

SYNOPSIS,

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CHAPTER XII .- Continued. "Strange!" said Willie. "What?"

"My rest was fitful and disturbed and peopled by strange fancies a whole lot. I dreamp' he throwed the race!"

A chorus of oaths from the bunks. "What did you do?" inquired Stover. "I woke up, all of a tremble, with a

gun in each hand." "Well, I'm the last person in the

world to be superstitious," Still Bill observed, "but I've had sim'lar visions lately."

"Maybe it's a om-en."

"What is a om-en?" Carara inquired. "A om-en," explained Willie, "is a kind of a nut. Salted om-ens is served at swell restarawnts with the soup."

In the midst of it Joy, the cook, appeared in the doorway, and spoke in his gentle, ingratiating tones:

"Morning, gel'mum. I see 'im again."

"No savvy who; stlange man! I go down to spling-house for bucket wa- here; they spoil him up at the house." ter; see 'im lide 'way. Velly stlange!"

"Has he weakened himself much?" inquired the foreman "Undoubtedly, but-"

"What?" "If we only had some ice-" "We got ice; plenty of it. We got a load from the railroad yesterday." "Then our only chance to save him is to fill the barrel quickly. We must freeze him, and freeze him well, before it is too late! By Jove! I'm glad

I thought of it!" Stover turned to his men. "Four of you-all hustle up a couple hundred pounds of that ice pronto! Crack it, an' fill the bar'l." There was a scramble for the door.

"And there's something else, too," went on Berkeley. "He's being fed wrong for his last days of training. the idea af a man eating lamb-chops, fried eggs, catmeal, and all that debilitating stuff! Those girls overload his stomach. Why, he ought to have something to make him strongflerce!"

"Name it," said Willie, shortly. "Something like-like-bear meat." "We ain't got no bear." Willie looked chagrined.

"This ain't their habitat," added Stover apologetically.

"Well, he ought to have meat, and it ought to be wild-raw, if possible." "Their ain't nothin' wilder 'n a longhorn. We can git him a steer." "You are sure the meat isn't too tender?" "It's tougher 'n a night in jail."

"Good! The rarer it is the better. Some raw eggs and a good strong vegetable-" "Onions?"

"Fine! We'll save him yet!"

"We'll get the grub." "And he'll eat it!" Willie nodded firmly.

Stover issued another order, this time to Carara.

"You 'n Cloudy butcher the wildest four-year-old you can find. If you can't get close enough to rope him, shoot him, and bring in a hind quarter. It's got to be here in time for

breakfast." "Si, Senor!" The Mexican picked up his lariat; the Indian took a Winchester from an upper bunk and filled

it with cartridges. "Of course, he'll have to eat out "Sure thing!"

ly. "Dearle."

"Don't you know any other song?"

"The idea!" Miss Blake fushed WINTERING THE LIVE STOCK Profite Are Greatly Reduced by Clinging to Old Cows and Sheep Long Past Their Usefulness.

The keeping of old cows and sheep long past their usefulness will largely reduce the profits of the dairyman and farmer. The better method would be to have them served, give shelter and feed and when fresh sell the cow with the calf. They may be cheaply win-"If I were a cake I would rise at tered on fodder, wheat straw and second-crop clover hay. Old sheep should have been sold in the early fall for what they will bring. It seldom pays to winter them. Before the cows come "Once in a while, perhaps, but not fresh they should be given a little grain, say four quarts of wheat bran "Every day-always and always, and one quart of flaxseed meal well mixed together. Divide into two equal You know what I mean, Miss Blakeparts; give one part in the morning and the other half in the evening to he detected her eyes fastened with each one. This feed will loosen the startled inquiry upon his toilet. Re hide and greatly improve the appearmembering, he buttoned his coat, but ance of the stock. Card and brush ran on. "This is the first chance I've them off every morning. This will rehad to see you alone since Speed ar move the loose hair. The buying of rived. There's something I want to thin cows and milked-out cows from dairymen who cannot afford to winter such stock, is found to be a profitable business by farmers having plenty of "You want me to let you sing again. Please do. I love morning rough fee, such as fodder, straw and second-crop clover and stable grasses.

"Life," said Berkeley, "is one The mild winter has been a great advantage to dairymen and farmers short of grain and feed, as much less food was needed to keep the stock. Economy must be practiced; no grain or pair suspiciously. It was evident that forage should be wasted. Fodder fed she, like Fresno, had dressed hur to cattle under cover, having the sheds heavily bedded and lined on the north side to keep out the cold winter winds, may be wintered in good condition. The fodder will last longer and feed more stock where fed in small quantities in connection with straw and secmorn with song," laughed the tenor, ond-crop hay.

FEW CAUSES FOR POOR GRAIN

Fungi and Bacteria in Seed and Soll Injure and Destroy Roots of Plant, Says an Expert.

The introduction of harmful fungi that it was hard to find room for all and bacteria into the soil is an im- of them, and so the water beetle was portant cause of deterioration of sent down to the water earth beneath, grains after continued cropping, de which is the earth we now live on, to clared H. Bolley, professor of bot- see if she could find more room for any, North Dakota Agricultural col- them. lege, in a recent address at the Col- The water beetle didn't find another lege of Agriculture of the University earth, but only a wide, wide sea of of Wisconsin. Professor Bolley is water, so she dived to the bottom of one of the most eminent plant path- the water and brought up a tiny bit of ologists in the country, his early mud which grew and grew until it bestudies on the potato scab and flax came the earth. For a long time this wilt, and his later investigations of new earth was too soft for the anithe diseases of cereals having made mals to live upon, but they waited him widely known among scientists. until it became hard, and then came He believes that fungi and bacteria down and set to work to make it a

resident in the seed, and in the soll, good place to live in. injure and destroy the roots of plants and otherwise affect succeeding crops. the lizard, who loved plenty of sun-The remedy for this is not primarily light and heat. fertilization, nor a neutralization of soil toxins, but the combating of the horned owl and the whip-poor-will, fungi and bacteria and by means of who all liked the dark and could fly sanitary measures such as seed se- better when there wasn't much light.

lection and disinfection, and crop rotation.



Get Out Your Paint Boxes and Color the Animals.

(Copyright, 1914, by the McClure News- | to look after feeding the animals with paper Syndicate.) what they had brought down from the what they had brought down from the Long time ago, all of the antmals world above until they could raise lived up in the world above the arch some corn in the new world, "I wish of the sky. They lived there so long you would send some one for the sun at once, for I find it hard to set the table at meal time, and the fox is always stealing some of the corn cake off the table before I am ready."

"Who will go for the sun?" asked the Great Beaver. No one was any lous to go, for the sun was so full of light that it would almost make anyone blind to get close.

"Let the fat 'possum go-he spends nearly all of his time anyway with his eyes shut," said the rabbit.

"No," said the 'possum, "I will not go and get half melted!"

One after the other, the animals all refused to go, until the Great Beaver said: "Why, it's dark down here!" said

"I know what to do; I will send the Great Hawk, who flies high and high until you can no longer see him, and who will not be afraid to go close up to the sun." So he whistled for the Great Hawk to come down, and said to him:

"We all care!" cried the animals "Go and get the sun and set it in a who lived in the fields and forests and got their living by daylight. One track one hand's breadth above the FRESH MANURE IS VALUABLE after another, the grasshopper, the earth." But though a hand's breadth bluebird, the bear, the meadow lark, in those days was very much greater than it is today it was too close: the

-so hot that it scorched the shell of

So the Great Hawk raised the sun

and a half inches wide, while the end

that touches the water should be nine

for food.

inches wide.



Four Cowboys Were Staggering

neath Dripping Gunny-Sacks.

manded the chaperon, still suspicious

"If you are, he has gone for a run.

dearly love to see him get up early

"I have been baking a cake," said

"The cook said it wouldn't be fit to

"I should love to eat your cooking."

"I-I know what it is," stammered

music-and your voice is so tender."

"What is going on here?" demanded

a voice behind them, and Mrs. Keap

came out upon the porch, eying the

"Mr. Fresno is going to sing to us,"

"I am like the bird that greets the

"What are you going to sing ?" de

explained the younger girl, quickly.

ask you.'

Helen.

sweet-'

riedly.

"Really ?"

awkwardly.

I bet it's Gallagher "Vat you tank he vants?" queried

Murphy. "He's layin' to get a shot at our runner," declared Stover, while Mr. Cloudy, forgetting his Indian reserve, explained in classic English his own theory of the nocturnal visits.

"Do you remember Humpy Joe? Well, they didn't cripple him, but he lost. I don't think Gallagher would injure Mr. Speed, but-he mightbribe him."

"Caramba!" exclaimed the Mexican.

"God 'Imighty!" Willie cried, in shocked accents.

"I believe you're right, but"-Stover meditated briefly before announcing with determination-"we'll do a little night-ridin' ourselves. Willie, you watch this young feller daytimes, and the rest of us'll take turns at night. An' don't lose sight of the fat man, neither-he might carry notes. If you don't like the looks of things-you know what cards to diaw."

"Sixes," murmured the near-sighted cow-man. "Don't worry." "If you see anything suspicious,

burn it up. And we'll take a shot at anything we see movin' after 9:00 p. m."

Then Berkeley Fresno came hur riedly into the bunk-house with a very cheery "Good-morning! I'm glad I found you up and doing," he said blithely. "I thought of something in my sleep." It was evident that the speaker had been in more than ordinary haste to make his discovery known, for underneath his coat he still wore his pajama shirt, and his hair was unbrushed.

"What is it?"

"Your man Speed isn't taking care of himself."

"What did I tell you?" said Willie to his companions.

"It seems to me that in justice to you boys he shouldn't act this way," Fresno ran on. "Now, for instance, the water in his shower-bath is tepid."

There was an instant's silence be fore Stover inquired, with ominous re straint:

"Who's been monkeying with it?" "It's warm!"

"Oh!" It was a sigh of relief. "A man can't get in shape taking warm shower-baths. Warm water

weakens a person." "Mebbe you-all will listen to me next time!" again cried Willie, triumphantly. "I said at the start that a bath never helped nobody. When they're hot they saps a man's courage, and when they're cold they-

"No, no! You don't understand! For an athlete the bath ought to be gaze searchingly upon the girl. cold-the colder the better. It's the shock that hardens a fellow."

"I'd hate to see him lose; it would be a terrible blow to Miss Blake." Fresno shook his head doubtfully. "What about us?"

"Oh, you can stand it-but she's a girl. Ah, well," the speaker sighed, "I hope nothing occurs between now and Saturday to prevent his running." "It won't," Stover grimly assured the Californian. "Nothin' whatever is goin' to occur."

"He was speaking yesterday about the possibility of some business engagement-"

The small man in glasses interrupted. "Nothin' but death shall take him from us, Mr. Fresno."

"If I think of anything else," offered Berkeley, kindly, "I'll tell you." "We wish you would "

Fresno returned to the house, humming cheerily. It was still an hour



"I See 'im Lide 'way. Velly Stlange.'

She

until his breakfast-time, but he had accomplished much. In the midst of his meditation he came upon Miss Blake emerging upon the rear porch.

"Good-morning!" he cried. started a triffe guiltily. "What are you doing at this hour?"

"Oh, I just love the morning air," she answered. "Same here! 'Honesty goes to bed

early, and industry rises betimes." That's me!" "Then you have been working?"

Fresno nodded. He was looking at four cowboys who were entering the gymnasium, staggering beneath dripping gunny-sacks. Then he turned his "Were you looking for Speed?" he asked socusingly.

"Oh, yes, but they "I'm getting a trifle tired of 'Dearie,' let's have one of the others." Mrs. Keap turned her eyes anxiously toward the training-quarters, and it was patent that she had not counted upon this encounter. Noting her lack of ease, Fresno said hopefully:

"If you are going for a walk, I'll sing for you at some other time." "Is Mr. Speed up yet?"

"Up and gone. He'll be back soon. Then Mrs. Keap sank into the hammock, and with something like resignation, said:

"Proceed with the song." (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Still Willing to Be Imposed Upon. He had youth and much faith and inexperience, but his good father took him into his office to initiate him into

the mysteries of business. The second day he was at work a man came in asking for financial aid, with a pathetic story about a sich wife at home and six helplessly small children without a crust in the house.

The boy listened earnestly and then went into his dad's office to intercede for the unfortunate man. He told the sad story seriously. The father leaned forward and peered into the outer office at the vagrant.

"My son, credulity is one of those good things that die young-and it is such impostors as that man who make it so," he said impatiently. "Why, when that man was here last week he had eight children, according to his story."

"But, father, don't you see," replied the son tragically. "The other two probably died of starvation."

Queer Funeral Customs.

It would be difficult to find stranger funeral customs than those practiced by the Andaman islanders. The natives actually drop the bodies of their parents into the sea at the end of ropes and leave them there until nothing remains but the bones, which they gather and hang from the roofs of their huts.

It is a common custom for a man sit by the house and watch the bones of some relative. This is the way they have of showing their love and respect.

The bodies are treated in this fashfon so that the evil spirits cannot ed all of the heads should be sold betease and pinch them. All that is fore the first of August.

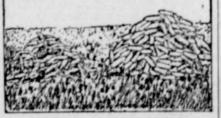
left are the dried bones, and these are placed high so that if the evil spirits wander into the huts they will have a hard time to find them. If a There will be no time for glazing or bone is carried away it means some painting when transplanting begins. befall the family.

It is Possible Under the Best Sys tems of Management to Prevent All Loss of ingredients.

Manure is never so valuable as when perfectly fresh, for it is impossible under the best system of management to prevent a loss of its fertilizing ingredients. For this reason, whenever possible it should be every day." hauled directly to the field and spread.

This saves time and labor and involves handling but once. When it is impossible to remove the manure at once to the field, it must be properly

stored. A lean-to shed is all that is needed. This should have a water-



Much Plant Food Is Lost in Leached Manure-Manure Exposed to the Weather Over Winter Produced Only Two-Thirds as Much Corn as Fresh Manure.

tight floor. When manure must be left in the yard, a rick should be carefully built. It should be made so high and compact that the hardest rain will not soak through. The sides should be perpendicular

and the top dipped to ward the center. It is advantageous to have the manure saturated with water, but the rick or heap must be so built as to retain this moisture. The water must not drain away from the heap. Built the rick at least six feet high.

Early Cabbage.

marketing not later than the first of grooved and cut them four feet long, July. This means that the plants and nail them across the planks. Start must be started in hotbeds or green- 12 inches from the stern and lay them houses and then transplanted to cold as close as possible to within 20 inches frames. Strong, stalky plants set in of the bow. the open ground as soon as weather conditions will permit will produce set upon a block, at such a height as marketable heads by the first of July. If a good strain of Jersey Wakefield or some other early variety is select-

Hotbed Sash.

Are the hotbed sash in good repair? one foot long. The end of the paddle

own glazing.

the long-eared jack-rabbit, the cottontail bunny, the little buffalo, the teeter- sun gave too much light, and was hot ing snipe and the squirrel came to the Great Beaver and said that they the crawfish red and spoiled its flesh wanted light.

"The only way to have light," said the Great Beaver, "is to send some higher by one hand's breadth. Still one to get the sun and set it on a it was too hot, and the Great Hawk track overhead so that it will travel went on raising the sun until it was across the earth from east to west seven hand breadths above the earth.

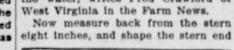
And that was just right-there is "Well," said Mamma Bear, who had | where it has stayed to this day.

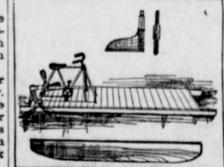
"Who cares," said the hoot owl and

BUILDING A BICYCLE BOAT | attached to the shaft should be four

Directions and Illustration Given Will Assist Materially In Construction of Craft.

Get two pine planks four inches thick by eight inches wide, and fourteen and a half feet long. Plane all four sides smoothly, and round off edges. Then measure back 15 inches from the bow and shape the bow end, as in the illustration, Round the under edges, that is the edge that goes in the water, writes Fred Crawford of





A Bicycle Boat.

Early cabbage is usually profitable. as shown in the illustration. Get some The first heads should be ready for seven-eighths inch pine boards,

An old bicycle frame is now firmly to allow free turning space for the bicycle pedals. In the center of the craft, a little to the stern, from the chain wheel the chain runs to another sprocket wheel on the paddle shaft. The latter is made of hard wood two inches in diameter.

The shaft is supported by two blocks set near the edge of the boat. At each end of the shaft four paddles are atbad spirit has seized it, and this indi- Glass is very cheap this winter. A tached of such a length as to dip six cates that some terrible calamity will good time to buy sash and do your inches in the water. Have each paddle

Through the hole in the front fork ends, insert an iron rod, and bend it in such a way as to form a hook at each end. From these ends two wires run back to the rudder guide (see illustration). Thus you guide your craft with handle bars.

A Standing Doll.

For a creeping baby who spends a good deal of his time on the floor, big sister can make a pretty plaything. Cut a round out of stiff pasteboard, about four inches across, and cover with velveteen on one side. Make a bag of sateen, or other strong material, about six inches high and as large round as the circumference of the circle of pasteboard. Do not close this bag at the bottom, but sew its edge to the edge of the pasteboard circle with fine stitches, keeping the velveteeen on the outside. Have ready a cheap doll, about nine inches tall. Put dolly's legs into the bag and fill up round them with sawdust, or bran; pack it tight and draw in the gathering-cord closely around the doll's waist and fasten securely to prevent any sawdust escaping. The doll is now finished and looks like an old-fashioned lady in a hoop-skirt and petticoat and will stand on any flat surface. It can be dressed in any way preferred, but the dress should be sewed on and should have no buttons or ornaments for little fingers to tear off or put in baby's mouth.

"Were you glad to get back to Joyousness of Reunion. school and see your dear teacher?" "Well,' replied the very observant boy, "I guess I was just about as glad as dear teacher was to get back and see me."

'Twill Not Be Always Thus. Old Gentleman-I wouldn't make such faces if I were you, little man. Small Boy (with difficulty)-You would if you knew this durn woman wuz goin' t' kiss you."-Judge.