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#### Just So!

One evening, just before the close of the old year, Bishop Merrill was aroused from his slumbers by a telegraph message from one of the New York dailies asking the bishop for a sentiment, monition or counsel suited to the opening of the new century. The bishop dismissed the boy, saying there was no answer, and was again settled for the night when he was aroused by a second telegram requesting a reply to the former message. The bishop sat down to his table and wrote: "When the hundredth year of the old century expires will be the time for sentiments suited to the opening of the new century. Call one year hence.

#### Making It Clear.

"In this passage, brethren," said the Rev. Dr. Sixthly, closing the volume, "Paul suggests somewhat obscurely the great doctrine of the general resurrection. Let us see if we cannot bring it out a little more clearly." The good Doctor then proceeded to show wherein Paul had failed to grasp the real idea.

#### The Point of View.

"Magnificence" may signify one thing to one person, and quite another thing to another person. It is related that a gentleman went person. It is reacted that generating a person of the dentist, and asked him to "take a look at his teeth." "What do you think of them?" asked the patient. "Magnificent! magnificent!" was all the dentist could say. "Then you don't find anything to do to them?" "To do to them? Why, there are four to be pulled, six to be filled, and three to be crowned!" said the dentist.

#### " Honest Abe."

It was while employed in Offutt's store, in New Salem, Ill., that Lincoln began to be called "Honest Abe." He was judge, arbitrator, referee, umpire, authority in all disputes, games, and matches of man-flesh and horse-flesh; a peacemaker in all quarrels; everybody's friend; the best natured, the most sensible, the best-informed, the most modest and unassuming, the kindest, gentlest, roughest, strongest, best young fellow in all that region round about.

Lincoln could not rest for an instant under the consciousness that he had, even unwittingly, defrauded anybody. On one occasion he sold a woman a little bill of goods, amounting to \$2.06. He received the money, and the woman went away. On adding the items of the bill again, to make himself sure of correctness, he found that he had taken six and a quarter cents too much. It was night, but he closed and locked the store, and started on foot for the house of his defrauded customer, two miles away, and delivered to her the sum due her. Then he returned home satisfied.—St. Nicholas.

THERE is a good Scotch lady in Detroit who has long wished to revisit the scenes of her childhood, and last fall her sons decided that they could gratify her wish. When informed of this, the practical mother replied, "Aweel, aweel, I'm thinkin' I'll bide a wee. It's been a gae wet summer, and I've nae doot the sea is unusual deep.

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