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Wherever there are stiles they are friendly. They differ much in form, from the rude steps on the fern and foxglove walls of Cornwall to the torn ship's timbers taken from the shore and fashioned into stepping ways amid the briars and brambles of Norfolk hedges.

They mark the short cuts to rest as well as work. They are crossed for dalliance no less than dispatch. It is the loiterers' season that is starting now. The lure of the field paths is strong. There will be wanderers alone and wanderers in threes and fours; but perhaps as often as all others there will be wanderers in twos, tramping from stile to stile till they find one more friendly than the rest-a lovers' seat.

Summer comes, with billows of leaves and surge of flowers, with unceasing drone of insects in the sunny air. The quiet woodside that the little path hugs is grown bosky; the beck in the hollow tinkles over its pebbles beneath the plank bridge and then is lost in a forest of willow herb; the corn is grown so high that children crossing stiles; and every stile is deeper set, so have the lusty brambles pread their long arms around and all the hedgerow plants given themselves to abandon. The lovers must sit closer.

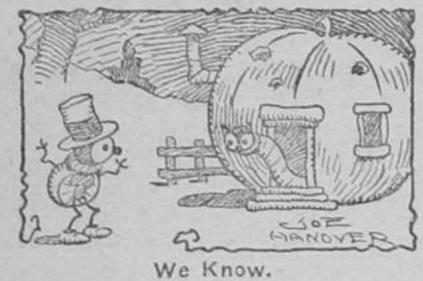
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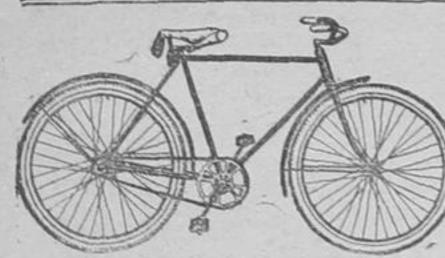


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A Few Chuckles from Ireland.

Many good things have come from Ireland, not the least of which are its characteristic mirth-provoking jokes and anecdotes. Of recent years, alas! the people have had little enough cause for light-heartedness; and yet, as Miss E. Somerville points out in rest of it." her memoirs, there are still in Ireland some to make jokes and others to laugh at them.

A man with authority, she writes, came upon one of his workmen who was clearing a water course; two other workmen were standing near by, watching him do it.

we always see in Ireland! One man of every one of us. I'm talkin' about working, and two more looking on!" There's three of them now, sir!"

said one of the lookers-on politely. And the old people can still laugh at themselves,-which is perhaps the to you, but I didn't. I was kinda touchstone of humor, -especially the playin' a lone hand. At that time I old women, who regard the world and didn't suspect my cousin James at all. its needs and follies as from another plane, having never had time or follies and having outlived all needs except a pinch o' tea and a paireen o' boots. cannot forget little old Mrs. Leary, some kind of a confession. James lost who, dying, said gayly:

me! 'Look,' I says to them, 'make the some evidence against him. He was coffin a small sign too big, the way afraid of what that paper would tell." my uncle's rooms an' had kept quiet. the people'll think the womaneen inside in it wasn't all out so little as what she was!"

And consider the two old "nurses" at Ross, one of whom was acting as butler and housemaid, and the other the fields are seen only as they top the as cook and yard boy; each, conscious the broker's feet. "You'll be glad to herself and her companion as, "Me an' the other owld hairo!"



Could She Answer That?

Farmer-"Mother, that boy of ours ain't doin' nothin' at college but foolin' round with the girls."

mond Dyes" even if you have never what you make of this here Alma Mater he's allus writin' 'bout he loves so much?"

Nature's Night-Lights.

What is the most efficient light in the world?

Some people might vote at once for the "last word" of science in artificial illumination, but they would be wrong. The most efficient light known to us was known in the days of pine torches like this. and rushlights. It is that with which Nature has endowed the glow-worm he answered. "He's knockin' at the he was shootin' at me. It struck me and the firefly.

Science has so far failed to solve the Appleworm-"Not so good. The problem of the production of light landlord has just raised our rent to without heat-a problem which seems to have given Dame Nature no difficulty. In all artificial light production an enormous amount of energy is lost

> Thus a four-watt carbon glow lamp has a luminous efficiency of less than a half per cent., and the most perfect artificial illuminant has an efficiency of only four per cent.

Science here compares badly with think not." Nature, for the luminous efficiency of the firefly is no less than 99.5 per cent., whilst the glow-worm's light is der of the janitor. "I want you, eighty times more efficient than a tungsten lamp.

Mighty is the force of motherhood! It transforms all things by its vital for? thoughtless ness into foresight, and had his prisoner handcuffed. yet stills all anxiety into calm content; It makes selfishness become selfdenial, and gives even to hard vanity If interested in Sporting and Athletic the glance of admiring love .- George

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Tangled Trails

-BY WILLIAM MACLEOD RAINE

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CHAPTER XL.—(Cont'd.)

I can't account for. Some of us were with him practically every other min- night, at eleven o'clock. And I'll say ute. X is the whole unknown quantity, he made a bad mistake when he tried may, by some thousandth chance, have stepped into the room an' killed him while none of us were present," ex- worryin' for fear I was followin' too plained Kirby.

"If there is such an unknown man you can cut the time down to five minutes instead of ten, providing your duckin' for cover. Safety first was my schedule is correct," James cut in. "For according to it I was there part time to figure on who could be the of the time and Mrs. Hull part of the gentleman that was so eager to make

"Yes," agreed his cousin. Mrs. Hull is X or that I am," jeered

No need for a judge or jury." door. "Chief, one of the queer things about this mystery is that all the witnesses had somethin' to conceal. Go neat feet, no larger than a woman's. "Well, boys," he said, "this is what right through the list, an' it's true Hull's feet are-well, sizable." the important witnesses, of course, to call them. As a dozen eyes focused Well, Cole an' I found a paper in the on his boots the fat man drew them living-room of the apartment where back of the rungs of his chair. This anese. I ought to have turned it over conformation was embarrassing. We were workin' together on this thing. At least I thought so. I found out better later. I took the paper to him to get it translated, thinkin' maybe Horikawa might have written that paper. Anyhow, he claimed he "Sure, three inches of a coffin'll do did. My theory is that Horikawa had

was a clerk of mine who lost the paper. I had nothing to do with it," James retorted coldly. "No doubt the paper has been destroyed, but not by tried to murder me. I got a note

me. Quite by accident, I judge." His cousin let off a bomb beneath of her own absurdity, would describe know that the paper wasn't destroy- killed my uncle. I took a chance an' ed," he said. "I have it, with a trans- went." The cattleman turned to Mrs. lation, in my pocket at the present Hull. "Will you explain about the moment."

James clutched the arms of his chair. His knuckles grew white with the strain. "Where-where did you school to recite. "I wrote the note." find it?" he managed to say.

"In the most private drawer of your safe, where you hid it," Kirby replied quietly.

Cunningham visibly fought for his composure. He did not speak until he with a sneer.

"And this paper which you allege you found in my safe-after a burglary which, no doubt, you know is very much against the law-does it convict me of the murder of my uncle?"

The tension in the room was nerveshattering. Men and women suspended breathing while they waited for an us right-not only me, but Jack and answer.

any guilt whatever in the matter." | the strained tendon I had been with little sob and collapsed into her hus-band's arms. Jack rose, his face work- We quarrelled. I got furious and Wife-"Oh, I think not, Hiram-he's ing, and caught his brother by the caught Shibo by the throat to shake shoulder. These two had suffered the little scoundred. He gave my arm Farmer-"A-workin' hard, eh? Then greatly, not only because of their fear some kind of a jiu-jitsu twist. He was for him, but because of the fear of at me every day. He never let up. He his guilt that had poisoned their peace. meant to bleed me heavily. We

James too, was moved, as much by couldn't come to terms. I hated to their love for him as by the sudden yield to him." relief that had lifted from his heart. But his pride held him outwardly cold. "Since you've decided I didn't do it,

who did," he suggested presently. There came a knock at the door.

door now. Enter X."

CHAPTER XLI. ENTER X.

sent a swift glance around the room. a man, an' last night we went through He had expected to meet James alone. his room at the Paradox. We found in the form of heat rays and chemical That first slant look of the long eyes there a flashlight, a bandanna handforewarned him that Nemesis was at kerchief with holes cut in it for the hand. But he faced without a flicker eyes, an' in the mattress two thousand of the lids the destiny he had pre- dollars in big bills. We left them pared for himself.

"You write me note come see you want to alarm Shibo." now," he said to Cunningham.

"You no want me?" The Chief's hand fell on the shoul-Shibo.'

"You write me note come here "No, I reckon Mr. Lane wrote that." "I plenty busy. What you want me

cash prices. It means buying a Bicycle heat; it turns timidity into fierce For the murders of James Cun- searching for one of the right size. If for at least \$5 less than you will pay courage, and dreadless defiance into 'ningham and Horikawa." Before the no gummed paper is at hand use the elsewhere, and all our Bicycles are tremulous submission; it turns words were out of his mouth the Chief flap of an envelope and a bit of

Shibo turned to Kirby. "You tellum police I killum Mr. Cunin'lam and Horikawa?"

"Yes." "I plenty sorry I no kill you." "You did your best, Shibo. Took three shots at ten feet. Rotten shoot-

"Do you mean that he actually tried "X is the ten minutes of uncle's time to kill you?" James asked in surprise. "In the Denmark Building, the other

It is the time in which he was prob'ly an' didn't get away with it. For I actually killed. It is the man who knew that the man who was aimin' to gun me was the same one that had killed Uncle James. He'd got to

hot a trail."

"Did you recognize him?" Jack said. "Not right then. I was too busy motto right then. No, when I first had me among those absent, I rather laid it to Cousin James, with Mr. Cass Hull "But you may have decided that second on my list of suspects. The fellow had a searchlight an' he flashed James. "If so, of course that ends it. it on me. I could see above it a bandanna handkerchief over the face. Kirby turned to the man by the I'd seen a bandanna like in in Hull's hands. But I had to eliminate Hull. The gunman on the stairs had small, preme ladder. Liberty is right; equal-

They were. Huge was not too much Horikawa was killed. It was in Jap- attention to personal details of his

"Those small feet stuck in my mind," Kirby went on. "Couldn't seem to get rid of the idea. They put James out of consideration, unless, of course, he had hired a killer, an' that didn't look reasonable to me. I'll tell the truth. I thought of Mrs. Hull dressed as a man—an' then I thought of Shibo." "Had you suspected him before?"

This from Olson. that he had seen the Hulls came from "Unfortunately for your theory it Hull admitted that he had been forced to bribe him. I tackled Shibo with it an' threatened to tell the police. Evidently he became frightened and makin' an appointment at the Denmark Building at eleven in the night. The writer promised to tell me who note, please?"

The gaunt, tight-lipped woman rose, as though she had been called on at she said. "Shibo made me. I didn't know he meant to kill Mr. Lane. He said he'd tell everything if I didn't." She sat down. She had finished her

little piece.

"So I began to focus on Shibo. He had perfect self-control. Then it was might be playin' a lone hand, or he might be a tool of my cousin James. A detective hired by me saw him leave Jame's office. That didn't absolutely settle the point. He might have seen somethin' an' be blackmailin' him too. That was the way of it, wasn't it?" He turned point-blank to Cunningham.

"Yes," the broker said. "He had Phyllis, too. I couldn't let him drag "On the contrary, it acquits you of her into it. The day you saw me with Phyllis Cunningham gave a broken him and Horikawa in the apartment

"And did you?"

"I promised him an answer soon," "No doubt he came to-day thinkin' Mr. Lane, perhaps you'll tell us then he was goin' to get it." Kirby went back to the previous question. "Next time I saw Shibo I took a look at his A whimsical smile twitched at the feet. He was wearin' a pair o' shoes corners of Kirby's mouth. He did not that looked to me mighty like those often have a chance for dramatics worn by the man that ambushed me. They didn't have any cap pieces across "Why, yes, that seems fair enough," the toes. I'd noticed that even while that it would be a good idea to look over his quarters in the basement. Shibo had one human weakness. He's a devotee of the moving pictures. Nearly every night he takes in a show Shibo stood on the threshold and on Curtis Street. The Chief lent me where we found them, for we didn't

The janitor looked at him without James showed surprise. "No, I emotion. "You plenty devil man," he

(To be concluded.)

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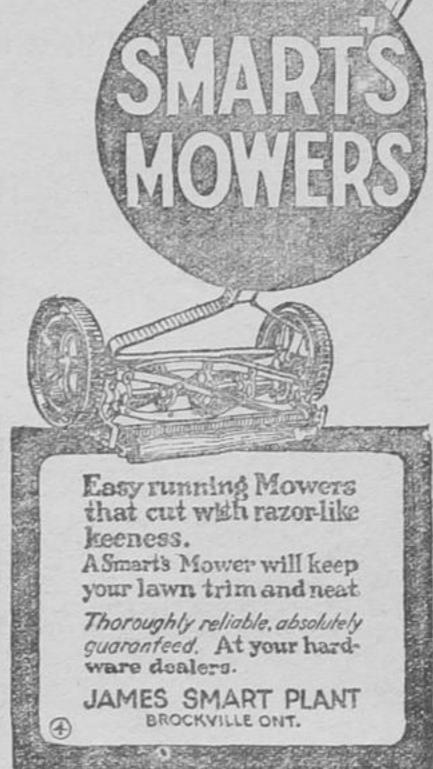


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