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Why He Objected.



Percy—But what does your father see in me to object to, I'd like to know?
Ethel—He doesn't see anything in you. That is why he objects.

MORNING STROLL NO. 6



KITLEY'S BIG FAIR.

Old Sol's rays were beating brightly on Monday as we started out on another trip of observation. This time we were not alone, having as a travelling companion Mr. D. Fisher, who, having a little business out in the direction we were going, was proffered a seat in the rig and his lively and interesting conversation helped to while away the trip over one of the roughest roads in the county. Our objective point was the village of Frankville, the home of "Kitley's big fair" and the abiding place of its genial president and hard working secretary.

In driving along the road leading to our destination we were struck by the evidences of prosperity and an abundant harvest on every side now nearly ready for the husbandman. Immense



PRESIDENT DOWSLEY.

fields of grass and grain were everywhere to be seen, in many places the timothy heads reaching over the top rails of the road fence and the clover crops were so heavy that the owners had to go in and draw off portions to other fields to cure. Nearly every farmer had a silo, and several new ones were in course of construction showing conclusively that the farmers and dairymen have not lost faith in corn as a cheap and profitable means of increasing the flow milk and assisting in wintering their stock.

On reaching Frankville we called at the home of Mr. Dowsley and were greeted to learn that he was on his

back in bed under the doctor's care. His good wife invited us to his room, where we received a warm hand clasp and a cordial greeting, remarking in so doing that we were in his thoughts only a few moments before we were ushered into his presence. He informed us that the Reporter was to do the work for the society again this year and that the prospects were never better for a large and successful fair as the farmers and exhibitors throughout the country were going to patronize "David's Fair" and keep the exhibition going on lively all the while. He wished us to announce that a very large list of specials had been freely given by friends of the society, for which he wished on behalf of the society to return their sincere thanks, and that the prize list would be ready for distribution just as soon as possible. We learned from other sources that it is the intention of the directors to put a lot of improvements and additions to the buildings, and that stalls for cattle and pens for sheep and swine would be put up this season. The farmers are going to patronize the "Farmers' Fair," as the Frankville Fair has always been known to cater to that class of the community.

With a parting admonition to take good care of himself and when strong enough to come out and spend a few days on the Lab-ne-o-tab, at Charles ton, which he promised to do, we bade the aged president goodbye and took our leave. Passing down to the other end of the village we called at the steam mills of S. Running & Sons, where we found everything humming. We made a hasty run through the mill and getting the hands employed out in a group on the outside of the mill, the Reporter's kodak took a snap shot of the mill and surroundings, from which a set will be made, and in a future number of the Reporter we will tell our readers something about the mill, its capacity for turning out work, and any other items connected with the business which we think would be interesting.

The pleasure of a drive home in the cool of the evening was marred by the sudden coming up of a thunder storm, which compelled us to seek the shelter of a farmer's shed for an hour or more, still we were able to reach home in time for tea much pleased with our outing.

ANIMAL IMITATIVENESS.

How a Beggar's Dog Grows to Be Like His Master.

"One of the most curious traits to be found in the animal nature," said an observant citizen, "is that which grows out of the unconscious imitativeness of creatures of the lower order. I have observed many instances of where the creatures of a lower order have taken on the characteristics in some noticeable degree of members of the human family. One might know, for instance, the beggar's dog from the look of the dog, from the droop of the eye, the pathetic hang of the lip and a certain general air of despondency and hopelessness which seems to speak in the very nature of the animal. I mention the beggar's dog because it is a familiar example. The beggar's dog never looks cheerful, never smiles, never frolics, but simply sits by his master and broods and begs for whatever charity may give.

"I have seen the dog character moulded under happier influences, and the dog became more cheerful. He was a light hearted, free and easy sort of creature and seemed to get something of the sunnier side of things. I am almost tempted to say that if you will show me a man's dog I will tell you what manner of man the owner is, with particular reference to temperament and his moods. The melancholy man, the man who grovels mentally along the gloomier groves, the pessimistic man who is always looking at the dark side of the picture, all the men who come within these unhappy classifications rarely own a cheerful dog. The dog unconsciously takes to the ways of the master and in his moods imitates the master's way of thinking.

"But turn to the dog of the jolly, cheerful fellow. Watch him show his teeth in laughter when the master approaches. He is darting across the yard and dancing and frisking around the master's feet in the happiest way imaginable, and he is up to all kinds of pranks and does all kinds of little things to indicate the good nature that is in him. He does as his master does and seems to take the same general view of life. These are small things, I guess, but they show just how important one's way of thinking may influence one's dog and change his whole

CLASS DISTINCTIONS.

They Go Almost Down to the Very Bottom of Society.

Some sort of class feeling is, we believe, inherent in human nature. People often speak as though these distinctions existed only among the middle and upper classes, but such is not the fact. Indeed it is very far from the fact. No more misleading labels than "the masses" and "the masses" were ever invented. There are no masses, rightly speaking. Class distinctions go almost down to the bottom—not quite, of course, because there is always a residuum who through their fault or their misfortune have neither the pride nor the imagination to sort themselves.

Money is not an absolute criterion of social position. Character, in so far as it is reflected in propriety of behavior, counts for a great deal. A rowdy family sink directly, though they may have money to waste, and a respectable widow may retain her superiority in the face of grinding poverty. The acme of good manners, the very badge of gentility, is to be "quiet," never to let the sound of mirth, quarrelling or lamentation proceed out of your dwelling.

This sign of social distinction is appreciated down to the very bottom. On the upper rungs of the social ladder we should say that those social distinctions which can be defined as all rest upon birth, money and brains. Among the poor they rest upon money and manner, and the latter, alas, are below a certain wage, woefully dependent upon the former.

Jonah and the Whale.

There is nothing in the original text of the Bible to show that the creature which we are told swallowed Jonah was really the same animal we call a "whale" in this day and age of this world. The word translated into both the Septuagint and the New Testament was the Greek word "Katos," which means simply a sea monster, and this word was the one used by our Lord in his reference to the account of Jonah's exploit. So far, therefore, as the Hebrew or Greek words are concerned, the monster may have been a shark, a sea serpent or some other uncanny denizen of the deep.

Hence there is nothing incredible in the statement that Jonah, upon being thrown into the sea, was quickly overtaken by some water monster and swallowed without suffering mutilation. To Biblical students it is a well known fact that a vessel sailing from Joppa to any Spanish port must pass through a section swarming with a species of shark called a "sea dog." The sea dog has a throat large enough to swallow fair sized men.

She Pricked Her Finger.

A maid employed by a prominent New York family came to her mistress with tears in her eyes not many days after she had been in the household and said that she had pricked her finger with a table fork.

"I am terribly worried, ma'am," she said, "for fear the fork may have had some brass in it and have poisoned my hand."

"Oh, nonsense, Mary!" replied the lady of the house. "How could the fork poison you when it is made of pure silver? I never allow anything else on my table."

The next day Mary and the fork which had pricked her and all the other forks and, in fact, the whole table service, guaranteed by the mistress to be solid silver, had disappeared for parts unknown.

How Savages Came to Use Knives.

The first men, armed with the simplest weapons or with none at all, pursued in the chase the animals that served them as food and, being generally in a state of starvation, tore them to pieces with their fingers and devoured on the spot the flesh, raw and bloody. In time they domesticated animals that assisted them in hunting and invented the bow and spear that enabled them to kill their prey at a greater distance.

The knife was invented as an instrument of attack or defense or for rough cutting and carving and, being commonly worn on the person, was found convenient in eating and became in time an accessory of the table for reasons so obvious that they require no explanation.

All Souls' College, Oxford.

Perhaps the most expensive education in the world is enjoyed by the undergraduates of All Souls' college, Oxford. There are usually but four of them in residence, all of them on the foundation, with just enough to keep them comfortably in their rooms aloft over the college kitchens. The college revenues approach £15,000 a year, which should give an excellent education to four young men. But All Souls' devotes its money mainly to the support of fellows and the cult of good living, and the undergraduates get their education by arrangement from other colleges.—London Chronicle.

To Be Provided For.

Farmer Mossbacher—Colonel Chinnaway, the politician, declares that he is in the hands of his friends.

Farmer Hornbeak—Yes, I know he does, but it sorter looks to me that his friends have got the colonel on their hands.

The Geological Day.

The 6,000 years of human history form but a portion of the geological day which is passing over us. They do not extend into the yesterday of our globe, far less touch the myriads of ages spread out beyond.

The tiny man seldom has a chance to rest on his laurels.—Philadelphia Record.

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