

## THE HOME GOING OF SILENT SAM.

It was a strange conglomeration of humanity that occupied the mining camp in Rocky Gulch, among them no representatives of the gentler sex until Joe Hardy—Honest Joe, they dubbed him—drifted into the camp, accompanied by his brave young wife.

Some way the camp seemed different after "Mrs. Joe" came. There may have been no less drinking, but there was less brawling; there was perhaps just as much gambling, but there was less shooting, and when Joe's baby came a wave of reformation actually swept through the camp.

It became the custom to gather around Joe's cabin every Sunday, and the baby was gazed at with mingled awe and admiration. As months went by Babe, as every one called her, developed cute and affectionate ways, and she was almost worshiped by those rough miners.

There came a sad day for Rocky Gulch, however. Babe was ill. She lay upon her little bed, tossing her tiny arms and moaning plaintively. The miners knocked off work and gathered in anxious groups a little distance from the cottage. St. Louis Joe closed his saloon tight, and he declared not one drop would the boys get till Babe got well.

"Ain't a-goin' ter hev some galoot git full an git a-shootin off his run an disturbin Babe," he said.

Half a dozen of the men remained up all night near the cottage, "to be on hand," they said, "ef Joe wanted anything."

The second night Silent Sam offered to sit by Babe to "spell" Joe and his wife. His services were accepted, though Joe and his wife took turns sitting up with him.

"You are as handy as a mother," remarked Mrs. Joe, after Sam had been ministering to the little sufferer.

Sam swallowed a big lump in his throat two or three times before he replied:

"I had a little feller about Babe's age when I left home two year ago."

"I should think you would want to go home to your family, Sam," said Mrs. Joe. "They must miss you sadly."

"Me an the old woman had some words. That's why I left," said Sam. "Guess I was mostly to blame, though," he added, "an purty nasty."

"I'd go back," said Mrs. Joe softly.

Babe didn't improve and the anxiety of the community deepened day by day. At last one night, shortly after midnight, Joe came to the half dozen men who still kept their nightly vigil near his cabin. They gathered around him.

"Any change, Joe?" they eagerly inquired.

Joe struggled some minutes to reply, and then, with a sob, said:

"Babe's gone," and rushed past the group into darkness.

Every inhabitant of Rocky Gulch knew of Babe's death long before morning, and the most of them were gathered at a respectful distance from the cabin when Joe stepped to the door after sunrise.

"Come in, boys, an see her," he said, and one by one they filed past the peaceful figure, which lay with a smile on the sweet, upturned face.

"It's a cryin shame," said Coyote Pete, "that the Babe can't hev a genuine, first class funeral, but there ain't no show for a spread in this hole."

"Ef there was time I'd go ter Frisco an take a casket in on my back," said Red Mike, "but there ain't, so's no use talkin'."

"Now, don't ye fret," said Baldy Slick, "Babe's goin ter hev a funeral, the like of which ain't been seen in Noo York itself," and he unfolded his plan to the boys.

Two of Baldy Slick's tables were torn apart and a rude casket was constructed of the boards. The inside was lined with a beautiful dry moss gathered from the mountain side, the outside coated with fresh pitch, upon which was sprinkled gold dust, contributed by the willing miners.

A grave was hollowed out in a pleasant place near Joe's cabin, and that, too, was lined with moss, upon which was sprinkled some of the dust.

When the casket was taken to the house Joe and his wife broke down completely.

"Oh, it is so sweet!" said Mrs. Joe, "and it is so kind of you. We were troubled to think that Babe could not have a nice burial, and now this—this!"—And she could say no more.

The services at the grave were simple. Mrs. Joe had a Bible, and Silent Sam was asked to read a chapter. He did so, and then the little form was lowered into the mossy bed prepared for it. One by one the men passed the open grave, tossing in their last offering to Babe, fresh blooming flowers gathered from the mountain side, and as they turned from the grave they each took Joe and his wife by the hand in silent sympathy.

Silent Sam was the last to clasp their hands, and as he did so he said:

"Goodby, Joe; goodby, Mrs. Joe. I'm goin home to my little feller an the woman."—Buffalo News.

### Decidedly Not!

A young wife came to her mother one day with fire in her eyes and indignation in her voice.

"Harry told me a little while ago," she said, "that there was no use calling my hair Auburn. He said it was several stations beyond Auburn on the road to Reading!"

"I wouldn't mind that, Clara," said the mother. "It was merely one of his pleasantries."

"No, it wasn't!" exclaimed the young wife, with a saving gleam of humor. "It was one of his unpleasantries!"—Exchange.

## THE GLASS OF FASHION.

Once more it is prophesied that lingerie petticoats are to oust silk petticoats.

Picture hats are evidently the accepted keynote for autumn and winter millinery.

The abbe collar, made of linen or wired lace and turning down in tabs in front like a priest's collar, is a fancy of the moment in Paris.

White satin is pre-eminently the lining for fall coats. Little else is used by knowing tailors, and the quality of the satin must be excellent.

Point d'esprit, on which are applied trailing sprays of lace, is to be one of the most popular materials for young girls' evening gowns during the winter.

Squares of oriental cloth make stylish and inexpensive trimming for cloth gowns, if artistically used in combination with gold buttons, buckles or braid.

The girl who never before wore silk stockings wears them this season. Women have suddenly developed a mania for fancy and beautiful hosiery, and the stocking counter of a good shop would make a rainbow feel faded.

Automobile coats for autumn wear are shown in cranberry red cloth, heavily strapped, severely plain and three-quarter length. The three-quarter length coats seem destined to take the place of the trailing coats of last season, so far as severe cloth coats are concerned.

The craze for gold trimming is developing in a most effective way through combination with heavy lace. Beleros of gulfure, point de venise, carrickross, etc., are applied upon gold tissue and finished with gold buttons or tassels. Bands of the lace also are applied to bands of gold tissue and used upon cloth or silk with excellent results.—New York Sun.

## THE TROTTING CIRCUIT.

Laura Dillard is another good green one by Hal Dillard, 2:04½. At Oil City she was second in 2:18¾.

Miss Conley won the trotting race at Lexington, Ky., recently after five heats. Her best time was 2:19¾.

Arlington, 2:09½, the other day secured a wagon record a quarter of a second faster than his mark to sulky.

The veteran trotting Huxham, 2:18½, is still able to go winning miles in 2:20 or better, although this is his twelfth season in public.

Pat Powers, the baseball man, is interested in a light harness race meet to be held on the Guttenberg track the latter part of September.

Dr. Fuller has taken his pacer Carrie L., 2:27¼, to Long Island, driving to the various points of interest behind the fleet little mare.

The new 2:10 pacer Lou Vaughan, 2:10, that promises much speed, is by Reflector, 2:07½, and her dam is Ella Brown, 2:11½, both campaigners.

It required 11 heats to decide the 2:20 and 2:17 trotting classes at Marlboro, N. H., a few days ago, Casar A capturing the first named and Hill Top, Jr., the latter.

Lucille, who recently broke the wagon record at Chicago, is described as "a model of beauty and symmetry—grace and ease personified. Her manners are perfect, her courage above reproach."

Ira A. Kip, Jr., has entered his noted high stepper Sir John A at Syracuse. This horse won two blue ribbons and was placed second to Alarm in the championship class at Long Branch, beating the famous Whirl of the Town.

## ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Hog manure is hard to excel for the peach orchard.

The quince makes the best stock on which to dwarf the pear.

Poultry for the plum orchard and hogs for the apple orchard.

Clay soil or a preponderance of clay is considered best for the quince.

An assortment of fruit grown properly is safer than making any one kind a specialty.

The soil for fruit trees, as well as for farm crops, should be of good quality and well drained.

A dwarf tree is one that is budded or grafted on a different kind of stock, having greater or less affinity, but not so congenial as its own.

One advantage with dwarf pears is that they usually come into bearing the second or third year after planting out and are especially adapted to limited grounds.

In selecting scions for grafting large fruit trees get them from bearing trees. Such scions will produce fruit quicker than those cut from young trees which have not borne fruit.

Never allow the blighted leaves and branches to remain on the fruit trees. They should be cut out and burned as soon as discovered; otherwise the disease spreads from branch to branch.—St. Louis Republic.

## APHORISMS.

Where boasting ends, there dignity begins.—Young.

Borrowing is not much better than begging.—Lessing.

True blessedness consisteth in a good life and a happy death.—Solon.

A chill air surrounds those who are down in the world.—George Elliot.

A brave spirit struggling with adversity is a spectacle for the gods.—Seneca.

Assure yourself you have accomplished no small feat if only you have learned patience.—Goethe.

The best way to do good to ourselves is to do it to others; the right way to gather is to scatter.—Richter.

Nature often enshrines gallant and noble hearts in weak bosoms; oftentimes, God bless her, in woman's breast.—Dickens.

## THE HOUSEHOLD.

Covers For Sofa Pillows—Clothes Strainer and Lifter—To Know Good Meat.

Ticking is one of the most effective and inexpensive foundations for the sofa pillows decorated with sporting devices which are so popular. Cream colored ticking makes an excellent background for a golfing figure in Scotch plaids and bright reds. A yachting design is pretty on a pale blue or a white ticking background. Tennis or any other form of sport may be made the subject for interesting sofa pillow decoration.

Linen and denim in various shades are fashionable, pretty and cleanly.

Heavy drab colored cotton embroidered with an American Indian's head in bright colors and finished with bead work is extremely picturesque.

Turkey red linen with white coronation braid sewed on so as to form a plaid effect and finished with a ruffle of red ribbon around the border makes a satisfactory pillow. Equally good is green pique with a conventional pattern in silk embroidery and feather stitch braid. Green art denim makes a good background for an embroidered wild rose pattern. An exceedingly effective pillow may be made by embroidering neutral shaded cotton with a peacock pattern in the natural colors of the bird's plumage. Almost all of these designs can be bought all ready to work at the art shops. Covers for sofa pillows should be provided with buttons and buttonholes concealed by a flap, so that they can be taken off easily to be washed or otherwise cleaned.

Woman's Labor Saving Device.

The clothes boiler pictured below is the invention of Ella E. Hunter of Rockport, Mo., and her invention is the production of a durable boiler provided with an openwork clothes receptacle, which can be raised and lowered by a simple mechanism carried upon the exterior of the boiler, and calculated to

facilitate the draining and removal of the clothes. When the clothes have boiled sufficiently, the crank is revolved to wind up the cable, which passes underneath the basket, elevating the latter and drawing out the water, when the garments cool rapidly and can be lifted out with the hands. The crank is fitted with a pawl, which locks the basket in its elevated position until it is emptied, when the pawl is released, to allow the basket to fall back into the boiler again.

To Know Good Meat.

Let us imagine ourselves before a butcher's block having on it four pieces of beef presenting faces from the round or sirloin. One is dull red, the lean being close grained and the fat very white. The next is dark red, the lean loose grained and shewy and the fat white and shining. The third is dull red, the lean loose grained and shewy and the fat yellow. The fourth is bright cherry red, the lean smooth and medium grained, with flecks of white through it and the fat creamy—neither white nor yellow. The first of these is cow beef; the second, hill beef; the third, beef from an old or ill conditioned animal, and the last is ox beef. Ox beef—that from a steer—is the juiciest, finest flavored, sweetest and most economical to buy of all beef. It is called "prime" when the lean is very much mottled with the white fat flecks and when it is from a heavy, young animal (about four years old) stall fed on corn. Beef from a young cow that has been well fed and fattened is next in merit to ox beef. Beef from an unmanured animal is never satisfactory, being tough and juicyless. It may be easily recognized, as its color is pale and its bones small.—Ella Morris Kretschmar in Woman's Home Companion.

Tender Peach Dumplings.

Peel as many fine, large, perfectly ripe peaches as are required. Make a tea biscuit crust by sifting a quart of flour, a teaspoonful of salt and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder into a bowl. Mix this thoroughly with two heaping tablespoonfuls of butter, then stir in enough milk to make a light dough. Turn it on a well floured pastry board and roll it out to the thickness of a quarter of an inch. Cut the paste into squares large enough to cover one peach. Put the peach in the center of the square, grate a little nutmeg over it, add a little sugar and fold the paste over the peach, pressing it close with the palms of the hands. When all the peaches are folded in the paste, put them in a pan, bake them in a slow oven, or put them in a steamer and steam till they are so tender a serve hot or cold, with a sauce of cream well sweetened with powdered sugar.

To Make a Wall Dampproof.

If you are troubled with a damp house wall, brush it well over, after first removing the paper, with the following mixture: A quarter of a pound of shellac, dissolved in one quart of naphtha. Give the wall two or three coatings, letting it stay several hours between the applications. Then repaper and you will have no further trouble.

GLEANINGS.

Breakage of propeller shafts at sea costs an immense sum annually in salvage.

In France, where wine is as abundant as petroleum here, it is transported in bulk in tank cars.

An advertisement in a New York morning paper lately calls for a "stenographer who can cook." Another demands "a housekeeper who understands shorthand and typewriting."

In the time of Louis VIII there were 2,000 hospitals for lepers in France and about 19,000 in Europe. Professor Vilepied declared at a recent conference in Berlin that he does not believe in the contagiousness of leprosy.

The authorities of San Francisco have decided that after July 1 next year no fence or billboard shall be allowed to exceed ten feet in height. This extension of time was given on account of contracts already entered into between bill-posters and advertisers.

"The most ancient and most noble order of the Thistle," which has just been conferred upon the earl of Hopetoun, is the smallest of the three great orders of knighthood in point of numbers and the longest in point of title. It consists of the sovereign and British princes and 16 knights.

A Frenchman has invented a tobacco pipe which has a whistle in the stem, in order to enable the smoker to summon a cab without taking the pipe from his mouth. The inventor thinks that when his device shall be put upon the market people will wonder how they ever got along without it.

## THE DRESS MODEL.

Yellow brocade, craped satin and silk or satin matelasse will be fashionable opera and ballroom fabrics this winter.

A new twilled cloth, slightly rough of surface, manufactured for the making of smart traveling and walking costumes, resembles the weave of French vicuna.

The autumn will bring a great many handsome full length wraps and a number of half length, three-quarter and jacket styles, reaching a few inches below the waist and variously shaped and adjusted.

Shepherd's checked taffetas, in handsome color blendings suitable to the season, will be revived for the making of shirt waists to wear beneath short, open jackets of plain or fancy wool autumn suitings and for linings, vests, yokes and separate waists.

Hats to be worn with youthful costumes of tweed and cheviot this fall are Ladysmith models of rough felt—Sauglier felts they are called. Upon them quills and stiff feathers are secured, with knots of brilliant gladiolus red or equally brilliant nasturtium yellow velvet.

A new English walking jacket is cut with short rounded skirt fronts and fastens diagonally across the chest. Beneath this is a close fitting vest of pale tan cloth covered with braid work on silver and brown soutache, running side by side and fastened with rocco buttons of medium size.

The fancy for combining blue with certain shades of green still prevails, though it has been worn so much that many have tired of it. The newer rhododendron blending of pink and blue is apt to form mauve and is therefore not generally becoming, though much admired on those who are fair enough to wear it.

Handsome qualities of light weight velvet in blues, pinks and rich fruit colors, including red, will be much used for the first wool costumes of next season. They are extremely plain in effect except the red suits, which are trimmed with flounces edged with narrow folds of velvet of a deeper shade.—New York Post.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

A Busy Midsummer Hive—Puget Sound Naval Station—Army Transportation.

(Special Correspondence.)

Far from being a deserted and empty building during the absence of congress from Washington, the capitol is a busy midsummer hive, a-hum with human activity. No fewer than 400 people are at work there every day, without counting the laborers, who are engaged at present in accomplishing an important architectural alteration—namely, the conversion of the old time quarters of the library of congress into committee rooms for the house and senate.

The library quarters, into which the fourth greatest book collection in the world was crowded for so many years, occupied the west front of the middle part of the great building. They have been completely torn out, even to the plastering, and at present the intruder on the premises might imagine himself in a ruined cathedral, with a couple of equally dilapidated churches immediately adjoining. The space thus rendered available is very large and will add proportionately to the legislative accommodations, a floor being introduced so as to convert it into two stories. It may be that part of the second story will be set aside for a reference library, containing such volumes as Librarian Putnam may consider desirable for ready consideration by congressmen, but this has not been finally decided upon.

There are about 175 telephones in the capitol, of which number 100 are on the house side, with their own "central." Another "central" on the senate side governs 65 more, and there are 10 or 12 additional instruments scattered over the building, which are connected with the regular city exchange. Thus the huge structure is a veritable maze of wires, each committee room having its own telephone, while special lines connect the house and senate with the White House and the executive departments. At the present time this "hello" system is much less busy than during sessions, but calls are frequent, and the "central" operators have to be ever ready at their posts.

Puget Sound Naval Station.

There has been a row among naval officers over the equipment of the torpedo boat Goldsborough, which was built by a Portland (Or.) firm. Rear Admiral Hiebhorn, chief constructor of the navy, was anxious to have the boat equipped for service at the Puget sound naval station. The other members of the board of construction, to which board the question was submitted, recommended the boat be sent to San Francisco.

Hiebhorn took the position that there was a great deal of work remaining at the Mare Island navy yard, which is near San Francisco, and that it would not be possible to fit the Goldsborough out at that yard. After some considerable controversy over the matter Secretary Long directed the Goldsborough to be sent to Puget sound station, where the torpedo boat Rowan has just been fitted out for service.

Some of the officers who were beaten in this discussion secured telegraphic orders from the navy department detailing Captain Henry Glass to make an inspection of the Rowan and the facilities at the Puget sound station for doing such work. The assignment of Captain Glass to this duty was a surprise to the bureau of construction, and the charge is now made that there has been some underhand work on the part of high naval officers to secure an official report the tenor of which was expected to show that the Rowan was in a bad way and the Puget sound station in an inadequate condition. Captain Glass' report has been received in Washington, and it shows not only that the Rowan was fully and properly equipped, but that the Puget sound station is in every way adapted to a high grade of naval work, including the docking of the largest vessels of the service.

Army Transportation.

There has been a great deal of confusion in the accounts of army transportation, due, it is said at the war department, to the carelessness of commanding officers in distant departments in not furnishing soldiers with the proper documents indicating their destination and the occasion of their transportation. An officer traveling with three or more men is considered traveling with troops, and the quartermaster's department will furnish the transportation. The chief quartermasters will judge of the necessity of transportation by government ship or by commercial line. In the Philippines every soldier sent to Manila must hereafter be accompanied by documents from his command necessary to account for his presence in the city and indicate his future movements.

Exports From Cuba.

According to a statement made by the division of customs and insular affairs, war department, the total exportation from the island of Cuba through the port of Havana for the seven months ended July 31, 1900, was \$16,698,005, as against \$16,796,971 for the same period last year, a decrease of \$98,966.

The total exports from Havana for the month of July alone were \$2,237,84. The exports for this month by countries show:

To the United States, \$702,327; France, \$581,963; Germany, \$381,677; England, \$247,841, and Spain, \$63,722.

An offer has been made to the navy department by a number of Chicago citizens to present the ship's bell from the old brick battleship Illinois to the new Illinois, now approaching completion at Newport. The offer will be accepted and arrangements made for appropriate ceremonies when the presentation takes place.

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