

FRAN

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SYNOPSIS.

Fran arrives at Hamilton, Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent...

had been graded, no matter how late the night, and making his way rapidly from town as if to bathe his soul in country solitude...

One beautiful moonlight night, he was near the suburbs, when he made a discovery. The discovery was twofold: First, that the real cause of his night wanderings was not altogether a weariness of mental toil...

It seemed to him a long time before he reached the corner. He darted around it—yonder sped Fran like a thin shadow racing before the moon...

"What shall we do?" inquired Fran, as they halted ridiculously. "If we run for it, I'll make things worse."

"How jolly!" Fran exclaimed. "Shall we go through the grove?—that's the longest way."

The New Bridge at Midnight. It was almost time for summer vacation. Like all conscientious superintendents of public schools, Abbott Ashton found the closing week especially fatiguing...

LURE OF TREASURE HUNTING For the sake of Romance and Adventure Do Not Discourage the Seeker of Treasure.

Who Knows the Shaddock? And here is a man who says that the shaddock isn't the grape fruit at all—that they are no more alike than pigs are like gazelles.

her bosom, hastily seated herself upon the boards, and, oblivious of surroundings, bent over the package as it rested in her lap.

"No, it isn't possible," Fran returned satirically, "for I have company."

"But you mustn't stay here," he said imperatively. "Let us go at once."

"Of course. What a superstitious little Nonpareil! Do you hold hands?"

"Now!" Fran cried breathlessly, "What Did You Wish?"

just dying to know! Have you made up your mind, yet?"

TRIBUTE TO BARD OF AVON Garden Contains Every Shrub, Flower or Plant Mentioned in Plays of Shakespeare.

Spiders Work for Canal. Official notice that six large spiders were working for the Panama canal came out when Colonel Gouthals arranged for a man to care for them in the instrument room at the Gorgona shops.

with the consciousness that for a moment he had rather forgotten himself.

"I just wanted to find out if Grace Noir is going to get you," she said candidly; "it doesn't matter what becomes of her. Were you ever on this bridge before?"

"Yes," said Abbott, "it is." He paused, but she could not guess his emotions, for his face showed nothing but a sort of blankness.

"Mercenary," Fran responded; "real lions, real bars, real spectators, real pay days."

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Don't talk or anything, just wish, oh, wish with all your might!

Such an Obvious Solution. After Cave Johnson had served his long and brilliant career in congress and had retired to the quiet private life, he once stepped into the office of his nephew, Robert Johnson, then a young lawyer of much promise, and finding the young man engaged in writing with a gold pen, had occasion to remark upon the extravagance of the rising generation.

Turkey at His Best. The turkey is not fully matured until two years of age, and is in his prime at three years, and nearly as good at four years old. It is a mistake, therefore, to sell off all the older birds and retain the younger ones for breeding purposes.

Gravel roads if well built will last six to nine years. It suffers most when not needed, namely, in very dry weather in summer or when frozen hard in open winter.

He was fascinated and could not move, though as convinced as the beginning that they should not linger thus. There might be fatal consequences; but the charm of the little girl seemed to temper this chill knowledge to the shorn lamb. He temporized: "Why don't you go on with your fortune-telling, little girl?"

She looked at him solemnly. "Do you understand the responsibilities of being a friend? A friend has to assume obligations, just as when a man's elected to office, he must represent his party and his platform."

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road boss the next year with 63 cents of road money and the poll tax to keep the district in order, and by the time all this land tax rebate had been used our district was in very bad shape.

selecting Ewes. A Canadian authority says the best time to purchase the ewes for a farm flock is in August just after the lambs have been weaned.

Poultry Industry. The imports of the product of poultry culture into this country from foreign countries show that the field is still open to a large increase of the industry in the United States, and that the opportunity is waiting for those with sagacity and industry enough to take advantage of it.

Price of Feeds. Feeds of all kinds have averaged lower in price during the recent feedling season than for several years. But they brought the same top prices when sold to the cows.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

CONSTRUCTING A GOOD ROAD

Some People Think Gravel is Everlasting, but This is a Mistake, Says Missouri Writer.

We once helped to build a two-mile gravel road in Missouri which was built by the tax rebate system 20 years ago. It worked hard upon our district in this way, writes John Klingele of Hudrain county, Missouri, in the Iowa Homestead.



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When a boy 31 to 37 years ago we did a good deal of gravel hauling, and a few weeks ago I was surprised to get back and find how those roads changed. Where we helped build a good gravel road 32 years ago they have been hauling creek gravel every six to eight years and in this way they have a good road. They have the gravel near at hand, and with plenty of loaders a team averages one load an hour.

I think if the law required four-inch tires, and then the doubletree and neckyoke were lengthened out to give the team more liberty, the roads would be much better. If we can't go with the four-inch we ought to stay off the road or use the spring wagon to get the necessities of life.

Ammonia water that has been used for washing may be used for plants. It is an excellent fertilizer.

Warwick in Essex there is a worthy tribute to the Bard of Avon. It is a piece of land known as the "Shakespeare Border," and includes every flower, shrub, and vegetable mentioned by the poet.

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WAS DOWN ON 'STIMMYLANTS'

Evidently Good Wife Didn't Mean Him to Take Anything That He Wasn't Used to.

"I think, madam," said the professionally polite young doctor to the wife of his first patient in the backwoods of a decidedly nonprohibition state, "I think that your husband needs a good stimulant of some sort and I will leave for him some—"

268 Harrison St., Elyria, Ohio.—"My case was a scalp trouble. I first noticed small bunches on my scalp which commenced to itch and I would scratch them and in time they got larger, forming a scale or scab with a little pus, and chunks of hair would come out when I would scratch them off. It caused me to lose most of my hair. It became thin and dry and lifeless. I was troubled for over ten years with it until it got so bad I was ashamed to go to a barber to get my hair cut."

No Crossness. "Did the attorney for the defense cross-examine you?" "Oh, dear no," replied Mrs. Pfeiffer, "he was just as pleasant about it as he could be!"—Woman's Home Companion.

Easily Satisfied. It takes very little water to make a perfect pool for a tiny fish, where it will find its world and paradise all in one, and never have a presentiment of the dry bank.—George Eliot.

Liquid blue is a weak solution. Avoid it. Buy Red Cross Ball Blue, the blue that's all blue. Ask your grocer. Adv.

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