

"Fill Your Hand!"



FRED E. SUTTON

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

NCE upon a time a historian of the American frontier set about his task by listing and describing the "instruments of civilization." He named the ax, the rifle, the boat and the horse, and then, having put these instruments in the hands of a restless race of men, he started the protagonists of his tale on their epic of wilderness-breaking. That historian was Emerson Hough, and the book was "The Way to the West," published by the Bobbs-Merrill company of Indianapolis.

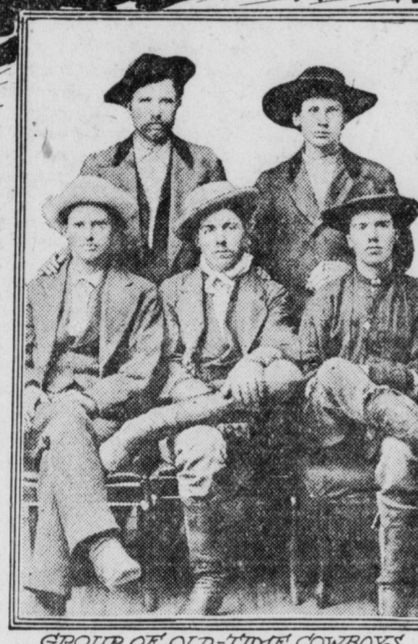
A quarter of a century has passed and another historian of the frontier has added one more to the "instruments of civilization," which a later race of restless men used in winning the West, after their fathers had found the way to it. This was the six-shooter and it seems particularly appropriate that Bobbs-Merrill are also the publishers of "Hands Up!—Stories of the Six-Gun Fighters of the Old Wild West," as told by Fred E. Sutton and written down by A. B. MacDonald. As the title indicates, this book deals with the final phase of the frontier era, the days when civilization, as exemplified by the westward-pushing white man, had definitely dispossessed the red man, established a home of sorts in the recently-conquered wilderness and set about putting its own house in order.

Insofar as some members of that household found it difficult to break away from certain lawless habits acquired while what Theodore Roosevelt has characterized as the "rough work of conquering a continent" was going on, the task of law-bringing was done in a primitive fashion. Superstitious forms were dispensed with legal technicalities ignored and the dealing out of justice was, in the light of present-day procedure, appallingly simple and direct. For in most cases Old Judge Colt was the final arbiter, and from his decisions there was rarely an appeal.

Mention the word "gunman" and one naturally thinks of the gangsters in our big cities of today. But as Emerson Hough long ago pointed out (in his "The Story of the Outlaw") it is exceedingly unfair to the gunman of the Old West to compare the killer of today with him. "The one is an assassin, the other was a warrior; the one is a dastard, the other was something of a man," said Hough who declared that the nature of some of the crimes committed by the modern type of gunman "would cause a hardened desperado of the West to blush for shame." And in that opinion Fred Sutton, who knew some of those old-time desperados intimately, seems to concur. In his chapter on "The Border Code" is an illuminating exposition of "the unwritten law of the Old West, which gave to every man a chance." One instance is typical:

In a freighter's camp at Wagon-Bed Springs two men quarreled, and after they were separated and all of us thought the fuss was over, one of them, Arizona Jack, shot and killed the other without warning. We formed what was called a Jack-rabbit court. Arizona was put on trial for his life and found guilty. He begged for his life but the executioner, just before he pulled the trigger, rebuked him with "You're not as decent, even as a rattlesnake, for it warns before it strikes."

It was this same code which caused



GROUP OF OLD-TIME COWBOYS

Sutton one night at a dance to save the life of the notorious Billy the Kid, "not solely for the reason that I knew him well but simply that I could not see a man murdered from behind," as he explains it. But for all that he saved Billy from being shot in the back, the author of "Hands Up!" has no illusions about that young outlaw. "If ever a man deserved killing, it was Billy the Kid," he says. "He was a human tiger, the most pitiless killer of that period. In his short life of twenty-one years he killed twenty-one men, and the most of those killings were murders done in cold blood."

Thus this old-time shows a refreshing lack of maudlin sentimentality for those killers which colors the writings of others who have chronicled their dark deeds, the same type of misplaced sympathy which saves the necks of so many murderers today. He knew many of them—Jesse James, Cherokee Bill, Bill Doolin, Crescent Sam, Belle Starr, the Dalton boys, the Jennings gang, Henry Starr, Black-faced Charley and Arkansas Tom—and, knowing them and the environment which shaped their destinies, he can account for what they were and what they did. But he does not glorify their crimes. He may have admired them for what good qualities they did possess, but he admires more the type of gunman who drew his six-shooter in the cause of law and order. "Nearly all those peace officers of the old frontier were likable men, but there was nothing maudlin or irresolute about them. They knew that death was the only penalty that would curb those wild men of the border, and when it was necessary to inflict it they did not hesitate," says Sutton. Such were Wild Bill Hickok, whom he characterizes as "unquestionably the fastest and surest man with a six-shooter that the West ever knew," Bat Masterson, Pat Garrett and Billy Tilghman. It was men of this type who used the six-shooter as an "instrument of civilization."

"Fill your hand!" was the remark that Wild Bill made when he "got the drop on" a bad man from Texas who had come up the trail to Hays City, Kan., where Bill was marshal, with the announced intention of spilling the Hickok blood. For the border code extended to these exponents of law and order when they set about arresting a desperado and made them "give the other fellow a chance, even when it was exceedingly dangerous to do so." One of the reasons they were willing to do so was explained to

clarify the water and care must be exercised to prevent the accumulation of scum or sediment in the apparatus, as this renders the treatment ineffective.

Water Purification
The use of the ultra-violet ray treatment for purification of swimming pool water is very effective, but it is more expensive to install and maintain than some other methods. An efficient filter must be provided to

Cooking Secret
"At sea level water boils at 212 degrees. At 5,000 feet it boils at 201 degrees," says the Woman's Home Companion. "In higher altitudes," adds the caustic commentator, "housewives probably put it into the refrigerator to boil."



BAT MASTERSON

President Roosevelt on one of his visits to Oklahoma City by the veteran Billy Tilghman, as follows: "There's one thing that always counts in a fight of that kind (between a peace officer and a bad man, equally skilled on the 'draw')—the man who knows he is right always has a shade on the man who knows he is wrong."

But that was not all, according to Sutton, who explains just how these peace officers handled their six-guns, and in doing so he does a lot of much-needed debunking of the Wild West, as it is presented by the movies. Sutton got his information first-hand, for he once saw Wild Bill demonstrate the secret of his lightning-like draw and various other matters of Colt technique were explained to him by such masters as Bat Masterson, Billy Tilghman, Al Jennings, and others. He learned about this when, as a boy, he first arrived in Dodge City, Kan., in the old days when "there was no Sunday west of Kansas City and no God, west of Fort Smith," and was taken under the wing of such frontier notables as Masterson, Luke Short, Wyatt Earp, Chalk Beeson and Robert M. Wright, and he added to his knowledge in that turbulent period when Isaac C. Parker was the "hanging judge" at Fort Smith, Ark., and the outlaw gangs, such as the Daltons, the Doolins and others, were making their last stand in what is now the state of Oklahoma.

The sum total of Sutton's observations, as set down in the pages of his book, is a paraphrase of the old saying that "they who take the sword shall perish by the sword." For, as he puts it, "The six-shooter ended the lives of nine-tenths of all the outlaws of the Wild West." And it was almost equally true of those others who took up the six-shooter in defense of the law. Of the four most famous peace officers whom Sutton knew, three went down before a smoking six-shooter. Wild Bill's brief career as "prince of pistol-ends" ended abruptly in 1875, when he was shot down from behind in Deadwood, S. D. Nearly a quarter of a century after Pat Garrett had killed Billy the Kid, he himself was shot and killed. After fifty-one years as a peace officer Billy Tilghman "went out" as he had hoped to do "in smoke and with his boots on." He was shot in an Oklahoma oil boom town in 1924 by a man whom he had arrested and was taking to the police station. Only Bat Masterson, who left the Wild West years ago to become a New York newspaper man, died peacefully "with his boots off."

Modern Industrial Machinery Opens Road to the Ending of All Poverty

By DEAN DEXTER S. KIMBALL, Cornell University.

FOR the first time since the world began we are in touch with the abolition of poverty through the tremendous output of our products.

Regardless of what other factors may have contributed to the stabilization of this prosperity, a large amount of credit was unquestionably due to the rank and file of American management, for competition has been increasingly keen and the margin of profit consequently declining.

Today we have silk competing with rayon, leather with artificial leather, copper with aluminum, etc. and, furthermore, manufacturers are taking over distributing functions, thereby competing with jobbers, and some retail stores are doing manufacturing.

The equilibrium between supply and demand can therefore be maintained under conditions of an increasing production if all savings are invested in permanent capital goods.

Since primary forces are increasing the purchasing power of the masses, the maintenance of this fundamental situation is more important than to overpersuade in the matter of buying. If unemployment can be kept down and wages kept up, there will be a constancy of ever-increasing purchase power.

Increasing Lack of Business Opportunity for the College Graduate

By PROF. WILLIAM ALLEN HUGGARD, DePauw University.

There is evidence of a lack of opportunity for college graduates at the present time. If the situation continues three things are likely to happen: First, that only superior graduates will have a chance for desirable positions; second, the college will become increasingly restrictive as regards enrollment; third, the college will be frank to say that it can guarantee nothing, but it will attempt to survey the various fields to find wherein opportunities lie for its graduates and vocational guidance will be emphasized more than it is at present.

If we could have students who come for the pure love of learning, unmoved by the thought of any bread and butter return, we would not need to worry about this new problem. But as long as our colleges draw their students largely from families of very moderate means it seems to me that the college has a vocational responsibility—at least it should inform the students concerning this important vocational system.

The opportunities for college men and women have decreased only in the last ten years. It has always been customary to regard college men and women as the hope of the future, and the belief was common that any boy who went to college could become nothing less than a senator or financier whose word controlled the policies of some enormous business enterprise. In fact, ten years ago the world was all before us; where to choose was our pleasant privilege. At present, however, there is evidence of a relative lack of opportunity for college graduates.

Splendid Progress Made by Science in the Prolongation of Human Life

By DR. FRANK BILLINGS, Rush Medical College.

In the last fifty years, through the application of known rational means of prevention of disease and especially the modification of mortality of infants, the average duration of human life has been increased from approximately 35 years to 57 or 58 years; or about 22 years.

Motherhood has been relieved of its chief terror. Now the danger of septicemia during childbirth is minimized so considerably that when it occurs at all it is traceable either to accident or ignorance.

Modern or aseptically surgery has permitted the development of great technical skill by surgeons and by experiment and experience has made it possible to invade all parts of the human or animal body with much less risk to health and life than ever before.

This has led to the saving of thousands of lives and has given us a better knowledge of living disease through a study of living morbid anatomy visible during a surgical operation. Formerly a surgeon could examine only a dead body.

National Policies Prove Inadequate to Meet Needs of American Agriculture

By GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING.

It is obvious even to the casual observer that something is wrong in the adjustment of industry to the complex conditions of the present day. We are forced to the inevitable conclusion that our national policies have not been at all adequate to meet the needs of American agriculture, especially in this postwar period. Unless some way through national effort is found for raising the level of prices on our basic products sufficient to meet production costs and give a margin of profit that will enable the actual producers to hold their land and provide for its constant improvement, then the small farmer is doomed.

During the war we insisted that the American farmers should expand their efforts to the utmost to feed our armies in the field and the armies and civilian populations of the allies as well. With the war's end, we failed to consider that there was a certain responsibility upon us as a nation to aid the farmer to escape from the disastrous after-effects of excessive production and competition.

Release Allied Powers of Indebtedness to America, Under Conditions

By UNITED STATES SENATOR COPELAND, New York.

We will never collect the money which the nations of Europe owe us. We will have to cancel the debt whether we want to or not. Why not do it now, and by doing so restore the prewar status of Europe, and through free commercial interchange regain what we may lose through the cancellation?

I would have a commercial conference of representatives of the United States with those of England, France, Italy, the other allied powers and Germany. I would bring about some adjustment by which I would release the allied powers of their indebtedness to America providing they release Germany of her reparations and agree together upon a program of disarmament and cancel preparations for future wars.



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Italian Fascists Get Chance to See World

A young Italian who lately finished his university course and means to take up architecture as a profession has been one of the first to benefit by Mussolini's order that every Italian merchant ship should reserve two berths free on every voyage for young Italians desirous of seeing the world. They can choose their route and the extent of the journey, paying only about 18 or 20 lire a day. This brings "the grand tour" within the reach of the professional classes and will surely serve as a liberal education.

"Book and rifle make the perfect fascist," Mussolini often reminds his young followers, and now he adds the traveler's compass to the emblems of excellence.—Chicago Journal.

Needs No Winding
A clock is operated in the Polytechnic institute of Zurich, Switzerland, which does not need to be wound. Its running power is provided by a mechanism set in motion each time there is a variation in temperature of two degrees.

Soil in a forested area absorbs more water and holds it longer than soil in an open area unprotected by vegetation.

How One "New Woman" Helped Out Dan Cupid

"I am learning to be a womanly woman," Patricia said, "because I like to be abreast of the fashion, and I am certain that a 'true, sweet woman' will soon be all the rage. Mind you, it is much easier to learn to do without stays (corsets) than to accustom yourself to wearing them, so I have bought a pair, and I wear them for half an hour every day. The first day I had them on, a man came to lunch, and I had time to change, and in the middle of lunch I fainted dead off.

"When I came to, he was holding me in his arms, and I murmured, 'Oh, please, sir, stay!' and the most wonderful look came into his face, and he told me later that I was the first woman to remind him of his dear, dead mother. He went all tender and goozy, and since then he has done nothing but beg me to marry him."

From "Gin and Ginger," by Lady Kitty Vincent.

Sons of Rest
The only exercise some loafers ever get as to run riot when told to go to work.—Farm and Fireside.

Only way to profoundly enjoy riches is to be very poor in one's richer years.

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Do Not Force Plants

If a plant has been growing thrif... for some time and then begins to... go back, it probably needs a rest, and... no amount of forcing will do any... nant good. It will, says Nature... Magazine of Washington, do a definite... harm. During the resting period a... plant is better if left entirely alone... in a dry, cool cellar. It will of its own... record, and without any attention of... any kind, begin to put out new green

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