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## The Star

By VILMA GOSHEN  
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LIVING as they did, in California, the Caddy family thought perhaps less of moving pictures than their sisters elsewhere. They were a beautiful family, too, beautiful by reason of that inheritance of good features and perfect health which insures the real thing.

All, that is, except Catherine. She had the perfect health; but there it stopped. No one knew where that odd mouth came from that made strangers almost lose their self-control when they bought fruit. No one could imagine where that hair, that seemed made for a comedian's wig, ever entered the smooth-headed comely Caddy group.

But there it was; unconsciously humorous; a tragedy for herself and a stifled regret for father and mother. Then one day a polite person, too polite, asked Mrs. Caddy if the company might go on location on her land. She knew the slogans and assented, seeing that her five lovely daughters were safely in the house and determining to keep them there. Of Catherine Caddy there was no thought at all. She was surely immune.

Thus it came about that Catherine, more than ordinarily absurd in an antiquated sunbonnet, leading a half-grown calf that nearly threw her several times, passed directly in front of the polite person as he left the ranch house after obtaining permission to put his company to work.

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Catherine jerked up the bossy, whose four legs seemed incongruously wooden and elongated as he struggled to keep his balance, and threw a perfectly natural but supremely comic glance at the stranger. "Good morning," said he. "Do you work for Mrs. Caddy?" "I do not," said Catherine, red-dening. "I'm just her daughter." "Well, that's fine. I'd like to talk to you. No, don't run away. Talk that thing to a tree, can't you? I don't want to be tripped up." Catherine obediently tied the bossy, who bawled. "The fact is," said the polite person, "I want you in this picture." Catherine was by no means meek and she was fast growing furious. She knew well she was no movie queen in embryo. Indeed, her calamitous absurdities were anguish to her. She would like to have walloped the stranger with the switch she had used for the bossy. "You're surprised," said the polite person, "because you think all movie girls look like dolls. Well, they don't. We want character women. You can play character parts." Catherine thought wildly. She knew her mother would never consent, but, truth to tell, she was tired of playing nobody while her sisters' beaux trailed over the ranch. She had no hankering for a career, but now a career seemed a way out of an intolerable existence. If she was so funny why not be well paid for it? It was rumored that a grandmother had made her ask if he had a contract in his pocket. "I'll sign you when I see how you screen," smiled the stranger who grew less polite and more likable with further acquaintance. "We'll fix a test for tomorrow." It was not unusual for the girls to run over to "Los" for an afternoon's shopping or a show. Therefore, Catherine slipped off with no comment. The test proved that she was even funnier in the film than in daily life, and Catherine, having signed for what to her seemed a huge sum of money on that fateful dotted line, went home, tired, hot and encouraged beyond her dreams. "Cathy," said Sara, her eldest and prettiest sister, at supper, "don't think me a beast. Only I simply can't let you act as bridesmaid Thursday. You make everyone laugh, and—" "Don't worry, Sara," was the tranquil reply, "I couldn't possibly get off. I have signed a contract this afternoon with the Gaythorn-Satterthwaite Film aggregation. That is, I am en route to be a movie star."

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## 'Goose Hangs High' Means Favorable Sailing Ahead

The old phrase "the goose hangs high," is a picturesque expression and a puzzling one, with only one certainty that when the goose hangs high, it is a good omen. Perhaps it does not matter much whether "hangs" means honk, as American lexicographers contend, or means hangs, in one of the Oxford dictionary's definitions. In the first instance, observes a writer in the Indianapolis News, the phrase would mean clear sailing ahead, bright prospects, actually and figuratively; in the second, that game meat has been hung until it is "high," or, figuratively, that happy days are just around the corner.

American dictionaries say that the probability is that "hangs" is a mispronunciation of "honks." To support this view, some students of sayings and folklore in the West say that early settlers always said hang for honk because they talked through their noses. That seems to be rather far-fetched, although the Oxford dictionary does not refer to the goose, it cites venison as a meat that is permitted to "hang high," or as an American phrase has it, to "get sanctified." In Virginia, where hunting and cooking trace directly to Engiand, quail and other game birds are permitted to season until they "hang high." It would seem, therefore, that the Westerners were not mispronouncing, but misunderstanding. Perhaps those who erred were not of English stock, and being unfamiliar with the idiom, thought the word was honk.

## Many Famous People Are Numbered as Cat Lovers

Frederick B. Eddy in "The Platner of the Hearth" (National Geographic magazine) says: "Many famous people have been numbered among cat lovers. Among these was Mohammed, who cut off a piece of his cloak rather than disturb his pet asleep upon it. Cardinal Richelieu signed his state papers with a host of kittens playing upon his desk. Theodore Roosevelt had several cats in the White House. Poincare and Clemenceau both loved cats, and the latter directed that he be buried near his pets which had given him so much joy. Mark Twain has immortalized the cat Tom Quartz in "Roughing It."

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## A Modern Paradise Regained

By ELLIOTT BROWN  
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IT WASN'T much of a quarrel—just a few bitter words strung together in angry haste; all about the bedroom walls. "Only forty dollars for such lovely paper; and it's impossible the way it is!" "Forty dollars is too much; you're paying for the man's reputation!" "But any paper hanger would charge twenty-five—" "Well—I was brought up to realize that fifteen dollars was worth saving!" That was the beginning. As Ralph Brown, husband, closed the door, his ears were assaulted with this last Parthian shot: "If you are too stingy to support me in decency, I'll go home!"

The poison of the thing got into his system. He never used to wrangle with anyone. Since his marriage, a year ago, there had been too much of it; maybe, after all, fifteen dollars was a small concession, but it was the principle of the thing! Barbara and he had different standards where money was concerned. She wanted the best—nothing. He would compromise by enjoying next-best! The word "stingy" in her ringing tones heckled him through his morning's work. He worried through till lunchtime. A bowl of delicious soup, a cool, refreshing salad perfectly served at his favorite restaurant,

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swept away the cobwebs. He would telephone Babs and tell her to order the paper. He would demonstrate that he wasn't "stingy!" Whereupon, puffing at his good cigar, he reached for the telephone and then remembered that Barbara was due at a luncheon and bridge at one. He went back to the office with his peace of mind almost restored. A client detained him and it was late when he got away. When he reached home the house was unlighted. He left the car in front and entered with his latchkey. Silence. Switching on the lights, he made his way to the kitchen. Order prevailed. At this time of day he was accustomed to the interesting clutter of a meal in the making, to Barbara's slender figure enveloped in cretonne over her pretty dress, her bright head bent over some homely task, and to the sweet freshness of her kiss as she lifted her lips to his. She was always home before him.

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"No, I am quite well. Only I'm too funny for private life and I can get paid good money for making a crowd laugh, so why not?" There was a chorus of protest, but Catherine is billed on Broadway as the "Girl Charlie Chaplin," so it is to be presumed that she won her point.

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## COUNTY OF HALTON 1939 - LOCAL COURTS CALENDAR - 1939

Place of sitting	Day of sitting	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Nov.	Dec.
1 Milton	Friday	6	3	5	2	4	1	3	7	5
2 Oakville	Friday	10	7	9	6	8	5	7	11	9
3 Georgetown	Friday	4	1	3	30	27	24	21	18	15
4 Appleton	Friday	11	8	10	7	9	6	8	12	10
5 Burlington	Friday	11	8	10	7	9	6	8	12	10

May, June and September Courts will open at 9 a.m. standard time. All other Courts at 10 a.m. standard time.  
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