

A Man Who Does Not Like Cats

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Ten miles straight out into the desert from Deming, New Mexico, stands a lonely cabin, in which lives an old man. Mr. Tom Crosby, better known as "Old Tom." Old Tom makes his living by panning gold and doing odd jobs about ranches and mining camps. Save for another prospector's cabin, six miles north of him, the nearest house is at Deming, ten miles away.

Tom Crosby has no pets, nor does he want any. He says that if he takes care of his saddle horse and two pack horses, he has done a plenty. He does not care for dogs; and as for cats, well, he just can't stand their presence.

Yet the old man is a kind-hearted fellow. He has been known to risk his own life in climbing to the top of a telegraph pole to rescue a black cat that had kittens under a ranch house.

The old man does not go to town more than is necessary; and when he goes it takes the best part of a day for him to ride his horse there and back.

One morning he awoke to find a nice black and white cat scratching at his front door. He tried to drive her away, but the cat had definitely decided to make this her home; so she went out to the barn and made her a bed in the hay-loft. The old man found her there when he went out to feed his stock. He tried again to run her off, but she only ran back to the cabin.

The next day she was again in the hay-loft. Tom Crosby could stand no more of her, so he caught her and put her into a cage. "I'll take care of her," he said, "and you'll see she's as fat as a ham."

Twenty minutes later he was riding his horse toward Deming with the sack hanging across his shoulder. It was a hard trip, for the weather was hot and the sand was deep, making it hard riding for the horse. Just the same, fuzzy had to have a home, and that was the only way to get her out of the cabin.

New Sally Gray owns the boarding-house, and she was badly in need of a good cat, for the rats, as she said, were about to eat her out of house and home. So when Tom Crosby rode up and presented Sally with a nice black and white cat, she was very happy. She gave old Tom a hearty handshake and said that he was the best old desert rat in the desert, and for him to come right in and have dinner with her before starting back, surely the old man accepted her invitation, for he knew that she was the best cook in the state, and, too, he was very hungry.

For two hours after dinner the man and woman talked, but when the shadows began to lengthen, old Tom bade Sally good-by and mounted his horse for the long ride home. The return trip was made more quickly, for it was not so hot now, and the horse wanted to get to his comfortable quarters where he could rest.

When they arrived at the cabin, old Tom unadvised the horse and put him in the stable, then went up to the hay-loft to get some hay. As he stopped over to get the hay, he heard a sound that almost caused him to tumble out of the loft. It was the mew of a kitten. Looking under one side of the hay-mow, he saw three kittens not yet old enough to open their eyes.

"Well, what do you know about that?" the old man said in a loud voice. "Three kittens and ten miles away from their mother. Sure wish old Pussy had a toad me she fetched kittens up here. It sure would have saved me a long, hard trip."

It was almost sunset when old Tom mounted his tired horse to make a second trip to Sally Gray's that day. "I sure hate to make you do this," he told his horse, "but these here kittens must get to their mother, and this is the only way to get them there."

It was two hours after dark when the horse stopped at Sally Gray's boarding-house. You should have seen that lady's face when old Tom handed her the three kittens!

"I'll say you are the best old desert rat in this part of the country," she said, laughingly, "and now get right down and put up that tired horse, for you must not go back before morning."

The old man gladly accepted her hospitality for he, too, was tired.—Our Lamb Animals.

Life's Darkest Moment.

"I return to the home town of the 'I boy' who has made good in the big city is rarely, we have understood, what it might be. In connection with this we have to report the particularly sad experience of a young banker who, after eight years of absence, alighted at the station of the town of his birth. There was, despite his expectations, no one on the platform whom he knew. No one. Discouraged, he sought out the baggage master, a friend since boyhood. To him at least he would be welcome, and he was about to extend a hearty greeting, when the other spoke first.

"Hello, George," he said "Gola' away!"—New Yorker.

"What do you think of Mr. Blank?" "Oh, he's one of those people that pat you on the back before your face, and hit you in the eye behind your back."

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She came here eight years ago from Kansas City, Kan., where she had left her real name. She made a hit in the cabarets and became the toast of the international settlement.

Adulation of many men, jewels and jazz and champagne, were not enough for her. She "went native" to the extent of acquiring the opium habit. Before long she was seeking help of the sort she had given to many Americans and others in the days of her prosperity.

Women who "hammer the Gong" do not last long. She had become almost used to her new life when she died dead broke, and her one-time girl friends around the cabarets, who had remembered her longer than the men did, took up a collection and bought her coffin.

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Aviation

In Canada the air vote for the year has been doubled and aviation is booming generally. Forest and survey work is being extended and new fields are opening up.

The Canadian Post Office hopes to soon put into operation the speeding up of mails from Europe by taking them from the steamers at Father Point in the summer and from Halifax and St. John in the winter. Doubtless this will eventually extend across the continent.

Australia, too, is experiencing a small aviation boom. Clubs are functioning well and several schools are getting into working order.

The principal Queensland daily paper, the Brisbane Courier, is contemplating the extension of its newspaper service. Its airplanes carry full loads of papers daily to Toowoomba and generally return with full loads of passengers. The journey takes one hour as compared with between five and six hours by train.

In New Guinea, over which Australia exercises the mandate, gold in large quantities was discovered some 60 miles inland over very difficult country. The journey, which took six days or more, can be done by air in 50 minutes.

The Australian Government has approved the scheme of a transcontinental service. To start with, a service will be flown between Adelaide and Perth which will bring Sydney and Melbourne a week closer to England for mail purposes.

Following on the signing of an air navigation agreement between Czechoslovakia and Austria, co-operation is taking place in the operation of the Vienna-Prague, Dresden, Berlin route. Flights will be made two days a week by Czechoslovakia, two days by Austria, and two by Germany.

The Latecoere Company proposes to start its service from France to South America in September. The total time for the 12,400 kilometers is to be eight days, of which three days will be by fast steamers from Cape Verde Islands to the island of Fernando de Noronha.

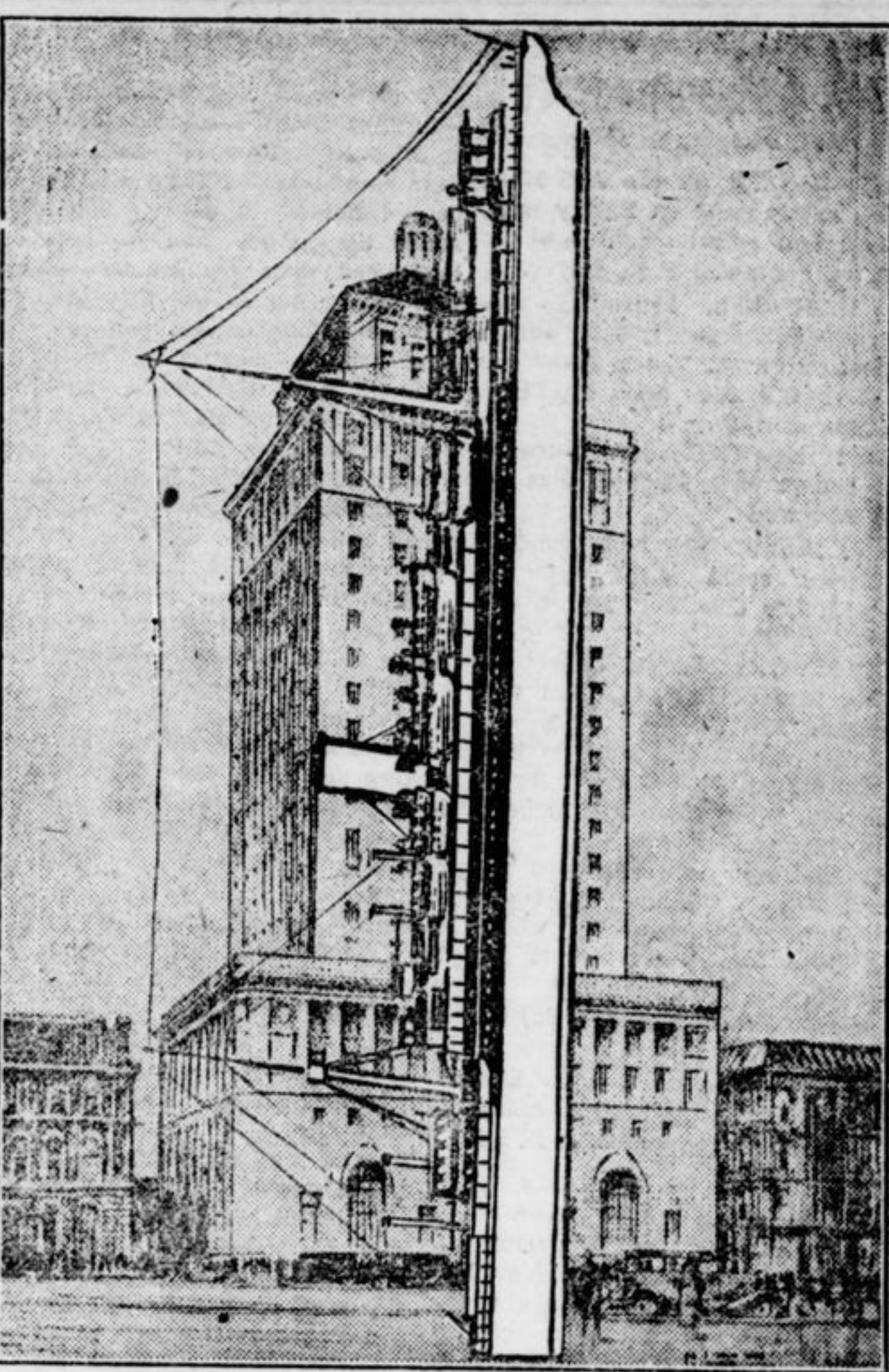
The French Government is again offering bonuses totalling nearly 1,000,000 francs to encourage the gaining and retention of world's air records. The making and flying of sea-planes will be specially encouraged.

The German summer program comprises 80 air lines over which about 60,000 kilometers will be covered.

Charles I would never have remembered if he had not had his head cut off.—C. F. G. Masterman.

Slim—"When do you do your hardest work?" Fat—"Before breakfast always." Slim—"What do you do?" Fat—"Try to get outa bed."

Liner's Length Compared



Few people realize the length of an ocean liner as they see the ship in port or at sea. The above illustration shows how, if turned on end by some giant hand, a 14,000-ton Cunard Canadian Service liner would top by some 150 feet the new 23-story Royal Bank of Canada building, now under construction in Montreal. The bank towers 395 feet from the street level and is the tallest office building in the British Empire. The Cunarder Berengaria, one of the world's largest ships, is 919 feet long.

WEAK AND NERVOUS

The Condition of a P. E. I. Lady Who Again Rejoices in Good Health

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When Not to Drink at All.

"I met Ethel and she sings 'Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes.'"

"That's all right and safe; but when you meet Methy don't drink at all."

A man who fifty years ago could do nothing was left to invent did the other day in Edison's home town.

The summer girl who used to wear out the hammock is now wearing out her shoes on the tennis court.

A mother was singing her baby to sleep, "If I were a baby," said the baby's brother, aged six, "I'd pretend to be asleep."

Minard's Liniment for burns.

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"Son, how come you didn't find the lodge?"

"Huh, de 'nshation wuz too strong fo' me."

"Dey said dey would hab to scrutinize mah credentials thoroughly; an' ah don't want no hawspital work done on mah sweat body!"

"Ah don't blame you."

Let's Smile.

A smile is quite a funny thing. It wrinkles up your face. And when it's gone you never find its secret hiding place. But far more wonderful it is: To see what smiles can do: You smile at one, he smiles at you, and so one smile makes two.

He smiles at someone since you smiled

And then that one smiles back; And that one smiles until, in truth, You fall in keeping track.

Now, since a smile can do great good, by cheering hearts of care, Let's smile and smile and not forget. That smiles go everywhere.

Sambo—"What is de difference between a dog and a book?"

Rastus—"I don't know."

Sambo—"Well, suh, de book has its tale on de inside, while de dog has its tale on de outside."

The time has come when if a stocking isn't silk all the way up, it might just about as well not be silk at all.

One—"Where you from?"

Two—"Saskatchewan."

"Bad cild you got there, boy."

An honest confession is also good for a front-page story.

Small talk—Discussing 'the 1927 bathing suit."

"Your son must be the idol of the family."

"Yes. He has been idle for twenty-one years."

"She was only the garbage man's daughter—that's why I'm in the dumps."

Death is the only blessing in which everybody will share.

"What is the first thing you notice early in the morning?" a man was

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asked. "The head of the house out in the yard looking on the morning paper," was the reply.

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If the girls are to wear only six ounces of clothes this winter, no doubt about four ounces will be in the hat.

Farmer—"How did ye come by that black eye, Jarge?"

Jarge—"Ole cow had a way of flickin' me face wif her tail, so I tied a brick onto it."

Minard's Liniment relieves Backache.

The railroads would like to see automobile trucks taxed heavily, but the railroad operators should look a little further ahead—it won't be long before airplanes carrying perishable freight will be the hottest competition the railroads have ever had.

New Year—"Quite a lot of people had coughs during my sermon this morning," Old Verger — "Coughs? They ain't coughed, sur. Them's time signals."

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