

Painted Himself.

"I thought you were working on John Thomas's new house," said the house-painter's friend.

"I was going to," replied the house-painter, "but I had a quarrel with him, and he said he'd put the paint on himself."

"And did he do it?"

"Yes, that is where he put most of it."

Respect for the Law.

This story was told by Judge PENNYPACKER, in beginning a response to a toast at a Pennsylvania-German banquet in Philadelphia. The story, he said, showed the readiness of the Pennsylvania Dutchman to obey those in authority.

In 1864 Sheridan, under order, burned every barn from a valley above Staunton to a certain point below Winchester. A band of angry rebels followed this raid, waiting for a chance to pick up the stragglers. Among others who fell into their hands was a little Pennsylvania Dutchman, who quietly turned to his captors and inquired:

"Yat you fellows going to do mit me?"

The reply came short and sharp:

"Hang you."

"Yell," he said, meekly, "vatever is de rule."

His good-natured reply threw the Confederates into a roar of laughter and saved his life.

The Commandment With Promise.

A few evenings ago, as we were passing through the Union Station in this city, we met a fine young man, son of a deceased Presbyterian minister, in company with his aged mother. Pausing to talk with him for a few moments, we asked: "Are you married yet?" "O, no," said he; and then, pointing to his mother with a touch of pride in his voice, he added: "This is my sweet-heart." Somehow we suddenly felt things growing brighter all around us. Blessings on such a young man! God certainly has something good in store for him.—Nashville Advocate.

A Queer Will.

A wealthy Russian died not long ago, and his heirs could find no will. One day a young man, seeing a graphophone in the library, put into it what he supposed to be the record of a song. The words which came forth were those of the missing will in the dead man's voice. The will thus curiously recorded has been submitted to the courts.

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