

BOWSER TENTS OUT.

Plans to Sleep on Ground and Get Benefit of Earth Currents.

WHAT HE GOES THROUGH.

Experiment Has Its Disadvantages, According to the Notes He Makes. Stolen by Three Tramps While in Peaceful Slumber.

[Copyright, 1908, by T. C. McClure.] An hour before Mr. Bowser came home to dinner the other evening an express wagon brought a small tent to the house, and, of course, Mrs. Bowser was all agog to know what was going to happen. She had made up her mind that Mr. Bowser was going to take her to the seashore or the woods and was looking to see what old dresses she could wear when he arrived home. When asked about the tent he replied: "Mrs. Bowser, have you ever heard of Professor Baumgarten, the celebrated scientist?" "I don't remember."



MR. BOWSER CARRIED THE TENT TO THE BACK YARD AND SET IT UP.

sunrise and that the said current was beneficial to many human complaints when rightly taken. "But you have no human complaints." "That's all you know about it. Because I'm not complaining every few minutes you think nothing ails me. I had a little time this afternoon, and I wrote down a few of my ailments in this form. There they are."

And he handed her a paper with the following record nicely drawn up and typewritten:

Rheumatism. Heartburn. Asthma. Lumbago. Dizziness. Liver comp. Catarrh. Flatulency.

"It's all nonsense!" exclaimed Mrs. Bowser after reading the list. "If there's a healthier man in this town than you are, I'd like to know his name."

Had a Sinking Spell. "Healthy! Why, I had a sinking spell not four hours ago!" he shouted. "Yes, you probably sunk down in a chair. Why, man, you eat enough at every meal to do for two common men. That boiled ham we had last night!"

"Never mind the boiled ham. It's no use to tell you that I may not live three months. The doctor says it's the worst complication of ailments he ever saw. It is only after I have passed in my checks that you'll awake to the fact that I was an uncompromising sufferer for years."

"But what about the tent? Are you going to swallow that to cure yourself of some of the ailments?" "Mrs. Bowser, we'll treat this as a serious matter, a very serious matter, or we'll shut up about it. It is no time for sarcasm when a man's life is hanging in the balance."

"Well, then?" "I shall put up the tent in the back yard and sleep in it in order to get the ground current. I have every faith in the experiment. I believe that after the first three nights I shall be feeling much better. I wish you wouldn't irritate me this evening. I have been thinking of coffins and tombstones all day, and I have a fear that I have begun this experiment too late."

"Why, my dear husband, if you feel that way, I haven't another word to say in opposition. Go right ahead and put up your tent and occupy it. I don't know anything about the electric ground current, but if it will help even one of your ailments I shall be thankful. You'll need a mattress, of course?"

"No; I shall sleep on the bare ground. I want the full effect of the current." After dinner, which was one of the heartiest he had eaten in a month, Mr. Bowser carried the tent to the back yard and set it up. When the cook saw what was going on she went to Mrs. Bowser and said:

"Mum, could you get another girl and let me go this evening?" "But why, Bridget?" "Because I want to be found alive in the morning, and I see that Mr. Bowser is fixing to explode us all. It's the water pipes, and the gas pipes, and the hot water, and the cold water, and dynamite, and gunpowder, and the furnace, and I've got so scared that I'm finding gray hairs in my head."

Made Notes of Experiment. Bridget was quieted with a guarantee of safety, and Mr. Bowser came in for an hour before retiring to get the electric current. During this time he had a great deal to say about the north pole and the south pole and the Gulf

stream and finally predicted that his sleeping in the tent might be the means of informing the world the exact cause of earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones. He finally hunted up pencil and paper and took his way to the yard. As was afterward ascertained, he made notes, and the notes read as follows:

"I have retired to the tent. Over forty cats about. It may be the electric current of the earth that gives cats nine lives.

"I have stretched myself on the grass. I seem to feel a vibration of the earth. May be a truck going past on the street or may be Professor Baumgarten's electric current.

"There is a quiet crackling of the grass. Electricity must be at work. This is restful. I am feeling a holy calm steal over me.

"The above mentioned holy calm was interrupted by a cat entering the tent, but I soon walked her out again.

"This is a heap better than going to the woods. No danger of bears or snakes, and you get the electric current besides.

"I think I feel the current passing from the north to the south pole, but may be mistaken.

"I was mistaken. It was only a chicken bone under my back. Perhaps the current is late in getting started tonight.

"Several other cats invaded the tent to be clubbed out.

"Just saw Mrs. Bowser at a back window looking out. She needn't concern herself about me. Never was there a more peaceful situation than this. It combines all the advantages of the seashore with all the comforts of home.

"I am certain that the electric current has now got started. For the benefit of the public I will say that the hour is exactly 10 o'clock. The direction is from north to south, sustaining the professor's theory. I can feel it crackling my hair and doing my flatulency a world of good.

"I seem to hear about 200 cats on the fence. I must write the professor and ask if cats and ground currents go together.

"I seem to hear footsteps and whispers in the alley. That may be caused by the current meeting an obstruction in its passage.

Felt the Current. "No mistake about the current. I feel a soothing creeping over me, and my liver is placid for the first time in years. It would be a wonderful thing if I was completely cured. I would give the professor a testimonial over my own name.

"The current is twitching around somewhat. Has probably hit against the Standard Oil company and neither of them will give way.

"Steady again and all O. K. Heartburn gone; dyspepsia gone; asthma a heap better. It's tugging me to sleep." And to sleep he went. Mrs. Bowser looked out occasionally to see that all was well, and there was no alarm till midnight. Then, after an interval of half an hour, she peered forth and uttered an exclamation. Three tramps had come through the alley gate and folded up the tent and Mr. Bowser with it and were passing out again. She called and called, but they paid no heed. They were not interested in Professor Baumgarten's electric currents of earth. M. QUAD.

THE KINGMAKER.

Earl of Warwick, a Heroic Figure in English History.

The Earl of Warwick, commonly called the "kingmaker," from the faculty with which he created and deposed monarchs during the contest between the house of York and Lancaster, lived in style of magnificence and hospitality of which no period perhaps furnishes an example. No less than 30,000 persons are said to have lived at his board in the different manors and castles which he possessed, and the military, allured by his hospitality as well as his bravery, were strongly attached to his interests. This distinguished warrior fell at the battle of Barnet in 1471, when, owing to the mistake of one part of his army falling upon the other during a fog, he was defeated by Edward IV.

In former battles Warwick had always fought on horseback, that he might at once ride along the line and perceive the particulars of the action, but on this occasion he determined to fight on foot, that his soldiers might see that he was resolved to share with them the dangers of the day. After having exerted himself as an officer and a hero in fruitless attempts to turn the tide of fortune in his favor he rushed into the hottest part of the battle and fell covered with wounds. His brother, Montacute, in endeavoring to save him met a similar fate.

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His Enforced Trip. One New York matron was discussing with another New York matron the misfortune which she considered had befallen the husband of a third New York matron.

"You see," she said, "he went down to the steamer with a friend who was going abroad and became so interested talking in the friend's cabin that he never noticed the warning whistle, and the steamer sailed with him on board. However, he sent a wireless to his wife so she wouldn't worry. I dare say he's been kicking himself about the ship ever since."

"Perhaps—and perhaps not," replied the second matron. "The fact is, he told my husband in confidence ten days ago that he intended to be carried off to Europe 'accidentally,' because it was the only way he could go without taking his wife along. But, for heaven's sake, don't mention the matter, my dear, because he told my husband in the strictest confidence."

Language of the Hair. A man can tell a great deal about a woman by studying the manner in which she dresses her hair. One who makes too much observance of the exactness of fashion is apt to be a stickler for form and in consequence an uncomfortable person. It is the woman who is able to discern the beautiful mean who meets all complexities pleasingly.—Chicago *Inter Ocean*.

The Even Spirit. "I keep an even spirit in this life," says a Georgia philosopher. "In bright weather I open the life windows and sun my soul, and in the stormy days I think of all the sunshine I have had and shout halleluia!"—Atlanta *Constitution*.

Why She Couldn't. "Oh, I couldn't love him!" "Why not?" "He wears a wig. The very idea!" Then the dear creature removed two rats, some puffs, a coronet braid, a pompadour, a switch and sat down to peruse a novel.—St. Paul *Pioneer Press*.

All Well Except Bill. "Why, how do you do, uncle? How's all the folks?" "They're all well 'cept Bill. He's married."—St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*.

Up to Date Explanation. "Electrical failures have an advantage over all kinds." "In what way?" "They can always furnish a current excuse."—Baltimore *American*.

Chill. Gladys—Isn't this autumn air delightful? Harold—Not much. It reminds me that I've got to get a new overcoat.—Detroit *Tribune*.



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High Water.		A. M.		P. M.		Low Water.		A. M.		P. M.	
Date.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	Date.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.
SUNDAY	1	6:50	6.9	6:05	7.8	SUNDAY	1	13:34	2.9		
Monday	2	7:58	6.8	7:34	7.0	Monday	2	1:04	0.8	2:05	3.6
Tuesday	3	8:58	7.3	8:56	7.1	Tuesday	3	2:15	1.0	3:21	3.8
Wednesday	4	9:47	7.9	10:05	7.5	Wednesday	4	3:20	1.2	4:13	1.8
Thursday	5	10:33	8.3	11:03	7.9	Thursday	5	4:17	1.2	5:06	1.0
Friday	6	11:17	8.9	11:57	8.0	Friday	6	5:08	1.3	5:54	0.3
Saturday	7	11:57	9.3			Saturday	7	5:59	1.5	6:40	-0.4
SUNDAY	8	0:45	8.0	12:35	9.5	SUNDAY	8	6:43	1.8	7:22	-0.8
Monday	9	1:32	7.7	1:11	9.5	Monday	9	7:22	2.2	8:05	-0.9
Tuesday	10	2:17	7.4	1:47	9.3	Tuesday	10	8:00	2.7	8:45	-0.6
Wednesday	11	3:03	6.9	2:25	8.9	Wednesday	11	8:42	3.0	9:27	-0.4
Thursday	12	3:51	6.7	3:05	8.3	Thursday	12	9:25	3.5	10:08	0.0
Friday	13	4:42	6.5	3:47	7.7	Friday	13	10:10	3.8	10:53	0.5
Saturday	14	5:31	6.5	4:35	7.1	Saturday	14	11:15	4.0	11:39	1.0
SUNDAY	15	6:24	6.5	5:37	6.6	SUNDAY	15			12:35	4.0
Monday	16	7:19	6.7	6:45	6.2	Monday	16	0:28	1.4	1:42	3.5
Tuesday	17	8:11	7.0	8:04	6.1	Tuesday	17	1:22	1.7	2:35	3.3
Wednesday	18	8:55	7.4	9:12	6.3	Wednesday	18	2:17	2.0	3:22	2.6
Thursday	19	9:37	7.8	10:10	6.7	Thursday	19	3:12	2.1	4:20	2.0
Friday	20	10:18	8.3	11:00	6.9	Friday	20	4:05	2.2	5:08	1.3
Saturday	21	10:59	8.6	11:45	7.5	Saturday	21	4:52	2.3	5:42	0.4
SUNDAY	22	11:34	9.0			SUNDAY	22	5:34	2.5	6:20	-0.2
Monday	23	0:33	7.3	12:09	9.3	Monday	23	6:14	2.7	6:58	-0.7
Tuesday	24	1:17	7.4	12:45	9.3	Tuesday	24	6:53	2.8	7:37	-1.0
Wednesday	25	2:03	7.4	1:24	9.3	Wednesday	25	7:38	3.1	8:18	-1.1
Thursday	26	2:50	7.2	2:05	9.1	Thursday	26	8:20	3.3	9:05	-0.7
Friday	27	3:38	7.1	2:50	8.3	Friday	27	9:10	3.5	9:50	-0.7
Saturday	28	4:27	7.0	3:42	8.2	Saturday	28	10:08	3.7	10:42	-0.3
SUNDAY	29	5:23	7.1	4:43	7.6	SUNDAY	29	11:17	3.7	11:38	0.3
Monday	30	6:23	7.3	5:55	7.0	Monday	30			12:34	0.4

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