

## DEFIED MOTOR AGE TO STICK TO HIS ANVIL

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now stands. He found the trade satisfying, too, for even in those early years he decided that it would be his life's work. From that decision he never swerved until claimed by death.

While still a young man, at 17 in fact, he took on the responsibilities of married life. He married Theresa Zeutschel, and then began more serious application to his trade. He was ambitious and succeeded so well that a year later he bought out his father and became the village blacksmith. The family lived in a little cottage next door to the shop. And he continued to attend school—at night. This union brought six children,

two boys and four girls, William, Charles, Eva, Pauline, Elizabeth and Anna, five of whom are still living. Twelve years later the family moved across the street, purchasing acreage which later proved a costly venture. There were forty-two acres of land, and the march of progress before long started and Henry discovered that the assessments levied on it amounted to considerably more than the land had cost. That turn of affairs was unfortunate, but his sons took it over and subdivided the tract into building lots. The disposal wasn't highly successful, however, for the assessments for sewers and water totaled something like \$9,000.

### Sticks to His Trade

In these years Henry Hoth continued industriously at his anvil. He had seen the entry of the motor age, but never once did he concede that automobiles could mean the finish of his trade. He loved horses and loved to shoe them.

"I'll stick to this old trade and if I can't make it go, I'll close the doors," he used to say. "But always," he added, "I'll make it go."

He never had to close the doors and his two sons say the doors will continue to remain open. Charles Hoth makes this observation: "The business

is better than it ever was, but it is a bit different. We have more horses to shoe now than we ever had, but we have to make calls to handle much of the work. There are so many riding academies that demand our services and we go to the academies to do the work. Then, too, Dad used to have to forge his own shoes to fit, which required a lot of work and time. Now we buy the shoes ready made."

Then he added: "Dad knew his trade like a book. But here's something that's interesting. One of his customers would drive past the shop and could tell by the sound of the pounding if father was at the anvil. One day this fellow didn't stop, and later father asked why. 'I knew you weren't at the anvil' came the answer. Father wasn't even in the shop."

Listening to his sons talk, gives an interesting insight into Henry Hoth's career as a blacksmith.

"He shortened his life by hard work"—Charles Hoth is talking. "Morning to night he always was in the shop and always working. Why there were times when a man would come with his horses at 3 o'clock in the morning and wake up Dad with the demand that they be shod. Father always got up and did the job, too.

He never took any rest. He was of a nervous temperament. He drank a glass of wine only occasionally, but always was a smoker. Cigars and a pipe were his favorites for years, but he gave us a shock one day in his recent years. He appeared smoking a cigaret, and gave us all a shock. He was old-fashioned in his ways and that cigaret smoking was about the only modern practice I ever saw him indulge in."

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But with all his hard work at the anvil Henry Hoth found some time for the pleasures of life. He liked to hunt and belonged to a shooting club which shot live pigeons. He won several gold medals attesting his marksmanship. Then there were the old fashioned barn dances when a few hours of enjoyment were had. In his later years he enjoyed playing cards with a few of the oldtimers of his acquaintance.

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