

Queer Mr. Gunter

By F. A. MITCHELL

Gunter was an original. He did anything in a way any one would do it. He had about him a humor that few persons understand. He did one favor he recalled it with a snap; if he gave the accompanied it with a favor. The consequence was that the object favors and his slaps didn't know her to love or to hate him. The only person who thoroughly understood Mr. Gunter was his brother, Clara. The reason of her understanding was that she was a woman of the old block. She was the eyes of the family. Whatever she wanted she got; whatever he wanted she didn't get, though there was a big chance for her except a man's affection, and she loved him the more indifference she showed him. The time came when it usually with girls—when she got a lover. She went into the country for the summer and came back engaged. On her way she said to her father: "I have met the man I wish marry. He will come to see you for me. That, of course, is your form. I am too like you to be anything in anything I desire. There you have only to give your consent, though I hope you will be pleased."

It is our duty to die that they may be saved. There was no murmur, no protest. The boats carried away the women and children. When the death moment was come the colonel and his officers took their several posts, the men stood at "dress" and so, as on dress parade, with their flag flying and the drums beating, they went down, a sacrifice to duty for duty's sake. They were soldiers with a soldier's pride—a soldier's self respect. They had to content a soldier's spirit.—Mark Twain.

A MOUNTAIN COURTSHIP

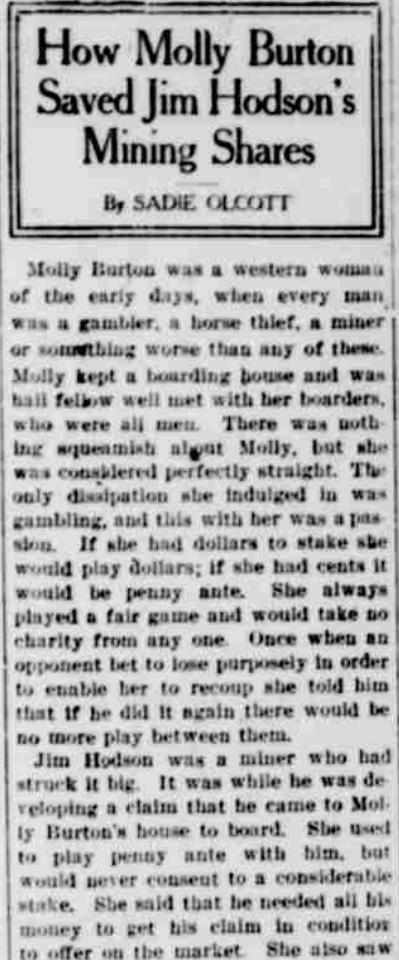
By M. QUAD

The mountaineer and his wife had to go down the valley about a mile to see a sick neighbor, and I was left at the cabin with their daughter, a girl of eighteen. As soon as she had cleared off the supper table and while I sat on the doorstep smoking she put on a clean apron, arranged hair a bit and blushed very red as she said to me: "Jim's comin' to see me tonight—and him's very skeery and—and—" "Do you mean that your young man is comin'?" I asked. "Reckon him is." "And he's bashful?" "Him can't scarcely abide dad and mam."

How Molly Burton Saved Jim Hodson's Mining Shares

By SADIE GLCOTT

Molly Burton was a western woman of the early days, when every man was a gambler, a horse thief, a miner or something worse than any of these. Molly kept a boarding house and was a fair fellow well met with her boarders, who were all men. There was nothing squeamish about Molly, but she was considered perfectly straight. The only disposition she indulged in was gambling, and this with her was a passion. If she had dollars to stake she would play dollars; if she had cents it would play cents; if she had cents it would play cents. She always played a fair game and would take no charity from any one. Once when an opponent let to lose purposely in order to enable her to recoup she told him that if he did it again there would be no more play between them.



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Dirty Patagonia.

"Patagonians are not giants, as some have supposed, and as the geographers teach," said a man who has traveled. "They are large in comparison with the other South American natives; that is all. Everything is relative, you know. But they are very fat. That is why they can stand the cold so well. I have seen Patagonian men and boys running around unclad while I was wrapped in warm garments, with the snow falling upon them in quantities and the wind blowing bitterly. They are kept warm by their fat and dirt. Patagonia is one of the dirtiest places imaginable. Don't go there if you hate dirt. That is my advice to all who contemplate a journey to the jumping off place of South America."

A Bright Prospect.

"For five years," said the commercial traveler, "I had called upon a certain draper in Scotland and never got an order. I mentioned it to the head of the firm. 'We are dead with B. & Co.," he said. 'Their trader had for twenty years before he took an order, and if you'll continue to call for twenty years I'll say but ye may get one.'" —Manchester Guardian.

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How Plants Die.

That plants die like animals we all know, but we do not know the exact moment when they die. For hours a dead plant seems alive. There is a twitch, no death spasm. A scientist has, however, succeeded not only in noting the precise moment when a plant gives up its life, but in recording its death spasm. The plant is heated very gradually so as to avoid all excitement. This is done by placing the plant in a water bath the temperature of which is continuously raised by the application of a gas or spirit flame.

Fire-damp.

Fire-damp is the ordinary name for the carbureted hydrogen which issues from "blowers" or fissures in coal seams. It is inflammable and when mixed with air in certain proportions is highly explosive. Its ignition is attended by the danger of an attendant explosion of coal dust.

His New Job.

"I've got a new job. I'm a barber at a soda fountain." "A barber at a soda fountain?" "Yes. I shave the ice."—New York World.

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Many Uses of Graphite. Few people begin to realize the range of uses to which graphite is put, says the Scientific American, for it is an essential though minor ingredient in a great number of unassociated connections as common as that of lead pencils. With many of these the graphite is of himself unfamiliar, beyond the simple fact that this or that manufacturer purchases from him, for in such uses it is apt to represent part of a secret process.

Take Along a Hammer. Bred—Have you been up to break bread with the new bride and groom yet? He—No: I'm not feeling very strong.—Boston Transcript.

Edwin Booth and Lincoln. It has long been known that Edwin Booth felt deeply the grief that it was one of his own family who took Abraham Lincoln's life. This little story, which the editor of a well known magazine is fond of telling, emphasizes that fact.

Self Sacrifice. No man has ever sacrificed himself in the common meaning of that phrase, which is self sacrifice for another alone. Men make daily sacrifices for others, but it is for their own sake first. They must content their own spirit first. A man must feel better for doing a duty than he would for shirking it.