



THE LIE JOE SAVAGE TOLD.

LP settlers in the southern part of Baylor County, Texas, still make occasional reference to the Savages, or the Savage brothers, as they sometimes call them. This does not refer to the time when the Indians were in the country, although that time is by no means so far distant as to be beyond the memory of living men...

It seems, from a careful survey of the facts in the case, that neither of the brothers was really a bad man at heart, notwithstanding the fact that a great many people who ought to know are strongly inclined to think otherwise. It is certain that one of them is as true a man as ever trod the soil of Texas, or any other State, for that matter. All who knew him agree that the final year of his life, at any rate, was a year of such strange and self-sacrificing heroism, and as one reads of it in books, but seldom looks for it in real life...

Bill, the younger, was a man of magnificent physique, not unduly large, but with muscles of such herculean strength as perfect air and the free life of a Western cowboy are apt to impart. He was light-complexioned and said to have possessed a vigorous, manly countenance, such as ought to have made him more successful in his life affairs than he really was. Joe, on the other hand, was as much a picture of weakness and deformity as his brother was of health and strength. He was not only a peaked-faced, slender slip of a man, but he was a cripple as well. When he was 5 years old, Bill was only 3, a cyclone had struck the log house in which the boys and their parents were living. The mother and father were killed, but when the neighbors came to look through the ruins of the cabin they found Joe crumpled on the bed with his limbs spread out in such a manner as to protect his baby brother. A heavy log had fallen across his right foot and right wrist, crushing them both very badly, but Bill was still sleeping in absolute unconsciousness...

Bill took it up just where Joe laid it down, remarked one cowboy to another during one of the intervals in a dance on one occasion. "Now, that ain't it," responded his friend. "I think Joe laid it down just where Bill took it up."

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One day the two brothers and one or two others were engaged in branding some of Bill's yearlings in the subject was brought up. "Sure enough, Joe, whatever made you quit goin' to see that Conley gal so sudden?" asked Jim Smith, one of the helpers, in a jocular way. "I stopped so's to give Bill a chance," said Joe, with what was evidently a forced attempt at gaiety.

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He Likes Steel Roads. An interesting series of experiments with steel rail roadways for earth highways by a prominent engineer and contractor of Pittsburg, Mo., Mr. Melber, has attracted the attention of the Department of Agriculture, which is desired to begin experiments on its own account in order to test the value of the plan. Mr. Melber's statement is as follows: "My road is now in position about a month, and among other interesting things I have noticed that the temperature of the steel when exposed to the hot afternoon sun, every steel worker knows that steel bars lying in the yards of a bridge works, for instance, will get so warm in a few minutes that the men cannot hold them in their hands. I find that my steel railroads remain cooler than the adjacent broken stone. I think this is as well a remarkable as an important fact, and it goes to show that there takes place an interchange of the temperature between the inner substance and the steel, and that in this class of steel highways we do not have any of the heat expansion. Altogether I find the steel road to verify all I have said at various times about it, even as to cost, and with regard to traction advantages I am now able to give figures. I have made twenty trials, using a gauged spring balance, and an average of 15,000 pounds was required to pull an iron rod weighing 1,500 pounds with a sixteen-foot wagon bed is 2.5 pounds, which reduced to a load of 2,000 pounds means a traction force of 3.23 pounds per ton. My tests demonstrate that the steel roads need for traction one-twelfth the power as compared with macadam, and one-twenty-second the power as compared with earth roads."

Joe meekly took the huge Texas saddle in his left hand and carried it to where the pony was grazing, tied by a long rope to a tree. His right arm hung limp by his side. After some ineffectual fumbling in the saddle with his left arm he gave up the attempt. "Can't get the thing on," he said. "Use your right arm, sir!" called his brother. "I think you've broke his game arm," said Jim Smith, looking on with interest. "It's a lie," shouted Joe, "that arm's as good as ever it was."

To prove the truth of this assertion he made a mighty effort and managed to lift his arm to his shoulder, though the wrist still dangled loosely from his hand. Even then he could not restrain his face from winching and his teeth from clenching with the pain. Dropping the saddle he turned abruptly and limped off into the woods without a word. "Jim Smith afterward said that only his solemn promise to Joe kept him from telling the whole truth at the time. He felt that to do so would be to bring down the wrath of heaven upon his head, and he had to grit his teeth hard and say such words under his breath to do it then. As to the rest of the crowd, it must be remembered that they knew nothing but Joe's own statement about the matter, and consequently they sympathized with him. After some moments of condolence and consultation with the crowd, Bill, with some four or five others, started out to find Joe.

Getting Out of the Ruts. The L. A. W. Bulletin offers prizes for the best photographs of choice stretches of our road roads. Van Buren County, Michigan, has a goodly increase of mileage in grading and graveling to add to the good roads record for 1907. Missouri wants to be in the line of march of that promised advance of prosperity it might be just as well to let the good roads movement pave the way.—St. Louis Republic.

Portsmouth, N. H., high school girls advertised an approaching school benefit by appearing on the streets as "sandwich men," with placards hung about their necks. The stomach of a dead man was recently introduced in the probate court in Milwaukee, Wis., to show that the possessor was of unsound mind when he made his will.

Girls in Stores, offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially when they are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense. When the first symptoms present themselves, such as backache, pains in the head, aching, faintness, swollen feet, blues, etc., they should at once write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., stating symptoms. She will tell them exactly what to do.

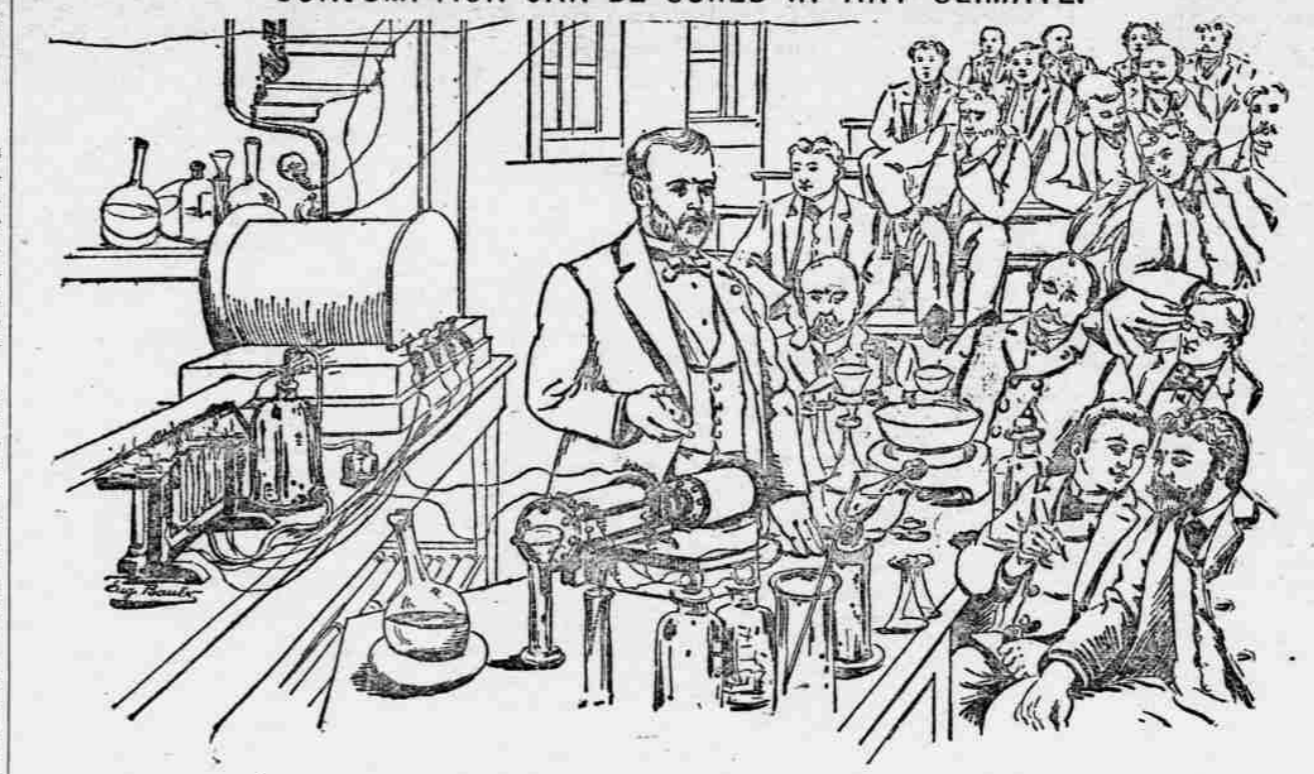
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A scene in The Slocum Laboratory, New York: The Discoverer demonstrating to Medical Men and Students, the Value and Wonderful Curative Powers of his New Discoveries.

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