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# In Lighter Bein.

The Boys of Long Ago.

When I go down to Gungawamp,
As now and then I do,
I run across some good old chap
Whom long ago I knew.
And he will want to stop and talk,
And pass the time o' day
And ask how I have got along
Since I have been away.

"Uv course," says he, "yew understand I ain't a-nosin' 'round Inquirin' intew yewr affairs, But Bill, I'll jest be bound, I'd kinder like tew know how much Yew've made; uv course, yew know We're interested in the boys Who lived here years ago.

Another one will hem and haw
And say: "Bill, is it true
Thet yew hev trouble with yewr wife
Es people say yew dew?
Uv course, I ain't a-meddlin', Bill,
I jest wanted ter know;
Becuz we're interested in
Our boys uv long ago."

And Aunt Eliza, good old soul, And Aunt Eliza, good old soul,
She meets me on the street,
And makes inquiries for "the folks"
In tone and manner sweet.
Then, confidential like, she says:
"Tain't true, Bill, what they say,
Yewr wife goes aout ter work ter help
Her husband pay his way?"

"Uv course," they add, "it's jest becuz We're interested, Bill,
An' not becuz we're curious,
'Cuz yew're one uv us still."
I like to go to Gungawamp
And meet the friends I know;
They are so interested in
Their boys of long ago.

# At the Minstrel Show.

Mr. Bones-"Ah-ah-ah-ah, Mis-Interlocutor - M-m-m-mistah

Interlocutor?"
Interlocutor—"Mr. Bones, please don't slide that way when you talk.
What can I do for you, sir?"
Mr. Bones—"I-I-I-I's dun got a-

a-a-a-a puzzle fo' yo'."

Interlocutor—"A puzzle for me, eh?
Well, send it along, Mr. Bones; but
do stop that sliding when you talk."

Mr. Bones—"W-w-w-w-w-w-what would yo' cal a-a-a-a-a-a man dat wuz bo'n in Germany, ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah educated in Spain, ah-ah-ah-ah-ah-ah lived Italy, an' ah-ah-ah died in de United States?"

Interlocutor—"Let me see, now. The puzzle is, what would I call a man who was born in Germany, educated in Spain, lived in Italy and died in the United States? too much for me, Mr. Bones, so we'll

Just let you answer it yourselt."

Mr. Bones—"1-1-I-1'd call him a dead one, sah."

"Very good, Mr. Bones-very good, sir! And now Mr. Bones will kindly favor us with that touching little ballad entitled, 'Papa, get the hammer; there's a fly on baby's head."

# The First of His Kind.

Adam had just discovered that he

possessed an imagination.
"Riblets," he said. This was his pet name for the first lady of the land. "Riblets, I've just seen a remarkably funny sight.

Eve looked at him suspiciously. "You've been at those grapes

"No," she said.

"No," he quickly answered. "No more grapes for little Addie. I've had all I want of them. My head aches at the very name. No, I was on the other side of the creek and there I saw the animal with the trunk

climbing a tree. "An elephant climbing a tree? Impossible!"

"I tell you I was there. It was a funny sight. The elephant tried and tried, and when he got a little way up he screamed for help. And the rhinoceros and the elk came up to boost him, and the elephant slipped back on the horn of the rhinoceros and jumped so high that he caught the first limb of the tree and hung

there howling. Ha, ha, ha!"
"Adam," said Eve, in her severest manner, "you are the most unblushing nature faker the world has ever Recommended It.

One of the employees of a certain North-country confectioner recently received a week's notice. It would perhaps have been as well for the business if he had been discharged at

A passing gentleman yielded to the entreaties of his little girl and entered the shop to purchase some plum cake exhibited in the window.

"It looks a trifle heavy," said the customer, on making a closer inspec-tion. "Do you think it is suitable for a child?"

"Depends what sort of a child,"

said the man.

How so? "Well, it's this way," went on the can, impressively. "For some chilman, impressively. dren I wouldn't recommend it-for others it is really a capital thing.'

The customer was still puzzled, and the shopman explained himself. 'Now," he said, "if your child has suicidal tendencies this cake is just the thing. For a poison it simply can't be beaten. Perhaps, however, she prefers drowning, and if her conscience won't let her sink, you can depend on this cake settling the matter. Then, again-

But the other had bolted, and the shopman put back the cake with a sweet, vengeful smile.

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A few weeks ago a Philadelphia man was in a North Carolina town of very few inhabitants. One day when he was on the point of making a purchase he discovered that he had exhausted his small change. The shop-keeper could not "break" the \$10 bill offered him, and the Northern man went out in the main street to see how he might solve the difficulty. He asked several persons, but no one had the requisite amount for the bill. At last an old, white-haired, seedy negro came along. In sheer despera-tion the Philadelphia man said:

"Uncle, can you exchange a \$10 bill for me?"

Uncle looked dazed for the moment. Then his shambling figure straightened. With a doffing of the hat and a bow worthy of Chesterfield,

he replied with dignity:
"No, marse, I can't change no \$10 bill, but I done 'preciates the compliment jes' the same, sah."

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There was a silence; no one responded for a moment; then the father of the bride stepped out from his position near his daughter and said

"I don't know as I can add any-thing to what has already been said," and he looked solemnly about the little gathering, evidently uncomfortable and embarrassed, but fortunately his eyes fell upon his neighbor, a political opponent, who would never listen to his views upon certain matters relating to taxation, and the speaker's face brightened, and he exclaimed with energy, "but this seems an excellent opportunity and I should like to say a few words on the single tax!"

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