CAR JUST KEPT ON MOVING

Lucky for Sleeping Occupants That the Road Had Been Cut Up by Heavy Wagon.

I recall a funny motoring incident that might have turned out decidedly otherwise if it had not been for a mere chance, writes a correspondent. It occurred in the country during the early spring.

A young fellow and his sister were returning in the wee small hours from a dance in a neighboring town. He was driving a flivver. They were both very tired, and finally they both dropped off to sleep.

It so happened that late the day before a heavy farm wagon had passed that way, leaving deep ruts in the mud, and during the evening these had frozen solid. The car got into these ruts and ran along them with no one guiding it for some time. The tracks turned several corners and finally turned into a farmyard and went into the barn.

The fliv turned the corners and followed the tracks into the yard. It was going straight on and would have smashed into the barn door had not the girl waked in time to see the building looming up just in front of them. Realizing the situation immediately, she jammed on the brake and stopped the car a few feet from the closed door.

I am assured that this is a perfectly true story.

KNOWS NO NORTH OR SOUTH

Southern Doughboy Who Fought in France Is Strong for the Appellation "Yank."

The monicker, Yank, is going to stick. Just read what this fellow, who was born south of Mason and Dixon's line, writes:

"I come from a line of 'rebels' who boast that they did not surrender. Until I was quite a husky chap I believed that 'd—— Yankee' was one word and 'Republican' its synonym, and knew the 'rebel yell' as a varsity boy knows his college yell. Before the war I wore a slouch hat, rode horseback and shot squirrels. I still say cawn bread, think Dixie should be our national air, that Robert E. Lee was the world's greatest general, and Jefferson Davis, suh, the world's greatest statesman.

"But, speaking for myself and a not overly small bunch of fellow 'rebels,' I am exactly satisfied with the honest, hard-fisted, firm-jawed and seemingly inevitable nickname of Yank, and say, with one of the papers back home:

"'Let Yank be the official battle name of our boys, and the "rebel yell" their official battle cry.'"

In truth, the South and the North are welded.—Stars and Stripes.

Cutting the Nation's Tire Bill.

"Forty makes of motor tires were submitted to the bureau of standards by the office of the quartermaster general," writes Thomas H. Uzzell in Everybody's. "They were given laboratory 'durability runs,' after which they were autopsied by the rubber specialists. Their carcasses' were cut up and the pieces boiled, roasted, stretched. The results were discouraging. Even the best of them seemed to suffer from improper 'toughening.'

"So into their little rubber-mill went the experts, with notes furnished them by the tire manufacturers, and proceeded to make up some tire rubber which had the proper degree of toughness. They succeeded. They passed out the word: 'The trouble is that you makers are not sifting your zinc oxid before mixing it with the rubber compound.'

"The makers began to sift. Better tires resulted. Some $30,000,000 were saved to the government. And today you are enjoying a cut in your tire bill by getting better tires—a result of that experiment with zinc oxid."

Successful Woman Trapper.

Trapping predatory animals is scarcely the kind of occupation in which a woman might be expected to distinguish herself, even with the great extension of the range of feminine activities to which we have been accustomed lately. Mrs. Ada Tingley of Idaho, is reported, however, by the Northwestern division of the United States biological survey, to be so successful in this employment that her male rivals are finding it hard to keep up with her records. Her victims are mainly coyotes, bob-cats, wolves, lynxes and mountain lions. At 8:30 every morning Mrs. Tingley mounts her cayuse and rides off to her traps, of which she runs six lines, of 50 each. She uses a fish bait prepared by a secret formula. On occasion she can use a .32 caliber rifle with almost perfect accuracy.

Make Big Gun by Shrinking Liner.

In making a 12-inch gun at an eastern arsenal the liner tube, 36 feet long, was finished and rifled before being shrunk into place. Customarily the liner is fine-bored and rifled after the shrinkage operation, and this is declared to be the first time a gun of such large size was ever assembled after the tube was finished.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Johannesburg Now Metropolis.

Johannesburg, with a population of 263,274, is the largest and most cosmopolitan city in South Africa. The tastes of the people are varied, ranging from the simplest requirements on the part of the natives to the most cultivated wants. Music of some form is one of the means of satisfying these wants.

ROSIE SMITH

By JACK LAWTON.

"It's the chance of your life," Gilbert Hane's sister wrote him, "and you had better come out here at once. You know that you must make a money-marriage, Bert, if you hope to succeed in your profession. Doctors cannot begin a practice on nothing a year; and I feel that I have done my share in giving you a start.

"Frankly, it was with your interest at heart, as well as my own, that I married Carleton Page, and the union has been a happy one—not from a financial viewpoint alone.

"You are aware of your own powers of charming when women are concerned, there your 'lexicon knows no such word as fail.'

"The Ocean Breeze hotel is a costly establishment. None but the fortunate may make their habitation here for any length of time, and the Austin Smiths intend to remain the summer. But then we know in Chicago what that name stands for. Upon the hotel register, the noted guests are inscribed as Mrs. Austin Lee Smith, Miss Adele Smith and Miss Rosie Smith. You are to take notice of the latter; Mrs. and Miss Smith are quite unapproachable, no reigning sovereign could be more determinedly exclusive than they. None of us have been favored with more than a bowing acquaintance. It is therefore Rosie Smith, upon whom I found my hope. A sweet, appealing little creature.

"When she is not accompanying Mrs. Smith upon some pleasure jaunt, she is seated in a quiet nook of the veranda, where she exchanges pleasant words with us all. But fancy, Bert, the enormous wealth these two girls will inherit, and hasten yourself and your winning way in this direction."

Light of anticipation shone in the handsome brother's eyes as he finished reading his sister's letter. Genevieve always had his interest at heart. She was right, a marriage for money was his only road to success, and he would bid Phoebe good-by and start immediately for Ocean Breeze. Phoebe need not know his proposed adventure; the shock would be hard enough when it came. He must let her down easy.

When he arrived at the ocean resort, his sister met him, jubilantly.

"Just in time for presentation to Miss Rosie," she said. "That quaint name suits her demure pinkness. The Austin Smiths are driving."

Gilbert looked admiringly down at the dainty girlish figure before which his sister paused. It seemed too good to be true, that an heiress so desirable should also be the possessor of loveliness and charms.

Miss Rosie smiled in acknowledgment of the introduction, and though her gaze, during the hour which followed, was upon her embroidery, she glanced up at the irresistible Gilbert occasionally while responding to his conversation.

When Mrs. Austin Smith and the stately Adele returned Miss Rosie murmured his name to them, before following through the entrance.

Gilbert was entranced. Moreover, he was delighted with his own overwhelming good fortune. "Genevieve was certainly a winner in selection."

Thereafter he assiduously devoted himself to Miss Rosie Smith at every opportunity. And as he frequently heard her refusing to accompany the envied family upon their drives or outings, he complimented himself upon the fact of her enjoyment of his society. For it had become habit for Gilbert to join the girl after their departure, in inviting nooks to which she carried books or sewing.

Her friendliness toward himself could not be doubted; the lucky circumstance of being brother to Mrs. Carleton Page had helped him here he was sure. But with all her friendliness and companionship Rosie Smith lost none of her reserve. Personalities seemed not to interest her. Gilbert, speaking of his professional ambition and his life heretofore, hoped for a return of confidence. It was not forthcoming.

Then upon one moonlit evening, eager for his triumph, he told of his love for her, and because there was so very much at stake, Gilbert waited for the first time impatiently—a response.

"I have never thought that you really cared," Rosie Smith said at last slowly, "even though Adele kept telling me that you did. Mrs. Smith was of the same opinion, but—"

"Mrs. Smith!" Gilbert interrupted, "you mean your mother?"

"Mrs. Austin Smith is not my mother," Rosie exclaimed, "she is just a friend, so is Adele. That our names happen to be the same is not unusual." She smiled. "There is no relationship between us. I came with them to this place upon their really charitable invitation."

Before Gilbert Hane's stare of amazement she paused.

"It is kind of them to make much of a poor little nobody like myself," she added, "because—"

Gilbert arose dazedly.

"Have to go," he muttered, "business appointment back in town." And he had been on the verge of proposing to this "poor little nobody." He must get away, he reflected. She would grieve, of course, but—

"I was about to tell you," Rosie Smith said, and smiled, "that Mrs. Austin Smith and Adele have been very kind to me, because I expect very soon to be married to Austin Smith, Jr."

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LAY ALL UNDER CONTRIBUTION

Persian Dervishes Demand Alms as a Right, and Simple People Readily Give Up.

A feature of Persian life which illustrates the simple and superstitious nature of the people of the mideast is their tolerance of the dervishes. These weird, gypsylike beggars infest the cities and annoy the village folk in passing from one place to another, according to their vows of itinerancy.

These are not the whirling dervishes of circus fame. Whirling would be too energetic a form of worship for the members of this most ancient leisure class. Their greatest exertion consists of walking slowly and blowing a horn to announce their presence.

The dervish of Persia is known by his begging bowl, conical cap, animal skin cape and club. The weapon, which is usually a stick driven through with nails, is carried conspicuously. It fact, it seems unpleasantly ready for use when its owner calmly demands tribute. It is true that there is small danger of its use, even if alms are refused, but a refusal however polite and apologetical, is sure to arouse the wrath of the dervish. His vocabulary may be unintelligible, but the meaning of his threats and prophecies is usually understood. Fellow citizens of the dervish tribe prefer to make a gift at any cost in order to avoid having the wrath of heaven called down upon them in the masterly language of an experienced heaven invoker.

The dervish makes himself useful to the community honored by his presence by telling fortunes and stories, reciting prayers, selling charms and even curing the sick by blowing his sacred breath on them—all in return for which he turns over to his chief after deducting a living wage.

GIVEN NAMES OF PRESIDENTS

Historical Appellations Bestowed on Summits of Mountain Range in Old Vermont.

Heretofore when one spoke of the presidential range everyone — every New Englander, at least—knew, without further particularizing, that Mount Washington and its attendant summits was the subject, writes Allen Chamberlain in the Boston Evening Transcript.

Henceforth one must needs be more specific, since during the last year a rival presidential range has appeared on the map in Vermont. That region, hitherto generally spoken of as the Bread Loaf Mountain section, lying between Middlebury gap and the Lincoln-Warren pass, was but little known, except in its southerly portion, until the Green Mountain club men ran their Skyline trail through. They found there a maze of unnamed summits grouped as in council, and seemingly worthy of being recognized as individuals of distinction.

Just north of these heights is the rugged mass whose summits have been known for more than half a century as Mounts Abraham and Lincoln. Quite naturally the idea of a new presidential range arose and, with great partisan restraint, four of the neighboring mountains were therefore named Mount Grant, Mount Grover Cleveland, Mount Roosevelt and Mount Woodrow Wilson.

Poisoned by Ink.

Behind the scenes at the Globe theater, where, to the delight of all playgoers, Miss Violet Vanbrugh has scored another wonderful success in "Trimmed in Scarlet," the famous actress told me this amusing story of her early days.

"We were playing 'Romeo and Juliet' on tour," she said, "and one night in the poison scene, Juliet found herself without a phial. The audience was waiting, and in despair she snatched an ink-bottle from the stage carpenter, and gasping 'Is it empty?' rushed on.

"But when the hapless lady raised the bottle to her lips and tipped it downwards, a stream of ink descended over her chin and down her white dress. The house yelled at the comical sight."—London Tit-Bits.

No More Shiny Domes.

After the wonders which we have seen worked for the soldiers who suffered disfigurement during the war, it is not surprising that plastic surgeons are turning their attention to improving civilians also. Ugly noses, projecting ears, harelips and all sorts of other obstacles to good looks will probably be easily corrected in the not-far-away future. The most interesting thing along this line which has been recently discovered is that no one need suffer from baldness any more. By grafting a piece of skin from some part of the head where hair is still growing onto the bald patch, a new covering is said to be insured.

Fiji Fashions.

Mr. R. W. Dalton, in his report of the trade of the Fiji islands, says: "Shirts are gradually gaining in popularity among the Fijians. All kinds of soft tennis shirts with collar and pocket or collar and two pockets sell freely. These shirts are usually worn for dressy occasions, when the natives are generally clothed in white or cream. There is an increasing demand for khaki shorts and trousers. The shorts are either plain or with buckle knees and are being worn by Fijian men beneath or instead of a loin cloth. There is also a large sale for umbrellas.

LIVE STOCK

SPECIALIZE IN FEEDER HOGS

One Hundred Carloads of Cholera-Free Animals Shipped Annually From South Dakota.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Feeder hogs, perfect as to specification and designed to satisfy the most discriminating purchaser, are exported annually from the Belle Fourche reclamation project, South Dakota. Approximately 100 carloads of cholera-free and alfalfa-raised porkers are shipped each season. The output for the last few years has been purchased by Nebraska farmers who fatten and condition the hogs for the central markets. A special advantage about such shipments is that the animals need not be held in quarantine while vaccinated to satisfy the requirements of interstate shipment, and the purchaser does not have to bear added expenses, such as yardage and feed costs, which he would have to pay if he bought his stock hogs on the central market.

The Belle Fourche project was recently declared free from cholera by

Dakota Farmers Specialize in Feeder Hog Production.

the state live stock sanitary board. The hog growers of that section have decided it is most profitable for them to produce feeder hogs because the high price and limited quantity of corn in their vicinity available for feeding purposes make the fattening of hogs a hazardous undertaking. On the other hand, alfalfa hay is grown in abundance, and the pasture afforded is keenly relished by the hogs. Hence the project farmers are limiting their operations to feeder-hog production.

A co-operative live stock shipping association has been organized on the Belle Fourche project to market the hogs in unique fashion this fall. The plan is to secure carload orders for these hogs so that they may be shipped out in small train loads for delivery to points east of the Missouri river. The idea is to have about fifteen cars of hogs in each train, these cars being loaded at Newell and Nisland on the project and to be carried to destination, without stopping for feed or water, within the 36-hour limit. Information is being promulgated among the prospective buyers along the route regarding the freight rates on a minimum car of feeder hogs so that they can estimate accurately the gross cost of such a load of quality feeders delivered at their destination. The hogs sold during the fall of 1918 ranged from 16 to 21 cents a pound f. o. b. cars, some of the loads being sold above the market quotation and some of them under.

The Belle Fourche plan of marketing feeder hogs should be of interest to other stock raisers and feeders in various sections of the country, illustrating, as it does, a new method of feeder-animal distribution. Handling through a co-operative shipping association directly from the producer to the purchaser makes it certain that the buyer will receive the hogs at his station at a minimum cost for handling in transit. Furthermore, the fact that the animals come from a cholera-free country is positive insurance against losses from that disease, if the hogs are not exposed to infection in transit or subsequent to their delivery at their new homes. Prospects are that in the future many South Dakota farmers in the eastern part of the state who raise considerable corn and make a practice of feeding the grain to hogs will rely to a certain extent on the animals coming from the Belle Fourche project.

KEEP BEEF CALVES GROWING

Ensilage, if Available, Is Best and Cheapest Feed When Pastures Have Become Short.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Beef calves on pasture should be kept in a thrifty, growing condition. If the pasture becomes short the cows should be fed, otherwise the development of the calves may be checked. Ensilage, if available, is the cheapest and best feed. Good hay is an excellent supplementary feed, and cows, even on a fairly good pasture, seem to relish a small quantity of dry feed. Soy beans, cow peas, or other pasture crops may be used. If it is not practicable to supply supplementary feeds to the cows the calves should be fed a little grain. This can be done easily by placing a small quantity in a creep in the pasture. A mixture of one-third corn, one-third oats, and one-third bran by weight is a good feed for this purpose.

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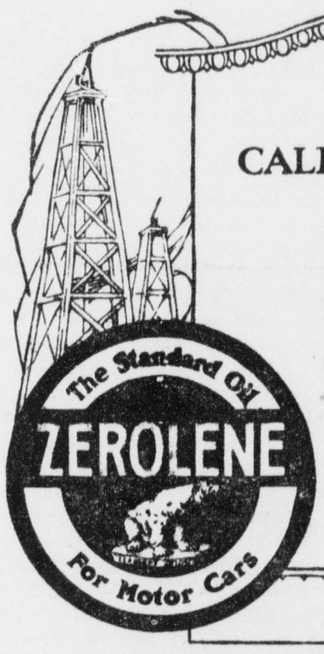

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