

The Bootblack's Revenge.

Said Jim: "You had er quarrel with Nidsey, Billy?"

Billy admitted it, but announced that revenge was yet to come.

"Are you goin' ter fight him?"

"Not this time. I'm goin' ter stand aside of him when he's a-shinin' a gent, and when he's finished I'm goin' ter say, 'Shine, sir.'"

A Splendid Heathen.

The eminent non-conformist preacher of Birmingham, the Rev. R. W. Dale, D.D., as he advanced in years gave up the conventionalities of his profession, and avoided dress that would mark him as a clergyman. His complexion also grew swarthy, and this, with his lustrous eyes, gave him a conspicuously foreign appearance.

An old lady, who heard him preach at Surrey Chapel, and who for years had refused to contribute to foreign missions, at once became a regular contributor. When asked why, she said she had never thought much of missions before; but when she saw what the grace of God had done for that poor Hindoo, she could refuse to subscribe no longer.

Dr. Dale himself greatly enjoyed the story.

The Bicyclist's Lesson.

Doctor Mellrath and wife returned to Chicago last winter, having completed a three years' journey round the world on their bicycles. According to the report the streets were filled with people eager to witness their home-coming.

One of a group of persons who watched the scene from an upper window as the globe-trotters, escorted by hundreds of local cyclists, wheeled into view remarked:

"Well, there they come. Now I'd like to know what they have gained by that long ride, so full of hardships and privations."

"Did you see them when they rode away from here?" asked another.

"Yes."

"Did you notice they had dropped handlebars, and rode with a hump?"

"I think I did."

"Well, they're coming back with raised handlebars, and are sitting up straight. That was worth the trip, perhaps. They have learned how to ride a bicycle."

A Second-Class Passenger.

A station agent in New Jersey saw a man walking on the tracks of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. On his back he carried a huge package, apparently containing household utensils as well as clothes. He seemed tired, though he trudged sturdily on. He had not, however, acquired the veteran tramp's skill in walking on the ties, and his journey was evidently telling on his physical powers more than the same distance by the roadway would have done. The agent stopped him and ordered him off the track, telling him that he was liable to arrest for trespass, besides incurring the risk of being killed by a train. The man, who was a Hungarian, demurred and produced a railroad ticket, good from Jersey City, to Scranton, Pa. The agent looked at him in amazement, and asked him why he was walking when he might ride. The Hungarian replied that he thought the ticket gave him only the privilege of walking over the road. His right was explained to him, and the man delightedly boarded the first train that stopped. A singular mistake is often made by Christians who do not avail themselves of their privileges. They toil through life bearing their burdens of care despite the fact that God has undertaken to bear all their care for them.—*Christian Herald.*

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