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NO MISTAKE POSSIBLE ABOUT THE BUGGY.

They Didn't Search the Seat of the Buggy. Things Were Not so Very Bad—A Traveller's Odd Adventure in the Lonely Sierras—The Hog Money.

We had finished our game of whist on the train when one of the players, a red-headed man, said: "Your speaking of narrow escapes reminds me of one I had years ago in the Sierras. Buckeye house," he continued, "is a public tavern amid the mountains of southern Plumas county, California, and is a lonely spot, being surrounded by dense forests of spruce and pine. On the night of June 4, 1877, I stopped there and was told by the proprietor that a highway robbery had been committed in the vicinity during the preceding day. This made me exceedingly uneasy, for I was carrying \$12,500 in greenbacks into the mountains to invest in a quartz mine. The money was wrapped up in my horse blankets and stowed away under the seat of the buggy, while I had about \$100 in gold and silver in my pockets, which I carried to pay my expenses."

"Shortly after leaving Buckeye the road ascends a deep declivity and then crosses a narrow, rocky, brush-covered plateau. Three miles further on I passed Palmoto ranch, an abandoned stopping place, where I again entered the dense forest that grew close to the highway. I examined my revolver carefully, placed fresh caps on it and laid it on the seat ready for instant use. Nothing occurred till I reached Frenchman's Hill, when I was suddenly stopped—so suddenly, in fact, that I had no chance to defend myself. A man sprang into the road and caught my horses by the bridles, while a second robber appeared from behind a tree holding in his hands a shotgun at full cock. The man with the gun was a tall fellow with a squint eye and red moustache, while the other man was short and stout."

"Throw up your hands!" cried the squint-eyed man in a harsh voice. I glanced at the muzzle of the gun and then at the revolver on my seat. "Up with your hands, or I'll give it to you," and the look on the robber's face indicated that he meant what he said; so I reluctantly gave up all my ideas of defense and slowly and mechanically raised my hands above my head, at the same time cursing my ill luck, for robbery at that time meant ruin to me. "Git out and keep your hands up," cried the tall man. "Till Jim takes yer money and yer popgun." I got out and walked to the head of the horses as commanded and there stood with my hands raised while the short robber deftly examined my pockets and took what gold and silver I had, saying as he rattled the coins. "It pays to drive hogs."

"Hogs?" I exclaimed. "What do you mean by hogs?" "Oh, that's all right. He told us you were coming, and we laid in the brush for you," was the response. "Yes," cried the squint-eyed fellow, "slide right out and sell your hogs for enough to make up for what we took." "I had supposed, of course, that they would search my buggy, and now that I was about to escape with my precious greenbacks, my heart beat furiously and the blood rushed to my face as though I had just undergone great exertion. I hastily obeyed the injunctions of the robbers to 'drive on and keep a-goin,' and as soon as I was out of gunshot I whipped up and drove at full speed until I overtook a little old man, shabbily dressed, driving a lot of fat hogs with the aid of a small dog."

"The old man looked at me with some astonishment as I drove rapidly up and cried: 'Say, did some fellers stop yer back there?' "Yes," was my reply. "Did they rob you?" "The old man laughed and slapped his leg, and then laughed again ere he replied: 'Kinder curious how it turned out,' he replied; 'but hanged if I knew anyone was a-coming in a two-hoss buggy.' "What do you mean?" I asked, for I saw nothing funny in the whole matter.

"Why, you see, them fellers stepped out in the road, right in front of my hogs and cried for me to stop. This scared the hogs and they broke out in the brush. I pretended not to understand what they meant, and sending Boze out on one side, I took the other, at the same time accusing them chaps right lively for scaring my hogs. When I got 'em all back again I turned around and said: 'Now, what do you want?' "Money," cried the tall fellow; 'all you've got.' "Money?" and I roared so you could have heard me half way back to Buckeye. "You don't reckon that a chap that has got to go afoot and drive hogs for a living has any money? If you want that just stop the boss who is coming along in a two-hoss buggy and you will get some."

"Get right on, then," said the tall chap, "and we'll lay for the boss." "And they got you?" continued the hog drover. "I hope you did not lose much." "A hundred dollars," said I, "but I got off lucky at that." "So did I," said the old drover, with a grin, "for I sold a part of my hogs on the road and had the money with me. It was a case of sheer bluff on my part." "And of luck upon mine," I answered. "It was a narrow escape for both of us."

SALVINI AND BOOTH.

What One Great Actor Thought of Another at Great.

The celebrated actor Edwin Booth was at this time in Baltimore, a city distant two hours from the capital. I had heard so much about this superior artist that I was anxious to see him, and on one of my off nights I went to Baltimore with my impresario's agent, says Tomasso Salvini in the Century. A box had been reserved for me without my knowledge, and was draped with the Italian colors. I regretted to be made so conspicuous, but I could not fail to appreciate the courteous and complimentary desire to do me honor shown by the American artist.

It was most natural that I should be most kindly influenced toward him, but without the courtesy which predisposed me in his favor he would equally have won my sympathy by his attractive and artistic lineaments, and his graceful and well-proportioned figure. The play was "Hamlet." This part brought him great fame, and justly; for in addition to the high artistic worth with which he adorned it, his elegant personality was admirably adapted to it. His long and wavy hair, his large and expressive eyes, his youthful and flexible movements, accorded perfectly with the ideal of the young prince of Denmark which now obtains everywhere. His splendid delivery, and the penetrating philosophy with which he informed his phrases, were his most remarkable qualities.

I was so fortunate as to see him also as Richelleu and Iago, and in all three of these parts, so diverse in their character, I found him absolutely admirable. I cannot say so much for his Macbeth, which I saw one night when passing through Philadelphia. The part seemed to me not adapted to his nature. Macbeth was an ambitious man, and Booth was not. Macbeth had barbarous and ferocious instincts, and Booth was agreeable, urbane, and courteous. Macbeth destroyed his enemies traitorously—did this even to gain possession of their goods—while Booth was noble, lofty-minded and generous of his wealth. It is thus plain that however much art he might expend, his nature rebelled against his portrayal of that personage and he could never hope to transform himself into the ambitious, venal, and sanguinary Scottish king.

English as she is spoke. If an old woman, "axes your pardon," she is speaking as the most careful English scholars spoke for hundreds of years, down almost to the end of the sixteenth century. Thus in Wycliffe's New Testament—about 1380—we read: "What man of you is, that if his some axe hym breed, whether he wole take hym a stoop?" and Coverdale's translation of the gospel according to St. Matthew published in 1535, has "Axe and it shall be given you."

ODD WHIMS AND CUSTOMS.

Persian newspapers are written by expert penmen and then lithographed. A couple of hundred years ago English and German people, in order to secure the greatest publicity, were married in the church door. A Seville, N. J., woman uses a rooster instead of an alarm clock. At night, before retiring, the woman brings the rooster indoors and places it in her bedroom on the back of a chair, and at the break of day he crows lustily.

A former Delawarean, now living in Chicago, wears a necktie made of a rattlesnake's skin. He slew the reptile in Florida, just as it was about to spring from its coil and strike him. A taxidermist cured his skin in such a fashion that it should serve for a tie, and made up part of the rattles into a scarf pin. This the owner wears as an ornament to his remarkable tie.

SHORT TALKS.

Old Lady—What's the matter now? Steamboat Captain—We've run on a sandbar. Old Lady—Well, why don't you go over it? What's your walking-beam for. I'd like to know? Little Ethel—It's awful impolite to ask for things. Little Johnny—Course it is. What of it? Little Ethel—Nothing, only I'm getting hungry for some candy I've got in my pocket, and there isn't enough for two.

Fond Parent—Yes, Bobby, the angel of death passed over the houses and smote the first born of each Egyptian family. Bobby, after a moment's silence—Pop, what did the angel do when it was twins? A little girl says she is not going to be an old maid, for, says she: "When a nice little grown-up boy comes to ask me to get married, I'll be so happy I won't wait to run downstairs to meet him; I'll just slide down the banisters." "It was so bad," she said to her husband, as they left the theater, "that that woman with the high hat should have spoiled the performance for you." "Yes, I had some satisfaction, though." "How?" "Watching the man who sat behind you, dear?" "Now, dear," she said, as she stopped at the depot gate. "You will see that everything goes right about the house, won't you?" "Yes, indeed," he answered. "You will do everything just as if I were there?" "I will," he replied earnestly. "I'll discharge the servant girl every morning before I go down town."

"So, Mr. Hankinson, you are going on a tour of the world?" "Yes, Miss White, and you'll promise to write to me from every country you 'might visit'?" "Promise! Ah, you know not how I value the privilege. And will you really care to hear from me?" "Yes, I am collecting the postage stamps of all countries."

Photography.

A recent improvement in photography enables the artist to overcome to a considerable extent the difficulty of preserving the natural expression of the sitter during the necessary period of exposure. It seems that notwithstanding this period has been greatly shortened in various ways, particularly by the adoption to such an extent of the magnesium light, with its unique advantages, nervousness is so prevalent among those who sit before the camera that the operator has still found the interval too prolonged for the perfect accomplishment of his work. Herr Haag of Stuttgart claims to meet and overcome the trouble in question by means of a change in the management of the magnesium light, making, for this purpose, what are called lightning cartridges, which cause a tremendous development of luminosity, and are set alight in one-tenth of a second by means of electricity. The so-called natural photographs taken by this process are said to preserve the mental expression and momentary play of the features with extraordinary clearness and exactitude, but the operation requires so much skill and practice that it is said to be carried on by only a single photographer in Berlin.

A Safe Bank.

The Emperor Duc-Tu, of Cochin China protects his treasures by placing them in hollow trunks of trees, which float about a huge tank situated in the center of the royal palace. There are twenty crocodiles in the tank as well. When he wishes to draw upon his bank all the reptiles are killed; but this cannot take place without the joint consent of the emperor and his minister of finance.

Grandiloquent Titles.

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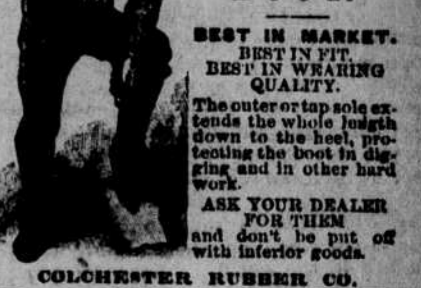
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