

BE PATIENT.

Heart of mine, be patient!
With all life's puzzling problems
Solved for aye!

THE BOY WITH A LASSO.

BY EDWARD WILLET.

"Seems to me that those fellows do not think I amount to much," muttered Sam Roden, as he walked away from a knot of Mr. Robey's pupils...

"Very well," said Sam. "I may teach them a thing or two yet. I will stick to those studies, and if there is anything in them, I mean to dig it out, or go home and tend cattle."

Early in the morning they set out, loaded with provisions, fishing tackle, and all appliances for a big holiday, with the exception of guns, which were not allowed.

Sam Roden carried nothing but a long and strong rope, which he had been greasing and working over for two days, and in the end of which he had skillfully knotted a slipknot.

"What are you going to do with that, Texas?" asked Ben Travis. "Just taking it along to play with," Sam replied. "It sort of reminds me of home, and I don't want to forget my old tricks while I am learning new ones."

After walking through the woods, they came to Swift creek, a narrow, deep and rapid stream. It was too wide for jumping across, and the water was too cold for swimming.

As they wanted to get on the other side, and had brought an ax, it occurred to them that they might cut down a tree, so that it would fall across the creek and form a bridge.

So they set to work, but a poor job they made of it, tiring themselves out with hacking that was nothing like chopping. Then Sam Roden interferred.

"Excuse me, fellows," said he, "but I think you had better let me do that, as it's in my line. If you will look up that tree, you will see that it would never fall across the stream. Let's find another."

He found a tree that suited him, and in a few minutes he cut it down, lodging the top on the other side of the creek, and leaving a clean and level stump. Then he trimmed away the branches on the upper side of the fallen tree, completing the bridge.

The boys all crossed over, and walked along the course of the creek until they came to Bestor's pond, where the water spread out into a little lake, a short distance above the fall, and seemed to have no current to speak of.

Here they found a skiff, which they borrowed without permission of the owner, and five of the oldest boys, as many as it would hold, got in, and paddled about the pond.

But they went too far down, and the current was swifter than they thought, and soon it was drawing them rapidly toward the falls.

learned that much in Texas," quietly remarked Sam Roden. The boys retraced their steps, crossed the creek again, and made their way to an old field, which was surrounded by a high fence.

They climbed the fence and soon settled down to the game. It happened that there were just enough of them for the two sides, without Sam Roden. So Sam was left out, and he sauntered through a piece of woods that occupied one corner of the lot, and played with his lasso.

But the boys had hardly got rested in their game, when they heard a moaning sort of roar that was enough to frighten the biggest and boldest of them.

A bull, which had been the sole tenant of the old field, heard their shouts, and came down by the patch of woods to investigate the invaders.

The sight of one of the boys' red shirts made him furious, and he rushed for the ball party, with his head down and his eyes gleaming.

They scattered and ran; but the fence was far away, and the bull was close behind them, and it seemed to be a sure thing that some of them must suffer.

But Sam Roden had watched the charge of the infuriated beast, and he was standing at a corner of the timber, with his coiled lasso in his right hand.

As the bull came within range, he let it fly. Without stopping to watch the effect of the throw, he hastened to take a couple of turns with the end of the line around a stout sapling.

The lasso, thrown as he had often thrown it on the cattle farm, settled over the animal's horns, and Sam and the sapling brought him to a sudden stop. He reared and plunged madly, and then fell over on his side.

Sam made his line fast, and the boys perceived that they were safe. They found the owner of the bull, who recovered the lasso for Sam, and they went home without meeting any more adventures.

Compliments were showered upon Sam Roden, to which he listened silently, doing a little thinking on his own account.

"We can't all be good at the same thing, fellows," was the only comment he made upon the day's proceedings.

After that the boys of Mr. Robey's school showed respect to Sam Roden, and were glad to associate with him. They helped him with his studies, and his progress was as rapid as his best friends could have desired.

Golden Days. WANTED THE COUPON. Lady Who Had Purchased Ten Cents Worth of Postage Stamps.

Many of Manchester's merchants are giving trading coupons to the amount of ten cents or more, which possess a value when one has acquired a certain number.

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TWO CORONERS TO ONE FEE.

Queer Case of a Dying Farmer with Land in Two Counties. A peculiar complication of affairs resulted from the reported death of Oliver Patty, a well-known farmer near Windsor, Ind.

He went to a field to administer some liniment to a mule that had a sore hoof. He did not appear at home in the evening, and the result of a search announced that he had been found dead in the field.

A large bruise was found on his body over the stomach, it was said, and it was supposed that while doctoring the mule the animal had kicked him to death.

The news reached the ears of the coroners of Randolph and Delaware counties. Patty's farm is right at the county line, part of it lying in Delaware county and the rest in Randolph county.

The coroners are desirous of getting the fee that would fall to the one who happens to live in the county in which the accident occurred, and surveyors were sent out to determine just where the body was found.

On their way to the farm Coroner Poland, of Muncie, received word that Patty was not dead, but was only so badly injured that he cannot live long.

The coroner has since learned that part of Patty's home is in one county and the other part in the other. When Patty dies, it will involve considerable trouble and expense to determine just who has the right to hold the inquest.

If the case is decided on the place where he was injured the Randolph county coroner will win, as the accident occurred in that county, but as Patty's sleeping apartments in his home are in Delaware county, Dr. Poland stands a good chance of coming out ahead.

MONSTER ON DECK.

Huge Shark Washed on Board Tramp Steamer in a Storm. The British tramp steamer Wilderspool arrived at New York the other day from Java, via Delaware breakwater.

On the night of October 17, during a strong northeast gale, the steamer took a great deal of water on her decks. The night was exceedingly dark and during the intervals between the flooding seas Capt. Japp, who was on the bridge, heard a flapping sound forward.

Thinking it a sail which had got adrift he called to the crew to look after it. Cries of astonishment from the men soon brought the captain down on the forward deck, where he found a shark flopping about and the men dodging in all directions.

One of the crew stood dazed, and the captain called to him: "Why don't you take hold of him?" The man made an effort to grab the shark, but was hurled to the deck by the monster, which opened and shut his enormous jaws with such alarming force that the men were reluctant to "take hold."

After a hard fight with the seas flooding the decks and throwing the men and shark together in great confusion, the monster was secured and dragged to the afterpart of the steamer. It took eight men to conquer the creature, who was found to measure 11 feet when killed and cut up the following day.

THERE WAS DUST ON THE BIBLE.

Forgotten Gift of C. B. Farwell Uncarved at Post Office. In rummaging about the old books of the Chicago post office the other day a clerk brought to light a dust-covered copy of the Bible on the title page of which was written:

Presented to the Chicago post office by Charles B. Farwell, 1877. It was shown to Postmaster Gordon, who had it dusted and its cover burnished up, and placed on his desk. "I never knew we had a Bible in the office," said the postmaster, "and as this seems to have been an official Bible it will be restored to service."

The Bible was presented by Mr. Farwell when he was in congress, and was used for some years to swear into the service clerks and carriers. For some season the Bible fell into disuse, and the employees have been taken into service by affirmation. In the future any preferring to take the formal oath on the Bible will find it administered upon Mr. Farwell's old gift.

A FRENCH INVENTION.

Checks and Stop Trains at Railway Stations. Consul Morris, at Ghent, Belgium, reports to the state department a new invention recently tried on the state railway of France and which is intended to check and stop trains. The device is operated from the station and placed 200 yards away will stop the train before it reaches the station. It is fastened to the rails and when in operation catches a lever hanging from the passing locomotive, which causes an air valve to open and puts the brakes immediately in action.

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