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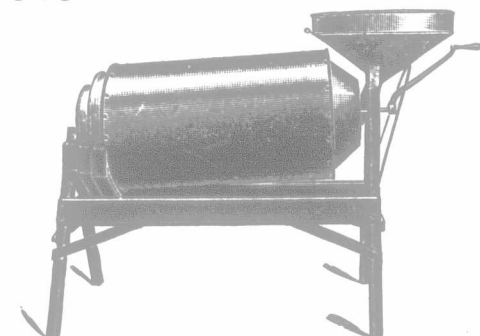
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Mr. T. H. S. Escott tells a good story of Bishop Wilberforce, of saponaceous fame.

"Bishop," said a little girl, nestling up to him, "why do they call you 'Soapy Sam'?"

"Because, my dear," said the Bishop, patting her head, "I am always getting into hot water, and always come out with my hands clean."

Joseph Jefferson used to tell a story of his visit to a village in the Catskill Mountains. He was taking a cup of tea in the hotel, when he heard a colored waiter giving a detailed account of legends. "Yes, sah," he continued, "Rip went up into de mountains, slep' for twenty years, and, when he came back hyar in dis berry town, his own folks didn't know him." "Why," said the listener, "you don't believe the story's true!" "True? Of course it is. Why," pointing at him, "dat's de man."

A Yankee passenger in a train the other day was wearying his fellow-travellers with "tall" stories, and remarked: "We can start with a twelve-story hotel this month, and have it finished by next."

This was too much for the burly Yorkshireman, who sat next to him. "Man, that's nowt," he replied. "I've seen 'em when I've been goin' to work just laying the foundation stone, and when I've been coming home at neet, they've been putting the folks out for back rent."

A clerkman, who had accepted an invitation to officiate at Sunday services in a neighboring town, entrusted his new curate with the performance of his own duties. On returning home he asked his wife what she thought of the curate's sermon.

"It was the poorest one I ever heard," she replied, promptly—"nothing in it at all."

Later in the day the clergyman, meeting his curate, asked him how he had got on.

"Oh, very well," was the reply. "I didn't have time to prepare anything, so I preached one of your unused sermons."

President Kruger's father was a shepherd, at least so the following anecdote denotes: "When President Kruger was last in England he received a visit from the Duke of Abercorn, in the course of which his grace informed 'Oom Paul' that he himself had been for years a member of the British Lower House, and that his father had been Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The president evidently considered that his guest's present rank was a great rise in life, for he exclaimed, hastily: 'Oh, that is nothing; my father was only a shepherd.'"

Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York, recently told the following story, illustrating how the barbaric instincts persevere in holding their place in the human heart, even though unencouraged.

"A professor in an eminent American university thought it wise to bring up his children without giving them any religious instruction and acquaintance with the Bible until they should reach the age of understanding. One of these children, a boy, of course, went up to the family garret to amuse himself one rainy day. Out of the rookery there he dug an extremely dusty and dilapidated volume and devoured a portion of its contents with the greatest possible interest and relish.

"After a time he came running to his mother bubbling over with delight and exclaimed: 'Oh, mummy, I found a great book up in the attic. It's chock full of fighting. I read all about a fellow called Moses that punched the heads of the Malakites, and there's lots more scrapping in it.'"

"What's the name of the book, Bobby?" his mother inquired.

"I think it's called the Holly Bibel," answered Bobby."



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