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No far search is needed along the wild swept coast of New England to find women of heroic fiber and a fertility of resource as notable as their usefulness.

During the night of the great "February blizzard" of 1890 one of these good women, living on one of the thoroughfares of the Massachusetts "north shore" kept a light burning and a supply of hot coffee ready for possible need. It was not the first time this "lady bonfire" had watched on wild winter nights lest a sufferer should struggle by her door unseen.

Her husband lay on the sofa, and the rest of the family were abed. The wind shrieked outside, dashing the snow against the panes, and the very house shuddered in the plunges of the storm.

Tree branches broke, telegraph poles snapped and fell, and the drifts in the streets piled higher and higher.

Every little while the sleepless housewife went to the window and looked out. She could see little, for the flying snow was as thick as smoke. Only now and then a flash when the wind blew the falling electric wires together "made darkness visible" and showed her where the road lay. One of these flashes revealed something that startled her. She called to her husband:

"There's a man wandering round in the snow out on the lawn!"

The drowsy husband thought she might be mistaken.

"There is some one out there, and there's a team in the street stuck fast!"

The husband roused himself and struggled into his boots and ulster. In a very short time he had a lantern lit and was out, capped and mittened, in the storm, while his wife made swift preparations to receive a guest.

It was a sorry looking figure that the man of the house brought in with him—cap and coat, hair, beard and eyebrows powdered white—the elf of a half-frozen teamster who had been stalled in the snow on his way from Marblehead to Salem. The warmth of the room soon brought him to himself, and a few minutes later he was sitting by the fire drinking hot coffee and finding out where he was.

"This is comfort," he said, "but my poor horses—faithful old fellows! I hadn't a thought but I could get home when I—"

"But," interrupted the lady, "we are not going to let your horses freeze. There's a barn at our next neighbor's a few rods farther on."

Her husband stood in his storm rig, thinking of the team, but doubting his ability to extricate it without help.

"My dear madam," said the stranger, "my horses could not be forced a step farther. They're cramped in the snow-bank, and the wind in their faces blinds them."

"Then unhitch them and bring them up on the veranda and blanket them. They will be out of the wind there—partly at least. No; let me think. We can do better than that," she added. "Lead the poor creatures into the basement laundry. I'll move things out of the way and open the door."

The lady's husband was wondering what would come next. He mildly suggested that the back yard was snowed in and could not be forced a step farther. "Lift it off the hinges."

The teamster looked up inquiringly. Her prompt and friendly interest in his case put new life into him. His host was beginning to laugh.

"What she says goes," he exclaimed. "Come, we'll dig out those horses. I never thought before what capital fodder cribs wash tubs would make."

After a good deal of floundering the men succeeded in leading the fagged and bewildered beasts to the basement door and stabilizing them by the laundry. They were a fine pair of grays, and the lady welcomed them with admiring pity. Then another hospitable impulse seized her as she looked at their snow covered backs and sides.

"The poor, dear things! They are cold. Take them into the cellar where the furnace is. Rub them down, and we'll give them a hot supper."

Her husband winked to the teamster. "All right," he said. "It takes a woman to know what a horse wants. But where's the feed?"

"You wait," replied the lady, and skipped up stairs.

"Doesn't she beat all?" remarked the man of the house. "Did you ever see such a woman for expedients? It's all ways so. I call her 'general caretaker,' for she takes in the whole world. I'm only a private when she commands."

The teamster gave hearty and complimentary assent, but the amused wonder of both men grew perceptibly when the practical woman came down cellar with the "feed" in a big bucket and two big brimmed old straw hats for nose baskets.

"Have you got coffee and baked beans in the cell?" quizzed her husband.

The good wife was laughing now herself, and the hilarity became general when she explained:

"There was only a little Indian meal, but I emptied all the oatmeal, cracked wheat, graham and crackers into the pail and made a hot water mush, and I put in a little salt and a pinch of two of ginger."

But the horses ate it.

When the guest took his leave the next day—a soon as the road was broken out to make travel possible—he felt a embarrassment of gratitude, for his benefactors would take no money.

"After I'd gone to bed last night, thinking of the way you entertain strangers," he said to his hostess, "some of my Bible came back to me, and I told myself I was no angel, but, considering the pains you took for me, I ought to be one. 'Many daughters have done virtuously, but God excellest them all.' Goodby, and God bless you, and I only wish women like you could vote!"

"And shaking hands warmly, the honest teamster packed from two friends whom he will never forget. Probably his horses never will so long as they travel that road.—Youth's Companion.

Tippitts' Fallings.

Rickwell—I shall have to give Tippitts a talking to. He's too hard on my shirts.

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FLOATING FIELDS.

Besides Their Beauty They Are of Practical Use in China.

It was Dr. MacGowan who some years ago described the manner in which floating fields and gardens are formed in China. In the month of April a bamboo raft 10 to 12 feet long and about half as broad is prepared. The poles are lashed together, with interstices of an inch between each. Over this a layer of straw an inch thick is spread, and then a coating two inches thick of adhesive mud is taken from the bottom of a canal or pond which receives the seed. The raft is moored to the bank in still water and requires no further attention. The straw soon gives way and the soil also, the roots drawing support from the water alone. In about 20 days the raft becomes covered with the creeper, and its stems and roots are gathered for cooking. In autumn its small white petals and yellow stamens, nestling among the round leaves, present a very pretty appearance. In some places marshy land is profitably cultivated in this manner.

Besides these floating vegetable gardens there are also floating ricefields. Upon rafts constructed as above reeds and adherent mud are placed as a flooring soil, which, being adhesive and held in place by weed roots, the plants are maintained in position throughout the season. The rice thus planted ripens in from 60 to 70 in place of 100 days. The rafts are cabled to the shore, floating on lakes, pools or sluggish streams. These floating fields serve to avert famines, whether by drought or flood. When other fields were submerged and their crops sodden or rotten, these floated and flourished, and when a drought prevailed they subsided with the falling water and, while the soil around was arid, advanced to maturity. Agricultural treatises contain plates representing rows of extensive ricefields moored to sturdy trees on the banks of rivers or lakes which existed formerly in the lacustrine regions of the lower Yangtze and Yellow rivers.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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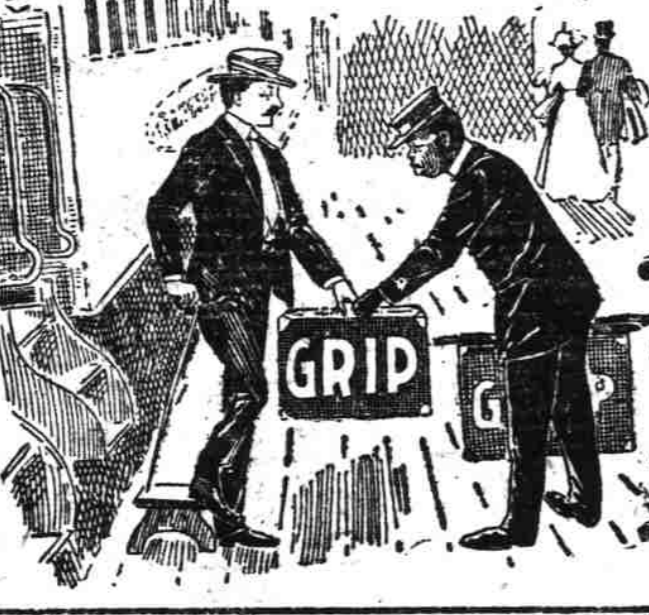
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MASTER OF HIMSELF.

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That was a unique way in which Mr. Smith, a merchant of an eastern city in want of a boy, is said to have tested the young applicants who came to him. He put a sign in his window: "Wanted, a Boy; Wages \$4; \$6 to the Right One."

As each applicant appeared the merchant asked, "Can you read?" Then he took the boy into a quiet room, gave him an open book and made him read without a break until told to stop.

When the reading had been going on for a few minutes, Mr. Smith dropped a book to the floor and then rose and moved certain articles about the room. This was sufficient to pique the curiosity of some of the candidates. They looked up, lost their place on the page, blundered, and the merchant said, "You may stop. I shall not need you at present. I want a boy who is master of himself."

If the reader was undisturbed by Mr. Smith's movements, a lot of rough puppies were tumbled out of a basket and encouraged to frolic about the

floor. This proved too much for most of the boys. They looked, desistated and were dismissed.

Boy after boy underwent the same treatment until over 30 had been tried and had failed to control their curiosity. At length, one morning, a boy read steadily on without manifesting any desire to look at the puppies.

"Stop!" said the merchant finally. "Did you see those puppies?"

"No, sir," replied the boy. "I could not see them and read too."

"You knew they were there?"

"Yes, sir."

"Are you fond of dogs?"

"Yes, sir."

"All right. I think you will suit me," said the merchant. "Come tomorrow. Your wages will start at \$4, and if you prove master of yourself, as I think you will, you shall have \$6, perhaps more."

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