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Boss of the Plains

John Stetson made fancy hats just like everyone else in his family. They owned a hat shop in **(New)** Jersey. The 1840s were a great **(time)** to be in the hat business **(because)** everyone wore hats back then. It **(was)** a good life, but young John **(dreamed)** about going west.

One day, some **(years)** later, he decided he just couldn't wait anymore. He joined other adventurers **(and)** traveled to Colorado to look for **(gold)**. Life was hard on the frontier. **(Gold)** was scarce and John's hat **(was)** so good in rough weather. It **(didn't)** protect him from the sun, **(wind)**, and rain. So John decided to **(make)** a new hat – one unlike any **(other)**. It was high and wide and **(it)** was grand and tough. At first **(other)** people made fun of it. But **(one)** day a traveler wanted to buy **(it)**, and for good money too.

Soon **(John)** returned east. He had an idea: **(if)** one Westerner liked his big hat, **(maybe)** others would too. So he made **(many)** more of them, calling the hat **(the)** "Boss of the Plains." At first **(no)** one was interested, and John feared **(he)**'d been a failure. Then, all **(of)** a sudden, orders began pouring in. **(The)** new hat was a hit!

Before **(long)**, John couldn't make hats fast **(enough)**. His creation was just what Westerners **(are)** looking for in a hat. The **(Boss)** of the Plains was well on **(its)** way to becoming an American legend!



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John Stetson made fancy hats just like everyone else in his family. They owned a hat shop in **(New, amidst, heard)** Jersey. The 1840s were a great **(song, scratchy, time)** to be in the hat business **(energetic, examine, because)** everyone wore hats back then. It **(frantically, was, upon)** a good life, but young John **(dreamed, clever, she)** about going west.

One day, some **(speedily, flew, years)** later, he decided he just couldn't **(ourselves, t, fruit)** wait anymore. He joined other adventurers **(ignore, and, cautious)** traveled to Colorado to look for **(cruel, depressed, gold)**. Life was hard on the frontier. **(Hissing, Gold, School)** was scarce and John's hat **(fruit, run, was)** so good in rough weather. It **(to, didn, appreciate)**'t protect him from the sun, **(wind, example, frantic)**, and rain. So John decided to **(rejoice, dusty, make)** a new hat – one unlike any **(painfully, successfully, other)**. It was high and wide and **(it, apologize, so)** was grand and tough. At first **(other, quick, vessel)** people made fun of it. But **(one, silk, finger)** day a traveler wanted to buy **(roof, hold, it)**, and for good money too.

Soon **(John, hey, hover)** returned east. He had an idea: **(throughout, shake, if)** one Westerner liked his big hat, **(maybe, interfere, train)** others would too. So he made **(many, fetch, sharp)** more of them, calling the hat **(sock, chess, the)** "Boss of the Plains." At first **(no, girl, regarding)** one was interested, and John feared **(broken, he, throat)**'d been a failure. Then, all **(receipt, quickly, of)** a sudden, orders began pouring in. **(Quietly, Poorly, The)** new hat was a hit!

Before **(often, long, forgotten)**, John couldn't make hats fast **(enough, via, canvas)**. His creation was just what Westerners **(infamous, cloudy, are)** looking for in a hat. The **(bright, knew, Boss)** of the Plains was well on **(its, ashamed, understand)** way to becoming an American legend!

