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For all Thy goodness...

The Free Press' Short Story

Praying Dick and His Bible Message

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Dick Cameron, known to the other railroad men on the Missouri division of the A. T. & P. Railroad as Praying Dick, was a day operator at Mud Flat. In fact, he was the only operator at Mud Flat, and also agent.

Mud Flat was a very sorry sort of place. It was situated near the bank of a large, dirty river, and most of the buildings belonged to the railroad. It was a town of fewer than two hundred people.

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CURING A HACKBETTER

INDISTINCT SPEAKING

"I always callate to be accom-dath," remarked Cabel-Deaner, and I reckon I'm as patient as the average. A married man, you know, Lyander—but then that ain't neither here or there."

"There goes an man a man an ever walked," remarked Giles Higelow as he glanced out of the window of the little office.

"Well, then you know as likely a man as we've got among us, upright in his dealings and liberal according to his means. You are like a pulchrituous by hiding behind a fence with a dirty snowball in his hand; first man that goes by is bound to have it thrown after him."

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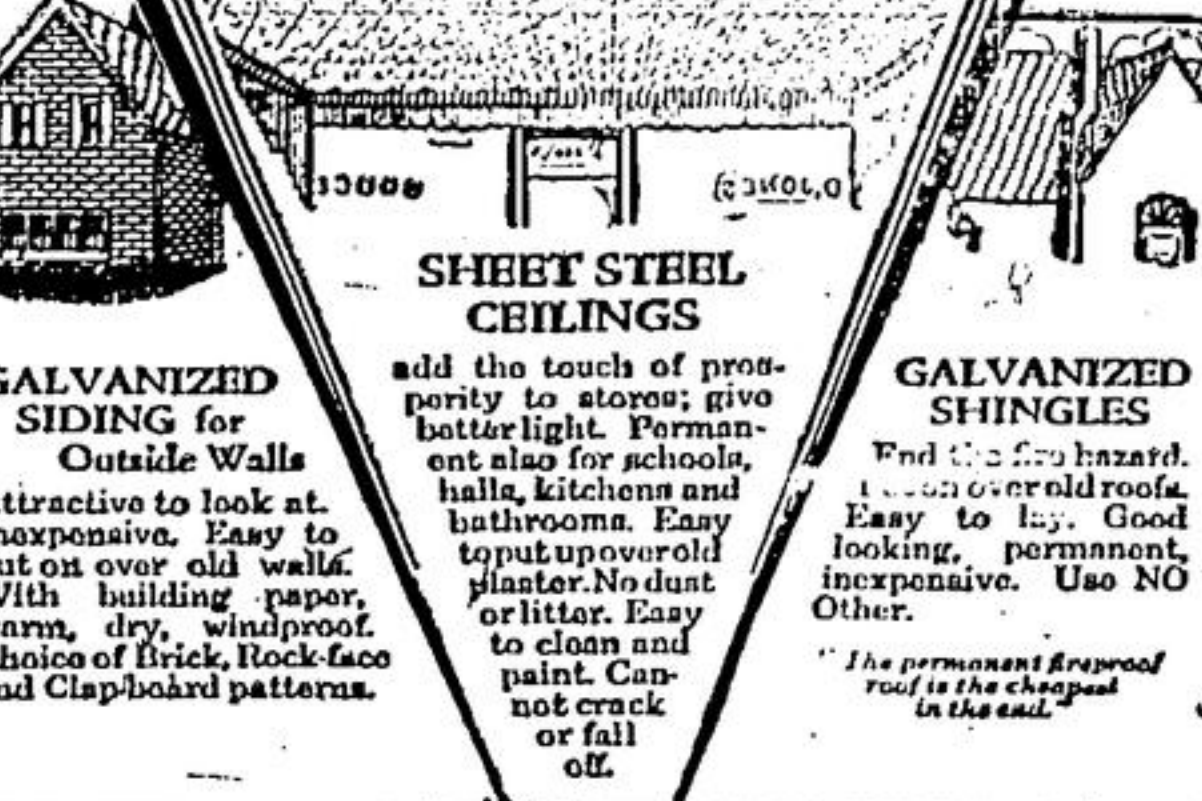
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LIE ON YOUR FACE TO PREVENT DEAFNESS

Many cases of deafness might be prevented if everybody were trained in the art of lying on their faces. Dr. George B. McCallister, of Cornell University Medical College, writes in Dr. E. E. Kree's Weekly Bulletin (New York): "Deafness often results, Dr. McCallister explains from germ infections of the middle part of the ear, which are the three small bones which carry sounds to the nervous hearing organ of the inner ear. Germs seldom get into the middle ear from the outside, for the ear-drum stops them. Their favorite route is from the throat and Eustachian tube, the tube through which air enters the ear, and the pressure the same on both sides of the ear-drum. When the throat stands up, Dr. McCallister explains, the end of this tube in the ear is about three inches higher than the end in the throat. Any dust or liquid containing germs tends to flow from the ear toward the throat instead of in the reverse direction. The same is true of a person lying on his face. But to turn over on his back reverses the position of the throat end of the tube, and the ear end is higher than the throat end, especially if the throat is raised, as when eating. The germs whose throats are smaller than the tube between throat and ear, are shut out."

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