will be changed daily during the week.

Of the vaudeville portion proper, probably the effort of Hal Stephens is most worthy of note, marking, as it does, an epoch in local vaudeville. Mr. Stephens gives imitations of well-known theatrical celebrities, from Johnny Ray to Sir Henry Irving, and while better imitations may have been seen, no other impersonator has taken as great care in costuming and mounting his effort. Others of the bill are the Gross brothers, the four Rentons, Annie Myers, Hugh Stanton and company, Goldwin, the illusionist, and Edwin Latell. Matinee daily.

Academy of Music—Vaudeville.

The best vaudeville bill that Manager Hashim has yet offered at the Academy of Music attracted large audiences yesterday afternoon and evening. The distinct hits of the performance are made by John W. Ransome, who impersonates David B. Hill, and Maggie Cline, who has some new songs, and that ever-popular ballad "Throw Him Down, McCloskey." Truly Shattuck, fresh from London successes, sings several songs in good voice, but is unfortunate in her selections. Carrie Graham, the original "Sis Hopkins," pleases with her oddities, and Fields and Ward have some new material for their rapid-fire conversations. The other performers who contribute to the success of the entertainment are: Lawrence and Harrington, in a Bowery specialty; Blocksom and Burns, black face humorists; Lowell and Lowell, grotesque comedians; Bicknell, clay modeler; the three Lelliotts, sketch artists; Annie Hart, billed as "nature's own comedienne," and Pelot, a juggler.

Kernan's—English Folly Burlesquers.

Two large audiences at Kernan's yesterday afternoon and evening greeted the appearance of Rice and Barton's English Folly Burlesque Company. Like some other things, this combination improves with age and its annual visit to Washington invariably causes the patrons of Manager Kernan's playhouse to turn out in large numbers. The opening burlesque, "All at Sea," is bright and clever and introduces the principal members of the organization, who, later, appear in the olio. The vaudeville portion of the programme is contributed by Collins and Collins, Katherine Rose Palmer, Joe Sullivan, and Carrie Weber, Hickey and Nelson, Willard and Wheeler, and McFarland and Lee. A musical novelty, "Stolen Pleasures," concludes the performance. Matinee daily.

The Bijou—"Gay Butterflies."

The "Gay Butterflies" extravaganza company opened a week's engagement at the Bijou yesterday to a well-pleased audience. The programme presented was in every way an enjoyable one and further attested the desire of the management to please. The musical farce, "Mistaken Identity," begins the bill. Those who appear in the olio are Amy Nelson, who sings well; Barth and Fleming, comedians; Leslie and Curdy, songsters; Weston and Stapleton, in a new sketch, "The Ambitious Youth;" the Metweef Duo, dancers, who dance unusually well, and Harry First, Hebrew comedian. The performance concludes with a picturesque medley entitled "Doing the Rounds at Gay Paree." Special scenery and costumes have been provided for the production, while good stage management prevents tiresome waits. Matinee daily.

NOT A NOVICE.

Rebecca Rosenberg Said to Have Picked Several Pockets.

Information received by Inspector Boardman from Chief of Police Quirk of Philadelphia today, developed that Rebecca Rosenberg, alias Goldberg, fourteen years old, who was arrested at the Centre Market by Special Policeman Nick Miles Saturday, and who was yesterday held by Judge Kimball in $500 bond for the action of the grand jury on a charge of larceny from the person, is not a novice at pocket-picking. According to the information received, the girl was imprisoned at the House of Refuge in Philadelphia after being convicted of picking the pocket of Jennie Matthews on July 6 last. She was also arrested in Baltimore, it is said, for a similar offence. A picture of the Rosenberg girl taken from the Rogues' Gallery accompanied the information from Chief of Police Quirk.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEXICO.

New Ships to Ply Between Vera Cruz and Gulf Ports.

Vice Consul General Hardy sends to the State Department the following clipping from the "Mexican Herald" of August 28:

"Before the close of the year, international business between Mexico and the United States will enjoy the advantages of another strong steamship line that will operate boats between Mexican and American Gulf ports. The formation of the new company was brought about by the reorganization of the Mexican Gulf Steamship Company under the name of the Mexican-American Steamship Company. The old company's boats operate between New Orleans and Tampico. The new company will at once extend the service to include the ports of Vera Cruz and Progreso.

"The headquarters of the new company will be located in St. Louis, Mo., and O. F. Spindler, agent of the Mexican Gulf Company at New Orleans, has been elected president.

"The Mexican-American Steamship Company proposes to establish semi-monthly sailings, and the new service will begin about November 1."

Chloroforms Himself Accidentally.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Sept. 18.—Leon Kuhn used chloroform profusely to remove grease from his coat collar, then put on the coat and sat in a warm room. He was soon overcome by the chloroform and a friend found him unconscious. It took two hours to resuscitate him.

1900 Fall and Winter 1901

It is a fair presumption—all things considered—the Weather Bureau chiefly—that cool weather has come to stay. What are you going to do about it? Continue to wear your old summer suit, contract a violent cold, which may settle on your lungs, produce consumption or other grave malady—

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HARVEST FOR RETAILERS

Coal Prices Pushed Up Another Notch in New York.

President of the Dealers' Exchange Denies That It Is Extortion—Demand for Fuel Said to Be Almost Unprecedented—Supply Will Be Seriously Depleted in Three Weeks

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—If the views of most of the leading coal road officials in this city are correct, the retail coal merchants who are expecting to reap a rich harvest from the strike of the Pennsylvania miners will not have much time for their reaping. These officials seemed confident yesterday that the strike would be of short duration. The retailers are losing no time, however. Yesterday they raised the price of coal in Manhattan 50 cents a ton at one jump. Red ash coal is now $6.50 a ton, and white ash $5.50. This is almost $1 more than it was sold for a week ago, although the strike is only one day old. When Henry Brennich, president of the Retail Coal Dealers' Exchange, was asked yesterday if this did not savor of extortion he replied:

"There is no extortion about it. It is mere business prudence. The stocks carried by the retail coal dealers today are no larger on the average than we always carry at this time of the year, but the demand is almost unprecedented. Thousands of our customers who usually buy a few tons at a time are scared at the prospect of a long strike, and are ordering twice and three times the usual quantity. If we fill now all the orders we have our stocks will be exhausted in ten days."

"Do you find that adding 50 cents a ton to the price keeps the orders back?" asked the reporter.

"It does not," replied Mr. Brennich.

"Then why charge the extra price?" asked the reporter.

"Because," said Mr. Brennich, "when our present stocks are gone we will not be able to buy any more coal except at exorbitant prices, and in small quantities, if the strike lasts even three weeks. We would therefore be obliged to shut up our yards and suspend business. This would entail great loss; so it is only common prudence on our part to charge something extra now for our coal, in order to have a profit upon which to draw when the squeeze comes, as come it surely will if the strike be prolonged."

Other retail coal dealers who were seen voiced the same sentiments. Wholesale operators, however, took the view that the miners would be back at work long before the coal supply was depleted to any considerable extent. President Maxwell, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey was of this opinion.

President R. M. Olyphant, of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, acknowledged that practically all his miners had joined the strikers, yet he, too, thought the strike would be of short duration. Being asked if renewed overtures for arbitration had been made to him, he replied that he did not see how the questions in dispute could be arbitrated.

W. V. S. Thorne, vice president of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, said yesterday: "The operators can hold out for at least six months. It is our custom to carry on our books orders for six months in advance. We have a fair supply on hand. Retailers, especially in the country, hold good-sized stocks. I think the situation justifies an advance in prices. We anticipate no trouble at our mines. Extra watchmen have been hired, but this is the only precaution which has been taken. I do not think any outside labor will be imported, unless the strike should be very prolonged."

A DOG BITES FOUR PEOPLE.

Armed With Weapons, the Mayor and Citizens Give Chase.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Sept. 18.—A Scotch terrier not more than fifteen inches high and half as long made more excitement in Plainfield and North Plainfield late Sunday afternoon than had been witnessed in either place in some time. The dog acted as though it was mad, running wild and attacking and biting several people.

The dog first appeared at the home of ex-Councilman Walter Hetfield, on East Front Street, where it bit Mr. Hetfield's prize spaniel. The next heard of it was in the northern part of the borough. From there it invaded the Washington Park section. The young daughter of Frank Rowley, of Myrtle Avenue, was bitten severely on the hand. The animal was driven off by Mrs. Rowley, and before it left that part of the town two dogs were bitten. Then the dog ran into a hallway on Front Street, and while there bit Miss Nellie Messenger. Chased by a number of young men, the canine ran down Somerset Street, and near Chatham Street bit John Kennedy, the youngest son of Michael Kennedy. It then attacked Albert Leader, of Duer Street, and tore his trousers, but was beaten off before it bit him. A short distance beyond Somerset Street the dog bit Miss Tillie Mulford, of East Front Street, and a moment later attacked Fritz Conde. The latter escaped injury, and then the dog ran to the house occupied by J. G. McLaughlin, where it was cornered by Marshal Frederick Emmons, who killed it with a club.

In the meantime seventy-five men from the borough and city, led by Mayor Smalley, were in pursuit of the animal. All were armed with either clubs or revolvers. The body of the dog was taken to the Pasteur Institute in New York yesterday, and the victims of it will be treated by the Pasteur remedy for hydrophobia.

Building a New Cotton Mill.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 18.—Rapid progress is being made on the Loray cotton mill at Gastonia. The building will be five stories and basement, 527 by 103 feet, and will cost $225,000. The machinery, 50,384 spindles and 1,680 looms, will cost $1,000,000. It will be the largest mill in North Carolina under one roof. The engine will be of 2,500 horsepower. Eight cotton warehouses, with a capacity for 30,000 bales, and 300 homes for employes are being constructed. By January 1 everything will be completed, as 500 men are at work. The workmen are negroes, each gang being under a white boss. Bricks are made on the spot, the plant making 80,000 a day.

Marine Business at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 18.—Trade upon the sea has been brisk during the past year, as the increased business of the port of Norfolk and Portsmouth shows. The records at the custom house show that while during the first eight months of 1899 only 397 vessels cleared from this port for foreign ports, 578 have cleared during the first eight months of 1900. During all of the last year only 634 vessels cleared "foreign," and at the present rate of increase more than 900 vessels will have done so by December 31, of this year. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, 2,292 vessels entered here from coastwise ports, while during the same period in 1900, 2,623 coastwise vessels entered.

Murder of a Centenarian.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 18.—A colored man named Robert Postell, who, it is asserted, was 100 years old, was murdered near Wilmington Saturday. There were eight wounds on the head. The murderers had placed the body near a railway to give the impression that Postell was killed by a train, but several people had heard cries of "Murder!" and "Help!" It was found that the fatal blows were inflicted by a hoe.

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Remarkable Success of a New Treatment for Piles.

For many years it has been supposed that the only absolutely sure cure for piles was by surgical operation, but the danger to life and the pain and expense has been so great that many thousands suffer for years rather than submit to this last resort; or they seek the temporary relief in the many remedies claimed to relieve piles and rectal troubles, salves, ointments, and similar simple remedies which give only slight and very temporary relief.

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OLD GEMS FROM MEXICO

A Collection of Jewels Brought From Achiutla.

Soon to Be on Exhibition at the Museum of Natural History in New York—Ornaments Made by Former Races—A Design With the Head of a Bat and the Beak of an Eagle.

Lying snugly in the drawers of a cabinet in Curator Saville's private room in the Natural History Museum of this city, are various jewels in gold and objects in jade and jadeite which will make the people of New York open their eyes very wide indeed when they are placed on pubic exhibition. When that will be is not quite certain, but it will certainly be before fall. These objects were brought by Prof. Saville from a part of Mexico which is seldom visited, namely, Achiutla, now in the state of Guerrero. In days before the conquest it was on the boundary region between the Zapotecas of Oaxaca and the Mixtecas, who are supposed to have given Ridder Haggard his idea of the "Children of the Mist." Prof. Saville was in Mitla prosecuting excavations there when he received some intelligence which led him to visit Achiutla, where he purchased the greater part of the treasures which will be in the case, but not all. Some of the objects were obtained in Mexico City.

The most important and the most interesting came from Achiutla, and though their appearance will at first sight seem too civilized, there is not a doubt that they are genuine. It is a matter for experts, and they have already decided that fact. There are always doubts in the case of ancient gold work, because it looks so well and so modern, and many people shook their heads at the famous collection of Etruscan gold work which was brought to New York city by Prof. Castelani.

The most interesting object in the Saville treasure is exactly like an Etruscan bulla, a round jewel about the size of an American quarter, which the Romans believed was worn by the Etruscan aristocracy as a badge of their caste. This object from Achiulta is, however, symbolic, and is the head of a bat with the beak of an eagle. The head, all but the ears and beak, was not made from a gold plate, but was worked from virgin gold, possibly from a curiously shaped nugget. It was made hollow like a bulla, and two perforations were made at the sides, which renders it probable that the object was not suspended, but was sewn to the outer garment of the wearer. The fierce beak of the eagle and the bat's ears were made from plate gold, the ears by hand, and the beak by casting. All save the upper surface is occupied by the two eye cavities which are replaced by the most beautiful rosettes. The workmanship is exquisite. Every section of these ornaments was cast, and then fused into place with the blowpipe. This at least is what is supposed, for there is not a trace of soldering and the ears seem to have been placed in position in the same way. The beak was joined in a different way. The gold is not so pure as the rest of the jewel, and the upper mandible was chased, and reveals its greater hardness. As the bat "Zotzile" was the totem of the Zotzilles of Guatemala, and as the eagle was the badge of of one of the superior orders of the knights called Tcotlahuicas, or Companions of the Gods, this jewel seems to have been made for an eagle in Tcotlahuicas or Knights of Guatemala.

It may be observed that the real name of the latter country is Quanhtemala, which certainly means the land of the eagles. The probability is that the jewel was never delivered, but was found where it was made, for Achiulta was one of the cities of the Beni Shono, the artist and merchant class of all the country south of the genuine Mexico, or Cullma Confederacy.

Besides the gold jewels there are a number of objects in jadeite, which will be viewed with profound interest. The Mexican Hall of the museum already possesses a case devoted to jadeite, many of the pieces being quite large and of resplendent beauty. The charm of the prospective addition to it will be found in a necklace of jadeite beads, among which is one of genuine jade. The latter mineral is the true nephrite which the Chinese have worn for thousands of years as an amulet against a kidney disease induced by tea drinking. Now, neither genuine jade nor jadeite has ever been found in Mexico. But scientists, among them Mr. Kunz, of this city, believe that jadeite will eventually be found in Mexico, but not jade. Mr. Kunz saw this jade bead and pronounced it the genuine Oriental jade of the most perfect color. The beads of jadeite are mottled, light green, and white, whereas the jade bead, which is about the diameter of a dime, is a dark green, like the leaf of a leek. The perforation is in the centre, and four grooves like rays go from it to the four points of the circumference, so that it really is a cross within a circle. This kind of cross is distinctly pre-Christian, but there are many specimens extant, for the symbol was as popular as the famous Swustika. There are many such crosses in Ireland and Scotland, and there is a general consensus of opinion that they refer to the worship of the Two Elements. How it came into Mexico is a question not so easy to answer.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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"I reckon there are few people living in this part of the country who ever heard of prairie fire clubs," said a Western man, the subject having been suggested by the burning of a lot of rubbish on a scow. "I doubt if such things were ever known in the East. In fact, they went out of existence in the West forty years ago.

"In very many sections of what you call middle West timbered land of today was prairie fifty years ago. I have traveled a half day over one of these prairies without seeing a farm, a house, an individual, or a domestic animal. The towns were few and far apart, and a census taker could have stood in one place in some of them and made up his figures. One I have in mind stood on one of the prairies which rolled out to the horizon in every direction, with never a tree or a shrub to break the vision. Some years later an oak shrub was found in the grass, and that constituted town talk for several days. I remember a party going out to see it on Sunday. You may get an idea from this as to how nearly isolated from the world we were.

"Not far from it, while the tree was still a sapling, were a few farms. They were not fenced. The tillers of the soil plowed deep ridges about the ground they cultivated. These were to protect their crops and houses from the encroachments of prairie fires. But there were prairie fires which no furrows could turn.

"The fires were always started in the fall, after the grasses had died out. The object was to clear away the dead grasses, so they would not retard the growth of spring. You have heard all your lives of certain events and things running or spreading like a prairie fire. Any man who ever saw one knows what it means, but a man who has never turned out to fight one has no conception of the work. And the man who has never seen a prairie fire when it was swept onward at night by high wind has missed a thrilling sight. I have read descriptions of these fires, but not one did the subject justice. To my mind the storm at sea is tame compared to the storm of flame on a waste of prairie.

"The few farmers near the village of which I spoke were almost sacred to the people of the village. They were the only farmers within seventy-five miles of the place. We relied upon them for our grain and many of the necessaries of life. One night a prairie fire escaped from control and bore down upon this little cluster of farms. The attack was seen, of course, by the village. It seemed to light the earth and paint the heavens. Its roar was as distant as the breaking of a stormy sea on a rockbound coast, or thunder when it strikes the heart of a forest.

"The village was watching the sweep of this fire, discussing what was best to do, when the sound of hoofs of a hard-ridden horse came nearer and more distinct. In another moment—it seems like a moment as I recall it—the horse came to a stand in the square. The rider was a woman.

"As soon as the young woman could do so she told what we already knew, except the information that she had been sent to the village for help, and, of course, we had surmised that when we heard the hoofs of her horse beating a charge on the road.

"In a few minutes as many as could leave went out; some on horseback, some in wagons. Later another posse went out. I was in the civil war, but I never saw a battle like the one we had that night with that prairie fire. It didn't last as long as the fire of lead, but it was hotter and more stubborn. Of course, you understand that there was no such thing as water with which to fight such a fire. It had to be thrashed and beaten back with—well, with anything that would thrash or smother. I have known men, having exhausted whatever they had in hand, pull off their clothes and fight prairie fires with them until the heat burned their flesh.

"It was nearly noon before we had it under control. It was the most sullen thing I ever saw. At times it seemed human. We saved the crops in the fields and the house, but what a burned, scorched army we were. Men's hair, whiskers and eyebrows were missing, and not a person escaped some accident by the fiery contact.

"Within a few days the village organized the prairie fire club, and every man and woman and boy and girl became a member. A detail was made in prairie-fire season whose duty it was to watch the horizon and be prepared to ride to the relief of the farmers. The club went out a number of times, but the fires were always easily subdued. The one I have described was the terror. Whenever I see a blaze my mind goes back to that night. The organization of our prairie fire club led to others in other villages, but as the country filled up they were no longer required."

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