

THE BATTLE OF THE BONITA

BY HILTON R. GREER.

The major brought down the handle of his heavy riding whip on the saddle bow with such sudden force that Sir Walter, the big, black gelding, snorted with fright, lurched loose from his grasp and galloped off toward the stables.

"It's an infernal outrage!" spluttered the major. A high-handed swindle, sir, that I will not submit to!"

The young Englishman's face was unimpassioned.

"But the records, my dear Major Weston," he said, in conciliatory tones; "they at least are indisputable, and careful examination shows clearly that at the time you bought the Bonita an error in the title gave you a rather generous slice on the northeastern corner which rightly belongs to the syndicate which I represent."

The major's eyes were storm clouds from which keen lightning flashed.

"Records be damned!" he thundered. "Sixteen years ago I bought the Bonita in good faith, and I'll keep her just as she is, acre for acre, if it takes every hoof, horn and hide on the ranch, sir."

"As you will, sir," said Atkins quietly. "Believe me, this matter, the cause of the strictest business nature, was one which I dreaded to broach to you. I trusted, however, to your sense of fairness to bring about a satisfactory adjustment without the unpleasant necessity of resorting to litigation."

The thunder storm broke.

"Go to law if you want to!" roared the major. "I'll fight the case from the lowest to the highest court in America, if necessary, to protect myself from a gang of English land robbers!"

Atkins' lips clenched close in an effort at self-control.

After a time he spoke.

"A recollection of former courtesies forbids my taking offense at language which I feel sure you will regret having uttered. You must realize, Major Weston, that I am acting in this matter not as an individual, but solely as the representative of a syndicate whose best business interests I am expected to subserve. I have known of this defect in title for more than a year, but have deferred mentioning it until forced to do so by continued litigation on the part of my employers. If the Duchess ranch were mine, and such a difference were to arise, I assure you I should never allow a single acre to cause unpleasant discussion between us."

He held out his hand.

"We can at least remain friends, can we not?" he asked.

But the major, disdainful of the proffered hand, wheeled sharply about.

Slowly Atkins mounted his horse and rode away, desire and duty battling in his breast—desire to retain the friendship of a man whose goodwill he prized prompting him to drop discussion of an unpleasant subject; duty to the interests of his employers urging him to make speedy and satisfactory adjustment of the differences calculated to effect those interests.

Duty triumphed. The next day at Amarillo the case of the Anglo-American Land Company vs. J. B. Weston became a matter of record. During the homeward drive Atkins took mental inventory of the many courtesies extended him by the bluff old major since the slithering summer day when he, a raw young Englishman with the London stamp still fresh upon him, first set foot upon southwestern soil.

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"Why, sparrow grass. And he grew it by theory, at that."

In a moment or two the discussion included half a dozen marketmen, and these are the conclusions which the reporter felt were justified by their several judgments:

That the profits in growing small fruits depend more on the care with which they are packed for shipment.

That the big profits go to the producers of "extra" goods and that in more cases than otherwise the producers of "extra" goods are the "practical farmers."—Chicago Tribune.

Salvationists' Courtships

HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY SUPERIOR OFFICERS OF THE ARMY—A SCHOOL FOR NOVICES

Marriages Between Those Unequal in Rank Or Outside the Army Generally Meet With Disapproval.

The life of the average member of the Salvation Army, although by no means a bed of roses, is not without its small pleasures and happy moments.

"Talk about your training schools for policemen, firemen, soldiers and fighters—in West Fourteenth street, New York city, there is a training school for a young man until she knows him as she knows her Bible. She may not take him off into a corner by herself, but she will be sure to get him out of the door."

This school of courtship is not open to everybody. The luckless swain in society who is too timid to tell the girl that he loves her, or the coy maiden who lacks the coquetry to bring such a subject forward, is not admitted. The school is a training school for a young man until she knows him as she knows her Bible. She may not take him off into a corner by herself, but she will be sure to get him out of the door."

Her courtship and marriage is more of a matter of business than of romance. To explain that take, for instance, the commanding officer, a lieutenant, an officer cannot marry for his rank. To explain that take, for instance, the commanding officer, a lieutenant, an officer cannot marry for his rank.

"Well, marriage, as applied to the members of the army, is not discouraged; but, as I said a few minutes ago, an officer cannot marry for his rank. To explain that take, for instance, the commanding officer, a lieutenant, an officer cannot marry for his rank.

"Take, for instance, a private," began the adjutant, "who is about to be made an officer. A lieutenant's commission will be the first rank conferred upon him, as that is the lowest in the official ladder. When examined previously to receiving his certificate of authority, he will go before a board of examiners and be subjected to the following questions: 'Are you courted?' 'Knee drill,' and practice in shouting 'Amen!' or 'Hallelujah!' is down on the schedule as compulsory drill. If they don't marry, for there must be no divorce. In very few instances have couples married against the wishes of the commanding officers. Marriages with persons outside the army are prohibited. If an officer girl marries out, she must be back into the ranks and wear the uniform if she chooses, but she ceases to be an officer. So with a man."

Saloon Visiting.

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Adjutant William Guard, who has charge of the Salvation Army quarters at 50 East Montross street, New York, asked recently whether there were any local schools or the army devoted to the instruction of young men and women in the arts of coquetry and marriage. He said: "I don't believe there are any such organizations in New York city."

"For the subject tends somewhat to the ridiculous. Why, marriage, although not an uncommon occurrence in our ranks, is yet ever observed as a sacred and religious subject."

Must Tell of Courtships.

"No," he said, warning to his subject, "there isn't, to my knowledge, a thing of this kind in existence. We marry, all of us, eventually. I may say, although it is done with the consent and approval of our superior officers, and we marry members of the Salvation Army. Though half the citizens of Baltimore are not aware of the fact, yet the Salvation Army has a large number of married couples."

"Seven dollars, and they have to work for it, too," the adjutant replied. "Well, if that's all a captain gets, what do you suppose they pay a private?"

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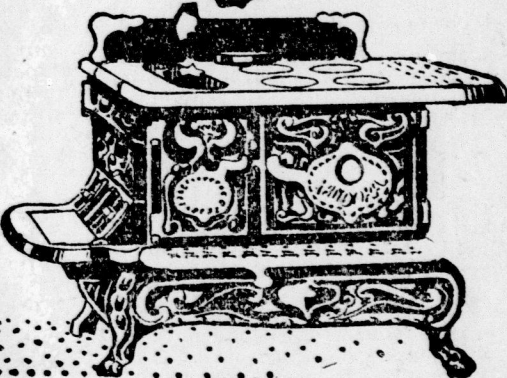
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"Yes, but about the marriage part of the army," continued the reporter. "We are drawing away from that, I think."

"Books? We read no novels of any kind. General Booth, Mrs. Booth, Bringle and Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, works supplying our wants."

"You ask for a complete list of the rank of officers? General, colonel, major, lieutenant-colonel, brigadier, staff captain, adjutant, ensign, captain, lieutenant and private. The last, though not the most important, is one of the principal mainstays in the whole organization, and were it not for the English Salvation Army would not be what it is."—New York Times.

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Do Animals Faint?

A little gray dog tumbled headlong into the arms of a house in a small square and the maid who happened to be standing there closed the gate. When the dog was safe from her pursuers—two huge bull terriers, she toppled over in a dead faint. The other servants, who crowded out into the street to help her, saw nothing to do, derided the assertion, but a veterinary surgeon who finally joined the group said there was nothing preposterous about it.

"Of course she fainted!" he said. "Lots of animals faint. Cats and dogs, and even more stolid animals, keel over in moments of fear and exhaustion. In the cases of horses the prostration is generally attributed to sunstroke, but quite often they are knocked out by a plain, everyday faint. In fact it is hard to find any living creature that doesn't topple over under crucial circumstances."—London Answers.

Ten Miles of Champagne.

The famous city of Rheims is associated in our minds so closely with its wonderful old cathedral—which has stood for all time as the apotheosis of Gothic architecture—and with the romantic career of Joan of Arc, that few people remember that this wonderful old city is the center of the champagne trade and the home of the most celebrated champagne firms in the world. The city directory of Rheims gives the names of 90 establishments for the making of champagne. Over 20 firms are employed in furnishing the corks alone, while almost as many more are engaged in the machinery used in the industry.

The wine is stored in immense caves both in Rheims and at Epernay, six miles distant, in the heart of the vineyard district. Some of the caves extend for miles under the city, and parts of Rheims are literally honey-combed with them. Often they are three stories deep under the street level, so as to vary the temperature. One descends to them by a splendid flight of 116 steps, cut out of the chalk soil. This staircase is over 60 feet in

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