

EDITORIAL

WISE AND OTHERWISE

By Kent A. Stock



Have we got everything?
Famous. Last. Words. Our family always asks this question to one another before leaving the house, "have we got everything?" Even if we are alone, we talk to ourselves of course, we ask the same question.

The automatic response is yes. Nine times out of ten that response is incorrect. Of course, we forgot something. If we are lucky, it only constitutes one trip back into the house to pick something up, to check on something or who

knows what else.

Are we the only family that can turn a five minute roundtrip to the post office uptown into a 30 minute journey that hopefully ends with the successful mailing of one letter. There may have been more mail but we probably forgot it at home on the kitchen table, in the bathroom, on the desk or right next to the door where we'd be sure we would not forget it.

This traditional family "game" is made even more fun when you actually get out

of your driveway and drive sometimes a short distance and sometimes all the way to your destination before realizing, once again, no, we do not have everything!

My favorite is when you get out to the car, hands of course are full, and you start searching for your keys. As you are trying to perform a circus-worthy juggling act with all the stuff you are packing around you suddenly remember they are probably back in the house.

So you trot, carefully because you are loaded down with all your "important" stuff, back to the house and begin the search. Where can those keys be? Wait, what is that in my coat pocket? Why it is the keys, of course. So you scoop your pile of mail, papers and whatever other stuff you have up in your arms and get out into the car.

"Have you got everything," you laugh to yourself as you pull out of the driveway; yes I do, don't be silly. Then you get to the post office and remember

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Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



Wild Boys And Horses

Their names were Ribbon and Barney, and Barney was the biggest one. White blazes, like racing stripes on an Indy racer, flashed across the fields, with 2 teenage boys, Charlie and Wayne, straddled upon the bare backs of their steeds. Imaginations and dreams ran wild. Long black manes swirled in the breeze, young hands clutched leather reins, as hooves pounded the ground down to the river-bottom and up the backside of the holler.

A musky odor was thick in the air as deeper they trodded into the thicket of the forest. The well-worn dirt trail they followed had turned to mud from the week of rain that had kept them all inside and made the boys stir crazy. Still, up the side of the hill they climbed, Ribbon and Wayne first, then Barney, with young Charlie clinging to his reins tightly.

Suddenly, the slippery mud gave way under Barney's shoe feet and the horse went down with rider sliding off to the side. Barney was spooked, and jumped up to

run, and took off in a gallop. But Charlie had grabbed handfuls of that long black mane, and ran alongside the horse until he was able to pull himself up onto Barney's back.

He got a hold of the reins and was able to get control of Barney and catch up with his brother a ways ahead of him on Ribbon.

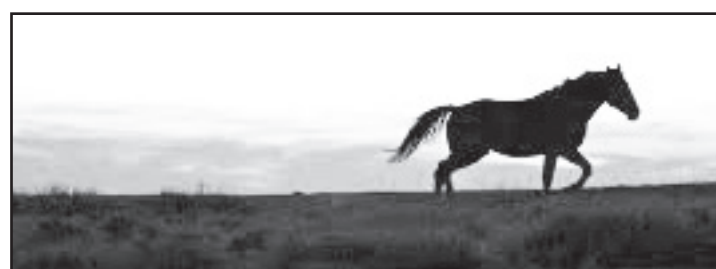
Sadly, later on, ole Barney wandered down the hill one icy morning, and fell and broke his leg. They tried to build a frame to hold him, and a hoist to lift him up while his leg healed, but nothing seemed to work. With no other choice, Charlie's dad

called for the "greasery" men to come and get him. They brought their own guns.

My dad looked up at me at this point in his story, knowing that I am an animal lover too, and said,

"It was a shame. I really loved that horse. I missed him."

For a second, I saw that 14-year-old Charlie in my dad's 85 year-old face, and I really wanted to get to know him more. But time is limited all the more, as the distant elephant approaches and cancer is taking him away. But each glimpse I can get of his story, I will treasure more than gold.



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