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So I did. As you may know, starting a motor on the magneto involves spinning the flywheel rapidly for several times before enough electricity is generated to make a spark. It is one of the most heartbreaking exercises I know of, especially when the motor has excellent compression such as Grandmother Page boasted.

The perspiration dripped from my brow and my arm seemed like a leaden weight that was about to drop off.

I paused for breath. "Now you quit your kidding," snarled the highwayman, shoving the muzzle of the revolver under my nose. "Take off that coat and make her go. Take it off, I say!"

I obeyed. Neither of us was prepared for what followed. I had gotten the white tights, which were all I wore beneath my overcoat, and he, of course, was not expecting me to look as pale as I did.

His jaw fell and his arm dropped limp at his side.

"W-w-what are you?" he asked. It was probably the only opportunity that I would have, and I made the most of it. As the muzzle of the gun dropped I jumped for him and pinned his arms to his sides.

We rolled over and over in the snow, the revolver exploding as we fell.

Sometimes weight is an advantage. This was a case in point. In two minutes I was sitting on his chest and had taken his weapons away from him.

Finger on trigger, ready to fire, I looked around for the other bandit.

"Where is he?" I asked. "Gone," replied Maryella. "He ran away when he saw you were winning."

"It's all for the best," Jim asserted. "You couldn't fight him and sit on this other gentleman at the same time anyway."

I rose from my seat. "Get up!" I ordered my prisoner.

(Continued next week)

Roberts: "Are you sure your new invention will work?"

Edwards: "No; I'm only sure I'll have to if it doesn't."



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News Shorts

Certainly Frank

A man who applied for a motor truck license in Richmond, Va., gave his occupation as "bootlegger."

Only One Heath Hen Still Alive

Out of the flock of Heath Hens in Boston, once inhabiting Marthas Vineyard only one bird is alive today, it was revealed by the State Department of Conservation. In the Spring of 1927 only 13 Heath Hens remained. Now only one can be found.

"Never in the history of ornithology," said Dr. Alfred O. Gross, who undertook the study of the Heath Hen's decline, "has a species been watched in its normal environment down to the very last individual. How long this bird will continue to live only time can answer."

"The death of this bird will also mean the death of its race. As long as it lives it will be observed and

protected. This last bird is a plump male, its plumage is in perfect condition and there is every outward appearance that it is a perfectly healthy individual."

Highest Temperature

Rose Lombardi, San Francisco, Cal., nine-year-old girl, survived the highest temperature ever recorded—a fever of 112—during an illness of scarlet fever.

Fewer Dogs

Richmond, Va., ten years ago had 5,000 dogs; now there are only 2,000 in the city. The goat population at the same time has gone down from several hundreds to none.

California legislators are seeking to have a tariff placed upon citrus fruit juices. Quite an industry has been built up in the sale and export of the juices of oranges and lemons in various forms and this industry naturally needs and craves protection. It is the only way in which we can beat Spain and Italy to the market.

The bricklayers of New York are to get a wage increase of nearly four million dollars. This will enable them to keep up with the two cars to a family idea.

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