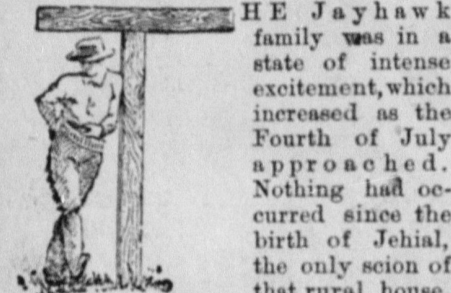


STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS.

Last night there toiled till late a little spinner... From leaf to leaf her silken threads she swung...

THE FOURTH AT KA BOB.

BY FORREST CRISSEY.



HE Jayhawk family was in a state of intense excitement, which increased as the Fourth of July approached.

Jehial understood the lay of the land well enough to know that his startling petition should be put in along with the first seeds of spring...

It must be confessed that there was little courage about his first conscious wish to celebrate the glorious Fourth...

At last the handbills announcing the order of exercises for the great celebration at Ka Bob appeared. It was to elicit all former celebrations in magnificence...

When they were again alone, Jehial, without looking up from his labor of ablation, resumed the conversation. "Yes, ma; I'd like 't take Phoebe 't the Fourth; but I ain't said nothin' 't pa 'bout it..."

"But you remember the time when you took me to the Fourth at Busti, and you weren't any older than Jehial, and hadn't had any more experience with horses than he has."

"Well, it ain't safe!" The mother of Jehial was quick to see this sign of weakening, and followed up her successful attack...

Jehial cheerfully accepted fifty cents from his mother, and made his way to Squire Jones's to obtain the consent of the Jones family.

As he entered the Squire's gate and passed up the narrow gravel walk between the balsam trees, vainly laboring to formulate his request in graceful words...

His footfalls upon the front porch sounded, to his own ears, like falling planks, and the raps of his knuckles upon the panel of the front door like heavy artillery.

Before he had decided which of these theories to accept he heard footsteps approaching along the hallway, then a hand upon the door-knob. One moment more and he would stand in the presence of his fate!

Phoebe, clad in a simple white dress, that seemed to him a marvel of elegance, advanced and gave him her hand, saying: "Good evening, Mr. Jayhawk; will you excuse me while I get a light?"

"Certainly; I should think you might just as well as not. It would be too bad to miss such a Fourth as this is to be, I'm sure," prompted Phoebe.

grinned at the variations in the nasal serenade and crossed his legs. Phoebe also grinned and shifted her position.

Jehial remarked that he must be going, and Phoebe remarked that he must not be in a hurry. He took her at her word and allowed another dead calm to settle.

Then a screech-owl lit on the well-sweep and fetched a screech that fairly lifted the speechless couple from their feet.

As they rode home the sun slowly sank behind the hills—gray and grizzled with the sheen of dry, wiry poverty grass that fringed their sterile summits...

At the top of the last hill straggled the line fence over which their parents had contended. When they had finished the ascent and came opposite this Jehial pulled the mare to halt...

"Well, she's gone to bed; but if you'll wait I'll call her," interrupted Mrs. Jones, going to the stairs door and shouting: "Phoebe! Phoebe Jones. Git right up an' come down. You've got company!"

When, in the War of 1812—the office having been removed to a building of its own two years before—the British, who had taken the city, trained their guns upon the Patent Office, Dr. Thornton, throwing himself directly before the guns, cried: "Are you Englishmen or Goths and Vandals? This is the Patent Office—a depository of the ingenuity and inventions of the American Nation..."

The Nile's Annual Overflow. The Nile has a fall of but six inches to the 1000 miles. The overflow commences in June every year and continues until August, attaining an elevation of from twenty-four to twenty-six feet above low water mark...



CONVENIENT FARM TOOLS. Every farmer should own a few carpenter's tools, not necessarily an expensive outfit, but at least a common hand saw and possibly a rip saw...

WHEAT FOR YOUNG CHICKENS. It is surprising that so much soft feed is given to young chickens, and that, too, by those who ought to know better. Whole wheat will be readily eaten by chicks old, and before that time the grains pounded or cracked are better than anything else.

RUSTY FLOWERS. To remove rust from plows: Purchase small quantity of sulphuric acid, which may be had from any drug store for a small sum. Pour five ounces into a pint of water, slowly and carefully so as not to come in contact with the hands or clothing...

BRINGING UP A COLT AS HE SHOULD GO. If you have ever seen a little colt running after his mother in the meadows, you know how very funny he looks. He has long legs that seem very crooked and uncertain, for they point in all four directions at once.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES. Cabbage plants for late planting may be started in the open air. Prices for thoroughbred stock have evidently fallen off several points.

TEACHING A YOUNG CALF TO DRINK. It is an old saying that "one man may lead a horse to water, but twenty cannot make him drink." The same might be applied with equal force to a calf, substituting milk for water, writes Alexander Wallace.

THE VEGETARIAN THEORY. Vegetarians say it is a popular fallacy that meat is needed for strength. One prominent exponent of the faith says it is a fact that the strongest animals in the world are vegetarian and not carnivorous.

HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA CURES. I cordially recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all suffering with indigestion, impure blood, humors, loss of appetite, or run down, or out of order generally. It will surely help you if there is any help for you.

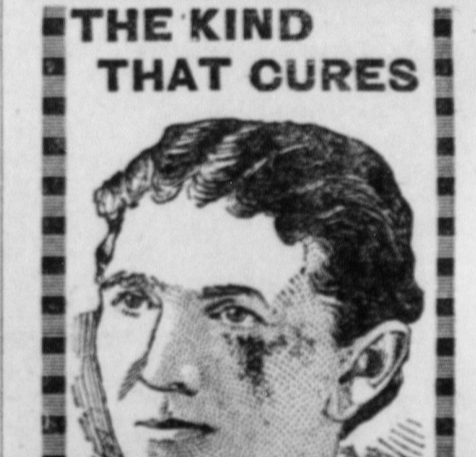
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"August Flower"

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