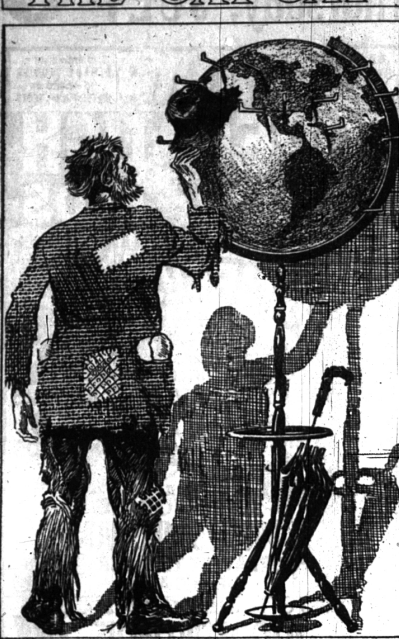


THE LIFE OF THE "GAY CAT"



"Any old place, I hang my hat. Let home, sweet home to me."

WHAT is a "gay cat"? Perhaps you have never heard of him, though you know tom cats, wild cats and female cats. He is an interesting combination, and his species is numbered by thousands. He is a half-tramp, availing himself of all the hob's expedients for squalid about the world without paying for his travel, and half-man with a trade, the goal of whose rambles is always a job. He has all the "bum's" philosophical contempt for the man so "easy" as to "ride the velvet," which means to pay railroad fare. But he also incurs the "bum's" astonished disdain because of his intolerable habit of looking for work.

"We travel from wanderlust, from love of adventure," explained an ex-"gay cat" who had joined the "home guard" of those who have ceased from rambling. "When I was a youth I wanted to know the country, and see it right. I wanted excitement. I had a good trade and was living at home, but the lure of the road called me. I could have paid car fare and ridden in the railway cars, but you can't see the country that way. What man looking through the windows of a Pullman car, knows anything about the regions through which he has passed? You must travel a few hours at a time, on a fast freight, and be thrown off at the most unpropitious places by brakemen, to see the country. You want to mooch (beg) a handout at rest-stands to get acquainted with people. You even learn something when some "by mug" (detective) gets so cordial that he insists on your staying in his midst for 30 days on the rock pile. What dude in a palace car can learn as much about his native land as I did in 14 years as a "gay cat"?"

The Wanderer's life was hard. This man was a miner by trade, and had followed the profession from Pennsylvania to California, and from California to Alaska. He never begged, save in an emergency of hunger, and usually had \$1,000 or so tucked away in a bank in this city or that. But it was only after many years of wandering as a knight errant of the pickax and shovel that the wanderlust of his youth was quenched and he settled down to be a prosaic hotel clerk.

In the shabby sitting room of a 10-cent lodging house in St. Louis there lounged recently half a dozen well-beaten and hardy men, self-confident of men and monosyllabic of speech. In their short words was none of the whine of the professional beggar, and in their straightforward look was nothing of the languor of the man who has been translated from the "country" to the "city." They had acquired the art of ignoring all foreign languages and customs, had supported themselves by the sole resource of their own hands, and upon broad roads leading by gentle stages through the pampas from one hospitable ranch to the next, across the most arduous plateau vision by a question, he stated in a matter-of-fact way that he would be in Argentina next fall.

The booted, elastic Sweden was thinking of logging camps in Minnesota.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Stedfast.—Edith Barthele, aged thirty, was instantly killed at Turner, 12 miles northeast of here. She had just finished her duties as principal of Maple Ridge schools and had driven there to Turner to take the D. & M. midnight train to Hillman, where she was to conduct a normal school. She lay upon a couch in the Turner hotel to wait for the arrival of her train. About an hour before the train was due a through freight whistled. Thinking it was her train she hurriedly grasped her books and suitcase and ran for the station. Some cars which stood on sidings obstructed her view, and she thought she stepped in front of the fast train.

Kalamazoo.—Distance proved no barrier to the marriage of Miss Elma Berger and J. Paul Tenhune, sweethearts since childhood. The groom, a young business man of this city, was unable to leave his work at the time the couple had planned to wed so the girl, who resides in a western state, came 1,000 miles to Kalamazoo to wed the man she had always loved. He met her at the train and went directly to the courthouse, where the license was issued and the wedding performed.

Ann Arbor.—Delegates from all over the country are in the city in attendance upon a convention of the Sinfonia musical fraternity, being held at the local grand opera house. Seven men from the Boston conservatory of music, and about forty from Philadelphia and Baltimore are here. A banquet is tendered the delegates at Whitcomb Lake. The fraternity was founded in 1892 and now has 11 chapters, and this is the eleventh annual convention of the national organization.

Lansingburg.—Endeavoring to cross the Michigan Central tracks in front of a freight train in Lansingburg, Joseph Ketchum, eighty-six years old, was struck by the locomotive and thrown over a road. His lack of religion, and she plays the "game of love" better than the woman in any other part of the world. With her head and not with her heart. "She is eternal celibate coquette, who is never won, but is always bent on conquest. And all her character, intellects and peculiarities issue from the fact that the American man has never mastered her," she added with a puny little smile.—London Morning Leader.

Downaglac.—Harris Dorman was drowned in the upper mill pond at Colby's mill. With several companions he was fishing in a swim, and the boys he was with were busy with a boat some distance away. They were making considerable noise about the pond, and the cries for help until too late for them to reach him in time. He was eighteen years old.

Adrian.—John Berry, a painter at the local condenser, sustained injuries that proved fatal when he fell from a scaffold. He was working about thirty feet from the ground and the force of the fall broke both arms beside the fracture. It was the latter injury which caused his death a couple of hours after the accident.

MAN HASN'T MASTERED HER

Characteristics and Peculiarities of American Woman Due to This, Says Marian Cox

Few books in recent years have created a greater stir than "The Crowds and the Veiled Woman," a masterly study of psychology which has just appeared and surprised the thinkers across the sea.

Its writer, Miss Marian Cox of New York, who is spending a few days in London, is a dreamy-eyed woman—albeit with an amazing grasp of the scientific faculty and a depth of thought which one might guess was bottomed upon the sciences. For, in fact, generally, she expressed some interesting views.

The emotional imagination of the American woman is not so much starved in the utilitarian civilization of her own country, and this explains why she looks to Europe for her chief joy and her chief grief.

From the excess of leisure—with which the American man's industry has lowered his standard of living in virtue and the vice of leisure, imagination and curiosity. And nowhere can they be satisfied but in Europe.

A true Eve, she is primitive enough to hunger after all the fruits upon the tree of knowledge and is civilized enough to desire to eat of the tree herself to enjoy them. She desires to shut out everyone—sometimes even her husband—from her own little empire of a calculated egotism. For her life is a calculated egotism. This is the case of her famed snobbishness, hardihood and self-assertion.

She is incapable of true fear, and so is incapable of deep love or religion. She adopts sects and cults because of her ever-mobile vitality and curiosity, as a substitute for her lack of religion, and she plays the "game of love" better than the woman in any other part of the world. With her head and not with her heart.

WESTERN CANADA'S GOOD CROP PROSPECTS

YIELDS OF WHEAT WILL LIKELY BE 25 TO 30 BUSHELS PER ACRE.

In an interview with Mr. W. J. White, who has charge of the Canadian government immigration office in the United States, and who has recently made an extended trip through the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in Western Canada, he said that every point he visited has been met with the one report, universally good crops of wheat, oats and barley. There will this year be a much increased acreage over last year. Many farmers, who had but one hundred acres last year, have increased their cultivated and seeded acreage at such a rate as to reach 1,000 acres.

With the prospects as they are at present, this will mean from \$12 to \$15 additional wealth to each. He saw many large farms ranging from 200 to 1,000 acres in extent and it appeared to him that there was not an acre of this sort of wheat yield from 20 to 30 bushels to the acre. He was whether it be Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, north and south, east and west, and in the districts where at present the grain is being raised, the condition of all grain is universally good and claimed by most of the farmers to be from one to two sacks in advance of any year for the past ten or twelve years. It does not seem that there was a single foot of the ground that was properly seeded this year.

There are those throughout western Canada who predict that there will be 20,000,000 bushels of wheat raised this year, and if the present favorable conditions continue, there does not seem any reason why these crops should not be a great deal more. The vastness of farm lands at the present time are holding steady and lands can probably still be purchased at the low rates of last year, ranging from \$15 to \$20 per acre, but with a harvested crop, such as is expected, there is no reason why these same lands should not be worth from \$25 to \$30 per acre, with an almost absolute assurance that by next spring there will still be a further advance in price.

Mr. White says that these lands are as cheap at today's figures with the country's proven value as they were a few years ago. He says that when the general public had but a vague idea of the producing quality of western Canada, the land agents at the different towns along the line of railway are very active. A large number of acres are being taken up by farmers from the different states in the south, where lands that produce no better are sold at from \$150 to \$200 per acre.

The homestead lands are becoming scarcer day by day and those who are unable to purchase and prefer to rent are being directed to the north. The land agents at the different towns along the line of railway are very active. A large number of acres are being taken up by farmers from the different states in the south, where lands that produce no better are sold at from \$150 to \$200 per acre.

Mr. White has visited the different agencies throughout the United States and he found that the correspondence of the Canadian government has increased, the number of callers is greater than ever.

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The driver clucked up his horse and said, "You'll make your train all right, madam," he assured the woman inside. "And I'll let you have me number if you like. But you can't have me name. That's promised to another young lady."

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Just Then the Tea Bell Rang.

One of the best parties ever credited to a habitual maker of happy phrases was that made by the beloved "Anarchist of the Breakfast Table" on going to dine with a Boston neighbor. Dr. Holmes was met by her with an apology for her tardiness.

"I could not get another man. We are four women, and you will have to take us all in!"

"Fortunately I am four armed," he said, with a bow—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

"Lize Was 'Othwride at Present." Sam Jones' Othwride Eliza Williams animatedly talking with Jim Lewis at a colored baptism. Now, Eliza was Sam's best girl, or he reckoned her that way; so walking up he sought to monopolize her attention. But Eliza, considering the interruption unwarranted, wheeled upon Sam with, "You will have to excuse me. I am otherwise at present."—Frank R. Vogt, National Magazine.

Laziness is premature death.—Sir H. Gilbert.

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To Serve a Purpose. Young Lady—Please show me your extremist style of hobble skirt.

Young Lady—For you, my dear, it is a Young Lady—No, for my chaperon—Judge.

Between Two Fires. Millions—Going to take a vacation.

Billions—If I do they will say I am afraid to stay here, and if I don't they will say I am afraid to go away.

The Proper Way. Can you answer the questions about the "Cathartic" "I prefer to do so dogmatically."

A half truth always seems more important than the whole truth. A liberal is always at a disadvantage; contention with a dogmatist.