

The Free Press Short Story

THE BUILDING BUSINESS

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At the subdued light of early morning, while a mantle of silence still lay over the orderly town, graded old Harland, chief engineer for the Atlantic & Pacific Construction Company, was snatched from his tent to the backboard that was waiting to transport him back to civilization and a hospital. The inevitable old engineer lay weakly back in the seat, but the light in his eyes was bright and strong as ever. Impatiently he fastened a penetrating gaze upon his two young aides. "Dawes," he snapped, "of course, you will be in charge. Do your best, push on for all you're worth. Pneumonia, bah! be snorted. No hospital shall keep me longer than a week, but—well, do the best you can till I get back."

promise of the previous night, fell to work with a will. Dale, watching the work go on, was in a quandary. He had perceived a flaw which Conway had evidently failed to see. The bridge, as it was being built, would never stand, he felt. Should he warn Conway? It was nothing to him that the engineer did; besides, Conway's methods could be described as a little tricky. He had been unfair in many ways. Still, thought Dale, he could not stand by and watch the job bungled. "Conway," he said quietly, after seeking out the engineer, "you are making a mistake."

VERUS DISEASE The first discovery of a "virus disease" was made in 1892 by Twinnow, a Russian botanist. He discovered that the juice from tobacco plant infected with mosaic disease still retained the power of infecting healthy tobacco plants after the juice had been passed through a filter the pores or holes of which were too fine to allow any microscopic organisms to pass.—Scottish Journal of Agriculture.

TAPIOCA TASTIES By Betty Barclay Now that cooler weather is with us we feel more willing to stand over our stove or range for a few minutes while we prepare for the family or our guests tasty dishes of real food value and nourishment. Do not forget the little box of tapioca that stands upon your shelf when you plan your autumn meals. There was a time when we thought of tapioca merely as a dessert. As a matter of fact, there was a time, not so long ago, when many of us used the old-fashioned pearl tapioca which required soaking and considerable cooking. To-day, however, we have the modern quick-cooking tapioca and we have learned that this product is far more than a dessert. One of its properties—unsuspected until recently—has been found to have a wide application to cooking processes. Add tapioca to beaten egg mixtures; such as omelets and souffles, and they do not fall; use it in meat loaf or croquettes and the ingredients do not dry out in the cooking; mix it with soft sandwich fillings and the moisture does not soak into the bread; sprinkle it over berry pie fillings before baking and the juices do not boil over. Because of its singular physical properties, tapioca is able to hold together the particles of air and moisture and keep them inside the mixture, whereas without tapioca these particles are easily separated and scattered. Tapioca is capable of absorbing and holding large amounts of moisture. This explains the soft texture of croquettes, the fluffiness of omelets and souffles, and the succulence of sandwich fillings made with tapioca. Would you like to prove the truth of the above statement? If so, try the following recipes for croquettes, a soufflé and a sandwich filling and I am sure you will be convinced. For good measure I am adding a recipe for one of the most delicious tapioca desserts imaginable.

THE WORLD'S BEST SELLER The Bible is still the world's best seller! The Bible Society—only one of many agencies for distributing the Scriptures—sent out during the twelve months ended March 31: 1,068,661 complete Bibles; 968,894 New Testaments, 8,517,768 integral books of the Bible, making a total of 10,552,294 volumes. Last year the society sold 638,041 English Bibles a larger number than in any previous year of its history. Volumes in Welsh, Gaelic, Irish, and in embossed type for the blind, brought the total number of home sales to 1,623,853. When the society was formed in 1804 the Bible, or some part of it, had been translated into seventy-two languages. The number has now grown to more than 500. Eleven translations were added to the list in the last twelve months.

REPARTS BETWEEN GENTLEMEN A disgruntled shareholder accused the chairman of the company at the annual meeting. "I regard you as a liar and a scoundrel, and the biggest rascal among," he shouted angrily. "Sir," answered the chairman, with dignity, "you forget yourself."

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J. Cadesky OPTOMETRIST WILL VISIT ACTON ON Monday, December 4 Anyone suffering from Eye-strain, Defective Vision or Headache should not miss the opportunity of consulting this eye-sight specialist. Appointments may be made with Mr. A. T. Brown, Druggist. CONSULTATION FREE Office Hours: 9 a. m. till 4 p. m.

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Why? Conway whined angrily, then seemed to try to control himself, or so Dale thought. "You are making a grave mistake," repeated Dale. "Your bridge will never stand."

Conway flushed but he checked whatever he had intended to say, speaking suavely. "Will you show me what you mean?" Dale led him down to the scene of activity. "See those marks there where the water has been some time not long past? This stream is unusually strong for its size, and when it goes on a rampage, collecting drift all along the way, your bridge will be swept away."

Conway looked thoughtful, a moment later turning to his companion. "How would you build it?" he asked abruptly. Dale hid his surprise. "Why, I would cut the fill back more on each side, and raise the level three or four feet to allow a greater clear-way."

"Thanks," murmured Conway, not at all like himself. He was calling his foreman to him when Dale walked away. During the following days, and as the structure was nearing completion, Dale detected a change in Conway, and he was glad. The engineer had less and less to say, letting the foremen use their own heads. They noticed the change, too, and showed their appreciation by speeding up the work; then, at last, the bridge was finished. That afternoon Conway came to Dale, and spoke a bit awkwardly. "I want you to go back to your old position. Handle your men the way you think best."

Dale was jubilant, but he said evenly, enough, "Thanks, Conway." The engineer seemed on the point of saying more, but turned away instead. Dale looked after him. "He has had pretty tough sledding," he mused. "I guess he's just human like all of us."

Dale sought his camp cot in complete happiness that night. The old chief would soon be back on the job, anyhow, Conway was learning fast. Dale believed that the engineer and himself could be friends in the near future; he hoped so, anyway. Just before he fell asleep, he heard the distant growl of thunder. "It would be a joke," he mused sleepily, "if the new bridge got initiated the first night."

Hours later he became conscious of some one shaking him roughly. "Get up," yelled Conway into his ear. "Rush Creek is on a rampage. There must have been a cloudburst above."

Dale needed no second bidding. He was up instantly, but Conway stopped him for a moment. "Dale," he said, a little huskily, "I'd like to be your friend if I may. I only regret that I haven't tried to be before this. The other night I heard you talking to the men in the mess tent about loyalty, and it opened my eyes to a few things."

"Come on," grinned Dale. "We're friends." They ran down to join the group of men fending heavy drift off the vibrating bridge. Working thus, side by side, above the angry, roaring stream, Dale and Conway acted as though they had been lifelong friends. They were grinning at each other, after realizing the bridge was safe, when a flaring beacon on the bank lighted up the figure of a big man. "How is everything?" demanded Chief Harland.

"Not so bad," responded Conway, but his voice was tense. "Thanks to Dale here, our bridge still stands." Harland grunted. "I told you two young engineers ought to be as good as one old one."

"Yes, especially when one of them is a master engineer. Sir, I think Dale should be given a chance."

"Yes," growled Harland; "he shall have his chance in due time. You had better wait till morning to unload your chest. I'm all right." "All right, Sir; but I want you to know of my loyalty, his good character—" "Yes," the chief's grunt interrupted him again; "save it till morning." Beneath a glaring beacon, however, he gave the two young engineers one of his rare smiles. "That's our business; to build. Character or bridges, we want to build them to endure."

THE PROVEN ASTHMA REMEDY. Since asthma existed there has been no lack of much heralded remedies, but they have proved short lived and worthless. The ever-growing reputation of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has given it a place in the field of medicine which no other can approach. It has never been pushed by sensational methods, but has simply gone on effecting relief and making new converts.

STORAGE OF HONEY In a honey storage test at the Dominion Bee Division, Ottawa no definite spoilage was found in samples after three years' storage kept in constant temperatures of 40 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit, but two samples spoiled at 60 and four samples at 70 degrees. Samples exposed to fluctuating temperatures from below zero to over 100 degrees all fermented.

CANADA'S POULTRY World-Wide Interest Evincing at the Rome Congress Canada's world-wide fame for efficiency and high quality of her poultry has once more been fully demonstrated. With the return from the Fifth World's Poultry Congress, which was held at Rome, Mr. F. C. Eford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman, official co-delegate with Mr. W. A. Brown, Chief of the Poultry Division, Dominion Live Stock Branch, some specially interesting information is being obtained with regard to this historical meeting.

Canada was the only exhibitor of live birds having government official records, a fact which created widespread interest, visitors from all parts of the world arriving at the Congress Exhibit demanding to be shown the birds with the Government certificates. Canada was represented by a small but attractive educational exhibit and by a number of Registered R. O. P. and Exhibition bred birds. When the Live Bird Exhibit was being prepared, and because the birds were first promised by the Canadian National Poultry Record Association, it was considered better business not to sell these birds, but to donate them to persons, institutions or governments where they would do the most good for Canada.

Among the birds that were donated was a trio of Chanteclers to His Holiness the Pope, several tricos to the Italian Government and a trio to the British Consul General in Rome. There were also the two official delegates already mentioned, and in addition many Canadians attended in their private capacity. The Educational Exhibit told the story of Canada's national breeding policy; illustrations showing poultry instruction in schools and with Boys and Girls Clubs, farmers' flocks the interior of a poultry laboratory, poultry pulling and selection, R. O. P. flocks, laying contests and registration, marketing, standardization, grading, etc. The attractiveness and the completeness of the story made the Canadian exhibit a very popular one.

One remarkable point about the Congress was that it marked the re-opening of the Market of Trajanus after a period of 2000 years. During all that time the market-place had been lying buried among the ancient ruins of Rome, and twenty centuries ago had been the popular produce market where the Roman citizens purchased their eggs and poultry from the farmers. These ruins have been dug out and repaired, and dignifiedly enough the re-opened market was first used for the Educational and Live Bird Exhibits of the Fifth World's Poultry Congress. It was here in the Capitol that the cackling of the sacred geese prevented the capture of the ancient Rome citadel by the barbarians, so that the historic setting of the Market for the Congress was especially appropriate. However, the six floors and the numerous stairways of old stone steps were not the most convenient for an exhibit of this kind, nor the most advantageous for the attendants who had to climb five or six stories from one exhibit to another.

The Congress Sessions were held in the building of the Agricultural Institute, and were attended by delegates from practically every European country and from Japan, Palestine, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States and Canada. These Congresses are the tri-annual meetings of the World's Poultry Science Association, and Professor Antonio Ghigi of Italy was selected Congress Director and its next President.

The delegates were given every opportunity for sight-seeing, which included Rome and its environs—Naples, Pompeii, Vesuvius, etc. On two afternoons, sections of Italy were shown where swamps had been drained and the land reclaimed for agricultural purposes. The stupendous work done by the Mussolini Government was made apparent by a visit to places such as Littoria, where 65,000 acres ten years ago was a malarial swamp, covered at times with several feet of water, ar today reclaimed land being shaped into farms. A part of this is devoted to cultivated farms inhabited by a happy population, with the deathrate from malarial fever almost non-existent.

Japan offers a much larger opening for Canadian wheat than it does for Canadian flour.