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HIDDEN.

After on the parlor [illegible]
The ranks of flowers shall [illegible]
And in the dark [illegible] ground.
There's wealth [illegible]
So there are [illegible]
That never will [illegible]

The deep [illegible]
With [illegible]
And aloft in the [illegible]
Too mighty [illegible]
So lift [illegible]
For fifty [illegible]

After on the sea [illegible]
That the [illegible]
And in the grave [illegible]
There are [illegible]
So deep in the [illegible]
And a [illegible]
[illegible]

SAVED BY A STEER.

Several years ago I was traveling [illegible] Township, in [illegible] counties of [illegible] and had inquired [illegible] known and most reputable [illegible] the answer to almost every [illegible] would have been Emmet Carlen. And almost any settler could have pointed out on the level prairie, from his own door, the house and buildings of the young Norwegian upon the crest of "Tip Top Knoll," at the header of Rush Lake.

Emmet began life in Lake Township as many other Norwegians in many other regions of our area. With a farm with no possessions save a change of clothing, but, at the outset, as the years he had by his thrift and industry, secured and improved a farm and placed himself on the same level of comfort and plenty.

At the time of which I write however, it was not so much his thrift that made him a marked man, but certain shrewd heads for [illegible] which he had always displayed when [illegible] and unrapidity were demanded.

Once at his own great peril he had carried [illegible] clothing to a school-house [illegible] a half-dozen small children who were housed in a little school-house, nearly a mile from any habitation, by one of the fiercest blizzards ever [illegible] in that region. This happened during the first year of his stay here, and while he was working for his board and attendance [illegible] with the little ones whose [illegible] had [illegible].

Strangely enough he was [illegible] to be [illegible] of [illegible] children from another [illegible] even more terrible than the dreaded blizzard [illegible] swept over the [illegible] unbroken prairie.

To this exploit, however, there was another party. Emmet's best steer, "Comet," was [illegible] and proved the children's [illegible].

This animal was quite [illegible] its master. "Comet" was [illegible] egged, long-horned [illegible]. The two years Emmet had only [illegible] plowing and cultivating this Tip Top homestead, except that the breaking of sod was done by hired [illegible].

The young Norwegian [illegible] his steer as heavy [illegible] and [illegible] the smart [illegible] Sometimes, right [illegible] winter, when [illegible] and the [illegible] were good, [illegible] heart.

Before the [illegible] had gained a local reputation for speed [illegible] his gait was [illegible] like that of an [illegible] swift. At any rate, it was [illegible] that there were no horses in the neighborhood that could pass Comet in a trotting match. This was [illegible] proved on many occasions on the road to town and back, where the drivers of the teams or single horses had [illegible] and failed to "go by" the fleet steer.

One day in October, Emmet was showing [illegible] opinion [illegible] smaller [illegible] and smaller [illegible] a fine [illegible] of cord [illegible] the [illegible] shining [illegible] with a full red [illegible] Emmet had some time before [illegible] "freak" around his [illegible] stacks, he noted these evidences of [illegible] fire without uneasiness. Fires came at some time every autumn.

It was about the middle of the afternoon that little Jake and Lib Walker came into the field, bringing some [illegible] which Emmet had left there for his use during his threshing the week before.

Walker's [illegible] about a mile from the school-house, where the young Norwegian had taken lessons in English and these little fellows, Jake and Lib, had been his school-mates when the "blue blizzard" came, cutting them off suddenly from home and imperiling their lives.

"Hello, Yake! hello, Libbie! You's soot fays fom home, aren't yu?" was Emmet's greeting as the lads came up, each staggering under a jack-load of sacks.

"We've been a good deal further's this, Emmet, this time," said Jake, "and we've got to go clear round the lake to drive the cows home yet to-night. They're away over yonder, pointing across the lake, where the wild rice grows along the edge, and pa's gone to town."

"Sit you right down on them packs there," said Emmet, [illegible] to Jake's [illegible] "I feel like Comet [illegible] you. I did this [illegible] as I took [illegible] to plowin' by night-time, but I don't know off I ken to it."

And then, seated on the plow-beam he talked pleasantly with the boys for a few minutes, then, telling them that he would carry the sacks to the house when he turned out, bade them look out that not ket lost on them tall Kansas [illegible] grass as they trudged [illegible] away toward the upper end of the lake.

The lads had been gone from the field about half an hour when Emmet noted with alarm that the smoke which had pervaded the air all day had thickened, until now the sun was almost clouded over, showing only a dull red disk. The smell of burning grass had grown more pungent.

His fears were aroused wholly on account of the two boys who had gone to the other side of the lake. The field in which he was at work lay upon the south side of the hill upon which his shanty stood, shutting off the view to north and west, from whence the wind was blowing.

He unhitched Comet at once, and drove him at a [illegible] to the top of the hill.

No sooner had he reached the crest than he saw cause enough for alarm. Not two miles away to the northwest dense volumes of smoke were rising and rolling forward over a broad stretch of prairie. A big prairie fire was sweeping along at a tremendous rate of speed, the "head fire" being now directly toward the head of the lake.

What could he do to save those two boys? was the young Norwegian's first thought. They might be even at that moment, he thought, well round the head of the lake, wading through the rill grass off the flat. There was no bank to the lake upon that side, wild rice and tall rushes grew far out into the water, and this swamp growth would burn to its very edge. He could not race with the fire on foot, and he doubted if even a horse would be able to outstrip it, but he instantly resolved to make the trial with Comet.

He had [illegible] the big fellow, who had become docile and obedient as a dog, to and from the field, hewing and goading him about at will. Now, if possible, he would ride the fleet-footed steed to some purpose. To throw off the yoke and harness, to a rope around the animal's body for a bridle, and another for a lash from to serve as reins, was the work of a minute, then, whip in hand, Emmet mounted and was off.

Comet, feeling a few [illegible] blows of the whip, broke away at his swiftest. Although his gait had never been tested to the best mettle of the Kalamazoo, the big steer could hold it with ease for a length of time that seemed incredible. In fact, as had been proved when Emmet ran afield among the settlers' herds, the animal was as nearly tireless as fleet and wind could be.

But it was a rough ride, and Emmet was obliged to cling tightly with one hand to the mane of his steed, while unmercifully he used the other.

The whip, however, was [illegible] and the rider had only to [illegible] to keep the steer flying at his best speed. With head up and [illegible] he [illegible] the prairie [illegible] made from the [illegible] "head fire" now [illegible] for which lay to west and south of the lake.

That "head fire" was [illegible] and was coming directly down the flat, which followed the southern [illegible] of the lake.

The smoke had grown so thick that Emmet could only see a few rods ahead of his steed, but he knew well enough the side at which they should, knowing that the lake could not have gone far enough out for that the water was not likely to wander far upon the lake's edge for fear of getting lost. Their cattle, too, would be found along shore, feeding upon the fire-lands.

"Hi! Hi! Hi!"

Away they tore through the high grass, across ditches, over rough, boggy spots, the rider getting a terrible pounding, the steer possessed of but one instinct, it seemed—to respond to the sharp yells with the utmost possible strides of his long, fleet legs.

The fire meanwhile was gaining every moment, in spite of his tremendous exertion. Emmet could see that the smoke closed in thicker, and feel that the air was growing hot and oppressive.

But suddenly two little dark objects appeared a few yards ahead, bobbing above the waving grass.

Emmet gave a shout of delight; it was the black heads of Jake and Lib, nodding as they ran. Their hats were off, and they were running as fast as the wilderness of grass would let them. In an instant Comet was alongside, and, with a few sharp whoas and a hard pull at the reins, Emmet managed to stop him but a few yards in front of the boys.

They ran to him with eager shouts, their fright turned to joy at the sight of him. But without waiting to answer them he leaped forward, caught Lib by the arm, and swung him up in front, then helped Jake to scramble on behind.

"Hank tight to me, Yake," he said; then, throwing an arm around Lib and grasping the rope, he dug his heels into Comet's ribs, and, with a shrill "Hi! Hi!" set the steer off again at a swinging pace.

The crackle and roar of the fire could plainly be heard as they started, and Comet, either objecting to his additional burden or uneasy at the smell and the roar of the fire, began snorting and throwing his head on either side ominously.

Emmet feared that the steer would become unmanageable, and, as a last resort, determined to run him into the lake and make him swim for it. Somewhere not far below he knew there was an arm of the lake about one hundred yards wide, extending out a considerable distance into the flat, and this arm, or bayou, he had hoped to reach.

He knew that Comet would not hesitate an instant to plunge into it and swim—the steer had been known to swim clear across the lake itself—and once upon the other side he could soon make his little party safe.

Suddenly the smoke lifted, and he ventured a glance backward. The sight was appalling! The smoke, driven upward by the rush of heated air, was flying above their heads, leaving the jumping flames in plain view.

The head fire was not a quarter-mile distant, Emmet judged, and was bearing down on them with terrible speed, the flames shooting higher than he had ever seen them rise before.

Little Jake and Lib clung to him without a word, while Comet threw his head about and snorted more violently than before.

But suddenly there was a strip of water before them, the arm of the lake had been reached. A moment more and they were into it with a splash, and Comet was swimming with his heavy burden and carrying it more easily than he had been able to bear it upon land, for the body sank until the water came to the boys' waists, and nothing but the neck and horns of the steer could be seen.

That swimming was much slower work than running, Jake's horse, had been, and by the time the opposite shore was reached the fire was already coursing at the other edge.

Emmet leaped off into the edge of the water, and [illegible] Jake and Lib with him.

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force and speed as it swept a wider space.

Comet took things quietly after his swim, which had cooled his skin, and his dripping coat of hair served to protect him from the violent heat which reigned for a moment.

"Vell," said Emmet, when the coast was clear; "Vell, little poys, ve ken go to you' house now."

Walker's house was only a mile distant, but they reached it after the fire had passed, and found that Mrs. Walker had been nearly wild about her boys until she saw them coming.

"I might have known you'd save 'em," she said to Emmet, while grateful tears ran down her face, as she listened to the story of their escape. Their cattle had taken fright and came home about an hour before.—*Youth's Companion.*

FUN.

Most people have their lives insured as a mere matter of policy.

The way of the transgressor is to shin over into Canada.—*Puck.*

A man without honor in his own country may have profit abroad.

The young man who is in love is conspicuous for his courtly manner.

Sheets of flame are usually spread over a bed of coals.—*Baltimore American.*

We presume a sailor "shivers his timbers" when he "shakes" his board.—

The man who wants to get ahead of time should use the spur of the moment.

"All's well that ends well" is the motto of the artesian boner.—*Boston Gazette.*

First Grasshopper—"You look riled."
Second Grasshopper—"Yes, I'm hooping mad."

When a man gets drunk he generally proceeds home at "full" speed.—*Texas Siftings.*

When stung by a hornet jump two feet high and yell for the police.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Wifely Care.—"John, do tie a knot in your handkerchief before you go to bed, so as not to forget to get up to-morrow at four o'clock."

To the lone bachelor patching his shirt at two o'clock in the morning, the motto, "It is never too late too mend" comes with striking force.—*Danville Breeze.*

Little Flaxen Hair—"Papa, it's raining." Papa (somewhat annoyed by work in hand)—"Well, let it rain." Little Flaxen Hair (timidly)—"I was going to."—*Clothier' Monthly.*

Extra ordinary.—Smith—"Look here, Brown, we'll soon decide the matter: lets ask the waiter. Waiter, are tomatoes a fruit or a vegetable?" Waiter—"Neither, sir. Tomatoes is a extra."—*Fancy Folks.*

Between the summer's torrid heat
And winter's frigid storm,
There comes a charming, breathing spell
That's not too cold or warm.
It's after we're relinquished from
The ice man's fearful clasp,
And just before we get into
The coal man's fatal grasp.
Chicago Herald.

Nowadays the young men of the period don't go down on their knees in nervous agony before their future wives. They hold a solitaire diamond, ring above their heads and the girls jump for it.—*Somerville Journal.*

Tenement vs. War Life.

According to statistics recently made public, 1,113,254 privates and 33,101 officers crossed the German frontier into France in 1870-71. Of these 113,821 were wounded and 475,000 were taken sick. There were killed in battle 17,255, or only one and one-half per cent., and 11,023 died subsequently of their wounds, making 28,278, or about two and one-quarter per cent., who died by the arms of the French, while 14,042 died from disease, [illegible] considering that the war lasted nearly two years, [illegible] in reference to these figures, the total mortality of about forty in a thousand does not seem very frightful. [illegible] many a civilian city keeps up a yearly average of twenty-two or twenty-three deaths to each thousand inhabitants. It is, at first sight, rather startling to discover that the mortality incident to the most important war which perhaps ever took place in Europe was apparently no greater than would have resulted from putting the troops to live during the same space of time in New York, in Manhattan, Hoboken or in the poorer quarters of Paris.

A training school for nurses, in [illegible] of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, has been formally opened with eighteen pupils.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Foreign scientists have discovered minute diamonds in meteorites found in Siberia.

Cable messages are sent from New York to Liverpool not by the ordinary method of dots and dashes, but by electric flashes.

Some electric railways will be laid along the rivers of northern Russia, where the extreme cold endures during a great part of the year.

The new apparatus for feeding the fires of electric light plants does away entirely with the necessity of handling coal after it has been dumped in the fuel room.

To add to our knowledge of terrestrial magnetism it is suggested that regular magnetic observatories be established at Cape of Good Hope and in South America.

Miss Bruce of New York city, has given $50,000 to the Astronomical Observatory of Harvard, to be devoted to the purchase of a telescope for celestial photography.

It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that the arsenites are effective against the codling moth, that in their use there is no danger to the fruit of the tree upon which they are used.

The opinion seems to be gaining ground among scientific men, concerning the formation of petroleum, that it is in all cases due to the decomposition of vegetable matter contained in the rocks where it is produced.

The latest improvement in the manufacture of filaments for incandescent lamps consists in heating them to a high temperature by burning fluid fuel in a suitable furnace, and at the conclusion of the operation raising the temperature to a still higher degree for a short period by the introduction of a blast of oxygen.

Take two eggs of equal size. Carefully dissolve the shell of one with dilute hydrochloric acid, and immerse it in pure water. In the course of a day or two enough water will pass through the outside membrane to cause it to nearly double its volume, as may be shown by comparison with the second egg, which is used as a standard.

An instantaneous photographic apparatus is proposed to take the place of the judge at the winning posts in race-courses. Its value is seen in very close races when he judges can not decide accurately, and in what are called "dead heats," when two or three horses appear to reach the winning post at exactly the same time. The photograph will "show one of the horses to be an inch or so ahead, and decide in his favor.

In a French medical paper Blanche Howard, a female doctor, gives statistical proof that the mortality from diphtheria is rapidly increasing. Twenty years ago in France this mortality was between thirty-six and forty-five deaths in every 100,000 inhabitants; now it amounts to 110 to 120 in every 100,000. In England the deaths in every 100,000 number twenty-two, in America, sixty to ninety, and in Germany 140 to 155.

The true scientific attitude of the day, is expressed by the President of the British Association, Professor Flower, is "a suspended judgment." Professor Flower indorses Sir John Lubbock's idea that the field of inquiry is limitless, and that there may be fifty other senses as different from ours as sound is from sight and even within the boundaries of our own senses there may be endless sounds which we cannot hear, and colors as different as red from green, of which we have no conception. These and a thousand other questions remain for solution. The familiar world which surrounds us may be a totally different place to other animals. To them it may be full of music which we cannot hear, of color which we cannot see, of sensations which we cannot conceive.

Memorial Cards.

The business of selling memorial cards to the families of deceased persons for distribution among friends has grown into proportions of considerable magnitude. One such family in this city has already received a sample card from five different firms bearing the name, age and date of death of deceased, with two stanzas of commonplace poetry. Three of the cards have the same stanzas. The price ranges from fifteen to twenty-five cents. The firms are furnished death notices clipped from newspapers, and after printing and mailing the cards, expect either to receive an order for cards or the return of the sample by mail.—*Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch.*

Going Home With a Fortune.

Pang Jung, for several years at the head of the Indianapolis Chinese colony, is taking his leave of America. On account of his business qualifications, and his knowledge of English, he became the adviser, if not the business manager, of all his race in Indianapolis. He made money out of his laundry, and he said this morning he would go back to his native country with about $5000 to his credit. "I expect to retire," said he. "A man with $5000 is considered very rich in China. I will be able to live the rest of my life without work."

Piedmont Air-Line.

Richmond & Danville Railroad

Condensed Schedule in Effect Sep. 29, 1889

Trains Run by 75th Meridian Time.

SOUTHBOUND	DAILY. NO. 50.	DAILY. NO 52
Lv New York,	*12 15 a m	*4 30 p m
Lv Philadelphia,	3 20 a m	6 57 p m
Lv Baltimore,	4 45 a m	9 25 p m
Lv Washington *	1 24 a m	11 00 p m
Lv Charlottesville,	4 31 p m	3 00 a m
Lv Lynchburg,	5 40 p m	5 07 a m
Ar Danville	8 20 p m	7 45 a m
Lv Richmond,	*1 00 p m	*2 20 a m
Lv Burkeville,	3 07 p m	4 29 a m
Lv Keysville,	3 43 p m	5 08 a m
Lv Danville,	5 40 p m	8 05 a m
Ar Greensboro,	10 27 p m	9 42 a m
Lv Goldsboro,	*2 30 p m	*5 00 p m
Ar Raleigh,	4 45 p m	9 00 p m
Lv Raleigh	*4 46 p m	*1 00 a m
Lv Durham	5 48 p m	2 55 a m
Ar Greensboro	8 20 p m	7 30 a m
Lv Salem	*6 05 p m	*6 30 a m
Lv Greensboro,	*10 37 p m	9 50 a m
Ar Salisbury,	12 26 a m	11 18 a m
Ar Statesville,	*2 01 a m	*12 12 p m
Ar Asheville,	7 30 a m	4 36 p m
Ar Hot Springs,	9 [illegible] a m	6 10 p m
Lv Salisbury	*11 32 a m	*11 23 a m
Ar Charlotte,	2 05 a m	12 40 p m
Ar Spartanburg	4 51 a m	3 [illegible] 8 p m
Ar Greenville,	5 56 a m	4 46 p m
Ar Atlanta,	11 00 a m	9 40 p m
Lv Charlotte	*2 20 a m	*1 00 p m
Ar Columbia	6 30 a m	5 10 p m
Ar Augusta	10 40 a m	9 00 a m

NORTHBOUND	DAILY. No. 51.	No. 52.
Lv Augusta	*3 10 p m	*8 50 a m
" Columbia	10 25 p m	12 53 p m
Ar Charlotte	3 15 a m	5 15 p m
Lv Atlanta,	*6 00 p m	*7 10 a m
Ar Greenville,	12 [illegible] a m	1 48 p m
" Spartanburg,	1 [illegible] a m	2 52 p m
" Charlotte,	4 25 a m	5 30 p m
" Salisbury,	6 [illegible] a m	7 05 p m
Lv Hot Springs	*7 50 p m	*12 25 p m
" Asheville	10 41 p m	1 54 p m
" Statesville	3 15 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Salisbury	4 20 a m	6 45 p m
Lv Salisbury	*4 07 a m	*7 12 p m
Ar Greensboro,	5 45 a m	8 40 p m
" Salem,	*11 40 a m	*12 34 a m
Lv Greensboro,	*3 45 a m	* 1 00 p m
Ar Durham,	12 01 p m	5 25 a m
" Raleigh,	1 05 p m	7 30 a m
Lv Raleigh	*1 15 p m	*3 00 a m
Ar Goldsboro,	3 [illegible] p m	12 50 p m
Lv Greensboro	*5 50 a m	*8 50 p m
Ar Danville	9 32 a m	10 20 p m
" Keysville,	12 30 p m	1 50 a m
" Burkeville,	1 15 p m	2 40 a m
" Richmond	3 30 p m	5 15 a m
" Lynchburg,	* [illegible] p m	*12 55 a m
" Charlottesville,	2 40 p m	3 00 a m
" Washington,	7 10 p m	6 55 a m
" Baltimore,	8 50 p m	8 20 a m
" Philadelphia	10 04 p m	10 47 a m
" New York	6 30 a m	1 30 p m

*Daily. * Daily, except Sunday

Train for Raleigh via Clarksville leave Richmond daily, 3 00 p m, Keysville, 6 00 p m, arrive Clarksville, [illegible] p m, Oxford, 8 10 p m; Henderson, 9 25 p m; Durham, 9 [illegible] p m; Raleigh, 12 00 p m.

Returning leave Raleigh [illegible] a m daily; Durham 8 [illegible] a m, Henderson [illegible] a m, Oxford 10 10 a m, Clarksville 11 05 a m, Keysville 12 [illegible] p m, arrive Richmond [illegible] p m.

Through passenger coach daily between Richmond and Raleigh, via Keysville, leaving Richmond [illegible] p m and returning leave Raleigh 7 [illegible] a m.

Local mixed trains leave Durham daily except Sunday 5 00 p m, arrives Keysville [illegible] a m, returning leaves Keysville 9 00 a m daily except Sunday, arrives Durham 5 30 p m, and Raleigh 11 00 p m. Passenger coach attached.

Nos. 50 and 51 connect at Richmond daily except Sunday for West Point and Baltimore via York River Line.

No. 50 from West Point connects daily except Sunday at Richmond with No. 50 for the South.

Nos. 50 and 51 connect at Goldsboro with trains to and from Morehead City and Wilmington, and at Selma to and from Fayetteville.

No. 52 connects at Greensboro for Fayetteville.

No. [illegible] connects at Selma for Wilson, N. C.

Nos. 50 and 51 make close connection at University Station with trains to and from Chapel Hill except Sundays.

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On 51 and 52, Pullman Buffet Sleeper between Washington and New Orleans via Montgomery and between Washington and Birmingham, Ala, Richmond and Greensboro, Raleigh and Greensboro, and Pullman Parlor Cars between Salisbury and Knoxville, and between Charlotte and Augusta.

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