

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

Farmer—Do you think that new barn will hold together in a hard wind? Contractor—Oh, yes; I think it will all right, after it's painted.

"How did it happen that your house was not blown away by that hurricane last week?" said a scientific observer who was following the track of a tornado, to a farmer whose house lay right in the line of destruction. "I don't know," replied the farmer, "unless it's because there's a heavy mortgage on it."

POLITENESS.

Are you quite comfortable, dear? Yes, love. The cushions are easy and soft? Yes, darling. And there is no draft at all? No, dearest. Then change seats with me, will you?

Little Annie Wade was hearing her Sunday-school teacher giving a temperance lesson the other Sunday. "Liquor is very bad for little babies," said the teacher. "Well," Annie replied, "Father buys liquor for the lambs in springtime, and if it is good for little lambs it ought to be good for little babies."—O. A. C. Review.

Once at a dinner, Henry Ward Beecher told his sister, Mrs. Stowe, that her "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had been translated into Italian by a monk; that a letter full of adulation had been received from him in which he stated that if he could kiss the woman who wrote the book he could die happy.

Mr. Beecher then added: "Well, I sent him a picture of you, Harriet, and nothing has been heard of him since."

The late Senator Elkins used to tell a story of Bige Brown.

Bige, he explained, lived in Elkins. Meeting him one day in the main street, the Senator said:

"Bige, do you know of anybody that's got a horse for sale?"

Bige, chewing gum, gave the Senator a patronizing smile.

"Well, Senator," he said, "I guess Bill Hurst has. I sold him one yesterday."

A Southern lawyer tells of a case that came to him at the outset of his career, wherein his principal witness was a darkey named Jackson, supposed to have knowledge of certain transactions not at all to the credit of his employer, the defendant.

"Now, Jackson," said the lawyer, "I want you to understand the importance of telling the truth when you are put on the stand. You know what will happen, don't you, if you don't tell the truth?"

"Yassir," was Jackson's reply; "in dat case I expects our side will win de case."

Two miserable-looking hoboos called on the dean of a medical college and proposed that he purchase their bodies for the dissecting room, as they were on the verge of starvation and had not long to live.

"It is an odd proposition," hesitated the dean.

"But it is occasionally done," suggested the spokesman, eagerly.

"Well," said the dean, "we might arrange it. What price do you ask?"

"Over in New York," replied the spokesman, "they gave us \$40."

Paul Withington, the Harvard coach, was praising the milder football of 1910.

"Football in the '90's was a terrible game," said Mr. Withington. "Bourget, you know, devoted a whole chapter of 'Outre Mer' to its horrors. Some of the stories of the football of '90 or '91 are, in fact, almost incredible.

"A Philadelphia sporting editor returned one November Saturday from West Philadelphia with a pale, frightened face.

"Many accidents at the game?" a police reporter asked him.

"One frightful accident," replied the sporting editor. "A powerful mule from a neighboring coal dealer's entered the field, blundered into one of the hottest scrimmages, and got killed."

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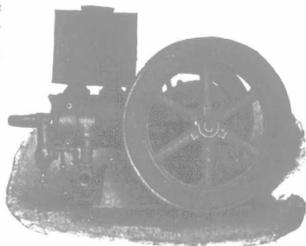
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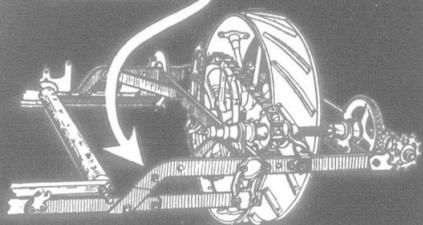
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