

**A PAIR OF OLD BOOTS**

THEIR LINING WAS PRECIOUS AND THEIR OWNER ANXIOUS.

The Odd Manner in Which a Montana Merchant Got His Gold Dust Treasure Through to the East in the Old Days of Stagecoach Travel.

Henry Elling came to Montana in the early sixties. Then greenbacks were practically unknown in Virginia City. Gold dust was the circulating medium, and every counter and bar was equipped with gold scales, and instead of being dollars and cents the reckoning medium was ounces and pennyweights. Every miner had his buckskin pouch instead of a pocketbook, and generally this pouch had several ounces of gold dust in it, for those were the days of plenty in Alder gulch and all other parts of the territory which is now known as Montana.

When his stock of goods was sold out Mr. Elling decided that it would be a good investment if he should make a trip overland to the States, purchase a new stock of goods and continue in the clothing business. He had about \$10,000 in the best of gold dust to his credit in the banks then established in Virginia City, and a question which bothered him sorely was how to get this money to civilization without losing it, for road agents often disputed the right of way with the stagecoaches, and they levied frequent tributes on the passengers, sometimes stripping them to the hide. Wells, Fargo & Co. made a practice of shipping gold dust east for the miners, but this was expensive, the ratio for insurance being sometimes as high as 10 per cent on the amount carried. This meant a great deal of money to a man, even in those days, and Mr. Elling thought he could find a way to get his money to Omaha which would beat that scheme all hollow.

After considering the matter in its different phases he finally expressed the money to his own order as far as Salt Lake City, taking passage on the same coach. To Salt Lake City the express rate was not so high, and practically the danger zone of road agents was passed after this point was reached, the Portneuf canyon and Beaver canyon in Idaho and the section along the Beaverhead valley between the Pete Daly ranch and Williams Junction, in what is now Montana, being the most dangerous.

Mr. Elling and his gold dust arrived in Salt Lake City without incident. For some reason the road agents had not learned that the coach-carried a great amount of treasure, and no attempt at a holdup was made, though more than one of the passengers breathed hard and had his heart in his mouth when some unexpected stop was made during the dark hours of the night, for the coach traveled night and day and as fast as four or six horses could bowl it along, and it made an average speed of about ten miles an hour.

After a day's rest in Salt Lake City the journey was resumed. Mr. Elling had already secured his gold dust, and as it was strictly against the rules of the company to carry gold in the baggage he was in a quandary for awhile as to the manner in which he could get that gold to Omaha. The express company knew he had the dust and knew he was going on to Omaha, so it was watching him. The morning the coach was hitched up and drove around to the hotel after him he wandered into the back yard of the hotel and spied a pair of boots not too badly worn which some one had discarded.

These gave him an idea. His gold dust was in two packages, and, securing a stout buckskin string, he tied the two boots together by their ears, and, putting a part of the gold into either boot leg, he threw them into the bottom of the coach, with the remark that his boots hurt him and that he was taking the old ones along so that he could change if his feet got to hurting him too badly.

Nobody had a suspicion that there was \$10,000 in those old boots, and Mr. Elling kept them under his feet night and day until he reached Omaha. When coaches were changed he generally carried the boots across his arm and, retiring to some convenient room, would actually change his boots, in this manner hoodwinking the express messengers, the driver and every one else as to the amount of money he was carrying with him, and he got a great deal of sympathy from the rest of the passengers on account of the pain he was suffering from his tender feet.—Anecdota Standard.

**Doctors Could Not Help Her.**  
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**WHAT IS ELECTRICITY?**

Some of the Numerous Theories on the Mysterious Current.

Well, what is it? It is scarcely possible to say. There are theories—many of them. It is evidently something of which we cannot take a part. We cannot cut a piece of it off and subject it to analysis, nor can we pour a little of it into a bottle for future study and contemplation. It is like the wind—its effects can be measured; its force, strength and quantity can now be calculated to a very nice degree. Still, to liken it to the wind, it is a stupendous power, a mighty typhoon, blowing, as it were, without moving, two ways at once along all parts of its path, giving off a halo of magnetism at right angles to that path everywhere.

One of the nicest theories perhaps is the one that considers electricity a "condition" of atoms brought about by chemical action, as in a battery cell, or by what might be called a severe irritation of the magnetic halo, as in a dynamo, and by other means, such as heat and friction.

What this condition is is beyond us. It may be a violent rotation or it may be an equally violent vibration of atoms, but as no man has seen an atom at any time, not even with the most powerful microscope, it is impossible to say. Friction in some form or other is present, as heat is produced before burning or destruction takes place.—Exchange.

**Coughing Spell Caused Death.**

Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, December 1st, 1901. Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

**The Lights of the Sea.**

Some years ago the natives near Bombay gave accounts of a wonderful flaming creature that they declared had been seen sailing through the heavens, but had dropped into the sea and remained there for many years swimming near the shore. After a long search and much inquiry a scientist discovered that this so called celestial monster was a jellyfish of a most remarkable sort. It had tentacles over 300 feet long and an enormous head that glowed like an incandescent light. The tentacles shone with a phosphorescent gleam and lighted up the sea for a long distance. At length one of the creatures washed ashore and was carefully studied by the naturalist. It was supposed that a comet, which had appeared in the heavens and disappeared afterward, was connected in the minds of this imaginative people with the jellyfish. There are scores of phosphorescent creatures in the depths of the ocean, many of which have never been described, some of them being so remarkable that accurate accounts of them would tax the credulity of simple folk.

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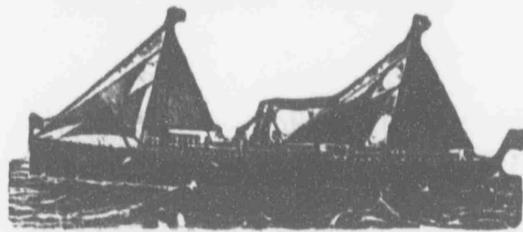
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