

In Pursuit of a Ghost

By BEATRICE BOWMAN

"Morris, this is hard luck," said Bill, as he jerked back the old gray horse.

"It sure is," I said, "we've been on the road nine weeks and have seen hardly a person since we started. I didn't know it was so far from Indiana to Iowa. I thought if we kept going we'd get there in a week anyhow."

"Well, we ain't got there yet," snapped Bill. "You're always talking about what you thought, but your thinkin' never does any good."

We followed the trail into the woods before us.

It had begun to rain just after we started and it rained the whole time. It was a wooded country and the hubs of the trees hit on the top of the wagon, throwing drops of rain on us. We traveled all day, not meeting a soul.

We turned a crook in the trail and Bill gave a shout of surprise, for there on our left was an old log cabin. It looked old and empty. The windows were broken and the loose clapboards on the roof were swinging in the wind, making a doleful noise.

"Shall we stop, Bill?" I asked.

"Hush," he said. "I believe it's haunted."

We drove past. The old wagon seemed to rattle louder than ever and I thought if there were any ghosts they'd surely follow us. When we rounded the trail, Bill looked back. "There's a light in that part of the house," he said.

Just then we heard a noise, which sounded like a groan, and we drove on, to the top of the hill. Here the wheel broke and we had to stop.

"You're not going to stay here?" I asked.

"What can we do?" said Bill.

Couldn't one of us go back to that house and see who lives there?" I asked.

"But, it's haunted," Bill shouted.

"Oh, I believe you're scared, Bill. I believe you're afraid." Bill got angry and said he'd go.

I said, "alright."

He disappeared in the darkness and I began to feel lonesome.

I watched for Bill's lantern, afraid to look over my shoulder. A light

CLOSE SECOND TO SOLOMON

Chinese Judge Showed Remarkable Wisdom in Dealing with a Peculiar Case.

Gov. John F. Shaffner of Colorado, advocating woman suffrage, said of a woman leader:

"She is showing, in her fight, the wisdom of Solomon. Indeed she had chosen her course with the unerring perspicacity of the Chinese judge, Wang, in the Yang-ki case."

"Before Wang two men and a woman appeared. The older man was the woman's first husband; he had gone to the wars and been reported dead; now he returned alive to claim his wife. But she, meanwhile, had married the younger man, who refused to give her up. Hence all three came before Wang, that he might decide this truly difficult case."

"Yang-ki," said the judge to the woman, "which of these two men made the better husband?"

"Both are perfect husbands, my lord judge," Yang-ki modestly replied.

"So the judge told the men that he would keep the woman by him for a week, examining her thoroughly, and then he would decide the case."

"Well, the week passed, and the two husbands came once more before the judge. He shook his head gravely and said to them:

"The woman Yang-ki, has died. There is no case. Let her original husband take her body away from my house and pay for the burial."

"Ho, not I," said the original husband; and so saying he darted from the court and was soon lost to view.

"You, then," said the judge to the other man, "must stand these burial expenses."

"Yes," the man answered, "that is just, and I will give this woman, who was good and kind, the finest burial my purse will allow."

"The judge clapped his hands. Yang-ki, blushing and smiling, entered the courtroom in a rich dress of gold brocade.

"Take her," said the wise judge; "for you and not the other, merit her love and service."

Boy Knew His Business.

A. T. Van Laer at the dinner given to William M. Chase at the Arts club on Wednesday evening, explained the real significance and the efficacy of Mr. Chase's flat brimmed silk hat, a hat which is as well-known as the Hammerstein's—if not in all of the same circles. Mr. Van Laer related an early incident in which Chase perceived the value of that headpiece, and Van Laer had the support of Mrs. Chase for its authenticity.

Years ago, Mr. Van Laer said, when Chase had left his house one morning it occurred to him that he ought to send home some claret, and he stopped at a store and ordered some. In due course the wine was delivered, but the servant at the Chase house declined to receive it, saying that it must be a mistake as they needed no claret there. The delivery boy insisted that he was right, but the servant was positive and unyielding. While the "argument" was on, the boy, a true son of America, not to say of New York, got his eye on a shining example of the Chase hat inside the house.

"Does that hat belong here?" the boy demanded.

The servant said that it did.

"Well then, so does this claret!" said Young America, and he left it.

A Floating Telescope.

At the Harvard university observatory a gigantic telescope floats in a tank of water. It is one of the largest in the world, the reflecting mirror being five feet wide. Mounted on a watertight cylindrical steel float the telescope swings in a concrete tank full of water, only slightly larger than the cylinder, which is designed to fit it closely and serve as a pivot for the telescope instead of having it mounted on a solid base.

Machinery at each side holds and guides it. The water bears the weight and the movements of the telescope are regulated by tiny electric motors. The gigantic mirror can be easily removed and resilvered when it grows dim, although two tons are indicated when it is placed on the scales.

Through this telescope stars of the sixteenth and the eighteenth magnitude are revealed.—National Magazine.

Working the Boy.

Jerome S. McWade, the widely-known Duluth connoisseur, said of the management of children in a recent Sunday school address.

"Diplomacy succeeds best with the little ones. A lad of nine came, all puffing and rosy, in out of the cold the other night and said:

"Pa, I'm tired. I've sawed enough wood for this evenin', ain't I? I'm awful tired."

"Tired?" cried the father, looking up from his paper with an air of surprise and disapproval. "Why, I bet your miler done before supper!"

"Did you?" shouted the boy, taking up his hat and mittens again. "Well, you'll win your money if the saw holds out. Nobody ever bet on me and lost!"

"And he rushed back to his hard task again, his eyes flaming with enthusiasm."

Getting It Out of the Way.

"Did you peel your apple before eating it, Dolly?"

"Yes, mother."

"But where have you put the peel, dear?"

"Oh, I ate it first!"

A STRING OF VICTORIES.

Summary of Boys' Basket Ball Games for 1909 and 1910.

1909.

October 31—Humboldt v. Falls City, score 28 to 15. Place, Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

November 12—Auburn v. Falls City, score 34 to 14. Place Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

November 20—Hawatha v. Falls City, score 54 to 13. Place, Hawatha. Winner, Falls City.

November 25—Alumni v. High School, score 36 to 9. Place, Falls City. Winner, High School.

December 10—Seneca Town Team v. Falls City, score 23 to 21. Place, Seneca. Winner, Seneca.

December 18—Midland College v. Falls City, score 59 to 31. Place, Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

December 20—Tecumseh Town Team v. Falls City, score 37 to 20. Place, Tecumseh. Winner, Falls City.

December 21—Lincoln Y. M. C. A. v. Falls City, score 70 to 19. Place, Lincoln. Winner, Lincoln.

December 22—Syracuse v. Falls City, score 37 to 25. Place, Syracuse. Winner, Falls City.

1910

January 20—McPherson College v. Falls City, score 31 to 17. Place, Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

January 28—Syracuse v. Falls City, score 46 to 22. Place, Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

February 4—Seneca Town Team v. Falls City, score 35 to 27. Place, Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

February 18—Nebraska City v. Falls City, score 70 to 10. Place, Nebraska City. Winner, Falls City.

February 26—Peru State Normal v. Falls City, score 25 to 20. Place, Peru. Winner, Peru.

Summary of Girls' Basket Ball Games

October 31—Humboldt v. Falls City, score 30 to 2. Place, Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

November 20—Sabatha v. Falls City, score 20 to 21. Place, Sabatha. Winner, Falls City.

January 28—Peru State Normal v. Falls City, score 31 to 22. Place, Peru. Winner, Falls City.

February 11—Nebraska City v. Falls City, score 35 to 12. Place, Nebraska City. Winner, Falls City.

February 19—Nebraska City v. Falls City, score 43 to 6. Place, Falls City. Winner, Falls City.

February 23—Cotner University v.

MARKET LETTER.

Letter From our Regular Correspondent at Kansas City.

Kansas City Stock Yards, March 7, 1910. The cattle market made a gain of 15 to 25 cents last week, prices advancing from day to day without interruption, except for a slight weakness Thursday. The run last week was 34,000 head, slightly heavier than same week a year ago, but demand was good from all sources, and trade active. Supply today is 9,000 head, almost a third less than on last Monday, and prices are strong to 15 higher.

Dealers expect a strong call from the country for young steers this spring. Prime steers are extremely scarce, and only one load of tippy steers were here today, which sold at \$8.00. Good to choice steers sell freely at \$7.60 to \$7.75, and bulk of steers at \$6.50 to \$7.50.

The hog supply is running pitifully small, less than 40,000 here last week, and the market is going up fast. The supply today is 6,000 head, market 10 to 15 higher, four loads at the top, \$10.00, and bulk of sales \$9.65 to \$9.90. Hogs weighing under 200 pounds are 15 to 20 higher today, top on this weight \$9.85. The string of ten dollar hogs today were all fed by one man, James Buchanan, of Norton, Kansas, and they sold straight, 216 head, 285 pounds. Free movement of hogs appears to be an impossibility, and owners are being advised to make their hogs good, although most of them feel safe enough not to need any such advice.

J. A. RICKART,
Live Stock Correspondent.

Gastronomic Disaster.

A big fat alderman at a turtle dinner exclaimed to a bore: "Your confounded questions and talk have made me swallow a big piece of green turtle fat without getting to taste it."

Think It Over.

Fuddy—"What a happy world this would be if more of us got what we wanted." Duddy—"Yes; or else fewer of us got what we deserved."—Exchange.

Take No Chances.

Albeit the burnt child dreads the fire, keep the matches away from him.

Women Form Fire Brigade.

The women of Allington, Conn., have organized for the protection of their village from fire. They are to hold a country fair, the proceeds of which will be used to buy apparatus. They will also form a woman's brigade of the fire department.

Up-to-Date Romance.

"At last we are alone!" he murmured, as the airship rose above the city.

"Wait a minute!" she exclaimed. "There's somebody rubbing through that skylight!"—Puck.



A Busy Man

has no time to spend in a tailor shop having his clothes "fitted" and "altered"—the ancient methods employed by the small local tailor.

All this can be avoided by having your clothes made to order by

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MASTER TAILORS
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All you need to do is to step into our store and select a pattern from their beautiful new Spring line of fine woolsens, let us take your measure, and in a very short time you will receive a suit perfect in every way.

Absolute satisfaction guaranteed or no pay.

Let us demonstrate!

Stanley Stump
Over Richardson Co. Bank

As the Student Sees It

By LEON NORRIS.

The past month has been one of activity in Washington, D. C. The new congress has done nothing of interest so far and has not received any stimulus from the president of the United States. Taft is preparing special messages on railroad and trust problems and these will probably be finished by the time this issue reaches the readers. The president has done little to reassure the faith of his followers. It is true he has consented to investigations in the case of Ballenger, but the people will not be satisfied till they learn whether this is to be a thorough cleaning or just a scraping over.

A statement has been made to the effect that federal appointments can be made on the recommendation of congressmen only when the congressmen are loyal to their party.

Our old friend the "Big Dipper" has been undergoing a series of muck-raking investigations lately by astronomers and the investigations have not proved entirely to its credit. It was thought that the constellation of which the "Dipper" was the central group, was all of one sidereal family stick-together through any kind of heavenly changes. But now the astronomers say the constellation is slowly altering its shape and it may not be any more than ten-million years until the "Dipper" will become a coffee pot or a wash tub.

It has been estimated that America's yearly crop lost from insects is eight hundred million dollars and also that there are insect eating birds which if given a chance might stop this enormous loss. The National Association of Audubon Societies announce a gift of one million dollars for the advancement of knowledge of the value of the birds. Often the farmer believes that a bird which eats a small amount of grain is his enemy, but the bird is only taking out his bill for service.

The trusts now have control of the sky above as well as the earth beneath, and the water underneath the

earth. The Wright Company recently incorporated with a capital of one million dollars, and promises to deliver aeroplanes to customers by May 1, 1910. The Wrights have such backers as Vanderbilt, Shouts, etc. The aeroplanes sell for \$7,500 and as an inducement for customers, a lesson in aviation is given free with every purchase. One inventor now says that in four years people will be riding from New York to Chicago in aeroplanes, and by centuries of experience, people have learned not to contradict inventors.

Kansas City is now very much in the limelight in a star act entitled, "A City is Bigger Than its Street Railway Company." Kansas City has an agreement with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which delights the eye. The franchise which runs until 1925 makes the company pay eight percent of its gross receipts to the city and forfeit its right to use the streets if it disobeys the law. The company did not like this franchise and so the mayor and council passed a forty-two year franchise which did away with these embarrassing details. But a referendum was necessary so the M. S. R. Co., put up a bribe to the people in the form of six tickets for a quarter. On election day, however, the voters swarmed to the polls and defeated the franchise by a majority of over seven thousand.

The decennial National Play of Oberammergau takes place this year and the little village in the German Alps is making preparations on enormous scale for the influx of visitors. Hotel rooms are more luxurious and are renting at a higher price than ever before. Previous to 1880 the Passion Play was scarcely known outside of Germany. People came to see it and considered it a pious pilgrimage. But by 1909 the play became known to every country in the world and visitors came from all directions to see it. Now, the camera is playing a part in destroying the early character of the play and the moving picture machine will likely complete the ruin.—Orange and Black

Women's Garments



We are pleased to present the most attractive and interesting display of Women's Garments ever shown in Falls City. The styles for spring are unusually practical. The fabrics have never been so beautiful in coloring and weave. Realizing more fully each season that women are more completely dependent upon Ready-to-Wear Departments, we have gone into these lines with more courage, and now show every garment necessary for a complete outfit, in a comprehensive assortment, including the finer and higher cost qualities.

Tailored Suits

Tailored Suits occupy the largest place of any single garment in the lady's wardrobe, and affords her the largest measure of service and wear than any other. We have made suits a careful study and have now in our department the largest display we have shown. Every desirable shade, the latest models and superior workmanship distinguish our Suits. We are making no claim that our prices are lower than other firm's. On no other garment do we put price before other considerations. You wish first style, quality, fit, and to these should be added the right price. Compare our garments with any to be found on this or any other market.

Costumes--Dresses SILK, COTTON OR LINEN

You are invited to look these over. You will find valuable suggestions for your dressmaking if you do not wish to purchase ready-made. Silk Dresses up to \$22.50; Lawn Costumes up to \$20; Linen Costumes up to \$22.50.

New Dress Skirts VOILES, PANAMAS, SERGES, TAFFETAS

This has always been one of our most successful stocks. The showing includes the newer developments in Plaited, Tunic and other models.

ALTERATIONS—This work is done by a dressmaker of large experience and is giving perfect satisfaction. Except on low cost garments, alterations free.

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