

learned body of scientists required a deputation to locate and report upon certain strata in Labelle county. And the members of this honorable body cogitated and resolved among themselves as to the selection of two capable men; and at last the society in its wisdom selected two who have charm and grace of language wherewith to fascinate and attract. And behold these two youths hied themselves to the distant village of Ancient Ham where they presented their credentials and were received by the good people of that place. And for them the fatted calf was killed and a great multitude came to receive them. And in that village they waited not for the gladsome sound of the dinner bell for the proverb hath it — "Stand not upon the order of your

going," but with jocund glee they hastened to the dining room of the good man of the place. And thus they feasted for a whole day and a whole night. And morning arose. And the justice of the good people was sorely tried by the conduct of such men. At last the mightiest man of the village arose and spoke to the people "Must ye even bring others from another city." "By me halidom 'tis monstrous our treatment," quoth the older philosopher. And they with tears and farewells betook themselves home to a village higher up the river where there was a learned Sanhedrim. And the good man who looks after absentees met the older offender and demanded explanations. And forthwith these two youths were severely reprimanded.

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