

M. QUAD'S HUMOR.

The Surprised Stranger from New Mexico Remained Permanently in Arizona.

"Hank" Escapes Hanging—Breaking Off a Match—A Polite Postmaster.

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A STRANGER'S MISTAKE.—A chap called himself the "Utah Terror" struck this town last Tuesday with a whoop. As near as he could figure the wave of civilization was not due here for five years yet, while as a matter of fact it rolled over us more than a year ago. He was about six years out in his calculations. The terror was mounted on a mule. Once upon a time it was the proper caper for a terror to ride his mule into a saloon and drink his whisky while seated in his saddle. The stranger headed his animal for the Red Front saloon, and dug in his spurs and uttered his warwhoop, but the next thing he knew the doctor was probing for bullets, and he had gone out of the warwhoop profession. The city marshal had been looking for such a break, and he was on the spot to check it. The mule was killed at the first shot, but it is believed at this writing that the man will in time recover sufficiently to limp out of town in search of some spot where the good old fashioned customs are still preserved in all their purity.

NOT IDENTIFIED.—Tuesday afternoon last a stranger who looked as solemn as if he had buried a wife and 10 children came into town by the Cherry valley road on a bay mule and dismounted at Scott's bank. Some of the boys sized the stranger up as an undertaker looking for an opening, while others had a suspicion that he was up to snuff. This state of uncertainty lasted about 15 minutes, during which time some one unloosed the saddle girths and attached the saddle to a hitching post by a rope about 20 feet long. The stranger found Mr. Scott alone in the bank and pulled a gun on him and asked for a loan of \$500. Mr. Scott never loans money without good security. He dodged the gun and raised an alarm, and the solemn man bolted for the street and his mule. He jumped into the saddle with a whoop of defiance, and when the mule went out from under him he was probably the most surprised man in Arizona. He got up and began shooting, but our efficient city marshal, assisted by about 20 prominent citizens, turned loose on him and brought his career to a dead stop. The mule made a bolt for it and could not be caught, but he bore the brand of a New Mexico ranch. Nothing was found on the man to identify him. He had two guns, 50 cartridges, \$2 in cash and a plug of tobacco. He was buried at the expense of the city, and the look of chagrin which covered his face as he was laid away was marked as to excite general comment. He probably lived in some back township where no newspapers are taken and therefore knew nothing of the changes of the last five years.



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CARL DUNDER.
"Sergeant, mebbe I don't understand how it vhas exactly," said Mr. Dunder as he called at the police station the other day with a look of anxiety on his countenance.

"How what was?" queried the sergeant.

About dose suicides. Vhas it my pees-ness if somebody suicides?"

"Tell your story."

"Vhell, a stranger comes in my place und looks sorrowful und homesick. Poety soon he says to me—

"Mr. Dunder, vhas vhas no use. I make a big fight, but I vhas beaten. I haf made oop my mind to shuffle off some mortal coils. I vhas going to die right here und now, und I like to say goody to you who vhas always easterbody's friend. Farewell, oldt mans!"

"Vhell, dot scares me, you know. I don't like nobody to shuffle off my place und haf some big pieces in der papers, und so I speak softly to him und gif him a glass of beer und feefy cents und get him out. Der werry next day dot second man comes in und sits down und throws his hat on der floor und says—

"Carl Dunder, my vife, shildren, home und fortune vhas swept away, und I don't like to live any longer. Please gif me a private room in vhas to expire, und mebbe you vhas so goot shat to see dot my grave vhas kept green."

"I see," said the dot man.

"Vhell, I can't gif dot man no private room, und I don't like dot corner to come around. So I fill him oop und gif him some change, und he goes away happy. He says if he dies he vill bless me. Vhas dot like you expected?"

"Der next day dot third man comes. He vhas a slim man, und he vhas verry wing. He goes over by a table und cries like some shildren. By und by he looks oop und says—

"Mr. Dunder, I vhas some wrecks on dot sea of life. It vhas no more use to struggle agayst adversity. I make a good fight, but I vhas licked. Please gif me a leedle water dot I may take some poison und bid dot world a last adieu!"

"Do I want some dead man's lying around mit all dose reporters rushing in to put it in der papers? No! I speaks to dot man werry kindly, und I puts him on der shoulder, und in 10 minutes he drinks some beer und takes feefy cents

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"Yes, und a fifth und a sixth. I shat get dot sixth man outt doors before I come away. He vhas a fat man, und it takes a quart of beer und seefy cents before he says he vill struggle some more mit dot cold world."

"Mr. Dunder, you vhas been played agayn," said the sergeant.

"Vhas I taken for greenhorns und hayseeds by dose men?"

"Exactly."

"Und nobody vhas going to oxiure in my house!"

"No. It was a sort of gun game. It's a wonder that somebody doesn't beat you out of your shirt. I vhas talked und talked, but—

"Sergeant!" interrupted Mr. Dunder as he sprang up, "I vhas going home!"

"Pooty queek after I vhas home a man vill come in und look tired und weary und discouraged. He vill take out some white powder in a paper und say to me—

"Mr. Dunder, a leedle water, please. I can't fight dot world no more. I vhas going to dot land where easterbody vhas an angel mit wings und sings all day long."

"Please gif me a private room."

Please see dot my legs vhas straightened out in der coffin und dot I hold a rose in my hand."

"He vill say dot to me, sergeant, und do you know how I shal perform? I vill spring on him like an elephant. I vill catch him by der neck und flop him die vhay und dot vhay und dot around like die, und I vill run him to dot door und kick him 17 times mit both feet to oxiure."

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"What be them rights, prisoner?" queried Bill Totten, who was acting as judge.

"Waal, I want to be hung with a new rope. I vhas been hung respesibly, und I want to die dot way. Then I want to wear a biled shirt. I vhas brung up to wear biled shirts, und I don't want to disgrace the fam'ly. I want to be shaved, to hev my hair combed and parted in the middle, und I insist on Zeke Chopper lendin me his new button. Them's my rights, und I shal insist on 'em."

"Prisoner, hain't you jest a leetle too partick'ler?" inquired the judge. "Hain't it puttin this 'ere camp to a good deal of extra trouble for no real benefit? Vhar we goin to gif a biled shirt, fur instance?"

"I dunno, but we got to hev one. Do you 'spose I'm going to bring up in the other world with this old red shirt on? They wouldn't allow me to stake a claim no more."

"How you goin to be shaved when we hain't got no razor in camp? We kin furnish you some grease and a comb, but that can't be no shavin."

"Got to be!" replied Hank. "I hain't got over der divide lookin like a wolf with his winter fur on. And as fur grease, I want reglar bar's ilk. I'm bound to look jest as purty as I kin."

"Zeke, vill ye lend him yer butas?" asked the judge.

"Naw! I could never feel easy in 'em ag'in!"

"Then I don't hang!" retorted the prisoner. "Mind you, boys, I hain't denyin that I killed Steve, whom everybody knows vhas a provokin, cantankerous, und hain't kickin as to what will follow. I'm jest stickin out fur my rights. S'pos you want to look fairly decent? Would you want to look jest as shabby as I kin?"

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BILL NYE ON FARMING.

Experiments in Raising a Six Year Old Calf in North Carolina.

A Discourse on Dakota Farm Lands and Hints on the Guinea Hen.

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Agribusiness, Peculiar, Mo., writes to know: 1. How long should a calf be permitted to associate with its mother before weaning? 2. What do you know about farming lands in Dakota? 3. How do they compare with those of North Carolina, especially in Henderson and Buncombe counties? 4. What do you do with your asparagus beds in summer?

First—For market calves are generally weaned before they are fully aware that by sin death came into the world. Here, however, on my place, we allow the calf to nurse from six to seven weeks. The last two weeks we add another cow so that he will not be restless at night.

Once I kept a calf six years as an experiment to see how much milk he would require as he grew older. My report to the farmers' convention of Erin Prairie, from which I quote, shows that at the end of the sixth year he had closed up the cheese factory at Hudson and had diverted the output of the Stillwater dairy entirely in his direction.

But he was a big, hearty fellow, with a jocular, curly face and a voice that shook our apples off the trees prematurely.

I never knew a calf that could not so freely as he could. When he had sipped a couple of washbottles of fresh milk and cleared his voice, you should have heard him sound "A."

He had him for tea at the close of the sixth year, just as he began to get thin. We had a real symposium with green peas raised on the place. They grew in rows along the mortgage. I tried to raise them together, the peas and the mortgage, allowing the peas to clamor for the mortgage, but could not raise them both together.

We gave the symposium just as I was leaving the farm to go back and work on a salary again. The name of the calf was Florence—Florence Nightingale. He was named by a poetess lady from Paris, aged 68 years, and I had not the heart to change his name, for he was of a sensitive nature and a trifle over 3 feet in diameter. Living in Paris, she knew very little of the world.

We missed Florence a good deal after his death, for he loved us all, and to see him toss off a few dispanbales of new milk and thesawalk around in the pans would please anybody who did not own the pans. He was ever full of life—that is up to the time we killed him. He had a light ring round his eye, and a heavier one in his nose.

He got into the pound 11 times one summer and violated two ordinances and a statute before anybody dared put a hand on him.

Every time he got in the pound it cost me \$10-\$15 per pound, and it was no joke. I wanted to call him Patti myself—then I could make a real patti of him—but the children said no; Mame, Patti was liable at any time to make another farewell visit to America, and she might never come back.

Milk fed veal does not pay the farmer after the sixth year. Kill the calf at the end of the seventh week while the mother is looking the other way and hang the little speckled pelt over the balcony or nail it to the gable of the porte cochere.

Calves of high degree make just as good veal as the low born calf. From blood Jerseys and Holsteins also show the same amount of sense in their early days that the unknown calf does. It is just as hard to get sour milk on the regular bill of fare with a wild roan calf whose ancestors may be traced with the greatest difficulty not farther back than two years ago.

We are just learning how to keep meats fresh in North Carolina. We killed a large bossy calf three days ago, and this morning we put a pound of him at the root of each grapevine in our little vineyard.

You ought to have seen those grape vines look at each other. The surprise! The air! The manner to each other, as who should say:

"Why recall the past? Why revive dead issues?"

Then the way they began to go up their trellis as far as they could!

It was an idea of my own. "All the meat that does not keep perfectly fresh in our new refrigerator," I exclaimed, "shall be put on the cross."

Every one remarks, "How well everything is looking on your place!"

Farmers used to come quite a distance to talk with me regarding my methods. At first they often remained to dinner, but the roast and remove (which I had happily combined) seemed too much for them.

Some of our friends suggested that we keep our fresh meats at the bottom of the well, but we might have guests come to see us, and their time might be limited, so we do not keep these things in the well now.

Life in the country here in North Carolina is full of excitement.

"What are those graceful birds sailing in the eternal blue over your farm?" asked a friend of mine the other day who is spending the summer with us at a nominal rate.

"Those," said I, "you metropolitan as, are buzzards. They were at the depot and saw me get my new refrigerator."

I hate a man like that. He knew just as well as I did that they were buzzards. Second to the favorable degree of North Dakota are the richest wheat lands of the globe of the earth. The Red river valley, so often referred to as the Nile of the western continent, is overflowed each year, millions of acres being covered with water and debris, which enrich the deep black soil to a remarkable degree. The author visited the state of North Dakota in April of this present year and can truly say that this rich valley of the Red river overflows each spring unless this season was unusual this year.

This makes the wheat land very rich, but has an opposite effect on railroads. The

hotels, too, suffered a great deal. And so did the guests. There were two or three cities where the best hotels had been flooded with water. First the barber came up stairs and opened in a sample room. Then the electricity, and the heat, and the elevator gave up the ghost, and the billiard balls could be heard knocking against the floor of the office as the water rose. The weather was intensely cold, and even the clerk had to live by an oil stove and make change with a pair of yarn mittens. On guests at their meals in their blazers and then went out around town to loaf at the stores where there were coal stoves.

But this does not interfere with agriculture. If the river goes down early enough to sow and plant, the soil will do the part. Hailstorms sometimes destroy crops in certain localities, but the legislature votes more seed to these counties, and they try it again.

Cyclones sometimes cross Dakota,

spreading desolations everywhere and setting at naught the works of man, but the soil remains rich and full of vigor.

Schoolboys even are aware that the cause of all this is the fact that the Red river of the North runs into the arctic regions, and the mouth of the stream does not open till December day. Thus the great valley is flooded, and the alluvium for centuries has made an almost bottomless bottom, if only be allowed to use this seeming anaesthesia.

It is a strange land, full of atmospheric and political surprises. The horticultural exhibit at the legislature this year was remarkable.

Pomology does not do well, as a general thing, owing to the cold of winter. The Siberian crab apples of which jelly is made, grows here, and the Kamchatkan watermelon. Grain, however, is the natural product of the country, and in good seasons it might feed the world.

With cracked wheat from Dakota and oranges from southern California and Florida, steak and chops from Texas and the west, French fried potatoes from Ohio and the middle states, corn bread and bacon from Illinois, Iowa and the Carolinas, and coffee made from the split peas of New Jersey, vhas a breakfast we could give the world.

Guinea eggs fried on one side could be obtained from my farm. The guinea egg is destined at no distant day to become the universal remove for breakfast. If better known, this egg (sic) would be a great success.

The guinea hen has never pushed her eggs as she might have done, and other fowls have thus crowded out her handiwork, but I can truly say that it is one of the most durable hard boiled eggs for those intending to visit the open polar seas and carry their victuals with them of which I know.

With the guinea hen herself I have

nothing in common. Our paths are widely divergent. She can go her way, and I can go mine, but her egg if properly and promptly collected can be made into a light, spongy wedding cake for the table of wealth, or boiled hard by a well trained cook may surprise and delight the man of the peasant.

The yolk of a hard boiled guinea egg, powdered in a deep soup plate makes a good relish when covered at once with three or four inches of hot green turtle soup. I am trying this on my farmhands this year to make an agricultural life as attractive for them as possible.

You ask me what I use my asparagus bed, during the summer, but that is hardly necessary if you will pause to think of my justly celebrated refrigerator.

I have an ice box, too, that I made myself when I was at home during the holidays. I did not do as well as I can do now. Still it keeps the largest and coarsest pieces of ice from coming out. It also keeps cows and grownup cattle out of our home page headed "The Fireside and Spare Room."

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A POPULAR NOVELIST.

Matt Crim Has Had an Interesting Literary Career.

Mrs. Crim, the popular young novelist, was born in Louisiana, but has spent most of her life in Georgia. She was educated at home and was nothing of the ordinary schoolgirl life. Her earliest stories were printed in The Savannah News, and in the year in The Century. Her first story to appear in print was "An Unfortunate Sketch," a sketch of power and pathos. Since then many of her stories have been printed in that magazine, and have also appeared in other magazines.

Her books are the "The Adversary" and "In Beaver Coves," and "Elsewhere"—the first a complete novel.

the second a collection of well-written short stories. The latter has been published in England.

Miss Crim makes her home in New York and is at present engaged on a novel and a play. Her stories have been enhanced by Kemble's illustrations and her novel by Beard's. The first number of letters to show appreciation of Miss Crim's talent and to give her encouragement was sent to her by Mr. E. C. Steadman and she owes much to the kind and sustaining friendship of Mr. E. C. Steadman and treasures gratefully his estimate of her abilities. In appearance she is graceful and girlish. Her manner is entirely simple and unaffected. She is quite her own person, and her future promises all that her two literary godfathers have predicted for her. MR. R. COLQUHOUN.

THE WIFE'S IDEAL.