

SOME VALUABLE BUGS.

"A friend of mine recently received the following from a friend of his," said the friendly anti-prohibitionist on the street corner, "which certainly brings to us who are being deprived of our morning 'eye-opener' and evening 'night-cap' joyful news. The letter was as follows:

"Dear Doley: When I was a boy (some years ago) I 'made' the southwest country, and while waiting for a freight train to come my way I wandered out to where the inviting shade of a cactus beckoned for a siesta. My dream was a vision—and when I awoke I was still under its influence, which continued for several hours.

"At the time I was unable to account for it; but later on I made the acquaintance of an old soldier who explained that I had selected for my 'room' the shade of the cactus from which mescal is made. It seems that a bug which lives on this plant had dropped on me, and had taken a bite. The bug and his forebears had tarried around this mescal for so long that their systems were full of the Mexican joy spirit and the bite had inoculated me. This is the prelude; have patience.

"Viewing with alarm the advent of prohibition, some time ago I took up the study of how to beat it—and do it legally. No illicit distilling, no smuggling for me. I spent many nights pouring over old chemistry books—but they didn't have what I wanted; they all forced me up against Old Man Law. Then came the light. I remembered the bug of the cactus plant—and here I am in Mexico working out souls like yourself.

"I have succeeded in isolating the bug of the mescal plant, the bug of the tequila plant and the bug of the sotol plant. A bite from either one is sufficient to start an Irish republic. It is really too violent.

"To get away from this sudden 'war and destruction' quality I have systematically cross-bred these different bugs—sort of concocted a cock-tail, as it were, and have produced a species

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NOTICE.

All persons interested in the estate of Charles H. Clark, deceased, both creditors and heirs are hereby notified that on March 17, 1920, A. E. Brazell filed a petition in County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, alleging Charles H. Clark a resident of Linn County, Iowa, died intestate on January 2, 1897, seized of the Southwest Quarter Section 21, Township 29 North, Range 12 West 6th Principal Meridian in Holt County, Nebraska; that petitioner is the owner of said real estate; that there are no debts against the estate of deceased. You are notified that the prayer of the petition is: "Petitioner prays that the Court determine the time of the death of Charles H. Clark; that he died intestate; shall dispense with administration of said estate and decree that there are no debts against said estate, and adjudge and decree Annie E. Clark and Edward C. Clark to be the heirs of Charles H. Clark and shall ascertain the degree of kinship of said persons to Charles H. Clark and determine the right of descent of the real property above described." You are further notified that said petition will be heard April 19, 1920, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the County Court Room in O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska.

C. J. MALONE,
County Judge.



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"I haven't worked out the commercial end of the scheme as yet; but that will be simple. In a short time I will have a million of these bugs, which I have not named as yet. At 10 cents a bite—three bites for two bites—and all of them working—think of it!

"Am sending you in a separate package two of my pedigreed bugs male and female. Let nature take its course. Don't use them before they have reproduced, for there is only one efficient bite in each bug. They die soon after their mission in life is fulfilled.

"As to a name for the bugs for commercial use. I have thought of calling them after 'Buck' Lewis or 'Meckey' Hickey (the latter has more of a lilting sound to it) or for you, my

friend—want no lasting fame myself, only the knowledge that I have been a benefactor to mankind, and the royalty, of course, is sufficient.

"The two bugs I am sending you are named Lillie and Billie. It won't be necessary for you to know which is which—they know. Your trusting friend,
BILL."

GILBERT F. SMITH

Chambers Sun: Gilbert F. Smith of St. Cloud, Fla., died at the Soldier's Home Hospital, Johnson City, Tennessee, March 11, 1920. Mr. Smith was a pioneer of Holt county, coming with his family, in the spring of 1879, in a covered wagon and taking a homestead one mile south of where the town of Ewing is now located, then a trackless prairie. The terminus of the railroad was at Norfolk. When sixteen

years of age he enlisted in a New York State Company and served through the last year of the Civil War. He was twice elected a member of the Legislature of Nebraska.

The rigors of the Nebraska winters induced him to remove to the old soldiers colony at St. Cloud, where he has since made his home. Mr. Smith was well known, especially to the older

residents of Chambers and vicinity. He leaves to mourn his going, his wife, a daughter, Edith Taggart of Chambers, a son Frankin H., of Washington, D. C., besides many other relatives and friends.

All Fixed.

"Gabe, I hear you are about to commit matrimony. Got your home fur-

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