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## Along the Concrete



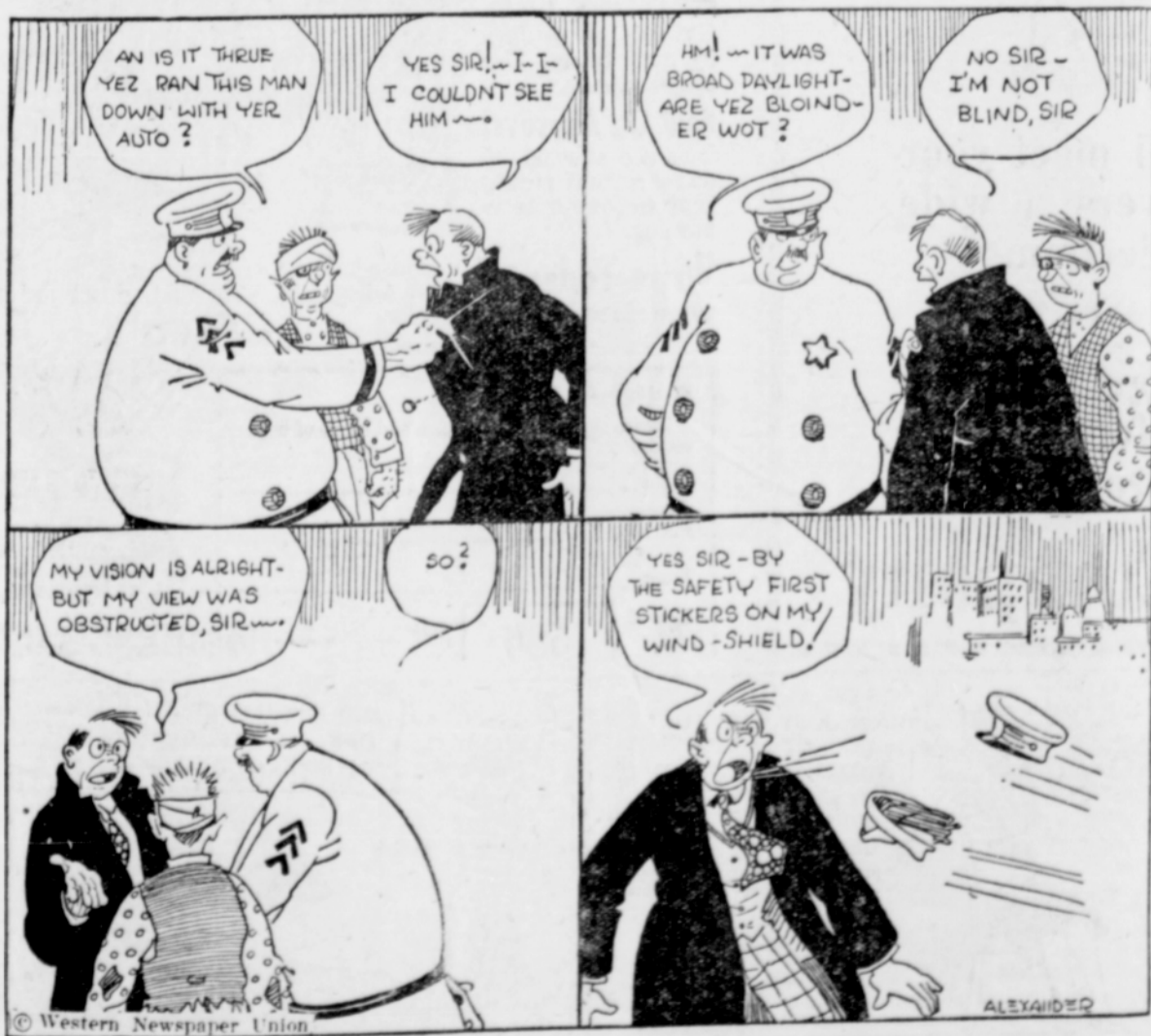
## THE FEATHERHEADS

## And So, "On the Third or Fourth—"



## FINNEY OF THE FORCE

## Now Everybody Scream



## FAMOUS MINING STRIKES

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### "Holy Moses" and "Last Chance"

THE rich strikes at Creede, Colo., of ores containing silver, gold, lead and zinc, brought about in 1891 and 1892 a repetition of the early-day mining rushes that had been so picturesque a phase of early western life. Creede became a roaring mining camp and its population swelled to 10,000 in a few months. Its newspaper, The Creede Candle, which is still published, then carried at its masthead the slogan, "It's day all day in the daytime, and there is no night in Creede." There wasn't.

This outburst of mining enthusiasm started with the discovery of a rich claim by N. C. Creede and his associates. Shown a piece of ore from the claim, Creede exclaimed, "Holy Moses!" That name was given to the mine, which was not the first but was one of the important early discoveries in the district.

In June, 1891, Theodore Rennler and Julius Haas were grubstaked by two butchers of El Norte, Calif., and set out for the Creede district. It is reported by W. H. Emmons, author of the United States geological survey's treatise on the district, that Rennler allowed their burros to get loose and started to chase them. Picking up a rock to shy at one of the animals, he noticed unusual mineral characteristics in it and examined the immediate territory more closely. In this way was discovered the Last Chance mine. Close beside it the Amethyst was staked out, and by the end of 1892 ore valued at \$4,215,000 had been taken from these and adjacent mines, nearly half of it from the Amethyst and more than one-third from the Last Chance.

As an example of the way prospectors dealt with their finds it is recorded that Hans sold his share in the Last Chance for \$10,000. Rennler and one of the two men who grubstaked the outfit sold for \$85,000 each. The other El Norte butcher, Mr. Granger, was offered \$100,000, but refused and retained possession of his property.

A line was rushed into Creede by the Denver and Rio Grande railway and business was soon thriving in the new community.

Mineral production of Mineral county, in which Creede lies, has now already passed the \$40,000,000 mark in total.

### At Sutter's Mill

JOHANN SUTTER, a German of Swiss descent and French training, decided in 1839 to become an American, so he settled as a rancher on the banks of the American river in California, which then was under Mexican control. He soon became prosperous enough to employ a superintendent, and it was this man, James W. Marshall, who in 1848 discovered the celebrated "gold of 1849." It took a little while for the news to spread and '48 had passed into '49 before the famous gold rush that helped to open the American West, had reached its height.

Marshall was trying to enlarge the tail race of Sutter's mill on the American river when he saw the tiny sparkling particles that proclaimed a new era in the history of gold production. It was soon found that the banks of the Sacramento river and of practically every stream in the entire district were rich deposits of flake gold that could be recovered by the placer method of washing.

No sooner had the news reached San Francisco than that infant port was deserted, merchants and clerks, doctors and lawyers, even state officials, joined the wild rush to the vicinity of Sutter's ranch.

The tidings spread swiftly afield and men began coming from every part of America, and after a time from Europe and even from Asia. There were Mexicans, Kanakas from the South Sea Islands, Peruvians, Chileans and Chinamen. In the mob. In great part the interest in a Panama canal took its rise from this gold rush. Many, unwilling to waste the long months that were necessary to traverse the Overland trail, took ship to Colon and struggled across the isthmus to Panama, from which port they caught another vessel and made their way northward. So great were the crowds on the isthmus that many stayed there for weeks before they could book a passage to San Francisco. Enterprising souls saw the chance for huge profit and built the Panama railroad, forerunner of the canal. For years it was the most profitable investment ever built, and there was talk of building another across the much wider Isthmus of Tehuantepec in southern Mexico.

The overland migration of '49 was probably without parallel in modern times. Between August and December of that year 30 fewer than 30,000 persons accomplished the 2,000-mile journey through a savage and partially explored wilderness, crossing two mountain chains as high as the Alps and vast tracts of burning desert. In addition to these obstacles came the opposition of two of the fiercest Indian nations, the Pawnees and the Sioux.

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## Occasion Found Sister Equipped With Thrust

"A lot of modern writers—Samuel Butler, Bernard Shaw, Wells and so on—preach that family life is a farce, that relatives are more apt to hate than love each other, and therefore town with marriage.

The speaker was Lester Scott, executive secretary of the Camp Fire Girls. He continued: "These writers are all wrong, of course. I told one of them so the other day, and the best he could do was to come back at me with an anecdote. But anecdotes, as I told him, prove nothing.

It was an anecdote about two sisters. They sat on a moonlit pier, and a wealthy bachelor sat between them. The elder sister looked up into the bachelor's eyes and said in a far-away voice:

"I have always had a presentiment that I would die young."

"She drew a deep breath and nestled closer to the bachelor, and then the other sister said dryly in the silence:

"But you didn't, did you?"

### Reward Goes Begging

Back in 1893 Mme. Anna-Emille Guzman left 100,000 francs to the French Academy of Science to be awarded to the first scientist who would communicate with another planet, Mars excluded. During the 34 years since this prize, it has caused more trouble for the academy than all its other duties combined. Thousands have claimed the award. Letters have come from all parts of the earth purporting to prove the writers had communicated with other worlds. The academy would like to get rid of the money, but doesn't know how, legally.

### Fosters Nature Study

The move made by Rev. Joseph Murgas, pastor of a Slovak congregation in North Wilkes-Barre, to bring the children of the parish, and all others who care to avail themselves of the opportunity, into closer touch with nature, is worthy of special commendation. The pastor, says Nature Magazine, has secured a tract of 30 acres where bird and plant life are to be propagated and encouraged, and all phases of nature fostered for their educational inspirational value.

### Saved by Her Hunger

Mme. Florestina Huebar's appetite ruined her funeral at Madrid, Spain. The madame, supposedly dead, suddenly sat up en route to the cemetery and demanded nourishment. The funeral attendants fled for their lives and Mme. Huebar, deserted, calmly walked home to get a bite to eat.

### In a Musical Voice

"I told my husband about those zowies that are selling for a song." "What did he say?" "He said that if I expected him to furnish the notes I'd better change my tune."

### That's Love

Sarah—You said you'd do anything for me? Ted—Yes, dear. Sarah—All right. Make love to Grace and let me cut her out.

### Tots Notice Those Things

"Well, son, did you have a good time at the little party?" "Yes, but I was waitin' for quittin' time."

Flattery may become a vice, but sincere praise can't be.

If you like to write poetry, study the dictionary diligently.

## HELP FOR SICK WOMEN

Lydia F. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Has Restored the Health of Thousands

Brooklyn, New York.—Mrs. G. Hegmann of 228 Schaeffer St., was in a run-down condition and could not do her housework. She could not sleep at night. Her story is not an unusual one. Thousands of women find themselves in a similar condition at some time in their lives. "I found your advertisement in my letter box," writes Mrs. Hegmann, "and took Lydia F. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and got relief." Mrs. Hegmann also took Lydia F. Pinkham's Herb Medicine and Lydia F. Pinkham's Pills for Constipation, with good results. She says, "I am recommending your medicines to all I know who have symptoms the same as mine, and to others whom I think it will help. You may say my statement as a testimonial, and I will answer any letters sent to me by women who would like information regarding your medicines."

There are women in your state—perhaps in your town—who have written letters similar to this one telling how much Lydia F. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped them. The Pinkham Medicine Company, Lynn, Mass., will gladly furnish other women with these names upon request.

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### Breaking in a Husband

The perils a prospective husband of Jersey City is willing to undergo, as related by a news dispatch from that town:

"Married in a lion's cage, Ernest P. Gervais, chauffeur, and his bride are on their honeymoon with a substantial gift of cash and furniture. The lions club arranged matters. A trainer kept sharp watch on three lionesses, but they sat perfectly still."—American Mercury.

### According to Request

Customer—Say, those shoes you sold me haven't any tongues! Dealer—Well, sir, you said you liked to dress as quietly as possible.

### Where She Shines

"Does Mary go in for athletics?" "Rather! You should see her jump to conclusions."

All mankind likes a kind man.

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