

An Amusing Story

Is told of an adventure which the Duke of Norfolk had at a railway station some miles from Stonhurst College, the centenary of which was recently celebrated. He had sent a telegram requesting that his carriage might be in readiness. When the train arrived one of the railway inspectors anxiously sought the illustrious passenger, and, copying two aristocratic-looking gentlemen seated in a first-class compartment, concluded that he had found His Grace, when upon he opened the door, and, addressing one of the gentlemen, said, "Are you for Stonhurst, sir?" A reply being given in the affirmative, the inspector said, "Will you kindly come this way? Your carriage for Stonhurst awaits you at the entrance to the station. They followed in the wake of the obliging inspector, who soon had them comfortably ensconced in a well appointed vehicle. Just as the carriage was about to drive away, a gentleman, rather small in stature, very quietly dressed, touched the inspector on the arm, and said, "Ah, inspector—my carriage." "Oh no," said the inspector, "this is the Duke of Norfolk's carriage." "Yes," was the unexpected retort, "I am the Duke of Norfolk."

"What's Dick doing now?"
"Well, Dick, he's a doctorin'."
"And John?"
"He's horse-tradin'."
"And William?"
"He's a-savin' of souls."
"And Tom?"
"Well, Tom—he's sorter politicianin' aroun'."

"And you?"
"Well, I'm sorter farmin' an' a feedin' of Dick, an' John an' William an' Tom!"—*Atlanta Constitution.*

The eye of a little Washington miss was attracted by the sparkling of the dew at early morning.

"Mamma," she exclaimed, "it's hotter'n I thought it was."

"What do you mean?"
"Look here. The grass is all covered with perspiration."—*Washington Star.*

Some months ago a young man of Warren, Ind., wrote his name and address on an egg he was shipping. Last week he received a letter from Sydney, Australia, in which the writer said that probably the recipient might be interested in knowing how far the egg had traveled before it found its final customer.

A story is told of Burnand, the "Happy Thought" editor of the London Punch, that after his conversion he entered a community of which Dr. Manning, afterwards the great English Cardinal, was superior, with the intention of becoming a priest. But his high spirits and prankish humor led him into so many infractions of the rules that Dr. Manning finally called him up and with more apparent than real severity lectured him on his conduct, concluding with the sarcastic reproof:

"You'll never be a priest! You'd better go to shoemaking."

"Well, your reverence," said the witty candidate, "that will still leave me with the care of soles."

The future Cardinal's insight into Burnand's character was verified, although not in the direction of shoemaking, for he returned to comic journalism for which his caustic wit and "infinite humor" eminently fitted him.

"My sympathies," said the effervescent young woman, "are altogether with the dear Japanese."

"So are our hired girl's," responded the matron. "She believes all china should be eternally smashed."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Lord Aberdeen tells the following story of himself: He left London at midnight in a sleeping car for the North. In the morning when he was awakened he saw a stranger opposite him.

"Excuse me," said the stranger, "may I ask if you are rich?"

Somewhat surprised, his Lordship replied that he was tolerably well-to-do.

"May I ask," continued the stranger, "how rich you are?"

"Well, if it will do you any good to know," was the reply, "I suppose I have several hundred thousand pounds."

"Well," went on the stranger, "if I were as rich as you, and snored as loudly as you, I should take a whole car, so as not to interrupt the sleep of others."

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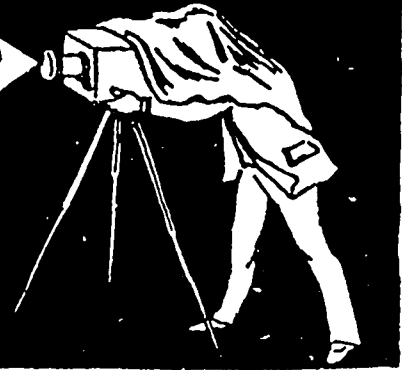


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By order,
J. H. BALDERSON,
Secretary,

Dep't. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 4th August, 1904.