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Abe Martin

ABE MARTIN!—dad-burn his old picture!
P'tends he's a Brown County fixture—
A kind of a comical mixture

Of hoss-sense and no sense at all!
His mouth, like his pipe, 's allus goin',
And his thoughts, like his whiskers, is flowin',
And what he don't know ain't wuth knowin'—
From Genesis clean to baseball!

The artist, Kin Hubbard, 's so keerless He draws Abe most cycless and earless, But he's never yet pictured him cheerless

Er with fun 'at he tries to conecal,—
Whuther on to the fence er clean over
A-rootin' up ragweed er clover,
Skeered stiff at some "Rambler" er "Rover"
Er newfangled automobeelt

It's a purty steep elimate old Brown's in; And the rains there his ducks nearly drowns in The old man hisse'f wades his rounds in

As ca'm and serene, mighty nigh,
As the old handsaw-hawg, or the mottled
Mileh cow, or the old rooster wattled
Like the mnmps had him 'most so well throttled
That it was a pleasure to die.