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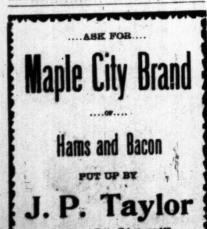


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As "mild" and "gentle"-lest I be repaid, Even as Marsyas of old and flayed This time by icy hail and cutting sleet. Instead-I pray your going may be

ings vain

That soon I may forget and drowse My weariness beneath Dear Summer's

sway, Summer. Insufferable season of the Sun. When will your noisy insect court take Old

flight? Your orchestra that rests not-day or night; Your armies with unconquerable

stings: When will they flee-what for do they have wings? How long before brave Autumn with a

shout. Will succor me and put them all to rout? Autumn ..

You dismal mourner, wailing by the Of Summer dead, with lamentations

Driving me frantic ever and anon, With reminiscences of Summer gone. Now mimicking her tenderest airs and tones,

Now harrowing me with horrid shrieks Were good old Jolly Winter only here, I'd soon forget you and your evil

Winter. Hoary imposter! with mock jovial air, You took the green earth prisoner un-

And pinioned the trees that moan and To Spring to free them from your icy

You manacled the stream who tugs in himself from your relentless

And I-my heart is sad, my lyre is Mild, Gentle spring-Oh! will you ever

-Oliver Herford, in Scribner's.

HOW ROB RAN AWAY.

It is probably a low estimate when one says nine boys out of ten make up their minds at some t'me during their careers to run away from home.

There are various causes that contribute to the forming of such resolutions, but whatever the cause, the boy of all kinds is always firm in the belief that he is not being used right, and that the only way to better his condition is to gather up such personal property as he can conveniently earry and get out into the world, where he can make a name for himself by killing Indians, or pirates, or by becoming a great detec-

> come a pirate, or highwayman, and it is not always the most vicious who ermination. To the mind of the average boy there seems a

> great deal of romance in such a career. For many weeks Rob Norton had been planning to leave the paternal roof-tree, and it must be confessed the reading of a most improbable and impossible pirate yarn had brought about this reckless determination.

Rob had made up his mind to be-

come a pirate! Many a night he dreamed of treading the quarter deck and roaring out his orders to his gallant crew. Many a rich prize had he captured—in his mind. He had fancied himself performing all manner of desperate and daring deeds, and had even decided he would be known as "Red Bob, the Rover of the Deep." He thrilled all over whenever he contemplated the magnificence of

Working on a farm was "dead slow" -if I may be allowed to quote Rob's own definition of it. Hoeing pototoes and chasing cows his mind revolted against.

By shrewd debering he had been able to get hold a cheap revolver, and this he concea at under the eaves in the open chamber, where likewise nestled the pirate and that had so fascinated and bewitched him.

If Rob's father had known he possessed the revolver there would have been trouble, and the weapon would have been confiscated.

It was some time after he obtained possession of the revolver before Rob really settled on the time of his departure. For two or three days he had shirked about his work, and the result was he got a good "dressing down," and was told he would get another if he did not complete a certain amount of work the following day.

"I'll never do it as long as I live! declared Rob. But he took good care not to utter

the words aloud.

That night, when all the house was still, he gathered up a few things and tied them in a small bundle, and the revolver and the wild pirate yarn were brought from their place of conceal-

A window of his chamber opened out on the sloping roof of a shed, and, holding his shoes in his hand, the boy crept silentin forth.

The night was dark, as the moon had not yet risen, gut Rob knew every inch of the vicinity. He crept to the lower edge of the roof and slid down a board he had leaned in a slanting position for that purpose.

Somehow, the thought did not make him feel as hilariously happy as & might. He remembered he was runing away from his mother, and a hard

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lump formed in his throat, but he quickly choked it down. It was beneath the dignity of a pi-

rate to feel any regret. He slipped over the fence into the cornfield, where he hesitated for a mo-

A light breeze was stirring, and all about him the long leaves seemed whispering, mysteriously. The sound made him shiver, and he almost wished that he was back in his

comfortable bed. After a little time he put on his shoes and started down between the long rows of corn. The shadows were deep about him, but he saw a sheen of silvery light appearing on the eastern horizon, and he knew the moon would be up within half an hour. He had almost reached the limit of

the cornfield when, of a sudden, his heart gave a great thump, for a dark form seemed to rise before him only a few steps away. It was a human figure, there was no

doubt about that, and Rob found himself motionless with-was it fright? Could it be the bold Rover of the Deep He did not make a sound as he sunk to the ground, keeping his eyes on that

tall figure looming up before him. He remembered hearing his father reading in the weekly newspaper about a desperate wretch who had nearly murdered a man in a neighboring town, and it was said the perpetrator of the deed was still at large. Had Rob suddenly come upon this

desperado He began to tremble, for he really

felt cold, despite the fact that the night was warm and pleasant. He hugged the ground, and longed to see the unknown move away.

But the stranger stood perfectly still, seeming to be listening with great intentness. Rob wondered if the man had seen him, and decided he had not. The minutes dragged slowly away. The boy on the ground could hear his heart thumping vigorously in his bosom. Still the dark figure remained mo-

Rob thought of creeping away, but he believed the man was waiting for him to make such a move. Then he remembered his revolver.

It wasn't loaded! The weapon was utterly useless as a means of defense, for he did not even have any cartridges to load it with! By this time Rob felt really alarmed. His teeth would chatter so he feared

they would betray him. He would have given the revolver and the pirate story, too, if he had been safely back in the house.

By looking intently at the man he could see his bristling beard sticking out around his face, and the way the fellow wore his hat was enough to indicate he was a ruffian of the deepest

Suddenly Bob remembered the moon would soon be up, and the though filled him with terror, for he now understood what the wretch was waiting

The moonlight would reveal the hiding boy.

Nerved by his great fear, Rob crep cautiously away, expecting to be attacked at any moment. Inch by inch

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and foot by foot ne crawled away. 10 seemed that he moved with the slow-ness of a snail, but he knew the need

He crept every bit of the way back to the fence, and, instead of climbing over, he found a way to get through. He had changed his mind about running away that night. In fact, he had postponed becoming a remorseless and

He was relieved beyond measure when he reached the shed, and he hinned up the slanting board with agility. In at the window he softly climbed, closing it behind him, and he did not feel really and truly safe until he was in bed with the clothes pulled up over his head.

The following day Bob went out into the cornfield to see if he could find the tracks of the man he had seen. He was walking down between the rows when he suddenly came face to face

with-a scarecrow! He stopped and looked the thing over, feeling very foolish and insignificant, for he had rigged it up himself when the corn was first planted. It even wore an old hat of his upon its head and the bristling whiskers he had seen the previous night proved to be whisps of straw.

With one blow of his fist Bob knocked it over.

But he was cured. He sold the revolver, burned the pirate yarn, and remained at home

Advising the Bachelors.

"Why do you not tell the bachelors how to choose wives?" asked one of them, after reading the professor's advice to the girls on the question of choosing husbands. This query is easily answered. In the first place, to label the girls who would make the best wives would be to give away state secrets. One may laugh at the follies and foibles of the sex, when, by pointing out the same, good may be done; but it would be unpardonable to give the man inside information about the sisterhood of such a grave character as that requested. A man contemplating marriage should be able to settle the question for himself. One who cannot distinguish the difference between the false and the true should remain a bachelor. Boys should not

"Oh the perfidy of mankind," sighed the little Miss Dresden. "Here Mr. Timmidy has sent me a valentine with a verse beginning, 'Oh, the earth has no treasures too costly for thee. and when I took it to the store to see what it cost they told me it was twenty cents last season, but marked down

The Cake He Wanted.

"I'm going to get married," he said, as he placed a had as large as a Dutch cheese upon the counter, "and I

want a wedding cal e." "It is customary now-a-days," said the pretty confectio er's assistant, "to have the materia's of the cake harmonize with the calling of the bridegroom. For a nusician now we have an oat cake; for a man who has no calling and lives upon his friends, the sponge cake; for a newspaper paraother spice cake, and so on

is your calling, please?" "I'm a pugilist!"
"Then you'll want a pound cake."-Tit-Bits.

Alack ! - las !

The world seemed sad and dreary, The gelid wintry air Moaned through (he leafless trees, And I'd almost swear

From light to dark was changed Each individual hair-When Mamie dyed.

Counted Him. "I am taking a religious census for our church." said the young woman at the door

"I don't expect to live here any longer than this week." said the man who had answered the door. "Oh! well, that makes no difference I'll take your name, anyhow. The one who brings in the biggest list gets a

prize!"-Indianapolis Journal. His Sudden Bellef.

"George," she said, and her brilliant eyes sought the glowing embers, "I don't believe you love me as you used

"Why, Fanny!" he exclaimed, slipping on his dragoon embroideded slippers, "you are ny idol."
"But you don't show it; you don't worship me a tiny bit."
"Fanny!" and his voice rang with sell that is empyreal "only the wicked.

all that is empyreal, "only the wicked And with a gaze of uncertainty she again sought the embers.

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Man is greater than a world, than systems of worlds; there is more mys-tery in the union of soul with the phy-sical than in the creation of a uni-

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