

ANDY BEND JUSTICE

By M. QUAD

...your court bell open," said Hoke of Sandy Bend as he felt like to see if his guns were "this year court bell" open and closed of Justice bell ready for I will call the case of Lee who is charged with stealing a horse from the camp of Jim Robinson...

Burdette and Riley. Here is a gentle little story which Strickland Gilliland told. It concerns the late Robert J. Burdette and James Whitcomb Riley and happened during Burdette's last summer on earth. Somebody said to Riley: "There's one thing about Bob Burdette that particularly impresses me. When he says, 'God bless you,' he means it."

A Mysterious Disappearance

By MARJORE CLOUGH

There was sickness in the Maryweather family, Susan, the eldest daughter, aged eighteen, was missing. She had gone out during an afternoon, telling her mother that she would go to the library and do some shopping. She had not returned to supper, and her mother was very much worried about her.

A Decision From the Dead

By F. A. MITCHEL

When Donald Erskine was fourteen years of age his father bought a place on one of the principal roads leading from the city. The house stood in a large lot, and in the adjoining lot on one side stood another house of about the same size. There was no other house within half a mile.

Modern Buildings. Probably not one out of every 10,000 buildings standing in all parts of the world and built by modern masons will be standing 500 years hence. We do not know how to put stones and bricks together as the ancients did, and consequently the buildings we raise nowadays are really mere temporary structures and will be in ruins when the ancient buildings of Greece and Egypt, built thousands of years ago, are in as good condition as they are now.

HIS BEST CHUM

By EUNICE BLAKE

Johnny Hoxey, aged fourteen, went to bed one night with a splitting headache. The next morning he remained in slumber, and no effort to awaken him availed. He did not seem to be in pain, sleeping tranquilly. He remained asleep week after week, month after month and year after year. He needed very little food, and that was given him by various methods devised by the doctors. He slept seven years in the same room, in which no change was made during that time.

The Incendiary

By EVERETT P. CLARKE

I was in a criminal courtroom one day among the spectators when I saw a man sentenced for incendiarism for five years. His wife was in court, and the scene I've seen there after the sentence had been passed was heartrending. I saw the man's face but a few moments, and it was distorted by agony, but it was impressed upon my mind.

Articles in Mother-of-pearl. The incrustations of precious woods with mother-of-pearl is in Hanot, French Tonquin, an important industry, an entire street, known as the "street of the inlayers," being devoted to it. Landscapes gleaming in the sun, sheaves of many colored flowers, the most delicate arabesques and many other beautiful forms are evolved by the deft and pliant fingers of the artificers, and marvelous cabinets and other articles are fashioned and put together without the aid of nails by dovetailing and lacquer paste.

My Wife's Judgment

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

It is singular how persons will be prejudiced. When I married Margaret the remark of a friend was repeated to me that settled me. It was that she had much better judgment than I, and if we got on in the world it would be owing to this fact.

How She Made Him Pay

By EUNICE BLAKE

A young lady driving an automobile was about to turn a corner. Another car was coming from the opposite direction. The girl had lost her head and instead of turning to the right made a short cut to the left to give the other more room. The result was a crash.

...wanted to say, your honor," began lawyer—"I wanted to say that my client ain't got no client," interrupted Judge. The next case on the docket presented peculiar circumstances. This was a court, who is a court when he is of court and all the time, was in court to Big Bar the other day his cause when he meets up with playman who had found a twenty nugget. When this court had said that nugget and was sure all solid stuff he suggested to the then his willingness to exchange cause for it. I don't go far to say the boss was hardly worth it, but was a legal boss, so to speak, and heathen could be hung on a heap style in the saddle. Did it strike that way? Not any. He just wad his head down between his siders and suddenly lost speech. This year's court feels that he knows it's good for Chinamen. He got off cause and laid hands on that head, to fit the nugget away. Will it believe yere in this nineteenth century that the wall eyed son of a gun did this court on the nose and kick him on the shin? Such was the case, and while this court was temporarily disabled the heathen got away a case of contempt of court and a fifty bad one. It has taken us four days to find the Chinaman, and what a mess he hid the nugget. If a court 't maintain its dignity then it's no court at all. The verdict is guilty, and a Chinaman must pay a fine of \$50 and \$23 costs. The constable will tie up to the stovepipe and keep him or till he squar's up.

YOUR FAULTS. You will find it less easy to uproot faults than to choke them by gaining virtues. Do not think of your faults, still less of others' faults. In every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong. Honor that, rejoice in it and, as you can, try to imitate it and your faults will drop off, like dead leaves, when their time comes.—Rushin.

...Ten days passed and no clew to the disappearance, other than the book, was found. Then a man fishing in a boat near Mellington caught his hook in something that he pulled to the surface and found it to be a plaid dress. The body of a woman was taken out of the water that had evidently been there a long while. It was very much swollen, and the features were unrecognizable. The hair—the only feature unchanged—was of the most ordinary color.

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...Three days later—Donald was seventeen—the family removed to a distant region. Their parting occurred at the resting place where they had so often met, and neither doubted that they would meet again when they had passed from youth to manhood and womanhood. But they were never to meet again in mortality. Three years later Amy died.

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...The town of Allanville was greatly shocked to learn that its respected fellow citizen was a freb. He was tried for his crime and adjudged insane on the testimony of alcoholics, who considered his insanity the cause of his insanity. He was acquitted on the promise of his family to send him to a private sanitarium.

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