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Hardin County, 'Way Down in Egypt Land

ELIZABETHTOWN, ILL.—Travelers accustomed to the monotony of the flat expanse of level prairie land in northern and central Illinois find it hard to believe they are still in the same state when they invade Hardin county in this corner of "Egypt," as southern Illinois is called. A bit of rugged scenery has been set down in this isolated corner, framed by the great bend of the Ohio river. The hills, which stretch back forty miles from the river, are a continuation of the Ozarks, extending east through Missouri and southern Illinois.

Elizabethtown has the distinction, unusual in Illinois, of being a county seat without railroad, telegraph or electric lights. Its mail still arrives by boat and most of its freight and passenger traffic is water borne. The few roads over the hills are wretched at their best, and at their worst impassable for three months out of the year.

This town is the second oldest settlement in Illinois. In the main part of its brick hotel, standing on a high bluff above the river, the Marquis de Lafayette spent a night when he visited this country in 1824. The main room of the hotel was erected in 1807, but additions date from 1840 and Civil war days.



In the hotel yard is the grave of Elizabeth McFarland, for whom the town was named, and of John McFarland, her husband, who built and operated the hotel for nearly a half century.

There are no movies in Elizabethtown. Once or twice a year the Cotton Blossom, or one of the other show boats plying along the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, noses into the bank for a night, and the hill farmers ride in for fifteen miles around to attend the performance of "The King of Tramps," "Uncle Tom's Cabin" or "East Lynne."

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