

The Orphans' Friend.

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CASE O' BE ANCHORED.

A PARODY ON CASABIANCA.

The mule stood on the ste:mbost deck;
The land he would not tread;
They pulled the halter round his neck,
And cracked him on the head.

But obstinate and braced he stood,
As born the scene to rule;
A creature of the hold-back brood,
A stubborn, steadfast fast mule.

They cursed and swore--he would not go
Until he felt inclined;
And though they thundered blow on blow,
He altered not his mind.

The deck hand to the shore complained:
"The varmint's bound to stay!"
And still upon the critter's hide
The sounding lash made play.

His master from the shore replied:
"The boat's about to sail;
As other means, in vain you've tried,
Suppose you twist his tail--

It's likely that you'll make him land."
The deck hand, brave, though pale,
The nearer drew, with outstretched hand,
To make the twist avail.

Then came a kick of thunder sound!
The deck-hand--where was he?
Ask of the waves that far around,
Behold him in the sea!

A moment, not a voice was heard;
But winked the mule his eye,
As though to ask, to him occurred:
"How now was that for high?"

"Just cut his throat!" the captain roared,
"And end the cursed brute."
But the noblest soul that perished there,
Was he who tried to do 't.

SMALL ENEMIES.

A number of children, who had been interested in hearing how cranes carry small birds across the Mediterranean sea, were delighted while visiting in the country, when they saw what seemed to them a similar act of kindness.

"Just like the cranes," shouted Ned. "We saw it with our own eyes. A big bird was giving a little bird a ride on its back."

"Where did you see that?" asked Uncle John. "Lou and I were out on the big rock, back of the barn, and the bird was going toward the wood," replied the boy.

"You must have seen a hawk obliged to carry his enemy along with him. When I get through work this evening, I will tell you more about it."

All the afternoon the children wondered, talking of little else, and sorry at evening, when a gentleman called to transact some business with uncle. At length, however allusion was made to Ned's remark.

"I saw the hawk," said this gentleman. "He tried hard to get rid of his passenger, but it was of no use. It was a plucky fight; but the king-bird had the advantage, and kept whacking away with his stout bill, as persistently as an Irishman will use a pickaxe. It kept steady at the job; and, when they got near the woods others came to his assistance. At last I saw the hawk drop; and I have no doubt it was worried to death."

"And such a little bird could kill such a big one!" said Lou, under her breath. "It don't seem as though it could do so."

"You will learn, my dear, that small enemies are often most to be dreaded," responded

ed her uncle. "Hawks know that very well, and are shy of encountering them; but a king-bird never misses a chance of retaliating upon them for some of their cruelty and thefts."

"And I am always glad to see it done," remarked the visitor. "I never had such a prejudice against king-birds as many people have. They snap up some of my bees, and take a good many of my berries; but I have no doubt they have saved a heap of my chickens for me. They fight crows too, and so save the eggs of song-birds. I look upon them as friends. They are brave fighters."

"That is true; and, small as they are, they deserve to be called by their kingly name. My father would never allow us to shoot one. When he was a boy he was playing near the house with his brother, when they saw a very large bird evidently trying to rise higher, yet finally setting down in the meadow, although all the time flapping its wings heavily.

"The boys ran into the house to tell what they had seen, and grandfather hurried out with his gun. Going to the meadow, he found an eagle besieged by a flock of king-birds that gave it not a moment's rest. Turn which way it would, it received a blow from some one of its persecutors, and I have no doubt that, if left to themselves, they would have killed it. But grandfather did not wait for that: he shot the eagle; and, afterward, he did all his writing with pens made from eagle's quills."

"I knew king-birds would attack anything, but I don't know that I ever heard of their really attacking an eagle before. They are very preserving."

"What did your grandpa do with his pens, when they were all worn out?" now asked Lou.

"Tied them up together, and left them in one of the drawers in his old desk. It isn't a great while since I saw them there."

"Please, may I have one, Uncle John?"

"Yes, you and Ned can each of you, have one."

"And we will certainly keep them just as long as we live, to remember your grandpa by."

"And remind you, too that small enemies are by no means to be despised, any more than large ones. The worst enemies that children or grown people have are their faults--the foolish and bad habits which keep right along with them, until they make a good fight for the mastery, or else give up, and are ruined, soul and body."--Well Spring.

WHICH?

A. T. Stewart and W. E. Dodge started in business in New York City about the same time. They succeeded. Both succeeded greatly. One grandly. Perhaps the first made ten millions where the second made one million. The second left an estate of about six millions. He gave away about \$100,000 a year. The other left an immense fortune and an immense business. They have both gone over to the majority; the one, several years ago; the other, several days ago. Which succeeded grandly? The boy who, converted at a Methodist class-meeting at twelve years of age, became the leading philanthropist of his generation; or the boy who was early thought of for the ministry by the admirers of his early promise, but whom the greed of gain converted into a splendid miser?

KNOTS.

On the table by the turning-lathe lay a rough, gnarled knot of hard pine. "Utterly useless, except to burn," was the general verdict. Not so, thought the turner. With keen eye and skillful fingers, he "centered" the shapeless lump, turned up the set-screw slipped on the belt, and had it spinning before him. Then he laid a sharp chisel across the iron "rest," and moving it nearer and still nearer, clipped off the first rough protuberances, cutting more and more, until the whole outside was smooth and even. Another small tool, held in a different position, cut out much of the inside, leaving a mere whirling shell. Gentle touches with emery cloth and burnishes finished the task. The belt being thrown off, and the shell removed, it appeared transformed into a beautiful vase, highly polished, and rich in unique veining. "There," said the turner, "that is my every day-lesson. No matter how rough-looking your material may be, don't call it useless until you have tried it. There is many a hard character, many a tough knot, which, under the right kind of turning, might be fashioned into a vessel fit for the Master's use."

HAVE COURAGE.

Have the courage to cut the most agreeable acquaintance you have, when you are convinced that he lacks principle. A friend should bear with a friend's infirmities but not with his vices.

Have the courage to show your respect for honesty, in whatever guise it appears; and your contempt for dishonest duplicity, by whomsoever exhibited.

Have the courage to wear your old clothes until you can pay for new ones.

A dog trying to catch his tail said: "There is evidently intelligence in that tail, inasmuch as the faster the head goes for the tail, the faster the tail goes to escape it."

A boy complaining of the burr which enclosed the chestnut, was told that, if it were not for the burr, the hogs would have eaten it before him.

It is not the men of the greatest talents often who do the great work of the world. It is the men who have trained their working powers the best. The greatest engineer of England was a man of only medium talents; but he was a giant in principle. He gave himself wholly to it when a task was to be done. If a mountain was to be pierced and a roadway made through its heart, "an impracticable and impossible" bridge was to span a chasm or valley, he would shut himself up for a few days in his room, and scarcely eat or sleep while he turned the matter over and over in his mind. At the end he would come out smiling, with his plans clearly laid and his hand ready to set to work and carry them out. Those who wish to be great men and women in the truest sense, must learn to be great workers, both with brain and hand. The two must go together, or they will accomplish nothing of importance to themselves or the world. Train the working power to its utmost capacity if you desire to make your mark in the age in which you live.

The Orphan Asylum.

IS LOCATED AT OXFORD.

the County-seat of Granville, forty-five miles North of Raleigh; twelve miles from Henderson on the R. & G. R. R. The Orphan Asylum belongs to (and, of course, is conducted according to the regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Its benefits are extended to the most needy orphans, without ever asking whether their fathers were masons or not. Children are received between the ages of eight and twelve, and discharged between the ages of fourteen and sixteen.

The average cash expenses for each orphan is five dollars a month, but the sum required varies according to the seasons, and does not include what is spent for repairs, furniture and improvement of the premises. The Grand Lodge gives the building and grounds, and \$2000 a year. The State gives \$5000 a year. For the remainder of its support, and for enlargement, the Orphan Asylum is dependent on voluntary contributions from subordinate Lodges, churches of all denominations, benevolent societies, and charitable individuals; and their co-operation is earnestly solicited.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASONRY: The design of the Orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate indigent and promising orphan children, to be received between the ages of 8 and 12 years, who have no parents, nor property, nor near relations able to assist them. They shall not be received for a shorter time than two years. In extraordinary cases the Superintendent may receive children outside the ages specified.

The larger girls shall assist in the ordinary house work, and in making and mending the bed clothes, their own clothes and the clothes of the boys. The larger boys shall assist in the preparation of fuel, the care of the stock, and the cultivation of the soil.

At least four religious denominations shall be represented among the officers of the Asylum, and the representatives of all religious creeds and of all political parties shall be treated alike.

The Institution shall be conducted on the cash system, and its operations enlarged or curtailed according to the funds received.

Orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fed and clothed, and shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge be hereby tendered to many benevolent ladies and gentlemen, to the ministers of the Gospel, to churches of various denominations, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Good Templars, Friends of Temperance and other benevolent societies whose hearty co-operation and liberal contributions have rendered timely and valuable assistance in the great work of ameliorating the condition of the orphan children of the State.

Resolved, That all benevolent societies and individuals are hereby cordially invited and requested to co-operate with us in providing funds and supplies for feeding, clothing and educating indigent and promising orphan children at the Asylum in Oxford.

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to inquire into the circumstances and treatment of children already discharged, and living in their jurisdiction, and use their best efforts to secure good treatment, or the return of the children.

It shall be the duty every secretary of a Lodge to send the names of the Committee of the Orphan Asylum to the ORPHANS' FRIEND for publication, in order that persons wishing to employ orphans may know the steps to be taken.

HOW CHILDREN ARE ADMITTED.

Very often the Superintendent hunts up poor and promising orphans, and informs them of the advantages offered at the Orphan House, and induces them to return with him. Generally it is best that he should see them before they start. When this is impracticable, a formal application should be made by a friend. Here is one in proper form:

N. C. 188... This is to certify that..... is an orphan, without father, mother and mind, and..... years of age. His father died in 18.....; his mother in 18..... I being..... hereby make application for..... admission into the Asylum at Oxford. I desire to relinquish and convey to the officers of the Asylum the management and control of the said orphan till 18 years of age, in order that..... may be trained and educated according to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I also promise not to annoy the Orphan Asylum, and not to encourage the said orphan to leave without the approval of the Superintendent. Approved by..... W. M. of.....

The application should be sent to the Superintendent, and he will either go for the children or provide for their transportation. It is not to be a community take up a collection to send a man with the children, nor send the children before the Superintendent has been consulted.

ACTION OF EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Resolution adopted by the last annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Winston, May 13, 1880:

"Resolved, That this Convention does heartily approve the efforts of the Orphan Asylum to alleviate the sufferings and to provide for the welfare of the helpless orphans of North Carolina; and that we commend to the imitation of all, the example of this spirit of active charity and beneficence on the part of the Masonic fraternity in thus fulfilling the Apostolic injunction to remember the poor."

ACTION OF THE N. C. CONFERENCE.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Brooks, the following resolutions were adopted at the Annual Conference held at Durham, in 1881.

"The Committee to whom was referred the communication of this Excellency Gov. Jarvis, bringing to our notice and commending to our favor, the Oxford Orphan Asylum, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: 1. That we reiterate our oft-repeated expression of sympathy with this noble charity, and heartily commend it to the liberal support of all our people.

2. That our pastors are hereby requested to take a collection in all their congregations at such time during the ensuing Conference year as they may think most appropriate and best, and to forward the same to the Superintendent of the Asylum.

3. That the Recording Stewards of our several pastoral charges are requested to report to our Annual conference the amount collected under the head of "For the Orphan Asylum."

JNO R. BROOKS, } Committee.
E. A. YATES, }

ACTION OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Resolutions adopted by the Synod of North Carolina in session at Raleigh, N. C., November 13th, 1880: "Whereas the Oxford Orphan Asylum of North Carolina is a purely benevolent institution, and is doing great good for the needy Orphans of our State, therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of its purposes and suggest that the congregations within our bounds take up at their own convenience an annual collection in behalf of that institution and forward the same collected, in connection with any articles of food and raiment which may be contributed, to the Superintendent.

ACTION OF BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

At the Baptist State Convention, held in Goldsboro, November 17th, 1880, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, We feel a deep interest in the work of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and believe it is doing an inestimable amount of good; and WHEREAS, We believe that the Baptist people of the State will feel it to be not only a duty, but a privilege, to contribute regularly to its support; therefore,

Resolved, That all our pastors are hereby earnestly requested to take up a collection at each of their churches at least once a year in behalf of this great and important work.

Elder F. H. Ivey submitted the following resolution, which was adopted at the Convention held in Winston in 1881:

"Resolved, That this Convention feels an undiminished interest in the work of the Orphan Asylum; and that we repeat, with earnestness and emphasis, the recommendation to all our pastors to take up at least one collection during the year in aid of the Oxford Orphan Asylum."

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