The Free Press Short Story

STAR OF FAITH

sanctuary in the heat of the day, At but he could not sell bonds, even tury-old rocks in the bed of a marrow him. He lost his position and drifted could not go to his father's friend in brook; and on both sides, the woods were into newspaper work.

couragement. His name was Johnston, self without means of support. ideal place for a hold-up. There isn't beaten man crept into his eyes. any chance for me to be caught. Brading freight."

of money he would have in his possesalon as treasurer of the Emergency and nights of contentment. Relief Committee, and to escape in the darkness. Small risk was connected with the plan, for he intended to bind Bradley hand and foot and carry him into the woods, where he would not be discovered until morning.

It was strange, reflected Johnston moodily, but he had known a boy named Bradley in college in those happy days when he had possessed money, friends, and bright prospects of the future. In the five years which had passed since then, life had treated him shabbily. In bitter reflectiveness, he turned the pages in his book of memory.

honor graduate of one of the East's leading preparatory schools. He had taken a suite of rooms in the most ex- had slept in the Oity Lodging House about the good in life, the true. pensive dormitory, had selected the "cinch" courses, those which were easy to pass, and had sot out to conquer his leisurely round of making friends, attending football games, visiting weekends in New York, and spending long hours of good fellowship in the college ticularly exacting, and his friends were youths like himself, intent above all else on having a good time.

A chap named Perry had asked him to report for the Preshman football team. Johnston recalled the conversation as thought it were yesterday: "You'll remnant of respectability, urged him to come out for football, won't you?" Perry had asked. "You're big enough, and of his torn trousers, he had climbed upon you played in prep school, I understand." a freight train for the West. In Cali-"Yes," Johnston had unswered.

"Why?" getting injured permanently. I won't work for an outcast. afford to take chances."

it up at college."

rah-rah college spirit stuff is nonsense," street: Perry had stood up. "If that's the way you feel about it, we don't want tee." you out for the team," he had said.

Bradley, who was working his way morning." man football captain.

students had gathered in his rooms, lonely road. Some one had sat down at the plane, Johnston had purchased's small coll of and they had all sung the Alma Mater rope; now he waited on the bridge for sony. Strange how the words had lived Brudley to come home. It was the comthrough the years:

Bill we shall find again, Doop in the hearts of men. Math in the Scarlet of Avalon."

regalling one tragic week in early Janu- looked anything like the idol of his colund of his Freshman year. Suddenly and lege days. unexpectedly, his father had died. Instead of hundreds of thousands of dol- cupped his chin in his hands and saw, lars, nothing remained except debts. In not the shadowy woods, but tvy-covered you eloped?" place of security, there was the grin buildings in the mountight. He heard, necessity of earning a livelihood.

Johnston had sold his furniture for road, where it entered the all that it would bring, and had withstretch of pine woods two miles drawn from coflege. He had no relatives was almost in | -- he and his father had been the last Branches of tall surviving members of the family-but trees formed a canopy above it, pro- he had hoped to make some business tecting it from the touch of summer connection through his friends. He had sun and making of it something of a cool been given an opening in a bond house, night, however, it was dominated by year of prosperity. Strangely, men who

He knew nothing about journalism, would point another way-downward. On this particular night a man sat The days were marked by a struggle for face was marked by deep lines of worry to carn it. He was dropped from the ed, would be better than bread lines. and the look in his eyes was one of dis- staff of the newspaper, and found him-

his college days. Now, with midnight delivery wagon. His salary was ninoteen away from the bridge into the deeper only a few minutes away, he slid down dollars a week, and with it he provided shadows of the woods. Revolver in from the railing and stood leaning with himself with food, shelter, and clothing, hand, he waited with fact-beating heart, his elbows upon it, his brooding eyes Nothing remained for amusements, for Bradley was coming steadily nearer. fastened upon the murmuring water of social life of any kind. He became the brook. "This," he thought, "is an careless in dress, and the light of a carefully. When the other man reach-

During that period of struggle, Johnley will be alone and Y can take his ston thought often of his college days; money and get away on the early morn- of the sun shifting through stately trees and making patterns on the gravel Johnston - had - decided to - rob w man marina; of - fruitful - discussions in luxuri named Bradley, to relieve him of a sum our dormitory quarters; of studying beneath a shaded lamp; of days of peace

> Most of all, however, he recalled the evening "sings" on the steps of the dormitory. Pive hundred youthful voices pledging loyalty to the college! Pive hundred potential sons singing to Alma

"Still we shall find again,

Deep in the hearts of men, Fuith in the Scurlet of Avalon." He bad lost his job driving the dehery wagon, although through no fault of his own. The procesy for which he was working had been unable to withdoors. He had attempted to secure an-

to earn his food. He could see no future, nothing except the grim necessity of liv- to retrieve his manhood.

ing. The happy years which he had spent in luxury were but a half-remem-

Something within him, however, some escape. With three dollars in the pocket "I fornia a former partner of his father's played in school but I've decided to give was head of a big business. He had been the only oga to offer aid in that unfor-getable week of tragedy. He was now 'I don't want to take a chance on the last chance. He might have some

mittee treasurer's habit to walk, John- Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil has been in- thing down on the chest. . "To the Scarlet of Avalon pledge we ston had learned. Bradley was a farmer troduced increased supplies have been and an advocate of fresh air and ordered, showing that wherever it goes All that is good in life, all that is true; exercise. He was like the Frank Bradley this excellent Oil impresses its power on Dark though the hours be as time speeds who had been captain of the Prishman the people. No matter in what latitude flected. Strange that the two names paired. It is put up in most portable should be the same. The wondered vague- shape in bottles and can be carried withly if this furmer who was unwise enough out fear of breakage. He covered his face with his hands, to carry money on a lonely road at night

> Ah, those college days! Johnston not the murmur of the brook, but the yet." ,

Parth in the Scarlet of Avalon." He had lost his faith now, and there

Deep in the hearts of men,

was no regaining it. He reached into the back pocket of his trousers and drow out a small revolver. It was not loaded but Bradley would not know that of course. He would raise his arms at sharp command and would permit himself to be tied and dragged into the

Johnston looked at the pistol and was tempted to toss it aside. He could still catch the freight train out of town and somehow, make his way to California as he had originally intended to do. He told himself bitterly, however, that he was tired of being an object of charity. He wanted to be able to hold up his head

way. He would have money, after tonight, but he could not wild up his water rushing past con- had flattered his father had no time for head, remembering how he got it. He California to ask for a job. The path

He laid the pistol on the railing of on the railing of a bridge extending subsistence, for food to eat and clothes the bridge and fought for his self-resacross the stream. He was a young man, to wear. His early training had taught pect. Long years of misfortune, however, hardly more than twenty-two, but his him how to spend money, but not how had made him weak; anything, he decid-

Two hundred yards down the road small light shone in the darkness. His heart beat more swiftly, and he slipped

Johnston had worked out his blan ed the bridge, he would call sharply: "Halt! And throw up your hands. am armed and I won't stand any non-

-With the tevolver in sight, he would He would take the money then, place a gag in his victim's mouth, tie his anklestogether, and drug him fifty feet into

Tense and determined, Johnston waited. The murmur of the brook reached him clearly, and pine branches whispered over his head. When the light was scarcely fifty yards away, however, another sound broke the stillness of the night. It was a man's voice singing, a voice Johnston had heard in those dimly remembered days on the college campus. There was no mistaking the words: "To the Scarlet of Avalon pledge we

stand competition, and had closed its All that is good in life, all that is true-Johnston, stood still as a statue in He saw himself us a Preshman, an other position, but times were hard. He the darkness. It was Bradley singing, knew the humiliation of standing in a of course, the Frank Bradley he had bread line and receiving charity. He known five years ago. He was singing

> The man in the shadows opened his yet He became the associate of men who hand and let the pistol drop to the blamed the existing government for all ground with a gentle thud. He raised the evils which had befallen them. They his eyes and saw a single star through said that a poor man had a right to the opening of the trees. The star of steal if he were not given the chance faith! He would hold to it for a while longer, would reach up for it and try

Bradley reached the bridge and passed within six feet of him, but Johnston bered dream. He became one with the remained in the shadows. He waited masses, shabby, discontented, complain- there, looking at the star, until the flashing light disappeared up the road. For a long time, Johnston waited: then, with a smile upon his lips and fulth in his heart, he started walking toward town-on his way to the West and another chance.

THIMBLE AN ANCIENT DEVICE

Thimbles did not come into general use in England until the latter part of the seventeenth century. The little play football after graduation. I've got Johnston was chased from the freight device was known to the Egyptians and a er social position to fill. I can't train in a small town in Ohio. Weary, Romans, for articles of a similar patdirty, and disheartened, he had stum- tern have been found among Egyptian "Doesn't the college mean anything bled across the tracks and waited on a ruins, and the Romans, according to corner for traffic to pass. He had seen Seneca, performed the "find the little "Not in the way you mean. This a sign over a store building across the pea" trick with the brass or bronze ancestor of the modern thimble. The "Manleyville ... Unemployment Commit- first machine-made thimbles were turned out in Holland in 1693, by John Lott-He was told, when he applied for aid, ing, a Dutch inventor to whom the Johnston, "Pop" Johnston, had smiled that there was no work available. The patent was granted. Silver and gold indifferently. Later in the term, how- funds for emergency cases were exhaust- were the materials first employed and ever, he had wondered if he had acted ed but there was another payment from only well-to-do could afford to buy them wisely. His own immediate friends pre- the city due that night; if he reported Later when they were made of cheaper tended to be sophisticated, but he notic- in the morning, they could help him. | metal, practically everybody used them. ed that they attended all mass meetings | Johnston had bought some food in a The name which the Dutch first gave of them." and yelled themselves hourse when the cheap lunch room and listened to several them, translated literally, meant "fin-Preshman team won its first game. men talking, men who were poorly ger-hood." The English, however, soon Pootball became the chief topic of and idle, like himself. "The city money supplied their own name of "thumbconversation among his classmates, and will be turned over to Bradley after bell," derived from the bell-like shape Frank Bradley their greatest hero. John- council meeting to-night," one of them of the little article and from the early ston had known Bradley only casually, had said. "He'll take it home with him practice of wearing it on the thumb to but had wombipped him from ufar, probably, but it will be ready in the ward off the point of the needle. About 250 years ago the quaint custom sprang through college, had been elected Presh- Johnston had gone outside and made up of inscribing postes and forget-mehis way to the docks beside a sluggish nots inside the thimble and it is naid In the darkness of the pine-scented river. He had asked a dock hand on a that in those days the thimble served forest. Johnston winced sharply, as moored boat where a man named Brad- the same tendency purpose as the enthough stabbed by sudden pain. He re- ley lived. The deck hand had told him gagement ring of to-day. Leather membered one night fust before the the house was out in the country, three thimbles were at one time introduced. Christmas holidays when a group of miles from town, on Ryder's Lane, a but soon proved themselves unsatisfac-

> Fresh Supplies in Demand.-Wherever to keep a cold in the head from sebfootball team at college, Johnston re- it may be found its potency is never im-

CAN'T GET AWAY.

"Did your wife's father see you when "I should say so; he's living with us

GAME'S OVER



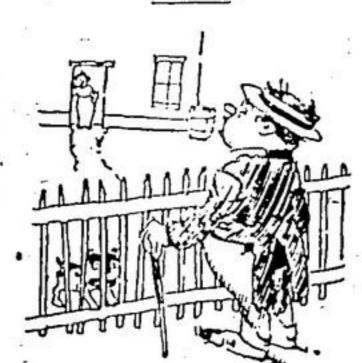
"She broke hlm."

STILL ANOTHER ONE



Mr. Jones (angrily)-I was the biggest fool in the world when I naked you to marry me! Mrs. Jones (dangerously sweet)-Not the blygest, dearest, I accepted

WILLING TO WAIT



Jogging Pete-Say, missus, can ye Farmer's Wife-Land sakes! We don't dig taters for another month

ma'am. I'll live here till diggin' time.

LEAVE IT TO 'EM



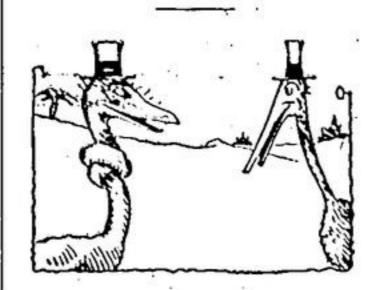
"Did you tell your wife everything you did while she was away?"

NO JOKING



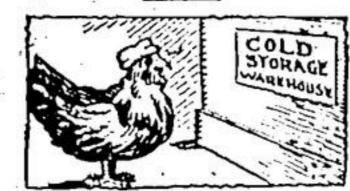
"Did they wear spats?" "No: but they certainly had plonty

NOT SO BAD



Crane-Well, what the Ostrich-Just a little idea of mine

THE PROOF



children are in there.

DOMINION EXPECIMENTAL

Weekly News Letter

Work with Flax at the Central Farm Work with flax, at the Central Experimental Parm, has consisted chiefly in testing importations from other countries and in attempts to develop still better yielding varieties by artificial crossing. These efforts have been quite successful. Good varieties so far developed are Diadem, an early ripening sort; Novelty, a later but very high yielding variety, and Longstem. Attempts are also being made to develop variether capable of registing the disease known m flax wilt. Since flax grown in Canada is used chiefly in the production of linseed oil, a program of breeding work to obtain varieties with a high oil content is now in progress."

Crate Feeding of Poultry

Crate feeding of poultry gives the highcat quality of flesh, and feeding in clean, sanitary pens makes the best substitute. Only healthy birds of any kind will pay. Before confining the birds in crates or pens they should be given a laxative and freed of lice. Feed sparingly at first. Two to four weeks are required for fin-At the Central Experimental Farm, it has been found that almost any good mixture of home-grown grains, finely ground and mixed with milk, will

A satisfactory finishing ration may be composed of the following: One part finely ground whole wheat; one part finely ground whole barley; and one part finely ground whole outs. Fresh skim-milk, whole milk or but-

termilk should be used as a mixer. Swede Roots for Seed

Sweed roots for seed may be stored either he outside pits or in w dark, wellsufficiently cool to keep them from sprouting too early in the spring. When the roots are pulled the tops should be cut off about an inch to an inch and a half from the crown.

BRITAIN'S OLDEST WINDMILL

During the past year a number of old windmills in Britain have engaged the attention of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Chailey Mill, in Sussex, has now been thoroughly restored by funds raised by Mrs. K!mmins, founder of the Heritage . Craft Schools, and it is being used as a dwelling house in connection with the crippie home. Outwood Mill, in Surrey, has been supplied with a sound pair of sails from a Norfolk windmill that was domolished. Old Moreton Mill, in Eusex, has been made watertight and repainted. It is estimated that there are utill nearly Jogging Pete-That's all right, 1,000 of these picturesque landmarks to been seen on the English country sidesome in good condition, many in 'urgent need of repair, but a large number in a derelict and dilapidated state. Hitherto it has been supposed that Bourn Mill, Cambridgeshire, is the oldest in the British isles, dating from 1636. An old tower mill has, however, been discovered in Sark (Channel Islands) which bears the date 1571 carved in stone over the balcony. It is owned by the Dame of Sark, who has in her possession receipts dating back 200 years for the cost of repairs carried out on the mill by her predecessors, the Selgneurs of Sark.

CAN'T FOOL HIM

through a hayfield with a country friend. "What are those funny things?" asked the town boy, pointing to hayricks.

"Oh, that's hay," replied his friend. "Pull my other leg," shouted the city youth. "Hay doesn't grow in lumps like



HAVEN'Y you noticed that your happlest hours occur on days when you feel your best?

Have more of these happy days. You and all your family. Cuard health while you have it. Keep on the sunny side of life.

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45	Best Span-Heavy Draught, by the Ploneer Equipment Com- pany, goods to the value of \$5.00, or off a larger purchase	g 00
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POULTRY SPECIALS 10S Best Pen of 12 Bred-to-lay Pullets, S. C. White Leghorns or B. P. Rocks, 1st, \$1.25; 2nd, 75c

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409 Best 6 lbs. Comb Honoy, donor to receive same, by Bert 419' Best 15 lbs. Clover Honey, donor to receive same, by J. 1C. Gardiner, watchmaker

423 Best Louf Cracked Wheat Bread, wheat home grown, donor 433 Best Loaf Bread, baked by a young lady under 21 years. Leave at Secretary's office for donor. Choice of clothes horse, or ladder, by J. H. Mackenzie, value 2 60

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