

VAGABOND GLOBE TROTTER.

In the "Interesting People" department of the December American Magazine appears an article about Harry A. Franck, who travels where and when he pleases and makes money on the road. Recently he tramped from Milwaukee to the Panama Canal. Following is an extract from the article:

"If I were rich I'd travel" is a remark that everyone has heard many thousands of times. Suppose you travel anyhow. How should you like a trip like this? Leave Milwaukee on the thirtieth of September, travel through the intervening states to Mexico, cut circles and tangents over that country until you reach Guatemala, then wander through that peaceful little republic on into turbulent Honduras, and there have the good fortune to meet the picturesque General Lee Christmas alone on a jungle trail. Next roam on through Central America to Panama. Most tourists see the Panama Canal in a single day, but you are a traveler, so you spend a hundred and fifty days on the big ditch. Then on June 18th of the next year, after nine months of real travel, you figure up your expenses and find that you have just nine dollars less than when you left Milwaukee. Do you think you could afford it? That is exactly what Harry A. Franck did.

"The day before he left Panama to walk across the top of South America, then on down the central column of the continent, he stopped at my house in Miraflores, Canal Zone. He had walked out from Panama City. Resting on the gallery he figured in his note book for a while, then announced that he had just eleven dollars less than when he left Milwaukee, September 13, 1911. However, after he got aboard ship for South America he found a two-dollar bill he didn't know he had and called

me over to the rail to tell me about it.

"Even at nine dollars this trip looks expensive when compared to the journey which is described in his excellent book, 'A Vagabond's Journey Around the World.' On that occasion he left Chicago without a cent and returned with a few dollars in change. His visit to Spain was a tour de luxe compared to his world trip, because after eight weeks in that country he found, upon his return to New York City, that he had spent the large sum of one hundred and seventy-two dollars, which included his boat passage.

"Mr. Franck took a shower bath while I was shaving and, as I was occupied with a safety razor, I managed to see the type of body it takes to endure the hardships of a tramp around the world. I saw the smooth, clean muscles, the well-raised chest, the slender waist, and muscular legs it required to hike across the Malay Peninsula with no weapon of defense bigger than a pocketknife. Franck is a dynamo of energy, which was not checked the least by the tropics. I never have seen him idle for a minute. After his shower he sat on the gallery and wrote in his ever-present note book until we had to hurry to catch the train for Colon, and while in the Canal Zone Mr. Franck worked, first as census-taker for the Isthmian Canal Commission, then in the police department as a plain clothes man. Both positions gave him free range of the canal and intimate association with the builders."

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"My best Christmas was in the year of 1863, during the Civil War. My father had enlisted at the beginning of the war and I, a young girl of fifteen, together with a brother of thirteen, lived with our mother in a small cottage in the outskirts of a little village in Illinois.

"We had been taught from infancy to ask God to help us in all things, so in our dear father's absence we called upon God each day to watch over him and bring him home to us.

"The days followed one another very slowly but at last Christmas Eve came. We had become discouraged and had not made many preparations to celebrate, for we felt we could not endure life much longer without some word from our loved one.

"At last evening came and we gathered for evening prayer. Our mother, who always conducted these services in our father's absence, could hardly read the chapter selected. Then we knelt and took turns in praying for our loved one, though we were all weeping so we could scarce understand one another.

"At last the prayers were finished and tears dried and we arose to our feet—to see our father rising from his accustomed place near mother. He had stolen in unobserved and taken the place he loved so well in our evening worship.

"Words cannot express our joy and happiness over his return. He told us he had been severely wounded and had lain in a hospital for three months and although he had sent us word when he could of his whereabouts, the letters had never reached us.

"Although this was fifty years ago it seems but yesterday, and though I have seen many happy Christmases since that time I am sure that was 'My Best Christmas.'"

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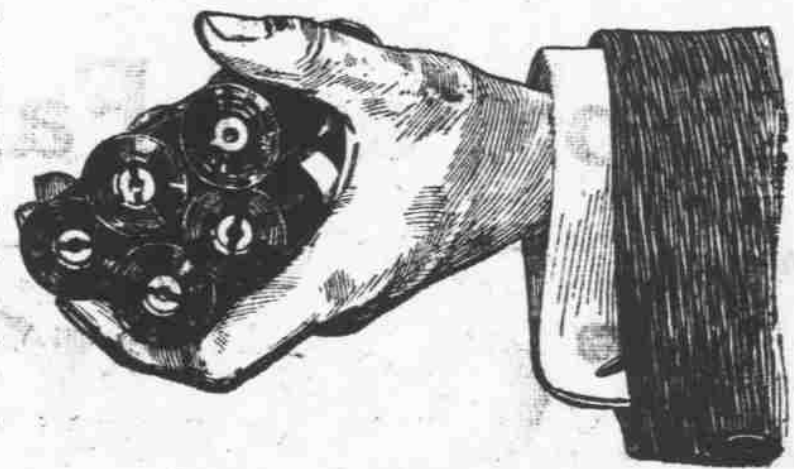
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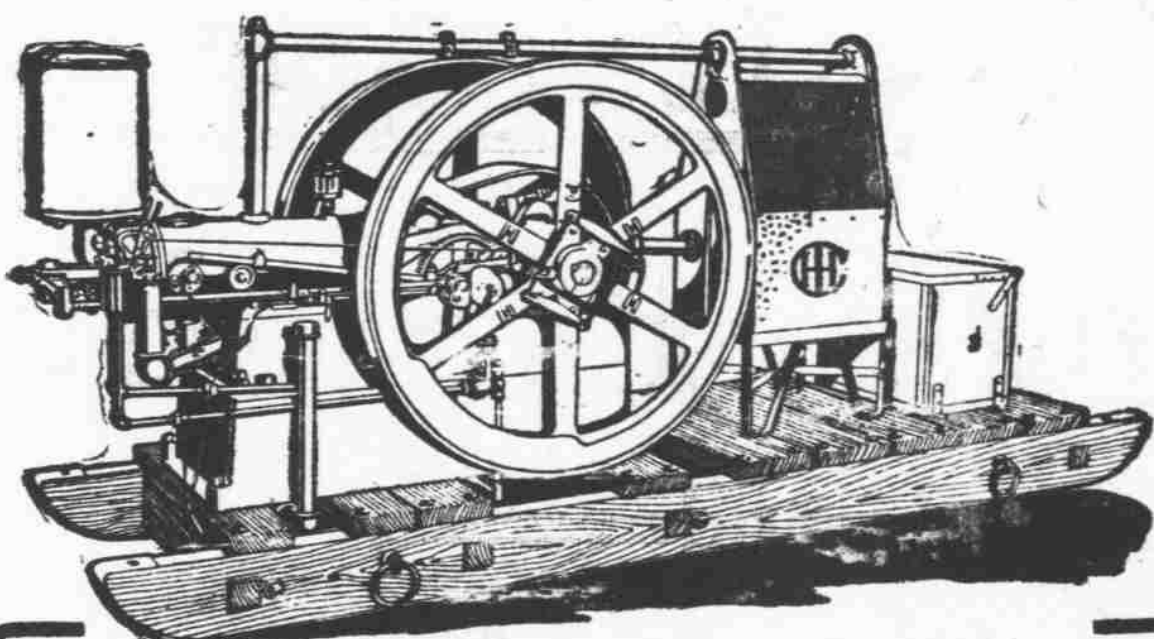
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