

WAS CAUSED BY STUFFED ANIMALS

(Proper Gander.)

In Virginia, high up on the side of the mountains, was a cottage. From the outward appearance of this cottage, one would think nothing of it; but on the inside one's eyes would open wide with surprise and wonder.

It was summer. The Dorothy Perkins rose climbed all over the little cottage, the birds sang merrily and inside the cottage a girl dusting the numerous glass cases sang just as merrily. Shirley Floyd was the lone occupant of the cottage, having as her companions a beautiful collie dog and a sleek, black horse.

The dusting was finished and Shirley, with a sigh of pure joy, fairly ran from the house into the yard where she flung her arms joyously above her head and drank in the exquisiteness of nature.

A young man sat in his red racer

ATTACKS ARE MADE ON FARM LOAN ACT

Delegates From Associations Warned to Be On Guard By Senator Fletcher

Washington, April 21.—Delegates from farm loan association throughout the United States were warned in an address by Senator Fletcher, Florida, tonight to be on their guard against attempts to weaken the federal farm loan act.

Organization of the National Union of Farm Loan Associations was completed today with the election of officers as follows:

President, M. Elwood Gates of California; vice president, Cyrus H. Good of Manheim, Pa; general agent W. W. Flannagan of that city.

Senator Capper of Kansas also addressed the delegates tonight and telegrams were read from former Secretary McAadoo and former Senator Hollis, New Hampshire.

BANK CALL WILL BE SIMPLIFIED

Washington, April 21.—A new and simplified form of bank call is being worked out by the comptroller of the currency, treasury officials said today. The old form on which the national banks were required to make the statutory returns as to conditions, officials explained, was found to be involved and lengthy and it is expected that the new form will be more standardized and but half as long as the present one.

Requests for information as to salaries of bank officials and employes, which was called for by former Comptroller John Skelton Williams, officials said, would probably not be included in the new bank roll.

gazing at the beauties of nature when his gaze fell on this beauty. Could you blame him for almost falling in love with her at first sight? Shirley dressed in a short, brown corduroy skirt and a hat to match, perched on her short, curly hair, a khaki blouse open at the throat, disclosing a slightly tanned, though soft velvety skin, sat upon her horse at whose side stood the dog.

The man in the red racer suddenly landed on earth again; the vision had vanished.

[By jove, that must be the little girl who owns the stuffed animals." The man had become suddenly interested in stuffed animals. So much so that he went to the cottage and found the animals so interesting that he went again and again.

One afternoon just after Shirley and Bob (the young man) had fought and put out a small mountain fire and were sitting under a tree cooling off, Bob suddenly asked, [Shirley how do you spell your name, with or without an 'e'?

"With an 'e', she answered. The man jumped to his feet. "By jove, I thought so. Shirley the only man named Floyd that spelled his name with an 'e' was one of the greatest scientist and botanist ever known.

"Daddy told me they were very valuable just before he —." The deep blue eyes were filled with tears. "Yes, and they should not be left up here exposed to fire and other things from which they never could be saved." The man looked down at her as he spoke. Her eyes were intoxicating.

"Well, what shall I do with them?" she smiled. "Couldn't you send them to some museum?"

Shirley shook her head. "I couldn't part with them for worlds. Couldn't you take them to your big house in New York and keep them for me?"

"Could I? Well, I should say so." His voice betrayed the joy he felt. Quietly down a bit he said, "I'll keep them on one condition, and that—" she looked dazed.

"That I can keep you too."

And to this she agreed.

Debbie Oown, IX.

BATTLESHIP WILL WEAR GAS MASKS

Prof. Lewis Chemist, Says Battleship Will Not Be To The Strong, But To Superior Intelligence

West Point, N. Y., April 21.—A plan for the protection of battleships at sea against an enemy's poisonous fumes by the installation of a "gas mask" for the whole ship was outlined in an address to officers and students of the military academy here today by Professor W. Lee Lewis, head of the Chemistry department of Northwestern University and inventor of the deadly gas "Lewisite," perfected just as the world war closed.

"We face the possibility in the naval warfare of the future of armor-piercing toxic and tear shells, smoke screens, toxic smoke clouds and invisible toxic fumes," said Professor Lewis.

"We also may consider in this connection parallel defensive measures such as a gas mask for a whole battleship.

"Gas weapons are capable of a much finer adaption to purpose than explosive weapons and the future will see worked out a great deal of scientific refinement in the development of gas weapons for all types of military operations.

Future Battles to Intelligence

"Future battles will not be to the strong but to the superior intelligence. Warfare will become less a matter of brute strength and relative man-power, and more and more matter of scientific acumen. Battles will be shorter and more decisive and hence innocent populations will suffer less."

Professor Lewis declared that the prevailing impression of the uncivilized and inhuman character of toxic gasses as a military weapon is not well substantiated.

"The purpose of warfare is to break down the enemy man-power as quickly as possible," he said. "The three criteria by which the humanness of any particular method might be judged are: First, the efficiency of the method to produce widespread casualties; second, the percent of deaths among the wounded and finally the completeness of recovery of the wounded.

"The efficiency of toxic gas to produce widespread casualties was amply demonstrated in the last war. As to the test of humaneness the death rate from bullets and shrapnel wounds in the last war among American soldiers was in round numbers 24 per cent, the British rate running about two and one half per cent. Thus a soldier wounded from gas has twelve times the chances of recovery over a soldier wounded from shrapnel, without the chance of permanent disfigurement."

THE REWARD

(Proper Gander.)

The two officers stopped. Slowly they turned their eyes over the surrounding hills. It seemed as though the country were desolate. For a week they had been hunting moonshiners, but there was no trace of them to be found.

As their eyes followed the horizon one of the officers said: "Hand me the field glasses!"

After peering thru them a few moments, he exclaimed, "We've found them!! Look on the hill that is on the other side of that ravine. No, not there! By the grove above the rocks."

"Darn, if that isn't one." The officers drove their spurs into the sides of their horses. They leaped forward. Slowly they descended the precipitous side of the hill into the rocky bottom of the ravine. Then up the steep bank, in and out among the rocks, thru the narrow crevices, they went until they reached the edge of the woods. Here they held a few minutes consultation and then rode on.

They had but a short distance to go until they came into a large cleared space. In the midst of this stood a cabin with flames leaping from the windows, door and roof, while clouds of black smoke were rising high into the sky. The roof fell.

They rode until they came to the burning building. They saw no one. They rode across the distance of one side. What was it they saw turn the corner? One of the officers motioned to his comrade to go around the house in one direction. He went in the other. At the opposite corner

EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION OF FARM PRODUCTS

Clemson College.—No national problem is of greater importance at present than the efficient distribution of the products of the farm. The plan which promises most in this direction is co-operative marketing along line which have been tried out successfully by farmers in other parts of the country, especially in California, says Mr. W. W. Long, Director of the Extension Service in speaking of the regional meetings now being held preliminary to the campaign soon to be put on in this state to establish co-operative marketing of farm products. The principles of co-operative marketing have been proved to be sound just, and practicable. It remains for us to apply these principles to our staple crops such as cotton, tobacco, sweet potatoes and peanuts. That here is need to improve the marketing practice with these crops is readily apparent. The losses sustained, due to the inefficient assembling, grading, warehousing shipping and general handling of these crops could be reduced greatly through wisely managed cooperative effort. Such saving would benefit not only farmers but the public generally and would give to agriculture a stability of prestige not enjoyed heretofore.

Has Proved Its Worth

That co-operative marketing is both feasible and desirable is the opinion of most thinking farmers and agricultural economists of the country. In European agriculture co-operative marketing is the rule rather than the exception. In this country the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports 14,000 farmers buying and selling associations most of which are co-operatives. In California, where the co-operative principles have probably been most thoroughly perfected, between 250 and 300 million dollars worth of farm products go to the market annually through co-operative marketing associations of growers. North Carolina and Virginia have already launched a campaign to organize the growers of cotton, tobacco and peanuts into three marketing associations for handling the sale of these crop co-operatively. In Oklahoma fourteen thousand cotton growers with over 175,000 bales had signed up on March 1 to market through their own association and they are continuing the campaign until a minimum of 300,000 bales shall be signed up. In Mississippi the long staple growers have practically completed arrangements for co-operative marketing of long staple cotton. The plan is receiving attention by all cotton farmers of the North and West and fruit and truck growers the country over.

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they met. Each stared at the other.

"Well I'll be —!"

"What became of him?" They dismounted and walked to the side of the burning structure. This person was not in there. They walked back to their horses. The elder officer stopped. He got down on his knees and began to scratch among the leaves. His hand struck wood. He got a stick and scraped the ground. Before his eyes was a piece of wood a yard square. In the corner was a padlock with the key in it.

The officer pulled at this and noticed the wood gave way. He raised this. Below was a dugout. He peered into the opening.

"At last!" he yelled to his comrade. "Here's the still and the moonshiners."

They got into the dug-out. It seemed to be empty save for the distillery. But no! In the corner was the crouching figure of a man.

"Come here," demanded the officer.

Slowly the quaking creature left his corner and came before them. The younger man whistled.

"Gee! this is some find! A still with no moonshiners and an escaped convict with a five hundred dollar reward! I feel rich ahead. But what about the moonshiners?"

"We have enough on us now with this creature. He's got to go to jail. The still can wait."

—M. W., XI.

NO ACTRESSES BEFORE 1656

Rose Coleman Was First Woman To Appear on Stage.

There are so many actresses today that it is hard to believe there was a time when there was none.

Yet, before 1656 A. D., no civilized country could boast a woman "star." There was no law against it, but it was considered a disgrace for a woman to appear on the stage, and woman's parts as in the Chinese theater.

of today were taken by boys or men. Rose Coleman broke the ice in 1656. She appeared in "The Siege of Rhodes," and her success was so great that scores of English women followed her example and France, Germany and other nations followed suit in haste.—New York Sun.

The women of Java are having Occidental theories of equality with men. The progress of the suffrage movement is necessarily slow, but many believe in its ultimate success.



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