

and many a time we are inclined to give our work a hoist for a few days, but then all at once it dawns on our minds that we have an obligation to fulfil and a polite request is handed us from our printer for our MSS. Oh! horror, yes, come to collect ourselves we really find that the time has stolen a march on us and that we must knuckle right down to work. With an automatic movement we reach for our scissors, but only to find that in our absence some one has either taken the lend of them, or what is worse, probably intended to play a joke on us. Baffled in this instance we have no other choice left us but to write up some original matter, whereas, if we only had our scissors back, oh how we would feel like using them. Now if we only had something sensational to relate, but of course we are not in that line of business, but stick to our subject, it is all about stamps, yes stamps, stamps, collectors away from home, no letters arriving, sultry evening; ice all melted in our pitcher, oil low in our lamp, getting fidgetty, restless, in fact all up in a heap, so we will just carry out our first intention that of giving it a hoist.

#### A CONTEMPORARY says :

A horse pulled the plug out of a bung-hole and slaked his thirst. As the horse could not have slaked his thirst without pulling the plug out of the bung-hole of the barrel, there is nothing extraordinary in the occurrence, Now, if the horse had pulled the barrel out of the bung-hole and slaked his thirst with the plug, or if the barrel had pulled the bung-hole out of the plug and slaked his thirst with the horse, or if the bung-hole had pulled the thirst out of the horse, and slaked

the plug with the barrel, or if the barrel had pulled the horse out of the bung-hole and plugged his thirst with the slake there might have been cause for an argument about it. But none of these things seems to have occurred.

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