

"JUST AS IT USED TO BE."

I wish I were a boy again.
That age were but a dream,
The things would change from what they are

With Beantalk Jack I'd sail forth
To grand old Llanor;
In seven-leagued boots I'd stride away

A Grass-Country Incident.

By FLORENCE BLEDSOE CROFFORD, OKLAHOMA.

And endless stretch of grass covered
prairie relieved by brilliant
patches of many-hued wild flowers;

primitive home in the heart of Mother
Earth. This particular dug-out was
scooped out of the south side of a pro-

The brisk prairie breeze blew tan-
talizingly across the southern plains
straight into the faces of two horse-

An old man came out when the
travelers rode up and gave the cus-
tomary "Hello!" of the plainsman.

"Phillip, I am afraid we are lost on
this everlasting prairie! How much
farther do you suppose it is to the

"Diamond-bar ranch?" echoed the
old man in amazement, "why, you shorely

"They told me at Noconah we
would make it about dark, but to tell
the truth, Uncle James, I'm in doubt

"Diamond-bar ranch?" he asked with true Western
hospitality, as he came down the path

"Or anything else but steers, steers,
steers! We must be in some big
cowman's pasture, Phil."

"What do you say to accepting his
kindness, Phillip?" asked his uncle,

Phil stopped and studied the brand
on a great white-faced steer that did
not throw up his head and gallop off

"Well, uncle, I don't think it would
be wise to risk your rheumatism out
in the open at night. So if you can

"Let's follow the trail, then; it is
bound to lead us somewhere," said
the old gentleman, resignedly.

"Clemmons is my name," finished
his host.

The two passed through the gate
and rode on in silence. The young
man's handsome face, usually lighted

Phil started, but replied: "Mine is
Phillip McDonald, sir; and this is my
uncle, Major James McDonald, from

"Except that mad-cap, Milly Clem-
mons, who disappeared from our little
world at the fort so mysteriously."

"Glad to meet you, gentlemen.
Come right along with me to the barn
and we'll see to the horses. Tot"—

"Not mysteriously, uncle," replied
Phillip gravely: "It's all quite plain to
me; too plain, alas! When I was visit-

"Now, what can I prepare for sup-
per!" she exclaimed in despair;
"everything is out! Oh, how dread-

"Little flirtation," again supplied
the uncle.

"Not on my part, uncle; it was the
passion of my life."

"Tut, tut, my boy, put her down
with the other flirts and remember
the old adage about the fish that still

"Straighten up" the one large room
that constituted their dwelling. It
was divided into two apartments by a

"Look, uncle!" exclaimed Phillip,
welcoming a diversion, "yonder is a
wheat field and in it a man driving

"But I see no house, Phil!"

"No, I must confess I am not very
familiar with the topography of Llano
Encinado, but I'll soon learn when I

"Have you always lived out here

on the Llano?" politely inquired
Major McDonald.

"Oh, no, Major," replied Mr. Clem-
mons, "we lived near L—, on the other
side of Fort Noconah, for many

Phillip looked up quickly. "I wonder
where his daughter Mildred can be?"

"But we lost everything we pos-
sessed a year ago," Mr. Clemmons
continued, "and we came out here to pre-

Outside a sobbing girl walked rest-
lessly back and forth in the oppres-
sive darkness, moaning in her pain:

"It is Phillip, my own dear Phillip,
whom I love so cruelly wronged.
And I love him still. If he sees me

The air in the dug-out became in-
sufferably hot and heavy; the wind
came in hard gusts and small par-

The storm increased in fury, and
then the sand commenced to pour in.
It literally rained sand. Everything

Timbers crashed and women
screamed, the lights were blown out,
and for a few moments confusion

"Milly! Milly! where is my child?"
the old man shrieked. They rushed
with one accord behind the curtain;

"Oh, Heavens, am I mad? It is
Milly, and she is hurt!" He snatched
her up in his arms.

Then she opened her eyes and
smiled faintly up at him. "Not much
—only my arm. And so you found

He kissed the bruised arm fervently
and with never a look of reproach
asked her simply: "Why did you re-

"How Paper Was Invented."
Hundreds of years ago there was
no paper! We couldn't get on with-

It was a clever little Japanese
gentleman who first invented it. This
little man was a merchant, and as he

One day while he was walking in
his garden he came across a wasp's
nest, and he noticed how wonderfully

The little Japanese gentleman tried
—and succeeded, too, in putting into
practice the lesson that the wasps

But Suppose You Wear Specs.
The almost universal habit of turn-
ing the head in whichever direction

Insane Soldiers From Philippines
Will Be Brought to Washington.
San Francisco.—Seventeen insane

Viceroy Lord Minto Says It Is Im-
possible to Ignore India's Unrest.
Simla, India.—The Legislative

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cheese, and cayenne pepper if you

IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOUR UNCLE SAM.



—Week's cleverest cartoon by Brewerton, in the Atlanta Journal.

DAY OF CHEAP MEAT IS OVER

According to Statistics, a Large Part of the Population Will Have to Do Without It—
People Eat Less and Less—Only 59.3 as Much Per Capita as in
1840—Many Causes Contribute to This Condition.

Washington, D. C.—That a time is rapidly coming when a large part
of the population of this country must go without meat, just as many of

Nothing is more common in these days of prosperity than the remark
that every one is eating more meat. This is not the case, according to Mr.

Instead of considering cattle, sheep and swine the principal food ani-
mals, separately, Mr. Holmes, for comparative purposes, has considered

But the consumption per capita is much below the stock per capita.
It is shown that exports of meat and its products, especially since 1880,

At the Department of Agriculture there is going on a good deal of
study of Mr. Holmes' report, with a view to ascertaining how his facts

This official also pointed out that the difficulty of getting farm help
was constantly enlarging. This means a less number of live stock relatively and

WOMAN POSED AS MAN FOR 60 YEARS
Once Lived as a Husband, and Only Revealed Secret Just Before Death—Ranchman

Trinidad, Col.—Charles Vaubough, alias Katherine Vosbaugh, a woman
who for sixty years passed as a married man, and was a bank clerk

All this time she kept her secret, and no one doubted that she was a
man. She possessed an excellent education, and while she was in Joplin

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Household Affairs.

CORNER FOR MATTRESS.
If your mattress is a new one,
make two white slips, just the right
size, with a two-inch lap at one end.

HEMSTITCH BY MACHINE.
Pull out the required number of
threads as you would if to be done
by hand, then baste down the hem

FOR FLOWERS.
Frequently a drooping flower is
caused by some insect eating at the
roots. If the ground is dug with a

A BUTLER'S PANTRY.
A man who contributes his house-
keeping experience to The American
Home Monthly says that one of his

CARING FOR LINOLEUM.
A household economics authority
says: "In caring for linoleum do not
use soapuds as for scrubbing a floor.

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with puff paste, sprinkle sugar thick-

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