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## LITERATURE.

### THE DONATION PARTY AT WILLOWBROOK.

So many confused and contradictory rumors have been circulated about that last donation party that I (who have heard the whole story from my friend and neighbor Miss Mix) would like to give the world a plain, unvarnished account of the whole festivity.

Let me, then, introduce my informant, Miss Melissa Mix, spinster, owning to forty, moderately well-endowed with this world's goods, house-keeper and care-taker for her only brother Ralph, some years her senior both of them prominent members of the Willowbrook church—and thus heralded, she shall tell you the story she told me.

"Of course we can't give our minister much of a salary, you know, Miss Harwood; but we've always calculated to get a man whose heart wasn't set on filthy lucre, as the Postle says.

"I must own we hadn't had much success, for you would believe it? out of five candidates that preached here the year we built the church, not one was willin' to stay and do the Lord's work.

"Why, there's only about sixty families in our church, and it was settled that first winter that six dollars a family would be a fair tax, makin' nigh on four hundred a year, you see; yet it's wonderful what trouble we've had to get a pastor.

"Brother Ralph thought that maybe if we had a parsonage it would help us; so he and the other trustees bought that nice little cottage where Miss Gray used to live, with a whole lot of land belongin' to it; but, law! 'twas 'n' of no use; none of 'em staid the year out; and I was clean discouraged.

"When Mr. Ormsby came, nigh on three years ago, he seemed more reasonable than the rest, though he asked if we couldn't furnish part of the parsonage for him, as they was only new beginners, and hadn't much 'hojakeepin' stuff.

"Well, the ladies was so well pleased with him that they took right hold of the work (he was to come back in a fortnight) and got lots of things together.

"There was a handsome pine cushion made for each of the bedrooms—there's three on 'em in the house—and a half dozen tidies for the parlor, and a case for his shavin' paper, and all sent in first week.

"You've heard him preach, Miss Harwood, and you know how interesting he was, and what a beautiful reader and singer too. Why, I declare I took real comfort goin' to church and sittin' under such preachin'; and so we all did, I'm sure.

"But I was tellin' you about what we gave him. Well, Deacon Stiles's daughter Sally made a drawin' of the church, and framed it in pine cones, to hang in Mr. Ormsby's study, and the deacon he sent us a cookin' stove out of his own kitchen. He'd just bought a new one for Miss Stiles, and he come over and put it up himself, which I thought was uncommon kind.

"Then we took up a contribution to buy some furniture, but ready money was scarce just then, so we only raised enough to get a pair of chiny vases and an inkstand.

"But Silas Hart, that sold 'em to us, was one of our members, so he threw in a chiny dog for the baby, and a match-box for the parson's wife.

"Miss Jones and Uncle Midian sent in a new painted bedstead and a kitchen table, and so I told Ralph I'd give 'em a couple of kitchen chairs and our cradle, the one we both rocked in. So I did, and I pieced a real handsome little quilt for the cradle, a sunflower pattern, all out of spick and span new calico-tee.

"Well, it's 'most too too bad to tell, but Mandy Jones, who went to help Miss Ormsby get to rights, told me that she did not dreadful, and not a bit becomin' a minister's wife.

"She went all round the house lookin' as if she was ready to cry, and at last she sot down in the parlor on her trunk, and began to laugh at the vases and the inkstand, and then wound up by findin' fault with the stove, which she said looked as if it came out of the ark.

"I've always thought she made her life and discontent, for Mr. Ormsby was such a meek, quiet, unselfish man that he never would have made any trouble if she hadn't been always complainin' and puttin' him up to grumble.

"But I'm wanderin' off from my

story—I started to tell you about the donation party. You see the first year we got along splendid with it, and I must say I never saw a better tea-table spread than we set that night for Miss Ormsby.

"But that woman never could be satisfied, and she said afterward that it wouldn't take more than two such parties to ruin any family!

"It seems she found fault because we all staid to tea with 'em, just as if we hadn't a right to our tea after bein' in all the victuals for it.

"But I don't know as Aunt Betsy did do exact right, for she took Miss Ormsby's preserves to put on the table, and they were all eat that night, and I s'pose that put her out some.

"Well, as I was sayin', the second year come round, and it was read out in meetin' that the donation party would be given the next Friday.

"Mr. Ormsby read the notice, and then he looked all around and cleared his throat two or three times, as if he had somethin' pertickler to say, but after waitin' a minute he changed his mind and sat down.

"I thought he acted kinder queer, but I was quite taken up with noticin' Miss Ormsby. She got as red as could be, and when meetin' was dismissed she jest hurried out as if she didn't want any one to speak to her.

"Well, Friday came, and by three o'clock we were mostly all at the parsonage. Mr. Ormsby looked dreadful sober, more as if it was a funeral than a merry-makin', I must say; but his wife was awful. She was jest as huffy and short as she could be with every one, and she went and locked the study door and put the key in her pocket right before us all, as if she was afraid we'd touch some of Mr. Ormsby's papers or books.

"Bimeby we began to think about settin' the table; so Aunt Betsy, Mandy Jones, and I went out in the kitchen to unpack the contributions. There was some pertaters and turnips (them we put in the sullen), a piece of corned beef, two or three biled hams, a pot of butter, some apple sassa, a bit of cheese, and such a lot of biscuits it would have taken all night to count 'em.

"I began to be scaut when we took out panful after panful of biscuit and no cake to speak of. At last we came to Miss Jones's basket, and there we found 'lection cake, as well as a great batch of molasses cookies.

"I was glad enough I'd sent pound-cake and crullers; but somehow when the table was ready, there was more biscuits on it than any thing else, though we did the best we could.

"Mr. Johnson sent tea and coffee from his store, besides sugar and crackers; and Amos Hull he brought a bag of nuts and some apples for the young folks after supper, he said.

"There was so many there that we had to divide 'em in three lots, the dinin'-room bein' small; and it was 'most seven o'clock when they got through eatin'.

"Aunt Betsy staid with me to clear up some; and I thought I never should get all the biscuits put away, for they 'most filled the pantry.

"For all there had been so many eaten, yet there was piles and piles left, and as Aunt Betsy said, they wouldn't need to bake for a month to come.

"It happened so that I didn't go out much the week after the donation party, but the second Sunday after, I started off good and early for church, and as I turned the corner by the parsonage, I saw something that 'most took my breath away.

Every one of them sharp-pointed pickets round the house and garden had a good biscuit stick right atop of it! Yes, Miss Harwood, just as sure as you live, there was Aunt Betsy's nice raised biscuits—I could tell her by the shape—and Miss Hull's rukes, and Miss Stiles's soda biscuits, and every one of 'em wasted in that shameful way.

"Well, I stood and looked—I hadn't the strength to move—and pretty soon some of the ladies came along and jined me; and there we all stood till the last bell began to ring takin' the matter over, and feelin' pretty mad, I can tell you.

"Mr. Ormsby had a good sermon that day, but I could hardly hear a word, my mind was so full of the biscuits.

"Miss Ormsby wasn't there, and as soon as the last hymn was sung, he got up and said that he had had a call from a church in the far West, and that he had made up his mind that it was his duty to accept it. He went on to say that he would like to

go that same week, and then, without so much as tellin' us that he was sorry to leave us, or offerin' to wait until we could get some one else, he gave the benediction and dismissed us.

"I can tell you there was talk enough when we got out that mornin' and some of the folks thought we ought to 'pint a committee to ask Miss Ormsby about it, but brother Ralph said, 'No, if they was goin', let 'em go peaceable'; so they all agreed to say nothin' at all.

"We heard afterward from little Johnny Hall, who was playin' near the parsonage late on Saturday afternoon, that Mr. Ormsby he brought the biscuits out in a big basket, and then Miss Ormsby she helped him to sick them on the pickets, and she laughed all the time as if it was a good joke.

"I don't want to judge any body, but I never did think that woman was fit for a minister's wife, and I don't think so now.

"Well, they moved off, bag and baggage, on Wednesday of that week, and we've never heard from Mr. Ormsby since, and I don't know as we want to, seein' he hurt our feelin's so, though we've never found as good a preacher as he was, and never will."

And this was Miss Melissa's story.—Mrs. E. T. CORNERT, in Harper's Magazine for November.

### The Burial Case.

In 1848 there lived at South Shields (England) a laboring man named Dickson, a native of the village of Coniscliffe, near Darlington. He was afflicted with paralysis, which for some years had crippled his limbs, and deprived him of the use of the left side of his body. One day, as he was slowly crawling along the street, he met with an elderly, well-dressed man, who stated that he was a physician from Edinburgh, and he, on hearing of Dickson's case, advised him to return to his native village, and have himself covered up with earth, which operation would cure him. The poor fellow, nothing doubting, dragged himself on foot to Coniscliffe, where he persuaded an old acquaintance to assist him in temporarily burying himself. They proceeded to the Tossie-side, where Dickson's friend, with a spade, dug a hole in the ground, in which the patient was to lie for four hours. Dickson stretched himself in the excavation, with his head only at the outside, and soil was heaped upon him to the depth of two feet. At the expiration of a quarter of an hour the patient broke out into a perspiration, and an intense pain at the same time attacked his left side, loin and leg. Notwithstanding the agony he endured, he remained thus till the expiration of the allotted time. The man who buried him, seeing him turn "black in the face," and fearing he should die, would have released him sooner, but Dickson would not consent. The sick man, when the time was taken off an active step, cured of his disease. This remedy for sickness is an old one; and Dampier, the voyager, attacked by illness on the East Indies, was, at his own request, buried to the neck in the earth until his pain abated.

**MANIKING'S BELIEF.**—John Stuart Mills was of opinion "that as mankind improve, they will more and more recognize two independent provinces—the province of belief and the province of imaginative conjecture; that they will become capable of keeping these apart, and that while they limit their belief to the evidence they think it allowable to let their imaginative anticipations go forth, not carrying belief in their train, in the direction which experience and study of human nature shows to be most improving to the character, and most exalting and consoling to the individual feelings."

**A GIGANTIC COUPLE.**—Capt. Bates and his wife, formerly Miss Anna Swan, the giants, whose marriage in London attracted much attention several years ago, have retired from show life, and built a fitting residence near Rochester, N. Y. He is seven and a half feet high, she is an inch taller and each weighs over four hundred pounds. The rooms of their house are eighteen feet and the doors twelve feet. Their bedstead is ten feet long and all the furniture is proportionately large.—Ez.

**A LEARNED COUNSEL** once said to a witness, "Sir, did I understand you to say that you saw the defendant strike the plaintiff?"—"I don't know what you may have understood," said the witness, "but if my eyes served me properly, I certainly did witness a manoeuvre that would warrant such a description."

There was a curious way of doing law-suits in Siam; both parties are put under cold water, and the one staying longer wins the suit. In this country both parties are got into hot water, and the kept there as long as possible. The result is about the same.

The Mikado of Japan will visit America in the spring of '77.

## To stop by Signal.

"What station is this, Wilson?" cried an old gentleman, looking out of the window.

His servant, a demure-looking man in black, who had just got out of a second-class carriage, touched his hat and replied: "I don't know, sir; I'll ask the guard—Yes, sir, Slough station, sir."

"There ought to be a board with the name on it," cried the old gentleman testily. "Guard, why isn't there a board to this station?"

"So there is, at the other end of the platform."

"Then, why doesn't the train stop where people can read it? How am I to know when we get to Puginboro, Wilson?"

"We sha'n't be at Puginboro, this hour, sir," cried the guard. "Come, jump in," to the witness, who resumed his seat. The whistle sounded, the train went on.

At the very next station they came to, the old gentleman put his head out of the window again. "Hi there, Wilson, hi!"

"Wilson jumped out of his carriage and came to his master and toched his hat once more.

"Is this Puginboro, Wilson?"

"No, sir, this is Much Munkton."

"Now, take your seat," cried the guard; for only one passenger had alighted and none had entered the train.

At the next station the same scene was repeated.

"Come, sir," cried the guard, who was tired of hearing the old man's voice, "here a road has to be made to each tree as it falls, for there is no snow that can be made available for the purpose of hauling, and an artificial sled road, greased for the tree to pass over, becomes necessary. There are other large species of pines, particularly one red-barked tree that grows thickly up the mountains, and cedar grows to an enormous size. The huge war canoes of the Northern Indians, which carry 30 or 40 men, and are hauled up a single cedar, the elevated bow and stern being added, testify to the size attained by this tree. There is a growth of deciduous trees in the neighbourhood of water, but pine is the staple of the British Columbia forest. Such of your readers as have read these letters from British Columbia will have understood that while there is yet ample room for agriculturists who may desire to cultivate a ranch in the neighbourhood of the Lower Fraser, or in the bunch grass hills of the upper country, the Province is not essentially an agricultural one. The nature of the country makes the transport of goods very difficult, and there is no immediate prospect of a convenient market. The island of Vancouver, and even much of the mainland, is fed from abroad. The amount of produce in the shape of mutton, flour, butter, imported into British Columbia is perfectly astounding. There is a variation in the amounts mentioned by different authorities, but in either case one sees that the great grazing lands on the hills of the interior, together with the pasturage on the island, the engine-driver, and when he looked from his parcels, he found to his dismay that the train was flashing along some half-mile past the little Puginboro station.

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The guard himself was much out of temper, angry with himself for his own forgetfulness, and angry with the gentleman for having caused him so much trouble.

"Now, then," he shouted to the man servant, "Sharp, sir! look after your master's traps. Here you are, sir," he cried, "and you've forgot my box, Wilson, when we got to Puginboro. Here's Puginboro. Now, sir, if you please!"

The old gentleman was asleep and couldn't be aroused to a sense of the situation for some time. He growled and grunted; at last, fully aroused, he stared at the guard with lack-lustre eyes.

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"Never mind your box, sir—I'll see to the luggage. Jump out quick, please?"

"Jump out!" cried the old gentleman; jump out? Why should I? Who has said anything about getting out?"

"What!" cried the guard, aggrieved to the very verge of wild desperation. "Haven't you been bothering me since we left Euston about Puginboro?"

"At your own request, guard," the old gentleman said calmly. "I trusted you with the duty of warning me of my arrival at Puginboro. I should have preferred to leave the task to my own servant—Ah! here's the box—Thank you, Wilson," said the old gentleman, taking from his servant's hands a small pin-box.

"The fact is," said the old gentleman, calmly opening the box, and looking benignly at the excited guard, "that my daughter gave me this, and she said, 'the sure you take a pill at Puginboro.'"

The old gentleman could never understand why the carriage door was dashed to with such terrific violence, the whistle sounded with such a fiendish yell, and Wilson whirled into his carriage without being permitted to take charge once more of his master's pin-box.

## British Columbia.

Correspondence of the Globe.

On first seeing the country a visitor's attention is absorbed in contemplation of its magnificent scenery. As the eye becomes familiar with that, one's mind turns to the consideration of the mineral wealth that has been already developed, and to a speculation upon the new fields that yet remain to be discovered. On Texas Island alone, to cite one place, is enough iron to use up half the coal in the Nanaimo region opposite, and in Nanaimo is enough coal to smelt the Island of Texas. All that is wanting is a population requiring coal and iron. In the interior on the mainland gold and silver is to be seen, but how much is yet unseen is a question beyond human ken. But the riches of the Province do not consist only of that which is buried in the rock; the country towards the coast is thickly timbered, and amongst its many classes of pines produces one which has no equal of size and quality together taken into account. The Douglas pine—fir, as it is called—is of immense size, and makes beautiful lumber. There is plenty of it, besides the woods of the resinous tribe. Only the Douglas pine is at present in general use, for people always prefer to use up the best while they have it. Lumbering here would strike a Canadian as being a little strange. He is accustomed to the hard biting winter with its frosty paths of snow, along which the lumber can be hauled without difficulty. Here a road has to be made to each tree as it falls, for there is no snow that can be made available for the purpose of hauling, and an artificial sled road, greased for the tree to pass over, becomes necessary. There are other large species of pines, particularly one red-barked tree that grows thickly up the mountains, and cedar grows to an enormous size. The huge war canoes of the Northern Indians, which carry 30 or 40 men, and are hauled up a single cedar, the elevated bow and stern being added, testify to the size attained by this tree. There is a growth of deciduous trees in the neighbourhood of water, but pine is the staple of the British Columbia forest. Such of your readers as have read these letters from British Columbia will have understood that while there is yet ample room for agriculturists who may desire to cultivate a ranch in the neighbourhood of the Lower Fraser, or in the bunch grass hills of the upper country, the Province is not essentially an agricultural one. The nature of the country makes the transport of goods very difficult, and there is no immediate prospect of a convenient market. The island of Vancouver, and even much of the mainland, is fed from abroad. The amount of produce in the shape of mutton, flour, butter, imported into British Columbia is perfectly astounding. There is a variation in the amounts mentioned by different authorities, but in either case one sees that the great grazing lands on the hills of the interior, together with the pasturage on the island, the engine-driver, and when he looked from his parcels, he found to his dismay that the train was flashing along some half-mile past the little Puginboro station.

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ALCOHOL WAS INVENTED 950 years ago in Arabia, and was used by a powder for painting their faces. Since that time it has been used by gentlemen mostly for painting their noses, and used in a plain state as they required no powder to fire them off.

"My dear Polly, I am surprised at your taste in wearing another woman's hair on your head," said Mr. Smith to his wife. "My dearest Joe, I am equally astonished that you persist in wearing another sheep's wool on your back."

St. Louis is scandalized over the arrest of O. L. Grant, the President's brother, for drunkenness. He was taken to the station in a wheelbarrow, "drunk as a boiled owl," as the Chicago Times put it.

MILWAUKEE thought she had a case wherein a young girl died of a broken heart, but it turned out that her corset strings were too tight, and one stroke of a jackknife revived her.

AN EXCHANGE says that a Nebraska man dreamed recently that his aunt was dead. The dream proved true. He tried the same dream on his mother-in-law, but it didn't work.

BERNARD PROPOSES to commence life anew in California.

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