

This and That

UNCLE LIJ ON FLYPAPER.

"That sticky fly-paper there," remarked Uncle 'Lijah, as he pulled his Chicago paper out of his pocket and sat down in his accustomed place in the grocery store, "is a good 'eel like what the preacher calls 'vice,' and I wonder why he ain't never brung it in his sermon.

"Now, you take that fly jist lit on the aidge, an' watch him awhile. He's as fisky as a colt. Runs his suckin'-machine down on everything in sight, but yit he's ready to stop work any minute to play a game of tag with any other fly.

"Shoo him off, an' he ain't a bit scared of your hand, big as it is, but lights on the top of it, an' goes to work suckin' at the pores an' scatterin' mycrobes all over it.

"Shoo him ag'in, an' back he goes to the fly-paper. He sees it's all covered over with dead victims. He sees they's a ho' lot more that 'ud give their legs an' their wings if they cud git away. He hears 'em buzzin', an' sees 'em pullin', an' yankin', an' tryin' to git out; but he, he don't care.

"He thinks he can walk all over that fly-paper ef he wants to; thinks he kin wade right through it.

"Says he: 'Why, I ain't like them fellers; they don't know when to stop, but I can take it up an' leave it off whenever I want to. I'm a-goin' to light on there anyhow; an' when I feel that it's a-gettin' too strong a hold on me, I'll simply let go and get away in time.'

"So there you see him light. Fer a minit it seems all right. Says he: 'There's nuthin' wrong with this. It ain't hot, an' it ain't cold, an' it ain't no spider's web.'

"Then he goes to move, an' he finds his legs sticks. He goes to pull back, an' his front feet won't budge.

"He gets a little scared, an' tries to fly. He can't git off.

"Then he makes the biggest an' the wildest effort he ever made in his life. He works his wings so you can hear him all over the store. He wiggles his legs till he's red in the face. He gits up a little ways, but his suckin' old feet still hold on.

"The thought comes over him that he'll never fly ag'in. He says, 'I will, if I have to lift this whole ten-acre sheet of tangle-foot!' An' he makes one last buzz that sounds away up in G sharp.

"but nuthin' moves. The paper is just as flat as ever. The fly next him that's a-layin' on its side, an' can't move anything but its winkers, closes one eye as much as to say, 'You might as well give up tryin' to reform, and settle down with me.' The rest of 'em don't pay any attention to his struggles.

"So pretty soon he gives up hope, settles back, gets his wings daubed till they won't buzz any more; an' pretty soon all he can do is to make a few weak motions with his legs.

"Then he sees another young fly hoverin' over the trap. Do you think he gives him warning and tells him to keep away? No, sirree, he don't. No more than a victim of drink, or gambling, or European Sundays, or any low-down vice, will warn off his fellow man.

"What's that? Fies can't communicate

MEAL TIME CONSCIENCE

What Do The Children Drink?

There are times when mother or father feeds the youngsters something that they know children should not have. Perhaps it is some rich dessert but more often it is tea or coffee. Some compromise by putting in so much hot water that there is not much tea or coffee left but even that little is pretty certain to do harm. It leads to bigger doses. Then come the coffee pills.

It is better to have some delicious, hot, food drink that you can take yourself and feed to your children conscious that it will help and strengthen and never hurt them. A lady of Oneida, N. Y., says: 'I used coffee many years in spite of the conviction that it injured my nervous headaches. While visiting a friend I was served with Postum but it was not well made, still I determined to get a package and try it myself and after following directions carefully the result was all that could be desired; a delicious, finely flavored, richly colored beverage. Since I quit coffee Postum has worked wonders for me.'

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"You may be sure I find it a great comfort to have a warm drink at meals that I can give my children with a clear conscience that it will help them and not hurt them as coffee or tea would." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

with other flies? Well, then that shows that some humans that call themselves 'good fellows' are really, when you git down to it, small-hearted than the flies!" —Judson Kempton in Christian Endeavor World.

FARMER JOHN'S SOLILOQUY.

I mount as well acknowledge, 'taut no use 'o beatin' 'round, I've done a heap 'o thinkin', plowin' up this faller ground, An' suthin's been a-painin' an' achin' me like sin— I reckoned 'twas dyspepsy or malarly creepin' in.

At last I got my dander up, an' to myself sez I,

The biggest fool in natur's him that tells hisself a lie;

I've been lettin' on 'tis malarly an' my stummick, when I know

It's my conscience that's a-hurtin' an' worryin' me so.

I've been a-shirkin' this here thing for thirty years or more,

An' I orto had this shakin' up an' settlin' down afore.

I've been honest far as payin' goes, not a penny do I owe,

But the kind 'o cheatin' that I done was the kind that didn't show.

My mind goes back to Hanner, when I fetched her here a bride—

No apple bloom was sweeter; an' she nussled to my side

Like she thought she had a right to, an' could trust me without fear,

For the love I never hinted at for more'n thirty year.

There was churnin', bakin', bilin', there was nussin' an' the rest,

From long afore the sun riz 'till he slumbered in the West;

An' when the rest of us was done an' lol-lin' round on cheers,

Hanner was recuperatin' with her needle an' her shears.

But when the life was ebbin' from that faithful, patient heart,

I had to face the music—I hadn't done my part;

And I couldn't help a-thinkin', watchin' out that weary life,

That there's other ways 'o killin' 'cept a pistol or a knife.

It sounds like sacreligion, but I know jis what she meant

As I whispered, 'Fly to meet me when my arthly life is spent—'

"I'm so tired, John, so tired, but I've al-lus done my best,

An' I may feel more like flyin' when I've had a spell 'o rest."

—New York World.

NO USE OF CROSSING.

Somewhere in Dixie land, a member of the 'po'h white trash' endeavored to cross a stream by means of a ferry owned by a black man. Booker T. Washington gives the conversation in The Classroom: "Uncle Mose," said the white man. "I want to cross, but I hain't got no money." Uncle Mose scratched his head. "Doan' you got no money 't all?" he queried.

"No," said the wayfari'ng stranger, "I haven't a cent."

"But it done cost you but three cents," insisted Uncle Mose, "ter cross der ferry."

"I know," said the white man, "but I haven't got the three cents."

Uncle Mose was in a quandry. "Boss," he said, "I done tole you what. Er man what's got no three cents am jes' ez well off on dis side er der river as on de oder." —Ex.

Stratford, 4th Aug., 1893.

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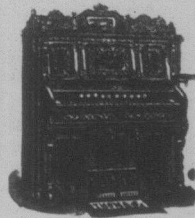
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