

"HONEST TOM GIDLEY."

How He was Elected to Office by a Tremendous Majority.

"Talk about your clever campaign dodges," said Judge Diffenderfer, as the crowd filed out from the latest political cat-fight at Platt's hall the other night—"why, these fellows don't know the first rudiments of catching on with the people."

"Don't, eh?" growled Mr. Botte, who was up for school director, and who had just been called a reprobate and corruptionist by four different speakers.

"No, sir," emphatically reiterated the judge. "They don't even understand human nature—these fellows don't. They think of resolutions and beer. Now there's Tom Gidley, of us. He understood a thing or two."

"Knew it all, I s'pose?" snapped doctor.

"Well, I'll just give you one continued Diffenderfer. "Tom was running for state treasurer a few years. He was nominated by a split of regulars, and, as usual with independent tickets, he hadn't one chance in a hundred of being elected. Now, what you think Tom did?"

"Sold out I s'pose," said the other crowd.

"Not much he didn't! Tom bought a whole gross of umbrellas."

"And gave 'em away to the voters?" "No, sir; far from it. He just round and turned 'em to people, pretending he'd borrowed 'em the last time before. Grasp the idea, don't you?"

"No, I'm blamed if I do."

"Why, it's plain enough. You see he was up for treasurer, and it impressed people with an idea that he was the most honest man in the state. The idea of a man's actually returning an umbrella was something stupendous. He was elected by 10,000 majority, and though he's got richer than a pork pie in office, they call him 'Honest Tom Gidley' to this day."

SHE WANTED MOTTOES.

And How Her Brute of a Husband Acted About It.

A gentleman whose wife had instructed him to purchase a few appropriate mottoes became inebriated and forgot just what was wanted of him. He had a confused notion that his wife's request was something in the way of sign cards, so he called upon a dealer and purchased quite a variety.

"I've got 'em (hic) my dear. He-he-he's a whole lot of nice un's," he said, as he triumphantly produced his package.

With a sigh over his maudlin condition, she opened the parcel and found the following: "Hands Off," "Your Choice for Five Cents," "Look Out for the Locomotive," "Keep off the Grass," "No Dogs Admitted," "Ham Sandwiches Ten Cents Each," "For Rent," "Oysters in All Styles."

Then the lady went down town and made her own selections and when her husband woke up one morning after a spree that cost him \$400, a placard stared him in the face from his bed-room wall, "Rum Did It," and when he turned over with a groan he noticed the warning, "Shun the Bowl." Shifting uneasily to the other side he caught sight of "Death in the Cup." He hasn't been drunk since.

The Doctor and the Landlord.

The late Dr. C., of Ashtabula, used in the early days to take long rides through the wilds of Ohio. One day he stopped at an old-fashioned tavern and called for dinner. Among the homespun dainties was a glass of whisky beside his plate, which he did not trouble. After dinner, when paying his bill, the landlord said:

"Twenty-five cents for whisky."

"Which I did not touch, and never do," said the Doctor.

"Well, it is there, and you could have had it," replied the landlord.

The doctor said no more, paid his bill and left.

Calling again not long after it was noticed that the Doctor, upon sitting down to dine, placed his medicine case upon the table. However, nothing was said at the time.

When he went to pay his bill he brought in \$1 for medicine and advice.

"But I have had no medicine," said the host.

"Very well," replied the Doctor, "it is on the table, and you could have had it; and I also gave you good advice all the while I was at table."

The nonplussed host squared his eyes.

Thousands are being cured of Catarrh every year with Hall's Catarrh Cure, that the doctors had given up and said could not be cured. 75 cents a bottle. Sold by George Rhyns, sole agent for Goderich.

A General Stampede.

Never was such a rush made for any Drug Store as is now at Wilson's for a Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. All persons afflicted with Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs, can get a Trial Bottle of this great remedy free, by calling at above Drug Store.

Stories about Animals.

A grey horse used by the St. Louis transfer company in one of the teams is a habitual tobacco chewer.

A terrier dog at Americus, Ga., has forsaken his home and taken up his lot with a herd of goats, refusing to associate with other canines.

Jealousy recently induced a large Berlin dog to attack a five year old boy. The boy was petting a new lap dog when the big dog jumped upon him and threw him down. The lap dog going to the boy's assistance was killed.

A novel fight occurred in a stable at Council Bluffs between a stallion and a bulldog. The fight lasted more than an hour, and was so furious that no one dared enter to interfere. After finally bruising the dog, the horse threw him out with his teeth.

W. B. F. Daniel of Dublin, Ga., was deer hunting recently. His dog caught a fawn. Daniel attempted to secure it, and the doe came to the rescue. He dropped the fawn to catch the mother, but after a desperate struggle she slipped from his grasp and got away.

At Branchville, N. J., one day a lady fed a common brook turtle that had approached her door. Thereafter the turtle paid frequent visits. This season the animal brought a mate with it, and the two made frequent excursions from the brook to the house to obtain food.

A fight between a toad and a large black spider was recently witnessed at Merrick, L. After each round the toad hopped to a plantain leaf, bit off a piece and then returned to the fray. After this had occurred several times the leaf was taken away and the toad, failing to find the leaf rolled over and died.

The distasteful odor of assafoetida that a Virginia lady had placed under the eaves of the porch as a disinfectant, drove away a wren that had just gone into house-keeping. For some days the bird and her mate were observed to be very busy, and it was soon discovered that they had removed their nest twig to the opposite side of the porch.

At a wayside inn in the south of France is a roasting jack moved by animal power. The dogs turn the machine working alternately. One day the dog whose proper turn it was being absent, the other was caught and put on the wheel. He flatly refused, however to work, and neither coaxing nor threats produced any effect. After some delay the missing dog was found and set to the task. After he had nearly completed the job, he was released and the first tried again, and the animal so lately recalcitrant now offered no opposition, and made the wheel revolve with a heavy goodwill till the roast was finished.

The blue jay is the wildest and most mischievous of wild birds. Near Knoxville, T., recently, one was seen to fly a large number of times to a high picket fence to attract a pair of kittens playing on the lawn. The kittens finally mounted the fence and began a cautious approach from picket to picket. The first kitten approached to within eighteen inches of the jay, which then hopped over between the two. The second kitten approached, the bird hopped over it. It turned, and the jay hopped back between. The first kitten approached again, and the jay hopped over it, and so kept it up till one kitten got disgusted and left, and the other followed soon after. Once or twice the jay tried to inveigle the kittens to another frolic, but failed.

Abie Simmons of Rosendale, N. Y., has a wonderful dog named Jack. Jack used to toss a silver piece placed upon his nose and turn round once and catch it in his mouth, but some one put a hot penny on his nose one day and thus spoiled the trick. In the winter time he is the dread of all the school children who have sleighs, for he will rush out when a boy is going along, grab the rope of the sleigh pull it away from the boy and run off as fast as he can go. Finally the boys combined against him. When Jack decides that he wants a sleigh or that he has the rope, he will jump up, turn a somersault and catch it in his mouth.

Art and Oil.

The Norfolk (Va.) Virginian of Jan. 16, 1881, refers to the remarkable cure effected by St. Jacobs Oil in the case of Prof. Cromwell, known the country over for his magnificent Art Illustrations—who had suffered excruciating tortures from rheumatism, until he tried the Oil, whose effects were magical.

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