

TALES OF YANKEE ENCHANTMENT.

THE WITCH WOMAN OF WATERTOWN.

A Thrilling Story of a Boy Who Suffered from a Severe and Lethal Attack of Hen Fever. By Charles Battell Loomis.

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The annual Bangtown fair was billed to



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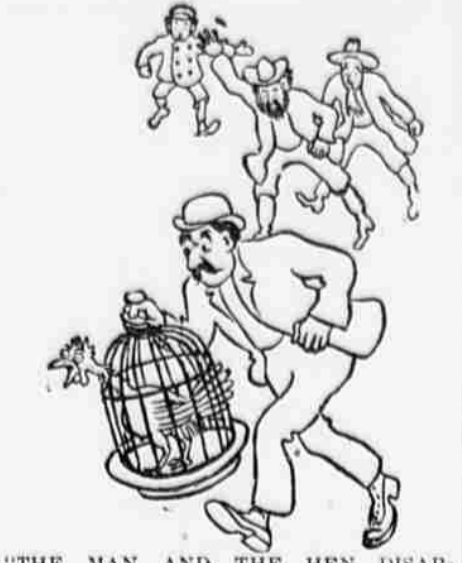
some of the first Tuesday in October and ten of the Oakville boys had entered their hens in the hope of winning prizes. Abbott Lyman was going to send ten Black Leghorns and Philip Wendell was going to ship a crate of White Plymouth Rocks and Beecher Ward was going to exhibit three Black Spanish hens.

But poor little Bryant Williams felt quite left out because he had nothing to send. He was a little orphan who would have had hen fever in a minute if he could have bought or borrowed any hens, but it was all he could do to get enough clothes to cover him and sufficient food to keep his internal machinery going, and to have bought even one scrub hen would have overtaxed his resources.

I'm rather afraid that Abbott Lyman crowded a little over Bryant—maybe he had caught it from his hens and maybe not. But wherever he had caught it he should have dropped it instantly. He said in that taunting way of his that made him so un-

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verified to lay the egg. The tent had been left before that, but there's always room for more people in a crowd. These people who happened to be in the tent when the egg was laid had something to talk about for the rest of their lives, and I dare say if you go up to Oakville you'll find persons who saw the whole proceeding.



'THE MAN AND THE HEN DISAPPEARED.'

cash. While the crowd was laughing at this, for people up Oakville would not carry many three hundred bills around loose in their clothes, a queer thing happened. One of the men who ran a wheel of fortune—the kind where you pay 10 cents and are sure to get an article worth a tenth of a cent—no blanks—thought that a hen who laid golden eggs laid over any fortune wheel in the country, so he told his pal that he was going to steal it.

He was standing on the other side of the hen, and while the crowd was intent on the glistening egg he seized the enchanted fowl and burst through the crowd and out of the tent as quick as winking. The farmers followed him, crying "Stop thief," but they had not run ten feet when a remarkable thing happened.

That man and the hen disappeared as if they had been swallowed up. There was no place where the man could have hidden. He had simply vanished because he stole the hen.

And neither the hen nor the man has been seen from that day to this, although it was way back in October. The old witch's prediction had come true. I dare say that she had the hen, but who has the man I don't know. And I don't care much. As for Bryant, he sold the egg to a banker in Watertown for \$400 and put the money in the savings bank and he bought some blooded Wyandotte hens with the gate money he took in, and now he has one of the best poultry farms in the whole state of Connecticut.

Next morning the fair opened and it was like all the country fairs that were ever held. And if you have never attended one "side" and had fallen. She had dancing black eyes and a sugar loaf hat and long straight hair and her nose was within halting distance of her chin and she looked a good deal like Old Mother Hubbard or Mother Goose or one of the other mothers of nursery tales.

Bryant was a helpful chap and instead of laughing at the old woman as Abbott would have done he stopped and said: "Have you hurt yourself? Can I help you?" "Indeed you can, sonny. I think I've

GENERAL STANTON IS ILL.

Friends of the Fighting Paymaster Are Anxious About His Condition.

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General Stanton Has a Remarkable Eventful Career as a Soldier and Statesman in Richmond, Va., and as a Fighter of Indians.

The serious illness of General Thaddeus H. Stanton, the retiring paymaster general of the United States army, is causing much anxiety among his friends in this city and elsewhere. For several weeks General Stanton has been unable to leave his home and he has recently taken a turn for the worse. A complication of diseases is the trouble.

Thaddeus H. Stanton has been one of the most picturesque characters in the military history of this country. Of thrilling adventure he has had enough to fill a book, and his life has been exceptionally active ever since he became identified with the army many years ago.

One of the most thrilling incidents in the career of General Stanton occurred at Richmond, Va., away back in the '60's. The general traveled from Baltimore to Richmond with an armed escort, carrying \$500,000 in government money.

General Stanton was in the room when the general closed. It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when General Stanton was aroused by a noise. He looked at the windows and saw a man standing on the balcony just outside.

It was his wife's maid. She had come to see him. She had a letter from him and she had a letter from him. She had a letter from him and she had a letter from him. She had a letter from him and she had a letter from him.

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hotel. Of his own personal funds the general had but a few dollars. A search of the dead man's pockets revealed the dagger that fitted the scabbard which General Stanton found in his bed room. How the scabbard came there he never knew, but the presumption was that the robber entered the room while the general was asleep, and accidentally dropped the scabbard, falling to find General Stanton in his room. It is presumed the robber went away to wait until he returned.

The foregoing is only one incident out of many that might be related of the typical American soldier. It is said of him that he made an absolutely spotless record as a paymaster, always having his accounts balance to a cent.

How He Entered the Army. General Stanton's army career dates back into the '30's, when the Kansas border troubles arose. He took part in that and at once displayed the essential characteristics which in later years made him famous. In 1853 he went to Washington as private secretary to General S. R. Curtis. The following spring he joined the Columbia volunteers.

Miss Lucy Marshall of Centralia, Mo., broke all records at bicycling. She bicycled constantly for two years. The record-breaking flower sale of the year was that of the famous Lawson carnations which was sold in Boston in January for \$39,000.

To Boston is given the credit of furnishing the largest banquet ever given in this country. It was the famous dinner given in honor of President McKinley in the Metropolitan Hotel in February, 1897. Captain Arch Horner of Vanceburg, Ky., died in 1897, with the grand and boasted reputation that he had been continuously drunk for fifty years. He believed that this record would serve as a potent passport to the next life.

A record unparalleled in the history of theatrical Chicago was made on January 10, when Richard Mansfield, in his six-weeks "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Grand opera house, the gross receipts for that night were \$100,000.00. William G. Summers, the oldest employe of the Philadelphia mint, claimed the record, shortly before he died last year, for having handled more gold than any other person. In his quarter century of service through the banks' clearing-house, he broke his hands in a hospital and whistled merry tunes all through the long hours of the mortal illness, and died while piping "Break the News to Mother."

On January 21, in New York, the total clearing of the banks' clearing-house amounted to \$47,216,832. It was estimated that if all the clearings had been made through the banks' clearing-house, as in the case before the Stock Exchange clearing-house was established, the total would have reached \$200,000,000.

What is said to have been the record-breaking fire insurance check was that given April 29, 1899, by Samuel Newhouse of Salt Lake City to J. A. Ervin of the Mutual Life Insurance company. The check was for \$25,000, and for this Mr. Newhouse will receive an annuity of \$8,000 through his life, and his heirs will receive \$200,000 when he dies.

All ocean records went to smash on October 2, when the big North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse crossed the bar at New York, lowering the world's record for a seven-day voyage. It took the big German but five days, seventeen hours and forty-eight minutes to steam from Southampton. This is her own record, made on September 5, 1899. The average speed was 23.4 knots an hour.

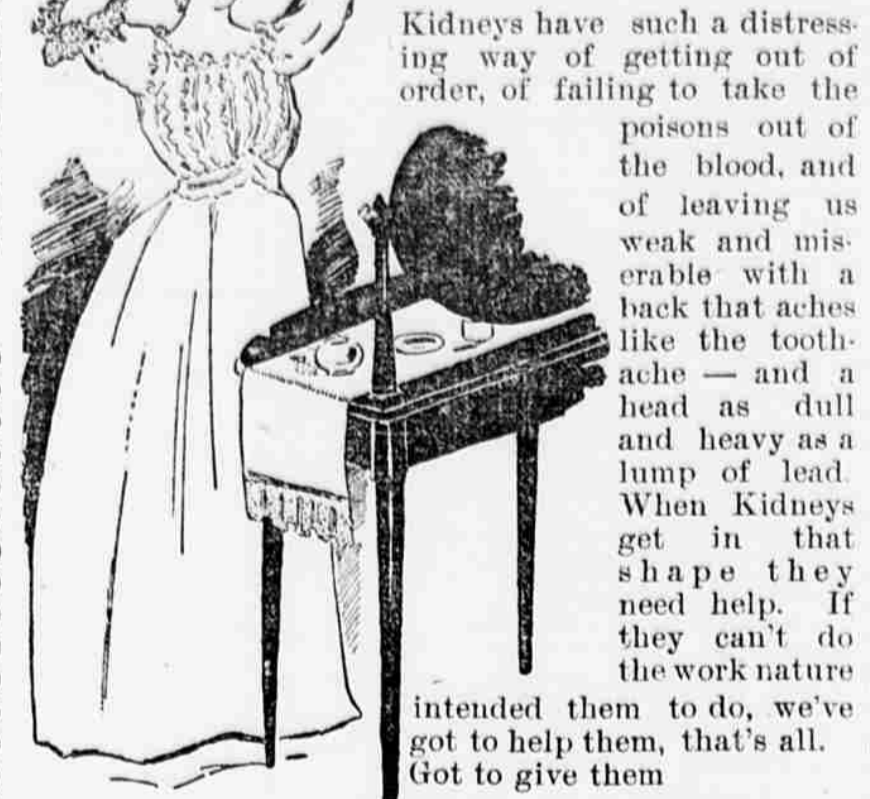
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Joke. Detroit Journal: "He spoke of the man-hill. 'Is it not a poem, senator?' murmured the beautiful Cassilian. 'It is a joke,' he replied. 'A joke, senator?' 'I usually speak over a pretty woman's head, you know.' 'Ain't you terrible, senator?' Here he looked up at him with her great, pleading eyes.

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