

man? Isn't it after all rather to be educated so far above the average man? For the average man is the best we can get as isn't he?"

"answered Mrs. Van Tassel, "and I always think a woman is such a hopeless specimen of humanity—of course, the woman of a certain type exploded prejudice," Miss Peck.

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SPRING SMILES.

then Hamlet said: But I have that which passeth show, it is believed that he had in his pocket a commentary ticket to the circus.

Miss Cordelia Summers (upon presentation of some flowers by young people)—Yes, children, this is my birthday. You see I am getting old—very old! Children (enthusiastically)—Yes, ma'am!

Reverse Action—The Elder Matron You shouldn't mind the baby crying a little. It strengthens his lungs. The younger Matron—Oh, no doubt; but it weakens his father's religion.

Dixon—Why is it that it is usually unmarried women who write articles on "How to Manage a Husband?" His—Oh, you don't suppose a married woman is going to give her little piece away, do you?

Declaring Himself—Proprietor—Yes, there's lots of golf playing here. Some folks'd rather play golf than eat. Guest—Well, I'm not one of that kind. Just remember that I expect three square meals a day.

Two Sides.—Mrs. Call—It's too bad for you, Ethel, to worry your mamma. You (aged five, tearfully)—Oh, well, Mrs. Call, if you'd lived with mamma as long as I have you'd know which of us was to blame.

I am sorry to hear about those boys who were in Spain, remarked Terwilliger. It seems to indicate, suggested Jerry, that even the bread is rising against the dynasty. Whereupon silence settled down on the group.

Scrap of Ancient History.—The pining monkey looked at his old born, lying idly in the shade of a cork palm, and shook his head. He sighed, and made a man of you, 5,000,000 years ago!

BUTCH CASSIDY AND HIS FIVE HUNDRED OUTLAW.

hundreds of Miles of Territory at Their Mercy—They Are the Terrors of Four Western American States.

The Governors of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho, recently met in conference to devise means for executing the notorious Butch Cassidy and his gang, who for years have rendered life and property unsafe in certain sections of these four States.

"Butch" and his band are the cut-throat of the rustlers of six years ago. Since then they have broadened their field, and increased their numbers. It is no idle boast to say that the leaders of this notorious band has 500 men at beck and call. Their depredations are upon a scale never before reached in the history of frontier crime. All the conditions are favorable to them. They know every foot of the vast territory in which they operate, taking in, as it does, the wildest and most inaccessible portions of four States. Every man of them is thoroughly familiar with frontier life in its rough phases.

The forces are sub-divided into five bands, each controlled by its own leader, with Cassidy as the supreme power. The outlaws now practically control the sparsely settled region extending from central Wyoming south-westerly through north-western Colorado, and Utah, and almost to the Arizona line. Marauding and murderous bands conduct their raids with restraint. The thefts of livestock run into the millions. Ranchmen are murdered and driven out of business, and the officers of the law are powerless.

There are five camps where the various bands make their headquarters, each of which is well nigh inaccessible except to the bandits themselves. Two of the most famous are "Robbers' Roost" and "Hole in the Wall." The former is in South Central Utah, on the San Rafael River, a few miles west of the Green River. The latter is hidden away somewhere in that wild, mountainous district to the north-west of Casper, Wyo.

The other camps are located in Tetons basin, near the eastern border of Idaho, and south of the Snake River; Bowler Springs in South-Western Wyoming, near Colorado, and about 50 miles east of the Utah line, and Brown's Park, taking in the north-western corner of Colorado, and the north-western portion of Utah. It is not definitely known in just which state the Brown's Park camp lies, but it is thought to be across the line in Colorado.

The camps form a chain extending for hundreds of miles. Between these points communication is maintained by a regular system of couriers and messenger parties, facilitating the cooperation of two or more bands when an enterprise of more than usual magnitude is undertaken.

These bands are composed of men of the most reckless and desperate character, long accustomed to deeds of crime. Whenever a murder is committed in the mountain states or a conspiracy of escape from a penitentiary the principal flies to the nearest of these hide-outs, where he is safe from pursuit. In this manner the ranks of the bandits have been recruited up to a strength conservatively estimated at 500. While each band has its chosen chief, "Butch" Cassidy exercises the sort of authority over the federated forces of the bandits.

Each of the strongholds is both a rendezvous and a fortress absolutely impregnable. They can only be reached by traversing deep and narrow gorges, along lofty and rugged peaks and precipitous cliffs. In many places the trail lies over a narrow shelf of rock cut by the bandits along the face of the precipice. Holes have been drilled in which in case of close pursuit dynamite can be placed and the trail blown from the face of the cliff into the abyss below, thus baffling all pursuers.

There are also many places where the outlaw can hold fifty officers at bay, and as the bandits are armed to the teeth and will fight to the last, any effort to terminate them is a useless sacrifice of life. In the retreats are numerous caves, luxuriantly fitted up and containing substantial supplies for months. Thus are the bandits enabled to set at defiance the forces of law and order.

The outlaws roam the adjacent country and smaller settlements without hindrance. Many settlers purchase insurance in various ways, and the robbers even attend occasionally "shooting up" the country. It is only when closely pursued by officers of the law that "Butch" Cassidy, however, by reason of the price upon his head, considers the higher altitude more conducive to his health and seldom ventures into the lowlands unless he is making a raid upon a town in which case he never loses a reputation during the last days of his life. It is by that of "Wild Bill" Hickok that the stealing is the chief source of Cassidy and his followers.

These were driven through Colorado into New Mexico. It is in this State that the stolen cattle from one

However, any operation that promises adventure and financial reward is never overlooked. Trains are held up, express companies and banks are robbed, and even individuals, when known to have money in their possession, are relieved of their possessions in true road agent style.

There are women among these outlaws, too, who ride with them on their wild forays and take pride in their association with these bold and daring freebooters. Even "Calamity Jane," in the old days of her association with "Deadwood Dick," could not surpass these picturesque females in their wild career.

About a year ago "Butch" Cassidy and "Bill" Ferguson, one of his trusted lieutenants, dashed into the town of Price in broad daylight, held up the paymaster of the coal company and rode off with \$8000 before the crowd of onlookers realized what had happened. This is but a simple exploit.

Bank robbers are but side issues with them; merely incidental to their grand chief occupation of cattle-stealing. If a victim resist, or an officer pursues murder is regarded as a professional duty, to be cheerfully performed, but they are not given to wanton slaughter. In several instances foolhardy officers who have invaded their strongholds have been disarmed, dismounted and sent home.

An instance of this kind occurred just after the raid of the coal company at Price. Two deputies traced Cassidy and Ferguson to their lair at "Robbers' Roost." They were fully 24 hours behind, and their approach was known long before they arrived at the narrow trail leading up into the rendezvous. Cassidy was in a jovial mood and he conceived that it would be more fun to capture the deputies and make sport of them than to kill them. So he acted accordingly.

The deputies were about half way up the trail, when, just at a bend around a sharp point of rocks, they heard the sharp command, "Hands up!" Half a dozen guns were staring them in the faces not 20 paces away. The deputies realized that not to obey meant sudden death. Up went their hands. Cassidy stepped up to them, roaring with laughter.

"You're a couple of fine dubs to come and catch peaceable citizens, ain't you?" he cried. "Gimme your guns. Here, Buck," calling to one of his men, "search these tenderfeet, and if they have got any tobacco you can keep it." The outcome of it was that the deputies, relieved of everything but their clothing, were bound hand and foot to their horses, conducted to the foot of the pass and sent about their business. To add to their discomfort a crudely scrawled note was pinned on the breast of each, which read: "We are deputy sheriffs sent out to capture 'Butch' Cassidy and his gang. When found send us home."

Politeness eases the joints in life's journey. Idleness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes it. There is a lot of grey-haired people dyeing to get married. Love, fire and a bad cough are three things that cannot be hid. A man occasionally says nothing and says wood, but no woman can do it. No book ever written is quite as realistic as a well-filled pocketbook. A dash of poetry in a man's nature seldom prompts him to leave his hair uncut. About all the use some men have for the golden rule is to measure the conduct of others.

A baseball crank would be called a raving lunatic if his enthusiasm ran in any other channel. The theatrical manager has cause to thank his stars when they leave him any of the box-office receipts. When a poor girl who is long and lanky suddenly acquires wealth, she at once becomes divinely tall and graceful.

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