

# John Henry's PIE

By GEORGE V. HOBART

Bunch and I had vouched a bank roll of \$10,000 in our endeavor to keep Uncle Peter off the rocks at the race track. He was bound to bet, and we had staked Ike Schwartz to play bookmaker, and Bunch and I in disguise had led Uncle Peter up to him, given the old boy what we had thought was a bum tip—and the horse had won, netting Uncle Peter all our ready cash!

Uncle Peter had celebrated with Dike Lawrence, and we had braced them up and tried to keep it from the family.

Bunch had further complicated matters by sending messages to explain Uncle Peter's supposed absence from home, not knowing that I had him under my wing, but I had squared matters.

Next morning bright and early I was on wing, and long before the others were stirring I had Dike brooded into an imitation of intelligence, and he was on his way back to the boulevard.

Uncle Peter didn't answer roll call at breakfast. Aunt Martha said he wasn't feeling well. He had neuralgia, she thought, for the pain was all in his head, but, she added, "he is so hoarse he cannot give his symptoms in detail."

Poor Uncle Peter. Life felt like a hard boiled egg for him on the morning after.

It's no easy job for an old-timer to get off the bench, fill his system with gasoline and play an automobile all the evening, and then rush down to his muffins in the morning.

Shortly after breakfast Bunch put in an appearance, exceedingly distressed because his telegraphic and telephonic enthusiasm had put Uncle Peter on the bim-bam-bum the night before.

"Is it all off and are they on?" he whispered.

"No, Bunch," I said; "he's safe, but by a small majority." Then I told him how I squared it, and Bunch haw-hawed all over the shop.

"I take off my happy hat to you, John!" he chorused; "you are surely the swiftest with the thinking thing."

"It was a lucky whirl for us last night that we didn't have a wireless station in the house," I added. "What you would have done to Uncle Peter with the Marconi gag would be scandalous."

But never a word about the fatal wedding of the money and the skate—not a word.

We were both trying to play the dead game sport, so the voice of the claim for ours.

We both realized that it was too late now to make a three-sheet squeal, anyway.

The only thing to do was to wear the high collars and mask in the bruises on the neck.

Just then Clara J. came to the door and called me. "John," said she, "Uncle Peter would like to see you and Mr. Jefferson in his room."

"He wants us to take the oath of allegiance," I whispered to Bunch, and a moment later we were alone with the amateur bun-pit.

Uncle Peter was propped up in bed

and his face was set to represent the battle of Shiloh.

He had bandages all over his upper floor, and two ice-bags held down his wrists.

He was glad to see us and he said so with some of his vice. He had spent the rest of it singing, "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?"

"Boys," whispered the old chap on the side track, "they don't know anything, do they?" and with this he pointed down stairs with one of the ice-bags.

"Know anything," I echoed; "well, I should answer nay. You can bet they don't know anything and never will."

Both wrists got well at once and the ice-bags fell to the floor.

"But Dike Lawrence," he queried. "He was with me, and oh! what a capacity that man has!" Then he groaned and began to taste scrap-iron in his mouth.

I recounted the events of the morning and explained that by this time Dike was paying a party call in some New York buffet, whereupon Uncle Peter yanked another foot out of the grave and began to sit up and notice the pictures on the wall.

"Boys," said the old fellow, "I want you to promise me that after this interview the terrible scenes of last

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Illinois Is Ahead in Absenteeism

WASHINGTON.—Illinois still holds the national championship for long distance statesmanship in congress. The complete congressional record for the last session just issued establishes the state's claim to this distinction beyond any doubt.

No other delegation even approaches the mark set by Illinois in the number of congressmen absent at all times, the number of roll calls missed by each and the total number of days each was away during the session.

While none of the Illinois representatives achieved the distinction of representing his district without once appearing at the capital, there were several who outdid all former feats and approached remarkably close to this goal. Unfortunately they were handicapped by the provision of the law for the payment of mileage.

A member may draw his salary of \$7,500 a year, his \$1,500 allowance for clerk hire, and \$125 for stationery without coming to Washington, but it is necessary for him to appear at least once in order to receive his traveling allowance of 20 cents a mile.

It is doubtful if an absolutely perfect record of nonattendance ever will be made even by one of the Illinois champions, unless this irksome requirement of the mileage provision should be modified. The generous allowance makes it a real object for a congressman to come to Washington at least once each session.

Unscrupulous persons may suppose that representatives who attend a session of congress only a few days of the entire period refrain, as a matter of propriety, from drawing their entire salary, or perhaps return it to the treasury.

For the information of such he stated the cashier in the office of the sergeant at arms was asked if any member of the house had not drawn his salary for the last congress or had refunded it for any reason.

"Members of the house refund salary!" exclaimed the official. "Never knew it to happen, and I've been here sixteen years."

## President Loves Innocent Jest

"Two dollars," replied the young lady in charge sweetly.

Plunging into his spacious trousers pocket, the presidential right hand brought forth two one dollar bills which he passed to the ticket seller, and nodding to his trio of companions, he entered the hall.

"Lend me two dollars, Jack," whispered Captain Butt to Wheeler, "left my money at home."

"So did I," mourned Wheeler. (The party were attired in dress suits.)

"Never mind, I'll take care of you both," hastily offered Jimmie Sloan with becoming magnanimity. The others breathed a sigh of relief as he approached the desk. "Three tickets please," he announced calmly, producing a crisp five-dollar bill.

"Another dollar, please," gently remarked the young lady at the booth.

"Another dollar! H—how m—much did you say those tickets were?" demanded James.

"Two dollars each."

Jimmie was blushing a rosy red when Wheeler came to the rescue. A passing bell-boy was taken by the collar and a few of the morning's tips were removed from his inside pocket. Then four silver quarters were placed triumphantly upon the table, and the three passed inside.

Baby Teethes on the Table.

"We are called upon to repair all kinds of damages," a furniture dealer the other day said. "But the most puzzling de-facement I ever saw was that which appeared on a beautiful mahogany table brought in for refinishing. All around its margin were rows of scratches and small indentations which were hard to explain, as the table was otherwise un-injured."

"What happened to it?" I asked when the owner came in.

"Well, she replied, 'the baby insisted on cutting his teeth around the edge of it. Of course, it was rather expensive, but we both think there is nothing too good for the baby.'"

Symptoms Were There.

"Your husband might have a little solid food directly he begins to mend," said the doctor. "But how am I to tell?" inquired the anxious wife.

"The convalescent stages of influenza," replied the doctor, "are marked by a slight irritability."

The next day he called and found the patient's wife radiant. "When I refused to order his steak and onions," she explained, "he came into the kitchen and smashed fourteen soup plates and a dinner service; so, of course, I sent out for steak at once."—Stray Stories.

## As Breeding Ground for Alaska

AN odd plan is on foot to make the Colorado mountains a sort of proving ground for agriculture in Alaska.

Of course, there are a good many kinds of agriculture in Alaska that do not need proving. They are already an established success, both scientifically and commercially. Hundreds of tons of potatoes, oats and cabbage are grown and sold in the territory each year and there are a dozen other successful crops.

But Alaskan nights are too cool to mature string beans and corn, for instance, and the question is whether hardy, cold-resistant varieties could not be produced by selective breeding that would give Alaskans all the fresh luxuries from their garden that the states have.

There are farms in the Colorado mountains near Denver that have an elevation of nearly 10,000 feet and the conditions at this altitude in Colorado are almost identical with conditions at 1,000 feet elevation near the arctic circle. That is the days are warm and sunny, but the nights are almost cold even in summer, while the severe winters are apt to kill all but the hardiest perennials.

A bill was recently introduced into congress for the establishment of just such work in Colorado and also for experiments that would breed drought-resistant vegetables for the desert.

The methods employed in this experimental work are exceedingly interesting. If for instance, it was decided to find a wheat that would mature in a very cold climate like that in the hill country north of the arctic circle, this is how it would be done: First, the hardest seed of all the hardest varieties would be obtainable from Russia, Scandinavia, Canada and Alaska. Then it would be planted in a place where it would be unlikely to mature. There might be just one stalk that, from some mysterious strain of breeding or force of circumstance, would stand unharmed by the autumn frosts. Its seed would be treasured and the next year each grain would be carefully planted and guarded so that the strain should be increased, and still further and severer tests made on it until it was so hardened that a full annual crop was assured.

## Lack of Horses Alarms Officers

ARMY officers and department of agriculture experts are uneasy over the lack of proper horses in the country for use of the cavalry and artillery in case of war.

A comprehensive report on the subject has been published by the bureau of animal industry of the war department. It appears that there is much trouble in finding suitable horses for the army in time of peace, to say nothing of the demands that would be made in case of war of any magnitude.

In this country now are about 23,000,000 horses. It would seem that out of this number there would be an ample number for the equipment of the cavalry and for artillery and other army uses in case of war, but in an article on breeding horses for the United States army, prepared by Capt. Casper H. Conrad of the Third cavalry and published by the department of agriculture, doubt is expressed on the subject. The army type is said to be scarce and hard to obtain.

Capt. Conrad recommends legislation by the states generally to prevent the breeding of unsound horses.

In 1908 the government established the system of remount depots for the army. Under this system the government buys the horse young, at three to four years old, and after breaking them issues them to the troops. This system has been found preferable to purchasing the animals when matured. But what the army officers want, and also the department of agriculture, is a system of government supervision of the breeding of horses for the army.

Chief George M. Rommel of the animal husbandry division of the bureau of animal industry, has devised a plan whereby from 2,000 to 2,500 well-bred animals would be available for the army every year. This would about supply the demands in time of peace.

It is proposed to divide the country into four districts and to rear Morgans, thoroughbreds, standardbreds and saddlers. In time the best type would be discovered.

The Personal View.

Teacher—Our investigations along sociological lines have brought us into contact with the statement that fewer women marry than in earlier times. What have you to say regarding this fact, Miss Jones?

Miss Jones—Why, it's true in my own case.

The Skeptic.

"Does Bliggins know much about cold mines?"

"Not a thing in the world."

"What makes you so sure of that?"

"He keeps investing in them."

## THE PRICE OF LAND INCREASING

### THE "BACK TO THE LAND" CRY IS EFFECTIVE.

Traveling through the state of Iowa the other day, and Iowa is no exception to the story about to be related, the writer was shown a farm that was offered three years ago for \$250 an acre. That appeared to be a high figure for the time, but the owner depended upon the crops of corn, hogs and cattle that could be raised upon it. But it wasn't. A few weeks since the farm changed hands at \$325 an acre. Over in Illinois, down in Indiana, up in Wisconsin, across the line in Minnesota, the same experience was met with. And then attention is directed to Canada, which has been the Mecca of so many hundred thousand Americans during the past few years. Not only in Eastern Canada has the price of lands increased, but in Western Canada, during the past few weeks, farm lands have increased from three to five dollars an acre, with the prospect of a still advance during the next three months. The reason for this is very apparent, and in a few words it may be pointed out that the lands are worth a great deal more than the present price. The Northwestern Agriculturist of Minneapolis, a paper that was one of the first of the American farm papers to discover the real merits of the lands of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, says: "The reciprocity schedule would encourage American farmers to move to Canada, where the virgin soil will produce greater crops of grain with less labor than can be produced in our own farms in the Northwest. The result will be to enhance land values in Canada." This paper is afraid land values in Canada will be enhanced at the expense of land values in the United States. In fact the fact that the values in the United States are increasing the reasoning scarcely holds. The reason for the advance in value of Canadian lands is partly accounted for, that fact, admitted by this paper, that Canada's virgin soil will produce "greater crops of grain with less labor." But that is not the only reason. During the past twelve months 320,000 people have made Canada their home and these are mostly of the farming class. They want farms, and the demand as well as the wealth of the soil is regulating the price. A study of the increase in the acreage of land put under crop last year, which can be had from any Canadian government representative, will prove the point, that the demand is increasing at a greater rate than even the most sanguine would have predicted.

## ILLITERATE MAGISTRATE.



New Magistrate—What's the next case?

Police Sergeant—John Smith alias Williams.

New Magistrate—Ladies first, all ways. Let Alice Williams take the stand.

Triumph of Courage.

Courage and the "power of the human eye," saved Walter Sargent, a prosperous rancher, in the Redwood district, San Jose, when he was confronted by a hungry mountain lion the other evening. Sargent was driving a herd of cows to his home in the foothills when he noticed the big cat stalking him. As it crouched for a spring Sargent turned and fixed the beast with his eye. Man and lion remained as immovable as statues for a few seconds and then the animal turned and trotted away.

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