

## DAN'S PRIVATE MARK

FOUND ON A MOSQUITO, IT SAVED HARDIN'S LIFE.

Neither Knife Nor Branding Iron Was Used on That Ranch, as the Owner Was a Pretty Fair Shot and Always Kept in Practice.

"Them was pretty good shots," said the old sheep raiser when the boys had finished telling about some glass ball shooting they had done at the club tournament, "but folks nowadays don't do no shootin like they did a few years ago. There was Dan Hardin now, who run a sheep ranch in west Texas in 1881; he could shoot."

"Pretty good shot, was he?" asked the boys, to draw the old man out.

"Well, he was a good, fair shot for them times and locality. A Colt's 45 was Dan's favorite. He run about 6,000 sheep and a good many cattle and horses. The ranchers all marked the calves, their stock, each man in a different way, to distinguish their property. Dan's mark was a hole in the left underbit in the right ear, and he never allowed a knife to be used on his ranch. He marked every animal himself with his six shooter, and he never made a mistake. It was a sight to see him gallop across the prairie on his mustang after a bunch of lambs or a round up of spring calves, a plain his marks with his 45 and never varyin a sixteenth of an inch from where they belonged. Dan marked more mavericks than anybody else in the country put together.

"From practicin so much Dan got to be a first rate shot. He used to ride along in his pasture and put his mark on the coyotes and jack rabbits just to keep his hand in. It got so that nine times out of ten when a man killed a deer with his Winchester he would find a hole in its left and an underbit in its right ear, and he'd always send Dan over a quarter of venison when he got it home. I seen Dan win a bet of \$50 one day from a tenderfoot. We was ridin along the road and we seen the ground a-bumpin up where a mole was shovin along out of sight under the earth. Dan made his proposition, the tenderfoot took him up, and Dan's old 45 went off a couple of times. We dug the mole up, and there was the marks in his ears right where they belonged. After awhile I don't think there was a living thing on Dan's ranch except his wife's that didn't have his mark in its ears.

"This habit of Dan's got him out of a pretty bad scrape one time. Along about 1892, when free range commenced gettin scarce, the fence cutters got to cuttin the wire fences around the pastures and give the sheep men lots of trouble. Dan's had been cut half a dozen times, and he was mad. One day he rode out without his gun and saw a low down rustler named Tompkins slein his wires like fiddlestrings with a pair of nippers. Tompkins got on his horse and let out, and Dan rode back to his ranch and got his gun. He struck out on Tompkins' trail and overhauled him about sundown in the little town that was the county seat. Dan shot him quietly and was about to get a cup of coffee and start back home when he was surprised by the sheriff's arrestin him. You see, that was about the time the law and order gang got to raisin Cain in the west and tryin to set down on promiscuous shootin and personal liberty. They scared up a judge and a jury somewere and held a kind of court right away to try Dan. Tompkins had a lot of friends in town, among the horse thieves and free grassers, and they come in by the dozen and swore that Tompkins hadn't been out of town for a week, and that Dan's story about his cuttin the fence didn't go. Dan had no witnesses, and it began to look kind of funny for him. They had Tompkins laid out on a table in the courtroom.

"Directly Dan went over and looked pretty sharp at Tompkins, and then he asked one of the deputies to go out to a little jewelry store across the street and bring a magnifying glass. The deputy went and got it, and Dan handed it to the judge and asked him to step down and look at something a minute. There was a mosquito with his bill fast in Tompkins' ear, and Dan asked the judge to take a good look at it with the glass. The judge did so, and bled if that mosquito didn't have a hole in its left and an underbit in its right ear, as shure as I'm sittin here. Everybody knew Dan's mark, and the court was convinced that Tompkins must have been prowlin round his ranch. It was what you would call good circumstantial evidence, and ten minutes afterward Dan was on his way home."

There was a little silence among the boys, and then the one who had broken 45 glass balls out of a possible 50 suggested that some lemonade be handed around at his expense. — Washington Star.

### Antwerp's Bells.

From the cathedral tower at Antwerp 80 bells have, for over 200 years, rung out music for the benefit of the people living on the green fields which border the Scheldt. Once a year, in the month of February, the authorities select the music, and the organ plays every hour from the old masters of Christian song.

### A Professional Bird Catcher.

Berlin pays a salary to a professional bird catcher, who keeps scientific and educational institutions supplied with birds, birds' nests and eggs, and he is the only man in the empire permitted to do so.

The train of the dress worn by Catherine de' Medici on her marriage in 1533 with Henri, second son of Francis I, king of France, measured no less than 48 yards in length and was carried by ten pairs of pages.

In Italy there are more theaters in proportion to the population than in any other country.

## THE DECORATIVE JAPANESE.

Some Ways of Summer Life Among the Mikado's People.

Gardens excepted, there are no outward manifestations of the old poetry of Japanese life so remarkable as those summer houses occupying all the picturesque sites of the country. Wherever there is a view worth going to see you will almost certainly find a summer house built to command it, no matter how wild or poor the district.

You will find summer houses clinging to sea cliffs over the thunder of breakers, nestling in shadows of gorges over the roaring of rapids, strutted out over the precipice fronts like eagles' nests at the verge of dead craters, for in Japan there will always be summer guests wherever there is summer beauty, travelers happy to please their eyes and rest their feet and to leave some coppers in payment for the privilege of the vision and the repose.

The summer house at which I am now staying is typical of the class, a skeleton structure of two stories, simply and strongly built after the manner of peasants' dwellings and at a cost of perhaps \$60. Timber is cheap here. On the other side of Japan such a building could not be put up for \$300. It stands on the edge of a lofty cliff and overlooks a little bay near ancient Moinoseki. From ground floor to roof it is open on three sides, and on the seaward side shelter from the sun and wind is given by trees rooted in the cliff below, but towering far above the eaves—enormous pines, with branches many feet in girth. Between the zigzags of those mighty limbs there are glimpses of the sea and fishing sails (canvas or straw) flitting like white or yellow butterflies, and the far pale thread line of the Hoki coast, and Daisen's cone thrusting into the clear sky like some prodigious blue crystal, or, looking directly down over the needle foliage of younger pines, you see the wimpling of the bay and bathers laughing among the rocks, and children playing with seaweed and shells. You view the world as a fishhawk views it, though I presume with vastly different sensations. After a swim it is delightful to sleep here, the sharp, sweet sea wind in your hair. You are furnished with a bathing dress, sandals, a big straw hat of curious shape to keep off the sun, barley tea and cakes, a smoking box and a pillow, and the price per day of this entertainment is—3 cent! The guest is expected to bring his own food with him and to provide himself with towels.—Lafcadio Hearn in Atlantic Monthly.

### FREAKS BECOMING SCARCE.

So Say Dime Museum Men, but They Are Looking For a Starter.

"If freaks become any scarcer," said a dime museum proprietor a few days ago, "a good many of us will have to go out of the business. I never in my life saw such a slump. Eight or ten years ago we could get all the freaks and curiosities we wanted—real ones, too, and no fakes. We've got agents scouring the world for them, but they are as scarce as strawberries at Christmas time."

"I'll give you a pointer," said another man in the same line of business and who was one of the party of three. "If you can secure the freak I have in mind, you can quit the business as rich as Barney Barnato ever was."

"Why don't you grab it yourself?" asked the first speaker.

"Can't. If I could, you'd never have heard of it."

"What is it?"

"No, not 'what is it?' That's an old one. The freak I've been looking for can't be located. I've tried for him and know."

"Let's have it," said the other impatiently.

"The veteran printer that didn't stick type with Horace Greeley!"

"I didn't think you were going to spring a miracle on me," said the other as he ordered "three of a kind."—New York Commercial.

### A Very United Family.

The value attached by the poor, and even by those who are not in the depths of poverty, to decent surroundings in family life is a very variable quantity. Decent lodging is not by any means universally regarded as one of the prime necessities of life. Occasionally it is relegated to quite a back seat.

An instance was given before the commission of a family of seven persons—father, mother two grown up sons and three grown up daughters—all living in one room. With them this arrangement was a matter of choice, not necessity, for they earned between them about £7 a week, more than £850 a year, and even from a slum landlord they could no doubt have afforded to rent another room or two. Having screwed down the item of rent to an irreducible minimum, they determined to have a thoroughly good time, and this is how the witness describes their proceedings: "In the evening they would all go out to the music halls and to the theaters. On Saturday afternoon they would take five tickets each for some omnibus or conveyance that was going into the country, and on Sunday they would go to Brighton and to other places." It is comforting to reflect that these Arcadian beings were a united family and always took their pleasure together as well as their naps. It is not stated whether they took in lodgers.—From "The Housing of the English Poor," by the Right Hon. Lord Monkswell, in North American Review.

### Remedy For Excess In Eating.

A hint to those who may thoughtlessly at some time or other indulge in excess in eating. If this indiscretion is committed, especially in high seasoned things with rich sauces, a draught of cold water, acidulated with lemon juice, will take off the sense of weight at the stomach and assist the digestive process by moderating the alimentary fermentation.—New York Ledger.

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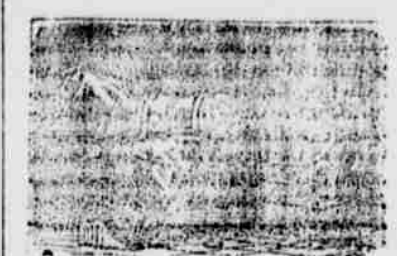
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