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"Death's Sleigh Ride"

HELLO EVERYBODY: Kathleen Donovan of Chicago is bringing us a regular hair-raiser of a yarn—the tale of an adventure that happened to her in 1888, when she was a little girl.

In those days, Kathleen lived on a farm in Alcona county, Mich., with her mother and dad, and her five brothers and sisters. It was pretty wild country up there then.

Hunters Shunned Desolate Forest.

"There were thousands and thousands of acres of forest," Kathleen says, "where even the most daring hunters never camped. Settlers were few and far between. On the borders of this wild tract were just a few settlers, living along a road that was fairly passable."

Kathleen says that winter hung on until an unusually late date in the year 1888. The cattle in the neighborhood were on short rations, and the wild life in the woods was beginning to feel the pinch of hunger. It was not an uncommon occurrence, on those long cold nights, to hear timber wolves howling, calling comrades to join in a raid on some farmer's barnyard.

The nearest neighbors lived five miles away, and there wasn't much visiting between families. But one Sunday morning, in March, a family came over to Kathleen's home to spend the day, bringing their own little girl with them.

They had walked the whole distance in the morning, before the sun began to melt the snow, and intended to remain until evening when the muddy road would freeze again, and walk home by moonlight.

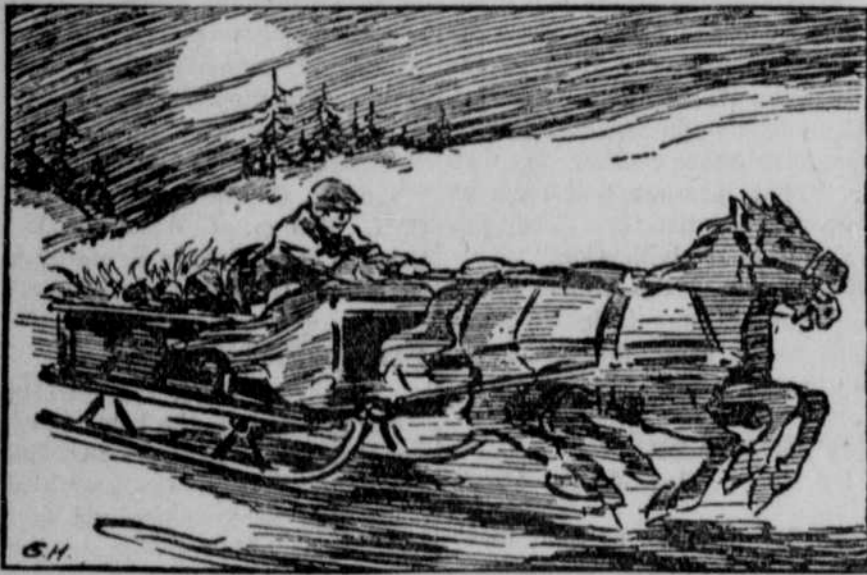
Horses were scarce in Michigan in those days, but Kathleen's dad had just bought a fine, young team.

Kathleen's Dad Suggested a Sleigh Ride.

"They were splendid for driving as well as on the plow," Kathleen says, "and my father suggested that if our guests would remain until about 9 o'clock, when the mud and slush on the road would be well frozen, he would drive them home and we children could have a sleigh ride."

Well, sir, that plan was agreed upon. When night came, they started out, dad and the neighbors on the seat and the kids burrowing into the straw pile in the back of the sleigh. After an hour's ride they reached the friend's house, stopped for a cup of hot milk, and then started for home again.

The kids were enjoying the ride. The moon was bright and the sleigh slid easily over the frozen road. They had covered about a mile of the distance when, away to the south, they heard the long, piercing



The horses were doing their best.

cry of a wolf. Immediately, other wolves took up the cry. Inside of half a minute it seemed to Kathleen as though the whole forest were ringing with their terrible howls.

"I heard my father exclaim, 'My God!' and from that moment on we children knew it was a race for our lives. There were three of us who had taken the little excursion—my brother, who was about 10, my sister, who was 12, and I myself, then about 8.

A Race for Life With Hungry Wolves.

"My sister covered my brother and me with straw and told us to lie flat under the seats. The horses seemed to understand our terrible danger and fairly flew over the road.

"From the first alarm, there was no need to urge them. I had seen the flash of fire from their feet when they bounded forward. When we were about two miles from home we could see dark shapes on the long straight road a scant half mile behind us."

The kids huddled on the straw in the back of the wagon. None of them spoke until Mary, Kathleen's older sister, put her head down and whispered:

"When I jump, don't tell father. Let him keep right on."

Kathleen stared at her sister. She was going to sacrifice herself to delay those wolves for a few moments. Kathleen caught Mary and clung to her. Her brother told Mary he would certainly scream if she jumped. And meanwhile the wolves were gaining!

The horses were doing their best, but they had a heavy sleigh to haul, and the wolves were running free. They were less than a quarter of a mile behind now, and the sleigh was a mile from home.

Mother Was Handy With Shooting Iron.

The sleigh creaked as it lurched along the road. They were almost in sight of home when they heard the report of a rifle. Then, they heard a second shot. Thus, they knew that their mother, at home, had heard those terrible howls and was ready to help them.

As they rounded a turn in the road, they saw a great bonfire built near the spot where the sleigh would turn into the yard. A wolf is afraid of fire, and they knew if they reached that blaze alive, they'd have a chance. As they came closer to home, they could see Mother standing near the fire. Dad owned two fine repeating rifles—the first that had ever come into the locality—and Mother had brought out both of them.

Closer and closer they came to the blaze. And still the wolves gained on them. As the sleigh turned into the yard and pulled up beside the fire, Mother threw one of the rifles to Dad. And together, firing shot after shot, they held the pack at bay.

Kathleen says there must have been at least 30 wolves in the pack. They circled around the big fire, snarling and snapping, while Mother and Dad blazed away with the guns. When nine had been shot down, the pack broke and scattered. And the next morning two more were found dead a short distance away.

When the wolves were gone, the horses were cared for. Says Kathleen:

"There was a look of wonderful thankfulness on my mother's face as we gathered around the kitchen fire, but all she said was, 'Children—your prayers. And then to bed.'"

But I wonder if any one of those kids did any sleeping? How about it, Kathleen?

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Origin of Term 'Poet Laureate'

The laurel tree in ancient Greece was considered sacred to Apollo, patron of poets. It was the custom to crown poets who had won distinction with a wreath of laurel and thus the word laureate came to mean honored or eminent.

Strange 'Offering to Heaven'

Legend says Li-Shin-Min, a Chinese emperor, made a strange "offering to heaven" 1300 years ago. Praying that a plague would be stopped, he swallowed a live locust to prove he meant his prayer.

The Queen's Staircase

At Fort Fincastle, in Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, is an imposing flight of steps 70 feet deep and 30 feet wide. It is called the Queen's staircase, but why nobody knows.

Shadows on Chameleon's Back
Shadows often remain imprinted on a chameleon's back for several seconds after it has been placed in the sun.

Clothes for College Life No Longer Random Choice

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



To GO to school with a haphazard, gathered-together-at-random wardrobe—well, it's just not being done these days. So thoroughly is the go-to-school wardrobe theme being analyzed in these modern times, leading stores have called college students into consultation and after weeks of discussion and consideration of collegiate needs, have established bureaus to which mothers and daughters are invited to come and plan with experts, wise in college lore, who know exactly what's what to wear on campus, at gridiron games, in classroom, going about town or for dance or during study hours in the seclusion of one's dormitory.

In laying the foundation for a well-equipped wardrobe one of the first essentials is a good sturdy topcoat that will weather the elements and come out none the worse for wear. It must have "style" aplenty, and if it is tailored to a nicety of handsome brown and white tweed, as pictured to the left, it will meet the demands for a coat that will look well over any sports or tailored clothes. In this instance, stitched welt seams down the back give an effect of pleats that achieve ample flare without extreme fullness.

The pleated skirt with a sweater top is a schoolgirl classic and should have a place in every collegiate wardrobe. The girl seated in the group is wearing a 1938 version in that it is topped with a sweater-bolero two-piece. The knitted bolero is making a big hit this season. The skirt here pictured is pleated of heavy navy silk crepe, but those of sheer wool are equally as chic, and as for the plaid skirt with sweater it ranks "tops" in fashion. The bolero here shown and the pull-on cap are of nubby handknit navy blue wool.

The coat and sweater-bolero-pleated-skirt costume, as pictured,

have to do with the sporty practical side of the question, but how about a flattering gown to wear to the prom? Longing for something that has a new "something different" look? Here it is—the cunning velvet gown shown to the right. It has many interesting style-important highspots, outstanding among which is that it adopts the bi-color treatment. Carried out in teal blue with deep plum (very smart new color combination) this quaint full-skirted model is lovely. The jacket that stresses the narrowed-in waistline gives this dress its final touch of high-style. The bodice top underneath is formally low-cut.

The three models shown make a good start in assembling a well-equipped wardrobe, but there are other needs to be considered, such as the smart afternoon gown which is a necessary luxury with every young woman who keeps up social activities. The fashion-wise girls are asking for dresses that glitter with nailheads. Some of them are studded all over with nailheads, yet when all is said and done the effect is not bizarre. Then there are the new cloque fabrics, so ultra smart in Paris. They are made simply so as to serve as a foundation dress with the grand costume jewelry we are wearing this season.

Plaid? 'Tis a magic word. Any thing in plaid, just so it's plaid—a pleated skirt, a gorgeous plaid wool spectator sports coat to wear to the games, a shirtmaker dress of plaid, a plaid blouse and so on.

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Leather Glorifies Some Dull Gowns

Tough as leather! Yes, but don't forget how beautiful that leather becomes and how important a part it plays in the salons of haute couture. A scrap of leather is the magic material which converts many a dull dress into a glamorous gown, and leather accessories make many a suit look more than its material value.

A basketball bag is the latest of these accessories. Robert Piquet introduced it to the fashion world as an amusingly practical purse to complete any sports costume. The bag looks for all the world like an undersized basketball of regulation brown hide. But its top half un-snaps and lifts off to disclose a deluxe interior complete with a comb case, powder puff and all the rest. The ball-bag is carried in a string mesh flet whose drawstrings are easy to clutch.

Fabrics Feature Surface Interest

Fall fabrics for 1938 have their fashion news on top. Scores of them are marked by some kind of surface interest.

Many of the new coat wools, launched by one of the country's leading quality designers, have a "smooth-rough" boucle weave—a novel treatment of an old idea. Its effect is both luxurious and smart.

Wind-Mill Hats

Wind-mill hats featured in four directions were featured in Paris collections for daytime. Some chintilly monkey fur hats for evening were noted. High buttoned boots of black and colored kid were a new footwear shown for day or evening.

Check With Plain



It's fashionable to use a plain and a patterned wool together for the fall costume. The idea works out attractively in this youthful model. The check in two colors is used for the bodice over which a bolero of the plain is worn that has a binding of bias check to unify the costume. The "doll hat" sailor is good style.

Smart New Day Fashions



The snug waist and flaring skirt are so becoming, and just grown up enough to delight them! In wool crepe, cashmere, gingham or jersey, with fresh white collar and sleeve bands, it will be your daughter's favorite school frock. Make one version of it in plaid.

Scalloped-Trimmed Day Froek. You should certainly have several dresses made like this—it fits so beautifully and looks so smart. Darts at the waistline give it becoming slimmness. The high square neckline and "shrugged shoulder" sleeves are very new. It's the useful kind of dress you can wear for shopping and business as well as around the house. Make it up in silk crepe, flannel, sheer wool or home-keeping cottons.

The Patterns. 1454 is designed for sizes 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 years. Size 10 requires 2 1/2 yards of 39-inch material without nap. Collar and cuffs in contrast require 3/8 yard.

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Fall and Winter Fashion Book. The new 32-page Fall and Winter Pattern Book which shows photographs of the dresses being worn is now out. (One pattern and the Fall and Winter Pattern Book—25 cents.) You can order the book separately for 15 cents.

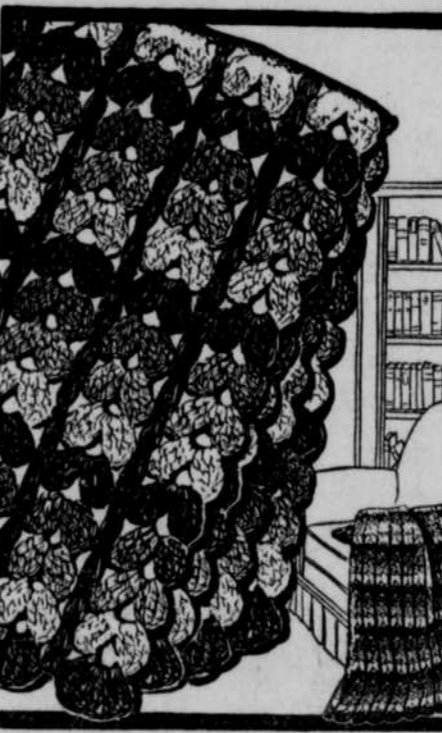
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Smiles

Time to Stop
A lawyer being interrupted, said: "I will speak, sir, as long as I please."

"You have spoken longer than you please," was the opponent's retort.

Boy and Gal

Old Lady (to chauffeur, who is slow in helping her from her limousine)—James, you are not so gallant as you were when a boy.
Chauffeur—No, madam, and you are not so buoyant as you were when a gal!

"I'm fed up on that," said the baby, pointing to the highchair.

Cleared Up

Passer-By—Hey, mister, did you know you have your right boot on your left foot and your left boot on your right foot?

Ozark Ike—Well, I'll be daddummed! I been wearing them that way since '95, and I always thought I was club-footed.

The Answer

He—What sort of a bracelet would you like? . . . Well, why don't you answer?
She—Darling, silence is golden!

Future Geographer

"Yes, stamp collecting is educational," said the fond mother to the visitor. "For instance, where is Hungary, son?"

Without looking up from his stamp book the young philatelist answered promptly, "Two pages in front of Italy."

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