

SAVED AS BY FIRE

By SELINA ELIZABETH HIGGINS.

It was a fortunate circumstance that John Cross wore a heavy hat and a wig when, turning into one of the worst streets of the big city, he suddenly pounced upon two foot-pads. They did not even sound the warning of "hands up!" but while one of them threw his arms about the neck from behind, the other raised a heavy slungshot and aimed a terrific blow at him.

"Help!" naturally shouted Mr. Cross, and then felt a stunning contact and sank helpless to the ground.

He was not entirely divested of consciousness, for as said, his hat and wig protected him. The deadening blow he received did him no physical injury beyond raising a bad bump on his head. As he sank down, a blurred picture greeted his vision. A roughly dressed but stalwart man shot around the corner. He sprang at the two footpads bending over their victim and preparing to rob him.

"Whack! bang! bit!" One of the fellows went hurrying and over the gutter. The other, holding his hand to a badly damaged optic, sneaked away with a bellow of pain and discomfiture.

"Hurt, boss?" solicitously inquired the rescuer, helping Mr. Cross to his feet.

"No—not seriously," answered Mr. Cross confidently. "They were foot-pads?"

"Just that. Lucky you hollered; I was just in time."

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platform, a plainly dressed, unpretentious young man, but with the light of heaven in his happy eyes. He gazed with wonder at a young woman seated at the organ. The man was his lost son, the girl Millie Dale, the early fiancée of Dexter. "The story of my life—how I found the light," announced the young evangelist, and then his pathetic recital began. He told of his leaving home, of disappointment, degradation and poverty, how, always true to him, the patient faced organist had sought him out, reformed him, married him. And John Cross thrilled and the tears came to his eyes as he realized that the lost was found—saved, and useful, and happy.

The speaker referred to the work they were doing among the poor and helpless. There was a contribution box at the door. Those few who could might drop their mite to provide bread for the pensioners of the morrow.

As they passed out the tramp nearly fell down, from sheer astonishment as he noted that his companion pressed through the slot of the little wooden box.

"Why, governor!" he gasped—"you put in two fifties!"

"That is right," smiled Mr. Cross. "I have a small left for you when your work for me is done. There is money. Get yourself tidied up a bit and come to my hotel," and he handed the homeless wretch some bank notes and a card.

It was the rejuvenated tramp who carried a message to the Star of Hope the next day. It was to find Dexter Cross and his loyal wife, Millie, happy beyond measure over the marvelous donation that enabled them to care for the wretched wretch dependent on their bounty.

Then, as he had been instructed, the messenger told them of the repentant father at his hotel, asking forgiveness and love.

"So, saved as by fire, Dexter Cross," he said, "I have a small left for you when your work for me is done. There is money. Get yourself tidied up a bit and come to my hotel," and he handed the homeless wretch some bank notes and a card.

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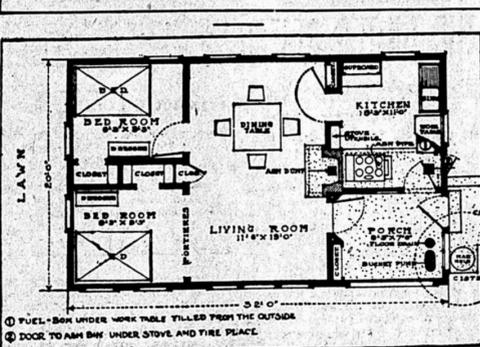
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CHEAP FARM HOUSE FOR TENANT OR OWNER



FARM TENANT HOUSE.

The department of agriculture has made public the first of a series of plans for farm houses to be prepared by its specialists with a view to enabling farmers to construct inexpensive and better homes. The basis of the inquiry is the belief that the farm house is the most important building on the farm and money judiciously expended in its planning and construction is well invested. The objects sought in the plans are to provide structures reasonable in cost and of good material, and so arranged as to give the maximum in health, comfort and happiness to the family and added convenience to the housewife in her domestic operations.

The plans made public are for the construction of an inexpensive farm tenant house, although the house as planned contains many valuable suggestions for owners with small families. The provision of proper tenant houses on farms it is believed is of increasing importance to farm management because of the increasing number of rented farms, the growing demand of tenants for modern houses and a better understanding of the influences of the home upon farm labor and field efficiency. The census report of 1910 shows an increase during the previous ten years of more than 224,000 rented farms. Many of the new tenants moved into, good houses vacated by the owners, but many others are living in buildings wholly unsuited to their needs. The cost of these houses commonly is inconsistent with the value of the farms and the lack of improvements in them too often is in striking contrast with the outbuildings, farming machinery and field equipment.

The important principles of planning, applicable to all buildings, which are stressed in construction and in the performance of indoor work have been carefully considered in these plans. Endeavor has been made to provide good lines and pleasing proportions which are essential to general beauty in all structures and the production of skillful designing rather than of additional material and labor.

Special emphasis has been put upon providing a little home that will be conducive to the health of the family, provide for its social and domestic needs and save unnecessary steps and operations on the part of the housekeeper.

The architect's studies seem to make it clear that many homes in towns as well as in the country, which are being built and improved and at the same time built at less expense if they had been studiously planned to meet the family needs, skillfully designed and carefully constructed.

The Tenant House. The tenant house, plans of which are shown, is a simple, four-cornered structure, without bay windows, gables and dormers or any projection save the cornice, which overhangs and protects the walls and window openings. The house is planned for the most inexpensive arrangement consistent with the needs and the convenience of a small family. It has but one chimney and but one outside entrance.

The Single Door. The home has but one entrance, which would be beneficial in a town where it may be in this one; but another door can be gotten into the plan only by a sacrifice of wall and floor space, which cannot be spared, or by increasing the size and cost of the house, which in connection with this plan cannot be done. If the door is substituted for one of the three windows in the south end of the living room, the best part of the room will be ruined. Moving the entrance door to the south side of the porch would not only restrict the use of the porch, but necessitate an outside door in the kitchen, which, in turn, would necessitate a corresponding increase in the floor and wall space of the kitchen. If the door that opens the rear of the house to the porch is moved to the porch, the valuable floor and wall space in both room and porch would be sacrificed.

These little details affect the size of rooms and of the building and, therefore, the cost. They are sometimes, and of necessity, influenced more by economy than by convenience; but by careful study they may often be made consistent with both. It is economical, for instance, to have but one outside entrance to this house. With this entrance nearest the barn and the entrance from the highway, it provides more usable space for the daily activities of the family than many larger houses. It is more convenient for a small family, more comfortable, healthful and delightful than many farm houses costing twice as much.

Very few residences of any size or row at the usual hour of night? Behold, I shall be looking forth, Don Manuel. I would fall into your arms. The senorita says it all with her eyes.—Century.

Almost an insult. "Have your head read," droned the street philosopher. "This, my friend, is your bump of honesty. I can tell just how honest you are. Have your other bumps read. Only a dollar." "All right, go ahead."

"Money in advance, please."

Voluble Eyes of the Senorita. Now, what the Spanish-American beauty cannot do with her eyes is not worth mentioning. In the brief moment of passing she can say: "Don Manuel, I love you. Beware of my senorita aunt, who is watching me like a tiger. Don Manuel, you are the handsomest man I ever saw. Do you behold how jealous is the fat Don Marco, who is sitting with my so beloved and respected father? For the fat Don Marco I have the greatest disgust. Shall you be passing our case tomorrow at the usual hour of night? Behold, I shall be looking forth, Don Manuel. I would fall into your arms. The senorita says it all with her eyes.—Century.

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Nothing if not ambitious, the young minister determined on a plan to gain him greater popularity. "Well, John," he said to the beadle after service one Sunday. "I was just thinking I might greatly enhance my salary if you would oblige by saying 'Amen' now and again."

"Right! Right! I will, sir. But hoo am I to ken whan tae say 'Amen'?" inquired sturdy John. "I'll have a bag of green peas beside me, John, and if you just sit under the pulpit I'll drop one when I wish you to speak," was the reply.

The following Sunday all went well, until of a sudden John exclaimed hurriedly: "Amen! amen! amen!" "Hush, John," the minister whispered, "the bag's burst!"

WATERY BLISTERS ON FACE Smithville, Ind.—Six months ago our baby girl, one year old, had a few red pimples come on her face which gradually spread causing her face to become very irritated and a fiery red color. The pimples on the child's face were at first small watery blisters, just a small blotch on the skin. She kept scratching at this until in a few days her whole cheeks were fiery red color and instead of the little blisters the skin was cracked and scaly looking and seemed to itch and burn very much.

"We used a number of remedies which seemed to give relief for a short time then leave her face worse than ever. Finally we got a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. I washed the child's face with very warm water and Cuticura Soap, then applied the Cuticura Ointment very lightly. After doing this about three times a day the itching and burning seemed entirely gone in two days' time. Inside of two weeks' time her face seemed well. That was eight months ago and there has been no return of the trouble." (Signed) Mrs. A. K. Wooden, Nov. 4, 1912.

Personal Viewpoint. "What's your objection to strikes?" asked Mr. Radford by great unknown gods, who, curious in their turn, spy at us for their diversion, and will in a moment destroy it all, as a child wipes out a drawing on his slate? "We say unthinkingly that we wish we knew the answers to these questions. But, if we did, the keen savant of life would vanish; curiosity killed, we should become utter fatalists, and that would be the end of us. For the thought that by increased knowledge comes access of power, and that we can, even to ever so slight an extent, shape the future to our will and thus bear our part in the destiny of humanity, is the inspiration of all thinkers, the burden of all philosophers, and the belief of all true dreamers who have moved the world.

Easy. "B'jones has an easy life." "Why, I heard him say he had his work cut out for him." "So he has. But he's a sculptor."

Worry is a big load to carry and an unnecessary one. Worry is accompanied by indigestion it certainly is cause for the blues. "But the whole trouble may be easily thrown off and life's road be made easy and comfortable by proper eating and the cultivation of good cheer. Read what a Troy woman says: "Two years ago I made the acquaintance of Grape-Nuts and have used the food once a day and sometimes twice, ever since.

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FOR WHAT PURPOSE SAVER? Leisurely Englishman at a Loss to Understand Value of Those Precious Four Minutes.

In no other metropolis of the world are similar expenditures contemplated for traffic purposes, and that for very obvious reasons. Not only is the physical conformation of New York without parallel, but nowhere else is there a public so insistent on the subject of "time." Minutes spent in transit must be cut down to the irreducible minimum, no matter how prodigally the saved time may be wasted.

In this connection, continues Alan Sullivan in Harper's Magazine, consider an actual occurrence. An Englishman who recently dropped in at a friend's office in Twenty-seventh street, was asked to dine. At the nearest subway station they took a local train to the Grand Central, there dived across the platform into an express that disgorged them at Seventy-second street, where they entered another local train that finally deposited them at the door of the Gothamite's apartment at Broadway and Seventy-ninth street. Followed then a smoke and a most leisurely dinner. Half-way through the dessert, the Briton looked at his host.

"I've been wondering why we took three trains to get here?" "Why? We saved four minutes!" The visitor pondered. "I say," he questioned, thoughtfully, "what are you going to do with them?"

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Muhl "Mind your own business and never get mixed up in the trouble of other people," advised the Sage. "If I followed that advice I'd starve to death," replied the Visitor. "I'm a lawyer."

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"Indeed? Well he did it so prettily that I was sure he had rehearsed several times."

Its Status. "Don't you believe in the death penalty for murder?" "Certainly, capital idea."

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