

HONK FOOLED POLICE

Officers Search For Auto But It Was Only Stolen Geese.

Philadelphia, Nov 4—Muffled "honk, honks" led two policemen a long chase over the roads of Olney during the early morning hours after a phantom automobile. One of the policemen, standing on Tabor road, heard the "honk, honks" at about 3 a m, and expected to see an auto whiz by him. Again he heard the "honk, honk," apparently nearer than before, but no auto was in sight, nor could the mystified policeman see the headlights of any car either up or down the road.

He hurried to York road, then to Fisher's lane, without finding a trace of an auto—not even the odor of gasoline. But the low "honk, honks" continued.

At Fisher's lane the bewildered cop met another policeman of the district.

"See anything of an automobile?" he asked.

"Not a thing," was the reply.

"Hear any noise that sounded like one?"

"Not a noise."

"Well, I did," said the puzzled cop, "and it's got me guessing."

The other cop suggested that it was something he had eaten and was about to tell him of a dyspepsia remedy which did excellent service in his family for years, when he was cut short by a "honk, honk," which seemed to come from a field a short distance away. To the field the two officers ran, expecting to find there a lampless auto that was

taking a short cut to Olney station. No auto was there.

For half an hour or more the two policemen heard the "honk, honks," each time growing fainter. Then they ceased. Long after that the two cops kept up third hunt for the phantom auto. They decided to report the mystery to Lieutenant Hornsby, so that some of Captain Gallagher's men could be detailed to investigate the mystery.

Before they had an opportunity to do this, Joseph Mayberry, of Sixth and Duncannon streets, went to the police station and stated that his poultry house had been broken into and twenty plump geese had been stolen. When the two policemen were told of the robbery, the "honk, honks" of the early morning hours were no longer a mystery.

Mrs Victor Creighton entertained a number of lady friends last evening at her home on South B street. The evening was spent in playing Bridge Whist. The ladies received the returns of the election until a late hour, after which elegant refreshments were served.

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Cards have been received in the city announcing the marriage of Mr. Charles Edward Carter to Miss Cosette Keegan on October 28, both of Shawnee. Mr. Carter, until a few months ago, was clerk to Victor Creighton of the Santa Fe here, but now has charge of the C. T. Wells Produce plant at Shawnee.

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