"Dishonest Leaders and Peanut Politi iaus" Cannot "Prevent a Coalition."

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"Yambili leads off in a union of reform forces, and the example set there last Saturday, when the Demo ratic and People's and the Union-Bimetal is parties joined issues for next year's Oregon elections will probably foreshadow events that will happen elsewhere in the state.

"The utter folly of either of the reform elements in attempting without the aid of the other two to overthrow the gold party next year is fastening itself upon the rank and file of the three parties, and it will be difficult for dishonest lead ers and peanut politicians in either, to prevent a coalition.

"With a senator and two congressmen, with a full state ticket and the legislature is the stakes, it said the man of the world. will take a vast amount of conniving, juggling, and conspiring for so-called leaders with nests to teather or axes to grind, to fool and delude the people into disunion, demoralization and impo-

ORIGIN OF THE WORD "HOOD-LUM."

The old pro f-reader was holding forth upon the question of typographical errors and their occasional influence on posterity. The word "hoodlum" is an instance of this, he said. Out in San Francisco twenty-five years ago there was a notorious character named Muldoon, who was the leader of a gang of young ruffians. They were a terror on the community, and about as tough a lot of citizens as you could find on the coast. A reporter who had been assigned o a story in which they had figured, undertook to coin a word designating the gang. He reversed the name of the leader, and referred to strapper who knows nothing of the real them as noodlums, the composi-tor mistook the n for an h, and as hoodlums the word passed the proofreader, and now hoodlum is a any trifling accident occurs be able to put it right for yourself instead of rushing off recognized word, and will probably survive.

# FAKE ADVERTISING.

Eugene people are getting shy of take advertising propositions. The one here the other day failed to make all connections. He succeeded at Albany, as witness the Demo- and see if I ride properly.' He put me a

town with some bills unliquidated. I took them, and I hever spent money bet As our people always go into these ter. I gained in comfort, gained in speed things with their eyes open there is no particular reason why there should be any very big kick com- from my athletic friend I sought out Bar ing."

an insurance company must pay a loss about which were very strong I shall require the £5 in advance and a probabilities of collusion and in- tion secret. That is my usual custom. cendiarism. The trend of recent decisions is to compel the payment of insurance where there is the least of insurance where there is the least ready for you to learn on. Step this evidence that an honest loss has He took me into another room, weighed been sustained. It is the business of the insurance companies to com- clothes I was to get. He had a model suit pel their agents to guard against character and surroundings of the own taller. men with whom they do business. Such decisions have the effect of making insurance companies more careful, and is a benefit to the genkindles a fire.

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#### BEND BENEATH THE BLAST.

When sorrow's tempests round us rose
And overwhelm the son!,
Oh, trust thou not in worldly pride
Or seek the tempting bow!,
But with a first and trusting heart
Bend low beneath the blast,
And he above who chasteneth thee
Will raise theo when 'its past.

The lefty oak, the mountain pine, Ho stately in their pride, Must bend or break before the storms That on the night winds ride, While the meek willow lowly stoops Before the raging blast And lifts its head in beauty decked When storms and clouds are past.

So thou, oh, man, must lowly bend When sorrows round thee press!
They may be angels in diagulae
To lead to happiness.
Oh, trust to him who rules above And end beneath the blast,

And he will raise thy drooping soul
When storms of life are past!

—Finley Johnson in New York Ledger.

#### "The best thing you can do," said my doctor, "is to take to bleyeling."

HIS LAST PUPIL.

"At present, of course, one bleycles,"

"You're missing the finest possible en joyment by not bicycling." said my ath-

letic friend.
In fact, wherever I went I was met by bicyclists who longed to make others bi-cycle. It was not for health, nor for fash ion, nor for exercise that I finally took to the machine. It was simply from the pressure of public opinion. When I had finally given in and made up my mind to spail my clothes, bruise my body, and ruin my temper by learning to ride, I sought out my athletic friend and asked him to tell me if there was any instructor

whom he could especially recommend.
"Yes," he said, "there is. There is one man, Barkinstone by name, who has quite a small shop in the Enderdown road. knows more about the bike than any two other men in England put together. I would not dream of buying a new ma-chine myself without consulting Barkinstone about it, though he would charge me a guinea for his opinion.

I said that that seemed rather a lot of money, My friend confessed that it was "Hut if you want the very best you always have to pay for it. Harkinstone's thor ough, that's what he is. He never advertises and never makes any fuss, but on his merits alone he always has more work than he can do. He never employs an assistant-except, of course, in his workshops. If he consents to teach you, he will charge you £5, no matter how few or how many lessons you may require. It seems a good deal of money, I dare say, but then remember that if you pay for Barkinstone you get Barkinstone. does not hand you over to some underto a repairer. Don't do it unless you like, but if you do I can guarantee that you

will get your money's worth."
"Did he teach you?" I asked.
"Well, I'll tell you. I learned to ride all right, as I thought then, from a friend of mine. After I had ridden for about a year I met one of Barkinstone's pupils, a lady, and when I watched her I felt dissatisfied with myself and uneasy about my riding. I got an introduction from her-he won't take a pupil without an introduction - and went to Barkinstone. 'Look here,' I said, 'I want you to try me lot of tests, and I thought I got through most of them fairly well. 'Yes,' said Bar-"Another advertiser has just done the city, and a good many invested small sums, getting little promised in return. He left the floshing lessons at a guinea each, he said. and got an understanding of the machine

that was alone worth the money." That decided me. With an introduction kinstone in the Enderdown road. He was a tall, thin man, with a loose lip and A Portland jury has decided that "I'm full up for a force in a notebook." You can take the course then if you like. written promise to keep my system of tul-

me carefully, measured me frequently and accurately and told me exactly what there and explained it to me. He had a tame tailor, who was intrusted with the over insurance and to consider the making of these suits. He would not risk his secret by allowing you to employ your

At the end of a forinight 1 returned to

I paid altogether (exclusive of a moder ate charge for the clothes) £8 3s. to Bar-kinstone, £5 for tuition, 1 guinea for eral public in that the insurance choosing a machine for me and 2 guineas firebug seldom fails to destroy other for procuring, altering and fitting a special saddle. In four days I could ride straight property than his own when he up a stiff hill without bending my back and with my hands off. I could take my machine to pieces and put it together again. On the fifth day I rode 40 miles European powers, without ex- without feeling particularly exhausted. them there in short order. The elever and thorough instructor that the world has yet produced. I sent him four pupils, and the last of them had to wait months before Barkinstone could

take him. At a rough guess I should say that Bardown on the programme each kinstone was making from \$50 to £60 a week clear profit. I heard indirectly that he was investing largely in house property.

About a year after this I was in a fish-Why are the bankers in favor of ing village on the Yorkshire coast. I was the plan of Secretary Gage? Ba-there for a holiday, and (like most writing men) found that I got rather more work cause Mr Gage proposes to give done in my heliday than I did any other them all the money they are willing to receive and loan if they will afternoon doing bad reviews of worse nov-els at my leisure. After dinner I finished the reviews and took them out to the post. ilege of safely keeping and paying I observed that there was a glorious full interest on what the government dition, and I remember that I had taken no exercise all day. I went back to the bouse, brought out my bloycle, lit a totally

# nonecessary but strictly legal ismp and rode off. The first few miles I want slowly, with my hands in my pockets. Then I settled down to some good hard work. I had not taken any particular note of the direction in which I was going, nor how long I had been riding, when I thought I heard a village clock in the distance strike one. Then, I stand a strike one. one. Then I glanced at my watch and found that it was indeed an hour after

midnight. I decided to ride on to the vil-lage and then turn back and go home. The road here stretched long and white. On one side was the low stone wall of a park, on the other was a steep, downward slope covered with grass and brambles. I noticed in the distance a tiny spark darting hither and thither, occasionally stop-

ping suddenly and then zigzagging again. As I came nearer I perceived that this spark was a bleycle lamp and that the machine was being ridden by some one not expert, some one who occasionally collapsed and desperately remounted. Nearer still I drew. The other cyclist was visible now, his shoulders hunched, his knees turned in and his insteps well over the pedals. I prepared to dodge, and it was as well I did, for just as we met he gave another lurch and came at me. I escaped him, and he went bang into the wall, shoved himself off with one hand, shot scross to the other side of the road and tumbled straight down the embankment. Then from motives of humanity I got off my machine. I called down the embank-

ment, "Are you hurt?" After a moment a voice came from the middle of a bramble bush: "Not much. The bike's-er-rather en-tangled, but I can manage. Don't stop

However, I leaned my machine against

the wall, took off the lamp and climbed down the embankment with it in my hand. Against the bramble bush was the rider, tooping down and rubbing his shins. Beside him was a lump of mixed machinery that had once been a bleycle. He looked up as I approached, and the light of my lamp fell full on his face.
"Barkinstone!" I exclaimed. "Barkin-

stone of the Enderdown road, by all that's miraculous! "No, no," he said, "my name is-er-

Brown. "Not a bis of it," I replied. "You pily. taught me to ride, and I know you. You're Barkinstone.

"I knew this would happen one of these days," he said to himself mournfully. Yes, sir, it's no good to say otherwise I'm Barkinstone.

'And the amezing part of it is you don't talk in the least as if you were drunk.

"I'm not drunk. I know my business well enough—see—look at this." He took a couple of tools from his pocket. Then he picked up a hundle of spokes, some scraps of tire, a handle bar and what was left of the saddle, and in a very few minutes had made a hiercle out of them.
"There, does that look as if I were drunk?"
"No," I said. "it doesn't. And, drunk or sober, nobody but you could have done

But why did you ride like that!" "Because I can't ride any better. In fact, that ride tonight was the best I've I've never been so far before ever done. I've new

"Still I don't understand. You taught me to ride. You have taught hundreds to rida.

#### "Yes, but I san't teach myself,"

You have a theory of riding that is absolutely correct. It has been tested. "Yes, the theory is correct in nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand I'm the thousandth. Was I riding

properly when you saw mef' You were pedaling very unevenly and dly. You clung hard to the handles. hadly. You kept looking at the front wheel. You'

"Oh, you needn't go on! I was doing everything I oughtn't to do. I know it The theory fails with me because I am the thousandth case. Do you think it takes any courage to learn to ride the bicycler

None whatever-not in the least." "I'll put it in a different way. Can you conceive of a want of nerve so terrible, a physical cowardice so great, that it might absolutely prevent a man from learning to bike, or at any rate cause him to take years over it, where other men would only 'No. I can't."

"Very likely not, sir. But I suffer from just that want of nerve, just that physical cowardice. I stand beside the machine and my nerve's all right, and I know all there is to know about riding. I've only got to put my foot on the step and my nervo's gone, and in a moment I've forgotton everything. Then I flounder about and come off and hurt myself and break

He limped up the embankment to the road, carrying his machine and refusing any assistance. Going to get on again?" I asked.

"Oh, yes! I've got perseverance and moral courage if I haven't got physical

courage and nerve."

He placed his left foot on the step, propelled the machine to a slow curve with three convulsive kicks with his right foot. rose slowly into the air, then slipped off the step and came down in the road with the machine on top of him. He was apparently quite used to this kind of thing, for he observed in an unmoved voice from voice from under the machine, "There was one thing I forget to mention, sir.'

"You would do me a great favor," he said, rising slowly, "if you would for the present keep this incident a secret. You know what the public is, sir. If the publie knew that I could not ride, it would never believe that I could teach other people to ride. I am about to retire. In another six months I shall be able to give up the business and live in comfort in a fine house in the country for the rest of my days. After that it doesn't much matter what you say, for no pupil has ever been dissatisfied with me. But until then it

might spoil business." But why give up your business? You're far too young a man to retire. What interest have you got in the country? What would you do with yourself?"

"Learn the bicycle. I shall be my own pupil. It will take me all my life. Gowd night, sir. Well, thanks-if you'd just give me a hand."

He relit his lamp. I held the machine while he mounted and then shoved him off. He vanished like a diamond pointed corkscrew, more or less in the direction of the

He has ratized now. The grounds of his country house are secluded by high walls. I am told that inside an asphalt track has been constructed. It hurte to fall on asphals.-Woman at Home.

## Her Logic.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness, you know," said the mistress in the middle of a domestic lecture to her careless spouse. "I suppose that is the reason wash day comes next to Sunday," he rejoined, and she mid he was irreverent.

## MARY ELLEN.

Mary Ellen looked over the tops of her glasses as if deliberately summing up the nerits and demerits of her visitor. faded, rather pretty face, outlined by crimped dark hair, gave no sign of agita-

"It's been 15 years, hasn't it?" she said, pondering "Fifteen years," he assented, with

plaint e emphasis.

He was a thin man, with a large, bulg-ing forehead and a face tapering almost to a point at the chin. He pulled at his scanty brown mustache and looked at her as if waiting for an answer. His rather womanly hand was really pitiful in its boniness.

"You ought not to have wasted 15 years on me," she said, with a faint, tearful

smile. He shifted his feet on the floor in pro-

"Fifteen years is a good long time, she meditated. Seems like it oughtn't just to go for nothing." She took off her glasses and touched the

corners of her eyes with her handkerchief. Well, she said meekly, "I can get on with 'most anybody and make myself satisfled with 'most anything. If you are so set on it as all that, I reckon this time

I'll have to say res."
He looked at her for a moment as if dazed. His face shone as he caught her hands in his, and his chin trembled. "Mary Ellen!" he said.

"Mary Ellen," he said.
She looked at him with the same tearful smile. "It certainly does sound funny, Mr. Haskins, to hear you call me
"Mary Ellen," without any 'Miss." It's mighty hard for settled people like us to change in their ways."
"You have always been 'Mary Ellen' to

me," he answered rapturously, "no matter what I have called you. And now I've got you," he said, an exultant smile dawn-

ing on his face.
"Getting married is a mighty risky thing," she remarked. "But if we'll learn to have patience and do our duty I reckon we can manage to get along together, 'Yes, I reckon we can," he said hap-

"You certainly did hold on," she tinued, with the air of one reviewing a game at which she had been beaten. "Yes, and I was going to keep on hold-

ing on. I hadn't any notion of giving up.

and I got you," he replied.

She removed her glasses and elaborately wiped her eyes. "It certainly does seem strange," she murmured. "It seems to me," she continued, with a mournful smile, "that some people take root, just like trees. That old sweet gum out youder ain't a bit more rooted to this place than I am. I never did know how people could get up and leave the place where they were born and raised, but it's well everybody don't feel like I do or there'd be mighty little marrying done. The Todds ain't that way near as much as the Wattses. I get it from ma's people. It's right bad to be as set in your ways as the Wattses are. Now I couldn't any more call you anything but Mr. Haskins than I could fly, unless it came home to me that it was my duty to change. I don't think a pern's got any right to think of their own feelings when a duty comes up. It's going to be uphill work with me getting into your ways, but I hope I ain't so bent on pleasing myself as some people. And you certainly do deserve something for the time you have waited." She looked at

him with the air of a real martyr. He arose and stood irresolute for awhile in stience, his face full of something akin to misery and remorse.

'What's your hurry?" she asked. "I reckon it is time for me to go. Good

night, Miss Mary Ellen," he said. "So you've taken up the 'miss' again?" she said, not without a shade of coquetry visible in her quiet face. "I wasn't find-ing fault with plain 'Mary Ellen."

Mr. Haskins sat staring into the fire in his own room, with an air of the most profound thought. He was obviously torn by conflicting emotions. The next afternoon saw him waiting upon the porch of Mary Ellen's home, a small frame house, gray from want of paint, but pleasant with grass and trees. It was an old landmark of Brownsville, of which quaint Virginia village the Todd family had for many gen-

erations been respected citizens.

Mary Ellen herself opened the door. "I saw you coming," she said, "and I thought I might as well save anybody else the trouble of coming to the door, as you

were my company." He shook hands with her in an odd. constrained way, and followed her in without a word.

"It's getting to feel like spring," she gan. "I'll see the crocuses peeping up in the grass pretty soon, I reckon. The yard's full of them."

"You've got a mighty nice yard here," he sald, affecting to glance carclessly from the window. "I don't wonder you hate to leave it."

She gave a faint sigh.

You didn't think about leaving here and breaking up, and all that, when you said yes, did you?" he asked tremulously. She shook her head with gentle pathes. He sighed deeply, and his brow furrowed. Getting married is a mighty risky thing. he broke out, "and 'tis uprooting. I don't know but what I was too strong about urging it. I-I really ain't so set on it if it comes to that. I don't know whether twas fair to beg you into it. You just do what you want to do, without minding me in the least,'

She sat rigidly in her chair for awhile in silence. "Things are very well as they are," she said coldly. "I'm not making any complaint."

No, but you'd better think it over, Miss Mary Ellen. I'll let you off in a minute. It don't make a bit of difference about your promise. Don't you think you'd rather stay as you are?" She meditated over his words awhile

without speaking. "I'm not generally given to breaking my promises," she said. But if I'm willing to let you off?" he asked. "I'll be glad to let you off if you want to be let off. Your promise ain't anything if I don't want to hold you to it. are very well off as we are. You might find that a change was a change for the worse. Hadn't you rather let things be as they have been?"

Her lids reddened, but she said nothing. "Don't you mind about my wasting 15 years on you, as you call it. "Twa'n't wasted, if it all does come to nothing. got pleasure out of it all the time. And, then, I just used up odd times that wa'n't worth much for anything else. I believe 'twas that that made you say yes. Now, won't you think better of it!" he asked persuasively.

Still she said nothing.

"You can beg a person into anything," he went on, "but it ain't right. I always was a regular beggar. When I was a lit-tle fellow, many and many a time I've tle fellow, many and many a time I've begged for things that wa'n't good for me, and got 'em, and been sorry for it. Not that it wouldn't be good for me to get shild.

# you," he hastened to add, shocked at the

words, "but it mightn't be best for you.

And I don't want to have it on my conscience that I begged you into it. What doyou think of it, Miss Mary Ellent" "I don't know what to think of it," she

said, scarcely opening her lips to speak. "Don't you mind about disappointing me. What is one disappointment, more or less, in this uncertain world?" A short, involuntary groan escaped him, but he coughed and went on with elaborate cheer-fulness. "And 'twon't be your disap-pointing me. It'll be all my doing, don't you see? If you feel like you oughtn't to break your word and all that, I'll just give right up myself, here and now. I'm giving you up, not you giving me up. His face was radiant with the glory of

renunciation. She stared down at the carpet and spoke not a word.

"And now, if you ain't happy it won't be any fault of mine." He wiped his brow and drew a deep breath with an air almost of triumph. "That was a mighty short engagement, wa'n't it?" he added, with an unsteady little chuckle.

He glanced about him with a sprightly "Speaking of crocuses," he remarked nally, "they had a striped kind at our casually. house last year that was mighty pretty. I wish now I'd thought to get you some roots, but the yellow ones are mighty pret-Did you ever see the striped kind,

Miss Mary Ellenf" "I don't remember," she said briefly. The subject so obviously failed to interest her that he cast around in his mind for "I'm glad the fruit trees have not been blooming so early this year," he "If they hold back a little lonobserved. ger, we'll have a good chance of a crop. Last year certainly was a bad year. You ain't feeling very well today, are you, Miss Mary Ellen?" he inquired, with ten-

der solicitude. "I reeken you didn't sleep yery well last night," he suggested, waiting for her answer.

She did not speak. "I was mighty troubled myself," he continued. "But don't you worry about that now. That is all over. There ain't a sparrow hopping out youder in the trees that's any freer than you are. And as for

taking back your word"-The muscles around her mouth worked for a moment. "I haven't taken back my she said.

"No, of course not," he assented cordially. " 'Tain't your way to take back your word. That's the reason I take the back track in it myself." He arose and

offered her his hand. "Well, I reckon I'd better be getting His hand closed convulsively over her limp fingers, and a pang of pain shot over the thin face that betrayed his emotion. He looked at her wistfully, "I ain't saying that I ain't sorry it couldn't be.' he said

The household wondered at the cessa tion of the visits of "Aunt Mary Ellen's bean," but no explanation was forthcoming.

Where's Mr. Haskins, Mary Ellen?" her sister ventured. "Don't you reckon he's sick or something?"

Mary Ellen winced. "I haven't heard anything about his being sick," she said. She was standing at the window look ing down the street. She drew back with a little flush on her face, but with studied deliberation. "There he is now," she said, "but maybe he's just passing." She cast She cast an eye on the glass and touched her hair with agitated fingers. "You let him in, Fanny Belle," she said to her young niece, who regarded her in silence. quite ready.

She paused a moment at the foot of the stairs, as if to catch her breath before she

He was standing, looking eagerly at the door. They shook hands in solemn silence "Have you got real well, Miss Mary Ellen!

"I haven't been sick," she said. The subject admitted of no more dis

"Fanny Belle is getting to be a mighty pretty girl," he began again, "Don't these young ones grow up fast? She'll play the wild with these young fellows before long. She's mighty like what you

"How's Mrs. Waggoner, Miss Mary Elleny

"Sister Mely is very well, I thank you," she answered. He pondered for awhile in silence. haven't seen you all for right long," he observed in an offhand manner.

She made no reply.
"I thought maybe somebody had been sick or something had been bothering you," he suggested.

She said nothing for a moment. "Ev erybody's been pretty well," she finally responded.

He looked mildly at her, evidently at the end of his conversational resources She laid the hem of her handkerchief in folds.

"Speaking of Sister Mely," she went on suddenly, "I don't know what I'd do but for Sister Mely. There's nobody to be depended on like your own born relations. I don't know whether you ever do get to understand people you wa'n't raised with." "Yes, that's so," he assented, not with-

out perplexity.
"Some people are so excitable," she proceeded, "that you never know just where to find 'em. If Sister Mely says a thing today, she'll stick to it tomorrow.

You are mightily that way yourself,' he said.

She flushed over her face and neck. The blood rushed to his own face as he saw the drift of her thoughts. "Nobody's any stricter about a promise than you he said in a reassuring manner. You'd stand up to it if it killed you-if you wa'n't let off. She glanced at him and looked away.

'I don't know how you know all that, she said. He seemed a little bewildered, as if he had lost his bearings in the conversation. Her glance again turned to him for an

"I don't generally make promises 'twould kill me to keep."

A sort of flash passed over his face as he looked at her. "It seemed mighty hard on you the other night—that promise did," he began unsteadily. "Wa'n't it

did," he began unsteadily. "Wa'n't it hard on you, Miss Mary Ellen?" With the eagerness of the drowning man who sees a straw he cutched the arms of

his chair so that his knuckles whitened. Wa'n't it hard, Miss Mary Ellen?" She sat rigid in every muscle, gazing serenely into her lap, but in spite of her self her face flushed and softened.

so very," she answered in a sweet, faint voice.-Annie Steger Wilson in Ladies Home Journal. The day that Phillips Brooks died the mother of a little child came into the room where the little one was playing, and holding the bright face between her hands

"Just as we go to press," announced the New Boston Clarion in its first issue, "we learn that Ben Fargo's claim has been jumped again. Ben's return is ex-pected tomorrow, and we predict that he will attend to the eviction in his usual

A JUMPED CLAIM

will attend to the victor in his usual prompt and thorough manner."

No fault could have been found with this item except perhaps that it might have been a little indefinite to the uninitlated. New Boston fully understood it. "Who's jumped it this time?"

Colonel Pride, as Cy Hickson retailed the news to the citizens lounging on the parch of the Eureka general store.
"Dun know," answered the mail carrier. "Didn't stop to find out. Smoke was comin out of the shack, an a scan'lous

lookin linehpin wagin an a pair of rickets ele mules was standin by "
"Waal," predicted Colonel Pride, "about five minutes after Ben gits there then

rickety mules'll be pulling that scandaloue looking wagon away from that claim."
"You bet!" agreed the citizens.

"Pears like Ben Fargo's claim is allus bein jumped."

"And unjumped just as often," mid the colonel. "Had to laugh, the other day, as I was

ridin past," said Mr. Cy Hickson. "Fel-ler from Mizzury'd jumped the claim that time an was bakin a johnny cake in Ben's skillet. 'Five minutes to git your johnny out of my skillet, says Ben. The year 1901 will find me right yere, says Mis-zury. Says Ben, This is my claim, an'— 'Mebby 'twas 'fore I jumped it,' broke in Mizzury, turnin over the johnny cake. Yes, an 'twill be soon's you unjump it, which'll be in 'bout three minutes,' says Ben. 'Crack your whip,' says Mizzury. I'm able fer you, I reckon; 'sides, the law's on my side, an'— 'Hang the law!' broke in Ben an sailed in. They tangled, an in about two minutes Mizzury found be'd made a mistake. Fer awhile I 'lowed Ben'd drive his head into the ground. Then, after tukin him around awhile, Ben sat on him. 'Whose claim's this now!' says Hen. 'Your title to it 'pears to be a very strong one, says Mizzury. A little later Mizzury had his team hitched to his

wagin an was a-eatin his johnnycake as he druv away." Mr. Ben Fargo, returning to New Bos ton the following day, became aware that his claim had been jumped.

"Well," he said, half aloud, "I am in a hurry to get to New Boston, but I reckon I can spare time to start this jumper on his way. Not overly well fixed," he com-mented as he left the road. "Wagon don's look safe, and the mules seem rickety, but they brought the jumper here, and they've

got to- Hello, here!" The presence of the object that he had almost ridden over surprised him a good deal more than the presence of the jumper. It was merely a little grave, roughly rounded up in the midst of the long prairie grass. The clods of the ragged little mound showed that it had been there only a short while. A tattered prairie rosebush had been planted at the head of the tiny mound. The tips of its leaves had withered and the blossoms it had borne at transplanting were yellow and shriveled, but one bud had opened, and the ragged little flower, striving its best to be bright and pure, lay on one rough, black clod of the ragged little grave.

"Baby!" Fargo muttered. At that moment a woman left the shack and came toward the grave. In her hand she bore a cup of water. Her eyes were swollen. Fargo started as he saw her face Scarcely glancing at him, she returned the salutation and bent and watered the rag-

ged little rosebush. 'Your baby?" Fargo asked awkwardly. "Yes," the woman answered, choking with her oppressed feeling. "She was all

She flung herself prone on the grave embraced the little mound and sobbed aloud. Fargo looked uncomfortable, "Now

don't cry so. I-you-where's your hus-band? In the shack?" "No," lifting her face from the clods.
"He's dead. I was on my way home. The baby-well, I dug the little myself. I had no coffin, and I buried her in her little nightgown. I cannot go on yet—oh, it seems as if I could never go! Maybe the owner would not object if I lived in the shack a little while till"-Fargo squirmed a little uneasily in his

"After a little I must start on tosaddle. ward Indiana." "What part of Indiana?" Fargo blurted "Champion county. The little crossroad village just below Fountainville."

"Ever know's darned fool there named Fargo? "Ben Fargo? He wasn't a fool, though.

"Yes, he was too! Got mad at nothing! Ought to have been shot on the spot."
"No! He-we"-

"Mary, don't you know me?" "Ben Fargo!" "Yes. A darned fool. Got mad at noth-

ing.

the shack was smoothing up the mound that covered the child of the person who had jumped his claim, and the jumper sat on the grass near by looking less deso

A little later the dispossessed owner of

When, later, Mr. Fargo was passing the Eureka general store, he was stopped by Colonel Pride. "Did the jumper cut up rusty, Ben?"
"Nope!" Fargo answered shortly, mov-

"Go without trouble!" "Nope!" More shortly.
"Reckoned he was able for you?"

"Nope!" Farther away. "Waal, then, what did"—
"Nothing. There yet." Fargo turned the corner.

Hickson, the mail carrier, as he was going from New Boston, saw Ben Fargo smoothing the baby's grave and marveled thereat. When he returned from the trip, he retailed the news to the prominent citi-

"Waal, I'm beat," announced Colonel Pride.

"Me too," agreed several. The attempt to interview Ben Fargo when next he appeared was not a brilliant success. That personage informed them, first, that whatever occurred at his claim was the business of no one but himself, and, second, that he was both able and willing to thrash any man who desired to

make it his business. No one acknowledged to a desire. But one day The Clarion published the following item of interest:
"Married, this morning, by Rev. Mr.

Prouty, at the claim given to the bride by the groom, Mrs. Mary Stone and Mr. Benjamin Fargo." And this time Ben Fargo's claim staid

jumped. - Exchange.

Up to Date Tresses. The girls don't bleach their sair any more. They have it Klondiked.—Philadelphia Record.