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How The Pioneers of The West Begin

Life-The Dug-out.

To begin with, the habitation of the

homesteader is either a dugout or a

house built of squares of sod taken from the prairie—Nebraska or Kansas

brick, as they are facetiously termed.

The dugout consists of a hole dug in

the side of a canon or any sort of a

depression on the prairie which will serve as a wind-break. This hole is

so of stove-pipe protruding from the roof is the sole indication of a human.

habitation. One room generally serves

all the purposes of the homesteader

and his family. If he prospers for a season, he adds to the front of his

abode by erecting walls of sod on the

side and putting in a new front, the old

modious dwelling. After riding over

a quarter section looking for an owner,

espying such an abode, and guiding

your team carefully down a break-neck

descent to the front door, would it sur-

prise you, upon entering this hole in

the ground, to find, for instance, a

modern organ with an imposing cathe-

dral back towering high in one corner

of the room? But this is no cause for

be found in the dugouts. Or, if the

lady of the house should invite you to

remain for the meeting of the literary

club there in the evening, would you

stare at that? Not at all. Literary

clubs, which the members ride all the

way from five to twenty miles to at-

tend, and where they discuss every-

thing from the latest political problem

to the most abstruse point in meta-physics, are quite the regular thing with our homesteaders. But to behold

this life so full of paradoxes in the

height of its incongruousness you

should be a spectator in the dugout

when a neighborhood dance is in full

blast. The earthen walls have been

skilfully tapestried for the occasion

capering of the many twinkling feet,

of ventilation attainable could not add

safe-with the exception of what liquor

you may have on hand for medicinal

homesteaders live in dugonts or sleep

six or seven in a room; such experienc-

es attach to the first year or two of

frontier life more than to any later pe-

riod. Many sightly, commodious, and comfortable sod houses have been

built. The walls are usually two feet

in thickness, the roof shingled, doors

tures, too, are free from the annovan-

ces of dugouts, in which are found all

manner of insects and rodents. Occa-

you will find him on a cool morning.

Such intruders are rare, but there are

some people who strennously object to

Our Eyes are Close Together.

greater power than the one they now

take in a broad enough field. The best

war department, but it was found that

Americans. The department is study-

Deafness Among White Animals.

might prove that they were deficient

in this respect. - Boston Post.

ing now to overcome this difficulty .-

Pittsburg Dispatch.

Harper's Magazine.

In other words, the home-

The homestcaders are very honest,

THE RICHEST MAN IN AMERICA. How He Is Viewed Abroad—The Vain Quest of a British Lion-Seeker,

We felt a craving-a yearning, a gnawing-to see and touch and speak with the richest man in America; to stare at his silver statues and his carpets interwoven with threads of gold; and we took passage for New York in

the Brixtonian. As we landed on the quay an excited bystander took us by the buttonhole and drew us feverishly aside. "See that homely-looking man way long there, passin' under the elevator, stranger?" he whispered hurriedly, and with ill-suppressed emotion; "wall, then, you see the richest man in America! Came over twelve years since from down Kansas way, what he was raised; hadn't a nickel; struck in a notion for a corner in baked beans, and raked in \$10,000,000 in nine weeks, and eats terrapin tarts fried in humming-birds' fat to every meal!"

We had found him, then! Breathless with excitement we followed him along the quay and streets, observing him attentively. He had a wooden leg and one button off the back of his coat, a large mole on the back edge of his right ear, and a gray felt hat with a green lining. He entered a diningsaloon, and we eagerly took a seat op-posite to him; he had one wall eye and one bloodshot one, seven front teeth out, and a black and yellow

Presently he engaged our attention by excitedly kicking us under the

"See that stout man coasting around the ice-bucket?" he asked, breath-lessly, "Whaat? Well, you take it from me that's the richest man in Amurriker, bar none. Started nine years ago as assistant odd job hand to a toothpick sorter down Five Points, and struck twenty thousand million dollars in seven weeks, and eats gold-dust sauce with his truffled ostrich every breakfast!"

We had found him then! We burst way from the dining-saloon, and rushed after the party indicated. He had lost both ears from frost-bite, and had one shoulder four inches higher than the other, and a green cutaway coat patched with sacking. He had not gone three blocks when he turned suddenly in the utmost excitement and gripped us by the arm.

See that fence-rail of a crittur with the respirator stannin' by the fire-alarm?" he asked. "You bet that's to their enjoyment. The homesteaders are very honest. Seen it seems arm. The gown of a You can leave a house unlocked at all thin of a plump arm. The gown of a times and your stores are perfectly thin girl in New York, one who has the times and your stores are perfectly thing a singularly good without a rag on his back six years come next Independence, and banked \$30,000,000,000 in five weeks. in a bedstead cut out of a single diamond and sends his boots to be heeled

wrapped in \$1,000,000 bills." We thought we couldn't follow that man; he had a hare-lip, and pants made out of old carpet; but we abandoned him, and inquired of a hotel clerk who was the best authority on the subject of the ri hest man in America. The clerk told us to go to the editor of the Spread Eagle, in 979th street, over the Naphtha drink-

ing-saloon. "We hear," we said, "that you, sir. are an authority in the matter of the

richest man in America?" "I'll tell you about him right away," said the editor. "I'll give you the outlines of nim; and then you can buy a file of the special editions of the Spread Eagle, which have three columns devoted to him daily. The richest man in America, sir, is Groulter Q. Vanboom, who set out from Grubsquash City, Kas., with 5 cents sewn in the heel of his boots, and coffered forty thousand million dollars in three weeks. He was the man that grassed Elisha J. Vennerhezzet over the White Daylight Cherub's Blush Silver Syndicate boom, down Grogg's country, California, when Elisha was prospecting way down there, and Elisha is now the richest man in America. It was he who came the mean thing upon Chaldea V. Bloobder about the cottonoil scare—you've heard tell about Chaldea V. Bloobder, the richest man in America? Why, it was about that man that Silas J. Secker, the richest man in America, used to say——"

Then we left, and slowly cooled down toward the richest man in America. Then we took on tracking down the tallest thing in railway swindles and the quickest-grown out west city, and we are on the track of nine of each of them .- From London Fun.

James Addington, of East Aurora, N. Y., has a meerschaum pipe that is probably the finest in the country, for it is valued at \$500. The pipe is thirteen inches in length from the bowl to the tip of the mouthpiece, and is an exquisite piece of handsome carving. It the eyes of the glasses were so far apart that they could not be used by took the workman three years to complete the task of making it.

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New Wrinkle in Picture Frames. The new picture frames of oak or chestnut shaded by the rubbing in of umber roofed across, about on a level with the prairie, with inch boards, and these are covered with sod. A foot or from light at the inside to dark at the outer edge are the latest fad in their line. They are especially effective when used around a tinted print of a shade nearly matching the edge of the frame. It is predicted, however, that they will soon become too common and go out of fashion. Some dealers in New York won't put such frames on pictures sold by them at all, claiming that the style violates artistic taste. At one dealer's one serving as a partition between the two rooms. This is considered a comoak with real bars half an inch thick, colored to look like iron, set across it from side to side. Imitation hinges on one side and a real-looking padlock on the other increase the resemblance to the barred door of a cage. With a picture of the head of a lion or other beast behind it the effect is startling, if not strictly artistic .- New York Sun.

astonishment—very frequently organs and ornate designs in furniture are to An old settler tells this story about New Mexican politics: When Francisco Manzanares was running against Tranquilano Lunda for delegate to Congress some years ago I happened to be present at a meeting in Silver City, where Luna delivered a political harangue in which he compared his immaculate honesty to the alleged corrupt methods of Manzanares. "Fellow-citizens," he said, "I do not come among you to buy your votes. I want them to be given to me honestly. I am not like my opponent, whose loaded wagons, filled with goods of all kinds to be given for your votes, incumber every trail and road in the Southwest." He did not get further in his speech; with calico, and when the fun begins the crowd yelled themselves hoarse the clay floor speedily responds to the with cries of "Viva Manzanares." He was the kind of delegate they wanted.

A Dressmaker's Tuck.

and there arises a cloud of dust that would stifle an Indian. But, bless you, they don't mind a bit of dust. A polished floor and the most perfect system A smart dressmaker not only learns to round a bust, but she can so deftly pad the sleeves that when the wrist is seen it seems only the slender terminareputation of being a singularly good figure, suggests a quilt heavily wadded more than anything else. Back, hips, steader will steal whisky every time. sleeves, and bust are all the result of clever workmanship. And it is so clever As a class they are neighborly, kind to that tailor-made gowns are defiantly one in distress, and exceedingly hosworn by this girl, and the most critical But it must not be supposed that all clubmen find no flaw in the outlines of her ligure.-Philadelphia Times.

SCHOOL PICNIC.

The closing exercises of the Bllefountain and Alpine schools, taught by T. H. Gragg and Miss Mary Newton, were held at the and windows set into the walls, and Bellfountain camp ground, Saturday, June the house plastered inside, sometimes | 27th.

outside, altogether making a very neat and desirable residence. These struc-The four hours programme was delivered from a very beautifully decorated stage, and the scholars handled their essays, declamations, tableaux, and dialogues in a manner sionally a rattlesnake will burrow through the earthen sides, and coil for the energy and patience with which himself snugly in the bedelothes, where they had pursued their preparations.

One scene which especially deserves mention was the tableau, "Rock of Ages," even rare visits of this sort; such are prepared by Miss Newton, in which a pretty usually energetic enough to get out of little girl kneeled clinging to a cross about the old house and into a new one be- which was entwined a beautiful wreath of fore spending many months in an bridal roses while behind the scenes a abode so uncomfortably near to na- chorus of sweetest voices sang softly "Rock ture's heart .- Frank H. Spearman, in

of Ages." The Alsea band was present and its members merit compliments, not for their excellent music alone, but also for their gen-The effort of the war department to teel and orderly deportment. secure a field glass for the service of

Miss Ethel Starr executed "Fort Thomas use has discovered the fact that the March" on the organ very prettily.

eyes of the average American are closer together than those of men in foreign countries. The double glass, known as the field glass, now used is Mr. Homer Woodcock favored the audi ence with two nice pieces upon his guitar. The vocal music, for which this part of the county is sometimes praised, was not weaker than that used in the armies of

Europe. It is only from five to six any below par on that day. powers-entirely too weak for the pur-Near the close of the afternoon session, pose. The only glass they can get of Hon. E. H. Belknap delivered one of his sufficient power is a single spy-glass, masterly and thrilling addresses. which is defective in that it does not

The day was a success throughout, and military glass in use is that with which the crowd of people assembled awakened the German army is supplied. An at- happy memories of the good old campmeettempt was made to adopt them by the ingtimes.

Monroe, Or., June 30, 1891.

Consumption Cured. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and per-Why is it, I wonder, that white ani- manent cure of consumption, bronchitismals are so often deaf? The white catarrh, asthma and all throat and lung af-English terrier is almost always so, fections, also a positive and radical cure for and the white English bull terrier is very frequently afflicted with this defect. I am told by those who are skilled in white cats that they, too, are duty to make it known to his suffering felapt to have the same infirmity, and I lows. Actuated by this motive and a desire have heard, though I can not eite my authority on the spot, that a white goat is even more deaf to reason and discourse than other animals of the same directions for preparing and using. Sent species but of positive color. So far as I know white horses have the usual sense of hearing, though investigation Block, Rochester, N. Y. sense of hearing, though investigation

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