The Free Press' Short Story

THE OZARK RAINBOW

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TELEGRAM which had come the Madison, Calhoun, and Jefferson, respecprevious evening was awaiting tively. Addison on his return to Yale from one of his occasional brief visits to the old farm while he was in college. except future fortunes in silver. "We need you again. Come at once, if possible," the message ran.

trips to determine the value of mines.

Addison, in fact, found that this new wocation into which he had drifted, al- fusing point. In fact, he was not long Brazil nuts are very nutritious most by chance at first, bade fair to to the exclusion of school duties. He however, for he preferred to wait and see crats of the table. did not like to ask too many indulgencies, what would happen when the blast was But do not look upon this food as however, and in response to the telegram fired next morning. sat down to write a letter, saying that it undertake another commission of the people were arriving afoot and on horse- serves, pastries, desserts and candles. in upon him but Mr. Bushrod himself.

said. "So I came down. The fact is we great luminary they touched it off, amidst very attractive dishes of different types want you to go to Arkansas and go im- great excitement. Gradually the furnace that may be easily prepared. mediately." He showed Addison a clip-shaft heated, and in the course of an GRAHAM-CRACKER CREAM CAKE ping from a Little Rock newspaper, which hour lambent tongues of blue diame 11/2 cups crushed and sifted graham

"There is great excitement up in the the whole structure glowed at every Ozarks. They have found what they take crevice with brilliant, dazzling incandesto be sliver ore there by the thousand cence. ton. The mountains are full of it, they say. Our friend Judge Hoke, who hails smelter; seizing an iron bar, the judge from that section, thinks there is silver punched out the clay with which the enough on his farm to pension off all the plugged. A sheet-iron spout had been old boys in gray who fought in the war. pugged. A sheet-iron spout had been He showed us some 'flickers,' and they laid from the vent to a safe distance; until thick, then stir in the sugar and certainly do shine like silver. We reckon and here the judge's three sons, each beat well together. Add the cracker the judge has struck it rich. He is mak- with a kettle in his hands, crowded mixture, the nut meats and flavoring. ing brick and is going to put up a round to catch the molten outflow. smelter. In the course of a week or two ine possibilities of the smelting. by the ladleful."

"I think that there is really something One man said he had not the slightest spread over the top of the cake, if in these reports," Mr. Bushrod said. "At qoubt that to-day's test would prove the desired. any rate, we want you to find out." Ozark region to be-the greatest place

Leave of absence was again conceded for silver miring in the whole world. by the college authorities; and Addison Addison smiled to himself and closely set off next day, going first to St. Louis watched the hole from which they exby way of Chicago, and thence to Spring- pected the treasure to flow. field, Mo. Missouri railways were then But nothing flowed! The judge punchin bad condition. He was two days in ed again, punched deeper into the flery reaching Springfield from St. Louis, for mass. Nothing except white-hot clinkthe train was twice deraileden route.

ers came out. Silence fell, broken only From this battle town of the Civil War by the roar of the blast. the only conveyance southward into Thus far the attention of everyone had Arkansas was by stage wagons of primi- been directed to the glowing orifice at tive construction. They were three days the bottom of the shaft. Addison, howin reaching Yellville and did not passiever, was watching the top of it, where the Buffalo River until a day or two -now that air had been admitted-a afterward. Rumors of the new silver dis- most wonderful exhibition of iridescent covery were current at the taverns and flame appeared. For a hundred feet post offices along the road. Judge Hoke's above the chimney top the sky was spannew smelter was the subject of common ned with blazing gases of every imagintalk at Yellville. Addison was able to able hue and tint! The display confirmlocate it without difficulty and finally ed his previous surmise as to the characreached the place, on foot, during the ter of the ore. afternoon of his twelfth day out from "Look up!" he shouted, and pointed New Haven; for he had decided to find aloft. "There is where you want to that smelter first of all and to start his look! What you've smelted is up there the butter. - Salt the carrots, which have prospecting from that point.

able local excitement, met his view as crowd start back and stare overhead. he came in sight of the place. The smelter was of the old-fashioned Spanish ejaculated. "If that 'ere isn't the beau- well together and stir in the baking type, the chimney shaft being of newly | tifulest rainbow I ever set eyes on!" burnt brick, thirty-five feet in height. The spectacle was in truth a gorgeous and steam for four or five hours. Serve It stood close to an abrupt ledge of light- one. Bar in hand Judge Hoke stood and with a raisin sauce. colored rock; where considerable blasting stared aloft. "What is it?" he exclaimhad been done. Six or eight men were ed. "Is that silver-goin' up like that?" at work, charging the furnace flue with "No, that is not silver," Addison said to charcoal and ore; and standing about him were no fewer than forty others, neighbors and friends of the judge, who had gathered to watch the proceedings.

Not wholly certain as to the reception in gas." he might meet, Addison drew near and

"Glad to se ye! Glad to see ye hyer!"

Addison introduced himself and dis- explain. closed the nature of his business. "Wal, wal! All the way from Yale exclaimed disconsolately. "Zinc's only work. College in the State of Connecticut! And fit to put under cooking stoves!"

right hyer with us. I want ye to see it. | zinc ore at Joplin, Missouri, "We're kinder cluttered up jest nov," So far as Addison knew, this was the about too quickly. the judge went on. "But take your first time that those deposits of zinc in things right over to that long cabin ye Arkansas had been identified; deposits see yender. Mother and the gals will that were destined to yield thousands of

The Hokes have since become wealthy, North, America. I believe; but the "log" cabin in which For a week Addison sojourned with highly explosive. Then any kind of ex- the driver of a car going twenty-five miles the family then resided was puite primi- the Hoke family, making daily trips ternal heat reaching the explosive point tive. Addison judged that it was not through the Ozark valleys and locating of the dust-oxygen mixture creates rapid less than eighty feet in length; the an- not less than fifty outcrops of zinc ore, combustion, which, in a confined space, terior was divided crosswise into five or all of which bade fair to yield good re- is an explosion. The heat to create the he is unable to see clearly for from 177 by a door from the outside. In one of "Fortunes are awaiting you," he said tricity developed from friction, by defecthese apartments all by itself "Mother" to the judge and his sons. "All you tive wiring, by a broken light bulb, or Hoke and the "gals"—who proved to be need to begin profitable mining here is a by the light of a match or a cigarette. the judge's wife and two daughters- railroad." made the wayfarer from the East as com- "But how in tunket are we goin' to git oxygen explodes there is no wall or roof fortable as need be. Later he had supper the blamed stuff down out of the sky, that can stand against the terrific blast. with the whole family—and tasted, for arter we've smelted it?" one old ploneer Huge concrete blocks are hurled many the first time, wild turkey and real hom- exclaimed. iny. Besides the daughters there were Addison explained the simple process. three sons, tall young mountaineers, not by means of which zinc oxide may be Heal your horse while it works. Apply far from his own age. Addison still re- concentrated and afterwards rolled in Douglas' Egyptian Liniment to sore members all their names. The girls sheets.

silver-which could be coined into pig

On his return to New York Addiso. did not have much better success, for a while, in convincing Mr. Bushrod his company that this discovery of zinc in the Ozarks might prove more lucretive even than silver. They hesitated to em bark in zinc mining, and, as the event has shown, lost a priceless opportunity for investment.

WHEN THE NUTS ARE PASSED

Have you ever watched your guests when the nut dish or jar was passed? Neighbors continued to call till late in Few if any refused at least a scoop or the evening, and they talked of little two. And if you were carefully observing the choice of nuts I feel sure you Addison soon had a look at the heaps have noticed how each guest endeavored of ore piled near the smelter. Some of to get at least one of those big Brazil It was from John Bushrod of a mining it was brown-colored, some pink, and nuts. Young and old seem to look upon company in New York, the man for other chunks of a peculiar salmon hue; these as favors. In fact the only fault whom Addison had already made three he put several bits in his pocket and one can find with the Brazil nut in the later that night, when alone, lighted his nut dish is that none are ever left when

blowpipe and gained an idea as to the it reaches the last guest. making up his mind as to the nature of pound furnishes no less than 3265 caloccupy much of his time and attention, the deposit. He said nothing that night, ories. It is really among the aristo-

merely a tasty bite for after dinner The stir of the household waked him It may be used in cakes of many kinds, would hardly be possible for him to at daylight. Early, to, as was the hour in salads, in sandwiches, in breads, consort, for a time, when who should burst back from miles around. Sun-up had may be used in large pieces, in chopped been the time set for firing the smelter, particles, or even grated over salads or ashes correct acidity, a condition detri-"I didn't hear from you yesterday," he and promptly with the first peep of the for a sandwich filling. Here are three

1 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt

5 eggs Apparently it was time to tap the 2 cups sugar.

issued at the top. It grew hotter, till

1 cup chopped Brazil nuts 1 teaspoon vanilla

Crush the crackers, add the baking powder and salt. Beat the egg-yolks Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Put The crowd gathered round closer, and in greased layer cake tins and bake in a he expects to be drawing out hot silver Addison could hear them speculating on moderate oven. Put layers together with cream filling. Whipped cream may be

> BANANA AND NUT SALAD 3 bananas Lecup Brazil nuts (chopped)

6 leaves lettuce 4 cup mayonnaise or boiled dressing Peel bananas and cut in two lengthwise. Roll in nut meats. Place on lettuce leaf and garnish with dressing. Equal parts of dressing and whipped cream may be used.

CARROT PUDDING

11/2 cups crumbs 1 tablespoon butter

1/4 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup grated carrots

1 teaspoon baking powder 1 cup molasses

1/2 cup chopped dates or prunes 1/2 cup raisins

14 cup chopped figs 1/2 cup ground Brazil nuts

1/2 lemon Toast the crumbs and mix them with in the sky!" He could not help laughing been grated or put through the mean A lively scene, indicative of consider- in spite of himself to see the whole grinder, and add them to the crumbs. Next add the molasses, the fruit, nuts, "Heaven protect us!" an old minister lemon juice and grated rind. Mix all powder. Turn into a well-greased mold

THE HABIT OF BEING BORED

It is dangerous to form the habit of being bored. Some young people form "Zinc," said Addison. "Zinc volatilizes that fatal habit so early that by the time Younger seems to lack the sure grip of in that way, when smelted, and goes off they are eighteen nothing interests them. They go on a picnic and complain of "And we hain't found silver at all the inconvenience of sitting on the inquired for Judge Hoke. "A florid, genial then?" the old judge cried, quite taken ground to eat supper. They go sailing istic trend is visible." old pioneer in homespun turned to greet aback by this sudden turn of events-- and grumble about the sunburn. Tenn's is too much work. Chess is too much "But you have discovered what I be- like study. If they are thus bored by he cried. "Ye don't look jest like the lieve to be extensive deposits of zinc the activities to which other young young chaps round hyer. Whar mout ye ore, which in time may prove quite as people turn for amusement, it is easy valuable to you," Addison attempted to to guess their reaction to the business! of earning a living. One who is bored is the menace of night driving is due to

"But zinc ain't silver!" Mother Hoke by play is pretty sure to be bored by you folks had heard about my new smel- Indeed it was not easy for Addison to hunt for something you can enjoy. Find ter clean over thar! How news do git bring the judge or his neighbors to a hobby. It does not matter how round! Wal, young sir, I take it we've understand what possibilities for future appeals to other people if only it ingot somethin' pooty good hyer. I-do prosperity lay hidden in those picturesque terests you. Study the art of enthusiasm than any other one light fault. While bleeve so. But to-morrow'll tell the story crags and ledges of zinc ore which he as intently as though your life depended We thought we would put fire to it this had noticed throughout the Ozarks, and on it. The habit of being bored steals arternoon. But we won't quite get round which he now suspected to be the south- sunshine from the day, and happiness to it till to-morrow mornin'. You stay ward trend of the great beds of lead and from the heart. If you have made a start in that direction, you cannot face

DANGER IN GRAIN DUST

put ye up as long's ye want to stay with tons annually and to be reckoned as one Grain dust alone is perfectly harmof the chief sources of zinc supply in less, but when it is mixed with the right proportion of oxygen the mixture becomes ing without glare. It has been shown that explosion may be caused by static electo 236 feet.-Brandon Sun. When a mixture of grain dust and

> yards by the force of the explosion. necks and galls. A sure, speedy treat-

pondently. They had expected to find SPLENDID FERTILIZER

white dollars. Such is ever the lure of Wood Ashes Long Recognized As Valuable For Certain Crops

The ashes of wood have long been recognized as a fertilizer of very considerable value, indeed their use in agriculture is historic, says the Dominion Chemist: In all countries practising agriculture, including Canada, they have been highly prized. especially for clover, grapes and trees and leafy crops generally on sandy and light loams. It was only through the advent of high-grade potash salts that their use fell off, though, of course, production of ashes is decreasing in quantitles of late years, owing to the disappearance of our forests, has been an important factor in making it more and more difficult for the farmer in the older settled districts to obtain them.

They are essentially a potassic fertilizer. Ashes of good quality, that is, dry, unmixed with sand and unleached, contain between 4 per cent. and 61/2 per cent. potash; the average potash content being about 51/2 per cent. This potash is in soluble form and hence immediately available for crop use. Moreover, the potash exists in these ashes in a condition (the tarbonate) much more favorable for the nutrition of plants than in more commonly used compounds and should be worth at least 1 cent per pound more than in the latter. In fact, there is no better potassic fertilizer.

In addition to their potash, wood ashes contain some 2 per cent. phosphoric acid and from 20 to 30 per cent. carbonate of lime. This enhances their fertilizer value fertilizer for supplying the mineral elements required by crops. Further, wood mental to the thrift of most farm crops. value for neutralizing acidity.

COW MANIPULATES PLIMP

A cow on a farm near Pembroke, Ontario, doesn't depend on anyone for a drink of water. Owned by Milburn Mc-Bride, Westmeath Township, it was seen in the barnyard busy at the well, shoving the pump handle up with its nose and down with its horns. When there was enough water in the trough she drank her fill and nonchalantly walked away.



A WATER DIVINER

This picture, taken at the international congress of diviners, held at Luneberg, Germany, shows a water diviner in action. The photograph was taken at the moment when the diviner crossed a water vein and apparently the action of the twig caused the Nazi demonstrator an anxious moment.

CANADIANIZING DOUKHOBORS

General Individualistic Trend is Visible in Western Colonies Break-up of the Christian Community of the Universal Brotherhood of Doukhohors would not be a surprise to those close to the sect, according to reports published by the Lethbridge Herald.

"There seems to be a spirit of disconent among the members of the community," the paper says. "The iron hand that held the thousands of Doukhobors in fear and almost servile obedience for many vears seems to have passed on with the death of Peter Vercain the First. Peter the his famous father.'

"Rumours coming from the Doukhobor colonies are that the community spirit is fast ebbing and that a general individual-

GLARE LIGHTS

All over this continent the automobile death rate is now almost lifty per cent. higher during the hours of darkness than during the nours of dayilght. The truth ill-adjusted, neglected and poor lights on motor cars. And the worst of all perils of the night is the giare light. That can If you find this tendency in yourself, be found in expensive cars and on old ones. Headlight glare has made night driving a "game of blind man's buff" that often ends in tragedy. Glare is responmany of the accidents occurring in darkness could be prevented by careful driving or by proper care of equipment, glare is essentially a problem beyond the pale of carelessness, according to the conclusions arrived at by special investigators. This is definitely established by scientific research in the field. Physiologists have found that if it takes one second for a man's eyes to contract and adjust themselves to the glare, it requires sixty seconds-a full minute-for his eyes to return to the focus required for night drivan hour who is subjected to the glare of headlights, is blind to any object in his way after passing the glare for from 111

THE TALE OF A WATCH

An elderly man hurried into police headquarters at Vancouver. He explained he had felt a tug at his watch chain as he passed through a crowd. When he looked in his pocket, the watch was gone .. A second man hurried into the station. "I've just found a watch," he said. The newcomer said he found the watch hanging to the buttons on the cuff of his coat sleeve. Exit the elderly man, happy once more.

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RULE OF THE BOAD

Why do vehicles in America keep to the right side of the road and those in England to the left? This little matter has puzzled many people both in America and Britain, but now comes the solution -at least according to the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington. The Custom of riding on any particular side originated in England. In early days when men travelled armed on horseback it was safer to keep to the left so that the sword or pistol arm would be on the side of the man passed. Later in travel by coach the driver sat on the right side to give free play in using his whip. In America, however, the driver of the old-fashioned Conestoga wagon, or freight-hauling vehicle, rode the leftwheel horse, and keeping to the right. was, therefore, more convenient. time other vehicles began to follow their example and keep to the right, and slowly the method now in existence developed

MILK VENDOR'S STYLES

The milkman is an international character, though he varies in methods and appearance in as many lands as he plies his trade. In Canada he drives a spotless wagon propelled either by horse or gasoline. In many parts of Holland he delivers his merchandise in a twowheeled cart drawn by dogs. In southern Europe he specializes in goat's milk and drives his goats from doorstep to doorstep, milking them in view of his Muriate and sulphate of potash are of no customers. In Costa Rica, the milkman rides from house to house astride a horse with milk cans strapped to the animal Many of the horse-back milkmen of San Jose carry umbrellas to shield the milk from the scorching rays of the tropical

SOME IDEA

Two Irishmen roomed in an eight storey apartment on the top floor and could not sleep on Sunday morning, as the sun would shine in the windows and wake them up. They bought some black paint and painted the windows and lay down to sleep. When they woke up they realized they would be late for work, as it was seven fifteen. rushed to their jobs and the foreman looked at them in bewilderment. Pat says, "Faith and what's the mat-

ter, boss? We're only twenty minutes late?"

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were called Coena and Miranda, the boys: But many still shook their heads des- ment

"Not silver! What is it then?"

as in fact were all his neighbors.