

# Caught a Tartar

By SAMUEL E. BRANT

John Riggs and Elmer Burch, two young men of the world, spinning about on an auto tour, stopped one day at a country hotel and, liking the lay of the land, the scenery and more especially the cuisine of the house, concluded to remain for a while. They soon discovered a small game going on in a room behind the office and went in to look on. They were adepts at the national game of poker, but only played as gentlemen with gentlemen—for pastime and not for the purpose of replenishing their exchequers.

The game they watched was being played by four men, one of whom appeared to be a greenhorn, who was being fleeced by the other three. They had not been playing long, and Riggs saw that the sharpers were permitting the greenhorn to win. When they left the table for supper he was considerably ahead, and the others exacted a promise from him that he would give them their revenge during the evening.

The two young tourists felt sure that if the winner played in the evening the sharpers would contrive that he should lose not only all he had won, but whatever he had to lose besides. Riggs said he should be warned, but Burch suggested that he would not take a warning. Fools like that, he said, couldn't be taught wisdom. The only way he could be taught a lesson was to win his money from him, then hand it back to him with a lecture on trusting persons he didn't know.

After supper, while the two were smoking on the piazza, the greenhorn came out, and they began to chat with him. Burch said to him that he had watched his poker game and was surprised at his skill. Riggs chimed in. The result of the talk was that they invited him to cut the men with whom he had been playing and join them in a game in their rooms. The fellow seemed indisposed to deny the sharpers their revenge and asked the friends if they thought he had a right to do so.

"Certainly," said Burch. "Every sitting at poker stands for itself. If these men had won your money they would not have played again with you unless they wanted to. Isn't that so?" he added, turning to his friend.

Riggs confirmed his opinion, and the three men adjourned to a room upstairs and sat down for a game.

For half an hour the greenhorn was permitted to win with ease. He played a very poor game, but the two friends failed to bet on their good hands and always bet on their poor ones. When they had let their opponent win about \$50 they changed their tactics and won it all back again. The greenhorn pulled out a roll of crisp ten dollar bills, manifesting an intention to buck against his adversaries for all he was worth.

The friends glanced at each other knowingly. The little game they were playing interested them. They were not used to spending their time without amusement, and they were getting all they wanted. The greenhorn played even worse than before, and, losing his money, he became excited and lost his head completely. One after another his beautiful banknotes passed into the hands of his opponents. A thousand dollars of his had gone into their keeping and he was diving into his pockets for more when Riggs stopped him. Putting his hand on the greenhorn's arm gently, he said:

"My friend, don't get out any more money. We brought you up here tonight to save you from those sharpers with whom you were playing before dinner. If you had joined them tonight they would have had this money instead of us. They would have kept it. We are going to return it."

The man gaped at them as though he could not understand what they were driving at. Presently he asked:

"How do you know those fellows I played with are sharpers?"

"We could see them 'playing you.'"

"And you're going to give me back all the money I've lost to you without my winning it?"

"We are."

The greenhorn grasped the hand of each of the friends promptly.

"I'm mighty glad of it. Do you know this money I've lost wasn't mine. It belongs to a dear little child for whom I am guardian."

When the man had finished his expressions of gratitude the settling up came. The money was put in a pile on the table, and the greenhorn was told to help himself to what he had lost. There was old money, as well as the new bills he had brought out.

"I'll take the ragged stuff, gentlemen," he said, "and leave you the clean money."

Pocketing the ragged stuff, he grasped his benefactors' hands again, thanked them with moist eyes and withdrew.

The next morning the friends looked for him, but did not see him. Nor were the sharpers about, either. Burch, needing change, stepped up to the hotel clerk and asked him to break a ten dollar bill. The clerk was about to do so when something about the bill caught his eye.

"By Jing," he exclaimed, "if that isn't one of those counterfeit tens some one has been circulating about here lately!"

And it was. The greenhorn had their ragged stuff, and they had his counterfeit.

"I say, John," said Burch, "we warmed a serpent in our bosom, didn't we?"

"You bet."

"No, sir; never again!"

## ROYALTON

Sept. 18.—Miss Christen of Little Falls was here Thursday to organize a class of violin pupils, and during her stay was a guest of Mrs. R. K. Carnes.

Will Williams, a graduate of the Royalton high school in 1913, was here several days visiting friends on his way to Kansas City, where he will attend the veterinary college.

Willis Heiberg left Friday for his home in Montevideo after visiting his brother, A. O. Heiberg, of this village.

H. B. Craig of Brookfield, Mo., visited Royalton friends the past week.

Miss H. B. Whitter, Miss Stark and John Johnson were here Thursday on the way home to Minneapolis, having motored to Pelican Lake, Crosby, Bay Lake and other points of interest in the northern part of the state.

Miss Gertrude Roller of St. Paul visited her grandmother, Mrs. L. Roller, last week.

Isaac Wilson left Sunday for Hamlin where he will attend the university.

Leo and Virgil Dawley will attend Lawrence university at Appleton, Wis., the coming year.

George Hunter of Duluth is here visiting relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Anderson of Holdingford spent the week end at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Watson.

H. Schwartz has returned from Wheelock, N. D., to attend high school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Martin of Little Falls were guests of Mrs. B. Feitsam Sunday.

Joe Garber spent Sunday in St. Paul with relatives.

Mrs. Blackwood returned Friday from a week's visit with Rev. and Mrs. Platt at their summer camp at Pelican lake.

N. P. Fiddler, who has been visiting relatives here for several days, has returned to his home in California.

A. C. Wilson returned from White Fish lake Friday with his launch which will be renovated during the winter for next year's service.

I. W. Bouek attended the Motley fair Wednesday.

Mrs. A. W. Holliday and son, Peter, are visiting at the home of Mrs. I. W. Bouek.

Mrs. Bergstrom of St. Paul is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Engson.

Mrs. William Raymond and children, of Wheelock, N. D., are visiting Mrs. Raymond's parents.

Miss Sara Garber came home the first of the week after several months' visit in St. Paul.

Miss Eleanor Feitsam has returned from a visit with Mrs. Hoeschen at Freeport.

Mrs. I. W. Bouek entertained informally Wednesday evening for her guest, Mrs. A. W. Holliday.

Norris Cairnes, Jr., left Monday for St. Paul to attend the Agricultural college.

George and Tom Gordon of Little Falls were business visitors here Tuesday.

Frank Muncy has sold his farm in Bellevue to Frank Kristosik and will shortly leave with his family for Alberta, Canada.

While Royalton may not claim to be in the "banana belt" it can at least boast of excellent apples and plums, grown within its limits. Some of its products are on exhibition at the Little Falls fair this week.

Try a Herald "want" ad.

## CLOUGH

Sept. 17.—The Misses Anna and Minnie Schuebel and Tillie Sebeck were callers at the Dan Miller home Sunday.

Capt. Tindell, who has been out West, returned home one day last week, sick with poison.

Chas. Cummings was a business caller at the Wm. Roff home Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Halverson of Rail Prairie called at the River Side home Wednesday on her way home from town.

Theodore Stroming of Rail Prairie was seen in this vicinity on his way from Little Falls Monday.

Word has been received from D. Miller, L. Clark and John Tindell from the West. They found work plentiful and wages good.

Barney and Elmer Kimball went to Dakota one day last week.

D. T. Miller had hard luck Sunday. He lost his old bay horse he had for many years. This leaves him without a team.

The rain of last Wednesday was a bad one.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wadlen were callers at Ft. Ripley Monday.

Wm. C. Weber was the guest at a farewell party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Martin Thursday evening of last week by Mr. Marin.

Other employees at the First National bank were present. Mr. Weber was the recipient of a cigar humidor and a goodly supply of cigars from his fellow employees. Mr. Weber left Saturday for Grass Range, Mont., to open a bank.

## LITTLE FALLS MARKET REPORT

Corrected Every Thursday Afternoon.

Wheat No. 1 Northern	.80
Wheat No. 2 Northern	.98
Wheat No. 3 Northern	.75
Corn	.60
Oats	.32
Barley	.40
Rye	.51
Hay	6.00
Shorts, per 100 lbs	1.35
Ground feed, per 80 lbs	1.40
Cracked corn	1.30
Bran, 100 lbs	1.30
Flour, low grade	1.55
Flour, patent, 98 lbs	2.60
Bakers, per 100	2.20
Rye flour, per 100 lbs	2.10
Oil meal, per 100 lbs	2.15
Steers, fat	4.50
Cows	3.50
Calves, alive	5.00
Calves, dressed	7.00
Hogs, alive	6.50
Pork, dressed	8.50
Sheep, alive	4.00
Spring lambs	5.00
Hens, alive	.08
Spring chickens	.12
Potatoes, new per bu	.60
Beans	1.00
Dairy butter	.32
Creamery butter	.33
Eggs	.22
Granulated sugar, 17 lbs	1.04

## SOUTHWEST DARLING

Sept. 17.—Harry Pearson has sold his 80-acre farm to a brother-in-law of Birdville farmer for \$3,500, which is a bargain. Mr. Pearson has not yet decided where he will locate. He will soon sell his personal property.

We were mistaken in saying that Mrs. Esther Eystad has returned to Darling.

Lars A. Peterson built a new granary for the big crop he got this year.

August Blomquist visited Grumble Corner last Sunday and reports a lot of good meadow uncult.

Quite a number of our farmers attended the state fair this year.

Theodore Liljgreen helped Rockdale farmer at stacking a few days.

Mrs. Lundberg of Paxton, Ill., has been visiting here a couple of days.

Report on threshing—Oats, 50 to 80 bushels per acre; barley, 40 to 60; rye, 22 to 30; wheat 20 to 35. Much grain is still in the field and some is shelling out.

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## RAIL PRAIRIE

Sept. 14.—J. J. Bates will teach school at Vawter this winter. Mrs. Bates will accompany him.

Orville Halverson and Robert Tough returned from Hatton, N. D., last Friday. Orville had the misfortune of having two of his fingers seriously injured so he had to give up his work.

Mr. Erickson called on friends in this vicinity Friday.

Fred Stroming worked for Mr. Erickson a few days last week.

Gust Peterson, who has been drilling for water for a long time, has water at the depth of 196 feet.

L. Larson is working on the Soo.

Arton Erickson and Ed. Long spent Sunday afternoon and evening at Halverson home.

There are a lot of stock buyers around these days and stock prices are way up.

Will Cummings helped T. M. Halverson haul hay Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Butler's baby, who has been sick is now well again.

Charles Lightner was a business caller at Gust Peterson's last Saturday.

Mrs. T. M. Halverson was shopping in Ft. Ripley last Saturday.

Several from here delivered stock to Ft. Ripley Wednesday.

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## RANDALL

Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwanke, Ferdinand and Albert Schwanke and Martin Munson left Thursday for Broton, where Fred has a contract of tiling a ditch for the government.

Attorney Vernon of Little Falls transacted business at this place Friday.

M. A. Churchill returned home Friday after a several days' stay in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Wm. Therner, Paul Miller and Chester Quimby came down from Lincoln Sunday and are spending a few days at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bjarnos arrived here last week from Ironton, where they have resided for the past several months. Mr. Bjarnos will be engaged in drilling here for contractors Gaylord & Guith.

Harris Gourd returned home Monday after a short stay in Little Falls and Ft. Ripley.

John Vertin of Little Falls came up in his auto Sunday and spent a few hours here. He was accompanied by a party of ladies from that place.

Axel Dolquist and children left Saturday for Walker to spend a few days with his wife who is in the state sanitarium at that place for treatment. He returned home Monday.

Mrs. Mike Portz left Saturday for her home in Sioux Falls, S. D., after a month spent here with her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Calhoun.

Miss Catherine Sullivan left Sunday for Rucker, where she has been engaged to teach a term of school.

Pauline Calhoun left Sunday for Rucker, where she has been engaged to teach a term of school.

Mrs. Ed. Hall returned home from Little Falls Sunday where she visited with her son, Cecil, who is confined at the hospital.

Deputy Sheriff Paul Felix was a Randall visitor Monday afternoon.

Z. N. Barnes transacted business at this place Tuesday.

Daniel Waite was in town the first of the week looking after his business interests preparatory to starting developments on iron territory. Mr. Waite recently disposed of his interests at Ironton and Crosby and will now turn his attention to the ore bed around Randall.

Peter Kiewel, who has been quite sick for several days, is again able to attend to his duties as landlord at the hotel.

A party of Northern Pacific railroad surveyors are doing extensive work in this vicinity with a view to double tracking or changing the railroad.

W. H. Bastien of Little Falls visited Randall between trains Tuesday.

Nelson, the photographer, autoed to Randall from Little Falls Sunday.

F. O. Smith was a county seat visitor Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Little and infant child of Minneapolis, arrived here Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Little.

Miss Francis Simones, who has been employed at the Kiewel Hotel for some few days, returned home Tuesday.

A number of young people were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Willey Friday evening. The evening was spent in games, after which a dainty luncheon was served and a general good time is reported.

Georgie Stephenson left Saturday with a car of live stock and household effects for Frederick, Wis. He will be joined later by his mother, Mrs. Jennie Weatherly and will make their future home on a farm near that place.

The Ladies' Sewing society meets next Saturday, Sept. 20, at the home of Mrs. Gary Bentler.

A baseball game is scheduled on the Randall diamond for next Sunday which is occupying the minds of the local fans. The contesting teams who are composed of local players are "dubbed" the Giants and the Cubs respectively and have played two games both being won by the Cubs. This

game will be hotly contested and with Gourd on the mound for the Giants and Miller for the Cubs there is sure to be something doing worthy of attendance.

A class of nine girls and eight boys received their first holy communion at St. James' Catholic church last Sunday morning. After services the class was

entertained at luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Berml.

Rev. Schmitz and sister returned to Ward Springs Tuesday after a two weeks' stay at this place.

Anton Berml and son, Johnny, spent Friday in Little Falls.

Veronica Hessing, who is attending school in Little Falls, spent Saturday

at her home near here, returning to Little Falls Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chapman autoed to Little Falls Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Melburg returned home Tuesday after a several days' stay in Minneapolis.

C. E. Chapman shipped a carload of stock to St. Paul Wednesday.

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