Persuasive Power of a Six-?hooter Dangerous to the Owner.

CONSTANT USE SUGGESTS AN EARLY GRAVE

Instances Illustrating Its Influence a

a Cemetery Promoter_The Cases

Bob Ford and Frank Rand.

(Copyright, 1897, by Cy Warman.) Butchers are not allowed to serve on a coroner's jury, I believe, in some states, presumably because the constant shedding your partner.' of blood hardens the human heart. Along the same line of reasoning it is not too much to say that with the constant handling of firearms comes a desire to use them on something or semebody. With much use one becomes expert with the six-shooter, and when in trouble, or in search of it, such
The shot, however, did not prove instantly an one reaches instinctively for his firearms, without taking thought of the consequences. Instinctively a man defends himself with that which is most convenient. A negro barber turns to his razor, a cowboy

to his cartridge belt, a soldier to his sword, while the English athlete puts up his hands. Another temptation to use the gun comes with the feeling of security that pervades the become of the expert. He is reasonably sure of success in a hand-to-band fight with

Having "killed hie man," the killer be-gins to swagger, and at the first opportunity hasters to repeat the performance. Like the prize fighter who has won the belt, he must keep on fighting or lose his reputation. and finally he actually goes looking for

Killing becomes a disease. Not for the cake of killing merely does he do this, but because he loves the excitement of fighting. I seked Bob Ford, who had clasped left hands with a Colorado cowboy, emptied his six-shooter into the man and taken the con-tents of the cowboy's gun into his system. if there was not a suffocating dread of being torn by the bullet.

"Well, yes—at first," said he; "but the moment the shouting begins you become drunk with the excitement of the fight and the smell of powder, and all thought of danger

Now, this fellow had been a quiet, modest youth up to the evil hour in which he was tempted to take the life of Jesse James, his friend and benefactor. James had taught Ford the use of the fascinating forty-five, with which the gupil slew the teacher. That was the beginning of Ford's end. He gradually grew in "cussedness" until he had acquired the unenvisble reputation of being a bad man, and was in the end himself ignominiously murdered.

Another instance in which the seductive six shooter led a man estray is the case of Frank Rand of Illinois. I say of Illinois because it was in that state near the little town of Altimont, that he wandered, an in-offensive tramp, to a farmer's house one morning in quest of food. The farmer lived in a little shack on the railroad on a bit of ground alone. He wasn't polite to the transand the tramp resented the insult. The farmer so far forgot himself as to kick the tramp, and the tramp pulled his gun and killed the farmer. A gang of section men saw the smoke, heard the shot and saw the man fall. Lifting the car to the track, they pumped into Altimont and gave the alarm.

The tramp saw the car go and guessed the cause of it. He glanced at his cix-shooter and felt a certain security. A "gentleman of the roid" testified after-ward that he had tramped with Rand for

BETTER GO WITHOUT A GUN gave up the chase. I dare say many of them were glad of the excuse. ere glad of the excuse.
As hard luck, or a dislike for honest toil

As hard tuck, or a dislike for honest toil, had made a tramp, so now did the seductive six-shooter make a murderer and an outlaw. There was nothing for him now but to fight it out to the end. Our desperado made his way to St. Louis, where he met his old pal with whom he had tramped through Illinois. To his comrade he said nothing of the blood that was on his hands. One day when the two were in a pawnshop a couple of officers in citizens' pawishop a couple of omeers in citizens clothes entered the place. One of the men, a powerful young officer, who had spotted Rand, sprang upon the desperado and bore him to the floor. Rand was short, but powerfully built, and he gave the officer a hard run. At last he lay quiet for a moment then turning he looked toward the other officer, who was struggling with the harm-less but thoroughly frightened tramp, and called excitedly to the man who was holding him: "Look out there," he shouted, "help

The officer, being off his guard, and having already removed Rand's murderous eixshooter, turned to see how his brother officer was getting on. Quick as a flash Rand pulled a derringer from his vest pocket and drilled a big hole through one of the bravest and most popular officers on

fatal, and with the help that came to him the wounded man was able to disarm the desperado

After suffering indescribable agony for few days the officer died.
I forget what they did with Rand, but you ask any man who lived in St. Louis The purpose of this story is to point a moral. Boy, whoever you be, wherever you roam, fight shy of the seductive six-shooter.

CY WARMAN.

THE TED-TIMERS.

Seth N. Piper, who died last Sunday Chicago, was one of the early settlers that city and had lived there since 1853.

Colonel John S. Ford, who has just die at San Antonio, Tex., was a noted Indian fighter, and was known throughout Texas as "Rip" Ford. He was \$2 years of age and was a native of South Carolina.

Uriel B. Smith, who is now seriously ill in Chicago, is the oldest living pioneer of Mil-waukee, and settled in that city on July 17. His daughter was the first white woman born there and is named Milwaukee on that account.

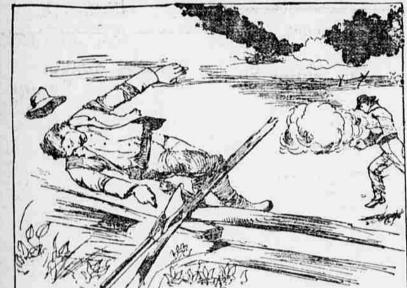
Mrs. Eunice Russ Davis of Dedham. Mass who has just celebrated her 97th birth day, is the daughter of Prince Ames, who fought in the revolutionary war, and received pecial recognition from General Washington

Moses Humphrey of Concorn, N. H., who has just celebrated his 90th birthday, has been three times mayor of Concord, was a member of Governor Stearns' council, and has been a member of the state board of agriculture since its organization, twentyeven years ago.

Mrs. Sarah Terry, aged 105, but bright and active, entertained her friends at a birthday party at har home in Philadelphia the other day and was as merry as the youngest of her She never saw Washington, though she is old chough to have done so, but has many stories to tell of him related by her father, who was one of the officers in the evolutionary war.

Karl Sonntag, formerly one of the best known German actors, and a brother of the famous singer, Henrietta Sonntag, is living in close retirement in Dresden, where he re-cently celebrated his seventiath birthday. He began his career in Hanover as a com and was a life-long friend of Laube. He has written a volume of memories and one on matters connected with the stage that have beca highly praised.

Hiram G. Hotchkiss of Wayne county, New York, who has just died at the age of 87 years, became famous as the father of the peppermint industry in Wayne county. a few weeks and found him a most agree-able companion, quiet and inoffensive. He was reasonably honest, the man said. The only thing he had known Rand to steal was



AGAIN THE TOY GUN CRACKED AND THE MAN PITCHED FORWARD IN THE

night.

food and cartridges. If he could not steal it to Hamburg, Germany, where it was eag-ammunition for his gun he would beg money, go hungry, and buy it. As often an they stopped to rest Rand took his six-shooter all over the world. to pieces, cleaned it and put it together again. He was a wonderful shot. He could kill a gan in joy and crided in disister his camfarmer's built dog as far as he could see paign in Virginia against the American colhim. He would shoot the head from a tame on sts, there was born at Fermanagh, Ireplaced at the top of a country church and land, a girl baby, who, living yet, at the age kill brown birds on the tops of telegraph of 116 years, is believed to be the oldest per-

HANDY WITH A GUN. So now, when he saw men hurrying out from the little town, afoot, on horseback and in top buggies he made no doubt they were after him. He kicked out the empty shell and put in a fresh cartridge. Presently a horse leaped the low hedge and came straight for the tramp, who was heading for some willows down by a little stream. The man on the horse called to the min who was running across the stubble to stop. For enswer. Rand turned slightly, but without clacking his pace, and simed at the horse-man. There was a ouff of smoke from the tramp's pistol, the horse plunged high and then fell dead in the field, shot square be-tween the eyes. The rider got to his feet, glanced at his poor dead horse, and ran after the flying tramp. Others came up, saw the wound in the horse's head and considered it only a chance shot. No one thought for a moment that Rand had almed it so. In a little while they chased the fugitive out the willows and across an open field. man with a swift horse rode round the field, dismounted, and stood upon a little culvert over which the tramp must pass. Rand, running straight for the man, who held the bridge and a double-barreled shotgan, called to him and signaled to him with his six-thooter. But the man held his place. "Stand aside," he shouted. The man de-liberately raised his shotgun. Without steppling, Rand cut loose at the man. He threw uo his hands, wived his gun above his head, and then, as Rand went by, toppled over into the ditch. Still running, the outlaw heard a rifle crack close behind him, and the whine of a bullet that whistled by. Glaceing back, he saw a man standing on the line fence, aiming another shot at him. Again the tow your exceeds and the man who had the toy gun cracked, and the man, who had his feet in the too crack of the fence, pitched

forward into the field. Now, when the pursuing party came up and saw the two men hit as the horse had been hit, plump between the eyes, their hearts stood still. What devil was this, at the crook of whose finger men dropped dead' It is all very well to go in pursuit of an out-law, a murderer, but few men care to face a fiend of this sort, even to avenge the death of a neighbor or bring the guilty to book. Life is aweet. The pursuing carty parleyed

BORROWED A HORSE.

In the year 1781, when Lord Cornwallis bepoles. He never missed, whatever he aimed son in the world. That girl child, whose life at. is Mrs. Anne Armstrong, now of County Clare, Ireland. Mrs. Armstrong is still able to walk and to care for herself and her little Her dress is simple, but a cap and apron of snowy whiteness are always parts of it. Her habits are also simple. At 4 or 5 o'clock each afternoon her day is finished, and she locks her cottage door and retires for the

Pennity Exacted by Nature Restored the Widow's Love. "One of the first cases in my professional career," relates a physician in the San Francisco Call, "was that of a young woman whost short married life had proved a bitter, as well as sad, experience. I had known the husband and wife in their younger days, but the first time I had met either of them after their marriage was one morning when the woman, with tearful eyes, colled at my office and told me of her unhappy thre years of wedded life. Neglect and constant abuse on the part of her husband had finally prompted her to seek a release of her marriage vows and she had come to me for ad-

funds, and fully convincing me of the trou-bles she was enduring, I told her to call next

called again. I had tad the papers in the civorce case prepared and was ready to file them. It was with undisguised reluctance that my client signed them, for even though she sought a separation there still lingered within her a spark of the love for the man who only the night before had returned home drunk and, after striking and abusing her, had forced the faithful little wife to seek

to file her suit and serve the summons she appealed to me to accompany her to her home, where she desired to secure some of her personal property, but feared to venture there alone. Her husband might be there, she said, but my presence and the fact that he and I were acquainted would insure her protection from further assault.

from her home.

"It was a turn in her unhappy life that the wife had little expected, and the grief that followed her discovery was of a character that I would not again care to wit-

When the truth had fully dawned upor her mind the young woman suddenly turned to me and with tears streaming down her and face asked me for the divorce papers which I still carried in my hand.

"She tore the complaint in two and crum-ling the fragments in her upraised hand ried out in her distress, "It's all a mistake! tree out in her distress. It all a mistaket it's all a mistaket Forgive me—" and then hrew herself on the body of her husband. "Death had completely erased from that woman's mind the ill-treatment she had suffered at the hands of the man to whose body she now clung. She loved him still, not having the courage to part them ctired from the room, after satisfying m self that the mourning widow would be well cared for by sympathizing neighbors, who, it seems, had first discovered the dead man. "Two weeks later I met the widowed wo-man, and her face told plainly of her grief. Five months later she was dead."

HER FIGHT FOR A POSTOFFICE.

Battle of a Missouri Farmer's Daughter with a Wealthy Merchant. A queer contest that has been exciting the vayback town of Acorn Ridge, Stoddard ounty, Mo., has just resulted in a victory for a 19-year-old girl who fought for her right gainst a wealthy merchant and set the tape bound machinery at Washington working in her behalf. Hattie Ross, the daughter of a Missouri farmer, was three months ago sppointed postmistress of Acorn Ridge, replacing L. D. Robinson, who had been postmaster luring Cleveland's term. Robinson did no n the least relish giving up the office to Mise Ross. He could get along without the profit accruing from the mail business, but as the postoffice was located in his store, making the building a center of activity, Robinson decided to prevent his girlish rival from tak-

ng it from him at all hazards.
A short time ago Miss Ross came to th A short time ago mass rose came to the conclusion that something was wrong with the mail of Acorn Ridge. Every one seemed to be getting along without communicating with the outside world, and no one outside seemed to have the smallest interest in the esidents of Acorn Ridge. No letters cam-into Mirs Ross' postoffice, either for the pur pose of mailing or distribution. The newly appointed postmistress set to work to ascer ain the reason for this, and speedily disco-

tain the reason for this, and speedily discovered an amazing state of things.

Robinson had defied the United States authorities and had continued conducting the postoffice in his store, as before the appointment of Mirs Ross. All the residents were going to the Robinson store for their mail. tobinson having secured it regularly by driv ng to the railread station and getting th mail bags from the train hands, to be after ward distributed at his establishment. Miss Ross complained to Washington, and the ar-rest of Robinson followed. He was charged with having established a postoffice at a lace not designated or authorized by th ostmaster general. Miss Ross, the 19 old postmistress, appeared as complaining vitnets. Robinson gave bonds to answer.

Miss Ross, who has the sympathy of the citizens of Acorn Ridge in her plucky fight, tells her story as follows:

"A few days after I took charge of the office Robinson began his work. When people

yould come into his store he would ask then have their mail brought there. exple to sign orders for their mail to brought to his store and told them if the bad letters to mail he would take them to some other office without charge. He said the was going to run a daily back and take all the mail he could get. He declared he would starve this thing out.' He then circulated a cuper to petition me out and found he could not do that. Then he circulated another peti-tion the same week to force me to move the estoffice back into his store. He rays he will continue to run the postoffice if it costs him \$500 a year.

"When Mr. Robinson's case come to they just released him. I don't think they treated me fairly. They told me after the trial that Mr. Robinson would not repeat the offense. That shows he end they know that the law has been violated. In any event I am post mistress and I do not intend to give up the fight for any one. It is the fight of a girlegulost a strong and wealthy man, but I fee sure that I shall win, for I am rightly copointed by the government, and surely no one can take the postofilee from me, even if the people of this town wished it, which they don't, for nearly every one sides with me." And so the matter stands at present. Should the former postmaster continue to run a posteffice of his own Miss Ross will again appeal to Washington. As she has the law of the United States on her side, and the armed strength of the country to back Robinson's chances against her seem to very slim, but he will retire from the combat with the knowledge that even if beaten he is the only man on record who has defied the government to decrose him from a postoffice osition and afterward started an opposition distoffice with a measure of success.

CONNUBIALITIES.

Judge Gray, while officiating at a marriage ceremony at Bowling Green, Ky., the other day, was so flustrated by the beauty of the bride that he asked her if she would 'solemnly promise to love, support and protect

week and was married to her an hour and a half later, in order to fulfill the conditions f his uncle's will and come into possessio: Secretary of State Sherman and Mrs. Sher-

A Winsted (Conn.) man met a girl last

man will celebrate their golden wedding

When there is a 17-year-old girl in th family the front gate usually sags.

When a young wife has ordered the family meals from the butcher for about three months she begins to wish that somebody would invent a new kind of meat.

Fifty years ago the double wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Abner W. Witt and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore took place at Worthington. Mass. Both couples have just celebrated the golden anniversary of the interesting event. In neither family has there been a death in the half century, though Mr. and Mrs. Moore have two sons, three daughters and several grandchildren, while Mr. and

Mrs. Witt have shout as many.

Francis Kielieger, a young Swiss, arrived in New York last Wednesday from Havrain the steerage of the French line steamship La Bretagne, with his pretty cousing ship La Bretagne, with his pretty cous.n
Barbara Gumma, with whom he had fallen in
I.ve about a year ago. They found that they
could not go to housekeeping under the law
of Switzerland, which forbids the marriagof cousins. Kielleger saw a lawyer and,
acting on his advice, the lovers decided t
emigrate and get married in New York. After landing, the went to the Leo house, where they were made one according to the laws or Uncle Sam, which are recognized in Switzerland. They returned to their home on the Bretagne, which sailed Saturday.

"It is not generally known," says the Phila-delphia Press, "that Mrs. Manning, whoswedding the other evening was a prominent social event, was the great-great-grand-daughter of Sir Thomas Hewson of London, one of the discoverers of the symphatic system. Her grandfather, Thomas Hewson, was most distinguished medical cor temperaries of Gibson and Physick, of Philadelphia. He was so small in stature, how-over, that he was the subject of much comment. But he was witty, nevertheless, and on being asked during a consultation with half a dozen of his taller brethren how he felt in eu-a company, promptly responded: 'Just like a six pence among six pensies.' ' Sybil Sanderson, the beautiful California girl, who has become a famous prima donte, is seen to be married to Mr. Terry, who fell in love with her several years ago, and had been endeavoring to secure a divorce from his wife that he might marry her. Mrs.

Terry fought the suit successfully, but died For thirty years Farmer Norcross has tilled a few weeks ago in Paris, and the famous the soil of his form and has plowed hundreds levers are now able to marry. Both have lived romantic lives, full to the brim with excitement and pleasure. Miss Eanderson is one of the most beautiful women on the operatic stage, and claims to be the only eitger in the world who can reach the G in alto, and she is, moreover, the only woman who can sing "The Enclantress," the opera A mile down the road he say a boy riding a good house. He stopped the boy and told him hurriedly that a man had been shot down the road and that he was ruching for a decter. To hasten matters he borrowed the boy's horse and sent the boy on to tell the people who were waiting there shout it.

Now, when they heard what the boy bad to say they knew that Rand had five miles the start of them, that he could change borses as often as he cared to, and so they

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Camden county, New Jersey, boasts a genuine relic of the flood, a petrified giant tree, dug up on Firmer Charles Norcross' land, in Lindenwold. The theory of a scientific man who has examined the relic is that the tree was tossed up on the waters of the great deluge and finally struck dry land, when the flood receded, at the point where it has since been buried, ages and ages ago.

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United States, says the New York Journal. Its size warrants the assumption that it belongs to the family of big trees that are so remarkable a feature of forest growth on the Pacific coast. It resembles a pine tree in fiber and a California redwood in size.

The petrified remains are those of a tree eight feet in diameter, consequently about twenty-four feet in circumference, and scientists say its age in life was about 600 years.

of times over the spot where the tree was found. The farm has always had on one spot a was called to them determined to make an excavation there. His spade soon struck a buried tree. He dug a trench across its base and at the end of an hour laid bare a section two feet wide and five feet across. Convinced that he had struck a really wonderful relie, he called upon the state geologist at Trenton, who sent down a staff

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top of the trunk.

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