

Puncher

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engaged the... in a few... the main facts... which it had... under his... now, and... was not... able to pay... which curbs the... for years sub... discipline.

breakfast Irene attended to... of her father, and by this... the visiting doctor was manifesting... to be away. Other... were calling him, and he assured... Doctor Hardy, what the latter quite... well knew, that nothing more could... be done for him at present. He would... come again at any time is surmised... by the young man, or if his profes... sional duties should bring him into... the neighborhood of the Elden ranch.

But Dave declared with prompt final... ity that the horses must rest until... after noon, and the doctor, willy-nilly... spent the morning rambling in the... foothills. Meanwhile the girl busied... herself with work about the house, in... which she was effecting a rapid trans... formation.

After the midday dinner Dave har... nessed the team for the journey to... town, but before leaving inquired of... Irene if there were any special pur... chases, either personal or for the use... of the house, which she would recom... mend. With some diffidence she men... tioned one that was uppermost in her... thoughts—soap, both laundry and... toilet. Dr. Hardy had no hesitation in... calling for a box of his favorite cigars... and some new magazines, and took... occasion to press into the boy's hand... a bill out of all proportion to the value... of the supplies requested. There was... an argument in the yard, which the... girl did not fully hear, between father... and son, but she gathered that the... old man insisted on going to town, and... falling that, that Dave should... replenish his stock of whisky, to the... effect of which would the young man... consent. It was evident that Dave was... the responsible person in the af... fairs of the Elden ranch. The day... was introductory to others that were... to follow.

Dave returned the next... day with his own horse, and... with cigars, magazines... with a soft little package... to be a sponge, which he... to his own initiative, and... to Irene. She took... to his rising color, and with... misgiving whether this was... a contribution to the toilet... of the house, or a quiet... appeal for soap.

The following day it was decided... that the automobile, which since the... accident had lain unturned by the... roadway, should be brought to the... ranch buildings. Dave harnessed his... team, and, instead of riding one of... the horses, walked behind, driving by... the reins, and accompanied by the... girl, who had proclaimed her ability to... steer the car. When they reached the... stream she hesitated, remembering... her mishap, but the boy slipped his... uncles hand firmgrip under her arm, and... they walked the log in safety.

It seemed to Irene that she continued... his assistance when it was no longer... needed, but she accepted the courtesy... without remark.

With the aid of the team and... Dave'sariat the car was soon righted, and... was found to be none the worse... for its deflection from the beaten... track. Irene presided at the steering... wheel, watching the road with great... interest, and turning the wheel too... far on each occasion, which gave to... her course a somewhat wavy or undu... lating order, such as is a better... head knives, or perhaps a better... figure would be to compare it with... the rolling motion affected by fancy... skaters.

However, the mean of her... direction corresponded with the mean... of the trail, and she eventually... arrived at the house.

When purpose to engage... horses in a contest of speed. The... nals were suspicious enough at... of their strange wagon, and had... thought of allowing it to assume... over for a haven from the intrusion of... business or professional cares, he

fectly well where the brake was, and... how to use it. In fact, there were... two brakes, operated by different... members, and perhaps it was this dupli... cation, intended to insure safety, that... was responsible for her undoing. Her... first impulse was to use the emer... gency, but to do so she must remove... her hand from the steering-wheel, where... it was very fully occupied. She... did start to put this impulse into... effect, but an unusually violent de... flection caused her to reconsider that... intention. She determined to use the... foot-brake, a feat which was accom... plished, under normal conditions, by... pressing one foot firmly against a... contraption somewhere beneath the... steering-post. She shot a quick... glance downward, and to her alarm... discovered not one, but three contrap... tions, all apparently designed to regu... late the pressure of a foot—if one... could reach them—and as similar as... further hesitation, and in automobil... ing he who hesitates invites a series... of rapid experiences. By this time... all Irene's attention was required to... bring the car to some unimpaired... direction. It was quite evident that... it was running away. It was quite... evident that the horses were running... away. The situation assumed the... qualities of a race, and the only mat... ter of grave doubt related to its ter... mination. Dave, still holding fast to... the reins, ran beside the car with... prodigious strides which enabled him... to bring but little restraint upon the... team, and Irene held to the steering... wheel with grip of desperation.

Then they struck the water. It was... not more than two feet deep, but the... extra resistance it caused, and the... extra alarm it excited in the horses, resulted in the breaking of theariat. Dave still clung fast to his team, and... now that the terrifying rival no longer... pursued them, they were soon brought... to a standstill. Having pacified them... he tied them to a post and returned... to the stream. The car sat in the mid... die; the girl had put her feet on the... seat beside her, and the swift water... flowed by a few inches below. She... was laughing merrily when Dave... very wet in parts, appeared on the bank.

"Well, I'm not wet, except for a lit... tle splashing," she said, "and you are... out of reply he walked stolidly into the... cold water, took her in his arms, and... carried her ashore. Theariat was soon... repaired, and the car hauled to the... ranch buildings without further mishap.

Later in the day he said to her, "Can you ride?"

"Some," she answered. "I have... ridden city horses, but don't know... about these ranch animals. You know... a city horse has to do as he is told, much as he likes. But I would like... to try—if I had a saddle."

"I have an extra saddle," he said. "But it's a man's. They all ride... that way here."

She made no answer, and the sub... ject was dropped for the time. But... the next morning she saw Dave ride... away, leading a horse by his side. He... did not return until evening, but when... he came the idle horse carried a... saddle.

"It's a strad-egger," he said when... he drew up beside Irene, "but it's a... girl's. I could find anything else in... the whole diggin'."

"I'm sure it will do—splendidly—... if I can just stick on," she replied. But another problem was already in... her mind. It apparently had not oc... curred to her that women require... special clothing for riding, especially... if it's a "strad-egger." She enquired... her lips to mention this, then closed... them again. He had been to enough... trouble on her account. He had al... ready spent a whole day scouring the... country for a saddle. She would... manage some way. She would... scissored and needle.

CHAPTER III.

Dr. Hardy recovered from his in... juries as rapidly as could be expected, and, while he chafed somewhat over... spending his holidays under such cir... cumstances, the time passed not un... happily. Had he sought the world... over for a haven from the intrusion of... business or professional cares, he

could have found it nowhere in greater... perfection than in the foothill country... centring about the Elden ranch. Here... was an Arcadia where one might well... return to the simple life; a little bay... of still water sheltered from the on... rushing time of affairs by the warm... brown prairies and the white-bosomed... mountains towering through their... draperies of blue-purple mist. It was... life as far removed from his custom... ed circles as if he had been suddenly... spirited to a different planet. It was... life without the crowd and haste and... out the crowd and jostle and haste and... gaiety and despair that are called... life; but the doctor wondered if, after... all, it did not come nearer to filling... the measure of experience—which is... life.

A considerable acquaintance had... sprung up between him and the... senior Elden. The rancher had come... from the East forty years before, but... in turning over their memories the... two men found many links of asso... ciation; their persons known to them... both; places, over streets and houses... common to their feet in early boy... hood; events of local history which... each could recall, although from dif... ferent angles. And Elden's life in the... West had been a treasury of experi... ence, in which he now dipped for the... first time in years, regarding his great... with tales of the open range long be... fore barbed wire had stuck its poison... ed fang into the heart of the ranch... man; tales of horse-stealing and... cattle-rustling, with glimpses of sud... den justice unrecorded in the official... documents of the territory; of whisky... running and excess and all those large... adventures that drink the red blood of... the wilderness. In his grizzled head... and stooping frame he carried more... experiences than would fill a dozen... well-rounded city lives, and he had the... story-teller's art which scorns to spoil... dramatic effect by a too strict adher... ence to fact. But over one phase of... his life he kept the curtain resolutely... down. No ray of conversation would... he admit into the more personal af... fairs of his heart, or of the woman... who had been his wife, and even when... the talk turned on the boy he quickly... withdrew it to another topic, as

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though the subject were dangerous or... distasteful. But once, after a long... silence following such a diversion, had... he betrayed himself into a whispered... remark, an outburst of feeling rather... than a communication. "I've been... alone so much," he said. "It seems... And—sooner or later—it gets you—It... gets you."

(To be continued.)

Woman's Interests

The Care of Your Mesh Bag.

Mesh bags have been increasingly... popular for several years because of... their pleasing appearance, but some... who have received mesh bags of gold... or silver as gifts, or who have pur... chased them, have been disappointed... in regard to their wearing qualities. Either the meshes soon begin to show... tiny holes like dropped stitches, or... the bags themselves begin to look dark... and dingy.

Keeping the bags in good condition... is really a matter of personal care. The mesh bags of better quality are... made of soldered links, and while sol... der is a metal, it is not what might be... called a tough, resistant metal, and... the meshes themselves are all fine and... delicate.

If the mesh bag is used thoughtless... ly it will suffer, of course. No sharp... article should ever be carried within... its folds, such as nail files, orange... wood sticks, hairpins, sharpened pen... cils, or anything with a point which... will penetrate the meshes and cause... tiny breaks to appear.

In one case, the owner of a very... beautiful mesh bag found that her... treasure was beginning to show mys... terious breaks. She traced it to a... small, bead change purse which she... was in the habit of carrying inside the... bag. The beads were of just the right... size to force themselves into the mesh... opening if circumstances were right. She... had the bag repaired and stopped... using the little bead change purse and... had no further cause for complaint.

It is also a mistake to force the... carrying capacity of the mesh bag, for... it is essentially a dress article, and... not one to be used for utilitarian... purposes. The owner of the mesh bag... should remember if she goes shopping... that a more capacious leather or silk... receptacle into which she can stuff... parcels of different sizes will be a... convenience, while the mesh... bag will be saved for its proper... use.

If the article is gold or silver plated, the... plating will wear off in time, al... though if this is a good quality it... should last as well as any other plated... article would if it is taken care of. But... under no circumstances should it be... cleaned with gritty scouring powders... or soaps, or with unknown mat... erials.

One owner of a mesh bag scrubbed it... vigorously with a borax preparation. After the first cleaning, it was... certainly improved, but after several... cleanings, the plate was removed also. The bag was replated and the owner... was sadder and wiser for the expense... was unnecessary.

In the future, she used a good silver... cleaning polish and a soft little brush. After cleaning, the bag was rinsed... thoroughly under the warm water... faucet until it was quite clean; then it... was dried on a soft, clean towel and... hung wide open in a draught of air, that any clinging moisture within the... meshes might be evaporated.

Bags of gold plate or of solid gold... should only be cleaned with some... preparation obtained from a reliable... jeweler for the purpose. Naturally the... bags will grow dingy if they are car... ried throughout a season without be... ing cleaned. The meshes are pecu... liarly adapted to catch dust anyway, so a frequent cleaning with suitable... materials, or a good rinsing in clear... water, and a process of gentle drying

will help to keep the bag attractive. Some owners of mesh bags have... lined them with silk or kid, to prevent... soiling dainty handkerchiefs, light col... ored cases, or anything of that kind. This... really spoils the effect of the dainty... article itself, making it look thick in... stead of fine and filmy. It also com... plicates the cleaning process, for, of... course, such a lining has to be re... moved before cleansing is undertaken.

The trouble can be avoided by... keeping the bag clean and by using a... small, inner, removable envelope of... silk into which handkerchiefs or any... thing else of a light color can be slip... ped. Even this is unnecessary if all... meshes are quite clean, as they should... be.

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There cannot be an exit of used air... in the same place as there is an in... gress of fresh air. Warm, rarefied... air will, of course, escape through the... top of an opened window, unless it... is beaten back by a cold and heavier... air current. The cross action then... produces a swirling draught—a ferti... source of colds. Also, the amount of... fresh air so obtained will be negli... gible, for the used air will rob the... fresh air of part of its oxygen, and... the result will be a second-grade air.

The proper and scientific way of... securing the egress of used air and... the ingress of fresh air, is to push up... the lower window sash to the top and... pull down the upper sash to within... four inches of the sill.

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With the sashes thus arranged the... outer and fresh air will find, as is... obvious, a downward and natural en... trance, and the lighter and stale air... will escape upward and out.

First Woman Enters Inner Temple Bar.

The sacred portals of the Inner... Temple were passed recently by a... woman when Miss Ivy Williams be... came a member of the British bar, the... first to be called in the Temple, says a... recent London despatch. Miss Wil... liams is an Oxford lecturer, who says... in an Oxford paper. This will smooth... the rough pieces of varnish and at... the same time scratch the smooth sur... face so that the paint will adhere to it.

Use a no-gloss house paint for the... first coat, and two coats of a light... colored paint is to be used over a dark... surface. Allow each coat to dry thor... oughly, then add a coat of enamel... paint of the color desired.

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