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## The Presidential Wager

By M. QUAD

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The town of Gorman had never been greatly interested in candidates or elections. There were no political bosses, no grafters, and the candidates selected to run for town offices were of the best, and it made little difference who was elected.

A change was at hand, however, but no one suspected it until it came down upon the town like a roaring lion.

Henry Jackson was one of the men who traveled the country over, taking orders for the articles turned out at the factories, and one morning, as he returned from a trip, he met Elder Scott in front of the postoffice.

"Howdy, elder?" says Mr. Jackson. "A little rheumatic, thank you," replies the elder.

"Politics warming up here any?" "Not that I have heard of."

"It's red hot outside." "Well, let 'em go it. I've made up my mind who I shall vote for for president, but I'm not going to do any yelling about it."

"Blank is your man, of course?" "He is that. He'll sweep the country."

"He'll sweep nothing! You old dozers here had better wake up as to what is going on. Your man won't be knee high when the votes are counted."

Now, what followed the elder could never clearly explain. He had never done the like before, and he didn't mean to do it then. Something came over him of a sudden, and he got mad for the first time in seventeen years and raised his voice to say:

"Don't call me an old dozer! I don't care what they say outside. My inn is sure of election."

"So is Tom Jones?" "Don't imagine you know it all!"

"And don't imagine you know anything at all about it. Why, man, your party leaders gave the thing up weeks ago."

By this time a score of men had assembled to hear the discussion, and the elder was put on his mettle. He was the only man in Gorman who had ever predicted a blizzard and had it arrive on time, and he didn't want to lose his prestige. He drew a long breath and, to the horror of his friends, called out:

"My candidate will be elected, and I'll bet on it!"

"How much?" asked Mr. Jackson as his hand went to his pocket.

"A dol--that is, I will bet 10 cents!" "Hoot man, but that is not even a baby's bet!"

"Then, by gosh, I'll make it 15!" "Say \$10."

"No. Fifteen cents is my limit." As Mr. Jackson could not get the figures raised, he accepted them, and the money was placed in the postmaster's hands. It was spoken of as the highest election bet ever made in that town, and inside of two hours it seemed that 200 men had heard of it. Some complimented the elder on his nerve, and some shook their heads and predicted that it would turn out a bad thing for the town.

The enormity of his offense did not occur to the elder until the next day, when his good wife heard of the wager and tackled him with:

"And you made an election bet with Mr. Jackson the same as a loafer would?"

"It was only for 15 cents." "But I could have used it to buy a roller towel, and then look at the principle of the thing! I can't believe it of you. What are Christian men and women going to say?"

"But Jackson tried to bluff me down."

"S'pos'n' he did? It's the duty of an elder of the church to be bluff'd."

"Turn him, he tackled me when folks were around?"

"See! See!" exclaimed the wife. "First you make a bet and then you swear. The next thing will be swamping horses!"

"You know I didn't mean to be wicked," pleaded the elder.

"But it was wicked to bet, and you go straight to the postmaster and get that money back and give it to me."

"Oh, no, you don't!" replied the postmaster when the good man sneaked into the office and, whisperingly, asked to draw his money down.

"But it was what they call a bluff!" "I don't see it that way. You must have Mr. Jackson's consent. Have you got cold feet so soon?"

The elder looked down at his feet and sniffed them around as he would feel of them and said:

"My wife wants the money."

"But she won't get it."

"I don't know what our church will say."

"Sorry for you, elder, but in time you may become a real old dozer. You may win out on this and sweep in Jackson's cash."

To the astonishment of a large share of the voters of Gorman, the elder's candidate won out, and he was no hand at an early hour to claim his stakes. His reloading was darkened, however, when charges were brought against him in his church and he was summoned for trial. He expected the worst, but he didn't get it. The flash was:

"He could have been more wicked and bet 25 cents."

"He helped to elect his candidate."

"He has put the 15 cents in the contribution box."

"He won't ever do it again."

"He didn't yell an election night."

"We therefore find the accused bluffer not very guilty--not so very."

Get some good blood into the herd through a first class mate. Then raise the best heifer calves from the best cows. This is a practical and cheap way to perpetuate the best blood in the herd and to eventually build a profit making herd.

A housekeeper who mixes brains with her work reports to the writer that a very serviceable mop may be made by taking sections of an old rope harness of suitable course. She finds that such a mop is tough and stands the wear and tear.

The motorcycle is being used by a number of farmers these days not for pleasure purposes chiefly, but for business. Small quantities of produce, such as cream, poultry and butter, can be carried to town with them and other trips made for repairs or the transaction of other business.

A rich deposit of zinc, a metal which is produced in very limited quantities in the United States, has lately been discovered near Bartlesville, Okla. Samples of the ore which appears in a vein four feet thick show 7 per cent zinc. The deposit is thought to include some 200 acres.

It is pretty safe to assume that the fellow who comes along offering prospective victims something for nothing is swayed in this very game and is making money at it. These chaps are most of them old at the game, and it is a pretty good idea to pass them up and earn money in some more sure way.

An excellent as well as inexpensive method of reducing one's system more immune to colds is that of the cold running bath, followed by a vigorous rubdown with a rough towel. If the vitality is low and the circulation rather poor, one should start with tepid water and gradually use colder water as one becomes accustomed to it.

A captain in the British army tells of a strange plant found in the Sahara desert, called by the Arabs "nebek," an peculiar trait is that it springs up only in a season when rain falls in the desert. The seed seems never to die and will germinate after lying dormant for many years. The plant contains much nourishment and is eaten with relish by camels.

The need of getting machinery of standard and reliable makes was nicely shown in the exploding of a silage cutter, an account of which the writer came across the other day. For some reason not known the machine burst into two score pieces, none of which hit either men or horses, fortunately. Similar defects due to cheap construction are often responsible for the bursting of cream separators.

All records for milk and butter production bid fair to be broken by Crenmelle Vale, a Holstein cow owned by Earl Upton of Brockton, Mass. Since Nov. 15, 1911, she has given 20,930 pounds of milk, having a money value of \$1,300. In one month she gave 3,200 pounds of milk, while her best record for a day was 108 pounds of milk. If she continues at the present rate to the end of the year it is thought that her milk yield will total 30,000 pounds or better.

One of the horticultural freaks of the present season was a pear tree in full bloom two or three weeks ago on a lawn in Hackensack, N. J. The tree did not blossom in the spring, its is serve energy, coupled with more abundant moisture of the summer months, being without question responsible for the blossoming out of season. The writer has noticed a number of instances of apple trees putting forth blossoms this fall on stray limbs, or not of whole trees coming into bloom.

Marrying a fellow to reform him is a utopian enterprise that any sensible girl who thinks clearly ought to pass up as worthless and useless. If a fellow won't brace up and be decent and what he ought to be for the sake of his sweetheart it can be put down as a pretty sure proposition that he will not do so when he calls her wife. There may be rare instances when this type of postmarriage reform is taken place, but it is a mighty dubious and risky endeavor for any girl who prizes her future peace and happiness.

There is probably no type of neglected farm stock dairy cows suffer more and to the loss of their owners than from being allowed to sleep on the cold and wet ground in early spring or late fall when giving a heavy flow of milk. A cow's udder is a very delicate as well as sensitive organ and is particularly subject to such exposure. If the consequences in this regard have resulted in seriously impairing it, no entirely destroying the usefulness of many a good cow. A dairy cow is entitled to a dry and warm bed, and it is good dairy management to see that she has it.

Of several varieties of tea roses that are deservedly popular the writer knows of none which surpasses the variety known as the W. R. Smith, which is one of the newer varieties and not so well known as others of the same family. Not only is this rose desirable for size of blossom, but its richness and delicacy of coloring, verging as they do from a pale pink in the center of the bud to a rich creamy yellow in the outer petals, give it a beauty that could hardly be surpassed. The leaves also are in keeping with the mission, being of a deep olive color while the veins and stems are of a red ashy tint.

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