

A Companionable Girl

By EDGAR L. THOMPSON

When I was a tenderfoot in New Mexico, clerking in a bank, I was sent one day with \$1,000 for a man who had just opened a store in a settlement on the Pecos river.

I had about fifty miles to go, traveled on horseback and of course, carried a 42 caliber revolver at my hip. I took a snack with me, but ate it up before 10 o'clock. About 2 in the afternoon I passed a house where there were a lot of horses tied to posts before the door. Thinking I might get a dinner, I rode up to the door and called out "Hello, there!"

I heard a commotion inside, and pretty soon a man came to the door. He looked as if he were ready to kill some one if necessary, and I pulled he held his right hand behind him so that he could have easily drawn on me. He asked what I wanted, and when I told him he said there were a little salt pork and corn pone in the house that I could have if I could worry them down. I dismounted, went in and found an other man and a girl apparently about twenty years old. They gave me the salt pork, and when I had finished my meal one of the men asked me where I was going. I told him, and after a conference with the others he came to me and said:

"Neighbor, would you mind helping a girl through on the way you're going?" "I'd be very glad to do so," I replied. "Well, Moll, you'd better go with him, and you'd better take two of the horses with you. We want need em. You wouldn't mind leading 'em, would you?"

"Not a bit," said Moll. "We'd be on the road together about an hour when we heard a distant rattling of horses' hoofs behind us. Moll looked at me, frightened. I asked her what scared her and she said she was afraid road agents were coming. At the same time she turned her horse's head into a thicket beside the road. I followed her, and after riding a few hundred yards from the road she stopped. We dismounted and I asked her to lead the horses. Moll looked as if she were scared and said she believed she was being followed. She had heard behind us had seen a man turn into the wood and were following us and that the reason they made no sound was because they were riding on the turf."

I thought of the thousand dollars I carried and thinking a girl might be better able to keep it from men, I told her I had money with me and asked her if she could conceal it on her person for me till the danger had passed. She was too frightened to reply at once, but when I got her attention she took the bills and crammed them into her bosom. I was much pleased for I felt that they were safer there from men than on me.

It was soon evident that some person or rather persons were after us for we heard them now and then in the wood but we were in a depression with the bushes thick between us and them and although we got glimpses of them they didn't find us. Our great fear was that one of the horses would betray us by a whinny, but fortunately we escaped that, and in time our pursuers gave up hunting for us in that vicinity. We heard a man call to another, "We're coming for the horse in farther back. Then we heard them go in the direction from which we had come."

The girl, taking the lead, started up and made for the road farther on I followed. But when she reached it she kept on the turf. I was astonished at the energy and foresight she displayed. She clung to the led horses, though occasionally when fearful of being overhauled she showed signs of turning them aside. Finally hearing approaching hoof beats on the road in the direction we were going she and the horses go, striking them with her whip and they made off into the wood.

This done she dismounted her gun and we rode on at a slow gait. We met a man driving a team and I expected Moll would warn him of the road agents ahead of him but she didn't, and we went on till he had passed out of hearing when she began to lash her horse like a fury, spurred my own mount to do his best but it was soon evident that he could not keep up with hers, and the first thing I knew he stumbled and fell, throwing me over his head on the turf beside the road.

I heard the road agents coming, but I could now do nothing to escape them. Indeed, it wasn't necessary since Moll had gone on with the money, at which I was much pleased, as I considered it saved. When our pursuers three men came up to me I recognized one of the customers of the bank where I was employed, and he recognized me. He told me that they were after horse thieves and when I told him my experience he pronounced my friend Moll one of them. The look on my face startled the party and when they asked for an explanation I told them that Moll had the bank's thousand dollars.

One of the men went after the led horses Moll had let go, while the other two went on after Moll. Had my horse not stumbled I would not have been in a position to inform the pursuers of the direction she had taken and the money I had given her for safe keeping would have been lost. As it was she was captured, but not hanged because she was a woman. Those I had left at the house escaped with their plunder.

The Strength of a Child.

Medical men assert that, according to well conducted tests, it is shown that the newborn babe is relatively much stronger than a full grown man. The muscles of the forearm are astonishingly vigorous. A few hours after birth a baby suspended by its finger to a stick or to the finger of a grown person can sustain itself in the air for about ten seconds in the case of particularly strong infants for so long a period as thirty seconds.

When four days old an appreciable increase in the infant's strength may be noticed, and the time during which it can thus sustain itself is about two and one-half minutes for 98 per cent of babies. The maximum is attained in two weeks. Few infants can "hang on" for more than one and one-half minutes, although it is of record that one exceptionally developed child remained suspended for two minutes and thirty-eight seconds by his right hand. After that he continued to hang on with his left for fifteen seconds longer.—Harper's Weekly

Grouchy After Waterloo.

General Grouchy died May 29, 1847, after battling in vain for thirty years against the enemy which held him responsible for the loss of Waterloo. Napoleon and a Norman, he yet got in his fortunes with the revolution, was an object of suspicion in the terror, but soon rose to command as a general of war. In the hundred days he was made a marshal. After Waterloo he withdrew to Paris in good order and proclaimed Napoleon II. Proscribed by the restoration he found refuge in the United States but returned to France in 1821. He was restored to his rank as marshal by Louis Philippe and summoned to a seat in the chamber of peers. His son in an uneventful military career was made a general, he accompanied his father in his American exile and eventually became a senator of France. Marshal Grouchy possessed the greater part of his exile in Philadelphia and after his return to his native land lived at Chen except when his legislative duties called him to Paris. Exchange

Catching a Wolf Alive.

One of the favorite sports of a Pollock county gentleman is to capture a wolf alive. A wolf being driven into the open, the well mounted horseman pursues it, armed only with a long whip and some rope. The wolf after a time tries to take rest, but the rider forces it on with his whip till after repeated attempts at rest, it sinks exhausted. The rider then springs from his horse, jumps astride the wolf and holding it by the ears seizes it with the rope. Most men require the assistance of a mounted companion who ties the wolf while the other holds its ears with both hands and in this way the capture is comparatively easy but to do it single handed is a difficult feat. Nasty bites and even dangerous wounds result should the hunter have miscalculated the strength of the animal. No one however, is considered a yet sportsman till he has done this yet many never succeed.

How Cowards Were Punished.

Many of the devices by which military indifference to life has been inured and sustained are curious. In an ancient Athens the public temples were closed to those who refused military service who deserted their ranks or lost their bucklers, while a law constrained such offenders to sit for three days in the public forum dressed in the garments of a woman. Many a Spartan mother would stab her son who came back alive from a defeat, and such a man if he escaped his mother, was debauched not only from public offices, but from marriage, exposed to the blows of all who chose to strike him, compelled to dress in mean clothing and to wear his beard negligently trimmed. In the same way a horse soldier who fled or lost his shield or received a wound in any save the front part of the body was by law prevented from ever afterward appearing in public.

His Method With Tips.

The president of a certain line of coastwise steamers has a novel system of handling the tip evil. He sends on each of his boats every once and so often a detective, who has instructions to go into the dining room order a large and elaborate repast and hand the waiter a tip of ten cents. If the waiter is silent or surly after receiving this small gratuity his number is promptly reported. It is said that in no place in the world can such a number of smiling waiters be found as in the dining saloons of this particular steamship line.—New York Tribune

A Happy Household.

"What is this initiative and referendum?" "It's this way. If I want to go any where or do anything I take the initiative by mentioning it to my wife. Then she decides whether I can or not. That's the referendum."—Pittsburgh Post

Due to the Way He Called.

Wife—Broke again! It seems to me you are always short of money. Hub (a poker player)—It is due to the way I was raised. Wife—That's right; blame it on your poor parents.—Boston Transcript

Out of Fashion.

He—Don't you think Mrs. Mellor had a blessed look? She—Oh, mercy, no. Nothing is cut on the bias now.—Baltimore American

Jealousy is the greatest of misfortunes and the least pitied by those who cause it.—Rochefoucauld.

MY UNCLE'S WILL

By STEPHEN G. HARDWICK

One evening, at a stag dinner I gave at my house to a party of friends, when the coffee was brought on and cigars were passed I noticed that one of my guests, Major Tisdale, did not help himself from the box offered him.

"Don't you smoke, major?" I asked. "No," he replied, "I do not." He was the only man in the room who did not smoke and the others looked at him with some curiosity. I was about to turn the subject when he gave us his reasons for not doing so in the following story.

I was brought up by an uncle who was very rich in my parents both died when I was very young and since he had no children of his own it was understood that I was to be his heir. My life was not a very pleasant one for persons whose experience in life, among up their own offspring is all at a great disadvantage in bringing up the offspring of others. A child's utterly devoid of reason and a sense of his duties toward a parent. In deed it is remarkable that parents should tolerate their own children. This I think is the reason why adoption is not usually satisfactory. When I was ten years old a boy brought me to smoke dried leaves. One his name was my uncle caught me at this and summoned to a seat in the chamber of peers. His son in an uneventful military career was made a general, he accompanied his father in his American exile and eventually became a senator of France. Marshal Grouchy possessed the greater part of his exile in Philadelphia and after his return to his native land lived at Chen except when his legislative duties called him to Paris. Exchange

I passed a couple of months after graduation at my uncle's home. As a young soldier I was very attractive to him, and he petted me without stint. I had no desire, especially after my experience of West Point, to offend him by the use of tobacco which I did not use in my life. He seemed charmed to have me with him and he talked to me about his own experiences in the army, and his own feelings toward me. He was a very kind man, and he was very kind to me. He was a very kind man, and he was very kind to me.

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The Speed Man.

Mr. Newman cannot start on his first trip in his recently purchased motor car, to his chauffeur—Now, William, I want it thoroughly understood I will not have fast driving. Always keep well under the legal limit, not as close to it as you can. Ten miles an hour is fast enough for me. What I want is comfort and convenience. Do you understand?

Three days later the chauffeur—William, I must be back to the house by 7 o'clock. This road seems very straight and wide. I think you might go just a little faster without danger?

Two days later "William, this dust is very unpleasant. If you could pass that car ahead—it seems to be going rather slowly."

Next day "Put on a little more speed, William. There's no use in being a crank. This road is too good to lose the chance."

A week later "Open her up, William. There are no police within five miles, I'll bet, and if there are who cares? I'm out for fun. Let her rip. Let her rip. This is no steam roller. Let's have some speed."—Philadelphia Ledger

Some Butchers' Names.

A butcher who had some spare time made a study of the New York telephone directory for butchers whose names are out of the ordinary or fit the business. Sam Frankfurter has a shop at 210 East Seventh street and A. Welner is at 1443 avenue A. John Now is on Third avenue and Frank Then on Amsterdam avenue. If they formed a partnership Now & Then would sound familiar. Wing Sang is in the poultry business and A. Fox is a game dealer. Louis Rich is on Third avenue and John Richer is in the Bronx. Emil Half is on Amsterdam avenue. George Idler hustles in a market on Webster avenue. John Grab is taking things easy in his shop on Second avenue. Max Warm is on East Houston street. Max Lent of Norfolk street never keeps it. Joseph Hug of West Fifteenth street should be a favorite with the women. For the finish how about Julius Goodby of avenue A? Butchers' Advocate

The Fiddle Drill.

The "fiddle drill" is one of the oldest stonemasonry tools in existence. It is said to antedate the wheel and is now used to cut a groove in a stone. It was used by the ancients to cut a groove in a stone. It was used by the ancients to cut a groove in a stone. It was used by the ancients to cut a groove in a stone. It was used by the ancients to cut a groove in a stone.

Querer but Correct.

Professor Bradner Matthews, in his quality of paleontologist said one day in New York:

The past participle, gotten, has gone out in England, though it still lingers on with us. In England, how ever gotten is almost as obsolete as putten.

In some parts of Cumberland the villagers still use "giving up" and "putten" and a pupil ten her once told me of a lesson on these past participles where in she gave her pupils an exercise to write on the blackboard.

In the midst of the exercise an urban began to laugh. She asked him why he was laughing and he answered:

"Joe's put putten where he should have putten put."

Saved by Knowledge.

In the cotton picking season in Texas a negro who had gone into the country to work returned very much disgusted.

"Hudn' yo' git no offahs ter pick no cotton," asked a friend.

"Sech ez dey was. White man done offered me one third o' wat Ah could pick. Ah done tuk a look at de field in wazu dat when it waz all picked it wazu'd amount ter one third. So Ah done hit out fer home."

Yessuh. Ah done went ter school an' studied fientick when Ah was young.—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Quite Deaf.

When a defendant in Edgeware police court said that he wished to call his mother as a witness the court officer objected that she had been in court at the time and had heard the evidence.

The Mother (from the rear of the court). Yes, but I'm stone deaf and can't hear a word. The Clerk (in a whisper)—Quite deaf? The Mother—Yes.

The Fight.

Willis—So your wife recovered. Fine! I heard the doctors made a great fight for her life. Gillis—They did and they almost got it too.—Woman's Home Companion

An Inference.

Editor—Have you submitted this poem anywhere else? Jokesmith—No sir. Editor—Then where did you get that black eye?

Any time is the proper time for saying what is just.—Greek Proverb.

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