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ten a letter to his parents in the country across the ocean and intended to use this money to pay postage. Suddenly it came up missing. He could not find it and it was six weeks before he acquired enough surplus to start the letter on its way. A few weeks ago his son in digging on the premises unearthed the coin and the father was very quick to identify it.

For digging thirty feet to kill two wolves S. C. Thorn of St. Duroin, near Auburn, is enriched \$3 per scalp. That is the amount of the bounty paid by the county. The animals were making havoc in the chicken pens about the neighborhood and Mr. Thorn resolved to get them out of the way and made the necessary search for their lair. It was, he found, thirty feet underground and fifty feet from the entrance. This he panned up and when he came to their cowering forms in the far interior it was a matter of only a few blows with his pickax to kill them. A woman by the name of Mrs. Cooper, living in Holt county, killed a wolf with a club the other day and did not tremble or faint or get in the least hysterical. The beast had been driven into the corral on her husband's farm by some dogs that had been out hunting. To see that they did not fail in their undertaking to kill him Mrs. Cooper went to the corral with a club under her arm. At sight of this the dogs took fright and fled in great haste. This left the wolf to her alone. Manfully she sailed into it and in short order it was demolished.

Again the ruralites are being filled up with the yearly spring intellectual food—the story relating to the girl with the two chickens. This remarkable girl received from her doting father two chickens which she immediately set at rest on nests of eggs. This happened four years ago invariably. Now the daughter has the munificent sum of \$63 in the bank (or is it \$64?) and the generous dad is living in fear that with the rapidly increasing hennerly (300 birds in it) his daughter will soon buy out his farm and begin charging him rent for the use of it. His only hope of deliverance is that his daughter will think of the fact that in all these four years he has furnished this thriving poultry concern with its grain supplies.

Albion people of noble traits and instincts are agitating the question of fitting up a "rest room" in the business district primarily for women who come in from the outskirts and from the country to trade. It is very tiresome in any town for the ladies who are out on a really determined crusade for goods. There is certainly no enjoyment in waiting on corners and in front of stores for breath and a few minutes of rest. This room, if built according to plans, will be provided with chairs and settees, toilet rooms and reading supplies, and will be open both in day time and to a certain hour in the evening. So long as the privilege is not abused women with escorts will be admitted. When symptoms of habitual loafing and flirtation become manifest new rules will be adopted.

In flames and furore the citizens of Falls City recently celebrated the departure of a family of colored people. It appears that this outfit, numbering fifteen at the last count, was not prone to cleanliness. It had the reputation, in fact, of being the filthiest outfit in town. A house made of dry goods boxes served as shelter and the barn was a thatched affair. Finally smallpox broke out in the troupe and this angered the people beyond endurance. They did not propose that this nest of disease germs should longer endanger the town. As soon as the family was allowed out of quarantine a man with the coin bought up the lots and the city appropriated a small sum for the buildings thereon and the inhabitants were hewn the way out of town. A few minutes after their train had started with them on the way to Scarsdale, Kas.,

the mob gathered about their erstwhile dwelling place and with the fire department handy to protect adjoining property applied the match. Fearful loss of life is reported, judging from the charred remains of bugs, lice and roaches found the next day.

Peace has been restored to a family in Tecumseh in an unusual way. The wife suspected her husband of kissing the hired girl too often. She watched him and one night observed him quietly enter the kitchen. At least she thought it was him. In a little bit she placed a shawl over her head and with a few matches soon entered the kitchen by the back door. She was seized and violently kissed, meanwhile preparing in her mind a most scathing rebuke. She struck a match for the crisis and discovered that the man she thought was her husband chanced to be the hired man.

Surrounding a house in Beatrice the other night a troop of brave policemen planned a coup on an alleged burglar. Strange clamor had been heard in the pantry and a riot call had been hastily turned in at the police station. Investi-

gation disclosed the tracks of a cat through several kinds of pie and the tins and pans whose clatter the family had heard were lying harmless and unharmed on the floor where the cat had shifted them in her mad scrambling.

The latest joke at Riverton is to post on the houses and business places of prominent citizens evangelical placards of the terrible type advising people that they are "going to h——l tonight" and relating other feats that they will do perforce if they don't reform.

From an old partition in a hotel at Genoa a wad of black hair, once an Indian's scalp, was taken recently during the progress of some repair work. John Williamson, an old settler there, told the story of the trophy. It was in his possession twenty-eight years ago when he was a boarder at the place. A Pawnee Indian had ripped it from the skull of a brawny brave of the Sioux tribe in battle on the site of the present town of Culbertson. The Pawnees were out on a buffalo hunt—about seven hundred of them, when they met a legion of Sioux numbering about 1,200.

With a loss of 200 the Pawnees retreated while the enemy lost but little over 100. Still one Pawnee achieved this scalp and presented it to Mr. Williamson. He, with Wild Bill, was employed by the government to bury the dead on that field. But the chambermaid at the hotel did not relish the sight of this ugly trophy. Mr. Williamson kept it in his room where he might look upon it daily and take comfort. One day the girl abstracted it and to get it out of sight punched it through a crevice in the wall. There the rats got hold of it and for years they and their posterity have been nesting in it, along with other rubbish they added. In tearing down the partition the other day the souvenir was recovered.

Nebraska is considered a good country for the cultivation of waifs from New York and other eastern cities. Every once in a while companies of these friendless children are brought in and distributed among the farmers. They range all the way from three to twelve years of age and know all the latest slang and vulgarities, but the farmers with whom they are installed soon educate that out of them along with an increase of muscle and health. It is generally the salvation of the poor little vags.



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