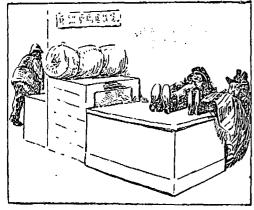




Tom RUSSELL (the porter).—Mary, I love you, I love you. One word from you can make me the happiest of men. Say that one sweet word, and raise me—



Bon Hubtle (the tramp).—Holy Moses!—this is gettin' too hot for me!



MARY. -Oh, Tom; this is so unexpected! But-yes!

THAT'S THE WAY OF IT.

He pitched his white tent in the wilds, Far from the human "set;"
And with a faith just like a child's
He said: "I'll get there yet."

He put him up a case of type, A hand-press and a "stick," And there, where screamed the owl and snipe, He made the letters "click."

They wondered what he was about When in the woods they found him; But when he get his paper out They built a town bround him.

RINEW HIS PLACE.

Harper's Magazine prints a story of an old Revolutionary soldier, a resident of Vermont, who never wearied of relating his own adventures, and who, as he grew older, seemed to grow more and more imaginative. One "yarn," of which he was particularly fond, had to do with a time when General Washington needed, for some reason, to send a despatch to General Lafayette. The trip was so peculiarly h.z.rdous that Wishington hesitated to order any one to undertake it. He stepped out in front of a line of men and asked for a volunteer. For a moment or two no one moved. "Then," the veteran Vermonter used to say, "I just stepped

cut three paces and tipped my hat, and said I, 'I'm your man, Mr. Washington.'"

He set out at once, and after many hair-breadth escapes, found General Lafayette and returned safely to camp. There he hastened to the "Mr. Washington's" tent and reported his errand accomplished. At this point in his story the old gentleman always waxed eloquent:

"The general he said he thought as how I was as plucky, and as able a man as he'd over see; and then he took off his sword and his belt, and he handed 'em to me, sayin' as how I was so much braver than him I'd earned the right to wear 'em instead of him. He thought as how I was so much more fitten for sich honor than him, an' he wanted me to take his place."

At this interesting point the narrator would stop and wait till some one asked, as some one always did:

"What did you say, Mr. L—?"

Then he would draw himself up to his full height and reply:
"I says to him, says I, 'Mr. Washington, you're a better eddicated man than I am; you keep 'em yourself."

After all, a man cannot contract a bad habit too much.

The value of a farm product is not always declining when it is on the wain.

"There's nothing like poached eggs," as the man said when he robbed his neighbor's hen house.

A potrified ham has been found in an Indiana field. This is the first supply of material for World's Fair sandwiches.

Clara—"Do you ever look under the bed for burglars?" Laura—"Not since I found a mouse there once."

Mother—"What does my little boy mean by telling a lie?" Bobby—"I didn't mean to tell a lie, but I couldn't think of the truth."

A Thieving storm—"This is a highway robbery," said Morrison Essex, as the heavy rains washed the road away from in front of his place.

"What's your son Josiar doin'?" said a neighbor to Farme' Begosh. "Wall," was the reply, "he thinks he's diggin' bait but he's makin' a garden."

Inquiring child—"Why do the papers call office-holders public servants?" Mother—"Because they are paid so much and do so little."

The Latest Intensifier—Wool: "I hear Bronson's marriage was a failure; is it true?" Van Pelt: "A failure? It was a regular peach crop."

Jumpupne..." Why did the Rev. Dr. Poundtext come east?"
Jumpupne..." He was chased out of the west for teaching the golden rule in a silver state."

In Sunday School—"Why should we say to Satan 'Get thee behind me!'?" asked the tracher. "So that we shall get ahead of him," returned the bright boy.

There are people who seem to have an idea that they attract attention in heaven for their piety every time they buy a dish of ice cream at a church festival.

The Boom was Over.—Capitalist; "How is that town you spoke to me about some months ago; is it laid out yet?" The Boomer: "Yes, indeed; stiffer than a mackerel."

First Drummer—"What noble animal do you think best represents our business?" Second Drummer—"Give it up." First Drummer—"Why the lie-on, of course."

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"George, dear, don't you think it's rather extravagant of you to eat butter with that delicious jam?" "No, love; economical. Same piece of bread does for both."

Vicar's wife—" Willie Smith, how is it you do not take off your hat when you meet me?" Willie—" Well, mum, if i take off my hat to you, what be I do when I meet t' parson?.'

Giglamp—"The cardinals wear red cloaks, do they not?" Knowitall—"Yes." "Well, suppose they have to keep the Papal bulls tied up when the cardinals are at the Vatican."

First Girl Graduate—"What did you think of my essay?" Second Girl Graduate—"Why, Margie, you looked just too sweet for anything." First Girl Graduate—"Oh, you dear!" They embrace on the spot.

"Oh, for the Wings of a Dove!"—Helen: "Just listen to that soprano! What good would the 'wings of a dove' do her? She must weigh 200 pounds." Jack: "Probably she wants them to trim a hat with."

Spacer—I believe that if Shakespeare were alive at the present time, and trying to live by his pen in New York, the comic papers would reject many of his best jokes.

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Better Unsaid—Friend (after tea): "Your little wife is a brilliantly handsome woman. I should think you'd be jealous of her." Host (confidentially): "To tell the truth, Simpkins, I am. I never invite anybody here that any sane woman would take a fancy to."

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