

Current Comment

Big preparations are being made for the annual meeting of the Canadian Miners' Association which will be held in Queen Victoria Park across the river Saturday, July 16.

The recommendations of the Committee of Affiliation at the Western Federation of Miners' convention in Denver, Colorado, that the American Federation of Labor join the American Labor Union are being given serious consideration.

The old, old story again. In Sydney they have called out the militia to quell the rioting of the workers, which are largely related to the wishes of the corporation.

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Tommy Visualizes His Idea of an Old Favorite.

In a certain school our West-meant methods of education are used which to the unenlightened mind appear little less than startling.

For instance, the children sing a song. Then each of them makes a drawing which is supposed to illustrate the song which has just been sung. This is the reverse of the purpose in "visualize their conceptions" is fostered.

The other day the music of "The Old Oaken Bucket" was started, and everybody joined in the singing. Then they all set down to make a picture of what the song meant to them.

Tommy, one of the youngest of the class, turned in a truly original sketch. He had drawn what might have been meant for a circle and within it had outlined what appeared to be three wastebaskets all in a row. Underneath this diagram was a sprinkling of specks, or was it a representation of microbes as they appear under a magnifying glass?

The teacher looked at the drawing for a moment and then admitted that she was puzzled.

She put her forefinger on the left hand figure in the row of three inside the circle and said: "Tommy, what is that?"

"Why, teacher, that's the old oaken bucket!"

"That's the well they hung in," the teacher pointed out the right hand figure of the three.

"And that one, Tommy?" she asked.

"Fah-w! That's the iron bound bucket!"

"The teacher pointed to the circle which enclosed the three buckets.

"What's that?"

"That's the well they hung in," she asked finally, pointing to the ragged group of exaggerated specks below the rest of the picture.

"Those," answered Tommy, with ner the ghost of a smile in his big blue eyes-"those are all the loved spots which my infancy knew!" -Chicago Tribune.

A Test. The telephone bell in an uptown residence rang a few evenings ago, and a young woman who was expecting a call rushed to answer it, being sure that one of her admirers had called her up.

"Is this —?" demanded a voice, repeating the number of the phone in question.

"Yes," replied the girl.

"Well," continued the voice, "we are testing the wire. Will you please draw a long breath and say very plainly, 'I will be good!'"

She obeyed. "I will be good," she said.

"A little slower and a little more distinctly now, please."

"I will be good," said the young woman, trying her best.

"No. That's not right at all," corrected the voice. "We must fix that wire, I guess. Now make one extra foot and say it again."

"The girl caught her breath. "I will be good!" she shouted.

"You will, will you?" laughed the voice. "Well, I'm glad to hear you say so. You were decidedly unpleasant the last time I called."

And just then the man at the other end of the wire "rang off."

Now the young woman is trying to discover just which of her admirers played such a detestable joke on her. -Philadelphia Press.

Man of Excellent Taste. Burrell—Did you ever notice when a woman comes into the car and there is no seat vacant except the one invariably taken a seat beside some other woman? Dison—Well, why shouldn't she? It's the most natural thing in the world. That's what I always do myself—in fact, I do it when there are plenty of whole seats vacant.—Boston Transcript.

New Politics. "Our family tree has lots of new limbs on it now," said the member of the proud family. "It has!"

"Yes. Within the past three years six of our connections have eloped with chorus girls."—Judge.

A Satisfying Settlement. "And it's a law abiding settlement, is it?"

"You bet! Ain't been a 'trouble' room' here since a hurricane blowed the trees down an' rope 'em in price!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A Compliment. He—You are a poem. She—No! Do you mean that I am in spirit? He—Oh, I don't mean a magazine poem.—Detroit Free Press.

A Tale of Woe. "How old is Miss Jenks?"

"She must be pretty young. I heard her telling the man must be like whom she would marry."

Cause and Effect. Where are the brides of yesterday? I cannot tell, but, maybe, The reason that they are not here is that they're leading badly.

Deadly Insult. "That man I was just talking to insulted me, and I shall never speak to him again."

"Did he ask you to go to work?"

Over Exception. "Don't you believe the trusts should be smashed?"

"All except the egg trust."

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