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Had to Shout.

An old itinerant chair-mender was one of the congregants at the leading Methodist church in Hull, England, and was in the habit of giving expression to his feelings during the services by hearty shouts of "Hallelujah!" and so on.

This old-fashioned enthusiasm was not to the taste of modern ears, and a leading lady of the congregation went to the old fellow one day to tell him that they expected one of their great preachers to visit them on a certain Sunday, and promised him, if he would keep quiet on that day, a pair of new boots, of which he stood sadly in need. He said he would do his best.

The Sunday came, and the old man was in his place just under the pulpit—for he was a bit deaf—in front of everybody. The service proceeded without any other sign of excitement than the constant swaying of the old man's body. The preacher got well into the swing of the sermon and waxed warm, and our hero waxed warm, too, for he suddenly rose from his place, threw up both arms, and shouted at the top of his voice, "Boot or no boots—Hallelujah!"

Saving His Bacon.

It was Christmas day of 1864 when General Lee invited a number of Confederate generals to dine with him. His servant Ephraim, who had been his personal attendant for some time, seemed less at ease than usual. The guests appeared, and dinner was served in the General's tent on a rough pine table, and consisted of boiled cabbage, on the top of which rested a piece of bacon about three inches square. As General Lee helped each guest he asked him to have a slice of bacon. As the question was asked Ephraim gave positive signs of terror. The dinner concluded with the piece of bacon undiminished in size, each guest having refused. As the guests left the tent, General Lee turned to Ephraim, and said in a low voice:

"Ephraim, we have another cabbage have we not?"

The answer was: "Yes, sah, Mass Bob. We got anudder cabbage seh."

"Then, Ephraim," said the General, "save the piece of bacon to cook with that cabbage."

The prompt and decisive reply was that: "No, sah, Mass Bob, I can't do that! I jist' borrow dat piece of bacon for seasonin' from a friend ober dar in Richmon', and I done gib up my parole of honor dat I'll gib him back dat same bacon what I borrow."

General Lee left the tent without comment, and the bacon was returned.—*The Outlook.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN put much of his practical sense and wisdom into epigrammatic utterances that are without parallel. We do not remember to have ever seen the following, which is one of his best, until last week: "Stand with anybody who stands right. Stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."

THACKERAY told an amusing story of Carlyle, how that he had spent a day in the reading-room of the British Museum and had given a great deal of trouble to one of the officials, sending him up and down ladders in search of books to satisfy his literary tastes, and how, on leaving the room he had gone up to the man and told him that it might be some satisfaction to know that he had obliged Thomas Carlyle, and that the official had answered him with a bland smile and the usual washing of hands in the air, that the gentleman had the advantage of him, but probably they might have met at some mutual friend's house. He had never heard of Thomas Carlyle.

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