Champion Girl Farmer of Wisconsin

Helen M. Hatch Tells How She Won the Contest

Helen M. Hatch of Lake Geneva, Wis., who won the title of champion girl farmer of Wisconsin at 1916 Wisconsin state fair, has sent a story of how she became champion girl farmer to Secretary Oliver E. Remey of the state fair. The story follows:

Five o'clock of the morning of Sept. 9 saw our Linn Junior Farmers' club on its way to the Wisconsin state fair, each one with hopes and ambitions to return home at the end of the next week with many honors and prizes.

Knowing before we went the nature of the contests which we would enter at the fair, our Linn Girls' club made all preparations that would enable us most easily to win the prizes. We obtained from the state department at Madison the apron and cap pattern

MISS HELEN M. HATCH.

which was to be used by all those joining in the contests, and each girl made her own apron and cap. Our club also appointed two girls to go to one of the dry goods stores in Lake Geneva, and they spent one entire afternoon taking the samples and names of about 100 different kinds of cloth. Then each girl had a chance of studying these before leaving home.

The cloth naming contest consisted in the naming of twenty kinds of cloth. Each girl entering this contest went by herself into an inclosed booth supplied with pencil and paper, with which she wrote down the names of the pieces of cloth pinned on the sides of the booth.

There were canning, baking and sewing contests. Each girl was required to wear a white dress, apron and cap in both canning and baking contests. In these contests we were marked on our appearance and our method and facility in handling our utensils and materials. It was each one's aim to do her best and the most in the shortest time.

The baking contest consisted in making a loaf of bread and a pan of baking powder biscuits. We had the privilege of using our own recipes or those furnished by Miss Amery, our director. The biscuit contest was held one afternoon, and the next morning we had our bread baking contest. About eight of us girls at the camp went over to the amphitheater at 5 o'clock in the morning and set our bread. Then, at half past 8, we returned and stayed until 12. Each one of us had one loaf of bread which we baked in the fine electric ovens that were furnished for us.

The second contest consisted of canning one can of carrots and one of peaches by the process method.

The sewing contests, given under the directions of Miss Boeing, consisted of a sample of patching, of darning, of making a corset cover. This contest was held during two days. The first day the samples of sewing were made, and the day we baked bread, while waiting for it to rise, the corset cover was made, all seams being sewed by hand.

By taking first prize in the individual stunt in the parade which took place one night on the race track several points were added to my credit. All the clubs represented at the fair took their part in the parade, and a great deal of interest was manifested in producing the best exhibit. I represented Miss Agriculturist, wearing a dress of alfalfa, trimmed with goldenrod. I sat at the feet of Uncle Sam, who leaned on a hayfork, and we were carried across the track on a cart that was covered with a large United States flag, held up at the sides by the members of our club who were dressed as farmers and housewives. The whole design showed that the power and future of Uncle Sam depended upon agriculture.

And I think we can all say with George Washington "that the vocation of agriculture is the most ancient, most healthful, most honorable and most useful occupation of man."

A classified ad will give results.

A Supper At Sanger's

By SADIE OLCOTT

Jenny Wright was, between the ages of sixteen and twenty, the belle of the village.

When Jenny was nineteen there were even chances between Arthur Perry and Herbert Angell. Among the laggards Ed De Forest's show seemed the poorest.

Now, Jenny Wright's bunch was considered the liveliest that had ever been known at Hunterville. They were constantly playing pranks on one another, and never was there a case wherein the person victimized failed to take his or her medicine good naturedly. Then, too, there were driving, fishing and swimming parties in summer and skating and coasting parties in winter.

One day when they were together at their headquarters, which was Jenny Wright's home, one of the boys complained that there was, as he expressed it, "nothing doing," which meant that amusements were lacking. One of the girls proposed that they get up a mock elopement. The idea caught at once, and different plans of proceedure were suggested. Of course Jenny must be the feminine part of the elopement. That went without saying. But who was to be the masculine part of it?

Naturally at this point there came a halt. None of the girls cared to nominate a fellow to elope with Jenny. No fellow would nominate himself and certainly wouldn't nominate any one else. Jenny, of course, was not in a position to choose. What made the matter of more import was that Arthur Perry and Herbert Angell were pressing each other in a mad chase for her favor, which was supposed eventually to mean her hand.

When it looked as if the matter would have to be dropped for want of a selection of an eloping groom Arthur Perry, who felt more confidence in his chances for being chosen to be eventually Jenny's real husband, suggested that Jenny herself make the choice, but that it be kept a secret between her and the fellow she chose till the elopement had taken place. She was to notify the party of her choice, and he was to run away with her exactly on the stroke of 9 of the town clock. At 10 the bridal party was to meet at Sanger's, a hotel and roadhouse at Hilton, five miles distant, where they would all congratulate the bridal couple and then sit down to a supper.

The suggestion was at once adopted by all the party except Jenny, who was finally won over. It was not considered certain that she would select the man she would choose for a husband, but it was supposed that she would.

Sanger was notified to have a supper ready at half past 10 for a party of twelve on the evening appointed for the elopement. The girls very nearly wore out Jenny, each one teasing her to give her the name of the prospective groom. Jenny proved to be adamant and kept her secret. Among the boys a pool was made as to who would be chosen, with Arthur Perry favorite, Herbert Angell next, and a fellow named Jernigan received odds as a dark horse. There were a few other scattering bets on various fellows. Johnny Stevens would have nothing to do with the pool on the ground that it was a blind game. "No fellow," he said, "can ever form an intelligent opinion as to what a girl is going to do."

The elopement was held up for a week by the weather, which was stormy, and this tended to increase the interest in the prank to the boiling point. Even the girls got to betting candy and flowers and gloves. Jenny said she couldn't see why there was so much excitement about a matter that was all for fun, but her words had no effect to still the babel.

The night of the elopement having arrived, the wedding guests assembled at the house of one of the girls, while a motorcar stood at the door. Since it was desirable that the groom should not be known before reaching Sanger's, it had been arranged that the girls should go together, the boys separately and each one by himself. At half past 9 the girls boarded the car which was driven by Miss Cheesman, its owner, and set out for the rendezvous.

On reaching Sanger's they found all the boys there, and while the girls were being handed out of the car by them up came the runaways. The masculine part of the couple was not Perry or Angell or Jernigan, but a horse darker than the last named and one who had not been suspected of having any chance whatever. He was Edward De Forest.

He handed Jenny out of the car with the bearing of one who had not been selected to carry out a bit of fun, but with an air of proprietorship. When all had alighted and gone into the hotel drawing room the boys and girls advanced to congratulate the couple. De Forest raised a hand, and there was a pause.

"Girls and fellows," he said, "I have a surprise for you. There has been no elopement. Jenny and I have been engaged for some time, and with her and my parents' consent we were married at her home at 9 o'clock this evening. We are ready to accept your congratulations as a real bride and groom."

The two favorites in the race wilted. The others with great gusto began the pump handle act, Perry and Angell finally falling into line.

Then came the merriest supper that ever occurred at Sanger's.

Suffrage in Norway.

Among the most important laws enacted by Norway since women have had the vote are the two maternity insurance laws of 1909 and 1915 and the divorce law of 1910.

"Since the women in Norway have got the vote," says Ella Anker in Jus Suffragii, "they have turned their chief attention to their rights and duties as wives and mothers. Education and economic independence are the basis of woman's freedom, but her greatest work and happiness will be as wife and mother. It is an astonishing fact that in all these centuries, while men have taught us that woman's place is in the home, they have neglected to prepare us for the chief duties of our home life."

Norwegian women have also given particular strength to the work for "rational housekeeping" by the establishment of a state high school for the education of teachers for the elementary housekeeping schools, to a campaign against consumption and to the support of the peace movement.

Eiffel's Tower.

The most famous tower since that of Babel is the Eiffel tower in Paris, a monument to the engineering genius of Gustave Eiffel. The tower of Babel was reared in the hope that it might afford a passage to heaven, but the builders, we are told in Genesis, were foiled by their language being confounded.

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Eiffel tower is 1,000 feet in height and is constructed of iron lattice work, 7,300 tons of iron being used in its construction. A system of elevators carries visitors to the top.

Uncle Sam's Uniforms.

An act of congress, approved March 1, 1911, entitled "An act to protect the dignity and honor of the uniform of the United States," provides "that hereafter no proprietor, manager or employee of a theater or other public place of entertainment or amusement in the District of Columbia or in any territory, the district of Alaska or insular possessions of the United States shall make or cause to be made any discrimination against any person lawfully wearing the uniform of the army, navy, revenue cutter service or marine corps of the United States because of that uniform, and any person making or causing to be made such discrimination shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding $500."

A Curiosity of Sound.

If when riding in a balloon at a height, say, of 2,000 feet a charge of guncotton be fired electrically 100 feet below the car, the report, though really as loud as a cannon, sounds no more than a pistol shot, possibly partly owing to the greater rarity of the air, but chiefly because the sound, having no background to reflect it, simply spends itself in the air. Then, always and under all conditions of atmosphere, there ensues absolute silence until the time for the echo back from earth has fully elapsed, when a deafening outburst of thunder rises from below, rolling on often for more than half a minute.

Envelopes at the Courier.

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A Lesson in Economy.

An English commercial traveler remarked that he regretted not having left his heavy overcoat at a railway cloakroom, as the day was warm and he did not think that he would need to wear it.

"I wudna do that," said a canny friend.

"Why not?" said the Englishman.

"Because," said the friend, "it wud cost ye a tuppence at the railway station an' the bother o' goin' there and then comin' back. Were ye to put it in the pawnshop for a shillin' the ticket would cost ye a bawbee and the interest a bawbee, that would be a penny. That wud be a great savin' these hard times."

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