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A Philosopher.

A Liverpool coachman appeared with his hair closely cropped. "Why, Dennis," said the mistress, "what possessed you to have your hair cut while you have such a bad cold?" "Well, mum," replied Dennis, "I do be takin' notice this long while that whiniver I have my hair cut I take a bad cold; so I thought to myself that now, while I had the cold on me, it would be the time of all others to go and get me hair-cuttin' done; for by that course I would save meself just one week."

A Dutiful Daughter.

General John B. Gordon, the Southern soldier, was sometimes called "the apostle of reconciliation," for he scarcely ever appeared upon the platform, without pleading for good-will and amity between the North and the South. By and by his theories received a rather practical application.

It so happened that a Maine Yankee seriously sought the hand of his beautiful and accomplished daughter in marriage. The young man was wealthy, of the highest character, very intellectual, and in every way a very attractive person. General Gordon tells how his daughter came to him and informed him that she loved this man from Maine and desired to marry him. "What," said the General, "marry a Yankee?" "Well, father," was her reply, "you have been preaching reconciliation between the North and South ever since the war, and I am simply carrying out your teachings."

Too Far Apart.

The late John R. Proctor, the president of the Civil Service Commission, who was a student at the University of Pennsylvania in 1863 and 1864, was a great walker in his college days. He liked nothing better than to start out early on a frosty morning, and to walk twenty-five or thirty miles through the country.

He would start alone, as a rule, but if he fell in with a teamster, a laborer, a tramp—anyone—he was well pleased. He would bring home many an odd bit of talk that he had gathered in this way.

Once he met an Irishman on the road to Norristown. He and the Irishman plodded along together a matter of six or seven miles. They stopped and read each milestone, as walkers always do, and Proctor said:

"I think that milestones cheer a road up wonderfully, don't you?"

"Faith, an' I do that," said the Irishman. "I find them a great comfort. It would be an improvement, though, if they was nearer one another, wouldn't it?"

Putting it Mildly.

A traveller tells of a trip on a jaunting-car in Ireland, where he had as a fellow passenger an ugly-looking man whom he was not sorry to leave behind at an inn.

"That was a queer-looking fellow, Pat," I remarked to the waggish driver as we proceeded on our way.

"Faith, yer honor! and he's as queer as he looks. He's a villain. He's done fifteen years for laving his wife without visible means of support."

"Oh, get out, Pat! A man can't get fifteen years' penal servitude for 'leaving his wife without visible means of support.'"

"Shure; and can't he, sir?" said Pat, with a twinkle in his roguish eyes.

"He did, though. And besides, isn't it leaving your wife 'without visible means of support' when ye throw her out of a window on the third floor?"

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