By George Elmer Cobb

"New neighbors, Ezra," announced

"That so? Hope we don't lose them as quick as we did the last ones." "Maybe that was our own fault," submitted his wife. "They sort of perked up with their stiff city ways and it nettled me. You was down with that spell of rheumatism most

of the time and Walden was away at It's lonesome and dismal to see the place next door vacant all the while. Besides, every new family we win to stay helps the town. Let us try and make this new family stay." Who are they?" inquired Mr. Per-

Their name is Purtelle-father, mother, young lady."

"Just match us, don't they?" sug-gested Mr. Perkins. "Well, you're the moving spirit, Janet, and me and the boy will follow the leader."

Ned Perkins and his father humbly took heed to quite a lecture that evening. Mrs. Perkins showed that she not only had studied out a plan as to the treatment of their prospective neighbors, but had pursued certain inquiries that had resulted in the gleaning of a good deal of information re-

"They never lived in a country town before, I understand," said Mrs. Per-"Mr. Purtelle has just retired from business and his wife has worn herself out with her social duties, fussing for company, I suppose that means. The girl is just out of school. She is in love with flowers, chickens, everything that grows and runs. They are

"I don't doubt it, if you say s Janet," observed her husband. "And they will be good neighbors."

"You said a young lady in the fam-ily, eh?" remarked Ned thoughtfully. Yes, and you be good to her-them,

Ned," warned his mother. "I will, to her-them," pledged Ned,

"Now the city people are slow to get acquainted with," went on Mrs. Perkins. "Don't intrude yourself. Be pleasant, but dignified. Show them all



athletics and fishing to pay some at-

sunshiny alacrity, "I'll do just that have this Miss-Miss-"

"Miss Edna Purtelle." "Yes, Edna a member of the Anglers' club inside of a week!"

That evening two blg vans loaded with furniture arrived, and nearly all night long their drivers were putting up shades, laying down rugs and get

ting the house generally in order.

It was not until after dusk the next evening that two members of the Pur telle family, mother and daughter, arrived. Ned was away fishing at the time, but his mother informed him of

the circumstances upon his return. "The father must be detained in town on business," surmised Mrs. Perkins, "for he did not come with

Ned was up bright and early. He paced around the garden, and then hearing a swish beyond the fence, man high, that separated the two residences, moved towards it. As he tiptoed to look over, an eager, curious faced girl likewise tiptoed, with tiny feet resting on the inside stringer She lifted to him a rosebud vision of

sthlessly, jumping down in confu

'Then we must be interested in one another," suggested Ned.
"Oh, I know!" fluttered Edna, "they

told me a boy lived next door." "Boy!" began Ned resentfully, and then audaclously: "I am the boy next

door, little girl." na pouted charmingly. She was ducking at a rambler rose vine that overed the fence, reached over it and ped in great fragrant clusters over

into the next yard. "Oh, dear," she gasped, "I musn't do

"They're your roses."
"Not at all," declared Ned unblush-"The law on partition fences out here in the country, is that half of it belongs to each adjoining tenant and all that hangs over it." "Then I can pick all the roses

"Why, certainly, and come over and get as many more from our side." "Oh. I couldn't do that without ask.

"Why don't you get a basket and pick some?" he insinuated, "in your own orchard?" "Our orchard?"

"Why, yes. That strip back of you s free to you. Lot law out in the ountry, you know?"

Edna regarded him keenly and sus piciously, but her face was an inno not explain to Edna that it was a con- He grabbed a sheet of paper, rammed tinuation of the Perkins lot that went around the new neighbor's domain. reaching for the first letter when the She went wild with delight as he got a stepladder, held the basket and

let her pick the ripe, bursting globes in "her orchard." In fact, up till nearly noon they were together and Ned forgot all about his fishing. Later that day a coop of chickens

arrived. Edna called over the fence get the new arrivals into the chicken well pleased with the young man. "And when will there be some eggs? tered Edna.

"Why-well, night times mostly," reported Ned unflinchingly.

"Then there will be some fresh eggs for breakfast in the morning!" cried Edna delightedly

There were, notwithstanding that Ned had discovered that the imported brood consisted mostly of roosters. In of filing bills and receipts was such the morning with a scream of wild joy as to make these honest people quite Edna discovered nearly two dozen sure that the bill had not been paid. eggs, surreptitiously placed in the nests before daylight by the obliging

Again a day of rare companionship provided for by Ned.

rural ways.

weather, by morning."

"Oh, I shall be awake at daylight!" declared the excited enthusiast.
"So will I!" vowed Ned, and was. At the weird hour of midnight he had

substituted a new brood of their own ome old-time chum. Then there was

truant pair came home consciously flustered. "I've asked her and I love her," Ned told Mr. Purtelle promptly.
"Humph!" growled Mr. Purtelle,

good naturedly enough," and what about the false pretences of cherries. eggs and the like?"

"Oh, that shows his kindly disposition, papa!" chirped in Edna. "I saw through the humbug of his lot law" and twelve hour chickens all the time, but he was so obliging-so-so anxious to please me, that I led him on because-why, because," acknowledged the blushing maid, "I-I loved him."

What He Meant.

dians in the far West who was of a ospitable turn of mind. He always kept hard cider on the premises. If any one of his widely scattered flock of Indians chanced to call upon him, everything in your power to set them he would bring them forth a jug of in love with the country life. Now, it. One day a strange Indian called-Ned, do spare enough time from your one whom he had never seen beforeevidently an unconverted heathen, so tention to these good people."

"Mother, mine," responded Ned with but converted to the consumption of alcoholic beverages. He, as it turned thing, and as to the fishing-why, I'll out, had been coached after the manner of a student at a university. His acquaintance with English was limited. He opened fire upon the aston tahed missionary thus: "Abraham, Ja "Don't be too forward, Ned." warned cob, Jonah, Job, Satan, Beelzebub," and then paused, evidently expecting mean?" asked the missionary, he not having been christened after any of fied manner. The Indian pithily replied: "I mean cider."

Resurrecting a Dead Battery. A clock having an electric contact stopped with the contact closed, so that when it was started up a couple of hours later, the battery was so far polarized that it could not operate the magnet to which it was connected. To wait till the battery could recuperate would mean leaving the mechan sm out of use for some hours. The battery consisted of three Leclanche cells. Five dry cells were brought into use. Connected in series, the terminals of the exhausted battery, zinc to zine and carbon to carbon. After 30 seconds of this reverse current the Grove cemetery September 29. battery was fully restored and ready

for business. Distinctly Personal. In a certain town in the south of

unusually large feet. One night, after he had retired to the back of his house, and on going Some are descended from the early out to ascertain the cause of it he white settlers. found that his garden was overrun by

"Oh, we're lukin' for ane o' your City Star. auld butes to mak' rabbit-hoose wi'

If a watch or a small clock is to be cept on a table by a sick bed, a good plan is to cover the watch or clock These they turn into a lining for with a tumbler. It will then be seen but not heard.

Daily Optimistic Thought. Not everyone is a huntsman that

Worth Ten Such Thoughts as Had Come to the Scribe-So This Particular Gem Was Lost.

One day the Observer had an idea. It is a rare experience, and the obvious thing to do was to get it down on paper just as quickly as the speed cent blank. The audacious fellow did limit on his old typewriter allows. office door opened and a lady came in

The lady, whose home is near Milford, extended a piece of paper and some money, with the remark that it was a subscription bill, somewhat overdue, which she had come in to pay. Glaucing at the paper the Observer had a shock which drove that to know if Ned couldn't come over and incipient idea into the remotest corner of his belfry, where it seems to house. This led to an introduction to be lost forever. He is absolutely un-Mrs. Purtelle, who showed herself able to remember what that great thought was about, what stirring gleam of sense was about to be born When do the chickens lay most?" flut- and given to the world. This is his

The bill which was extended for payment was dated May, 1894. The explanation was that an old trunk in the attic was wanted for use. and in cleaning it out, among a lo of old receipts and papers, they had discovered this old bill. The system

The lady was assured that if there was any record of the account, now 21 years old, it was in the cobweb-encrusted old books in the garret, that Cupid forging the chains closer and the account was outlawed anyway, and closer as the sunny hours went by. that very likely a duplicate of the bill Then Edna was full of the theme of had been paid 20 years ago. She was the little chicks. A "setting" was duly obdurate. She had come to pay that bill and get a receipt. An offer to re-"And when will the little darlings ceipt it for half the amount was not be ripe?" inquired the eager novice in satisfactory. It was her rule, and her husband's, to pay in full for everything. "Well." responded Ned slowly with and she had traveled several miles to old devoted serenity, "with warm settle an account old enough to be a legal voter. She paid and took her receipt, and if she did not then and here create a world's record for de-

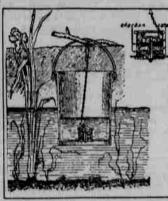
As stated, the bill was paid but the Mr. Purtelle arrived at the end of was probably worth about twenty the week. He stared hard at Edna, as cents, which is one-tenth the amount she introduced Ned, as if he were of the bill, so if anybody else can dig a closer acquaintance of the members they are welcome to drive out, shoo of the family all around. One day the away, slaughter and swat any and all budding notions, at any time, any place, day or night.-Milford Cabinet.

EASY TO HAVE PURE WATER coast villages on the return.

Simple Filter That May Be Constructed Wherever Campers Are on Banks of a Stream.

described in detail in the Journal of We encamped the first night in a lit- ing Star's mother-in-law was a most the American Medical Association the banana clearing, where the owner

hole is punched in the bottom and over when one was shot, for their flesh is Many years ago there was an Ameri. It a tin box is soldered. The floor of prized. In a short time the bare shed can missionary located among the in- the tin box—one of the kind in which was magically transformed While the



What on earth do you forated with holes and a spring is at tached to the cover and the bottom of the box. The spring is inclosed in a them, drawing himself up in a digni- tube made by rolling up a sheet of tin. obtained, with solder, from tin cans. A chain is attached to the watertight cover of the box and the box is filled with alternate layers of charcoal and well-packed cotton.

Suspended in the stream, the pail spring cover drops back watertight on the box, and the whole pail, full of fil-

To Honor Old-Time Governor. William Walker, territorial governor of Kansas and Nebraska, at Oak

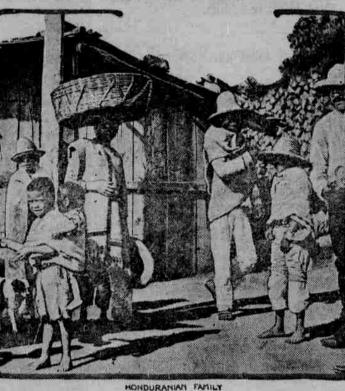
Mayor Green appointed the follow ing committee: E. F. Heisler, I. H. Gard, Edwin Heren, B. R. Lane, Sam uel Beaty, O. K. Service, Mark Arm strong, Mrs. J. A. Hale, R. L. McAlpine, Scotland there dwelt a policeman with Frank Betton, W. W. Zane, Miss Lida B. Conley, John McAlpine, John Caskey and J. L. Smalley. Not all of est, he was disturbed by a noise at the committee are of Indian descent.

The monument is being placed by the Society of Daughters of Founders Robert angrily demanded what they and Patriots of America. Governor vanted, and received the following Capper will attend the exercises and reply from one of the urchins as he the governor of Nebraska also has disappeared over the garden wall:- been asked to be present.-Kansas

Their Long Kid Gloves

Some ingenious women in Ireland have found a use for their discarded long white or colored kid gloves. waistcoats for the men of army and navy, who find that the kid makes the waistcoat windproof. It takes a number of pairs to line one garment, there fore the demand is great, and a brisk

ing mother," demurred Edna, and rap into the house. Ned was charmed. More than that, he was smitten. He managed to be at his post in the garden immediately after breakfast. He observed Edna looking wistfully towards the cherry trees at the back of the Perkins house. "I never saw cherries grow before," she said wistfully. "Why dop't you get a basket and "Worth Ton Such Thoughts as Head. "Worth Ton Such Thoughts as Head. EDITOR HAD AN IDEA The Such Thoughts as Head. PROTECT EAR DRUMS Soldiers in Modern Warfare Need Safeguards. Frightful Detonation of Modern Guns Worth Ton Such Thoughts as Head.



in Nicaraguan territory. Thanks prin- grows on plants the size of trees, cipally to the selfdenial offerings of were in evidence. Hammocks made the Bluefields Moravian Sunday of cord spun from the inner bark schools, it became possible in the of the mahoe tree were plentiful. spring of last year for two of us to The art of tanning leather and makvisit every Miskito village of impor- ing moccasins is also known. tance in this neglected and dark part of Honduras, writes Rev. Theodore stopping place. An honest old man Reinke in the Christian Herald.

tioned at Cabo Gracias a Dios. We

up any antique accounts and pay them for volunteers to accompany us. Afttold these people our errand and called in danger of being swamped. er several palavers, two men and lagoon are four other large lagoons, three women were found willing to into one of which the Ibantara river go. On their advice we adopted the empties. About its shores there is a plan of visiting the inland villages on small Miskito population. A man of our way west and touching at the this neighborhood, who had the prom-

A large pail with a stout handle is little monkeys were spied, and great for me." women were busy baking and peeling the Butuk river. We had great diffigreen bananas, and boiling coffee around the fire, the rest were bringing in the great banana leaves for beds on the ground. Each member of the party had his own square cloth mosquito bar, which affords some privacy in addition to protection from bloodthirsty in sects. These little shelters were quickly hung in a row, and a miniature white city was the result. The effect was quite striking in the light of the pitch pine torches, which flared It was the time of the year when fitfully as we read from the Miskito they lay their eggs, and wherever a Testament stories from the life of

Live on Little Islands. The Laka villages are widely scattered. To reach the first village of but though the eggs are not as good as five houses, we had to tramp for two hours and at last wade almost kneedeep in mud and water. The people elect to live on little islands in the midst of these flats on account of their cattle; but in the dry season the water is so low that all their food supply principally bananas, has to be carried by ponies or women from the river-

soon fills up with the filtered water. kindness. We were given the freedom Our hosts showed us a great deal of Then, by loosening the chain, the of the largest house and were provided with bananas, casava, eggs, fowl, and in this neighborhood, and raise cattered water, is ready to be carried off cover, these people had never come cocoanuts. As far as we could dis- tle and cocoanuts, in contact with the Gospel; but they were glad to listen, and not only received us hospitably, but furnished us night we journeyed on to Cabo Gra-Descendants of the Wyandotte and with horses and guides, and did all clas a Dios and arrived there on the Delaware Indians will take part in the they could to help us on our way, with morning of our twenty-ninth day, havclacing of a marker on the grave of no thought of remuneration. They ing covered, as nearly as we can eswere far removed from traders as well timate, a distance of from 450 to 475 as missionaries. The housewives were | miles.

Hadn't Brought Him Luck.

Mrs. Winkle (meeting him at the -"Oh, John, I'm so glad to see Baby isn't well. I think there except that on my way home I found day's work." four-leaved clover." - Woman's Home Companion.

Good Deeds Have Reward. Never did any soul do good, but it ame readfor to do the rame again, with more enjoyment. Never was love, or gentlinde, or bounty pracfleed but with lacrtaging joy, which made the practicer still more in love with the fair act.

When a woman begins to show interest in political reform, that is an indication the debt on her church has wen cleared off. -Topeka Capital

OR many years the Miskito I more industrious than their more civndians of Eastern Honduras ilized sisters farther south. A crude have been raising the Mace- native loom stood against the wall, donian cry to the Moravian and samples of heavy cloth, or missionaries among their race canvas, made from cotton which here

A seaward village was made the next who was our host begged us to appeal Bidding farewell to civilization at to the English King for redress agains the little town of Puerto Cabo Gracias what he regarded as the oppression of a Dios, at the northeast corner of the government officials, who visit Nicaragua, about thirty or thirty-live them occasionally and tax them for miles of beach were traversed the first their cattle. The old man supplied us ferred payment she made one which is day. Two days were spent in an in with the chief wife on the long jourday. Two days were spent in an In- with two boats and accompanied us is a small, wattled, leaf-thatched meet- ney to Tansen on the inland side of ing house, and where there are a num- Lake Karataska. As we were crossidea" was gone. However, the idea ber of Christians and candidates, all ing the lake—so wide that in some diunder the care of the missionary sta- rections one cannot see the shorethe wind began to rise, and we were

Back of this immense Karataska ising name of "Morning Star," owned All this country is flat and scarcely a large dugout cance, which he above sea level. A group of villages agreed to lend us and to accompany cluster about the mouth of the Karuta us on our way. His was the only bean at False cape. From here it is everyone else having crossed the Kar-A simple filter and cooler that any more than a day's travel up river to ataska lagoon to attend a "Siko," or

river. A boatload of merchandise, mainly rum, had been brought over every man was suffering from the effects of its presence in this region. In 12 hours' travel with the river man. The banks of the river, however, literally swarmed with iguanas. tinctly: Iguana fiesh is superior to chicken,

turtle eggs. At the mouth of the Plantain river, between Black river and Brewer's borhood occurs, the diaphragm is Lagoon bar, a few indians of the Pava tribe were encountered Half a day's march from the Kruta

river we reached the Kaukirra group Hence the ear is defended." of villages-the poorest houses of any we had yet seen. Here we discov ered a heathen preacher, who actually possesses part of an English Bible. which of course he cannot read. A few families from Grand Caymans live

Kruta was reached on Maundy Thursday, and we had a real missionary meeting on Good Friday.

ship of a dollar bill which was found is a bad leak in the boiler. I have in the street by a negro and claimed the bill for the taxes, the clothesline to have been lost by a white man. fell down in the mud, the cat has After hearing the story of each claim- the playground for purposes of sport, eaten up the goldfish, and Walter has ant the court said: "I believe the dol- which here, as elsewhere, forms so sprained his ankle, so you must go lar belonged to the white man, but important a part of the national sysfor the doctor at once. Anything new since the negro found it he is entitled tem of education. happen to you today, dearest?" Mr. to a reward. I therefore decree that Winkle-"Nothing worth mentioning each take fifty cents and call it a

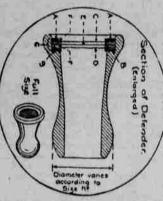
in regard to the probable fate of new shown that such stars which have apverted into nebulae, and later, in many cases, into extremely faint stars of apparently normal condition.

"You can't buy happiness, ner borrow trouble," said Uncle Eben. "Dey both Jos' comes natural to yoh own

Would Speedily Cause Deafness If Most Elaborate Precautions Were Not Taken.

The soldier who plugged up his ears efore going into battle would have en considered effeminate in the last entury. The horrid din of war, fully as the poets have expatiated upon it, ncluded until recently no sound powerful enough to split the drum of a man's ear, or to rack his nerves to the threshold of insanity. Things are dif ferent nowadays. It is absolutely nec essary to guard the earn in some effect live way when one is in the vicinity o a big gun. Even with due precaution he gunners themselves often suffer from deafness, as is noted by C. V Boys. Our quotation below is from an abstract of Mr. Boys' note:

"The sudden access of pressure in the neighborhood of a gun at the mouent of firing imposes so great a strain on the drum of the ear that deafnes is a usual result. The increase in pressure in the modern gun, and the high pressure still remaining when the



The Mallock-Armstrong Ear-Defender in Detail-A, B and F Are Washers -E is the Sensitive Diaphragm That Records the Lightest Sound-C and D Are the Stops That Limit the Vibration and Shut Out the Deafening Din of the Guns-The Small Drawing Shows the Exact Size.

shot reaches the muzzle, make the conditions more serious than they used to be until comparatively recently. Not only those who are near the gun when fired, but those also in the neighborhood of burnting shells, bombs or explosives are liable to suffer in a similar way even if they are not otherwise

"A. Mallock, who has for many years conducted investigations in connection with artillery, has invented an 'ear-defender,' the object of which is to protect the drum of the ear from very sudden and violent access of pressure, while still allowing the minute variations produced by ordinary sounds to be received with but little loss. The river, which empties into the Carib family at home in his little village, defender consists of a containing-piece made of ebonite and shaped like the pieces used in the game of halms, and one the least ingenious can prepare is the next group of villages, called Laka. ghost-expelling drinking bout, Morn- of about the same size. The ball end is very finely milled and it is made to repulsive-looking creature—a good fit the passage of the ear, there being With it pure water may be obtained of our immense dugout canoe had a model for a witch of Endor painting five sizes, differing very slightly in different many stream of water.

With it pure water may be obtained of our immense dugout canoe had a model for a witch of Endor painting five sizes, differing very slightly in different many stream of water. -but when we left her she said: "Pray mensions in this part, to suit different by a hole one-fourth inch in diameter Fourteen hours of paddling and saft- at the small end, and gradually enlarging brought us through three of the ing toward the other end, where it lagoons to the small settlements along opens into a recess five-eighths inch in diameter. Into this are fitted in order culty in securing transportation down a flat-ring washer, a disk of fine wire gauze, a very thin flat-ring washer, a delicate diaphragm, a very thin flatthe route the day before, and almost ring washer, a disk of fine gauze and a flat-ring washer."

Mr. Boys goes on to explain how this device protects the delicate membrane current, we did not encounter a single of the tympanum from the ear-splitting human being nor any habitation of noises of battle while permitting the wearer to hear ordinary sounds dis-

"When a pair of defenders is placed in the ears the thin diaphragms, unhigh sandbank stood out it was honey- touched except near their edges, where combed with their burrows. Our peo- they are held, are free to take up ple caught them with their hands. aerial vibrations and to transmit them to the ear-passage. Thus ordinary sounds are heard with little loss When, however, the violent impact due to gun-fire or explosion in the neighbrought up against the wire gauze, by which further movement is checked also the injurious increase of pressure

Teach Art of Cooking. The world's greatest cookery un versity is in London, England. More than one hundred London county council schools and similar institutions are its colleges. Its undergraduates are men of the new army who have come up from the camps at Aldershot and other training centers throughout the country and its tutors and lecturers are the woman experts in domestic economy who teach the schools the theory and practice of plain cooking. These women-for the chools are now on holiday-ought to be enjoying their long vacation, but they have sacrificed a fortnight of it A Philadelphia police magistrate in order to teach the army how to was called on to decide the owner get something fit to eat. The soldiers are living in college. Each class is billeted in the school in which it is receiving instruction and has the run of

Plan a "Dead Beat" Gallery. The formation of a national gallery containing detailed information of dead beats," is one of the aims of the Many questions have been asked Retail Credit Men's National association, which recently closed its sessions stars, after they have ceased to at at Duluth, Minn. The idea is to send tract special attention. It has been detailed information about chronic "dead beats" from city to city.

> In the hour of adversity be not without hope, for crystal rain falls from black clouds.-Nizami.

There are now 67 bird reserves in the United States where wild fowl



HARD TO PLEASE EVERYBODY

Constant Round of Galety Got on Nerves of Convict Who Wanted to Meditate Over His Sins.

"We are now approaching our state penitentiary, where the honor system is in force. Those men in dark blue suits who are playing golf are con-

victs. "Prison life isn't hard for them, I

"Oh, no. I also hear cheering and presume a baseball game is going on somewhere in the vicinity. Every evening there is a moving picture show to entertain the prisoners.

"I don't suppose any complaints are ever heard?" "Not many However, an honor man

walked away only last week." "Surprising"

"He left a note to the warden, saying he had to go to a place where he could meditate over his sins, as the constant round of galety in prison was getting on his nerves."-Birmingham

Inconsolable. Clergyman-It is bad to lose a husband, madam, but I am sure that as he was such a good man he is happy

Widow-Oh, but I know he isn't happy. Clergyman-Why? Widow-Because he said he could

never be happy without me. A Valued Immunity. "So you bought one of those automobiles they tell so many funny sto-

"Yes," replied Mr. Chuggins. "And it is saving me a lot of trouble and wear and tear. When your friends tell you jokes about your car they don't expect you to ask them to ride

More Distinct Still. "What I admire about that prima donna is that she enunciates every word distinctly." "You admire that in her singing

"Umph! You ought to hear her enunciation when she gives her manager a piece of her mind."

At the Pool. Psyche at nature's mirror a young girl

gazing at her reflection in the pellucid 'Bah! I don't care for that kind of

"I suppose not. If you gazed into the water, you'd see an old crab,



He-Our marriage was certainly She-And the worst of it is that

here are not enough assets left to pay

First Steps. "This society 'Raffles.' Now, how did he operate?"

"Well, first of all, he learned how "Just so." "Then he sought a first-class tailor. After that it was easy."

A Slight Jolt. "What do you think of my week-old whiskers, Miss Cutting?" asked young Bapleigh.

They look more like weak young whiskers to me," replied Miss Cutting with a cruel intonation of sarcasm.

"A successful resolution for a club Inner is different from any other "How is that?"

"It is carried and laid on the table at the same time." Requires Some Skill.

"What's Dobbleday doing now?" "Hes engaged in some horticultural experiments. "Indeed?"

"Yes. He's cultivating two society

The One-So old Graspitt is dead, ch? Did he leave very much? The Other--Yes, he was compelled to leave everything. That's what ki .ed