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The daughter of a New York capitalist (very beautiful of course) goes West with her father in their private car. On the edge of the desert she takes it into her head to set out alone in a big touring car into the desert. Entranced with the thrill of adventure she speed on unmindful of time, till she finds herself one hundred and thirty-seven and one-eighth miles away (by the speedometer)—and out of gasoline. What could the poor girl do? Of course she cried a little. Then she put up a flag of distress and sat down to "wait for some one to come."

He came—"around the bend of a gully * * * with long swinging strides." Of course he was "young, and uncommonly tall," but he always said "Yessum" to everything she said and, besides, his name was Hezekiah Pung and he used bad grammar, so she called him a "brute," told him to go away and said that her papa would come after her. He was not sure of of this, however, and told her that they must walk the hundred and thirty-seven miles back to civilization. So they set out.

It appears that Dorothy Cannon was quite a pedestrian after all, for though it may be supposed she had on a pair of high heeled shoes, they managed to cover thirty miles of sand yet that day, and pitched their respective camps a few rods apart. Hezekiah Pung cooked their supper. Miss Dorothy was inclined to pout a little because she couldn't remove her shoes, but when assured that she couldn't get them on next morning she was reconciled.

The second day she (having had the benefit of a day's training) was able to cover forty miles—which is not so bad for a girl raised in a private car. And (Great Weston!) he had planned sixty miles for the next day when they saw lights in the distance. It was probably a rescuing party, so he made haste to propose to her then and there. She thought of his name and grammar and hesitated. Then he told his real name—Granam of the class of '01—home, New York, just struck it rich, and all that. "She did not withdraw her hand" so we may suppose they lived happily ever afterward.

This would seem indeed to be a perfect consummation of improbability and is (as one of our professors of rhetoric puts it) "truly delightful in its inconsistency." When will magazine readers wake up and demand some reading?

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