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Sarah Pendergast was not to blame that she had lived to the age of thirty-three without being married. When she looked back over the long road she couldn't see where it was her fault, and as for other people they said:

"What, Sarah Pendergast, the old maid? Why, she's been trying her very best for the last fifteen years to catch a man, and she'd give all her old shoes even to say yes to a widower eighty years old."

Indeed, it was no one's fault. It

was simply one of those things that occur now and then in every community. A girl gets left out for no particular reason, and the first thing she knows she's being called aunt and looked up to with respect due to old size. Sarah had a brether William age. Sarah had a brother William for whom she kept house. William was an old bachelor, and inclined to silence. but now and then he had a way of making the sister feel that her mission had been left unaccomplished. On the night of her thirty-third birthday the

"Sarah, I've lived a single life for forty years, and I don't intend to change it, but if I were you I'd get a busband if I had to chase him from least to Reheal Covenie." here to Bebee's Corners."

"I could have married ten times over if I had wanted to leave you," she re-

"Well, don't let me stand in the way any longer. I ain't blaming you alto-gether, but folks are giggling and poking fun at you all over the county. Why don't you get out and hustle like other girls?" Sarah defended her position with

spirit, but that night after she got to hed she lay awake for two hours and then came to a decision. For the first the since she was old enough to mar-ry she made up her mind to go on a man hunt and show Brother William and the rest of Temple county that she could get married as well as other folks. A thing that helped her to reach this decision just at the time was the fact that young Enos Johnson, son of Farmer Johnson, had been paying her attention. That is, he had called at



HE GRABBED A FENCE RAIL AND SHOVED IT AT HER.

the house now and then of an evening to eat apples and popcorn in her com-pany and to talk weather and crops with her farmer brother. Sarah had aimed far higher than Enos, who was whole souled fellow, but knew more about rutabagas than the spelling book. But Enos would do at a pinch, and the pinch seemed to have come. Thirtythree years old she was by the record in the family Bible, and even Brother William had begun to be sarcastic and impatient over it.

The innocent Enos didn't know what was in store for him and therefore came over the next evening to tell how the old spotted cow had a sore back and one of the hogs had a swelling on its jaw. If he hadn't been so busy eating Spitzenburg apples and cracking black walnuts he might have noticed that Sarah was more affectionate than usual and that Brother William went off to bed half an hour ahead of his

usual time. But Enos had no guile and didn't expect it in others. Before he left for home he had agreed to go sliding on the pond with Sarah the next evening, and that night she lay awake again to do a little more planning. Next morning, as soon as the bachelor brother had taken his de-parture for the woods, she hunted up an old ax and waded through the snow to a pond in the old wheat field to cut a good sized hole in the ice. Had the pond been on a gentleman's farm it pond been on a gentleman's rarm it would have been called a lake. Had it been nearer the barnyard it would have been referred to as a horse pond. It was only about an acre in extent and four feet deep, and at that season of the year, being midwinter, the few bull-heads who roamed its waters in summer had gone down into the mud to hibernate until the frogs croaked again. When evening came again behold Brother William nursing a sore heel before the kitchen fire, and Sarah and Enos cantering about the pond like two children given a holiday. The No. 10 boots worn by Enos soon made a sliding place, and, of course, the coy

Enos galloped about with more vigor and began to wonder if he wasn't a good deal of a feller after all, she so nanaged things as to approach nearer and nearer the hole cut in the ice that morning. By and by she got a warning, and later on another, but she smiled and said she had a hero at hand Dodd's Kidney Pills Removed to save her. Then came the climax of her planning

There was a quick run downhill, a long slide and a fall and a scream, and into the hole she went. It was no matter that her feet could touch the cold mud and make the builheads wonder what was going on or that she could have pulled herself out as fast as she got in had she so minded. She had a part to play, and she played it. At her first scream Enos started for the house, yelling "Police!" at the top of his voice. At her second he turned back and grabbed a fence rail and shoved it at her so vigorously that he came near breaking her ribs with the end of it. It was not until scream the fifth had risen on the night air to make the stars turn pale and shudder that Enos flung down his hat, yanked off his overcoot and him yank yank with the start that Enos flung down his hat, yanked the start that Enos flung down his hat, yanked the start that Enos flung down his hat, yanked the start that off his overcoat and blue yarn mittens and showed himself the hero that he

After trying to push Sarah a foot After trying to push saran a root farther down into the mud and water he suddenly realized that the right way was to pull instead of push, and with a heave and a grunt he flopped her out on the ice. He had heard that half drowned people pusht to be that half drowned people ought to be rolled on a barrel. There was no barrolled on a barrel. There was no bar-rel handy, and so he rolled, Sarah over and over in the snow. When he be-lieved that he had recalled the flame of life he picked her up like a bag of potatoes and flung her over his shoul-der and started for the house, and there was no mistaking his feelings, when he was no mistaking his feelings when he

"If Sarah dies of this I hope our old muley cow will kick my head off!"
In wading through the snowdrifts and climbing rail fences Sarah was dropped three or four times, and each time she faintly protested that she was able to walk, but the hero had been roused to action and nothing could stop him. Up went Sarah again, her shoes leaking mud and water and her wet arms clinging around Encs' neck and shoulders, and at last he arrived at the kitchen door and kicked it open and laid his burden on the floor.

"Gee whiz, but what is it?" gasped Brother William as he got his sore heel under his chair and faced about. "Sarah's fell in the pond!"

"And I've fell in love with Sarah!" 'Enos, darling, kiss me!" came from the soppy bundle on the floor.

"Durned if I don't, and right off now, with Bill lookin' on!" Next morning at breakfast, after a long period of silence, Brother William queried;

"Sarah, who cut that hole in the "I did," she promptly answered. "When are you and Enos to be mar-

"The first of May." "Um! I see. Sarah, you are no old

The Guidance of Reason.

The villagers were all gathered round the little store talking about Sam Jones' lost colt. It was a two-year-old and had strayed out of the pasture lot the day before. Sam was worried about it, the neighbors had all been out looking for it without success, and no one seemed to know where to look

Jim stood there looking on and lis-Jim stood there looking on and iis-tening. Jim was a tall, lank young fellow, regarded as half witted by some persons and as foolish by others. "I think I could find your h-horse,"

he said to Sam Jones. "You? Why, Jim, how do you think you could find him when we have had the best men in town out looking for

"Waal," said Jim, "I could try, couldn't I?" "Yes," answered the owner, "you can try, and if you find him I'll give

you a dollar." "All right," said Jim and walked away on his search. To the surprise of all he returned in less than half an hour leading the missing horse by a

rope tied round his neck.

"Well, well!" said Jones as he took the horse and paid Jim the dollar. "How in the world did you find him so quick?"

Jim answered in his long drawn out words: "Why, I thought, 'Now, if I was a horse, where would I go?' And so I went there, and he had."

Gaming Paraphernalia

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Scheme His Lawyer Proposed to Beat a Fair Plaintiff. "To-morrow," said the lawyer, "I

will have to begin the cross-exami-nation of the fair plaintiff."

His face showed that he was

troubled.

"It will have to be carefully planned and executed," he added after a 'What will?' inquired the unso-

phisticated youth.
"Why, I have arranged to have a

"Why, I have arranged to have a clever party sit beside her and abstract her handkerchief just before she takes the stand for cross-examination," explained the lawyer.

"To what purpose?"

"Evidently," said the lawyer,
"you are even more inexperienced than I supposed. I can see that she is one of the kind that has no difficulty in crying when she wants to."

"Well?"

"Well, do you not know that all

"Well?"

"Well, do you not know that all the astuteness of the legal profession is not worth one tear in the eye of a pretty woman in a jury

"But the handkerchief?"

"But the handkerchief?"
"No woman can cry effectively on the witness stand without an embroidered handkerchief. Lacking that, it is no more than sniveling, and the woman who snivels is lost. With the handkerchief she can beat me. Without it she is at my mercy. As the poet truly says, 'In hoc handkerchief vinces!' The verdict in this case is likely to rest on the temporary possession of a bit of linen and lace. When she finds it gone, she will be too rattled to even think clearly."
"I begin to see," remarked the unsophisticated one, "that there is more than law to law."
"In such a case," was the reply, "the law is the rest.

"In such a case," was the reply, "the law is the least part of it."

HOW TO CURE THE DIVORCE EVIL. President of National Congress of Mothers Tells How to Cure It.

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leal balance. Sixty trials were made at different seasons of the year. With udders that were apparently clean it was found that an average of three and one-half times as much dirt fell from the un-washed udders as from the same udders after they were washed. With soiled udders the average was twentytwo and with muddy udders the average was ninety-four times as much dirt from the unwashed as from the same udders after washing. - Illinois Bulletin.

The Reading Dairyman Wins. I have seen one dairyman with a beautiful home, large and well ventilated stables, all the product of a herd of milk cows, and another farmer with the same old house he built ten years before, dilapidated stables, gates broken, fences down, all the product of another herd of cows, equal in num-ber to the first. Why this difference

with the same conditions? If you go into the home of the first class of men you will find agricultural papers; you will find a reader, a man who has a thinker and is using it. He may not be a graduate of any agricul-tural college, but he is a self educated man, who received a large part of his education from the agricultural papers. How much more advanced he would have been if he had learned the rudiments at the agricultural college! But greater honor is due to self education than to a college educated man. Still. if progress was to depend on self education we would resemble the snail in

I am a firm believer that the duty of every state is to place a premium on agricultural pursuits. The most important branch of agriculture is dairying. The growth of cereals depends on dairying to return its elements to the soil of which the soil has been robbed by their growth. Dairying en-riches the soil, while the growth of cereals impoverishes it. Therefore no branch of agriculture should be fos-tered and encouraged as much as the dairying industry.—E. A. McDonald, Washington State Dairy and Food Commissioner.

Good and Timely Literature. The dairy and food department of Minnesota has recently issued several important circulars. One is entitled "Butter Is King," and is being placed in the hands of the farmers of that state. It treats the subject of dairying briefly, simply and thoroughly. It shows that it is not necessary for one to buy a lot of thoroughbred stock to start in the business, but that the proper way is to gradually grade up one's herd. The matter of feeds is taken up and instructions given for the planting of cellular and the planting of cellular the planting of soiling crops and the building of silos. There are ample di-rections for the care and handling of milk, and the circular concludes with the dairy laws of the state. A second circular on "Preparation and Propagation of Pure Commercial Cultures" has been sent out to the butter makers in the state. It treats the subject clearly and fully.

The "Dairy Shark." J. A. Crokett, dairyman, Utah Agri-cultural college, has recently sent out warning to the butter makers of his state against a "dairy shark" who is disposing of a process whereby he claims the yield of butter is increased from 50 to 100 per cent in excess of that made in the ordinary manner. Same old fraud that bobs up now and again. All farmers and dairymen should leave all such fellows and their "process" alone.-Dairy and Creamery.

A Cash Hustration.

The Arizona experiment station has recorded the results of a cold rain on the milk flow of the station herd. The cows were exposed three days to a cold rain. During this time they decreased 37 per cent in milk yield and continued until it received 50 per cent and it was antil it reached 50 per cent, and it was a month until they gave as much milk as before the storm. Hoard's Dairyman says this is what might be called a cash illustration of the value of sheltering cows from cold rains.

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