

BILL ARP'S LETTER

HE FORGOT TO HANG UP HIS STOCKING.

And Consequently "Got Left" - The Nose Indication of Character, Anniversary Feelings.

I never got a thing--no, a thing. Old Santa pranced all around my household and left me out at last. But I did receive my share of fun and happiness. They let me look at and handle all their presents and kissed my face until it was right clean. A whole barrel of apples come from Rome, and I don't know who sent them, but I let me eat some because I didn't let the freight. These children and grand children have got an idea that I am Santa Claus and don't want anything. I sent some pocket-knives to the little boys at Rome and one little chap who can hardly walk, is mad because he didn't get a knife, and says he will never speak to grandpa again. His grandpa sent him a beautiful picture book, but the rascal had got away ahead of pictures and wants a gun and a bowie knife. I recon, when I was ten years old I got a barlow for a Christmas gift and I was proud and happy, but a three-year old is too much of a man for a barlow now. I don't know what to do with the generation. One of our grand daughters told me she didn't have but seven dollars. She wants ten, I recon, and will soon be putting out their washing by the week.

We had a Sunday School Christmas tree last Friday night and it was a pretty sight. The children were all dressed in their best apparel, and were seated in rows according to age. The beautiful tree reached nearly to the ceiling, and was illuminated and loaded down with story books and dolls, and toys and oranges, and pretty things, and the little chaps behaved beautifully. As the gifts were taken from the tree, it was splendid fun to watch the eager expectant faces as they waited for the name to be read out. There was a lovely doll on the top of the tree, a doll with angel wings, and almost as large as a sun-umbrella baby. Every little girl wondered who the doll was for, and every one had hope until the good preacher said: "Children, you may look at the doll, but you must not wish for it. That doll is for the sweet little girl who has been sick so long, and is still sick. You know that her good father died the other day, and she is an orphan now, and I am sure you will all be glad to bestow that doll." And they were glad. I could tell it by their faces, for all they loved her and pitied her. After a while there was a little woolly sheep cut from the tree. It was mounted on a stick, and it would bleat when it was shaken. When the name was called I had to advance forward and take it, and the children laughed and cheered so I felt right sheepish and wanted to bleat too. I offered it to a little girl, and she said she didn't need it. Just then I saw a preacher coming in, and so I had his name put on the card and called out again, and so the sheep kept traveling and bleating, and lots of fun. A red jumping-jack was given to the leader of our choir. He is a tall, stately gentleman, with red hair and long red whiskers, and is every body's friend, and when he was called up his genial face turned as red as his beard, and the whole concern liked to have took fire as the children laughed and clapped their hands. I like red hair and red-haired people. I think the rich Auburn hair of the Scotch is the prettiest hair in the world. I wish I had some on the top of my head, but I won't compromise on gray or green, any other color. Well, we had lots of fun and it was all innocent. If anybody had their tender feelings lacerated we don't know it--though there are some feelings that stick out on purpose to be lacerated. It was the biggest Sunday School we ever had, but I'm afraid it will not last. Now the next thing we want for our little church is an organ. We want a hundred dollar organ for half the money, and some organ man had better embrace the opportunity to lay up some treasures in heaven and get in the papers on earth. We could get one from Mr. Cleveland or General Harrison, for they are both good Presbyterians, but we don't want to bother them about a little thing like that. The Methodist and Baptists can run a state government, but when it comes to running a big thing like the nation, we are just obliged to have a Presbyterian. I see by the papers that Mr. Cleveland is going to prance around Mrs. Harrison and General Harrison is going to dance with Mrs. Cleveland and I see just a little Presbyterian dance that our folks call twist-

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It is considered orthodox by Sam Jones, and does not imply falling from grace. In fact, it is the only dance that Grover can perform with alacrity and it suits the occasion, as he is going to twist out and Benjamin is going to twist in about that time. I am awfully sorry for General Harrison. If the hungry republicans from all the other states are besieging him like ours from Georgia I don't blame him for having his life insured. His good grandfather was tormented in his day, and actually died from the anger and gimlet that office seekers bored into him, and I'm afraid the grandson will surrender and his last sight be,

NO ANGELS.

Why don't he take the advice that Jehro gave to Moses and shove off all this little business of secretary or some other man. But the new year brought us a box from the boys who are far away, and I got a lovely blanket for my couch, something to cover me in my evening naps. I can now wrap the drapery of my couch about me and lie down to pleasant dreams. They sent their mother a beautiful shawl and she came wrapped in it, and her alabaster shoulders. They sent the boys some lovely cats and they can wrap their necks and strut around like young peacocks among the girls. And they sent their sisters a lot of beautiful handkerchiefs and they too, can wrap their drapery around their necks and inhale the sweet odor that comes from them. So we were all surprised with unexpected happiness and in return have sent the boys our photographs, which they long have wanted. But it was awfully hard work to get Mrs. Arp to set in front of that large camera. We have been trying for years but she wouldn't go. We have some pictures that were taken when she was young and tried to make out if her beauty and balance of the scales at a hundred pounds, and we have her portrait that was painted over thirty years ago--and so she didn't want her mortally face and form to go down to posterity in pictures. She is not satisfied now and she declares the artist is no account, but we all tell her the photos are splendid. You see there is no trouble about photographs, especially cabinet size. If a nose is quite prominent and slightly elevated, it appears still more so in the picture, or it strikes out a little nearer to the camera than the rest of the face, and is a trifle magnified. A small nose takes well in a picture, for it becomes larger. I am not alluding to any nose particular, but just mention this as a scientific fact. I have a diamond earring, and these are a good thing to have for they indicate force of character and will-power, but a man had better be cautious about mating with a woman whose nose is larger than his own. Sometimes I wish that my nose was a trifle larger, just a trifle.

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In a private letter from a sensible farmer friend he says: I would like to have had more time and gotten up this article in good shape, but as I have to go to Franklin tomorrow and will not get back in time to get it up. I concluded to get up, hastily, to night what I send you. Please warn or advise the South to go very slow about making contracts for guano. I believe it is the farmers business to advise with the merchants about this matter and not let them bring in a lot of guano just now for several reasons: One is that guano did not pay well this year, another is that guano is very high, another is that the farmers are going to try to make their own manure, and the last and the best is that thousands of farmers will not use it all this year. If the farmers had the right kind of train for the next three months there would be but little guano used in this country. If every farmer in this country should by accident sit down and make figures on how much guano has profited them for the last ten years, he would get up and exclaim: Darn me if I ever buy another sack. Suppose we say so this year and then you calculate and see how much money will be left here in the south and would cotton bounce up here? I hope the merchants will be very slow to make trades for guano. Farmers think seriously about buying guano. What does it cost in dollars and cents. What profit is it to you. Could you trace it this year?

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VAGABOND JACK.

THE LIFE OF THE WAYWARD LOVER.

A Story of a "Shifless, Ne'er do Well" Beautifully Related.

This story was begun January 2d. It was that in the gaze of Malpin Jack, along with other things, swept away the sensations of poor Jack's resolutions, and overpowered the last faint efforts of his vacillating will. Add to this the stories of exploits performed by others, the disgust at seeing the noble sport spoiled by burglars, the absorbing and irresistible passion that only a hunter can comprehend, and it is easy to understand how Jack could hold out no longer. It was a great grief to Felice. To tell the truth, she did not love Jack a bit the less, and her heart was entirely his, but she instinctively perceived that this return to his unsettled life would compromise the whole edifice of her happiness, already fragile enough. She felt perfectly that it would be impossible for her father to accept such a son-in-law; and if before marriage, and in the first transports of love, she had only obtained a temporary victory, surely there was room for misgivings as to the future, when assured would have deluded the edge of passion. On the other hand, old Martin, who had not been too highly flattered by Jack's preference, was enchanted at the prospect the latter had so conveniently furnished against himself, and only waited for a good opportunity to dismiss him. "I have not crossed you in your inclinations," he said to his daughter, "and if Jack had really become an altered man, I should certainly not have relented my consent; but I leave you to judge for yourself where he would lead you by the road he is taking, and as to him, short and forget him. A good-looking girl like you, and one that has something of her own runs no risk of not finding lovers."

Felice felt the full force of this reasoning, and could not reply. She passed parts of every night in weeping, praying, and calling on all the saints of her acquaintance to take her out of her troubles; but she could not make up her mind to renounce all hope of breaking entirely with Jack. "Well, well," said Father Martin, one evening, "since Lise is so long in deciding, I must interfere myself; this affair has gone on too long already."

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The next time that Jack went to Felice's farm he did not find Felice sitting as usual in the chimney-corner; old Martin was attending to the tending of the pigs-pot by himself. "Where is Lise?" asked Jack, not without a vague presentiment of evil, and with a slight quiver in his voice. "She is not very well," said the old man, "but though she has been quite well it would have been all the same--she would not be here."

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