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# CLIENTS OF AARON GREEN WOLFVILLE STORY BY ALFRED HENRY LEWIS (DAN OUIN)

X ND so there were no lawyers in Wolfville," I said, The Old Cattieman filled his pipe, lighted it, and puffed experimentally. There was a handful of wordless moments devoted to pipe Then, as one satisfied of a smoky succeas, he turned attention to me and my remark.

"Lawyers in Wolfville?" he repeated "Not in my day; none whatever. It's mighty likely, though, that some of 'em's none come buttin' in by now. Then jurists is a heap persistent, not to say diffusive, and, soon or late, they shore trails into every camp. Which we'd have had 'em ng us long ago, but nacherally an' as far ar argyments goes, we turns 'em off. Se'f preservation is a law of nacher, an' these yere maxima applies to comtitles as much as ever they does to gents, personal. Wherefore, whenever we-all notices a law wolf scoutin' about tryin' to get our wind, we employs our talents for lyin', fills him up with falla- prop cles an' teaches him that to come to Wolfville is to put down his destinies on a dead kyard, that a-way: an' he tharupon abandons whatever of plans he's harborin' ag'in us plumb prompt, seein' nothin' tharin.

"It's jes before I leaves for the East when one of these yere coyotes crosses up with Old Man Enright in Tueson, an' submits the idee of his professional invasion of our camp.

"Which I'm in the Oriental at the time," says Enright, when he relates about this adventure, 'an' this yere maverick goes to jumpin' sideways at me in a friendly mood. Bein' I'm easy-mannered sport with strangers, he has no trouble gettin' acquainted. At last he allows that he sort o' aims to pitch his teepee in Wolfville, hang out a shingle' an' in Wolfville, hang out a shingle' an plunge into joorisprudence. "I was think-in'," says he "of openin' a joint for the cha'rman of the committee-"thar's a practice of law. As a condition prior advised by the barkeep, an' one which also recommends litse'f to me as dictated by the commonest caution, I figgers on gainn' your views of these yere steps."

"You does well," I replies, "to consult me on them p'ints. I sees you're shore a io-darter of a lawyer; for you handles the language like a mule-skinner does a blacksnake whip. But jest the same, don't for one moment think of breakin' in on Wolfville. That outfit don't practice law none; she practices facts. It offers no openin' for your game. Comin' to Wolfville onder any conditions is ever a moment of gravity, an' onless a gent is out to chase cattie, or handle kyards, or proposes to array himse'f in the ranks of commerce by foundin' a s'loon, Wolfville would not guarantee his footure any positive reward.'

"Then I jest won't come a whole lot," says this low sharp. Whereupon we en-gages in mootual drinks an' disperses to our destinies."

'What you tells this sport,' says Texas Thompson. Thompson, who's listinin' to Enright, ochoes my sentiments exact. Anything to keep out law! It sin't alone them jedgnts for divorce which my wife grabs off over in Laredo, but it is the frontes of a experience which has been as wide as it has been plenty soon, that law is only another word for trouble in most egreeglous forms."

'So I decides,' retorts Enright. 'Still, I'm proud to be indorsed by as good a jedge of public disorder an' its preventives as Texas Thompson. Sech approvals ever tends to stiffen a gent's play. As I states, i reverses this practitioner an' heads him l'other way. Wolfville is today the home of friendly confidence; the throne of yoon-ity an' fraternal peace. It must not be jeopardized. We-all don't want to incur no resks by abandonin' ourse'fs to real shore-enough law. It would debauch us; we'd get plumb locoed, an' take to racin' wild

an' cimmaron up an' down the range, an' no gent could foresee results,

ever he feels ill-used to come s-runnin' an' have his rights preserved. Shorel the boys meets this isw person half way. They shakes with hfm, drinks with him, an' fills him up with fictions, an' slogether regyards him as a mighty yoomerous

'Also, observin' how tender he is, an him takin' in their various lies like texts of holy writ, they names him "Easy Aaron." Which he don't look on "Easy Aaron." Which he don't look on "Easy Aaron" none too well as a title, an inhists on bein' called "Jedge Green," or even "Squar Green." But Yellow City won't have it; she sticks to "Easy Aaron"; an as callin' down the entire camp offers prospects full of fever and oncertainty, he at last passes up the insult, an' while he stays among us, pays no further heed. "Doorin' them weeks he harbors with us a gen'ral taste develops to hear this Easy Aaron's eloquence. Thar's a dele-gation waits on him, as solemn as prairie dogs, an' requests Easy Aaron to come

dogs, an' requests Easy Aaron to come forth a whole lot an' make a speech. We su'gests that he can yootilize the Burnt Boot Saloon as a auditorium, an' offers as a subject, "Texas, Her Glorious Past, Her Glitterin' Present, an' her Trun-scendent Footure!"

charman of the committee- that a burnin' topic for you! An' if you-all will only come surgin' over to the Burnt Boot right now, while you're warm for the event, I offers two to one, you makes Cicero look like seven cents."

"But Easy Aaron waves 'em arrogant-ly away. He's plumb haughty. He de-clines to go barkin' at a knot that a-way. He says it'll be soon enough to onbuckle an' swamp Yellow City with a flood of elo-quence when proper legal o'casion on-folds. It's then the delegation puts up a innocent job on Easy Aaron. "In the room to the r'ar of the apart-ments where this ware Fary Aaron holds."

ments, where this yere Easy Aaron holds forth as a practitioner, that's a farobank as is nacheral enough. It's about second drink time in the afternoon, bein' a time of day when the faro game is dead. A passel of compirators, with Sheestring Griffith in the lead goes to this room an' relaxes into a game of draw. Easy Aaron can hear the flutter of the chips through the partition. The same bein' olivers thin the partition—the same bein' plenty thin-where he's camped like a spider in its web, waitin' for some sports who needs law to show up. Exey Aaron listens cas-oul an' indifferent to Shoestring an' his fellow blacklegs as they deals, an' antes, an' relates an' makes in onto

an' raises, an' rakes in pots, an' every-body mighty joobliant, as is frequent over poker. " 'Of a suddent, roars, yells, an' recrim Inations usurps the place of merriment. Then the guns! An' half the lead comes splitin' an' splittin' through that inter-venin' partition like she's kyard board. The buliets firs high enough to miss Ensy Aaron, but low enough to invoke a gloomy an' forebodin' frame of mind,

"This yere artillery practice don't continue long before Yellow City descends on Shoestring an' his band of homicides: an' when they've got 'em sorted out, that's Billy Goodnight, too defunct to skin, an Shoestring Griffith does it.

"That's no time lost: the Stranglers convenes in the Burnt Boot, an' exact jestice stands on expectant tiptoe for its prey. But Shoestring raises objections. ""Which before ever you-all reptiles takes my innocent life," says Shoestring,

can do is set that an' wag their y'ears an' bat their eyes. Waco Anderson himse' al-lows, when discussin' said oration later. that he sin't beheld nothin' so muddy an' so much since the last big flood on the

lows, when discussin' said oration later, that he sin't beheld nothin' so muddy an' so "much since the last big flood on the Brasos. "After Easy Aaron holds forth for two hours, Waco preevalls on him with a siz-shooter is pause for breath. Waco's tried worbal bet or so; but that advocts de-dines to be restrained. He treats Waco's tried the score and rides him down like he, Easy Aaron, is a bunch of cattle on a stampede. Thar's no headin' or holdin him ontil Waco, in desperation, that a-way takes to tyrannizin' at him with his gun. "'It's this,'' says Waco, when Easy Aaron's subdooed. ''If the eminent gent ""'It's this," says Waco, when Easy Aaron's subdooed. "If the eminent gent

will guit howin' right yere, an' never an-other yeip, the committee is willin' to throw this villain Shoestring loose. Everyone of us is a slave to dooty, but nacher-ally we pauses before personal destruction in a swful form. Billy Goodnight is gone; ondoubted his murderer should win the doom meted out for sech atrocities; but dooty or no dooty, this committee ain't called on to be orated to death in its dis-

charge. Yellow City makes no sech co-mands of its servants; wherefore, I re-pents, that if this yere Easy Aaron sits where he is, plumb mute, we agrees to cut Shoestring's bonds an' restore him to that freedom whereof he makes sech vivid use. ""'At this, Easy Aaron stands up, puffs out his chest, bows to Waco, an' the oth-

ers, an' waves 'em a patronisin' gesture, signifyin' that their bluff is called. Shoë-string Griffith is saved. " 'Doorin' the subsequent line-up at the bar which concloads the ceremonies, Easy Asron waxes indignant an' is a heap har-

rowed to observe Billy Goodnight im-bibin' with the rest. "" If thought you-all dead!" says Enay Aaron, in tones of wrathful reproach, ""Which I was dead," says Billy, port

o' apol'getic, "but them words of fire brings me to. You can gamble, sech elo-

uence simply raises the dead." "'Easy Aaron don't make no answer, but as he fingles the fee, the sour look relaxes an' you-all can see that while he contemns the jest, he shore does not despise its silver Hnin' none.

"'But as I remarks, Easy Aaron ain't with us over long. Yellow City is that much worse off than Wolfville that she has a little old 'doby calaboose that's been built since the old Mexico days. That's no shore-enough jedge an' jury ever comes to Yellow City; an' if the kyards had so come that we has a captive or two which the Stranglers deemed beneath 'em, they would have to be drug 'way off yonder to

some county seat. It's but fair to say that no sech contretemp presents lise'f up to the advent of Easy Aaron; an' while that's now an' then a small account tion of felons doorin' sech seasons as mula. boys is off on the ranges or busy with the

round-ups, thar never fails to come a clean-up in plenty of time. The Stranglers comes back; jestice resoomes her sway, an' the calaboose is ag'in as empty as church

"''It befalls, however, that doorin' the four or five weeks to follow the acquittal of that homicide Shoestring, an' while Waco Anderson an' a quorum of the committee is away pesterin' about in their own affairs, the calaboose gets

plumb loodicrous. That's nothing for a law generate to do. Twe met up with a bear of any a vigiance committee; but I'm yere to state that for painstakin' ar-dor an' a energy that never sleeps, the stranglers of Yellow City is an even break with the best. They shows meet a direct to a screen the to the state that for painstakin' ar-dor an' a energy that never sleeps, the stranglers of Yellow City is an even break bis our too the Burnt Soot ar' a worder an' a scene of fragram allows he's ready to defend Shoestring for he's that happy an' enthooate' allows he's ready to defend Shoestring. ""But not onlease my fees is paid in the states it and charges. ""But not onlease my fees is paid in the states it the sere Easy Aaron. "At that we all passes the hat and each they so ropin' round for fees, is prive to so the state modern Demosthenes. For why? Shoestring's time I ain't organised; also, I'm the other he tackies us in a severe and dearenon counts up the reading. The shoest the states also is bound to have shis rights preserved. Shore, an' gents, he's shore verbose! He allows the sports of the server he feels ill-used to come a-runnin an' have his rights preserved. Shore, they shakes with him, drinks with him, an' have his rights preserved. Shore, they shakes with him, drinks with him, an' have his rights preserved. Shore, they shakes with him, drinks with him, an it when the tork of the shore the law is big flood on the states the since the law or the bines are 'shore to come a'runnin an' have his rights preserved. Shore, they shakes with him, drinks with him to 'shore the states with him the this there the shore the law is big flood on the states the shore the states are the shore the law is big flood on the states the shore the states the states the states the state the states the sta

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ty seat an' give Easy Aaron the oppor-tunity to write his name on the deathless rolls of fame a lot. "But black disappointment gets Easy Aaron squar in the door. One mornin' he reopoirs to the calaboose to consult with the felons on whose interests he's ridin' herd. Horror selses him; he finds the colls a vacent as a scho cells as vacant as a echo. cents.

""Where's these yere clients?" asks Easy Aaron, while his face grows white. ""Wamosed!" says the Mexican who

carries the calaboose keys; an' with that he turns in mighty composed to roll a cigarette. 'Vamosed where at?" pursood Easy

Aaron.

"'"Por el inferno!" says the Mexican; he's got his cigarette lighted, an' is puf. fin' as contented as hossihieves. "See thar, Amigo!" goes on the Greaser, indi-catin' down the street. "Easy Aaron games where the Mexican pints an' his heart turns to ice. Thar It's the

Besi "Easy Aaron games where the Mexican pints, an' his heart turns to ice. Thar swayin' an' swingin' like tassels in the mornin' breeze, an' each as dead as Santa Ana, he beholds his entire docket hangin' to the windmill. Easy Aaron approaches an' counts 'em up. Which they're all thar. The Stranglers shorely makes a house-cleanin'. As Easy Aaron looks upon them late clients he wrings his hande. of all TRAINS, and I repeat what has oft been said-

hands. "The man who would ""Thar hangs fame," says Easy Aaron; "thar hangs my chance of emi-nence. That eloquence, wherewith my heart is freighted, an' which would have sot be satis-aed with the service of the

declar'd me the Erskine of the Brazes, is lynched with my clients." Then wheelin' Northon Waco Anderson who strolls over, Easy Western Aaron demands plenty feroclous: ever does this yere dastard deed?" Who Limited

ever does this yere dastard deed?" """Which this agitated sport," ob-serves Waco coldly, to Shoestring Griffith, who comes loungin' up likewise, "asks whoever does these dastard deeds? Does you-all recall the fate. Shoestring, of the hart misguided maverick who gives way to sech a query? My mem'ry is never ackerate as to triffes, an 'I'm confoosed as to whether he's shot or hung, or simply burned alive." burned allve."

burned allye." "That prairie dog is hung a whole lot," says Shoestring. "Which the boys was goin to burn him, but on its appearin" that he puts the question more is ignor-ance than malice, they softens on second thought to that degree they merely gets a rope, adds him to the windmill with the others an' jets the matter drop."

" Tasy Aaron don't pursoo his explora-tions further. He can see that's what you-all might call a sub-stratum of seriusness to the observations of Waco an' hoestring, an' his efforts to solve the mystery that disposes of every law case he has an' leaves him to begin life anew



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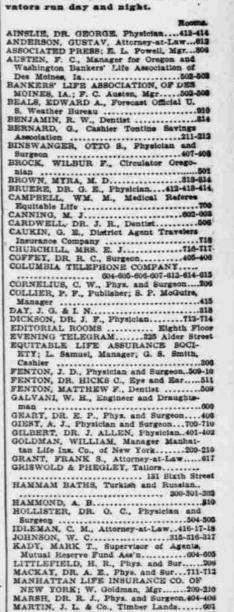
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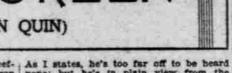
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"Easy Aaron is onearthed from onder his deak were he's still guiled up, pais an in' too make when he gets them cui-thands, an' all in the most locoed way.
"Easy Aaron is a miticous before a jury. We-all could see him prancin' up an' down, tossin' his hands, an' all in the most locoed way.

good flavor, or a sprinkle of nutmeg, or a little chopped paraley. Poached Eggs With Mushrooms.

the dish, put the mushroome in the cen-ter, and serve hot with toast.

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Sealloped Eggs. Hard boll six eggs; slice thin in rings.

Place in a well-buttered baking dish alter-

nate layers of eggs and bread crumbs.

seasoned with butter, pepper and salt. Be sure the top layer is of crumbs. Over

the whole pour a cupful of cream and bake in a moderate oven.

Minced Eggs.

Mince five hard-boiled eggs not too fine.

and stir them into a pint of white sauce

and pour over small pieces of toast.

Muchrooms added to the sauce gives a

## It Takes a Shoe No Smaller Than a Number Six.

A sprightly controversy has been going on for some time in the English newspapers relative to the somewhat intimate subject of the young Englishwoman's foot, or rather her shoes. The modern English girl is tall, tall in a sense and to a degre that the Gibson cartoons of the stately American girl do not even adumbrate. In the aristocratic set, more often than not, she towers over the heads of foreign gentlemen. Long generations ttom fold over and set the pan in the of descent from tall fathers and mother hot oven for a moment to finish cooking. and vigorous years of outdoor exercise have made her what she is-very occasionally a six-footer and with hands and feet in due proportion.

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quality. Scrape them and carefully remove after all should not be bolled but simply ture, smooth, and press the two halves they are done evenly through and the bones, but keep whole; stuff them belied in water at the bolling point. Event with mushrooms, chopped fine and sea- ery cook does not know the secret of them together just as they were cut them together just as they were cut them together just as they were cut to bolled. soned with pepper, salt, thyme, sweet mar-joram and paraley, blended together with a little cold brown sauce. Wrap in paper, fasten the ends well are the sode well are the s fasten the ends well and put them in the oven just long enough to heat. The brown sauce is made by allowing the butter of them, especially at the season when to become a dark color before adding the prices are low. flour. To vary the sauce for this and other "savories" use in place of milk a very strong beef extract, seasoned by boiling up in it a little onion, parsley, thyme and corrot. This is a simple method of making a sauce that holds a very high place in dainty cookery. A few drops of burnt su-gar should be used, if necessary, to pro-duce a rich shade of brown.

Fried Celery.

For toothsome morsels that fairly melt in the mouth, celery, cooked as follows, has the first place: Boll until partly cooked, but drain while still firm, cut in onveulent lengths; when cool dip in butter, then cook to a golden brown in deep boling fat. There is a secret, concerning the batter used for immersing purposes, that is not generally known; expensive cook books have a provoking way of commanding "make a batter" and not one word in the whole book to tell how. Croutons, French tonst, egg and oyster plants, bits of cold cooked cauliflower and the like have a crispness and flavor all their own when the batter is properly made, and as the process is simple and the in-gredients inexpensive the following should be pasted up in every kitchen: Bent the yolks of two cggs and add to them a half cup of cold water; use this to stir a cup of slitted flour into a smooth batter. If rath-er thick use more water, add half a teaspoonful of salt and without fail, a tablespoonful of olive oil, beat briskly, then stir in the stiffened whites and put aside for a few hours, for although it would spoil over night, it will not give proper satisfaction if used at once, which is part of the secret. Remember that half a cup of water will be too little for the average brand of flour. A scant cup seems nearer right, but flour differs so much that "judgment" must be used.

## A CHAPTER ON EGGS.

### How to Avoid Sins of Omission and Commission.

No food is so easily spoiled in the prep-

There are so many ways of cooking and cover with a white sauce, sprinkle but-tered bread crumbs over the entire sur-face and bake until they are brown. If of them, especially at the season when you desire the eggs to be eaten cold, when you have got them filled and tied up, roll Beauregard Eggs. each egg in crumbs, then in beaten egg. again in crumbs, place in a frying-basket and fry a deep brown. The latter are

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Boil five eggs for 20 minutes and scald half a pint of milk with a slice of onion. Rub two level tablespoonfuls of flour with two level tablespoonfuls of butter. add the hot milk after straining out the mion and season with half a teaspoon ful of salt and an eighth of a leasp onfu of papper. Stir and cook until it bolis. Shell the eggs, separate the yolks from the whites and chop the latter very fine before adding to the sauce. Toast five or the state of the sauce six slices of bread, dip them quickly into hot water, place them on a heated platter and cover with the sauce. Put the yolks

Ham and Eggs a l'Aurore. Chop cold boiled ham very fine and boil six or eight eggs 30 minutes. With a sharp knife cut the eggs in quarters lengthwise, remove the yolks and press them through a coarse sieve. Lay the white pieces in warm water. Make a white sauce of two tablespoonfule of but-ter and the same quantity of flour added few minutes, then add slowly two cup-fuls of milk. Stir constantly to a smooth sauce and season with sait and white pepper. Moisten the ham with a little of the sauce, heat and place in the center of a hot dish in the form of a mound. Pour the sauce over it, sprinkle the top thick-ly with yolk crumbs and border it with

### the white pieces. Eggs Milanese.

Boll for 20 minutes as many eggs as you wish to serve. When they are cold remove the shells and cut into halves carefully lengthwise. Remove the yolks and put the two halves of each egg carefully together, so they may not get mixed. Mash the yolks, and for every half dozen add a teaspoonful of soft but-ter and a few drops of onion juice; to vor.

No food is so easily spoiled in the prep-aration for the table as eggs, and few things are so easily made good and whole-some. Skill is required, even in the sim-ple process of soft-bolling eggs, which

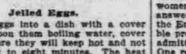
ham, oysters, salmon, etc. All omeletes should be served the minute they are done

## Beat four eggs, the whites to a stiff froth, the yolks to a batter. Add to the

yolks pepper and sait, then stir in the whites lightly. Pour into a hot frying-pan in which a tablespoonful of butter has been melted. When browned on the

Shirred Eggs. Heat a porcelain dish, melt a piece of butter in it, and break into the dish the eggs to be cooked. Sprinkle sait and pep-per over them and cook in the oven four or five minutes. Minced green peppers may be used. This gives a delicious fla-vor

## Jelled Eggs.



a cream, add two full tablespoonfuls of flour. Pour over it one cupful of hot milk. Cook eight minutes in a double boller, stirring often. Separate the yolks and whites of four eggs. Beat the yolks Take one can of mushrooms, place in a saucepan with a tablespoonful of good butter; season with half a teaspoonful of salt and a small pinch of white pep-per, add a little lemon juice and cook for 10 minutes. Now thicken the sauce, then poach 10 eggs. Pour the sauce on a platter, neatly lay the eggs around

ENGLISH GIRL'S FOOT.

to a batter and add two tablespoonfull of sugar and stir into the milk mixture and set aside to cool. Half an hour before serving beat the whites stiff, cut and fold them lightly into the yolks. Bake

in a moderate oven one-half hour, and serve immediately with any sauce pre-

Omelets.

As a rule a small omelet can be made more successfully than a large one. Al-low one egg to a person in making an omelet, and limit the size to four eggs. Omelets are called by the name of what is added to give them flavor, as minced

ferred.

very nice for a luncheon dish.

Custard Souffic.

Beat two scant tablespoonfuls butter to

## and great care should be taken that they are not overdo Plain Omelet.