

This and That

THE PARABLE.

James Wilson, the secretary of agriculture, has wit of a dry sort, which makes him one of the most popular cabinet members, says the Philadelphia Press.

Shortly after he assumed charge of his important department, Mr. Wilson made some changes in his office. Senators and congressmen came to protest, but all to no avail, because the secretary felt that what he was doing was in the interest of the public service. Finally one of the employees whose transfer had been ordered called upon the secretary. He said:

"Mr. Secretary, I am afraid that if you dispense with any more of our men it will impair the efficiency of this department. I considered it my duty to say this to you and to get your views."

For answer the secretary looked up at the ceiling and said:

"There was once a farmer in Iowa who had three fat cats. His barn was overrun with mice. One day he gave the three fat cats away and got one new cat—not so fat. He was never troubled with mice after that."—Ex.

When Andrew Jackson was chosen President of the United States, General Ogle was to present the congratulations of the army. General Ogle was a man who could handle his sword better than his pen; so he wrote out the congratulations and brought the paper to the office. A little man of a clerk, looking at the grizzly warrior, thought he would just adopt the position that these men are so fond of adopting, and he said, "General Ogle, it is not for me to give an opinion to such a brave, distinguished and great man as you are; but do you know it is a custom among educated people to write the first person singular personal pronoun with a large 'I'?" not a small one, as the General had done in his ignorance. The General drew himself up, and, looking fiercely at the dapper little clerk, said, "Sir, when I write to such a great man as Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, I abase myself, I use a small 'i'; but if I were to write to a little snipe like you, I would use an 'I' that would fill two pages of foolscap."—John Robertson.

THE GENIUS.

Opie Read tells of an attorney in Kentucky who was driving along the road one day when his horse shied and broke one of the shafts of the buggy. He was wondering what he should do when an old darkey came along. The darkey saw the trouble, went to the side of the road, cut a hickory switch and peeled it. With the peeling he bound the broken shaft together so that it was strong enough for the journey to be resumed.

DIDN'T LIKE IT.

Soon Found Why.

Coffee has a terrible hold on some people. "About 8 years ago I was a great sufferer from stomach trouble; my liver was all out of kilter and a wise doctor forbid tea and coffee. At that time I was so weak I could hardly walk, absolutely poisoned.

"One day I noticed Postum in the store and having read about it I bought a package and made some. I did not like it but tried it again and followed directions carefully. It was not long before I liked it better than any other drink and it has brought me out of all the old coffee troubles, too.

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The attorney gave the negro a coin and at the same time thanked him. "I would never have thought of mending it that way," he said. "I 'spect not," replied the darkey. "Some men is jest naturally smarter than others."—Ex.

THE MINISTER'S FAMILY.

At a conference of ministers of one of the smaller denominations across the water the question of the insufficiency of some of the salaries was being argued.

One brother who was stationed at a mission post made a strong plea for an increase in salary.

"To properly provide my family with the necessities," he said, "is a serious problem."

"How many children have you?" asked a sympathetic brother of the cloth.

"I have four boys and each one has a sister," was the prompt reply.

Immediately the sympathetic friend took the floor.

"How is it possible that our brother can provide even the barest necessities for his eight children?"

"I did not say I had eight children; the boys have the same sister."—Ex.

TOO FAST.

Henry Clews came down from Saratoga on the special a little time ago, when the bears were doing things to stocks on 'change. Mr. Clews was in a hurry. The train made its sixty miles an hour all right, but the financier thought it the slowest train on earth. He said so to the conductor. That dignitary as usual, took the remark as a personal insult. He didn't know the financier. "If you don't like the speed of this train, Mister," he said, "you can get out and walk." Mr. Clews was not crushed. He countered with this: "I would, only they don't expect me till this train gets in."—Ex.

RUBAIYAT OF INDOLENCE.

"It never pays to rustle much," said Lazy Ezra Fox, a sittin' round the corner on an empty cracker box. "I don't believe in stirrin' up a lot o' noise at all fer often too much energy'll bring about a fall. Now there's the flea—his energy jist gits him scratched to death. The hen that works too hard for worms is first to lose her breath. The pig that fights the hardest fer the corn throwed in the sty is first to fatten, first to sell and first to die. The horse that tries to do all soon works hisself to bones. The dog that does the barkin' is the one that gits the stones. No, sir, this workin' hard ain't right. I don't keer what they say. An hour or two of work's enough—say, ev'ry other day." And then he tilted 'gainst the wall his empty cracker box an' soon was snorin' reg'lar like—ole Lazy Ezra Fox.—Ex.

BOTH HANDICAPPED.

On one occasion Bishop Potter was a guest at the Storm King Club. After a comfortable dinner he sent a telegram to one of the officials of the New York Central Railroad, asking him to stop the night express at Storm station, on the opposite side of the river.

He drove down the mountain and hired a boatman to row him across. Arriving in good time, he and the boatman waited in the rowboat until the approaching train warned them to seek the station, only to see the train arrive, rush by, and disappear into the darkness.

The bishop was irritated. "Well," he said, "I am a bishop of the Episcopal Church, and I suppose my calling will not allow me to say anything."

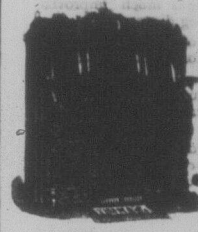
"Well," replied the boatman, "I am a Methodist and my principles will not let me say anything."—Ex.

A certain colonel was inspecting a batch of newly enlisted recruits, when he paused before one of them, and said sadly, "I say, my man, who cut your hair last?" The recruit simply gazed at him, and said, "Eh?" I want to know who cut your hair?" "Eh?"

Losing all patience, the colonel called out: "Here sergeant here's a man who doesn't understand English. See if you can find out who cut his hair." Looking severely at the man, the sergeant said: "Eh, man who cropped your turnip?" A ray of intelligence at last lit up the man's face as he said triumphantly, "My mother."—Sel.

Miss Gush—"Oh, Mr. Sappy, why weren't you up on the hill to see the sunset? It was simply perfect."

Cholly Sappy—"Yaas; sent my man up to it for me. He understands that soht of thing so much better y' know."



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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, excepting 6 and 24, which has not been homesteaded or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY. Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10.00 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES. A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of these years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If a settler has obtained a patent for his homestead, or a certificate for the issue of such patent, and owned by him in the manner prescribed by this Act, and has obtained entry for a second homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead.

(4) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land. The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township, or an adjoining or cornering township.

A settler who avails himself of the provisions of clauses (2), (3) or (4) must cultivate thirty acres of his homestead, or substitute twenty head of stock, with bullocks for their accommodation, and have besides 80 acres substantially fenced. Every homesteader who fails to comply with the requirements of the homestead law is liable to have his entry cancelled, and the land may be again thrown open for entry.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent, or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION. Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing land to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and minerals laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories.

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