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Strange Customer at Gas Sta

Mr. and Mrs. Lawdon, owners of the gas station on highway 73 had a strange customer yesterday. The man came walking along the road at noon. He seemed completely lost and exhausted. The man was wearing extremely old-fashioned clothes and looked as if he had just stepped out of an old western-movie. Mr. Lawdon told us that the man examined his café as if he had never seen anything like it. The man, who said that his name was Mr. Horn, asked if there was water and game in the area. He said he was

here with his family and friends and they were travelling to California in their wagons. He said they had been on the road for almost a year and were desperate to find water and food. Mrs. Lawdon, who used to be a nurse, cleaned a wound on Mr. Horn's hand and gave him antibiotics against a possible infection. When she told him what the pills were for, the strange man asked if the medicine was also good for his son, who had a high fever. He then took the pills and ran off into the desert. Doctor Santer was also at t

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