

Middletown

E. S. Gerberich May Locate in Chambersburg

E. S. Gerberich, who had been manager of the local shoe factory since it has been located in town, and who recently resigned his position with the firm, may, in all probability, locate at Chambersburg.

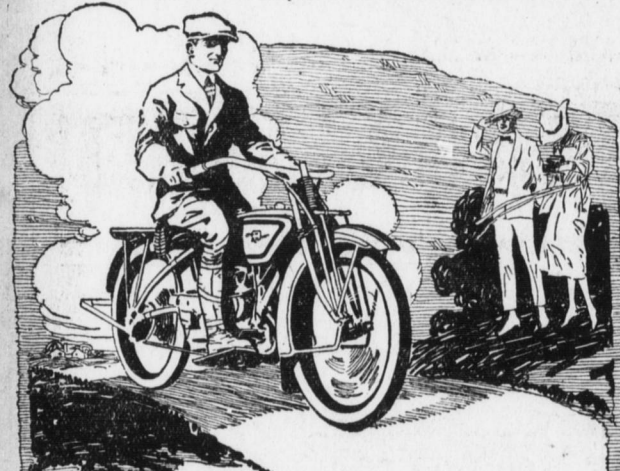
mer's mother, Mrs. J. W. Rewalt, returned to their home at Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nuskey and C. Ober left this morning for an automobile trip to New York City. They will be gone for a week.

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Tik-Tok the Machine Man



The Copper Man Walked Out of the Rocky Cavern

After an hour or so most of the band of Wheelers rolled back into the forest, leaving only three of their number to guard the hills. These curled themselves up like big dogs and pretended to go to sleep on the sands, but neither Dorothy nor Billina were fooled by this trick, so they remained in security among the rocks and paid no attention to their cunning enemies.

Indeed, Dorothy wondered at first why the Wheelers did not roll up this path; but when she followed it to the foot of the mound she found that several big pieces of rock had been placed directly across the end of it, thus preventing any one outside from seeing it and also preventing the Wheelers from using it to climb up the mound.

low hen, in amazement; "if the copper man can do half of these things he is a very wonderful machine. But I suppose it is all humbug, like so many other patented articles."

"Where is the key to the clock-work?" asked Billina.

"Hanging on the peg where I found the card."

"Then," said the hen, "let us try him, and see if he will go. He is warranted for a thousand years, it seems; but we do not know how long he has been standing inside this rock."

"Yes," said Dorothy, and wound up Number One, under the left arm.

"He doesn't seem any different," remarked the hen, critically.

"Why, of course not; he is only thinking, now," said Dorothy.

"I wonder what he is thinking about."

"I'll wind up his talk and then perhaps he can tell us," said the girl.

"So she wound up Number Two, and immediately the clock-work man said, without moving any part of his body except his lips:

"Good morning, lit-tle girl. Good morning, Mrs. Hen."

"The words sounded a little hoarse and creaky, and they were uttered all in the same tone, without any change of expression whatever; but both Dorothy and Billina understood them perfectly."

"Good morning, sir," they answered, politely.

"Thank you for res-cuing me," continued the machine, in the same monotonous voice, which seemed to be worked by a bellows inside of him, like the little toy lambs and cats the children squeeze so that they will make a noise.

"Don't mention it," answered Dorothy. And then, being very curious, she asked: "How did you come to be locked up in this place?"

"It is a long story," replied the copper man; "but I will tell it to you brief-ly. I was purchased from Smith & Tinker, my man-u-fac-tur-ers, by a cruel King of Ev, named Ev-ol-d, who used to beat all his servants un-till they died. How-ever, he was not a-ble to kill me, be-cause I was not a-live, and one must first live in order to die. So that all his beat-ing did me no harm, and merely kept my cop-per bod-y well polished."

"This cru-el king had a lovely wife and ten beautiful chil-dren—five boys and five girls—but in a fit of anger he sold them all to the N-me King, who by means of his mag-i-c arts changed them all in-to other people and put them in his under-ground pal-ace to or-nam-ent the rooms."

when it is wound up." "I can hear it now," said the yellow hen.

"So can I," said Dorothy. And then she added, with some anxiety: "You don't strike, do you?"

"No," answered Tiktok; "and there is no a-larm con-nect-ed with my ma-chin-ery. I can tell the time, though, by speak-ing, and as I never sleep I can wak-en you at any-hour you wish to get up in the morn-ing."

"That's nice," said the little girl; "only I never wish to get up in the morn-ing."

"You can sleep until I lay my egg," said the yellow hen. "Then when I cackle, Tiktok will know it is time to waken you."

"Do you lay your egg very early?" asked Dorothy.

"About eight o'clock," said Billina. "And everybody ought to be up by that time, I'm sure."

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"My Gosh," he said, trembling. "What would you have me do?"

She lifted her eyes to his—eyes in which burned an inscrutable fire.

"Pick up your feet, you poor fish, and don't step on my gown again until this dance is over," she murmured.—California Pelican.

HIS CHARACTER "Can you," he asked, "read one's character in one's palm?"

"Yes," replied the young lady in the fortune-telling booth. "Will you let me look at your hand?"

"I'd like about seventy-five cents worth."

"I'm sorry," she said, after studying his palm for a moment, "but I can't give you that much. I can only find about fifteen cents' worth."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"I've never seen one in Kansas," said Dorothy.

"But where did you get the key to un-lock this door?" asked the clock-work voice.

"I found it on the shore where it was prob-ably washed in by the waves," she answered. "And now, sir, if you don't mind I'll wind up your action."

"That will please me very much," said the machine.

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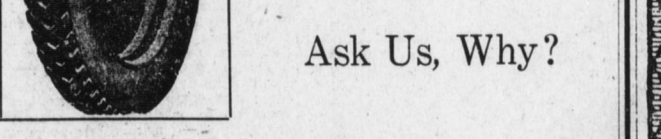
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