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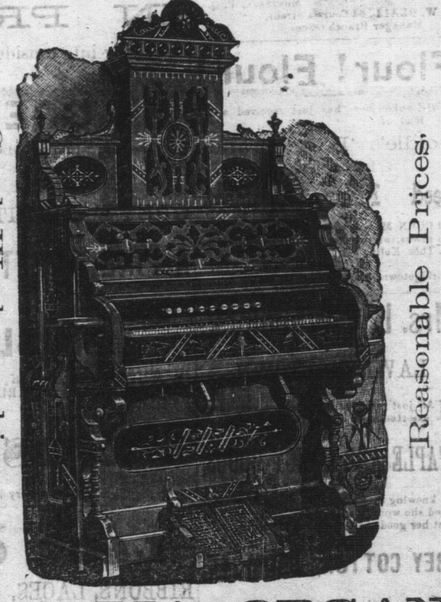

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The dew drop glows like a precious gem;
Beautiful tints in the skies are dawning,
But she's never a moment to look at them.

The men are wanting their breakfast early;
She must not linger, she must not wait;
For words that are sharp and looks that are surly
Are what the men give when the meals are late.

Oh glorious colors the clouds are turning,
If she would but look over hills and trees;
But here are the dishes, and here is the churning,
Those things always must yield to these.

The world is filled with the wine of beauty,
If she could but pause and drink it in;
But pleasure, she says, must wait for duty—
Neglected work is committed sin.

The day grows, and her hands grow weary;
Oh, for an hour to cool her head,
Out with the birds and winds so cheery!
But she must get dinner and make her bread.

The busy men in the hay field working,
If they saw her sitting with idle hand,
Would call her lazy, and call it shirking,
And she never could make them understand.

But after the strife and weary tussle
When life is done, and she lies at rest,
The nation's brain and heart and muscle—
Her sons and daughters shall call her blest.

And I think the sweetest joy of heaven,
And the rarest bliss of eternal life,
And the fairest crown of all will be given
Unto the way-worn farmer's wife.

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The Mistake about Hamp See.

'Hamp See a dunce. Well, maybe so; but after what I've seed, it 'ud take a smarter schoolmaster than you to make me think so.'

It was old Riley Vaughn who spoke, and although old Riley had no education, his hard sense and sound judgment were respected by all the men who sat there in the village post office waiting for the mail. He had grown prosperous by dint of hard work and good judgment, and his neighbors were accustomed to ask for and respect his opinion.

'I did not say precisely that, Mr. Vaughn, replied Mr. Penruddock the schoolmaster. 'I only said that my best efforts to educate the boy were rendered futile and nugatory by reason of his inexplicable inability to grasp and retain so simple a thing as the accidence of the Latin verb.'

'That means in plain English, that he ain't got no grip on what you teach him, don't it?' asked Riley.

'Yes, that's what I mean,' replied the schoolmaster, with something like a shudder at old Riley's English. 'But I will make an honorable exception in the matter of mathematics. He seems instinctively to grasp arithmetical principles.'

'Yes,' drawled out old Riley; 'one o' your boys told me Hamp could figure out how long it 'ud take fur a cistern to get full if there was three pipes o' different sizes runnin' into it, an two others o' still different sizes runnin' out.'

'Yes, he is expert in the practical applications of arithmetic; and yet in arithmetic his standing is not good, he also seems incapable of mastering the exact terms of the formulae and rules.'

'Well, now, look here,' said old Riley, rising and striking the counter with his big fist; 'it just comes to this here, the boy ain't got no grip on idees and principles, an' it's my belief that's the inside o' sense. I don't want to be unnecessarily offensive, but you an' all schoolmasters like you ought to teach parrots. They don't want no idees; they just want the words, an' that's your notion o' learnin.' That's the trouble o' this country down here; men learn words an' kin make speeches, but they can't do nothin.' Now I've seed that boy Hamp See do what nary a man in this county can do I bought the first reapin' machine as was ever seed in these parts, an' when it come it was all to pieces an packed in boxes. I sent one arter another for all the blacksmiths an' wheelwrights an' carpenters hereabouts to set the thing up, an' I'm blest ef one of 'em could make out which end 'o the the thing was foremost. Not one of 'em could put any two pieces together. That 'ere boy hung around all the time, with his forred creased up like, an' finally he say to me, says he 'Mr. Vaughn, let me try.' Well, says I, 'try; an ef you git her together I've got a five dollar bill fur you.' Maybe you won't believe it, but afore noon that very day that 'ere reaper was cuttin' wheat like a doz'n men. The boy just seed right inter the thing. Now, I say, ef he's a dunce, the sooner most people in these parts lose their senses the better it'll be fur all concerned.' And with this parting shot old Riley stalked indignantly out of the post office.

Nothwithstanding all that Riley could say, however, public opinion was against Hamp See. It was certain he was dull in his lessons. He could not keep up with Mr. Penruddock's classes, and instead of studying his Latin verbs, he was perpetually interrupting the school by asking the teacher to explain things like thunder and lightning, and the presence of shells and rocks on the mountains, and the curious ways plants had of taking care of themselves—things which had no relation to the work of the school.

It was agreed that Riley Vaughn could not know anything about education, because he was not educated himself. It was even said—and this came to Riley's ears—that he was prejudiced against education. Even Hamp's mother was discouraged. Hamp was always 'pottering,' she said, when he should be attending to his books.

'Why,' she said, 'he's been fooling with a spring on the hill back of the house the whole season through. He's laid pipes to bring the water down here, and now, he's turning the whole house into a mill' Then she would show her visitor what Hamp had done. He had constructed an ingenious water wheel with which to make the most of the power afforded by the spring, and had set at a variety of tasks. A stretch of line shafting passed under the floor of the house, add belts were passed through the floor to the churn and sewing machine, and even the sausage chopper could be attached at will 'I don't deny that it's handy, and makes work,' said his mother. 'And now he's made a sort of fan in the dining room, and has set that going, too, so that it keeps the flies off the table. If we had a baby in the house I believe he'd make the water rock the cradle. Mr. Penruddock is in despair and says he don't know what to make of the boy.'

The summer proved to be a dry one, and the gardens especially suffered for want of water. When the people began to complain, Hamp had an idea. He always had an idea when an emergence arose. He went into his mother's garden and worked all day, digging a trench down the middle and making little trenches at right angles to the main one, so that each bed was surrounded by them and the larger beds crossed as well. He was very careful to keep all these trenches on on level. When he had finished he laid a drain from his water wheel to the main trench, so that the waste water, after turning the wheel, was carried into the garden and emptied into the trench.

Little by little the main trench filled; then the water trickled into the smaller trenches, and as the spring from which it came was a never-failing one, the garden was supplied with water throughout the dry, hot summer, and such a garden was not to be seen anywhere that season.

People said that Hamp See certainly was rather a handy sort of a boy; but they were sure to add, 'It's a pity he's so dull.'

One day old Riley Vaughn was offering extravagant prices for horses, mules or ox teams to haul stone. He had taken a contract to supply from his quarry the stone for the railroad bridge over Bush run, and now the time for delivery was close at hand, and no teams could be had. All the horses were at work on the crops, and it began to appear that old Riley must either lose money on the contract by hiring horses at ruinous prices, or forfeit the contract itself. He tried in every direction to get mules and waggons, offering twice the usual wages, but still could get very few. He was in real trouble, with a loss of several thousands threatening him.

One day Hamp who knew what great trouble Riley was in, went down to the creek, and cutting several twigs, began seting them up at a short distance from each other and sighting over them. The few teamsters who were at work watched him curiously, but could not make out what he was doing. He went up the creek with his sticks, moving one of them at a time, and always carefully sighting from one to another, or rather one over another to a third. In this way he worked up to the quarry, which was immediately on the creek, nearly a mile above the point where the bridge was to be. When he had done he walked back, examining the bank as he went. Then he presented himself before Riley Vaughn.

'Mr. Vaughn,' he said, 'I've an idea that I think will help you in your present difficulty.'

'Will it hire teams to haul stone?' asked Riley.

'No; but it will enable you to haul stones without teams.'

'If it will— Well, let me hear what it is,' said Riley, changing his purpose while speaking.

'Raft the stones down.'

'Now look here, Hamp See,' said old Riley, 'I've stood up fur you, and said you wasn't no dunce when everybody else said you was; but this here looks as if they was right an' I was wrong. How in natukin I raft stone down a creek that ain't got more'n six inches of water in it, a bubblin' round among the stone of the bottom?'

'Well, you see,' said Hamp, 'I've leveled up from here to the quarry, and there's only two feet fall, or a little less, and the banks are nowhere less than five feet high; so, as there's a good deal more water running down in a day than anybody would think, it's my notion to build a temporary dam just below the bridge—you've enough timber and plank here to do it in two hours' work of your men—building it say six feet high, there where the banks are closest together. Before noon to-morrow the water will rise to the top of the dam and run over. When it does, you'll have six feet of water here and four at the quarry, and your men can float the raft down as fast as they are loaded.'

'How do you know there's only two foot fall?' asked Riley eagerly.

'I've levelled it,' answered Hamp.

'That means you figgered it out with sticks?'

'Yes.'

'And are you sure you're got the right answer? asked the old man, wild with eagerness.

'Perfectly sure. You see, it's simple. I plant my sticks——'

'Never mind about how you do it. I can't understand that if you do explain it; but look me in the eyes, boy. This thing means thousands o' dollars to Riley Vaughn ef you've got your answer right. I kin understand that much; an' ef you've worked out this big sum right fur me I'll choke the first man that says you're a dunce just 'kase you don't take kindly to old Penruddock's chatterin' sort o' larnin'. I'll do it, or my name ain't Riley Vaughn, an' that's what I've been called for nigh onto 55 years now.'

Old Riley was visibly excited. He called all his men to the place selected and set them to work building the dam, while Hamp looked on and occasionally made a suggestion for simplifying the work. The dam was finished at three o'clock in the afternoon, and by six the water had risen two and a half feet, while the back water was past the quarry.

'There!' said Hamp, 'that proves my work. The water is level, of course, as far up as back water shows itself, and we have six inches at the quarry and two feet six inches at the dam; so that the fall is two feet,'

'It looks so,' said Riley, who was also eagerly watching the rise of the water. The workman had gone home, all convinced that this attempt to back the water a mile up the creek was the wildest foolishness; but old Riley and Hamp waited and watched.

'It doesn't rise so fast now,' said Riley, later on.

'That's because it has a larger surface, but it still rises, and the surface, won't increase much more now, as there's a steep place just above the quarry, and it can't back any further up.

The two waited and watched. Midnight came and the measurement showed 3 feet 6 inches at the dam. Still they waited and watched. At six o'clock in the morning the depth was four feet two inches. Then Riley sent a negro boy to his house with orders to bring back a big breakfast for two.' At seven the breakfast arrived, and the measurement showed four feet three and a half inches.

'It's risin' faster again,' said Biley.

'Yes; the water is climbing straight up the bluff banks now, and not spreading out as it rises,' answered Hamp.

At nine the depth was four feet eight and a half inches, and the men at the quarry had a raft ready and were beginning to load it. Ten o'clock brought four feet eleven inches of water, and at noon there was four inches over five feet.

'I've missed it a little,' said Hamp. 'I said the water would run over the dam by noon, but it has still eight inches to rise before doing that.

'Well, that sort of a miss don't count,' said Riley. 'You've worked the sum out right, anyhow, an' the water's deep enough for raftin' an' still risin'. I'll go over the dam in two or three hours more an' I'll do what I said; I'll choke any man as says John Hampden See's a dunce or anything like it. An' that ain't all,' said the old man, rising and striking his fist in the palm of his hand. 'They've been sayin' that old Riley Vaughn didn't valley eddication; now I'll show 'em. I'm a-goin'ter build Vaughn & See's foundry an' agricultoral implement factory right down the creek there, an' put a big lot of improved machinery in it; an' I'm a-goin to send my partner, John Hampden See, off next week to get the rest of his eddication as is good for him—not a lot 'o words, but principles an' facts. You tell your mother you're a-goin' to New York right away' boy, an' at old Riley Vaughn's goin' to foot all the bills outen your share in the cousin factory. You'll study all sorts o' figgern' work an' machine principles in the big school at New York what's called the School o' Mines, an' then you'll go to the big factories an' things.'

This scheme was carried out. Hamp spent three years in study, and returned an accomplished mechanical engineer. He went into the foundry as old Riley's partner and his work has been to improve machinery and processes. The firm own many things now on patents of his invention, and the foundry is the centre of a prosperous region in which John Hampden See is an especially honored and respected citizens.

Horace Greeley on Wines.

George William Curtis, in his recent address at the seventy-eight annual dinner of the New England Society, told the following characteristic anecdote of Horace Greeley:

I remember many years ago when I was one of a group of young writers upon the *Tribune* and Mr. Greeley was an ardent temperance reformer that a vigorous article appeared one morning urging young men to avoid the tempter in whatever form he might appear, whether as punch or bitters, as sherry or Madeira, as hock or claret, as Heidsieck or champagne. The young writers—who were not ardent temperance reformers—greeted Mr. Greely uproariously when he appeared at the office, and with infinite glee pointed out to him that Heidsieck was not a different wine but only a particular brand of champagne. As the laugh rang round the room Mr. Greely, who, as his opponents usually found, was quite able to hold his own, leaned with his shoulder against the wall looking benignly at the laughing chorus, after it became quiet he said: 'Wal boys, I guess I'm the only man in this office that could have made that mistake,' and then added, 'It don't matter what you call him, champagne or Heidsieck, or absinthe, he's the same old devil.''

NO PAINT OR THAT CHEEK.—Rouging fifty years ago was much more uncommon than it has since become, and there were straight-laced people who considered it a heinous offence. On this account it was that bets ran high at Leamington one season among Miss ——'s friends that the lovely blush which mantled her cheek was of nature's own bestowing. To end the controversy, which was becoming exciting, one gallant gentleman, less timid than the rest, proposed to ask the beauty for a proof that would settle the dispute In an unfortunate moment, and perhaps trembling at his own temerity, he said:

'Miss ——, do you paint?'

'Bring me a glass of water,' the siren said sweetly,' and you shall see.'

The water was brought, and she handed him a spotless cambric handkerchief.

'Now, dip that in the water, and rub it on here,' she proceeded, presenting him a peachy cheek so temptingly near that his heart stood still as he gently and deprecatingly chafed it.

'Now look at the handkerchief,' she said, somewhat sternly.

It was spotless as before.

'Are you satisfied? she demanded, more sternly yet.

'Yes,' quavered he, 'I am satisfied.'

'And so am I,' said the insulted beauty, as she dashed the water in his face.—*Bird O Freeman.*

Bible Statistics.

A CURIOUS DISSECTION OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT.

The following is a curious dissection of the old and new testaments, showing the number of books chapters, verses, words letters, etc.

In the old testament, the books number 39, chapters 929, verses 23,214, words 592,439, letters 2,728,100.

In the New Testament—Books 27, chapters 260, verses 7,959, words 281,258, letters 833,380.

Total books 66, chapters 1,189, verses 31,173, words 773,697, letters 3,566,480.

Apocrypha—Chapters 183, verses 6,081, words 152,185.

The middle chapter and the least in the bible is Psalm cxvii.

The middle verse is the 8th of Psalms cxviii.

The middle line is in 16th verse, 4th chapter, 2 Chronicles.

The word 'and' occurs in the old testament 35,543 times, in the new testament 10,684 times.

The word 'Jehovah' occurs 6,855 times.

Of the old testament, the middle chapter is Job xxix. The middle verse would be in the 2nd of Chronicles, 20th chapter, between the 17th and 18th verses. The least verse is the 1st of Chronicles. 1st chapter and 1st verse.

Of the new testament, the middlebook is Thesalonians. The middle chapter is between the 13th and 14th of Romans. The middle verse is the 17th of Acts xvii. The shortest verse is the 35th of John xi.

The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet.

The 19th chapter of 2nd Kings, and the 37th of Isaiah, are alike.

It is stated that the above calculation took three years to complete.

—A canine at Bridgeport, Conn, has learned the art of skating. The skates are made of celluloid, quite light, and small enough to fit the dog's feet. After they are adjusted by its master the dog starts out with different movements until a signal is given, when he rises and skates on his hind legs, giving the Dutch roll and other movements with quite a waggish air. Afterward he drops upon his fore legs and skates with his back ones elevated.

'What shall we tesch our boys?' Teach them to be better than you are; teach them to be honest, sincere, unselfish and above all things, to be pure. Teach them that there is no sex in morals, and but one standard of right for both sexes; that purity is as essential to true manhood as to full womonhood; that impurity will damn a man as effectually as it does a woman; that unclean language is as hateful in a boy as in a girl, and ruinous in either. Give them a common school education, besides, into which these teachings are not apt to enter; and you may be suse that your boys will reverence you when you are laib too low to longer show your honest pride in them.

An exchange says, mush has become a popular dish in society. Nothing seems to take in society like something soft.

The author of the song 'Why did they Dig Pa's grave so deep,' evidently did not live in the vicinity of a medical college.